



SANTA TERESA FOOTHILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION Neighborhood Newsletter

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MAY 12TH ASSOCIATION MEETING - DON'T MISS IT!

A great opportunity to meet your neighbors and learn about some of the hot topics in the neighborhood

At the meeting:

- Presentation on how we can 'calm' the traffic in our neighborhood by the city's department of transportation.
- An opportunity to meet City Council Members Forrest Williams and Nancy Pyle. They'll be there to discuss issues affecting our neighborhood and answer questions.
- Updates on STFNA projects including the Curie Park Strip beautification, clean-a-creek, and adopt a park.
- Updates on potential hillside development.

STREET SMARTS is a traffic calming program from the City of San José Department of Transportation. The program addresses problems at the source: In the minds of drivers, pedestrians and cyclists is intended to get people thinking.

- Raise the discussion
- Change attitudes
- Improve behaviors
- Reduce accidents and injuries

Ever run a red light, jaywalk or speed through a school zone? Most of us have. But none of us should. And we all know it. That's the problem. And the reason why the City of San José initiated the **STREET SMARTS** program. To raise a public discussion about our attitudes and actions on the streets. To remind us that laws are laws. And to offer new ways of thinking about the role each of us can play as part of a **STREET SMARTS** solution.

**WHERE: Sakamoto Elementary School
(corner of Shadelands and Colleen)**

**WHEN: Thursday, May 12th, 2005
7:00 to 9:00pm**

NEW LANDSCAPING ALONG CURIE COMING IN JUNE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED JUNE 4th & 18th CELEBRATION PARTY ON THE 18th !

Made possible by the Community Action Pride (CAP) grant program, District 2 funding, the City of San Jose and the efforts of STFNA, this \$37k beautification project will be a long awaited welcome change to our neighborhood providing safer walkways and an extension of the hills spectacular beauty.

Starting soon the San Jose Conservation Corp will begin removing soil along the park strips and replacing it with decomposed granite. Some 35 trees will be planted along the park strips with sandstone dispersed in between for walkways between curb and sidewalk. In addition, retaining walls will be built up along Benzo, Malory and Woosley to prevent hillside runoff with climbing wall vines eventually planted.

On June 4th we will kick-off our volunteer commitment to the grant by working with Our City Forest and getting the trees planted. 35 volunteers are needed from 8:45 until 11:00AM. On June 18th the retaining walls will be power washed and painted. Again, 35 volunteers will be needed from 8:00 until noon. A stipulation of the grant requires that STFNA provide these volunteer hours. **WE NEED YOUR HELP...** so come join in on the fun - meet your neighbors - invest some time in your neighborhood. To celebrate the new look we'll be having a wrap up party and BBQ after the painting is done on the 18th.

If you'd like to volunteer, e-mail Jacqueline Price at jacquelinep@stfna.org or call 408-226-8679 just as soon as you can! Thanks for volunteering!



CURIE DRIVE PARKSTRIPS
(N) STREET TREES and PARKSTRIP PAVING DETAIL

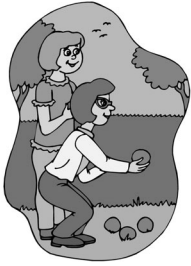


*Preservation of the Santa Teresa Foothills
Creation of a public trail along the Coyote-Alamitos Canal
Public Education and Awareness, Safe Neighborhoods
Hillside Development Enforcement*

Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association

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BOCCE BALL AT ALMADEN LAKE PARK

Almaden Lake Park is a close recreational area that many in the neighborhood use for swimming, biking, walking, and relaxing. Over the last year improvements to the park have been made, including the addition of Bocce Ball courts. There will be a grand opening of the Bocce Ball courts May 14th from 1-3. The event will include demonstrations of how to play, a ribbon cutting ceremony, and an opportunity to learn how to play from members of the US Bocce Federation. For more details visit www.stfna.org.



AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE - May 14th & 15th

The American Cancer Society 'Relay For Life' is a 24-hour team event that raises awareness of cancer, celebrates survivors, remembers those lost to the disease, and raises funds to fight cancer. Throughout 'Relay For Life', teams of friends, families and co-workers from the community commit to keeping at least one member walking the track because cancer never sleeps. It's a great way to have fun with neighbors, friends, etc. and raise money to fight cancer at the same time.

The Blossom Valley 'Relay for Life' will take place at the Caroline Davis Middle School on May 14th & 15th. For more information find their link at www.stfna.org, or e-mail Diane_lewandowski@fbwcl.com

A NEW SCHOOL DISTRICT?

The South Valley Unified School District is a group of concerned parents representing the elementary, middle and high schools in the southern part of the San Jose Unified School District and is in favor of splitting San Jose Unified School District into 2 districts. The new district would be made up of the 13 southern most schools from San Jose Unified, and would include 7 elementary, 4 middle, and 2 high schools.

The group is currently collecting the 9000 signatures required to petition the county to evaluate the option. It should be noted that the petition is only for a feasibility study to be done. If it is deemed feasible, there would still be public hearings and a vote.

STFNA has not taken a position on this issue, but feels it is important to pass on the information. If you are interested, visit their website at... <http://southvalleyschools.tripod.com>.

A petition form will be available at our general association meeting May 12th if you are interested in signing it.

NATIONAL RIVER CLEAN UP DAY May 21st, 9:00AM to Noon

Do you ever notice the creek that runs through the neighborhood from Cottle Road to Chesbro? It's Canoas Creek and runs parallel to Santa Teresa Blvd. It crosses many of the main streets through the neighborhood - Cottle, Lean, Snell, and Blossom to name a few.

As part of National River Clean Up Day, STFNA will be cleaning this creek and is looking for lots of volunteers. We'll provide the bags, gloves, and water, so just bring yourselves and a willingness to help out. We'll even let you keep the gloves!

Meet where the creek crosses Snell, which is behind Santa Teresa High School. From there we'll spread out across to the various portions of the creek.

For information visit this website:
<http://cleanacreek.org/5-21-05/canoas.htm>



MASTER PLAN FOR SANTA TERESA PARK

The Santa Clara County Parks department will be creating a master plan this fall for the portion of Santa Teresa Park that is closest to our neighborhood. The plan has to do with the Rancho Santa Teresa Historic Park Area (bounded by San Ignacio on the east, Curie, and Manila Drive to the north, Camino Verde to the west and to just north of the canal to the north).

The main intent is to plan the interpretive development of that park area, but we will also be looking at trail access from the Curie/San Ignacio area. STFNA is attempting to work with the county to be sure the plan addresses the needs of all affected. The desire is to have easy access to the park while at the same mitigating the trespassing that occurs now through backyards.

We will e-mail updates as they become available to all members who have provided an e-mail address. If you're not a member yet, join now to stay informed (see membership form on next page.)

Thanks for supporting us!

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HILLSIDE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The owner of an 8-acre hillside parcel located at the westerly end of the Santa Teresa Foothills (near Miracle Mountain Drive) has applied to the City of San Jose for zoning to allow the construction of an approximately 6,800 square foot residence. Issues of concern include visual impacts, geologic impacts, loss of trees, and consistency with City policies pertaining to development on hillsides with slopes greater than 15%.

To date, STFNA Board of Directors has had several meetings with the applicant. The applicant has expressed his desire to work with the community to address these concerns. Additional studies are currently underway. As the process moves forward, updates will be provided at www.stfna.org and via e-mail.

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

- President: Matt Freeman
- Vice President: John Hesler
- Secretary: Mike Bosworth
- Recording Secretary: Rick Mandel
- Treasurer: Roland White
- Director at Large: Forrest Williams
- Director at Large: Lynne Paulson
- Director at Large: Rich De La Rosa
- Director at Large: Jacqueline Price

HAVE AN IDEA TO MAKE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD BETTER?

STFNA recently helped a group of families on Blossom secure a grant for tree planting and a block party. Do you have an idea for a project on your street? Do you want to start a Neighborhood Watch Group? How about organizing a block party? STFNA can help you get organized! Just send an e-mail to contact@stfna.org and we'll help you implement a project on your street.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF STFNA?

Have you registered as a member of the Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association? Registering gives you a right to vote on issues that are important to the neighborhood and providing an e-mail address insures that you get notified of all our activities.

Become part of a VOICE - A VOICE that gains strength in numbers so when it comes to hillside development, City Officials know we mean business!

[If you are currently not a member, take this opportunity to sign-up! Just fill out the form below or sign-up at www.stfna.org.]

Dues are optional, but we ask that if you like what STFNA is doing, please contribute \$20/year to help fund our activities and the mailing of newsletters. If your contribution is indicated as not paid above, how about making a contribution for 2005? Simply fill in the form and mail it in or pay online with a credit card at www.STFNA.org. We greatly appreciate our member support!

We now have over 350 families in our association. 500 Members for 2005 - That's our goal!
The larger our membership - the stronger our voice

**Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association
Membership Application and Renewal**

Date: _____

Check here if this is a renewal.



Name: _____

E-mail _____

(your e-mail is private and will not be shared outside of STFNA)

Address: _____

City / Zip code: _____

Phone: _____

Mail form and enclose check payable to:
Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Assoc.
117 Bernal Road - #70-273
San Jose, CA 95119

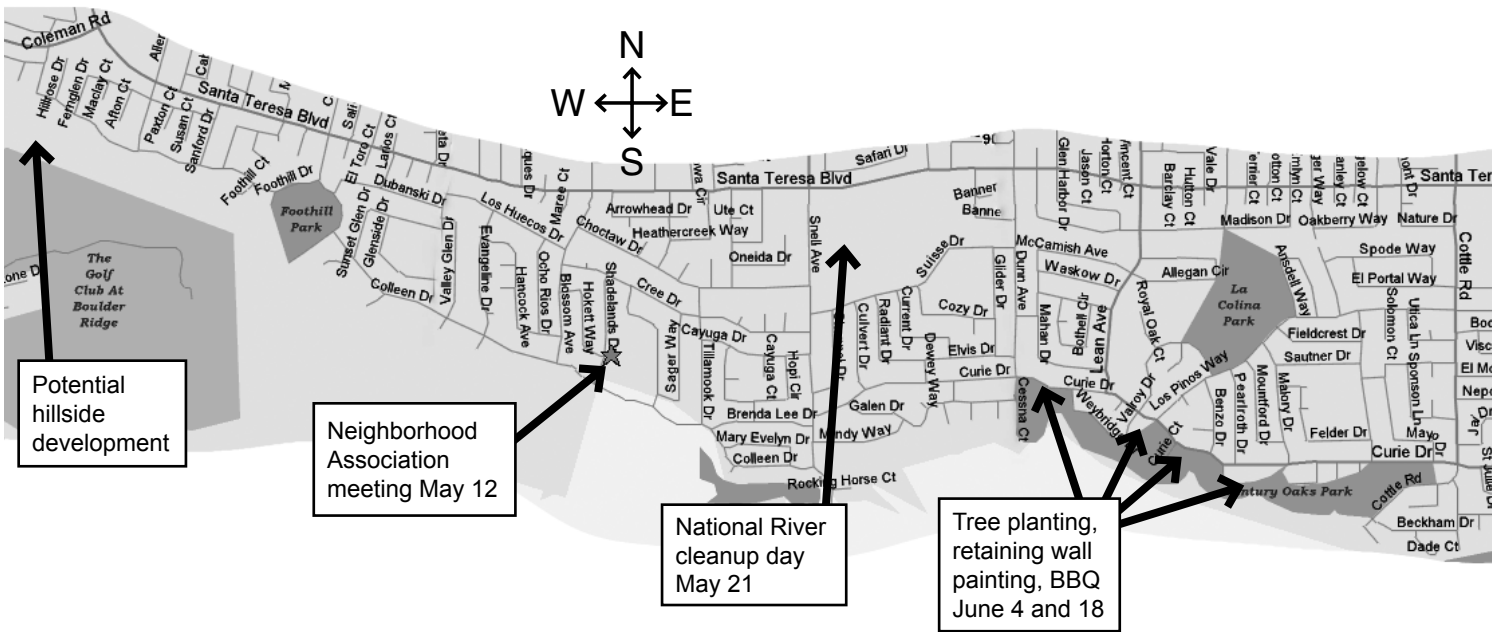
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Register and pay online
www.STFNA.org
or email contact@stfna.org

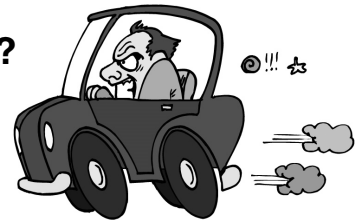


Please tell us which issues interest you the most:

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



**Are you tired of SPEEDING CARS on your street?
 Are dangerous drivers ignoring stop signs?
 Are you ready to do something about it?**



Come out to hear a special presentation on traffic calming as part of your
Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association Meeting on May 12th!



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Not familiar with our Association? Take a look inside and see what we're all about!