

Neighbor to Neighbor

Advisory Council Meeting

(A.K.A. UNSCC's
Membership Meeting)



WEDNESDAY
MAY 16, 2001

6:45 P.M.

525 W. ALMA AVENUE
SAN JOSE



SEE INSERT FOR AGENDA

SPRING CLEANING

From San Francisco to
Creek in Palo Alto to
Uvas Creek in Gilroy,
it's time to join in **National River Cleanup Day** on Saturday, May 19 from 9 A.M. to noon. Help make your local creeks and rivers cleaner! For more information, including exact cleanup site locations, please call (408) 265-2607 x2238, email pubinfo@scvwd.dst.ca.us, or go online at www.cleanacreek.org.

FUNDRAISING 101

Everything you have always wanted to know about getting started but were afraid to ask!

Saturday, June 2, 2001

9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Location TBD, please call (408) 286-8661

Continental breakfast included

Ever wondered why asking for money is so easy for some people in nonprofit organizations? Want to know some of the secrets of their success? Learn from fundraising consultant/expert Sherry Simmons some of the golden rules, secrets of successful fund development, planning that special event, and tips on revenue generation and marketing.

Sherry Simmons has been raising money successfully since she was 12 years old and has built a successful career using her fundraising and relationship building skills. She teaches a similar course at nonprofit training organizations and with many nonprofit and public benefit corporations throughout the Bay Area. She really loves to raise money for agencies and causes that touch her heart.

Register now!

\$5 each for UNSCC members

\$50 each for non-members

(\$45 of this fee may be applied to new UNSCC member's dues within 90 days of the workshop if qualified)

To register, or if you have questions, please call United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County at (408) 286-8661 or email your request to unsc@pacbell.net.

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THE TRANSPORTATION FUTURE OF THE BAY AREA: A PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. I have an important event that I want to invite you to attend. On May 10, 2001 a Regional Transportation Plan outreach meeting will be held at Luther Burbank Elementary Cafeteria at 4 Wabash Avenue off San Carlos in San Jose from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is holding local neighborhood meetings to receive comments and suggestions to learn about your transportation priorities. The comprehensive, multi-billion dollar Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) specifies the investments and strategies necessary for the maintenance, management and improvement of the transportation network in the nine-county Bay Area, including mass transit, highway, airport, seaport, railroad, bicycle and pedestrian facilities. MTC updates the RTP every three years for periods covering twenty-five years into the future. The 2001 RTP update will cover the years 2001-2025.

What is most important to you and your neighborhood?

Reducing traffic congestion?

Improving air quality?

Extending Light Rail to your neighborhood?

Fixing potholes in local streets?

The MTC is the organization that serves as the regional agency for transportation issues. I serve on this Board of Commissioners as your representative for Santa Clara County. I invite you to attend this meeting and share your ideas and comments. Please join me and United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County as we

work together to create the best transportation plan for Santa Clara County and the entire Bay Area. Please call (408) 299-3924 for more information.

Sincerely,
James T. Beall, Jr.
Chairperson, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors

Editor's Note:

A flyer will be mailed out to UNSCC members regarding this event. If you would like your neighborhood association residents to hear about this event, UNSCC will mail out flyers if you provide mailing labels. Flyers are also available in Vietnamese and Spanish. For more information, call UNSCC (408) 286-8661.

**NEW
MEMBER**

Yet another member! United Neighborhoods is pleased to welcome **Dobern Community Action Team** of San Jose as our newest member!

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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR OF UNSCC

The Board at United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County has been working diligently to bring you and the Board more educational and training opportunities in May and June.

The Board recently finished an all day workshop on how to improve our Board. We reviewed organizational strategies. We undertook an analysis of nonprofit governance survey and assessed the results. With a consultant we underwent specific training in areas of strategic planning, policy development and committee responsibilities, along with fundraising, advocacy, marketing, financial management and operations.

In May, the Community Foundation Silicon Valley workshops will be offered on 3-4 Wednesdays starting May 9. On May 10, a Metropolitan Transportation Commission transportation workshop will be held at Luther Burbank School from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. On May 21, 22, and 23, the Interaction Institute of Social Change will be having their Facilitative Leadership workshops in San Francisco. The Neighborhoods USA Conference is happening May 23 through 26 in Pittsburgh, PA.

Also, on June 2nd UNSCC will be hosting a fundraising workshop with expert fundraiser Sherry Simmons of Simmons Consulting, and this is open to all. Please call UNSCC Executive Director, Jacqui Carr, for cost and details at (408) 286-8661. So join us in our trainings this month.

In summation, May will be a great month for education and training. In addition, May brings us Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Thus, the UNSCC wishes you all a fantastic Mother's Day and restful Memorial Day.

- **Daniel J. Chavez**

NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS

Spartan Keyes Neighborhood Association

May 5 and June 2 - Garden Work Days
S. 7th Street and Highway 280, San Jose
8:30 - 11:00 A.M.

May 26 - Neighborhood Rummage Sale and
Garage Sale
1053 S. 9th Street, San Jose
9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Blossom Valley Neighborhood Association

Since April was Earthquake Preparedness Month, as part of it's neighborhood preparedness training the Blossom Valley Neighborhood Association sponsored CPR Training for those neighbors that were interested. The training was provided by the San Jose Fire Department at a cost of \$17 per person. If your group is interested SJFD can be reached at (408) 277-4251.

Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association

The "Sunnyhills Community Breakfast" will be held on May 6 at Jones Hall in Milpitas. It will feature The League of United Latin American Citizens or LULAC, with current head of Milpitas LULAC and former president of the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association and current member and recently elected member of the Milpitas School Board, Carmen Montano. For more information call Breakfast Committee head Herb Halloway at (408) 946-5260.

Have an article or event to tell us about? Please send it our way. What's going on in your neighborhood? Let us know. Articles may be faxed to UNSCC at (408) 286-8680, or email them to your editor, Lauren Cheong, at laurendona@yahoo.com. Questions? Call us at (408) 286-8661. Please note: If you're not with a neighborhood association and would like to submit an article, we usually give preference to issues/events which serve neighborhoods throughout Santa Clara County.

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SPECIAL THANKS!

NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS ARE GREAT!

Let's acknowledge those members with the literary skills and keyboard expertise. Let's applaud those individuals who follow in the footsteps of the postal workers. Let's congratulate all of them for being able to squeeze newsletter time out of each month - and find out how they do it!

With the help of these volunteers, your newsletter gets the word out about the work the neighborhood association does in the community. Residents who can't attend meetings are informed of the neighborhood association's activities. The newsletter is a very important part of creating interest, increasing membership and encouraging participation. Your association's newsletter and its distribution do have a long-term effect on the strength of your neighborhood association.

Special recognition is given to:

Dennis Barrett ★ Joe Byrne ★ Susan Byrne ★
Ruben Chavez ★ Debbie Eitner ★ Mike Fisher
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Lisa Yates ★ Lena Yee

Special recognition to UNSCC newsletter editor, Lauren Cheong.

Keep up the good work! Many people appreciate your efforts.

OPEN HOUSE

The SBA - Cisco Systems - San Jose Entrepreneur Center is hosting an Open House on Monday, May 7 from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Yes, we mentioned this in the April newsletter, but we really think you'll like this place! And, this will be the site of UNSCC's July Advisory Council Meeting.

So, do you have a great idea for a business but don't know where to begin? Are you using the most appropriate technology for your company's needs? Thinking about going global? Do you suddenly wish you'd paid attention in your college finance course? The SBA - Cisco Systems - San Jose Entrepreneur Center can help you. Want to learn more? Join them for their open house where they'll showcase their partners, allowing entrepreneurs to network with a multitude of service providers. The eCenter is located at 84 W. Santa Clara Street near Market in downtown San Jose. For more information, call (408) 494-0210 or visit them online at www.ecenteronline.org.

BIKE TO WORK DAY

It's time to leave the Honda in the garage, fill up that water bottle and rubber band that pant leg! Grab your bike on Thursday, May 17 and peddle to work on Bike-to-Work Day. Want to take it a bit further? Bike to work all week since it's Bike-to-Work Week too! Employers can help promote this event by displaying posters, asking your employees to complete a registration/pledge form and passing out Bike-to-Work t-shirts. To get your hands on these nifty items, or to learn more about the event, please call Linda Furnas at (510) 273-2069, or go to the RIDES web site at www.rides.org.

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EASING THE PARKING CRUNCH

People who live, work and shop within the new Civic Plaza and University Neighborhoods of San Jose rely on street parking to conduct their daily activities. On many streets within these neighborhoods, parking can be difficult to find. Future neighborhood changes, including development of the new City Hall and San Jose State University's proposal to move to a year-round class schedule, may increase parking demand. The San Jose City Council formed a citizen Parking and Traffic Committee (PTC) to review possible parking and traffic impacts in and around the planned Civic Center. The PTC is currently supporting a petition process to assess neighborhood support for permit parking.

If permit parking is supported, people from outside the neighborhood will not be able to park on the streets during specified times. More on-street parking spaces would be available to neighborhood residents, guests, business owners/employees, apartment owners, and community groups. To park in the permit area during specified hours, you will have to pay for and display valid permits on your vehicles.

Residents will have two opportunities to indicate their support for permit parking. Initially, all residents, property owners, businesses owners, and community groups will receive a mailing containing information about permit parking along with a mail-back signature card. After the cards are returned, volunteers will go door to door to follow up with residents who did not respond to the mailing. If a simple majority (50% + 1) of the people living and working in your neighborhood (minimum of 150 dwelling units) sign the petition, permit parking will be considered for that area. The San Jose City Council will make the final decision to approve or reject permit parking.

The door-to-door canvassing process will be conducted by neighborhood residents, and we need your help! To volunteer to collect permit parking signatures, or for more information about permit parking, please contact Julie Ting at 800-790-8444.

PUBLIC REDISTRICTING WITHIN THE COUNTY GIS

Santa Clara County Redistricting GIS staff will be available during specific blocks of time in to help residents envision their redistricting plans within the County's mapping system.

Public Redistricting Services are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Public Redistricting Sessions will be divided into three 45 minute segments. Groups or a single individual may participate in these sessions. Because the software used to "move boundaries" and analyze data is technically sophisticated, it requires the user to have advanced computer-mapping skills. For this reason, only GIS staff will operate the computer.

All public "redistricters" must be prepared to answer the following questions before mapping will commence:

1. What is your ultimate goal for the total population with regard to redistricting?
2. Are there any communities of interest that you would like to protect within a single district so their vote is not diluted? If so, does census data exist which will define this group(s)?

The next Public Redistricting Session will be May 1 from 9:30 A.M. to noon. It is strongly advised that appointments are made to secure a time slot. Please contact Andrea Boyd Ball at (408) 299-3800, x 7301 to do so. The session will be held at the County Government Center at 70 W. Hedding St., East Wing, 7th Floor in San Jose.

For more detailed information about the redistricting process, please visit the County's web site at claraweb.co.santa-clara.ca.us.

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