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*Preserving and Enhancing the Quality of Life in the Burbank Area*

## Happy 2008 Burbank Residents!

It is hard to believe that 2007 has come and gone. It was full of great times for the BCA. We hosted another successful National Night Out, had a great Health Fair and were honored to receive the BRICC Award.

We look forward to another great year. Please be sure to join us each third Tuesday for our general meetings. We are working on scheduling some exciting and informative speakers.

### NEXT MEETING – JANUARY 15

**Our first speaker is Supervisor Ken Yeager who will be providing a county update and also addressing some content that is specific to the Burbank.**

This is a great opportunity for you to personally chat with your County Supervisor concerning your thoughts and wishes with regard to the Burbank neighborhood and Santa Clara County. We expect attendance to be high, please come early.

Location: Luther Burbank School Library – 7:00pm

## Meeting Agenda for January 15 Meeting

Residents & BCA members, your attendance is highly encouraged for our next meeting. Make 2008 the year you get involved with your community and make a difference! Together we can do so much more! We will be holding a drawing at our next meeting for a great prize!

### AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions / Attendance Count and Quorum
- Review and Approval of September 2007 and October 2007 Minutes
- Review and Approval of Treasurer's Report
- BCA Board Elections – Marisol Verdugo
- Guest Speaker – Supervisor Ken Yeager
- Updates
  - 2007 BRICC Award
  - Santa's Club
  - Ideas for 2008
- Comments for the Good of Burbank – Your Neighborhood!
- Drawing for a Special Prize!
- Adjournment

## Meetings & Important Dates

### January 2008

- 08 – WSCBD Meeting
- 08 – LBS Board Meeting
- 10 – Weed and Seed Meeting
- 15 – BCA Meeting – Ken Yeager**
- 24 – Burbank Del Monte NAC

### February 2008

- 07 – Burbank Sanitary
- 12 – WSCBD Meeting
- 12 – LBS Board Meeting
- 14 – Weed and Seed Meeting
- 15 – BCA Meeting**
- 28 – Burbank Del Monte NAC

## 2008 Guest Speaker Schedule

The BCA is already lining up speakers for the 2008 year.

We are pleased to announce that **County Supervisor Ken Yeager will kick our first meeting in January.**

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.

What's on Your Mind?



## Santa's Club - A Huge Success

Again the West San Carlos Neighborhood Business Association hosted a wonderfully festive day for the children in the Burbank area. Luther Burbank School was kind enough to host the event in the school's cafeteria.

Santa's reindeer had the day off to rest up for New Year's Eve, so Sam's Feed was kind enough to help Santa out and gave him a ride to the school. McDonald's supplied cookies and punch for all of the children and their families. They also helped keep Santa's helpers going by donating breakfast/lunch for the volunteers.

Robert, from Copyland, snapped over 100 pictures of the children, their families and Santa. These photos were placed in a festive frame and sent home, free of charge, with the children.

Councilmember Pierreluigi Oliverio took time out of his busy schedule to stop by and visit. He took the opportunity to chat with everyone at the event and to ask Santa for wish or two.

We, again, would like to thank the business association for carrying on their long time tradition of making Christmas a bit merrier for the children in the Burbank area.

## How to Protect Your Assets During a Storm!

Thankfully most of the Burbank area survived the last winter storm without a loss of power. Not that the skies are clear, at least for a day or two, it is time to start with the clean-up. Here are a few tips and suggestions for not only this storm, but those to come:

- Make sure you have a family disaster plan in place and update it regularly
- Keep extra food and water easily accessible. Keep at least a weeks supply of prescription medication on hand. Also fill up your gas tank when it is half full.
- Once the storm passes, walk your property and clean up fallen debris, especially from the sidewalk. Sweep up twigs and wet leaves to prevent slips and fall.
- Check trees for loose or hanging limbs. Call a professional tree trimmer if needed to remove any loose or cracked limbs.
- Be a good neighbor. If needed, help out your homebound or elderly neighbors to clean up and regroup after the storm.
- If damage to your home or property, be sure to secure the area for safety. If repairs are needed beyond your capabilities be sure to contact a licensed contractor if repair value is over \$500.00

## BCA Board Elections - January

Come cast your vote or throw your hat in the ring to join the BCA!

At our January 15 meeting, we will hold Board Elections with our very own Marisol Verdugo up for re-election. We hope to see you there!

## Check Out the New Deli in the Burbank!

There is a new deli on Stevens Creek and MacArthur – **The Gentle Delicatessen.**



We love to hear opinions of the new businesses in our area. If you have visited the new delicatessen, please let us know what you think.

## Updates on VTA Changes

On **January 14**, the VTA will be increasing weekday service frequency to 15-minutes or better on many core routes. Eleven *NEW* Community Bus routes will begin providing local neighborhood service. Two *NEW* Express Bus routes will provide frequent service from South County and the Fremont BART Station to downtown San Jose.

VTA is working hard to prepare riders for the upcoming changes. Here are ways to learn more:

[Service Change Brochure](#)  
[Fact Sheet](#)

Please call Customer Service at (408) 321-2300 for more information or refer to [www.vta.org](http://www.vta.org)



## New Construction at Luther Burbank School – A note from Richard Rodriguez

Much planning and preparation has taken place at Luther Burbank School to get to the point of actual construction. Soon you will see a flurry of activity on the campus as construction of twelve new classrooms begins in March 2008. Completion of the new classrooms is expected in October 2008.

Due to the fantastic support of the Burbank Community a bond was passed at a very successful rate of 78%. **Superintendent Richard Rodriguez** stated, "The passage of this bond at such a high rate of success indicates the community's tremendous approval and support of the school district." The passage of this bond will allow the district to build a new wing of classrooms to replace old outdated portable classrooms currently on the campus.

New classrooms are also needed to deal with the growth in the district. The bond project also includes the building of a new multipurpose room/gymnasium. Construction of this will begin shortly after the classrooms are completed. This new multipurpose room/gymnasium will be a great asset to the Burbank community and Superintendent **Rodriguez** hopes that this building will act as a community center for the Burbank residents. The completion of the new multipurpose room/gymnasium is expected in 2009.

## 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](http://www.ourcityforest.org) for more information.

## How Green are You, Do You Know?

Many of us are taking special note of the greenhouse gas buildup on our earth. One great way to measure how green you are is to calculate your own waste and see how you can help.

The American Forests team has put together a great Personal Climate Change Calculator so that you can effectively measure your climate affecting carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions. Check out this fun tool and start making your changes today!

<http://www.americanforests.org/resources/ccc/index.php>

## January Gardening Tips

- **Annuals:** Time to fertilize. Plant winter annuals through late February. For shady spots, try English or fairy primrose, primula obconica, cyclamen, cineraria and violas. For sun, try pansies, Iceland poppies, snapdragons, calendula, flowering kale or cabbage.

**Bulbs:** Apply bulb food when bulbs break ground and again when they finish blooming.

- **Roses:** Shop for bare-root roses. Prune roses in January & into mid-February. Spray with Microcop & horticultural oil before leaves emerge.
- **Shrubs:** Check camellias & azaleas for blight. Prune heartier shrubs such as rosemary, Escallonia, Abelia, common myrtle, Texas privet & Pittosporum by mid-February.



### FREE Tree Amigo Classes for 2008!

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, Feb 6	6:00-8:00pm	Our City Forest Overview
2	Sat, Feb 9	TBD	Tree planting event
3	Wed, Feb 13	6:00-8:00pm	The Science of Trees
4	Sat, Feb 16	TBD	Walking Tree Tour
5	Wed, Feb 20	6:00-8:00pm	The Right Tree for the Right Place
6	Sat, Feb 23	TBD	Tree Bank Tour
7	Wed, Feb 27	6:00-8:00pm	Coordinating a Planting Event

The classroom location is 151 West Mission Street.

For more information, please call (408) 998-7337 x107 or send an email to: [volunteer@ourcityforest.org](mailto:volunteer@ourcityforest.org). For more information about OCF, refer to [www.ourcityforest.org](http://www.ourcityforest.org)

### Do You Have Your Discover Downtown SJ Card?



The Discover Downtown San Jose Card is a FREE card that provides great offers from downtown businesses. This great card can provide you with fabulous discounts on dining, entertainment, arts & cinema, & retail!

View the valuable offers, determine where you want to go and show your card prior to ordering. It's that simple. Participating businesses will post decals in their storefront windows so you know where your Discover Downtown San Jose card is accepted.

To obtain a copy of the card can be done one of three ways:

Refer to: <http://www.sjdowntown.com/discover/index.html>

Stop by the San Jose Downtown Association office at 28 N. First Street, 10th floor, Monday-Friday from 8:30-5:30.

Request a card via mail with a self addressed stamped envelope with to:  
San Jose Downtown Association  
28 N. First Street, #1000  
San Jose, CA 95113

### FREE Art & Culture for You!

Come participate in an eclectic evening of arts and culture on the First Friday of every month in downtown San Jose's SoFA district.

Participating galleries include: Anno Domini, GreenRice Gallery, MACLA, San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art, Works, KALEID, Space 47, and San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles.

Next Showing: February 1  
8 p.m. until late

The locations are seated in the wonderful SoFA Galleries at 300 - 520 S. First St.

For More Information refer to: [www.SouthFirstFridays.com](http://www.SouthFirstFridays.com) or call 408-271-5151

### Thank You Susan Bradley!

A special thank you from the Burbank Community goes out to our own Susan Bradley. Each year, Susan spearheads Daffodil planting in front of Baby Land and other businesses.

Our residents and patrons get a special treat each spring when the bulbs bloom.

The BCA would like to extend our gratitude to Susan for her continued efforts and passion for helping to beautify the Burbank!





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## **BCA Meeting Minutes October 16, 2007 – 7:00pm**

**Attendance:** 19 (4 Board Members, 15 participants) The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Phil Lang at 7:05 pm.

**September Minutes Minutes:** Approval of the minutes were deferred until the January 2008 meeting

**Treasurer's Report:** Marisol Verdugo was absent – Approval of treasurer's report deferred to January 2008 meeting

**Presentation by Scot Valley – Valley Fair Mall:** Mr. Vallee gave a presentation explaining the current proposal for expansion of Valley Fair Mall. He answered questions concerning the changing of lanes on Stevens Creek Blvd, parking challenges and the possible future revision of the 17/280 interchange. Current timelines would have the Safeway and Longs being closed, torn down and rebuilt before expansion of the mall.

**Ken Henning Presentation on San Jose Neighborhood Commission:** Ken Henning addressed the newly approved neighborhood commission. San Jose's Neighborhood Commission will be the first in the country. Each city council district will have three representative, for a total of 30. This commission is a 2 year pilot program. Though not all details have been hammered out on how the election process will be handled all neighborhoods within the city will be allowed input. Neighborhoods will be able to be recognized by registering with the City Clerk or with the Neighborhood Development Center. The long term purpose of the commission is to advise the city council of neighborhood issues.

Discussion took place concerning registering the BCA with the City of San Jose so that it could be a recognized neighborhood association. Some members expressed concern and wanted to clarify that the BCA's registration would not at all be seen or interpreted as endorsement or support of being annexed to the City or involvement with Redevelopment. Other discussion emphasized that the registration of the BCA with the City of San Jose would only serve so that we would be an officially recognized neighborhood association and would register our longstanding boundaries. A vote was taken and it passed that the BCA should register as a neighborhood association with the City of San Jose.

**Miscellaneous:** Thank you to Chantale Hansen and Rebecca Stamm for completing the BRICC Award application

Susan Bradley will be coordinating the daffodil planting at Babyland in November. Details to be announced.

Reminder that the UNSCC Conference is November 17<sup>th</sup>

Membership renewals were being mailed to all membership. It was noted that Ken and Kathy Hoag had previously paid their dues and received a membership renewal notice by mistake.

Scot Vallee was thanked by the BCA for the donation of shuttles to the Health Fair

BCA residents were asked to look out for a man with odd behavior who is wandering the area. Any person with unusual behavior should be reported to the Sheriff's Department.

Congratulation to Kathy Mumy who won this month's drawing – A gift certificate to Si Food on Bascom and Bailey

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm



*Neighborhood Housing Services Silicon Valley  
&  
The City of San Jose  
Strong Neighborhoods Initiative Program  
Present*

*A Series of Exciting and Informative Classes In*

*Homebuyer Education  
&  
Foreclosure Prevention Counseling*

*Helping Families Achieve and Maintain  
Their Dream of Home Ownership*

*Free Weekly Classes in the SNI Neighborhoods*

*Capacity is limited. To Register, please call 408-279-2600 x 221*

*Come and Learn About:*

- *How to Repair Your Credit*
- *Budget Counseling*
- *Down Payment Assistance Programs*
- *Good Loans vs. Bad Loans*
- *Foreclosure Prevention*
- *Predatory Lending*

*The date, time and location of each class may be found on  
the reverse side of this flyer*



# NHSSV Housing Education Program for SNI

## Schedule of Classes

( ALL CLASSES BEGIN AT 6:30PM AND END AT 8:30PM )

<b>SNI Area</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Blackford	<b>Wednesday, January 16, 2008</b>	West San Jose Community Center - Shared Rm
Burbank/Del Monte	<b>Wednesday, January 23, 2008</b>	Sherman Oaks Community Center
Winchester	<b>Tuesday, February 5, 2008</b>	West San Jose Community Center - Shared Rm
Delmas Park	<b>Wednesday, February 13, 2008</b>	Delmas Park Apartments - Community Room
Greater Gardner	<b>Wednesday, February 20, 2008</b>	Gardner Community Center
Washington	<b>Wednesday, February 27, 2008</b>	Alma Senior Center
Spartan/Keyes	<b>Tuesday, March 4, 2008</b>	Leininger Center (@ Kelly Park)
Thirteenth Street	<b>Tuesday, March 11, 2008</b>	Watson Community Center - Annex Building
Five Wounds/ Brookwood Terrace	<b>Tuesday, March 18, 2008</b>	McKinley Neighborhood Center (behind cafeteria)
Market/Almaden & University	<b>Tuesday, March 25, 2008</b>	MACLA/Movimiento de Arte y Cultura Latino Americana
East Valley/680	<b>Thursday, April 17, 2008</b>	Emma Prusch Farm Park
Mayfair	<b>Thursday, April 24, 2008</b>	Mexican Heritage Plaza
Gateway East	<b>Tuesday, April 29, 2008</b>	Police Athletic League (PAL) Stadium
Tully/Senter	<b>Thursday, May 8, 2008</b>	Santee Community Portable
West Evergreen	<b>Thursday, May 15, 2008</b>	Meadowfair Community Center
K.O.N.A	<b>Monday, May 19, 2008</b>	Slonaker Elementary School
Edenvale/Great Oaks	<b>Thursday, May 29, 2008</b>	Edenvale Library
Hoffman/Via Monte	<b>Thursday, June 4, 2008</b>	Pat Dando Hoffman/ViaMonte Neighborhood Ctr
Seven Trees	<b>Thursday, June 12, 2008</b>	Seven Trees Elementary School
Camden/Hillsdale	<b>Wednesday, June 18, 2008</b>	Neighborhood Development Center
Silverleaf	<b>Tuesday, June 24, 2008</b>	Edenvale Library

*Registration is required. For more information contact NHSSV at (408) 279-2600*