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Preserving and Enhancing the Quality of Life in the Burbank Area

Thank You Congressperson, Zoe Lofgren!

Congresswoman [Zoe Lofgren](#) was the featured speaker at the April 19th meeting of the Burbank Community Association. The Congresswoman engaged the BCA attendees with a forthright question and answer session lasting over half an hour. The Congresswoman was preceded by a large presence and report by the County Sheriff Officers. A representative of Supervisor Yeager's office attended and heard our concerns about the lack of pedestrian crossings on Bascom Avenue, especially in front of the new Bascom [Library and Community Center](#).

New 24-hour Automated Call Line for SSA Benefits

If you need information on your CalWORKs, food stamps, Medi-Cal or General Assistance cases, there is a new 24-hour automated information line.

Here is some of the information you have access to:

- General information on programs/services
- Office locations and business hours
- Case information
- Request benefit verifications, request replacement Medi-Cal (BIC) card
- Available services
- Connect to a live county representative during office hours.

Call 1-877-963-3633. Information is available in Vietnamese, Cantonese, & Farsi.

California High Speed Rail Meeting – July 21

The [California High-Speed Rail Authority](#) will hold a Public Information meeting on **Wednesday, July 21, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm** at Gardner Community Center, located at 520 West Virginia Street

Come learn about the next steps in the environmental review of the San Jose to Merced section of the proposed California High Speed Train System. The California High-Speed Rail Authority will display to the public the results of the Preliminary Alternative Analysis Report including the alignment alternatives, stations, and design options recommended to be studied in the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Statement (EIRS).

For more information please call 1-800-881-5799, or visit www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov.

Meetings & Events

As a reminder, the BCA has moved to a quarterly meeting schedule. Here is the list of upcoming meetings:

July 19, 2010 | 7:00pm

**Location: Addison Credit Union,
1570 West San Carlos**

October 18, 2010 | 7:00pm

Master Gardeners Tips!

Late July is the time to start seeding your winter vegetables.

They need the heat to germinate and then the long cool, wet winter to slowly grow for harvest in the spring. Review our [cool season vegetable chart](#) for what and when to plant.

Quickly growing summer veggies can be planted now such as beans, radishes, lettuce & peas.



NEW Santa Clara County Discount Prescription Card



With the Santa Clara County Prescription Discount Card provided to you in a joint effort with the National Association of Counties (NACo), you can save money on many of your prescription purchases!

Any Santa Clara County resident without prescription coverage can use this program. Even if you have insurance for prescription drugs, you may still benefit from the discount card, since it may save you money on prescription drugs your existing plan does not cover.

Benefits of the Card:

- **Eligibility:** No income or age requirements, & unlimited use for the whole family.
- **Valuable.** Save an average of 22% off the pharmacy's regular price on all commonly prescribed prescriptions and an average savings of 50% on 90-day supplies of select generics through mail service. Savings are also available on high-tech and injectable drugs through our specialty pharmacy.
- **Easy.** There are no claim forms to fill out and no annual fee to pay
- **Convenient.** More than 59,000 participating pharmacies nationwide, & more than 200 pharmacies are right here in the Santa Clara County!

For more information, including card pick-up locations, call toll-free 1-877-321-2652 or visit www.caremark.com/naco.

State of the County Address: Ken Yeager



If you would like to view a video of the State of the County Address from January, please [click here](#).

Ken Yeager currently serves as the President of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. He was elected to the Board in June of 2006. He represents the 4th District, which includes the cities of Campbell and Santa Clara, as well as west San Jose and the Burbank and Cambrian neighborhoods.

Ken publishes a regular newsletter to keep people informed on matters of importance to the County. If you would like to receive my newsletter by email, please write to jim.weston@bos.sccgov.org with the subject line "add me to your list."

If you would like to read past newsletter, please refer to the [newsletter archives](#).

New Businesses in the Burbank

If you are a new business in the Burbank, please consider joining the West San Carlos Business Association.

Benefits of Membership

Influence with City & County Departments and the San Jose Redevelopment Agency

Opportunities for Networking with Business Neighbors

Information about City Programs and Street Happenings

Community Involvement through Event Sponsorship & Cooperation

Member Pricing at Participating Businesses

Participation on San Carlos Street website: www.sancarlosstreet.com

Window Decal to proudly Display Your Membership

Membership with the San Jose Valley Chamber of Commerce with paid membership to our Business Association. (a \$495.00 Value)

Want to Join?

[Click here](#), print out the application form and mail it in with the appropriate payment.

BCA Meeting Agenda

July 19, 2010 - 7:00PM

7:00 p.m. – 7:05 p.m. | Administrative Business

- Welcome and Introductions
- Attendance Count/ Quorum
- Approve April 2010 Meeting Minutes
- Treasurers Report

7:05 p.m. – 7:25 p.m. | Reports/Discussion

- Sheriff's Report
- Hong Cao (Supervisor Yeager's Office)

7:25 p.m. – 7:50 p.m.

Burbank Jamboree

Elections – October – possible vacant seat

Weed & Seed

7:50 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Comments for the Good of Burbank

8:30 p.m.

Adjournment



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BCA Meeting Minutes April 19, 2010 – 7:00pm

Attendance: 16 (5 Board Members, 11 participants)

Welcome & Introductions

7:00pm: Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Patricia Martinez
The minutes from the January 2010 meeting were approved

Treasurer's Report

Rebecca Stamm presented the report from January 2010
Checking: \$2,636.10
Savings: \$268.14

The BCA received 18 new memberships.

Update from the Sheriff

Lieutenant Dottie provided an update on service levels for the unincorporated areas of the county. Even though certain areas of the county have been annexed into the City of San Jose, there is a concerted effort to ensure that the level of service for the remaining unincorporated areas of the county are maintained.

The 99Cent store, still continues to have parking challenges and tickets are being issued on a regular basis.

Update from Hong Cao | Supervisor Yeager's Office

Santa Clara County received a 7 million dollar grant to reduce smoking. This is part of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act.

October is the projected opening date for the Bascom Library. There are concerns around the pedestrian walkways and safety to access the library. Neighborhood support is needed.

Congressperson Zoe Lofgren

The BCA was honored to have Congressperson Zoe Lofgren present and answer questions from residents at our April meeting. She shared her perspective on the recession and state impacts, education funding challenges, highspeed rail, healthcare, and more. Residents were able to share their perspectives and learn directly from Congressperson Lofgren, what her perspectives are on key issues. We thank her for her time.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10pm – Next Meeting is October 18, 2010. Location TBD.