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

## The BCA Turns 25 this Year – We're Having Party!

We are very pleased to announce that the BCA is having a big birthday this year! Over the past twenty-five years, various leaders, volunteers, businesses, residents, government officials and the Luther Burbank School have worked together to make where we work, live and play a better place to be!

So....a birthday party is in order!

The BCA has already started to toss some ideas around about when & where. Submit your ideas we would love to hear from you!

In order to make this event a huge success and also to carry the legacy of the BCA in all of our communications, we need to have a 25 Years of Service Logo designed. We will try our contacts, however if you have a creative bone and would like to try your hand at the design, not only will you make a name for yourself, but your design will be part of the BCA legacy!

Please contact the BCA for more information. We are looking at late summer for the big celebration.



## Health Fair 2008 is on the Horizon!

O'Connor's Hospital and the BCA will be collaborating again to bring our community another Health Fair.

Two proposed dates have been specified (October 18 or November 1).

This year over 450 flu shots are planned as well as snacks, resources and giveaways. If you would like to participate or volunteer, please contact the BCA as soon as possible! We would love to have your help.

## Meetings & Important Dates

### MARCH

06 – Burbank Sanitary  
11 – WSCBD Meeting  
11 – LBS Board Meeting  
13 – Weed and Seed Meeting  
**18 – BCA Meeting**  
27 – Burbank Del Monte NAC

### APRIL

03 – Burbank Sanitary  
08 – WSCBD Meeting  
08 – LBS Board Meeting  
10 – Weed and Seed Meeting  
**15 – BCA Meeting**  
24 – Burbank Del Monte NAC

**Next Meeting – Tuesday  
March 18 @ 7:00pm**

**Luther Burbank School  
4 Wabash Ave**

## Green Conference Comes to SJ!

West Coast Green, a conference that drew 12,000 attendees to San Francisco in 2007, will be coming to San Jose in 2008! This conference is the largest green building conference in the United States.

In late September, you will be able to learn more about how to make your home more eco-friendly!

For More information, please visit:  
[www.westcoastgreen.com/about](http://www.westcoastgreen.com/about)

### Share Your Thoughts for a Development on San Carlos!

A neighborhood meeting has been proposed to present information and to hear neighbors' comments/feedback about a Planned Development Zoning (PDC07-096) for a proposal of up to 197 attached single-family residences and 15,000 square feet of retail space on a 3.4 acre parcel located on the south side of West San Carlos Street between Meridian Avenue and Page Street.

The site is currently developed with a mix of uses including a used car dealership, Meyer Appliances and a number of single-family residences. The Planned Development Zoning proposes an approximately 60-foot podium structure along West San Carlos Street (which includes the retail and 173 units) and on-grade town homes (a total of 24) on the south side of the site. City staff will facilitate the presentation of the project.

If you have any questions or comments prior to the meeting, please contact Ed Schreiner in the City Planning Department (phone 408-535-7845), Ms. Denelle Fedor in Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio's office (phone 408-535-4952) or Erik Hayden for Republic Urban Properties, the developer (phone, 408-977-7719).

#### Date & Time

Wednesday, March 19

5:45 PM - 7:45 PM

Rose Garden Library Community Room

1580 Naglee Avenue

To RSVP please contact Maxwell Szabo at (415) 788-1000 ext. 205 or by email at [mszabo@bergdavis.com](mailto:mszabo@bergdavis.com)

### Community Meeting to Discuss VTA Property

A community meeting has been scheduled to discuss the future of the property located at W. San Carlos and Sunol Streets

#### Date & Time

Thursday, March 27

7:00pm

Sherman Oaks Community Center

1800A Fruitdale - San Jose

### Scott & Clifton Property Finally Has an Answer

After two years of discussions between the City of San Jose and the owner of the property located at Scott Street & Clifton Avenue, the light at the end of the tunnel has finally arrived – the Property Owner ended negotiations for SJ to purchase the property and make it a park.

The BCA will do our best to try and keep you updated on any new proposed developments for this property.

### AREA WIDE NEWSLETTER SCHEDULED FOR JULY

The time has come for the BCA to start planning our annual Area Wide Newsletter.

This newsletter includes vital information about life & resources in the Burbank as well as an opportunity to have local merchants advertise and extend their reach in the neighborhood.

We are looking for volunteers NOW who can help with working with local businesses to obtain advertising. And...if you can help deliver the newsletter door to door, we are collecting names to!

Please contact the BCA if you can help. Even if it is just your street that you deliver on, it is a tremendous help!

### THE BCA TO MAKE CHANGES TO OUR WEB SITE

The BCA has decided to make some organizational changes to our Web site in the next couple of months to make things easier for our readers, members & of course the people who post information there! If you have any suggestions for more improvements, please let us know...we're always happy to hear from you.

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

### Install an Energy Star-rated Programmable Thermostat

**What it Costs:** About \$25-\$100 and can help you save up to 15% on heating & cooling bills...that's enough savings for dinner out and a couple of lattes! You can schedule when they turn "On" and when they turn "Off" so you are not cooling or heating when you are not home. You can find them at OSH, Home Depot, Lowes, and ACE.

### Insulate Old Water Heaters & Pipes

**What it Costs:** About \$30-\$45 for a thermal blanket, pipe insulation, and tape. Preventing heat loss can help save 4-9% on water heating costs.

### Install a "Flash" or "Tank less" Water Heater. I installed one about two years

**What it Costs:** About \$700-\$1200 (not including installation) and can be between 8%-34% more efficient. I installed one about two years ago and started seeing a savings right away. Noritz & Takagi are great brands and you can sometimes get a great Tax rebate for installing one.

### Eco Friendly Insulation Is a Great Place to Start Saving

Better insulating your home while remodeling reduces your need for heating and cooling, thus saving \$\$\$. If you are interested in helping the environment at the same time what products can you turn to for insulation? For a complete list of products, refer to the [GetWithGreen](#) Web site

### Have You Started Shopping With Reusable Bags?

Many of our local stores are already moving to reusable bags. Not only does it help our environment, but it also helps keep our neighborhoods & roads free from litter. 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.

## 2 for 1 Museum Passes for San Jose Art Festival

**Great for the whole family!** The festival, which takes place in downtown San Jose from June 4-8, celebrates "art on the edge" or rather, art that uses technology, rather than paint or film, for expression.

From a hip hop, multi-media meditation on Antarctica to robot art, from conversations with artificial intelligence to operatic performances of Google headlines about the environment, from avant-garde cinema to new musical forms - well over 100 artworks, performances, screenings, talks, and workshops will be featured at O1SJ.

Check out their cool YouTube Video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVKSWTR22UE>

For more information, please refer to the [www.01sj.org](http://www.01sj.org) Web site or contact the BCA for ticket information.

## What to Do in Your Garden Now!

### Perennials

For spring bloom, plant alstroemeria, bleeding heart, campanula, catmint, columbine, coral bells, delphinium, dianthus, diascia, foxglove, Linaria purpurea, marguerites, scabiosa, and violets.

### Veggies

Set out roots of artichokes and asparagus and seedlings of broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, green onions, and lettuce. Plant seeds for beets, carrots, chard, lettuce, peas, and spinach directly in the ground.

### Fertilize

Feed fall-planted annuals and perennials and established trees and shrubs with an all-purpose complete fertilizer such as 10-10-10. Wait to fertilize azaleas, camellias, and rhododendrons until after bloom

### Spray for peach leaf curl.

When buds are beginning to swell but before they open, apply a dormant spray of lime sulfur to prevent peach leaf curl, a fungus that distorts leaves and destroys fruit. Do not spray 36 hours before rain is predicted.





## It's Time for Your Free Credit Report!

If you have ever applied for a loan or a credit card, you are probably aware of the importance of your credit report. The information a credit report contains tells lenders whether you are a good credit risk or not.

It is a good idea to get a yearly credit report so that you can ensure your credit is free of errors that could potentially hurt you. Additionally, with identity theft becoming such a huge problem, it is not a bad idea to do a yearly check.

Here is a website where you can receive a report: [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) Start by closing everything that isn't needed or used. Having too much available credit is not only bad for your credit rating but leaves you open for fraud and identity theft.

## What's Your Perspective on Education – Say it on March 6

In an effort to begin a statewide dialogue on improving California's public education system, the San Jose Unified Council of PTAs is convening policy experts, elected officials, teachers, school administrators, parents, community members, and students to share their views about the challenges facing schools today and how we can find fundamental and sustainable ways to ensure that all students have the opportunity to succeed.

You are highly encouraged to attend and to fully utilize the public commentary section to voice local concerns and suggest recommendations. Your first-hand experience and input will also ensure a robust dialogue on the challenges of the education system in the greater San Jose area and throughout the State of California.

### Date & Location

Thursday, March 6  
5:30pm - 7:30 pm  
Alfred E. Alquist Building Auditorium  
100 Paseo de San Antonio

For more information, please contact Vianey Nuñez at (916) 651-1806 or by e-mail at [vianey.nunez@sen.ca.gov](mailto:vianey.nunez@sen.ca.gov). Space is limited and an RSVP is much appreciated.

## Would You Like to Volunteer to Beautify the Rosegarden?

In preparation for the busiest weekend of the year, Mother's Day, the "Friends of the Rosegarden team" will be out "in force" the weekend prior to tidy up the beds. Bring gloves and pruning shears if you have them.

If you can lend a hand, refer to [www.friendssjrosegarden.org](http://www.friendssjrosegarden.org) for more information.

The event is on Saturday, May 3 from 9:00am-1:00pm

## Shrimp, Avocado & Grapefruit Salad – From Sunset Magazine

### Ingredients

2 ruby grapefruits  
1 to 2 tbsp. lemon or lime juice  
1/3 cup olive oil  
1 head butter lettuce, separated into leaves & patted dry  
3 tbsp fresh chervil leaves  
3 tbsp fresh tarragon leaves  
3 tbsp fresh chopped chives  
Kosher salt & ground black pepper  
1 avocado, sliced  
12 ounces cooked bay shrimp

### Preparation

With a small, sharp knife, cut off both ends of grapefruit. Following curve of fruit with knife, then slice off peel and white pith. Cut between inner membranes and fruit to release segments; put into a medium bowl.

Squeeze the membranes into a strainer over a measuring cup to extract the juice and to remove any seeds. You need 1/4 cup juice; add a little lemon or lime juice to make up the difference. Stir in olive oil and set vinaigrette aside.

In a large bowl, combine the lettuce & herbs. Pour the vinaigrette over the lettuce mixture and generously season with salt & pepper to taste. Carefully lift the lettuce and herbs out of the bowl and arrange them on a serving platter.

Add the avocado slices to the bowl of grapefruit and pour remaining vinaigrette from lettuce bowl over them. Toss gently just until coated, then scatter over the salad.

Sprinkle the shrimp over the salad and drizzle any vinaigrette remaining in the grapefruit bowl over the shrimp. Serve immediately.