



UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY'S

Neighbor to Neighbor

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CALENDAR

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday August 6
UNSCC Alma Office
525 W. Alma Avenue
San Jose

6:00pm committees
7:00pm call to order
approval of minutes
treasurer's report
director's report
committee reports
bylaw committee
2003-2004 budget
adjourn

CULTURAL DIVERSITY FOCUS GROUP

Thursday August 7
6pm at Alma office

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday Sept 17

10TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE Saturday October 18

UNSCC does not endorse
political candidates

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IT TAKES A VILLAGE...

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In our modern day metropolis with high speed internet and twenty-four seven society, we forget the old saying, it takes a village to raise a child. The Restorative Justice Program (RJP) is trying to re-introduce the idea that the village needs to participate in a child's upbringing.

A County of Santa Clara Community Justice Center's project, RJP is a diversion program in which first-time, non-violent, middle- and high-school youth offenders are diverted from Juvenile Hall. Neighborhood volunteers, representing the village, are extensively trained with classroom instructions, observations, and roles play on how to conduct Neighborhood Accountability Board (NAB) conferences. NAB conferences, designed to focus on what the youth did and how that affected his victims, are attended by the youth offenders along with their parents and/or guardians. The purpose of the NAB conference is to create a contract that addresses how the youth will repair the harms that he had caused.

The range of offenses which qualify for diversion into RJP ranges from cutting classes to shoplifting to smoking on campus to possession of illegal substances or fighting. Depending on the offense, a typical contract will include financial restitution to the victim if appropriate, letters of apologies, skill development classes, and community service hours.

Neighborhood associations can impact the success of RJP by providing service opportunities as the youth is compelled to perform community service hours per his contract, usually under the watchful eyes of a youth intervention worker. At first, it might seem like punishment; but if anything, the youth would come to realize that there are neighborhood volunteers taking pride in where they live by picking up litter and planting trees. Through RJP, neighborhood associations can involve and engage at-risk youth to participate and perhaps become part of the community.

For more information on RJP, contact Maria Ramirez at 408-289-9243 or maria_ramirez@JPD.CO.SANTA-CLARA.CA.US.

UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY

United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County is a coalition of neighborhood associations. Our mission is to promote the creation, preservation, and enhancement of healthy neighborhoods through education, resources and outreach.

Thank you County Supervisor Blanca Alvarado for supporting UNSCC!

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ELIZABETH ANABO BRICC AWARD

The Elizabeth Anabo Building Resourceful Inspirational Creative Community (BRICC) Awards were established in 1994 to recognize the work neighborhood groups do in building communities and revitalizing neighborhoods. Beginning in 2001, the award was renamed to honor the memory of and to commemorate Elizabeth Anabo, a Senior Program Officer at Community Foundation Silicon Valley (CFSV) who passed away October 2000. Anabo was extremely dedicated to, and passionate about neighborhood groups and made tremendous contributions to them over the four years she worked at Community Foundation. Neighborhood associations nominate themselves for the award by submitting a nomination form. The award of \$1,000 and a plaque mounted on an actual clay brick are presented each fall at the United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County (UNSCC) Annual Conference.

Approvals for a revised nomination form and funding for this award are in the works. Visit www.cfsv.org/com_anabo.html to see the 2002 nomination form. For more information, look in future newsletters or contact UNSCC.

CHANGES AT UNSCC

With his move to Georgia, Scott Scholz resigned as chairman of United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County (UNSCC). UNSCC thanks Scott for the many years of service he provided Santa Teresa Citizen Action Group and UNSCC. The board appointed Tom Clifton to the chairmanship and Ed Rast of Willow Glen Neighborhood Association to fill the resulting vacancy on the board.

UNSCC SPONSORSHIPS

United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County (UNSCC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit coalition of neighborhood associations. Contributions to UNSCC are tax-deductible and are particularly needed in this economic downturn. Send contributions to:

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COOL OFF WITH HOT WEATHER REBATES FROM PG&E

Bev Alexander, PG&E

Summer cooling costs can leave some businesses hot under the collar, which is why Pacific Gas and Electric Company is offering an array of rebates on energy efficient products.

Chamber of Commerce members who run small and medium sized businesses that use 500 kilowatts or less of electricity each month are eligible for rebates of up to \$25,000 under PG&E's Express Efficiency program for 2003.

PG&E's rebates offset the initial cost of purchasing and installing a variety of new energy efficient technologies. The math is simple: the less energy a business uses means smaller utility bills at the end of the month.

Some of the rebates that are available include:

- Air conditioners
- Advanced evaporative coolers
- Cool roofs
- Programmable thermostats
- Reflective window film
- Heat pumps
- Refrigeration
- Cooking equipment
- LED exit signs

Just like summer, these rebates will not last forever. Due to the popularity of the program, businesses are strongly encouraged to apply for rebates as soon as possible. To ensure funding availability, businesses should call PG&E at 800-468-4743 to have their rebate money set aside before equipment purchase.

Vendors that promote and market Express Efficiency rebates to customers can receive important program updates by subscribing to Express' e-mail service at www.pge.com/expresssignup. For more information on rebates available and to obtain application forms, visit www.pge.com/express.

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Tenth Annual United Neighborhoods Conference

CELEBRATING A DECADE AND MOVING FORWARD

Saturday, October 18, 2003
Christian Community Church
1523 McLaughlin Street
San Jose, CA

NETWORKING!

COLLABORATION!

LEARNING!

FUN!

United Neighborhoods Annual Conference is ideal for anyone wanting to improve his or her community. The conference will feature over 15 workshops on common community issues and give suggestions on how to solve these issues in your own community.

Our Keynote Speaker will be Janice Edwards, host and producer of "Community Focus" on NBC11/KNTV

Workshop Themes:

- Soup to Nuts is planning an event
- It's fun asking for money
- Help! I need volunteers
- Getting the media's eye
- What every leader should know
- Coming across clear and organized

Other Perks:

- Breakfast and served lunch
- Registration Cost \$ 20 (\$15 early reg)
- Resource Fair of local agencies
- Award ceremonies/donation prizes
- Lunchtime entertainment
- Translators available

**Contact United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County
for registration information.**

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DAY BREAK

Safety Net for Caregivers

Caregiving can be like running a marathon with out ever seeing the finish line. Day Break Respite services are the “time-outs” caregivers need to stay in that race.

For the last three years the Evergreen community has benefited from the unique services offered by Catholic Charities Day Break Caregiver Respite program, housed at the Saint Francis of Assisi Parish.

Our population is aging. “Baby Boomers” must juggle work and family while trying to care for elderly parents. Seniors are trying to care for their ill spouses, when they are not that strong and suffer from declining health as well. Day Break respite assistance is a lifeline for caregivers that struggle to balance the needs of dependent relatives. Adult day care and in-home support services are the “Safety-Net” ensuring that frail elderly can remain in their homes and age in place, avoiding costly and sometimes unnecessary institutional care.

Day Break offers a comprehensive program of recreation, socialization, and health promotion. The day center operates Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am- 3:00 PM, provides a hot lunch, exercise, crafts, music and art therapy, and a multidisciplinary care team that oversees care plans.

Trained volunteers propel the in-home Friendly Visiting program offered to seniors too frail to attend the day center. Escorted transportation services are available for medical appointments and grocery shopping.

Additional services include health screenings, caregiver support groups, and case management. Day Break is one of the only programs pioneering Caregiver Training classes, designed to prepare family caregivers for caregiving tasks.

Program Director, Helena Fox, MS, explains the Day Break philosophy.

“We view the family as the client. Our goal is to keep families together and keep the dependent elder engaged and stimulated. Program activities help to maintain the highest level of function for the longest period of time, enhancing the quality of life for both care receiver and caregiver. Statistics indicate, caregivers utilizing respite services have decreased stress levels, improved sleep patterns, and report greater satisfaction in their caregiver roles. Everybody has a good day at Day Break. Wednesday’s we have Maruichi music, and we even have an Elvis impersonator that comes to entertain the clients.”

For more information, a tour of Day Break, or volunteer opportunities please call Helena Fox, at 408-270-4900.

HEALTH REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Assembly Member Manny Diaz

Thursday August 14, 2003 from 6 - 8pm

San Jose City Council Chambers

North First Street and Mission Street , San Jose

- Status Report on HCA Plan to close San Jose Medical Center
- Health Care for Working Families — Is there any help on the way?
- Reports on Quality Care and Access Issues in Santa Clara County

Please contact Jennifer Farris at 277-1220 or jennifer.farris@asm.ca.gov for more information.

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FIRST ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY

Japantown Neighborhood Association

Tuesday August 5, 2003 from 6 - 9pm

E. Mission Street, between 5th & 6th, San Jose

For information, contact jna_sj@yahoo.com or the event organizer Mary Jo at mjcmccully@aol.com.

2ND ANNUAL WASHINGTON COMMUNITY

National Night Out Event

Tuesday August 5, 2003 from 5 - 8pm

Brenda Lopez Memorial Plaza, between Washington Elementary and Youth Center, San Jose

Resource fair, children's activities, BBQ, DJ music, giant slide, special characters, balloons, entertainment and more. Contact Mark Lopez at 408-483-8748 or Mark_Lopez@sjusd.k12.ca.us.

NEIGHBORHOOD FLEA MARKET

McLaughlin Corridor Neighborhood Association

Saturday August 9, 2003 from 9am to 3pm

Umbarger Walkway on Umbarger Road just west of McLaughlin Avenue, San Jose

Special features will include: San Jose Code Enforcement, Boy Scouts, San Jose Prepared, Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters Office and the new electronic voting machines that will be used in future elections, San Jose Mounted Patrol and more! Call 365-1300 for more information.

FREE TREE AMIGO COURSE

The next Our City Forest "Tree Amigo" volunteer training course begins September 3. Those completing the 18-hour training will become certified to coach volunteers at neighborhood and school tree plantings sponsored by Our City Forest.

This course consists of six 3-hour classes. Students will learn planting techniques, species identification, basic tree care, and how to help organize a community planting. There will be a tree nursery tour, a walking tree tour and a tree planting project. The training is open to all. No experience necessary. For more information, please contact Melanie Kimbel at mkimbel@ourcityforest.org, 408-998-7337 (408-99-TREES) or visit www.ourcityforest.org.

FREE PRINTING SERVICE

Resources for Families and Communities (RFC) offers a variety of services - free or at a low rate. One free service is the use of our printer at the Eastridge office. All you have to do is bring the paper for your copies. To schedule a time and date, please call Sonia Ruiz at 408-528-6700.

RFC MULTICULTURAL CONFERENCE

Unity and its Many Branches

Tuesday September 9, 2003 from 9am to 5pm
Santa Clara University, Santa Clara

Conference Brochure available online at www.rfcommunity.org with special Early Bird Rate of \$35 and a group rate for agencies or organizations sending five (5) or more participants. To qualify for a group rate, all participants must be from same agency AND sign up at the same time. There are limited scholarships available for those unable to pay the registration fees. Contact Rosemary Baez at rbaez@rfcommunity.org or 408-521-5110.

CLEANUP TOOLS AVAILABLE

The West of 4th Neighborhood Group has made an assortment of tools available to members of UNSCC. The tools include shovels, picks, rakes, work gloves, and sledge hammers. These tools are available for neighborhood cleanup events. Call Steve Cohen at 408-947-7877 for more information.

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