



UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY'S

Neighbor to Neighbor

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NEW MEMBERS

We're tickled pink to have three neighborhood groups join UNSCC in July! Welcome to **Old Mountain View Neighborhood Association** of Mountain View, **Seven Trees Neighborhood Group** of San Jose, and **Silver Leaf Neighborhood Association** of San Jose!

THANK YOU

It is with sticky smiles that we thank **Ben & Jerry's** in downtown San Jose for their strawberry ice cream donation for our July ice cream social. We're also grateful to **Peet's Coffee & Tea** for their generous donation of a giant jug of decaf coffee. The bright, colorful space for the event was available thanks to the **SBA Cisco Systems San Jose Entrepreneur Center** in downtown San Jose.

UNSCC YOUTH AWARD

United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County will recognize outstanding youths, ages 8-18, who have made an impact in their community by showing initiative and leadership in accomplishing set goals to improve their neighborhood. We will present two individuals or groups with an award of \$500 each to be used to further existing projects or expand a project to address additional community need.



Requirements for Applicants:

- A completed or semi-completed project must be planned and implemented by youth.
- The individual applicant or group members must be 8-18 years old.
- The individual applicant or group members must live in Santa Clara County.
- A community organization must oversee the project and handle the award money on behalf of the youth (note: special consideration will be given to youth groups working with existing **neighborhood associations**).
- An adult member of the community organization must attend the project and write a letter of support with the application.

How to apply:

- Fill out the application (see newsletter insert). Please write clearly or type.
- Mail the application to:

Youth Award Committee
United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County
525 W. Alma Avenue
San Jose, CA 95125

- The deadline for applications is Friday, September 7, 2001.

Winners will be asked to attend the United Neighborhoods Conference on Saturday, October 13, 2001, to accept the award. Winners will also be asked to write a 6-month progress report detailing award spending.

If you have questions, please call United Neighborhoods at **(408) 286-8661**.

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NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

McLaughlin Corridor Neighborhood Association

will be hosting a Flea Market with Resource Fair, Tot Lot Dedication, and much more on Saturday, August 11. The event will be from 9 AM to 3 PM. You'll find them along their beautiful Umbarger Walkway, at McLaughlin Avenue. Questions? Call (408) 365-1300.

Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association, Sunnyhills Youth Action Team, and Community Foundation Silicon Valley are co-sponsoring Sunnyhills Be an Artist Day, a free event for Milpitas residents. They'll be sharing their artistic talents on Saturday, August 11 from 11 AM to 2 PM at 355 Dixon Road, Milpitas.

Adults and children will be introduced to several different skills including painting and henna tattoos (they wear off). Call (408) 946-5260 for more information.

Northside Neighborhood Association is holding their Annual Flea Market Saturday, August 11 from 8 AM to 4 PM in Backesto Park at N. 13th and Empire Streets in San Jose.

Eden Neighborhood Association's August 14 meeting at 7 PM will feature their own Lilyann Brannon, a talented writer, who is gathering historical stories of their neighborhood. The meeting will be at the Primary Plus School on Amber Drive in San Jose, between Williams and Payne. Contact phone: (408) 244-2464.

Rosemary Gardens Neighborhood Yard Sale will be Saturday, August 25, from 8 AM - 4 PM, located north of the 880/N. First St. exit, then turn left on Rosemary St. Something for everybody.

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR OF UNSCC

Hello members and friends of UNSCC:

UNSCC is growing. We have five new members in the last 60 days! We welcome any new neighborhood organization that is developing or any established association to become a member of UNSCC. Why? Simple, UNSCC is here to serve you.

We are a coalition of neighborhood associations with a mission to promote the creation, preservation, and enhancement of strong healthy neighborhoods through education, resources, advocacy, and outreach.

Another good reason to join is our event insurance. In addition to neighborhood event coverage, your group's regular monthly or bi-monthly membership meetings are covered.*

In addition, by being a UNSCC member, our directors and officers insurance covers your group's board members. This coverage is included in your membership dues! Wow! What a bargain. These two items alone are reason enough to become a UNSCC member.*

If you know of a neighborhood organization that is not a member, strongly recommend them to call us at 408-286-8661 and join. Our membership process has been streamlined to better serve you.

Daniel J. Chávez
Chair, UNSCC

** Important: To all current members, please see both insurance articles on page 4.*

Have something to tell us? Please send your news our way. What's going on in your neighborhood? Let us know. Tell us what, where, when, and don't forget a contact phone number. Articles may be faxed to (408) 286-8680, or email'd to your editor, Lauren Cheong, at laurendona@yahoo.com. Please note, if you're not with a neighborhood association and would like to submit an article, we give preference to issues and events which serve neighborhoods throughout Santa Clara County.

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JOB OPENINGS

United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County is seeking a part-time **Program Coordinator/Administrative Assistant**. This detail-oriented individual will assist UNSCC's Executive Director in the planning and implementation of ongoing training programs, workshops, UNSCC's annual conference, along with other events. Other tasks may include regular filing, answering phones, writing correspondence, collecting membership data, event setup/cleanup, and assisting various committees in the organization. This 20-hour a week position is considered temporary, however no end date has been set. Occasional evening hours are required, as well as working Saturday, October 13, 2001. Office is near light rail. Please call (408) 286-8661 or email unsc@pacbell.net for details.

Children and Families First Commission is looking for a **Latino Civic Engagement Coordinator**. This full time person will develop and implement various outreach strategies with special emphasis within the Latino populations in Santa Clara County. The role of the Civic Engagement Project is to engage citizen and community participation. Bilingual and biliterate capacity in Spanish is required, plus a minimum of two years experience in community organizing and outreach. For a more detailed job description, please contact Steve Arevalo at steve@santaclarakids.org, or at (408) 534-0818.

KTEH PLEDGE DRIVE

KTEH public television is looking for volunteers for its August Pledge Drive from Friday, August 3 to Sunday, August 19. Food is provided, and groups of 10 or more receive on-air credit! Minimum age requirement is 16. English is required, but Spanish is a plus. If you'd like to sign up, please email volunteer@kteh.org, or call (408) 795-5403.

A GREAT NIGHT OUT

Many of our members have planned to join in National Night Out (NNO) by holding events in their neighborhoods on Tuesday, August 7. Throughout the US people will be outside Tuesday night getting to know their neighbors. The goal is to unite for safe neighborhoods, and against crime. Here are just a few of our members' activities:

San Tomas Neighborhood Association of Campbell is hosting its second ice cream social 6:30 PM to dusk at John D. Morgan Park in Campbell.



Buena Vista and Burbank Neighborhoods, along with many other local businesses and groups, will be co-hosting a barbecue and public health and safety event from 5:30 to 8:30 PM at S. Willard and Douglas Avenues in San Jose.

Silver Leaf Neighborhood Association will host an ice cream social at Silver Leaf Park in San Jose from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

Horace Mann Neighborhood Association is having their annual potluck barbecue for NNO in the parking lot behind the First United Methodist Church on N. 6th Street, near E. Santa Clara Street in San Jose. They'll be partying from around 5:30 PM until sunset.

Other UNSCC member groups celebrating National Night Out with neighborhood events include **Goodyear/Mastic Neighborhood Association, Rancho Narvaez Neighborhood Association, Rosemary Gardens Neighborhood Association, and Sunrise Valley Neighborhood Association!** Wow! What a fabulous sense of unity and celebration in the area!

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COUNTY SUPERVISOR'S GENEROSITY

Santa Clara County Supervisor **Blanca Alvarado** has shown her generous support of United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County through a grant of \$25,000. These funds are available to assist UNSCC in the development and implementation of neighborhood training and education designed to benefit neighborhoods throughout the County. Her funds will enable us to be better neighborhood leaders, and to have stronger neighborhoods that we're proud to call our own. *Thank you Blanca for making investment in your county, at a level that will have a positive impact in the heart of our community!*

Save these Dates

Wednesday, September 19 is our next Advisory Council (membership) meeting. We'll be returning to our usual home at 525 W. Alma Avenue in San Jose. Need directions? Call Jacqui at (408) 286-8661.

Saturday, October 13 is the event of the year for United Neighborhoods! It's our Annual Fall Conference designed specifically for neighborhood representatives, leaders, and future leaders. Or, if you just want to learn more about neighborhood issues, you'll want to be there! You'll find us at 701 Vine Street in San Jose at the Center for Employment Training (CET). Watch our web site at www.unscc.org for more details.

DIRECTORS & OFFICERS INSURANCE

If your neighborhood association is a member of UNSCC, your directors and officers *who we have record of* are covered by our Directors & Officers (D&O) Insurance. However, if your Board of Directors has any new faces since you last told us who's who, then we'll need a new list from you to cover those individuals. Just email or fax the list to our office at unscc@pacbell.net or (408) 286-8680.

The coverage limits are \$1,000,000 per claim and cover, "...a variety of claims alleging harm attributable to the governance or management of an organization," as a publication distributed by the Non-profit Risk Management Center (NRMC) states.

The coverage is provided to both UNSCC General and Associate Members.

EVENT INSURANCE

Did you complete an insurance request form?

Having an event soon? Have you completed an insurance request form for this event? If not, you will **not** be insured for that event, unless you're covered by another source. At least one month prior to each event you have, you must complete our one page insurance request form and fax or mail it to our office. We review the request and give a thumbs up or down (usually up), and you're good to go. Didn't complete a form? Then there's no coverage. If you need an insurance request form, check your white membership binder. There should be one in there. If not, visit our web site at www.unscc.org, click on "What is UNSCC About" and scroll half way down the page. You'll find a link to our insurance form there. Or, call Jacqui at (408) 286-8661 for a copy.

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A MAN DEVOTED TO HIS COMMUNITY

A neighborhood association is made successful by the individuals in that neighborhood who care about its future, who consistently take steps to improve the community, who have learned to make the process fun, and who share that fun with their neighbors.

United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County has seen many successful member groups. One such group is the LeyVa Community Action Team (LeyVa CAT) of San Jose. One man who's helped make this group successful is **Khanh Nguyen**. Khanh's level of caring and his devotion to his neighborhood have helped it to grow and thrive.

LeyVa CAT held their first meeting in November of 1997. At his meeting Khanh stepped forward to help write by-laws and elect officers. He was their first treasurer and helped draft their first grant application. Khanh has since written all their grants and has secured funding for their association.

He has supported ALL the many functions the LeyVa CAT has hosted during the past four years including operation of a donated bobcat to dig the 133 holes for the Our City Forest trees and shrubs that volunteers planted. Other events he's helped to organize include LeyVa's Parade In the Park, National Night Out Ice Cream Socials, Family Sports Day, Youth Basketball/Pizza, Spring Fling, Annual Birthday Party, Dumpster Clean-up, Flea Market, Rice in the Park, Daffodil Planting, repeat tree plantings, and neighborhood graffiti, litter and weed removal. Not only did he help organize these events, but he's done much of the physical labor with a great attitude!

UNSCC has been fortunate to have Khanh as LeyVa CAT's representative in the past few years at Advisory Council meetings. Khanh also served as chair of UNSCC's Nominating Committee in 2000,

and has served on the UNSCC's Products and Services Committee since its inception. Khanh was also co-presenter for Action Plan and Budget training for neighborhoods provided by UNSCC.

His efforts continue! Khanh has been an active mentor to the West Evergreen Neighborhood Association during their transition of leadership. He is representing the LeyVa CAT area as a PAC member for the Strong Neighborhood Initiative, and is the only Asian member of that group. He serves as NAB member for the Restorative Justice Project and donates his stipend to the LeyVa CAT.

LeyVa CAT President Kathy Antl says, "*I consider Khanh a good neighbor, friend, and member of my family...and the best part is his humility.*"

UNSCC and LeyVa CAT are very fortunate to know Khanh Nguyen and to benefit from his experience and his high regard for community development and improvement. His integrity, high standards, and devotion to the community are truly remarkable!

CALIFORNIA POLICE & FIRE SUMMER GAMES

The Police Amateur Athletic Foundation and The San Jose Police Department are proud to be the hosts of the 2001 California Police and Fire Summer Games during the week of August 11 - 18, 2001. This event is the third largest gathering of athletes in the world behind The Olympics and The World Police and Fire Games. The Games will bring over 9,000 athletes and their families to San Jose. Visit the official games web site for a schedule of events, www.2001summergames.org, or call (408) 272-9751.