



Preserving and Enhancing the Quality of Life in the Burbank Area

Thank You BCA Members For a Great Year!



Our community continues to evolve with your help. As we move towards 2006, we would like to thank our members, businesses, and volunteers for your continued support.

Over the past 12 months, we have helped improve our community by building relationships with each

other, Luther Burbank School, businesses and our government. We are truly grateful for your participation. We look forward to furthering that spirit of cooperation, straight into the New Year. With your help, our neighborhood can be a better place for everyone. Here's to a happy and healthy 2006!

BCA Elections Update: Treasurer Wanted

The BCA has elected two new board members, **Ky Le** and **Marisol Verdugo**. They were warmly welcomed at the November meeting and we look forward to working together! We still have one opening on the board. If you are interested, please attend the January meeting, call 408.236.3769, or email us at contact@burbankcommunityassn.com.

An Update From Richard Rodriguez, Superintendent of Luther Burbank School

Luther Burbank School, under new leadership, and with a highly skilled and trained staff, is now becoming a school of choice.

Enrollment is also on the rise. A few short years ago enrollment hovered around 400 in our community's K-8 school. As of November 2005, we have 527 students attending Luther Burbank. In a time of declining enrollment and decreasing resources in education all over California, our classrooms are filled with children and teachers engaged in lively activities and intense learning. 76% of the students live close-by in the neighborhood, and 24% of Luther Burbank's students (90 families) choose our school though they live in a different attendance area. Our programs are popular because academic scores are improving dramatically, our teachers are highly qualified, and students are safe within our friendly school campus. Our motto is, "Luther Burbank School, where our Children Come First!"

Reminder – No General Meeting in December

December Gardening Tips

- **Annuals:** For shady spots, plant English primrose, cyclamen & violas. For sunny spots, plant pansies, snapdragons, Iceland poppies, & flowering cabbage.
- **Bulbs:** If you plan to give gift bulbs, buy them as soon as possible & store them in the fridge in paper bags – never store in plastic. Keep away from fruit and tomatoes.
- **Roses:** Wait until January to begin pruning. Stop deadheading now to promote dormancy.
- **Shrubs:** To promote buds in camellias, rhododendrons, and azaleas, fertilize now with Master Bloom (0-10-10) or Dr. Earth's Fertilizer (4-5-4), & sprinkle lightly with blood meal.
- **Veggies:** Plant broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, garlic, lettuce, spinach & cilantro.



Next BCA Meeting:**MONDAY, January 16, 2006 — 7:00 pm**

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

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

Welcome and Introductions – Attendance count/Quorum • Approve minutes for the November 2005 meeting

7:05 – 8:00 pm: 2006 Planning • December Social • Graffiti/Anti Litter Program • Amendments to Bylaws.**8:00 - 8:30 pm:** Report/Discussion/Actions**8:30 – 8:35 pm:** Comments for the Good of the Burbank Community**8:35pm:** Adjournment**MEETING MINUTES — November 21, 2005**

Attendance: 19 (4 Board Members, 15 participants) — The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Martinez at 7:05 pm. A quorum was realized and the October meeting minutes were accepted. Treasurer, Art Chavez, indicated that the BCA currently has \$3,261.70 in savings, and \$814.18 in checking account.

SJPD: Lt. Gilberto Torres gave the BCA a wonderful perspective on the status of our surrounding community. The biggest complaints as of late are traffic and burglaries in the Moorpark/Boynton area. He encouraged residents to contact 911 if they witness any suspicious activities and report it. Please make sure to identify whether you want to speak to a Sheriff or SJPD as well. Additionally he cautioned holiday shoppers to place all packages in their trunks to avoid issues.

Teri Allen from the SJ Anti Graffiti/Litter program indicated there is going to be a heavy clean up in the W. San Carlos/Bascom area starting in December. We were enlightened on the fact that Graffiti tags that result in over \$400 in cleanup are considered a felony. We encourage you to report any tags in the neighborhood and take pictures to document the crime. Teri is also moving on to a new position and Gordon Castro will be taking over. We wish Teri all the best with her new position...Thank you for your support!

The Coalition Against Annexation provided an update on their efforts to keep an eye on the recently passed Resolution of Intent that could potentially allow the City of San Jose to annex County Unincorporated Pockets. If you are interested in receiving information, please contact the BCA. Thank you Cindy Steele, Richard Popejoy, Bob Boschart, and Leann Hernandez for attending.

BCA Elections: Ky Le and Marisol Verdugo were elected into the BCA.

Meeting adjourned 8:20pm

Upcoming Meeting/Events**DECEMBER**

01 – Burbank Sanitary Board

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10 - WSCBD Santa's Club

15 – Burbank Sanitary Board

NO BCA MEETING

31– Lou's Village Closing Party

JANUARY

05 – Burbank Sanitary Board

09 – W. San Carlos Bus Assoc.

16 – BCA MEETING

19 – Burbank Sanitary Board

26 – Burbank/NAC

The BCA Donates to Needy Families for Thanksgiving

The BCA helped the Weed & Seed program provide dinner to more than 350 community residents. A cheerful holiday feast was served at Luther Burbank School on November 16, and it was our pleasure to lend a helping hand.

Do You Need Health Insurance For Your Kids?

First 5 of Santa Clara County offers free and low-cost health insurance for your children. It is easier than you think to qualify too:

- Do you live in Santa Clara County?
- Are your children under 19 years of age?
- Is your family low to middle income?

Regardless of immigration status you may qualify. They offer 3 insurance programs: Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, & Healthy Kids.

Call 408.220.5658 or refer to www.first5kids.org for more information.



InnVision Serves Needy Local Families with Your Help

InnVision is Silicon Valley's largest provider of housing and services to homeless and at-risk families and individuals. Founded in 1973 as the San Jose Urban Ministry, InnVision now serves more than 16,000 people annually at 20 sites throughout the region.

This holiday season, InnVision needs more donations of money, food, clothing and volunteers more than ever. Donations are accepted at our warehouse at:

InnVision Georgia Travis Center
297 Commercial Street (corner of Commercial and 7th Street)
San Jose, CA 95112
408-453-3124
9:00-4:00pm Monday through Friday

Celebrate your success in 2005 by sharing your bounty with people who need it the most: For more information and to donate online, visit www.innvision.org

Working Together to Stamp out Graffiti

In the unincorporated parts of Santa Clara County Community, volunteers, county staff and many other agencies have been quietly working together to remove graffiti from our neighborhoods, businesses and streets.

The Graffiti Abatement Program focuses on prompt eradication, enforcement and education. Area residents volunteer to remove graffiti using supplies furnished by the Program. Volunteers choose a location or area and pledge to keep it graffiti-free for three months or longer. Volunteers can also organize a graffiti "paint-out" event for friends and neighbors. Program staff is available to help organize the event or help recruit for one that is already scheduled.

Multiple area agencies are responsible for graffiti removal in Santa Clara County. To report graffiti to the proper agency, use the following phone numbers :

- On County property such as roads, road signs, expressways and bridges, call Santa Clara County Road Operations at 408-299-3446.
- On County buses and bus shelters, call the VTA at 408-321-5800.
- In waterways, call the Water District at 408-265-2607, ext. 2378.
- On freeway sound walls, call CalTrans at 408-452-7134.
- On freeway signs, call CalTrans Sign Division at 510-536-0413.
- In San Jose, call the Anti-Graffiti Program Hotline at 408-277-2758.
- To report graffiti in progress, call 911.
- To file a police report after the fact, call the Sheriff's at 408-299-2311.

This program is an excellent example of how area residents are working together to keep our neighborhood beautiful. To volunteer or learn more about the Graffiti Abatement Program, call 408-441-1198, ext. 4450.

Recipe Corner

SWEET POTATO SOUFFLE

Ingredients:

3 c cooked and salted mashed sweet potatoes
 1 stick butter (1/2 cup)
 1 c sugar
 2 large eggs
 1 tbsp vanilla
 1/2 c evaporated milk

Topping:

1 c brown sugar
 1/2 c all purpose flour
 1 c chopped pecans
 1/2 stick of butter, melted

Directions:

Cook sweet potatoes in salted water until tender. Drain water and return to the pan. Add the butter while still warm, then mash together using a manual masher or mixer.

Next, add the sugar, eggs, vanilla and milk to the potato mixture and stir until blended well. The consistency should be smooth. Pour into 9x9 unbuttered casserole dish.

To make the topping, stir in one ingredient at a time in the order given above. Sprinkle evenly on top of the sweet potatoes.

Baking:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Bake for 25-35 min. or until it starts to brown and is bubbly on top.

Serve warm...and don't even think about the calories!

Holiday Safety Checklist

Trimming your holiday tree and decorating the home signals the start of another memorable holiday season. To celebrate your holidays safely, follow these helpful tips:



Check your tree for fresh, green needles. Trees that have dried out are easier to ignite. Replenish your tree's water supply daily to keep it from drying out.

Make sure your tree stand holds at least 1 gallon of water. As a rule, stands should provide 1 quart of water per inch of stem diameter. The average 6-foot tree has a 4-inch diameter trunk and can consume as much as 4 quarts or 1 gallon each day!

Clean water is all that is needed to keep the tree fresh. Do not use additives in the water, such as floral preservatives, molasses, sugar, bleach, soft drinks or aspirin.

Keep your tree at least 3 feet from fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, heating vents and other heat sources. Don't place the tree where it blocks an exit.

Use only lights and decorations that bear the UL Mark. The UL Mark means UL engineers have tested product samples for potential fire and electric shock hazards. Light strings with UL's green holographic label are for indoors use only; lights with UL's red holographic label are for indoor/outdoor use.

Carefully inspect every electrical decoration before plugging it in. Cracked sockets, frayed, loose or bare wires and loose connections may cause electric shock or start a fire. Replacing damaged items with new decorations is a lot less expensive than the alternative.

Check your light strings to determine the maximum number of strings that may be connected. For push-in bulbs, connect no more than three strings; for screw-in bulbs, connect a maximum of 50 bulbs.

Don't overload extension cords.

Don't hang lights using staples, tacks or nails that could damage the cord's wire insulation.

Turn off all lights and decorations before leaving home or going to bed. Use a timer to simplify this task.

For more safety information, visit UL's Web site at www.ul.com/consumers



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU & YOUR FAMILY! SEE YOU IN 2006. THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

Glow Sticks Helped Illuminate the Burbank

Burbank Trick-O-Treaters – including these sweet goblins – signaled their presence this Halloween with glow sticks donated by the BCA. Hope your Halloween was a safe and happy one!



Former Open Space Still in Jeopardy

As of December, the former Bay Area Research and Extension Center (BAREC) land sale is pending. The delay is due in part to an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that must be complete before the City can change the zoning. The planning department expects to release the EIR in Spring 2006.

The State, which owned the land since the 1960s, decided to sell in 2003 to private developers. Numerous organizations are opposed to the sale, including the San Jose City Parks and Recreation Commission, which recommends that the open space be preserved for future generations. *Save BAREC* (www.savebarec.org) members continue to attend City meetings, presenting their case.

Open space advocates pledge to fight the sale up until developers begin laying foundations. Visit www.savebarec.org to learn more.



December Newsletter Updates



Dear Members,

The Burbank Community Association would like to honor the following people for their contributions in the beautification of our neighborhood. You have truly made a difference and are examples of true community spirit!

DAFFODIL DAYS – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Together we planted over 600 bulbs. Spring is going to be gorgeous!



Volunteers include:

Richard Rodriguez – Superintendent Luther Burbank. Dedicated digger and planter.

Susan Bradley – Dedicated Member and Volunteer who provided WONDERFUL spirit and Rajas Tea.

Jeffrey Wallace – First 5 Kids, Enthusiastic digger, planter, and positive force!

Maria Medina – First 5 Kids, Devoted soil preparer, digger, planter, and helpful volunteer.

Anthony Martinez – BCA Chair, Rototiller guy

Gabriel Galan – Luther Burbank Student who planted his initials with daffodil bulbs.

Not pictured:

Chantale Hansen – BCA Secretary, Rototiller provider, digger, planter, and behind the lens!

Rebecca Stamm – BCA Vice Chair, Dedicated volunteer, digger, planter, food provider...we love her!

AREA WIDE NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION – 2500 COPIES STRONG!!!

The Burbank Community Association would like to sincerely thank the following volunteers for their dedication and service for delivering over 2500 copies of the newsletter to our neighbors:

Heniz Bodecker, Susan Bradley, Art Chavez, Pete Collamer, Ken Colson, Marian Djurovich, Mary Lou Fitzpatrick, Peggy Ginsburg, Chantale Hansen, Kathy Hoag, Ken Hoag, Anthony Martinez, Patricia Martinez, Martha Orr, Joan Sonsini, and Rebecca Stamm.

Thank you again for your very appreciated time and efforts. You are each a lighthouse in our community!

