



Neighbor to Neighbor

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CALENDAR

UNSCC WORKSHOPS

Traffic Calming

Tuesday, March 5
6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Locating and Writing Grants

Tuesday, March 12
6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Touring Successful Neighborhoods

Saturday, April 20

Starting a New Neighborhood Association

Tuesday, May 14

UNSCC Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 20
6:45 pm
525 W. Alma Avenue
San Jose

UNSCC Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 15
6:45 pm
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UNSCC AMAZING VOLUNTEER, A GUIDING ANGEL!

Lauren Cheong, member of the Rose Garden Neighborhood Preservation Association has volunteered year after year after year with UNSCC. Besides being an active UNSCC Board Member, Lauren served as Chairperson for two years and most recently as Board Secretary. Under Lauren's guidance, UNSCC has become financially stable and legally compliant in its record keeping, much more visible with a new logo and brochure, and so much more connected with an updated neighborhood directory. All this was done with many little extras – confectionery treats at board meetings, personal notes and phone calls, and inspirational gifts for staff.

Lauren was there for any request or need. Her home computer could be called the UNSCC Archives with the amount of organizational work she completed for the office. Her attention to detail was only exceeded by her strong dedication to UNSCC.

Sadly, Lauren has retired from the Board, but she is still eager to come to the Executive Director's rescue. Her daily support for the staff will be missed, and board meetings will never again be blessed with continual sweet treats. The Board of Directors wishes Lauren much success in her pursuit of a "delicious career."

BOARD AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

Santa Clara County is seeking residents to serve on various boards and commissions. Serving on a board or commission provides community members opportunities to participate in public hearings and in decisions impacting Santa Clara County. From deciding on how the County should improve the expressway system to how the County could better serve its seniors, commissioners can help make the County a better place to live.

If you would like to find out more about the boards and commissions, or would like an application, please contact Javier Aguirre, Policy Aide to Supervisor Alvarado at 408-299-5020, or visit www.BlancaAlvarado.org.

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.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NEWS

UNSCC has started an exciting grassroots Leadership Development Program in Gilroy. This training is a collaborative effort with the City of Gilroy Police Department, Neighborhood Services Division and South County Housing. The content of the program is the Community Building Curriculum written by Interactive Institute for Social Change. The Community Building Curriculum was successfully implemented in Boston with primarily low income, Hispanic residents. The presenters and the workbooks are bilingual.

In November 2001, 15 residents attended an all day Saturday workshop. The following session in January 2002 had 25 residents from 8 areas of Gilroy in attendance. The group requested training on how to organize a neighborhood association. Later this month, Elizabeth Nielsen from the newly formed Cory Neighborhood Association and I will conduct a workshop on organizing your neighbors.

The Community Building Curriculum focuses on building prospective leaders' self esteem and giving them the skills to make changes in their neighborhoods. UNSCC has been able to implement this program with financial help from RFC, Resources for Families and Communities. We are applying for additional grants to further train the initial participants to become presenters of the Community Building Program for other areas in Santa Clara County.

Jacqui Carr Gouveia

WATER - THE NEXT BIG CRISIS?

On March 26, 2002 the Silicon Valley Manufacturing Group will convene a Regional Water Summit to highlight the many critical water policy issues that face the Silicon Valley. The summit will feature U.S. Senator Diane Feinstein as keynote speaker. For more information call 408-501-7864 or visit the Manufacturing Group website at www.svmg.org.

UNSCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2002 GOALS

The Board of Directors will be working on this year's goals and objectives. This is the first step to updating the 1999 - 2001 strategic plan. The Board wants input from the Advisory Council on goals which reflect the needs of UNSCC members. Please have a neighborhood association representative attend the March 20 Advisory Council Meeting. We are looking forward to hearing your 2002 visions for UNSCC.

NUSA 2002

CONNECTING AMERICA'S NEIGHBORS

NUSA Neighborhoods USA, a national organization that is committed to building and strengthening neighborhood associations, is hosting their annual conference in Houston, Texas on May 22 - 25, 2002. This conference is attended by approximately 1200 neighborhood and civic leaders from across the United States. The workshops are very educational and inspiring. For more information call the UNSCC office at 408-286-8661 or email nusa@cityofhouston.net.

FREE COMPUTER CLASSES

Working Partnerships USA is offering free computer and professional skills training opportunities to the community. Two sessions of classes are available. Session One is an 8-week program offered on Saturday mornings from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm beginning March 9. Microsoft Word and Excel will be covered.

Session Two is a 12-week program offered twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 pm beginning April 2. Subjects covered will include Microsoft Word, Excel and professional skills such as resume writing, document formatting and office etiquette. For more information call Elizabeth Sanchez at 408-269-7872.

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UNSCC WORKSHOPS

TRAFFIC CALMING - MARCH 5

Do you know your traffic calming options? Want to know where to go for traffic calming \$\$\$? Do you know what contacts should be made to implement traffic calming in your neighborhood? The traffic calming workshop can answer these questions and more!

The presenters are Patrick Seigman of Seigman & Associates and James Corliss of Surface Transportation Policy Project.

LOCATING AND WRITING GRANTS - MARCH 12

Do you want information on how to write a powerful grant application? What are grant application reviewers looking for? Looking for grant resources for your neighborhood association? Luellen Reese has the knowledge and experience to help you keep the income sources flowing with successful grant writing practices.

As the Development Officer for ALLIANCE for Community Care, Luellen is responsible for private and governmental grant writing. She has worked in a senior citizens agency as volunteer coordinator, development officer and program manager.

Both workshops will be held at the UNSCC office at 525 W. Alma Avenue in San Jose. Both workshops are from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. Please RSVP (required) by calling 408-286-8661 as a light dinner will be served.

The fee is just \$5 per person per workshop for those from a UNSCC member group, or \$50 if from a non-member group. If non-member groups choose to apply for UNSCC membership within 45 days of the workshop(s) they attend, and are accepted as members, \$45 of their \$50 workshop fee may be applied toward membership dues. Only one \$45 credit may be used per group.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association of Milpitas will be holding Sunnyhills Astronomy Nights on March 15 from dusk to 11 pm at the Weller Elementary School playground. Advanced astronomers will set up telescopes for families and community members to look at the night. There will be expert astronomers present to point out important features of nearby planets, stars, and other astro objects.

For more information please call Neil Mackenzie at 408-946-5260.

Rose Garden Neighborhood Preservation Association in partnership with **Shasta/Hanchett-Park Neighborhood Association** will be holding an Easter egg hunt on March 23 (weather permitting) at Hester Park in San Jose. There egg hunt for ages 0 - 5 will begin at 10:00 am while the egg hunt for ages 6 - 10 will begin at 10:20 am. Please bring basket/bag for each child's eggs. Please bring goodies (cookies, doughnuts) to share with others at the event.

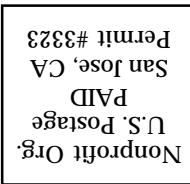
For more information please call Colleen Tralongo at 408-249-0408.

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