



Preservation of the Santa Teresa Foothills, Creation of a public trail along the Coyote-Alamitos Canal, Public Education and Awareness, Safe Neighborhoods, Hillside Development Enforcement



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING Thursday, October 21st

It's that time again, and we miss you! Join us for a general meeting of the neighborhood association on Thursday, October 21st. Please plan on attending to learn more about what is going on in our neighborhood, meet other neighbors, and voice your opinion on how to make our neighborhood a better place.

LOCATION: Sakamoto Elementary School
6280 Shadelands Drive (at Colleen)

DATE: Thursday, October 21st
TIME: 7:00 PM

The following items will be covered:

- Presentation from the city's planning department on the planned development of coyote valley. Since we are close to the Coyote Valley, this development has the potential of impacting traffic through our neighborhood and services, so it is important that we understand what is being planned.
- Election of neighborhood association officers.
- Update on adopt-a-park activities at Foothill Park and Century Oaks.
- Update on effort to improve park-strip landscaping of city-owned lots along Curie.
- Update from Councilman Forrest Williams on the yet to be published trail feasibility study along the Coyote-Alamitos canal, and any city issues that may impact the neighborhood.

In addition, we plan to invite local candidates running for office from our area in the November election. While there won't be time to have them speak, we will introduce them and invite them to distribute information about their campaigns.

See you There!

CALENDAR

Saturday, October 9th
Century Oaks Park clean-up
and planting day.
9 AM to Noon
Send an e-mail to
contact@STFNA.org if you
would like to participate

Thursday, October 21st
Neighborhood Meeting
Sakamoto Elementary 7 PM

HILLSIDE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Earlier this year, the owner of an 8-acre parcel located at the end of Miracle Mountain Drive applied to the City for a zoning change to allow the construction of a single-family residence. This parcel extends from the end of Miracle Mountain to the area behind homes on Foothill. The Association has not taken a position on the proposal because the applicant

has not yet submitted a plan. Because the site is located on the front side of the Santa Teresa Foothills, potential concerns will include visual, geologic, and biologic impacts. Association board members hope to meet with the applicant in the near future so that a project that meets the needs of both the community and applicant can be satisfied.

Neighborhood Beautification

Parkstrips Update

The neighborhood association is still actively working to beautify the parkstrips in front of the city owned lots along Curie. We worked with the city's Parks & Recreation Department to come up with an estimate of costs for the project and then applied to the Community Action and Pride (CAP) program through the city for funding. Unfortunately, this program was underfunded, and with scarce funds our application was not one of the ones selected during their last round of funding. We are appealing this decision, have worked with the Parks & Rec Department to revise the budget, and will apply again during the program's next round of funding.

There is more information about this project on the website at www.STFNA.org. We will also be discussing this project at the association meeting October 21st.

Volunteer Adopt-A-Park

The neighborhood association has adopted two parks in the area:

- Century Oaks Park at the corner of Snell & Colleen
- Foothill Park at the corner of Cahalan and Foothill

Both of these parks have sprinklers installed close to the street, but the sprinklers were broken. When that happened, the plants that were being watered died. The city is waiting until the neighborhood association is ready to do planting before turning the sprinklers back on again.

FOOTHILL PARK...

We need a member of the neighborhood association to organize clean-ups and planting at Foothill Park. If you are interested in volunteering to organize this, please call Matt Freeman at (408) 229-9543 or e-mail contact@STFNA.org.



CENTURY OAKS PARK...

A clean-up and planting day is planned for Century Oaks park on October 9th from 9 AM to Noon. Lynn Paulson has been organizing these clean-ups, and will again be organizing this one, but is looking for your help! This is an opportunity to keep our neighborhood looking beautiful, and to contribute to our quality of life.

Water and gloves will be provided. If you have tools such as shovels, hoes, rakes, and or hand planting tools, please bring them along.

Please meet at the corner of Snell & Colleen to help out with this important effort. If you would like more information, please e-mail contact@STFNA.org.

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Trail Access to Santa Teresa County Park

Santa Teresa County Park is well known for its great views, trails for hiking and biking, and large picnic grounds. Since it is on the Southeast border of our neighborhood, it is an easy destination for many of our members, but it has been a challenge to access from the neighborhood without driving to the top.

In order to provide legal access, the County Parks Department is planning to put in a new trail that will start on county owned land at or near Curie Drive and San Ignacio, go up the hill above the canal, and run behind the Mounted Ranger Unit that was opened last year.

As part of this effort, the County Parks Department also agreed to put up fences

around the ends of the canal to discourage trespassing on the private property (the canal goes through private property at the end close to Santa Teresa Park).

Community input is still needed to make this happen or at least make it happen in a way that meets community needs. If you would like to support this effort, find more information on our website (www.STFNA.org) or plan to attend the monthly meetings of Friends of Santa Teresa Park. Visit their website at www.stpfriends.org.

Board meetings are open to the public and currently scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of the month. Check www.STFNA.org before attending for location and any scheduling changes.

THE BOARD

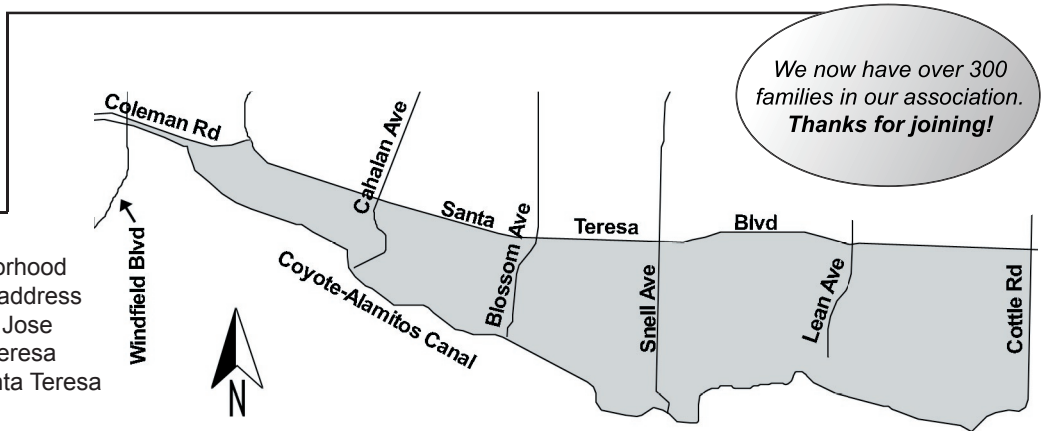
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The Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association was formed in 2000 to address community issues in the south San Jose area generally bounded by Santa Teresa Boulevard on the north and the Santa Teresa Foothills on the south.

There are still many more people in the neighborhood that haven't joined our group so we want to make sure all know they are welcome! Come on out to our neighborhood meeting October 21st to find out what we are all about, and why not ask your neighbor to join you? Help us grow so that we can keep our association active and our voice strong. There are times when our voice needs to be heard and when we're strong - **We can make a difference!**

Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association Membership Application and Renewal

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

(if you provide an e-mail address, you will be added to our e-mail list)

Address: _____

City / Zip code: _____

Phone: _____

Date: _____

Check here if this is a renewal.



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 Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Assoc.
 117 Bernal Road - #70-273
 San Jose, CA 95119


Please accept my annual dues and tax-deductible donation of: \$10 \$20 \$50 \$100 \$_____ Other

Register and pay online
 at www.STFNA.org



Please tell us which issues interest you the most:

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


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Benford College Scholarship



Erin Benford is a REALTOR® living in the Santa Teresa Foothills area serviced by Santa Teresa High School. Her younger son, Jeffrey Benford, was able to attend a college of his choice with the aid of several scholarships. He graduates from the University of Southern California in May 2005 with a degree in economics.

We are very pleased that the scholarship opportunities were available for Jeffrey and now want to make a scholarship available for another local student:

Type of Award: The Benford College Scholarship is a \$1,000.00 grant to be used for post high school education costs such as books, tuition, room and board.

Details and Application: Available at www.erinbenford.com.

Contact:

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