



Preserving and Enhancing the Quality of Life in the Burbank Area

Thank You BCA Members For a Great Year!

As we close the on 2006, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on all of our accomplishments. The BCA had a VERY successful year and we could not do what we do without the dedicated support of the Burbank Community volunteers.

Together, we have helped to build bridges with the Luther Burbank School, Businesses, each other, and our Government.

Look at this wonderful list!

- Helped host National Night Out where our residents were able to view our first community outdoor movie.
- Support of the Luther Burbank School (LBS) Centennial Ceremony, one key item was securing funding for parking.
- The BCA worked together with other community associations to host County Supervisor Forum for the 2006 elections.
- Donated over 600 glow sticks to LBS students to help promote safety during Halloween.
- Collaborated with O'Connor Hospital to host a FREE Flu Shot Clinic
- Annual Daffodil Planting via San Jose Beautiful program
- Participated in the Jamboree Committee, and helped secure funding by writing and submitting a Grant application.
- Collaborated with Our City Forest to obtain over 30 FREE trees to help beautify the Burbank.
- Held neighborhood watch meeting for Patton Ave.
- Getting the word out about Measure A to help with funding for school improvements.
- Traffic calming, graffiti removal, litter pick up, and crime stoppers.

We are truly grateful for your participation, and 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 2007!

Welcome New Board Members!

We are pleased to announce the induction of three new members to the BCA Board of Supervisors. Ken Hoag, Kathy Hoag and Phil Lang were voted in at the November meeting and will officially ring in 2007 as part of our team at the January meeting. We look forward to more people on our team to help improve our Community!

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.



Thank You Art Chavez for Your Years of Service

The BCA would like to thank Art Chavez for his four years of dedicated service on our Board! Having served as our Treasurer and Member At Large for the last four years, Art's contributions have helped to greatly improve our neighborhood. His experience and recommendations have refined the BCA's best practices, and his sound business sense has been a tremendous value to the evolvement of the BCA.

At our November meeting, Art was honored with a plaque recognizing his years of service. We thank you for your contributions and look forward to your continued support and membership in the BCA.

San Jose Work 2 Future Celebrates New Burbank Location

San Jose's **Work 2 Future One-Stop** will celebrate the opening a new location, **Thursday, December 7, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.** The San Jose One-Stop, at 1290 Parkmoor Ave. is conveniently located near I-280 and accessible by VTA. The Work 2 Future new location creates a one-stop consortium of diverse partners, whose combined resources provide employment and training services to job seekers and employers alike. The goal of Work 2 Future is to strengthen the economic base in San Jose and Santa Clara County by increasing employment opportunities and job retention for all residents. To RSVP or for more information call 408-277-3187 or go to www.work2future.biz.

Interested in Taxes? VITA Needs YOU!

The Weed and Seed Program has the opportunity to participate in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. This progressive program offers free tax help to low- to moderate-income (generally, \$39,000 and below) people who cannot prepare their own tax returns. Certified volunteers sponsored by various organizations receive training to help prepare basic tax returns in communities across the country. Volunteers are needed to take the training and volunteer some weekend and evening hours during February – March, 2007.

For more information on what the program provides visit <http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=107626,00.html>

Volunteer or Donation Opportunities this Holiday Season

There are many opportunities to help people in need this holiday season. If you have time and/or resources to help others here are some local places to contact: **City Team: 408.232.5600** (They need donations, office helpers, kitchen help, and food sorting and packing). **InnVision: 408.292.4286** (They need donations and help with adult education, childcare, academics and tutoring for children, life skills, job training, employment counseling, meal preparation and food service. **Donate a Coat to "Project One Warm Coat"**: Bring your coats to a California Check Cashing Store/Western Union, located at 1304 S. Winchester Avenue. Thank you for your generosity Burbank Residents!

Upcoming Meeting/Events

DECEMBER

07 – Burbank Sanitary Board
12 – W. San Carlos Bus Assoc.
12 – LBS School Board
NO BCA MTG.
21 – Burbank Sanitary Board
28 – Burbank/NAC

JANUARY

04 – Burbank Sanitary Board
09 – W. San Carlos Bus Assoc.
09 – LBS School Board
11 – Weed & Seed Mtg.
15 – **BCA MEETING**
18 – Burbank Sanitary Board
25 – Burbank/NAC

Meeting Day Change in '07

At the November meeting, a recommendation was made to change the BCA General Session meeting day from Monday to Thursday starting in 2007. At the January meeting, we will take a vote regarding a new meeting date.

You're Invited to the Luther Burbank Winter Program!

Bring the family out for a great evening of fun with our wonderful students from Luther Burbank School. On **Thursday, December 7, they will kick off their Winter Program at 7:00PM at St. Martin's School Gym.** Contact the school at: 408.295.1814 for more info.

Book Sale – December 9 at Rosegarden Library!

The Friends of Rose Garden Library will be hosting a book sale on **December 9 from 1-4pm at 1580 Naglee Ave.** This sale is designed to help fund the facility. So come cruise the book sale table, you might find some gems -- show your support, we'll see you there.



Look Whose Getting FREE TREES....Your Neighbors!

The Burbank Community in collaboration with Our City Forest have teamed up together to obtain free trees for our Community. Irving Ave., Leland Ave.,

Rutland Ave. are just a few of the streets who will be sporting new trees. The BCA sincerely thanks Our City Forest for supporting and beautifying our community. Our target planting date is December 23. If you would like to volunteer to help plant trees with your neighbors and the Tree Amigos Team, please contact newsletter@burbankcommunityassn.com

If you decide that you would like a tree, there still may be time to squeeze your application in. Thank you everyone for your support of this very important beautification project!



Join the Youth Advisory Council – Students Welcomed!

Are you between the ages of 12 and 21 and live or go to school in District 6? Would you like to advise the Mayor and City Council members on youth-related issues? If so, the

Youth Advisory Council (YAC) for District 6 is currently recruiting YAC members.

If you are interested in applying or have any questions, please contact the new District 6 Youth Commissioner Terry Reilly at terryreilly08@gmail.com or Betty Montoya at 277-2744 or betty.montoya@sanjoseca.gov.

Important Mid-town South Development Meeting

Burbank residents are invited to attend the Midtown South Community Improvement Zone meeting. The purpose is to discuss the community's ideas regarding potential offsetting improvements to public streets as a result of the new *Transportation Impact Policy*.

Thursday, December 14, 2006
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Sherman Oaks Community Center
1800A Fruitdale Avenue

Please try and attend, this is an important meeting for our community. For more information, please contact Rodrigo Orduña, City Planner at 408.535.7890 or rodrigo.orduna@sanjoseca.gov

Recipe Corner

Cranberry Applesauce Muffins

Ingredients:

- 1 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1 eggs, beaten
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup of cranberries (fresh or frozen), chopped
- 1/2 cup pecans, chopped

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease and flour a muffin pan, or use paper liners.

In a small bowl, mix together applesauce, oil and egg. In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking soda, cinnamon and salt. Make a well in the center, and pour in egg mixture. Stir until just moistened. Fold in cranberries and pecans. Spoon into muffin cups, 2/3 full.

Bake in the preheated oven for 25 to 30 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Cool in pan for 2 minutes before removing.





Key Safety Tips for Your Holidays!

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 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 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

Have a Wonderful Holiday Season!
Thank You for Your Continued
Support, See You in 2007.

Remember Your Neighbors This Holiday Season

The Burbank is a vibrant, active, and tightly knit community made possible by the residents that live here.

The more we help each other with simple things, the more effective and safe our community becomes. All that starts with each of us.

During this holiday season many of our neighbors will be traveling, having family over, or completing all that holiday shopping! Remember to help your neighbors by keeping an eye on their home, picking up their paper, not blocking sidewalks with parked cars, watching for fires, speeders, and pets that strayed...or help carry in all those holiday gifts!

Make your neighborhood stronger and healthier by improving your relationships with your neighbors.



Osteoarthritis Seminar

You are invited to attend a health seminar about "Osteoarthritis" on **Wednesday, December 6, 2006 from 10:00 to 11:30.**

Please come to the Korean American Community Services Center located at 1800-B Fruitdale Ave., San Jose, CA 95128

All are invited to attend we hope to see you there!

Call: 408.920.9743 for additional information.



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BCA Meeting Agenda January 15, 2007 – 7:00pm

7:00 - 7:05pm: Administrative Business

Welcome and Introductions – Chairperson

Attendance count/Quorum

Approve minutes for the November minutes

Treasurer's Report – September, October & November 2006

7:05 – 8:20pm:

Welcome New Board Members

Report on Free Tree Planting

Meeting Night Change?

Paid Advertising – Guidelines and Pricing

8:20 – 8:30pm: Comments for the Good of the Burbank Community

8:30pm: Adjournment

BCA Meeting Minutes November 20, 2006 – 7:00pm

Attendance: 7 (4 Board Members, 3 participants) — The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rebecca Stamm at 7:05 pm. There were enough people for a quorum.

Treasurer's Report: Deferred to January Meeting



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Flu Shot Clinic: Rebecca Stamm attended the Flu Shot Clinic. O'Connor hospital was able to administer 100 flu shots. A few marketing lessons were learned. The flu shot clinic only used local Burbank marketing tactics. It was held on Veterans Day and the weather was overcast and cold. Next year the restriction for seniors only will be removed and it will be extended to a larger demographic. The idea of a combined flu shot and mini health fair will hopefully draw a larger crowd.

BCA General Meeting Date Change: January's BCA General meeting will vote on switching the night for the monthly BCA General Meeting. Currently, the second Thursday of the month is on the table for an alternate meeting date.

Tree Planting Day with Tree Amigos: December 23, 2006 Tree Amigos (a volunteer group) will help plant all the trees from Our City Trees, in the Burbank. We've had 18 applications and are thrilled to get additional trees in the Burbank.

Lisa Rauch from O'Connor Hospital: O'Connor hospital and the BCA are working together for the better of our community! Lisa Rauch with O'Connor hospital will be attending BCA General meetings on a regular basis. The BCA and O'Connor Hospital are committed to working together to bring better health awareness to the Burbank Community. If anyone has ideas of how O'Connor Hospital can help the Burbank Community, please bring your ideas to the January meeting.

Resident Dave Tripiano Concerns for traffic in the Burbank: Dave would like to see more being done for traffic control on Leland such as stricter speed enforcement and possible roundabouts or speedbumps. He has passed on some previous statistical data he helped gather a few years ago to the BCA Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.