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Preserving and Enhancing the Quality of Life in the Burbank Area

November Elections for the BCA Board

At our September meeting, Anthony Martinez the BCA Chair will appoint a nominating committee for the BCA upcoming elections. At this time there are three openings on the BCA Board. Applications for all positions are open and we welcome anyone who would like to participate. If you are new to the area, serving on the BCA Board is a great way to get to know your neighbors. The more volunteers we have, the more we can do to help our community. Nominations will be taken at the October and November meetings.

More information will be given at our next meeting. If you have any questions please send an e-mail to: contact@burbankcommunityassn.com or call the BCA hotline at 408.236.3769 for more information.

Give Back – Some Easy Ways to Help Others.

The BCA is working with different organizations to help collect items.

Gently Used Magazines: We will begin to collect gently used magazines to distribute to local hospitals so that those waiting for services can have a something to read to help pass the time. This will be an ongoing collection starting this month. Please bring your magazines to any general meeting. If you cannot make the meeting, call or e-mail the BCA and we will be glad to pick them up. There is no need to remove the preprinted address label, the BCA will provide a cover label to protect your personal information.

Eye Glasses: We are also going to start collecting used prescription eye-glasses. All donated eye glasses will be given to the Beverly Burbank Lions Club to help provide sight for those who could otherwise not afford it.

Aluminum Can Pop Tops: Want to help the Ronald McDonald House to serve those families who have children with medical needs? Collect the pop tops from aluminum drink cans (the metal piece you lift up to open the can) and bring them to the monthly meetings. These pop tops will help pay for families to stay in the Ronald McDonald House free of charge while their child is cared for.

eScrip: Do you shop at Safeway? Macys? Office Max? eScrip provides a program where donations are given to registered schools or child benefiting non-profit organizations simply based upon your purchases at participating stores. All you have to do is register your Safeway card or credit card and automatically a percentage of your purchases will be given to the organization you specify. Every little bit helps. If you don't have a specific organization in mind to help, you can sign up to help the Luther Burbank Elementary School. For more information visit <http://www.escrip.com> or call 1.800.592.0942. For those who do not wish to enroll online, we will have registration forms available at the general meetings.

September Gardening Tips

- **Fertilize deciduous fruit trees and vines.** This is one of the most important times to fertilize. Trees take up nitrogen and store it for their spring growth.
- Do not fertilize **citrus** as it may harm fruit production.
- **Roses:** This is the last month to fertilize your roses. Stop deadheading at the end of September to encourage deeper dormancy.
- **Remove vegetables** that are finished producing & start your winter garden. **Don't tear out tomatoes, squash or other veggies that continue to produce.** Prepare your soil for winter crops of lettuce, cilantro, spinach, chard, cabbage, broccoli, & cauliflower.
- **Garden Friends.** Consider using beneficial insects such as ladybugs and praying mantids to take care of aphid problems naturally!



Next BCA Meeting:**MONDAY, September 19, 2005 — 7:00PM**

Community Justice Center — 105 N. Bascom Avenue, Suite 104

AGENDA**7:00 - 7:05pm: Administrative Business**

Welcome and Introductions – Anthony Martinez

Attendance count/Quorum

Approve minutes for the August 2005 meeting

7:05 – 8:00pm: Street Smart Program - BCA Election • Logo transition • Amendments to the BCA Bylaws • New Resident Welcome Kit • Areawide Newsletter • Advertising Costs • Successes with Renewals – Daffodil Days**8:00 - 8:30pm:** Report/Discussion/Actions**8:30 – 8:35pm:** Comments for the Good of the Burbank Community**8:35pm:** Adjournment - Next meeting is October 17, 2005**MEETING MINUTES — August 15, 2005**

Attendance: 9 (2 Board Members, 7 participants) — The **meeting** was called to order by Chair person, Anthony Martinez, at 7:05pm. Due to a non-quorum, the meeting minutes and treasurer's report could not be accepted.

Clifton Property Update: Owner, John Soltani was present to discuss the status of his property. The RDA offered him 706K for two parcels, even though they appraised for over a million dollars. The RDA is pushing to annex the property to the City of San Jose using eminent domain as a means of acquisition. The BCA recommended that he directly contact Jim Beall's office and also speak with our contacts over at the Historical Heritage Committee. More later...

Sheriff Update: We love our Sheriffs! During a routine stop for a traffic infraction, 25 lbs of meth amphetamine was confiscated and an arrest made. There was also a discussion regarding two properties on S. Willard that are becoming public nuisances. The Sheriff is going to look into what steps could be taken with the property owners to quiet things down and restore the peace in the neighborhood. Other news...it was reported that a robbery took place on the corner of Page & Douglass where a local ice cream vendor was approached at knifepoint and \$150 in cash was taken. No arrests have been made. On Saturday, Sept. 10, there was an armed robbery at the M&M Store on the corner of Scott St. & Irving Ave. Anyone with information should contact the Sheriff's dept. immediately.

[Eleanor Dickman](#) from the [SJ Public Library Foundation](#) presented on how local residents can help our libraries flourish. The Library Foundation is looking for donations to help raise money for furnishings and fixtures that the 2000 bond measure did not cover. To make a donation, please send your check to: 150 East San Fernando St., San Jose, Ca 95112, or call 408.808.2081.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Upcoming Meeting/Events**SEPTEMBER**

01 – Burbank Sanitary Board
 13 – W. San Carlos Bus Assoc.
 15 – Burbank Sanitary Board
 17 – Bark in the Park
19 – BCA
 22 – Burbank/NAC
 24 – Stranger Danger Camp

OCTOBER

06 – Burbank Sanitary Board
 08 – Pumpkins in the Park/
 08 – White Cane Day Walkathon
 11 – W. San Carlos Bus Assoc.
17 – BCA
 20 – Burbank Sanitary Board
 27 – Burbank/NAC

Avoid Being Ticketed or Towed!

On some streets in the Burbank, parking is very minimal. Please remember to park in designated areas only. **Section 22500(f) CVC prohibits stopping, standing or parking on any portion of a sidewalk, or with the body of a vehicle extending over any portion of a sidewalk.** The Burbank has many seniors and children who are back at school and they need the sidewalks for safety.

Fall Newsletter Delivery

In November the BCA will be distributing the newsletter to all residents in the Burbank. If you can deliver on just your street, it would be a tremendous help. It takes about 20 - 30 minutes per street. Call 408.236.3769 if you can help.

Is Your Family Prepared for an Emergency?

Have a cell phone? Then you need to I.C.E.—meaning you need to program important **In Case of Emergency (ICE)** numbers into your phone.

Simply make a new entry called "ICE" and enter the identity and number of who you would like to be contacted. You can create (and is highly recommended) multiple ICE listings in the event the first number is unreachable.

For example:

ICE Father: 1-408-123-4567

ICE Mother: 1-408-123-4568

Emergency response teams are now using this in several countries, and it should work well no matter where you are.

Emergency 911: When using a cell phone, all 911 calls go directly to the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and you may experience long wait times. Please program the local emergency number 408.277.8911 into your phone – it may help to save time and frustration. If you are calling for help in an unincorporated county pocket call the Sheriff's dispatch directly at 408.299.2311.

Non-Emergency 311 (San Jose): The local phone number is: 408.277.8900.

We hope this will help you and your family in the event of an emergency.



Create your Vial of L.I.F.E.

The Vial of L.I.F.E. is Lifesaving Information For Emergencies. It's a document that contains important medical information that emergency medical personnel (firefighters, paramedics, and hospital staff) may need in a time of crisis. [By completing the Vial of L.I.F.E. form](#), provided by the SJFD you can provide emergency teams with vital lifesaving information. It is very important that you keep this information up-to-date,

accurate, and placed in a prominent spot in your refrigerator.

The Vial of L.I.F.E. Kit is available free as a public service from the San Jose Firefighters Union Local 230 and The San Jose Fire Department. Kits will be available at the BCA meetings or by contacting any [San Jose Fire Station](#), or the SJFD Emergency Medical Services Division at 408.277.4084.

Bring Your Kids to Stranger Danger Camp

Sponsored by Assemblyperson Rebecca Cohn, this valuable camp can teach your kids critical abduction prevention, and life-saving tips on how to survive the unthinkable. Dispel your fears by learning proactive life-saving strategies in a fun, non-threatening manner. Fingerprinting kits will also be available.

Details:

Date: Saturday, September 24, 2005

Time: 10:00am to 2:00pm

Where: Satorette Elementary School (3850 Woodford Road, San Jose)

Recipe Corner

It's Fig Season Folks! Here is a recipe for your pantry!

Fig Yogurt Salad – Serves 4

Main Ingredients

1/2 cup of plain non-fat yogurt

1/2 cup of diced black mission figs

1/2 cup of diced seedless cucumber

1/2 cup of diced red onion

1/2 cup of chopped cilantro leaves

Grated peel of 1/2 lime

Directions

Combine all the ingredients in a bowl and serve immediately or refrigerate until needed.

This is a light and refreshing salad that goes well with a cheese plate, a light fish or poultry dish, then of course dessert!

If you have a recipe you would like to share? [Send us an e-mail!](#)

Bring Your Family to Bark in the Park! It's FUN!!!!

On Saturday, September 17, come participate in the annual [Bark in the Park](#) event for dogs and people! It's from 10:00am to 5:00pm at Williams St. Park in Downtown San Jose. All proceeds benefit the CCA and Humane Society Silicon Valley. Both are non-profit organizations serving our local communities.





Pumpkins in the Park – Come See the Famous Shark Engine!!!

Please join the San José Fire Department for their fire safety events scheduled to commemorate **National Fire Prevention Week 2005**. This year their programs are focused on family involvement and they are inviting Burbank residents to join in on the fun and educational events! Learn about the importance of candle safety, smoke alarms, exit drills in the home, kitchen safety, and many more subjects while enjoying quality time with your family!

Visit with firefighters, and check out the Shark Engine – It's FREE!

DATE: **Saturday, October 8, 2005**
 TIME: **10:00 am – 4:00 pm**
 LOCATION: **Discovery Meadow (corner of Woz Way & W. San Carlos St.)**

Lost and Found Pets – Post a Notice on the Internet

Losing a pet can be heartbreaking. Finding a pet, and not being able to locate the owner can be challenging as well. To help our residents, the BCA now offers these new services to help reunite owners with their furry friends:

- Post a notice to the Burbank Group at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/burbank/>
- E-mail us at contact@burbankcommunityassn.com
- Call the BCA Hotline at: 408-236-3769

Please be sure to include all the important details about your pet such as its breed, size, color, weight, gender, and other noteworthy characteristics and we'll post the information on the BCA Site for all visitors to see. We can also lend a hand with making and distributing lost/found fliers. We'd be happy to help!

Saying Goodbye to Lou's Village...Now What?

On March 28, SHEA Homes presented a first concept plan during a public meeting where residents had the opportunity to participate. Since then, SHEA has met with the City and members of S/HPNA Planning & Land Use Committee to gather additional feedback. SHEA then filed a Planned Development Application with the City on August 22 and anticipate a response in September. The next update meeting is scheduled for:

MEETING INFORMATION

Tuesday, September 20, 2005 (7:00-8:30PM) – Doors open @ 6:30
 Hoover Community Center
 1677 Park Ave. San Jose, CA (corner of Naglee Avenue)
 Large meeting room next to office



Feedback

The BCA is very interested in receiving your feedback on how we can improve our community. If you have feedback that you would like to provide, please let us know, we're listening! Call 408.236.3769 or send an e-mail to: newsletter@burbankcommunityassn.com

School Has Started

Please remember to slow down to 25 mph in the school zones and in residential areas. Also, please remember to stop when a school bus has stopped with its red lights flashing. Thanks!

Help Make the 2006 Health Fair a Huge Success

As March 2006 nears, we are starting to get really busy planning for the Health Fair. Thank you to the Beverly Burbank Lions Club for their offer to help. We really appreciate it. We still could use more help to help make this an outstanding event. To participate, please contact the BCA.

Fire Station Open House

Has your family ever visited a local Fire Station? Here's your opportunity to visit a station and see what it's like to be a real Firefighter!

Date: Saturday, October 15
Where: Fire Station #4,
 710 Leigh Ave., San Jose
 Cross street is Moorpark Ave.
Time: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm