



UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY'S

Neighbor to Neighbor

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CALENDAR

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING**
Wednesday, July 2
6:00 pm
UNSCC Office
525 W. Alma Avenue
San Jose

**ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING**
Wednesday, July 16
6:45 pm
UNSCC Office

**CULTURAL DIVERSITY
FOCUS GROUP**
Tuesday, August 5

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING**
Wednesday, August 6

**ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING**
Wednesday, Sept 17

10TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Saturday October 18

UNSCC does not endorse
political candidates

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A REASON TO HOPE

Khanh Nguyen, LeyVa CAT

Calling themselves TGIF (Teens Getting in Focus), a group of middle- and high-school aged youth from the LeyVa Community Action Team and the West Evergreen Neighborhood Association, had been meeting regularly at the Meadowfair Center in San Jose since the fall of 1999. The center was a depressing place with fences and bars like a prison, and a brown cyclone fence that was regularly tagged with gang-related graffiti.

In the spring of 2000, TGIF applied and received a Community Foundation Silicon Valley Youth in Philanthropy grant. One component of the grant was the planting of jasmines and Indian hawthorns to beautify Meadowfair Center. Another was engaging the youth of the neighborhood with outreach efforts. The major component of the grant was to create an art work of black silhouettes against sky-blue background of positive youth activities - skateboarding, playing basketball, and performing community service.

The canvass for the art work was the often, graffiti-filled brown cyclone fence. The art work was risky as the gang in the area use red to mark their turf, with their rival using blue. TGIF spent the summer of 2000 completing the project, directly involving as many youth of the neighborhood as possible and indirectly involving others in the witnessing of whose silhouettes were being traced onto the plywood, cut, painted, and then mounted.

When the art work was completed, the youth and their mentors held their breath awaiting the response. Three years later there is no graffiti, no vandalism, and no outbreak of gang activities - only the wear and tear of time and the elements. Somehow, the art work was respected as an attempt to beautify the center and to engage youth in positive actions.

The art work stands today at Meadowfair Center in San Jose as a testament to the power of the Hopeful. Putting their fears aside, the group engaged and included youth of the neighborhood. The group took a big risk, and their efforts and dedication were rewarded with respect and support.

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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DIRECTOR'S UPDATES

United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County (UNSCC) is increasing its services to neighborhood leaders throughout Santa Clara County. For as little as one free hour per month, you could volunteer for the following exciting programs:

Youth Leadership

UNSCC has an intern for the summer from the University of San Francisco working on compiling the evaluations from Youth Empowerment Seminar. We will be identifying those individuals interested in further community service and neighborhood leadership opportunities. UNSCC wants to work with these motivated youth.

Cultural Diversity

A focus group will be meeting on August 5 to identify cultural diversity topics to be addressed in a series of workshops planned for late September. Please contact UNSCC if you are interested in attending this planning meeting. Funding for this program is through the San Jose Community Action and Pride Grant.

Neighborhood Teamwork Training in Spanish

UNSCC has received a contract from the City of Gilroy, Housing and Community Department to offer a series of leadership training workshops in the middle of September to October in Spanish.

Tenth Annual Conference

The Conference Committee is looking for more volunteers in organizing this exciting event. Your input is important in the planning of the conference. Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 18, 2003. Next month I'll share where the conference will be and who is going to be the keynote speaker.

Also, if you would like to receive the newsletter by email - and cut down on our mailing costs - please notify me at unsc@pacbell.net.

I enjoy providing services to UNSCC's 72, soon to be 74 members!

Jacqui Carr Gouveia

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. For more information, look in future newsletters or contact UNSCC.

STREET SMART

The five biggest causes of accidents in San Jose are: running a red light, not observing stop signs, speeding, school zone violations, and failure to yield to pedestrians.

The Street Smarts program is a new public education effort to improve the traffic behavior of drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists. To arrange for a Street Smarts presentation in your school or neighborhood, contact the City of San Jose Department of Transportation at 408-277-4499. For more information, visit www.GetStreetSmarts.org.

BECOME A UNSCC SPONSOR

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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WEST NILE VIRUS TARGET THE SOURCE

West Nile virus is expected to arrive in California this summer. While the virus cannot be prevented from entering Santa Clara County, there are steps you can take to reduce the threat it poses.

How it works

West Nile virus is transmitted to humans and animals by infected mosquitoes. Although rare, West Nile virus has been transmitted through blood transfusions, organ donations, and breast milk. The majority of people infected with the virus have mild or no symptoms. Those most at risk are the elderly and those who have a compromised or weakened immune system.

Santa Clara County Vector Control District

The Santa Clara County Vector Control District routinely surveys, and treats when necessary, public access areas for developing mosquitoes. This includes the hundreds of miles of creeks and waterways and more than 30,000 storm drains throughout the county. Controlling mosquito populations will help reduce the chance of people being bit by mosquitoes that could be carrying West Nile virus.

The district needs your help in fighting West Nile virus. Every year residents unknowingly raise hundreds, even thousands of mosquitoes in their own yards! By routinely checking and eliminating any standing water in your yard you can help fight West Nile virus.

What to check

Check the following areas weekly for standing water or developing mosquitoes:

- decorative pond
- swimming pool/spa
- pool/spa covers
- wading pool
- bird bath
- recycle bins
- tree holes
- rain gutter
- containers such as jars, cans, buckets, wheelbarrows, etc.



- tires
- rain barrels
- water gardens
- in-ground utility boxes

Remember: water an inch deep can produce hundreds of mosquitoes!

What to do

To protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites:

- wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outside during peak mosquito-biting times.
- place mosquito netting over infant carriers when outdoors with babies.
- consider staying indoors during peak mosquito-biting times.
- install or repair tight-fitting window and door screens.
- apply an insect repellent that contains DEET in moderation to exposed skin and according to manufacture's directions.
- apply repellents containing permethrin on clothing, since mosquitoes may bite through thin clothing.

Who to contact

Call the Santa Clara County Vector Control District at 408-792-5010 or 800-675-1155 if you:

- know of a neglected or abandoned swimming pools, hot tubs or fish ponds.
- find a dead bird that has recently died.
- are experiencing problems with mosquitoes.
- would like free mosquito eating fish for your decorative pond or fountain.
- have any questions about West Nile Virus, mosquitoes or other services offered by the Santa Clara County Vector Control District.
- would like a free brochure or speaker on West Nile Virus.

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PRE-REGISTER FOR THE NATIONAL DO NOT CALL PROGRAM

courtesy of County Supervisor Blanca Alvarado

Californians can now pre-register for the nationwide **Do Not Call** list that the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) will launch this summer. California is joining the national **Do Not Call** registry, which is **FREE** to consumers.

If you sign up today, you can stop unwanted telemarketing calls beginning in October 2003 under the nationwide program.

The State of California will deliver the pre-registered California telephone numbers to the FTC as soon as the Federal agency is ready to receive them – most likely in July 2003.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THIS PROGRAM

Only California residential and mobile telephone numbers are eligible for this program. Business telephone numbers are excluded.

In October 2003, telemarketers must stop calling consumers whose telephone number is on the national **Do Not Call** list.

While the FTC will prohibit most telemarketer calls, there are certain exceptions. Charities and companies that have an established relationship with a consumer, for example, will still be allowed to make calls.

CONSUMER TIPS

1. TAKE YOURSELF OFF THE TELEMARKETER'S LIST

Tell the telemarketer to put you on the company's "Do Not Call" list. Federal law requires telemarketers to keep such a list. Keep in mind that the telemarketer's "Do Not Call" list applies only to that individual company. Repeat your request to each business that calls you.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO
PRE-REGISTER FOR THE PROGRAM,
LOG ON TO
[HTTP://CAAG.STATE.CA.US/DONOTCALL/](http://CAAG.STATE.CA.US/DONOTCALL/)

2. TAKE YOUR NAME OFF CREDIT REPORTING BUREAU'S MARKETING LISTS BY CALLING 1-888-5OPT-OUT

Contact credit reporting bureaus to request the removal of your name from their marketing lists. The four major credit reporting bureaus—Equifax, Experian (formerly TRW), Innovis, and Trans Union—share a single and popular hotline to assist consumers in removing their names:
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3. GET AN UNLISTED PHONE NUMBER

The volume of unwanted calls is generally lower for unlisted telephone numbers. Telephone companies typically charge a monthly fee to remove a telephone number from their directories.

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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.

FREE TREE AMIGO COURSE

The next Our City Forest "Tree Amigo" volunteer training course begins July 2. 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 call 408-998-7337 or 408-99-TREES or visit www.ourcityforest.org.

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.

KLIV JOB OPENING

1590 KLIV has an immediate opening for a full-time reporter and announcer for its local news operation. Job requirements include the ability to quickly and accurately report local news and perform on-air news anchoring duties in a fast-paced environment. Interested applicants should mail a letter of interest, resume, writing samples and audio cassette or CD (no videotapes please) to:

George Sampson
News/Program Director
KLIV
750 Story Road
San Jose, CA. 95122

No phone calls will be accepted. The position will remain open until filled.

JULY FOURTH BLOCK PARTY

North Willow Glen

Friday July 4, 2003 from 6 - 10pm
897 Delmas Avenue, San Jose

A very busy July Fourth is on tap at the North Willow Glen Neighborhood Association. They're having a Block Party and a Community Meeting and an Ice Cream Social and a Children's Relay Race. Phew!

For information, contact Harvey Darnel at 408-295-1930 or Ed Rast at 408-297-2808.

NEIGHBORHOOD FLEA MARKET

Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Association

Saturday July 12, 2003 from 8am to 2pm
Robert Sanders parking lot and Mt Pleasant Neighborhood Association Community Center, San Jose

Flea market fundraiser, meeting the neighbors, recorded music. For information, call 408-251-3501.

NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

Haven Neighborhood Association

Saturday July 19, 2003 from 8am - 2pm
Near the intersection of Monterey Road and Branham Lane East, on streets ending in -haven, San Jose

For information, call Barbara Woods 408-229-8446.

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