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

## Next BCA Meeting – Monday, January 23, 2012

Happy New Year! It's time to embark on a new chapter of community support and we thank our Burbank residents, friends, businesses & government agencies for all of your help.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 23 at 7:00pm – Luther Burbank School.

## Board of Supervisor Recorded Sessions

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors regularly meets on Tuesdays in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 70 West Hedding Street at 9:00am. If you are unable to attend and would like to listen to the recorded session, click on this link: [Board Meetings](#)

## Evergreen Tree Tour

Our City Forest is hosting a walking tour of their evergreen urban forest. Bring the whole family to learn tree identification and tree care tips!

**Dates:** January 21 & 28, February 5 from 11:00am to noon.

**Location:** Overfelt Gardens Park, 368 Educational Park Drive, San Jose, CA 95112.

RSVP by contacting Our City Forest: 408.998.7337, ext 108, or send an email: [treetours@ourcityforest.org](mailto:treetours@ourcityforest.org)

## Want to Learn How to Prune Roses?

January through mid-February, free rose pruning lessons are offered in the San Jose Heritage Rose Garden during pruning season. Contact [Emily Creegan](#) at (408) 298-7657 about when to come, or just show up on a Wednesday or Saturday morning. On pruning days, come to the garden at 9 AM and be prepared to stay until noon. Park free on Taylor Street or in the parking lot on Seymour Street. Download 2012 Pruning Flyer [here](#).

## Spring in Guadalupe Gardens

Offered by the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, come enjoy the beauty of local gardens!

Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 10am – 3pm

In the Gardens between Taylor Street and Coleman Avenue

Free Parking and Admission

## January - Gardening

**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 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



### Get 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.

### 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 (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions. Check out this fun tool and start making your changes today!

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

### Upcoming Trash-A-Thon – Saturday, January 21

Loui Tucker who has been involved in the Burbank Community for many years is spearheading a Burbank cleanup day and we need your help!

A few years ago Loui and her partner adopted the section of Highway 280 Northbound that is directly south of the Buena Vista and Burbank neighborhoods. Their section runs on 280 between Meridian and Saratoga

**Date:** Saturday, January 21 | 9:00am – 12:30pm (SHARP!)

**Future Dates:** February 11, March 17, and April 14

### For More Information

Refer to <http://www.louitucker.com/TrashathonDetails.htm> or contact Loui Tucker directly at **408-287-9999** or send an email to: [loui@louitucker.com](mailto:loui@louitucker.com)

## Cinnamon Nutmeg Shortbread

### Ingredients

1 cup unsalted softened butter  
 1/2 cup sugar  
 1/4 cup light brown sugar  
 1 1/2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract  
 2 cups flour  
 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon  
 1 teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg  
 1/2 teaspoon salt

### Preparation

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees and grease a 9x13-inch pan.

In a large bowl, cream the butter and sugars together until light. Mix in the vanilla.

In a small bowl, mix together the flour, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt. Slowly blend the flour mixture into the butter mixture until well mixed.

Press the dough evenly into the prepared pan. Using a fork or knife, press decorations into the dough, if desired.

Bake for 17-22 minutes, or until golden brown around the edges. Let cool completely, then cut into desired shapes.

Store in an airtight container or freeze.