



Preserving and Enhancing the Quality of Life in the Burbank Area

Mark Your Calendar for January 19th - Monday

Just a quick reminder that the BCA meetings have moved from Tuesday night to Monday nights. The meeting will be held on the third Monday. They will start at 7pm. Thank you to the Luther Burbank School for agreeing to host our meetings in 2009.

Two topics of discussion at the January meeting will be whether or not to have the BCA meetings every other month. Taking into consideration how busy everyone's lives are, including our own Board members, there has been some discussion of changing the BCA meetings from monthly to every other month. What are your thoughts?

We are also discussing changing the newsletter from monthly to bi-monthly. We would love to hear your thoughts and input on these two topics. Hope to see you at the meeting.

Social Host Ordinance

Santa Clara County's Social Host Ordinance started on January 1, 2009. Starting January 1, 2009, the County will impose civil penalties on social gatherings where there are four or more persons and at least one underage person who is drinking or has in his or her possession an alcoholic beverage. The proposed ordinance was amended to defer including landlords and/or Stanford University for one year. We have invited the Sheriff's Department to speak at the January meeting on the ordinance, its enforcement and how other relevant law enforcement issues in the Burbank Area.

The definition of "Responsible Person" includes parents, tenants, party host, or party organizer. It also encompasses party host under 18 years of age.

-- Venues include private homes, rental property (apartment, houses, condos), and hotel rooms. The ordinance would also apply to dormitories, fraternity/sorority houses (except Stanford), or warehouses when used for underage drinking parties.

-- Enforcement is carried out through monetary penalties. At the first response to an underage drinking party, law enforcement has the authority to disband the party, warn responsible persons, and mail notices to absent responsible persons. At a second response, and after the first warning, responsible persons will receive a fine for \$350 and law enforcement response costs. If the problem persists, the fine would escalate to \$700 and \$1,000 for third and fourth responses, plus recovery of response costs for each time.

Meetings & Important Dates

January

19 – BCA Meeting

19 – Martin Luther King Jr.'s Bday

27 – National Chocolate Cake Day ☺

Welcome BCA Board Members

We would like to take a moment to welcome the 2009 BCA Board Members:

Chair – Rebecca Stamm

Vice Chair – Phil Lang

Secretary – Chantale Hansen

Treasurer – Pat Martinez

At Large – Marisol Verdugo

At Large – John Mumy

At Large – Susan Bradley

I would also like to take a moment to thank everyone who helped the BCA have another successful year. We received grants, had a wonderful time at National Night Out and helped with Halloween Safety. Thank you to Luther Burbank School for hosting our meetings. Also thank you to everyone who helped to organize and run the meetings. And THANK YOU to all the residents who attend and support the BCA each month. We couldn't do it without you.