



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

## The BCA Has a New Board!

We are pleased to announce our new team of board members for 2008! The BCA welcome's back Rebecca Stamm to the position of Chair and would like to extend our gratitude for Phil Lang's leadership over the past year.

**Chair:** Rebecca Stamm

**Secretary:** Chantale Hansen

**Member at Large:** Susan Bradley

**Vice Chair:** Phil Lang

**Treasurer:** Patricia Martinez

**Member at Large:** Marisol Verdugo

2008 will be a year of narrow focus for the BCA. It has been difficult to obtain volunteers to implement several of our initiatives, so this year we will be looking at where our time and resources can best serve the Burbank. The National Night Out in August will be one of the main events that we will focus on and we encourage all residents of the Burbank to lend a hand of support.

If you would like to be a part of change & improvement in your own backyard, please contact the BCA or come to our next meeting.



## The Burbank is Getting 27 More Trees!

Before spring, Our City Forest will be planting 27 more trees in our community! Thanks to the residents and businesses who have applied to be a part of this FREE program. We are currently going through the permitting process and will see our beautiful trees soon!

**We need 10 more applications before March!**

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. Contact Chantale Hansen from the BCA (408.279.6555) or send an email to: [newsletter@burbankcommunityassn.com](mailto:newsletter@burbankcommunityassn.com)

You may also call Our City Forest Web site at [www.ourcityforest.org](http://www.ourcityforest.org) for more information.

## Meetings & Important Dates

### FEBRUARY

07 – Burbank Sanitary

12 – WSCBD Meeting

12 – LBS Board Meeting

14 – Weed and Seed Meeting

**19 – BCA Meeting**

**21 – Neighborhood Mixer**

28 – Burbank Del Monte NAC

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## February Guest Speaker

We hope that you will join us at the next meeting where we will have the Sheriff's department discussing Meagan's Law and Crime in the Burbank.

We will also be introducing the new Board and discussing 2008 objectives for our community.

Please come & support your community, try your luck at a prize!

**Next Meeting – Tuesday  
February 19 @ 7:00pm**

**Luther Burbank School  
4 Wabash Ave**

## February 21 – Neighborhood Party!

The West San Carlos Business Association, Inc. cordially invites you to come enjoy some food & wine with your fellow business & community members!

### Date & Time

Thursday, February 21, 2008  
5:30p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

### Location

La Voie's Window Coverings  
2342 Stevens Creek Blvd. San Jose, CA 95128

This is a great opportunity for you to network with residents & businesses right in your own back yard – We Hope to See You There!

## Help Children By Being a “Friend” of the Library



'Friends' is a non-profit group of book lovers who volunteer at the Rose Garden Library; selling, and sorting donated books to help fund programs.

**Come & Buy:** Choose from fiction/non-fiction, magazines, CD's, children's and teen books, and many other items at very low prices. A payment box is located right inside the book area, making it convenient

to pay for your books by cash or check! Make your check out to Friends of the Rose Garden Library.

**100% of all proceeds are used for FREE infant, children, teen and adult programs at the Rose Garden library.**

**Come Donate:** The library can use your used books as well! They accept hardback, paperback books, books on tape, videos, DVD's, coffee table books, textbooks, etc. *They unfortunately cannot use encyclopedias, musty or fire damaged books, records, books with any scribbles or missing pages and old, outdated software and school textbooks.*

For more information, refer to: <http://www.sjlibrary.org/>

## Job Opening

The City of San José Office of the City Clerk is currently recruiting to fill a vacancy on the San José Elections Commission.

The San José Elections Commission monitors compliance with all campaign and ethics ordinances in the San José Municipal Code. The Commission reviews and investigates allegations of violations of the Code and makes recommendations for enforcement action where appropriate. The Elections Commission also makes recommendations to the Council with regard to campaign and ethics regulations and policies.

**The deadline to submit your application is February 8**

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Radcliffe in the City Clerk's Office at (408) 535-1260.

## Do You Have a Vial of Life?

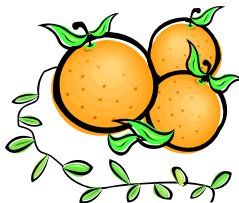
The Vial of L.I.F.E. is Lifesaving Information For Emergencies.

It's a place for you to store important medical information that emergency medical personnel can gain access to even if you are unable.

The Vial of L.I.F.E. Kit can be obtained by contacting any of the 31 San Jose Fire Stations, or by calling the San Jose Fire Departments Emergency Medical Services Division at 408.277.4084.

## Do You Have Extra Oranges, Grapefruits or Lemons? Our Food Banks Need Them!

If you have fresh citrus, please call some of our local food banks and see if they can use them.



**Loaves & Fishes**  
389 East Santa Clara Street  
San Jose, CA 95113  
408.293.4505  
[www.loavesfishes.org](http://www.loavesfishes.org)

**InnVision of Santa Clara County**  
Montgomery Street Inn  
358 North Montgomery Street  
408.271.5160  
[www.innvision.org](http://www.innvision.org)

**Second Harvest Food Bank**  
750 Curtner Avenue  
San Jose CA 95125-2118  
Phone: (408) 266-8866 or (408) 266-9042  
[www.secondharvestsjca.org](http://www.secondharvestsjca.org)

Please call in advance to see what the immediate needs are. You can contact the non-profit Village Harvest (1-888-378-4841) to send a team of trained and equipped volunteers to harvest and donate the fruit for you.

## Go Green in 2008! See What You Can Save!

**Go paperless with your bills.** Receive your bills via email and have them auto pay from a credit card or your checking account. From utilities, cell phone bills, and others, not only can you help save paper, but you can also help save on postage and time! Here are some quick links to companies who offer this service:

<a href="#">PGE</a>	<a href="#">San Jose Water</a>	<a href="#">Comcast</a>
<a href="#">Verizon</a>	<a href="#">at&amp;t</a>	<a href="#">Waste Management</a>



**Switch to the New Compact Fluorescent Lightbulb (CFL)**  
Right now, PGE is giving away over one million bulbs!

One of the best ways to reduce carbon dioxide is to use less power, and that is exactly what the CFL bulbs do. They use about 75% less energy than a regular bulb and when you start multiplying that by 5 or 10 bulbs per house, it really adds up! Contact PGE & get your free bulbs or find out where you can purchase them locally.

**Use Eco-friendly Dishwasher & Laundry Soap:** The average North American produces between 60 and 150 gallons of wastewater every day. Consider using an eco-friendly soap to reduce pollution of water sources, plants, & animals. Many local markets offer products such as Seventh Generation, Ecover, Bioshield and Naturally Yours.

**Start Shopping with Reusable Grocery Shopping Bags:** Each year billions of bags end up as litter & eventually break down into tiny toxic bits that pollute our soil, rivers, lakes & oceans. They require vast amount of oil to produce and sadly are responsible for the fate of many animals that may get tangled or ingest the bags. Refer to [www.reusablebags.com](http://www.reusablebags.com) or call 1.800.707.3873 for more information and start going green with your whole family.

## What to Do in Your Garden Now!

### SHOPPING

**Bulbs:** Special varieties of begonias, dahlias, gladiolus, lilies, tuberoses, and other summer-blooming bulbs, corms, and tubers are available by mail or at your local nurseries.

**Seeds:** Think about trying some new varieties in your garden this year. [Bountiful Gardens](#) or [Redwood City Seed Co](#) are fun stores to choose seeds from.



### PLANTING & MAINTENANCE

**Deciduous Fruit Trees:** Buy & plant your bare-roots now -- Plum, peach, apricot and apple trees

**Citrus:** Lemon, mandarins, navel orange, and other citrus trees are producing so pick while fruit is ripe.

**Roses:** Shop for bare-root roses. Prune roses into mid-February. Spray with Microcop & horticultural oil before leaves emerge

**Annuals:** Time to fertilize! Plant winter annuals now, 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.

**Shrubs:** Check camellias & azaleas for blight. Prune heartier shrubs such as rosemary, Escallonia, Abelia, common myrtle, Texas privet & Pittosporum by mid-February.

### Be a Tree Volunteer – Classes Start This Week!

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."

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)

### The Burbank Sanitary District Has an Opening!

An opportunity has opened up on the Board that oversees the Sanitary District. This position will replace the Director who has concluded many years of service.

**Required Qualifications:** Any adult resident of the district (see map at <http://burbanksanitary.org>) is eligible to serve.

If you have ever marveled at pipes under the street, wanted better recycling services, or felt the urge to serve your community, please send an email to: [secretary@burbanksanitary.org](mailto:secretary@burbanksanitary.org) expressing your interest or come to the next meeting on February 7 (See Calendar on Page 1)

The board meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month for an hour or two. Additional time commitments run at most an hour a week. There is also a small stipend paid per meeting.

### The BAREC Site Gets a Vote on Tuesday

On February 5, there was a vote about BAREC's future on Measures A & B in the City of Santa Clara. Despite the fact that the developer has put in over \$700,000 to turn BAREC into housing, Santa Clara City voters remain positive about BAREC's 125 years contributing to our community.

Envision the Canadian Geese that land on BAREC every day in March, the Civil War Veteran families that lived there, the first home for our County Valley Medical Hospital, the BAREC UC agriculture research that led to California growing 90 percent of the nation's strawberries, the two 1920s Arts and Crafts Buildings on the property which are in excellent condition, the great historical people who work(ed) there and more.

The task force to help save BAREC recommended NO vote for Santa Clara City residents. If you are interested in more info, refer to: [www.friendsofbarec.org](http://www.friendsofbarec.org)

### GUACAMOLE RECIPE

From Sunset Magazine

#### Ingredients

2 medium Hass avocados, peeled, pitted and diced

1/4 tsp minced garlic

1/4 tsp finely chopped jalapeño

1/4 cup chopped tomatoes

1 tsp finely chopped onion

Kosher salt (to taste)

2 tsp fresh lime juice

2 tsp chopped cilantro

#### Preparation

Coarsely mash avocados, garlic, and jalapeño with a wooden spoon until the avocados are creamy but still very chunky.

Add the tomato, onion, and salt to taste, and stir together.

Sprinkle with lime juice and cilantro, then stir and taste once more.

Add more garlic, jalapeño, onion, salt, lime juice, or cilantro as desired. Serve with tortilla chips.

Makes 2 cups



### FREE Car Seat Inspections

The San Jose Police Dept. offers free infant/child safety seat inspections and installations. The process takes approximately 1 hour.

For best results, please bring your child, car seat, car seat manual, and vehicle manual. The Crime Prevention Office located at 1671 The Alameda.

To schedule an appointment, please call 408.277.4133.