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Preserving and Enhancing the Quality of Life in the Burbank Area



Luther Burbank Centennial— How Sweet It Was!

Wow what a celebration! The schoolyard was full on September 23 for the big 100! Superintendent, Richard Rodriguez, gave a compelling speech that included the school's history, stats and their aspiration to become a California Distinguished

School. The school's API index has climbed to 220 points and now ranks 9 out of 10 nationally that is a HUGE success story for our community.

The ceremony was packed with students, parents, teachers, faculty, alumni, and honored dignitaries such as Jim Beall, Ken Yeager, Ron Gonzales, Colleen Wilcox, Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools, and of course the Luther Burbank Student Centennial Choir.

The BCA thanks all of the volunteers and community supporters who came out to celebrate this very important and historical event. Check out the BCA Web site for some great pictures!

Want a FREE Tree? Beautify Your Home & Street!

The BCA has teamed up with the Our City Forest team to obtain trees for the Burbank Community.

- Is your street lacking with trees?
- Would you like more shade?
- Are you interested in increasing your property value for FREE?
- Would you like to drive down tree lined streets in our Community?

Talk to the BCA, we can help you get a FREE tree! If you would like a tree for the **park strip in front of your house**, contact the BCA **before October 13**. We have applications and the more people you can get on your street to sign up, the better! The program will even remove concrete too!

Send an email to: newsletter@burbankcommunityassn.com or Chantale the Burbank Coordinator at 408.279.6555 and complete your application before the deadline. **The trees are coming from a grant that does expire, so get your FREE TREE NOW before the grant expires.**



October Gardening Tips

- **Spring bulbs are here!** Shop now for the best selections of tulips, daffodils, hyacinth, freesias, 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.



The Future of the BCA?

Over the years passed, the BCA Board has worked very hard to build community connections through outreach, attending local association meetings, County & City meetings, and developing programs to make our neighborhood a better place to live, work and play.

Though, we enjoy working to help our community the time and energy commitment is taking a toll on the board members. To continue with some of the programs we have started, and in hopes of beginning new ones, more volunteers are needed to help. Time commitments can be as little as a few hours a year to several hours a month.

The future success of the BCA is dependent on members stepping forward to help out. Below is a brief list of areas where help is needed.

1. Web site updates (1-4 hours per month) Must know Dreamweaver
2. Content for monthly newsletter (1-2 hours per month)
3. Gift Check Book sales coordination (1-2 hours per month)
4. One representative for Burbank Community Assoc. Board
5. Community outreach – Welcome Kit Distribution (2 hours per month)
6. Area wide newsletter distribution coordinator (Nov & May only)
7. Working with local businesses to obtain advertising.
8. Research and schedule monthly meeting speakers
9. Volunteers to help with Neighborhood Watch meetings
10. Litter Pickup Program
11. Health Fair Planning Committee

Please contact Rebecca Stamm at 408.236.3769 or Rebecca@burbankcommunityassn.com. You can also find out information or sign up at one of our monthly meetings.

We Need Help Delivering the Fall/Winter Edition of the Newsletter. Can You Help...Even if it's Just Your Street?

In early November the BCA will be distributing a professionally printed newsletter to all residents in the Burbank area. If you can help with delivery it would be a tremendous help. It takes about 20-30 minutes per street, you can get some exercise, and possibly meet your neighbors too! Call 408.236.3769 or send an email to: ky@burbankcommunityassn.com **before October 20 if you can help.**

Measure A Passes with Flying Colors!

Bond Measure A to help expand Luther Burbank School passed by a 73%. Funds will provide: A multipurpose room/cafeteria for school and community use; Construct additional classrooms to relieve overcrowding; Make health and safety improvements including upgrades to school facilities for handicapped access.

A Frequently Asked Questions document is available for download on the BCA Website for more information.

Upcoming Meeting/Events

October

05 – Burbank Sanitary Board
 10 – W. San Carlos Bus Assoc.
 10 – LBS School Board
 19 – Burbank Sanitary Board
16 – BCA Monthly Meeting
 26 – Burbank/NAC

November

02 – Burbank Sanitary Board
09 – New Library/Community Ctr
 14 – W. San Carlos Bus Assoc.
 14 – LBS School Board
 16 – Burbank Sanitary Board
20 – BCA Monthly Meeting
 23 – Burbank/NAC

IMPORTANT MTG: BASCOM LIBRARY/COMMUNITY CTR

A meeting has been scheduled with the Architect who is planning the new Burbank Library/Community Ctr. This meeting is your opportunity to review design direction and give feedback.

Date: Thursday, Nov. 9

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Sherman Oaks Ctr.

Address: 1800A Fruitdale Ave.

2006 Elections – Last Call!

We need you in order for the BCA to continue. If you have a couple of hours a month, we could really use your help. If you would like to become a board member volunteer to help with some of our important initiatives, please contact us at 408.236.3769. Thank you to both Ken and Kathy Hoag for their nominations to become board members.

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-treaters, **the BCA has donated 600 glowsticks to the Luther Burbank School.** We also recommend the following safety tips:



- Wear light colored clothing that isn't too long to avoid tripping.
- Use foam materials for costumes rather than hard plastic or wood.
- If you can't escort your children, send them out with another trusted adult as part of a group.
- Carry a flashlight after dark.
- 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 be aggressive.
- Stay on sidewalks and cross only at corners. Walk, don't run.
- If there are no sidewalks, always walk facing traffic.
- Give and accept only wrapped or packaged treats.
- Examine all treats before allowing children to eat anything.

Be aware. Be safe. Be in groups. Have FUN!

BCA Donates 600 Glow Sticks to Luther Burbank School



This Halloween, Burbank goblins will light up the neighborhood with colorful glow sticks donated from the BCA.

Last year the glow sticks were a huge hit and helped to keep the neighborhood trick-o-treaters' safe.

Lost and Found Pets – Post a Note on the BCA Site!

If you have a lost pet, contact the BCA and let us help you!

- 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. Get your furry friend back.

Recipe Corner

Pumpkin Almond Torte – Safeway

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup slivered almonds
- 4 large eggs separated
- 2/3 cup of sugar
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 1.5 tblsp all purpose flour
- 3/4 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp ground nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp ground cinnamon

Glaze

- 1/4 cup powdered sugar
- 1 Tblsp lemon juice
- 1/4 tsp grated lemon peel

Directions

1. Crush/blend nuts until powdery.
2. In a small bowl with an electric mixer, beat egg whites until foamy. Gradually add 3 tblsp of the sugar, beating until stiff moist peaks form; set aside.
3. In a large bowl, beat egg yolks with remaining sugar until pale. Beat in pumpkin and lemon peel, then stir in flour, baking powder, nutmeg, and cinnamon. Fold in nuts and beaten whites. Pour into a greased & floured 9-inch cheesecake pan w/removable rim.
4. Bake in a 325 degree oven until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. About 40-45 min. Cool on rack 10 min.

Glaze: In a small bowl mix lemon juice, powdered sugar, and peel.

Remove pan rim from cake pan, spoon glaze over cake; cool. Garnish with whipping crème or powdered sugar. YUMMY!



We Have an Answer – The Clifton/Scott Property

In October, the San Jose City Council will be discussing the Clifton/Scott property. A tentative agreement has been reached between the owner and the City. With

Council's approval soil samples can be taken and tested. The results of the tests will determine the final conditions of the sale. We will keep you up to date on the latest developments on this potential park site.

Have Questions About Annexation? We Have Answers!

The City of San Jose just released a new online book that addresses the County Island Annexation Program. The document is large and does take a while to load. Refer to: www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/annex/docs/AnswerBook.pdf



Bring Your Little Goblins To Pumpkins in the Park – Downtown SJ.

Stop by this exciting annual City of San José event and visit with our firefighters, check out a fire engine, a fire truck, and the one-and-only Shark Engine.

Safety materials will be available for all attendees. Special guests will be on hand to excite and delight the crowds! This event is **free** to the public!

Date: Saturday, October 14

Time: 10:00am – 4:00pm

Location: Discovery Meadow (corner of Woz Way & San Carlos St. adjacent to the Children's Discovery Museum)



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

This month is breast cancer awareness month. The BCA would like to encourage our residents to get their regular check ups and stay up to date on the resources that are available to you if you need them. You can help to donate to the breast cancer foundation by purchasing Breast Cancer Awareness stamps at your local US Post Office.

If you would like to honor a family member, please refer to the National Breast Cancer Awareness web site at: www.nationalbreastcancer.org/

Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste Responsibly – FREE

Call: **408.299.7300** to schedule a **FREE** appointment to drop off the following hazardous waste items:

- Latex & oil-based paints
- Batteries
- Household cleaners
- Fertilizers & pesticides
- Automotive fluids
- Pool chemicals
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Pressurized tanks (propane, helium, fire extinguishers)
- Mercury thermometers
- Hypodermic needles

Visit www.hhw.org for more information.

Home Composting

Composting is a satisfying way to turn organic materials like fruit, vegetable and yard trimmings into a dark, crumbly, sweet-smelling soil conditioner. Composting is easy, it's free, it's smart and it's recycling.

The County of Santa Clara offers workshops that are fun for the whole family as well as composting bins for your personal use.

Refer to www.reducewaste.org or call 408.918.4640 for more information. You can also e-mail: compost@pln.co.scl.ca.us for composting and registration details.



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ENCOURAGE YOUR NEIGHBORS TO JOIN THE BCA. THERE ARE GREAT BENEFITS TO BEING INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

OCTOBER 16 – MEETING AGENDA – INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS!

BCA Meeting Agenda – October 16 – 7:00pm
Community Justice Center — 105 N. Bascom Avenue, Suite 201

AGENDA

7:00 - 7:15 pm: Administrative Business:

Welcome and Introductions

Attendance count/Quorum

Approve minutes for the August and September 2006 meetings

Treasurers Report

7:15 – 8:15 pm: Report/Discussion/Actions: Sheriff Home Protection Presentation (1 hour)

8:15 - 8:30pm: Comments for the Good of the Burbank

8:30pm: Adjournment

BCA Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2006 – 7:00pm

Attendance: 13 (4 Board Members, 9 participants). The meeting was called to order from Chairperson Rebecca Stamm at 7:02 pm. A quorum was realized. The August minutes were deferred since copies were not made to be handed out to the public.

Treasurer's Report: Ky Le indicated that the BCA currently has **\$266.92 in savings**, and **\$1,145.84 in the checking account**. There is still an outstanding invoice for \$75.00 for SJ Vespa back from May. The Accounting Department has been contacted and hopefully some resolution will be reached. **The Treasure's report was approved.**

Sheriff's Update: Both new Captain Pat McGrady and Sergeant Vasquez were warmly welcomed by the BCA meeting attendees. They both pack quite a bit of experience and enthusiasm to improve the Burbank in a positive and collaborative manner. We were advised that service calls are down, towing is up, and the Sheriff's continue to focus on gang and drug activity that is more prevalent in our Community. A couple of members reported that pocket bikes have been a problem and the Sheriff's will be patrolling on certain streets to discourage. Additionally speeding on certain streets will be addressed with additional units being placed.

Centennial Celebration: The Luther Burbank School Centennial celebration is on September 23 and volunteers were being solicited. Chantale Hansen and Susan Bradley stepped up to volunteer.

Burbank Theatre: Rebecca Stamm provided a summary of notes from the Community Outreach meeting that included, Jim Beall, Ken Yeager, contacts from City and County Planning and other key individuals in the Community. The property is currently under assessment and recommended solutions are expected soon.

Midtown South: There was a brainstorming meeting to discuss making this area more pedestrian friendly. It was also reported that the county and city are working together to try and resolve the permitting process so that pedestrian improvements can be made in the county areas also. Over 40 suggestions were written down that would help with pedestrian traffic. These suggestions will be consolidated and reviewed so that an approximate dollar value can be assigned to each. This information will be presented at the next meeting in order to help prioritize the list in order of priority of completion.

Daffodil Planting: It was agreed that unless a member volunteer steps up to coordinate the BCA would wait until Fall 2007 to participate in this program.

BCA Board Elections: The BCA received two nominations for the BCA Board for Ken & Kathy Hoag.

Our City Forest FREE TREE program: Chantale Hansen discussed the opportunity for Burbank residents to obtain Free trees. Applications and other information were passed out.

Scott Street Project: We have received confirmation that sidewalk improvements, bike lanes, lighting recommendations, etc. are out to bid for Scott Street east of Bascom. We will have more available at the next meeting.

Clifton/Scott Park: The owner and the City of SJ are getting closer to finalizing the sale of this property. The property discussion is going to be on the SJ City Council Agenda before the end of October.. See story in newsletter for more information,

Measure A: A reminder was given to member to vote on the Luther Burbank School improvements measure.