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Preserving and Enhancing the Quality of Life in the Burbank Area

BCA Honored with BRICC Award on November 17!

We are pleased to announce that the BCA received the 2007 Elizabeth Anabo, BRICC award at the UNSCC conference. The BRICC award stands for "Building a Resourceful Inspirational Creative Community," and is a \$1000 grant given to neighborhood groups that have made outstanding contributions to their community in the Santa Clara County.

The award is designed to recognize organizations that have demonstrated the ability to: mobilize broad citizen participation; address significant issues in their community; make creative use of available resources; provide opportunities for neighbors to take greater control of, and responsibility for what goes on in their neighborhood; and inspire neighbors and others to take action.

A special thanks to BCA Board members, Chantale Hansen & Rebecca Stamm who were responsible for writing and submitting the application which required an acute accounting of the BCA's vision, history, and community contributions over the past two years as well as projecting our vision for the future.

The BCA's very own Rebecca Stamm accepted the award (an actual brick with an engraved plaque) along with the grant check for \$1,000 that will be used for community outreach.

A big thanks to everyone who helps and contributes to making our neighborhood outstanding, we cannot do it without your help! The BCA Board will be meeting to strategize how to best use the grant for benefit of our community. If you would like to submit your ideas, please let us know!



Meetings & Important Dates

December

06 – Burbank Sanitary Board
08 – Santa's Club: 10 – 2pm
11 – WSCBD Meeting
11 – LBS Board Meeting
13 – Weed & Seed
18 – NO BCA Meeting
25 – Merry Christmas
31 – **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

January 2008

08 – WSCBD Meeting
13 – LBS Board Meeting
17 – Weed and Seed Meeting
15 – BCA Meeting – Ken Yeager
24 – Burbank Del Monte NAC

2008 Guest Speaker Schedule

The BCA is already lining up speakers for 2008!

We are pleased to announce that **County Supervisor Ken Yeager will kick off our first meeting in January – we hope to see you there!**

The BCA encourages all residents to attend the monthly meetings so that you can share your concerns, ideas, etc., about how your street and the greater Burbank area can be improved.

It is always great to meet with you and work together for the greater good of the Burbank.



Thank You for a Great 2007

The BCA Board would like to extend a very heartfelt thanks to all of our members, volunteers, residents, the staff at the Luther Burbank School, our neighboring associations, businesses and service providers who participate in creating a thriving community!

With YOUR continued support, time and resources, we will build our momentum for 2008 with stronger community relations and outreach...just check out our accomplishments for 2007 and vision for 2008:

The BCA Welcome Box Program was resurrected thanks to Pat Martinez. This box of resources is distributed to new home owners in the Burbank!

Planned and co-hosted the National Night Out celebration where over 400 complimentary dinners were served & residents enjoyed a free movie

Co-sponsored the Burbank Health Fair – delivering over 230 FREE Flu shots to our residents

Served on the Burbank Jamboree Planning Committee and helped coordinate the delivery of this wonderful community event

Promoted countywide Urban Forestry efforts by partnering with Our City Forest to plant more trees in the Burbank. We need more!

Neighborhood beautification with Daffodil planting at Babyland

Our continued support of the Santa's Club hosted by the West San Carlos Business District

Research and application of grant funding

Burbank Vision for 2008 – We Need YOU!

We have started our outreach planning for 2008 & need people, resources and time to accomplish our key objectives.

Newsletter delivery: *Can you help deliver the spring edition of the area wide newsletter? This entails about 20 minutes per street.*

Contact Businesses for Advertising: *This would entail checking with local businesses to advertise in the area wide newsletter. **Starts in February.***

Newsletter Content: *Submit an article to the newsletter team. We need content each month and more people working with us to deliver news to our residents.*

Event Planning: *Begins in March for the Jamboree and National Night Out.*

Attend a Meeting: *Each month you are invited to attend our meetings and participate in the betterment of your community.*

Tree Steward: *We need volunteers to help connect with residents whose homes need trees. Please help to promote the beautification of the Burbank one home and street at a time!*

Please contact the BCA right away to assist with these efforts and many more.

BCA Board Elections - January

If you have an interest in joining the BCA Board, there is one opening and time is running out!

The Board is accepting nominations through December 31 and will announce the names in the January newsletter.

Marisol Verdugo, the BCA's Treasurer is up for re-election. Please come show your support of your Board members by attending the January meeting.

Please send us your nominations before December 31.

Concerns About Ice...

Do you or someone in your family habitually chew on ice? Not just now and then, but truly crave chewing and chomping on ice cubes?

Chewing ice can be a sign of anemia that many people are not aware of. As a precaution, anyone suffering from this unusual craving should check with a medical professional for a blood test immediately.

Santa's Club – Saturday, December 8 Update!

This year's Santa's Club will be from 10am – 2pm at the Luther Burbank School (not Victoria's Dance as advertised in the November newsletter).

Please come and share cookies and juice with

Santa and kick off the holiday season in style. Bring your camera to snap a picture of kids, young and old, enjoying the spirit of the season.



Space Still Available for the FREE Tree Amigo Classes

If you are interested in volunteering with Our City Forest, they have some great classes to help prepare you to be an official "Tree Amigo."

This 7 session (4 classroom & 3 field) series is all about tree care & beautification.

1	Wed, Nov 28	6:00-8:00pm	The benefits & science of trees
2	Sat, Dec 1	TBD	Tree planting event
3	Wed, Dec 5	6:00-8:00pm	The right tree for the right place
4	Sat, Dec 8	TBD	Tree bank tour
5	Wed, Dec 12	6:00-8:00pm	Coordinating a tree planting event
6	Sat, Dec 15	TBD	Walking tree tour
7	Wed, Dec 19	6:00-8:00pm	Basic tree care

The classroom location is 151 West Mission Street.

For more information, please call (408) 998-7337 x130 or refer to the www.ourcityforest.org

Electronic Recycling Collection – Saturday, December 1

Do you have any electronics such as computers, TVs, printers, radios, fax machines, telephones, cell phones, keyboards, cabling or computer mice lying around? Now is your chance to get those unwanted electronics items out of your house and donate them to a good cause. Proceeds will go towards tree planting and tree care efforts in San Jose neighborhoods. Where to bring your donations:

Date: Saturday, December 1

Time: 9:00am-4:00pm

Location: 151 W Mission St, San Jose, CA 95110

Contact: For additional information please call 408-998-7337 or send an email to volunteer@ourcityforest.org

Upcoming Trash-A-Thon – Saturday, December 8

Loui Tucker who has been involved in the Burbank Community for many years is spearheading a Burbank cleanup day and we need your help!

A few years ago Loui and her partner adopted the section of Highway 280 Northbound that is directly south of the Buena Vista and Burbank neighborhoods. Their section runs on 280 between Meridian and Saratoga. Perhaps you've noticed the Adopt-A-Highway sign on the left side of the Leigh off-ramp from NB 280. As adopters, they go out once a month and pick up the litter and could really use some volunteers!

Date: Saturday, December 8

Time: 9:00am – 12:30pm (SHARP!)

Location: Meet at Leigh Avenue and Moorpark, across the street from SJCC

Details: They will pass out gear, set up the crews, and assign areas.

Free Lunch: Round Table Pizza on Bascom Ave.

For More Information

Refer to <http://www.louitucker.com/TrashathonDetails.htm> or contact Loui Tucker directly at 408-287-9999 or send an email to: loui@louitucker.com

Cinnamon Nutmeg Shortbread

Ingredients

- 1 cup unsalted softened butter
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup light brown sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Preparation

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees and grease a 9x13-inch pan.

In a large bowl, cream the butter and sugars together until light. Mix in the vanilla.

In a small bowl, mix together the flour, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt. Slowly blend the flour mixture into the butter mixture until well mixed.

Press the dough evenly into the prepared pan. Using a fork or knife, press decorations into the dough, if desired.

Bake for 17-22 minutes, or until golden brown around the edges. Let cool completely, then cut into desired shapes.

Store in an airtight container or freeze.



Food Donations are Down for 2007, Can You Help?



In a November 23 article, the Mercury News reported record lows for food donations for families in need and the BCA would like to ask you to help.

"Our pantries are now empty," said Carol Patterson, a spokeswoman for CityTeam Ministries in San Jose, which serves food to the hungry year-round. The agency

distributed some 4,000 Thanksgiving food boxes in Silicon Valley this week - but had to dip into its savings to buy many of the meals. Not enough food was donated, she said.

Food banks are in need of monetary donations - every dollar given to Second Harvest can help provide two meals - as well as basic food items. Canned soups, stew, chili and tuna are needed, as are canned fruits, vegetables, peanut butter, pasta, spaghetti sauce and low-sugar cereals like oatmeal.

If you can help, please contact Second Harvest Food Bank at (408) 266-8866

Other Ways You Can Help Families This Year!

Each year InnVision serves the cold weather and holiday needs of our shelter clients in a variety of ways. In addition to the distribution of new coats and blankets to combat the cold, they distribute new gifts through our programs. A few examples of ways that you can help are to: **Host a Toy Drive • Donate an unwrapped toy for a child • Adopt-A-Family • Give a Gift Card for a single adult or teen**

Donations may be dropped off at:

The Georgia Travis Center at 297 Commercial Street, San Jose

For more information: Refer to www.InnVision.org or contact Jaynie Neveras at jneveras@innvision.org or 408.292.4286. Please call soon!

Beautify the Burbank 2008 Campaign Kicks Off



The Burbank Community is lacking trees on several streets and the BCA would like to set a **goal for the January – March** timeframe to obtain **10 tree applications**.

Help beautify our community by helping to making it more green & shady with trees!

If you or your neighbors, or businesses near you can use trees in the front of their property, **YOU QUALIFY!**

The **FREE TREE PROGRAM** is available for the park strip and front lawn area for homes in the Burbank. This is a great program for the whole family!

Contact Chantale Hansen from the BCA (408.279.6555) or refer to the Our City Forest Web site at www.ourcityforest.org for more information.

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.



VTA Service Mtg. – Sat, Dec. 15

The VTA is making a major bus service change **beginning January 14, 2008**. They are in the midst of a major campaign to get the word out so that County residents don't "miss the bus". **A planning meeting has been scheduled from 9am – 6pm near the See's Candy Store at Valley Fair**. Please call Customer Service at (408) 321-2300 for more information or refer to www.vta.org