



Preserving and Enhancing the Quality of Life in the Burbank Area

BCA MEETING DAY AND PLACE CHANGES!!



At the February 2007 general BCA meeting it was voted that the meeting day be changed from the third Monday of each month to the third Tuesday of each month. That means the next meeting will be Tuesday, March 20th at 7pm.

Not only has the meeting day changed but so has the place. Thank you to Superintendent Rodriguez and Principal Maldonado for allowing the BCA to return our meetings to the school. We are pleased to again be return to the central hub of the neighborhood for our meetings.

So be sure not to miss our next meeting:

Tuesday, March 20th at 7:00pm
Luther Burbank School Library
4 Wabash Avenue (corner of West San Carlos and Wabash)

We hope that the meeting day and place changes will help those who have had trouble attending past meetings now join us to learn what is new in the neighborhood, meet your neighbors and share your ideas and hopes for the Burbank community.

We would like to thank Restorative Justice and the Sheriff's Dept for their hospitality over the last several years at 105 N. Bascom. We appreciate the support of these departments by allowing us a place to meet and share our ideas.



Daffodils are Blooming!

Thank you to Susan Bradley, Heinz Bodecker and the other volunteers that have planted daffodil bulbs throughout the Burbank community over the last several years. You can see some of the daffodils blooming at Time Deli, Babyland and at Luther Burbank School.

Spring Cleaning Hints

Here are a few less toxic cleaning alternatives:

Household Cleaner

- ¼ c. baking soda
- ½ c. borax
- ½ c. vinegar
- 1 gal. water

Window Cleaner

- 2 tsp. vinegar
- 1 qt. warm water

Disinfectant

- ¼ c. borax
- ½ gal. hot water

Clean your drip coffee maker using vinegar:

Remove and dispose of used coffee filter from filter basket.

Add vinegar to the water reservoir until 1/4 full. Fill with water until full.

Run the coffee maker.

Turn off the coffee maker; let cool for 10 minutes.

Run the vinegar and water mixture through the coffee maker again. Let cool 10 minutes. Run plain water through the coffee maker; let cool 10 minutes, repeat.

Hand-wash the carafe and filter basket in soapy water.



Daylight Savings Time – More Than Just Springing Forward

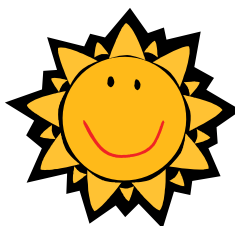
For years we have moved our clocks forward on the first Sunday in April. Not so this year. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 changed the official start of Daylight savings time from April to the second Sunday in March. So this year we set our clocks ahead one hour 2:00 am Sunday, March 11th.

When traveling remember that Hawaii and most of Arizona does not observe Daylight Savings Time.

While you are walking around your house checking all your clocks, the National Fire Protection Association recommends that this is a good time to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

While you've got the ladder out to check your smoke detectors, why not change a bulb? Switching to energy efficient bulbs in your ceiling fixtures could save you \$30 a year per bulb on your electricity bill. Energy efficient lighting is particularly important in the fall when Daylight Saving Time ends and the days are shorter.

The latest generation of energy-saving lighting includes compact fluorescent bulbs that fit in standard light sockets and provide pleasant, uniform light.



For more information on saving energy be sure to visit www.energystar.gov or www.fypower.org for information on lighting rebates and discounts.

1863 West San Carlos – Reopens

The video store at 1863 West San Carlos has reopened as a Mattress and Bed Discount Store. The store still does sell videos, including adult videos. The adult section is approximately 20-25% of the total floor space and per San Jose Code Enforcement inspectors has been properly screened is fully supervised.

Due to the reduced selling space dedicated to the adult videos the store is no longer considered an adult book store and therefor may operate within 500 feet of the Luther Burbank Elementary School.

Meet with Phil Lang ~ The BCA's New Chair

Have suggestions, ideas, complaints or questions you would like to discuss with the BCA Board? Chair Phil Lang would love to meet with Burbank residents one and one to sit down and discuss area issues. If you would like to contact Phil to schedule a time to meet you can leave him a message on the voicemail at 408-236-3769 or email him at phil@burbankcommunityassn.com

Upcoming Meeting/Events

MARCH

- 01 – Burbank Sanitary Board
- 11 – Daylight Savings Time
- 13 – W. San Carlos Bus Assoc.
- 13 – LBS School Board
- 15 – Burbank Sanitary Board
- 20 – **BCA MEETING**
- 22 – Burbank/NAC

APRIL

- 10 - W. San Carlos Bus Assoc
- 10 - LBS School Board
- 17 – BCA Meeting
- 26 – Burbank NAC

Free Electronic Waste Collection Drive

When: Saturday, March 17th
9am – 4pm

Where: Dick's Center Parking Lot
1392 S Bascom Ave

Donations will benefit the Girl Scouts of Santa Clara County. Accepted Items: computers, monitors, printer, faxes, TV, DVD and VCRs, microwave ovens, radios, mice/Keyboards, stereos, speakers, telephones and cable/cords.

Valley Fair EIR Available

The EIR for the Valley Fair expansion is available on the SJ City Planning website at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/eir/eir.asp>

It is a very large file, so be patient. Hard copies can also be found at the Martin Luther King library. Public meetings should be scheduled soon.

If you have questions concerning the EIR contact Janis Moore at 408-535-7815 or janis.moore@sanjoseca.gov

This project could have a significant impact on the Burbank area, so public input is very important.

Easter – Sunday, April 8th

Chocolate bunnies, Easter bonnets and dresses, and baskets filled with goodies are just some of the things come to mind when we think of Easter. The American Humane Society, along with other groups, are again asking people not to give bunnies as Easter presents. Most of these "gifts" find themselves unwanted, abandoned and homeless by summer. Shelters fill up with these Easter presents and many have to be destroyed.

To help educate the public on responsible bunny ownership the "Make Mine Chocolate" campaign was started. The "Make Mine Chocolate!™" campaign which discourages the purchase of rabbits as Easter gifts faces the unique challenge of educating potential rabbit purchasers before the purchase is made.

Want to help spread the word about responsible rabbit ownership. You can help by purchasing chocolate bunny pin, magnet or T-Shirt. Visit www.makeminechocolate.org or call 614-895-0004.



Sheriff's Office Awarded Grant to Monitor Sex Offenders

The Santa Clara County Office of the Sheriff was recently awarded \$953,250 to monitor sex offender registrants in northern California with the Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) Team Program. Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) awarded the grant based on the concept that the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department would form a multi-agency, multi-regional coalition to better ensure the registration and tracking of sex offender registrants in northern California.

With the OES funding, the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office current SAFE team will train each of the 11 northern California county Sheriff's Departments.

Team members in all 12 counties will participate in tracking and monitoring sex offender registrants, registration compliance sweeps, high-risk offender surveillance, and community outreach and communication. Conceptually, this represents one of the most creative efforts in the state to develop and implement a regional, cooperative approach to addressing the sex offender registration problem.

Given that Santa Clara County has an existing and active SAFE Team, the expansion to a 12 county geographical region will aid in greatly enhancing enforcement and compliance activities. The SAFE team concept originated in Santa Clara County in 1994 and was the first of its type in California.

The BCA would like to congratulate the Sheriff's Department!!!

Recipe Corner

Irish Scones



Ingredients

- ½ cup butter
- 4 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup milk

Directions

Preheat oven to 425°F.

In a large bowl, combine butter and flour with a pastry blender or fingers until crumbly. Add baking powder, salt and sugar.

In a separate bowl, beat egg and milk. Mix into dry ingredients to make a dough. Turn onto floured surface and roll to one inch thickness or pat carefully with hands. With a cookie cutter or the bottom of a drinking glass, cut dough into 2 inch rounds. Place on a greased cookie sheet, about one inch apart and bake for 15 minutes.

Makes 18 scones

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Free Dental Check Ups

Western Career College offers free dental check up provided by their senior students. This includes cleaning, X-rays, fluoride treatments, nutritional counseling and oral cancer examinations. For more information or to schedule an appointment call 408-360-0840 x267.