



JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION!



STFNA Membership Application and Renewal

Name: _____
 E-mail: _____
 (your e-mail is private and will not be shared outside of STFNA)
 Address: _____
 City / Zip code: _____
 Phone: _____

Date: _____

Check here if this is a renewal.

Mail form and enclose check payable to:
 Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Assoc.
 PO BOX 53432
 San Jose, CA 95153



Register online
www.STFNA.org
 or email
contact@stfna.org



Please accept my voluntary contribution of: \$20 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$_____ Other

Tell us which issues interest you the most:

- Foothills Open Space Preservation Coyote Alamitos Trail
 Public Education and Awareness Safe Neighborhoods
 Neighborhood Beautification Other: _____

THANK YOU!

AROUND TOWN...



3rd Annual Harvest Festival and Haunted Hallway

Saturday, October 24th: 11:00am – 4:00pm
 Almaden Community Center
 6445 Camden Ave. San Jose, CA 95120

Join us in celebrating local artists, pick a pumpkin in the pumpkin patch, get spooked in the Haunted Hallway and enjoy special story times from the Library. Children are encouraged to come in costume!

Family Pumpkin Carving

Wednesday, October 28th: 6:30pm – 8:30pm
 Almaden Winery Community Center
 5730 Chambertin Drive, San Jose, CA 95118

Join us for a pumpkin extravaganza, including creepy cut-outs, ghostly tales from the Vineland Library, witches brew, and a Jack O'Lantern lighting. Pre-registration is required. Please register at www.sanjoseca.gov/prns or call (408) 268-1133 for more information.

Pumpkin Picking at the Park

Monday, October 19th: 9:00am – 12:30pm
 Almaden Community Center
 6445 Camden Ave, San Jose, CA 95120

Join us for a fun-filled day at Emma Prusch Park. We will begin at the Almaden Community Center where we will provide art activities for children and adults to enjoy together. Then we will meet at Emma Prusch Park for a guided tour, which will include close encounters with the farm animals, a hay wagon ride, and picking out a pumpkin to take home.

Bring the whole family and stay afterwards for a family picnic. Pre-registration is required for all children ages 2 and up. Please register at www.sanjoseca.gov/prns or call (408) 268-1133 for more information

European-style Bistro Opens

Chef Deo Tupaz has opened Bistro Tupaz at Snell & Santa Teresa Ave (5899 Santa Teresa Blvd).

The rustic European-style bistro and café offers a seasonal menu and dishes made with customers' well being in mind, using local fresh ingredients whenever possible, supporting ingredients grown through sustainable farming.

"We pride ourselves on rustic European Cuisine, and we take the time to research, learn, and to replicate the dishes as they were made by our European counterparts," said Chef Deo. "We value quality and turn a deaf ear to ingredients we feel have not been picked with pride and responsibility."



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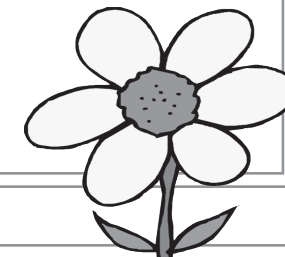
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Neighborhood Meeting Thursday, October 29th



AT THE MEETING...

Come out to meet your neighbors, meet the local police & fire officers, and our two city council members! It's time once again for our biannual neighborhood meeting, which will give you a chance to learn more about what is going on in the neighborhood from projects that STFNA is working on to crime activity. We'll have the following presentations/discussions:

- Neighborhood activities & projects such as the foothills trail, the STFNA scholarship (we awarded two scholarships this year!), cleanups and any hillside development.
- Fire department – we'll have a presentation from the fire department on fire prevention and safety tips. With the holidays coming up, this is a great opportunity to learn about potential hazards and how to mitigate them!
- Police – learn about any recent crime activity and preventative measures that can be taken. As always, there will be time to ask questions about specific neighborhood problems.
- City Councilmember Nancy Pyle will provide details on what is going on in city council district 10 (west of Blossom Ave)
- City Councilmember Ash Kalra will provide details on what is going on in city council district 2 (east of Blossom Ave)

Where:

Southside Community Center
 rooms 8 and 9
 5585 Cottle Road, San Jose
 (Cottle & Poughkeepsie)

When:

Thursday
 October 29th, 2009
 7:00pm

STFNA Volunteers Help With Coastal Clean-up Day

September 19 was the 25th anniversary of Coastal Clean-up Day, an annual event with a goal to pull out as much trash, debris and recyclables as possible from the nation's waterways, lakes and ocean beaches.

STFNA provided the coordination for cleanup of the Canoas Creek between Blossom and Lean Avenues. We had 30 volunteers cleaning two sides of the 1.4 mile stretch of the creek. 520 pounds of trash and 38 pounds of recyclables were collected.

This was the largest Cleanup Day ever for Santa Clara County with a total of 35 cleanup sites, 59 miles of creek cleaned and collection of a total of 23,173 pounds of trash and 7,499 pounds of recyclables. **A big thank you to all who volunteered for this effort!**



Want to advertise to the neighborhood and provide support?

Contact John Cunningham at
johnc@stfna.org for more information.

STFNA Awards Community Service Scholarships

Through the generosity of a number of local businesses and individuals, the Association recently awarded scholarships to two high school graduates in recognition of their outstanding community service.

A \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to Haley Schorr, who graduated from Pioneer High School in June and will be attending UC Davis. Haley has tutored students, was a volunteer at the John Muir School's homework center, has been involved with a program that befriends people with disabilities, has volunteered at a girls' basketball camp, and has made multiple trips to Mexico & Costa Rica to build homes and provide food for the poor. Haley is also the Valedictorian in her graduating class.

A \$500 scholarship was awarded to Christina Nichole Jize, who graduated from Santa Teresa High School in June and will also be attending UC Davis. Christina has participated in park & creek cleanups & tree plantings, has made blankets for the children's shelter, made bag lunches for the homeless, volunteered at Community Fest, has tutored, has worked with special education students, and is an active volunteer helping younger students to learn dance at the South Bay Dance Center.



Congratulations to both Haley and Christina. Your community is proud of your dedication, service, and achievements!

Community Safety

"Petty thefts and opportunistic crimes like car break-ins are up in most areas of San Jose, including in this neighborhood," said Lt. Glenn Harper, SJPD. "It's important to be aware of this and to be active in terms of reporting crimes and suspicious behavior to the Police so we can take appropriate action to promote public safety."

- It is important that residents do not leave anything valuable visible in their cars including GPS devices or their mounts
- Call 311 to report suspicious activity unless it is going on right then, in which case you should call 911. If you don't receive the response you need, call back and ask to speak to a Sergeant.
- Priorities for police response are set by statistics including level of violence and number of crimes, so the more substantive reports they receive on an area the more attention they will give that area.
- The SJPD will try to improve safety near the railroad tracks along Monterey Rd. Fencing will go up near Blossom Hill, no parking and no trespassing signs will go up and be enforced.
- Check <http://www.sjpd.org/BFO/Community/Crimeprev/> for crime reports in your neighborhood.

The Bay Begins at Your Front Door!

Think you live too far away from the Bay to have an impact? Think again! Our houses, our parks, and our businesses are all directly connected to the San Francisco Bay through the drain at the end of the street.

Rain and water from our lawns, gardens and streets washes pollutants like motor oil, pesticides, fertilizers, metals and debris into the gutter, down to the storm drain, out to our creeks and into the Bay without treatment. Storm water pollution is one of the leading causes of pollution in our creeks and the Bay.

What can you do? A lot! Small changes in your daily routine can add up to big pollution prevention payoffs.

- Reduce the use of toxic products in your home or garden, and dispose of what you do have as Household Hazardous Waste. (www.hhw.org)
- Sweep your driveway and sidewalk instead of using a hose. Keep yard trimmings out of the storm drain.
- Keep your car in tune and fix any leaks promptly.
- Move your car on your street sweeping day
- Pick up litter and pet wastes, and put them in the garbage.
- Wash your car at a commercial car wash or over a lawn instead of in your driveway or the street.

Call 945-3000 to reports spills, dumping, and anything that threatens the Storm Drain. You can also report storm drain pollution online by going to <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/esd/stormwater/> and clicking the online reporting form.

COMMUNITYFEST 2009

Several volunteers worked the STFNA booth at this year's Communityfest on September 19th. It was held at George Page Park, and was a free community event featuring all day Entertainment, Community Information, Children's Games, Old Fashioned Field Games, Craft Booths, Concession Booths, Great Food, Give-A-ways, etc.

Every year the Santa Teresa Citizens Action Group sponsors this event in conjunction with the office of city council district 2 - we'd really like to thank them for all the hard work and effort that goes into making this a successful event.

At the STFNA booth we had animal bones that have been found in the foothills and gave prizes to children that could correctly identify the animals. Many of the adult volunteers were surprised to learn that when it comes to identifying animal skulls, we are NOT smarter than a 5th grader!

San Jose City Budget Cuts Affect Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood

The City Council, facing a budget deficit of \$84 million, examined a number of cost cutting measures that affects the quality of life and safety of the Santa Teresa Foothills neighborhood. The FY 2009-2010 City budget (passed on June 23) preserves public safety, neighborhood services, economic development and other essential City services by streamlining administration and utilizing one-time revenues to balance the budget.

The approved budget saves many of the programs that were slated to be cut. Unfortunately, some programs have been reduced, including traffic calming and street landscape maintenance. The City will remove the higher maintenance types of landscaping in the coming months and will only implement traffic calming projects that improve safety.

Closing the budget deficit of \$84 million would not have been possible without the support of the City's employees. Nearly all of the employee union groups came forward to renegotiate their contracts and forego raises in order to save City services and jobs.

San Jose continued to receive a positive credit rating from three national rating agencies. S&P rated San Jose with an AAA rating, Fitch rated San Jose AA+ and Moody rated us Aa1. Having a sound fiscal profile enables San Jose to borrow at favorable interest rates and it shows confidence in the City's financial management, particularly when a number of other Bay Area cities faced even more severe budget issues.

However, the State level budget woes are likely to impact San Jose in the future. Council Members Ash Kalra and Nancy Pyle are involved in dealing with the State to minimize the fallout on the city.

"I am proud of the fact that my Council colleagues and I were able to bridge an \$80 million budget deficit without a major hit to services to the community and public safety. However, it looks like we will be suffering, once again, at the hands of the State as their budget fixes will inordinately impact our bottom line," said Council Member Ash Kalra (District 2). "The Governor has proposed taking billions from local jurisdictions. The impact of the recommended taking to San José is close to \$100 million, which is greater than the hole we just creatively dug ourselves out of in June! Rest assured we are lobbying hard to fight the State as hard as we can. In the end, we may lose the battle and tough choices regarding city services may have to be made. If that is the case, you can be certain that I will do my best to inform the community of impacts so we can weather this financial storm together."

While the impact of State cuts has yet to be felt, there are many ways that the city's budget cuts affects our neighborhood. Please visit the STFNA website at www.stfna.org for the complete article with a table on where cuts are being done.

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Have general questions about the neighborhood? E-mail us at contact@stfna.org. Have questions for the president of the association? E-mail him at mattf@stfna.org.