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Preserving and Enhancing the Quality of Life in the Burbank Area

Help Build a Bridge in Your Community!

In October, residents are welcome to throw their hat in the ring to run for a spot on the BCA Board.

If you enjoy planning events, connecting with the community, building relationships, and solving issues when they arise, come join us!

The commitment is two meetings per month, and a desire to make our community a better place to live. The more members and volunteers we have, the more we can do to help our community.

For more information, send an e-mail to: contact@burbankcommunityassn.com or call the BCA hotline at 408.236.3769. WE REALLY NEED YOU!

Burbank's Best! Frances Heller Makes Teacher of the Year!

The BCA is proud to announce that Luther Burbank Elementary Schools' very own Frances Heller has made Teacher of the Year!

The Santa Clara County Board of Education awarded Frances for her outstanding classroom work and her commitment to quality instruction.

For 14 years, four of which has been at Luther Burbank, Frances Heller has inspired confidence, ingenuity, and determination in her students. With her Kindergarteners, she knows how to motivate and take her children from "ready" to "reading" in no time.

The BCA is very proud and extends our congratulations out to Frances Heller and all of our Community teachers, administrators, parents and volunteers who help our children learn and grow – There's no greater gift!



Don't Forget to Vote at the Nov. 8 Elections!

We will have the opportunity to vote on eight amendments to the constitution this November. Please take time to read your Voter Information Guide prior to the elections. Propositions 73 through 80 address some hot topics.

If you have not received your Voter Information Guide, please call 1-800-345-8683, or refer to: www.votersguide.ss.ca.gov

October Gardening Tips

- **Spring bulbs are here!** Shop now for the best selections of tulips, daffodils, hyacinth, freesias, narcissus, iris, and ranunculus.
- **Fertilize citrus** in October if you didn't get around to it in September. Prune to shape at any time. Also check for snail damage & scale – a sucking insect that clusters at fruit stems and on the undersides of leaves. Spray with appropriate horticultural oil.
- **Overseed Bermuda lawns** with annual rye grass now for a green lawn through winter.
- **Aphids** can be controlled by blasting off with water, then spraying with horticultural oil.
- Tear out **tomatoes, squash, green beans, & cucumbers**, then plant winter garden.



Next BCA Meeting:

MONDAY, October 17, 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 September 2005 meeting

7:05 – 8:00pm: BCA Election • Amendments to the BCA Bylaws • New Resident

Welcome Kit • Areawide Newsletter • 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 November 21, 2005

MEETING MINUTES — September 19, 2005

Attendance: 12 (3 Board Members, 9 participants) — The meeting was called to order by Chair person, Anthony Martinez, at 7:05pm. A quorum was realized and the meeting minutes were accepted. No treasurer's report was available.

BCA Elections: At the upcoming October meeting, Burbank residents can throw their hat in the ring to run for one of the 5 District Representative spots that will be available.

County Supervisor Election: In November 2006, County residents will have the opportunity to vote for a new County Supervisor. Ken Yeager will be the next candidate to address the BCA. We will keep you updated on the schedule.

BCA logo transition: A vote was taken with 11 yays and 1 nay to transition to the new BCA logo for all communications.

Daffodil Days: The BCA contacted the San Jose Beautification Society to obtain bulbs for Daffodil Days. We will also get in touch with Luther Burbank school to gain planting permission. More at next meeting!

A unanimous motion was made for the BCA to join the **Beverly Burbank Lions**. **Cost impact is \$25.00 twice a year.**

Comments for the good of the Burbank: Members requested that the BCA host a Disaster/Emergency presentation from the local fire department for people, and the Humane Society for pets. Obtain information about the ALERT program for seniors and have available for the next meeting. The BCA needs to contact Jim Beall's office regarding the 1083 Empey Way demolition and a problem with tree debris at Laswell and Parkmoor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Upcoming Meeting/Events

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

NOVEMBER

03 – Burbank Sanitary Board

05 – Daffodil Planting

14 – W. San Carlos Bus Assoc.

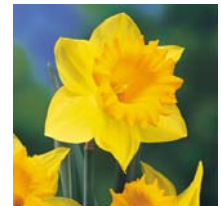
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24 – Burbank/NAC

Daffodil Days – Nov. 5!

We need volunteers to help us plant bulbs to beautify our community! If you can help,



let us know. **We need diggers, soil preparers and planters!** It is fun for the family and you are helping the Burbank Beautify! If you are available to help out, let us know!

Last Call, for Fall Newsletter Delivery!

Beginning November 7, the BCA will begin to deliver the area wide newsletter. If you can deliver on just your street, it would be a tremendous help. **We still need volunteers for:** Bascom, Bellrose, Cecil, Ciro, Clarmar, Clifton, Delna Manor, DiSalvo, Downing, Enborg, Fruitdale, Ginger, Leigh, Longshore, Maywood, Norstad, O'Conner, Patch, Parkmoor, Patton, Richmond, Rickenbacker, Teatree, Wainright and Yarwood. **Please contact the BCA if you can help.**

Safety Tips to Avoid Halloween Hazards!

The BCA would like to wish all of our neighbors a happy Halloween. To help illuminate our little trick-or-treater's, **the BCA will be handing out over 200 glows ticks to the Luther Burbank School.** We also recommend the following safety tips:

Wear light colored clothing that is short enough to avoid tripping.

- Wear light colored clothing that isn't too long to avoid tripping.
- If someone older cannot go, trick or treat with a group.
- If going out after dark, carry a flashlight.
- Map a safe route. Stay in the neighborhood and visit only homes you know.
- Keep costumed children away from pets. A pet may become frightened and possibly aggressive.
- Use foam items over hard plastic or wooden ones.
- Stay on sidewalks, if possible, and cross only at corners. Walk, don't run.
- If there are no sidewalks, always walk facing traffic. Watch for traffic.
- Give and accept only wrapped or packaged candy.
- Examine all candy before allowing children to eat it.

Be Aware. Be Safe. Be in Groups. Have FUN!



Bring Your Dog to Howling Halloween!

On Sunday, October 30, you are invited to bring your family and doggie over to Santana Row for some howling fun! Society Dog, a social club for dogs and their people, hosts monthly events to encourage people and pets to meet and have fun together. So grab a costume for you and your dog and join in the PAW-DY! Ghost Judges are on the lookout for the 25 "Best in Show" costumes! The Paw-dy starts at 3:00!

You must register for this event to participate. Please refer to www.societypaw.com for more information.

Pet Awareness Day!

The first Saturday of every month, Santana Row and the Humane Society of Santa Clara host a monthly Pet Awareness Day. This special day offers neighboring residents a chance to meet, greet and become educated on animal micro chipping, bite free presentations and clicker training.

The next one is schedule for **Saturday, Nov. 5**, from noon to 4:00 p.m. in Santana Row's Park Valencia, on Olin Avenue off Winchester Boulevard. Trained adoption counselors will be on hand to answer questions. See you there!

Recipe Corner

Baked Potato Soup

Serves 6

Main Ingredients

2 large baking potatoes
 3 tablespoon of margarine
 1 large white onion, finely diced
 2 tablespoons of flour
 4 C of vegetable or chicken stock
 2 C of water
 4 tablespoons of cornstarch
 1.5 C of instant mashed potatoes
 1 teaspoon of salt
 ¾ teaspoon of pepper
 ½ teaspoon of basil
 1/8 teaspoon of thyme
 1 C of liquid non-dairy creamer

Directions

Bake the potatoes at 400F for an hour. Allow to cool

Melt the margarine in a large saucepan and sauté the onion until translucent. Add flour and stir to make a roux. Add the stock, water, cornstarch, instant mashed potatoes, and spices and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer for 5 minutes.

Cut the cooled potatoes in half and scoop out the contents. Discard the skins. Chop the potatoes into bite-size chunks and add them, along with the non-dairy creamer. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat and simmer for 15 minutes, until thickened.

Spoon the soup into bowls and garnish with cheese and green onions.

Celebrate Halloween Early -- Bring the Whole Family to Pumpkins in the Park!

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.)**

What is Happening with 1083 Empey Way?

At the last BCA General Session, there was a discussion around the future of the property located at 1083 Empey Way. What we have found to date is that the home is slated to be demolished, and two new homes will be built on the subdivided lot. The neighbors have not yet seen copies of the final building plans, however, it appears that both homes will be two stories and will incorporate architectural elements of the surrounding neighborhood homes. The Santa Clara County Planning department has already approved the request, and the builder will be moving forward as planned with construction.

The lots **will not** be annexed into the City of San Jose as originally thought, as they do not take smaller parcels. The BCA is still searching for documented information that outlines the process. As soon as this information is located, we will inform our members.



Thank You Burbank for Your Magazines!

O’Conner Hospital received over 50 magazine’s thanks to your generosity. The gently used magazines will be used in their lobby and waiting rooms for patients. Thanks again Burbank residents for your continued generosity! The BCA will continue to collect magazines at each monthly meeting.



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

Health Fair 2006 Still Needs Volunteers!

As March 2006 nears, we are starting to get really busy planning for the Health Fair. We still need more help to help make this an outstanding event. To participate, call the BCA at 408.236.3679 or send an e-mail to contact@burbankcommunityassn.com.

Don’t Forget the Upcoming Fire Station Open House!

Bring the whole family out and visit with some of your local heros!

The Burbank’s own Station 4 will be open so you can take a tour 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

