



UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY S

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A HOT CONFERENCE!

October may bring to mind pumpkins, a great time to visit New England, Halloween costumes, Columbus Day, or when you set your clocks back an hour. However, if you're reading this newsletter you're also the perfect candidate to equate October with United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County's Eighth Annual Conference. Saturday, October 13, 2001 is the date to mark on your calendar. The price? Cheap, cheap, cheap! Just \$15 will get you three workshops, a continental breakfast, entertainment and music during lunch (included), and even the possibility of winning something cool in our donation drawing. It's really a fun event! But there's more! In the morning and at lunchtime you can visit our resource fair where area organizations display information and answer questions about their community-directed services. You'll meet many people like you who care about their neighborhoods. Whether you're just considering forming a neighborhood association, or your group has been purring along for 30 years, this is the place for you!

The first step is to select the workshops you'd like to attend (you'll find all the information you need at www.unscc.org, or call 408-286-8661), send in your registration form with payment and that's it! Just toss on your sweats on the morning of the 13th, find your way to 701 Vine Street in San Jose and we'll take care of the rest. It's a great way to spend the day, and we promise you'll still be home in plenty of time to mow the lawn and do the laundry!

New MEMBERS

United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County has just reached, and surpassed, the 50 member mark! Our 50th member group is **Redwood Estates Community Club** of Los Gatos. They were quickly joined by our 51st member group **Sunnyvale Neighbors of Arbor Including LaLinda (S.N.A.I.L.)** of Sunnyvale. Welcome!

What's that? You wish your neighborhood was a member too!? It can happen. Just call our office at (408) 286-8661 and ask for a brochure about UNSCC. If you're clear that you want to join and understand membership benefits and responsibilities, please ask for a membership application, membership agreement, plus a copy of our bylaws.

UNSCC CALENDAR

UNSCC Eighth Annual Conference

Saturday, October 13

8:30 am Registration & Check-In

UNSCC Advisory Council (membership) Meeting

Wednesday, November 14

6:45 pm

UNSCC Holiday Event

Wednesday, December 19

(details to follow)

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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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NOTE FROM THE CHAIR OF UNSCC

Hello members and friends of UNSCC:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Northside Neighborhood Association for their advocacy to the San Jose City Council in successfully renaming the Empire Library in recognition of an outstanding community Activist, Joyce Ellington. Great work Northside.

In addition, we look forward to many of you attending the UNSCC Annual Conference on October 13, 2001. The Conference Committee has been working exceptionally hard to bring you a great conference. They have strived to bring many top-notch speakers and presenters. So register now and support your United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County. This is a good opportunity to network, meet other community leaders, and enhance your skills.

Call the office at (408) 286-8661 and take advantage of early registration by October 3. Group rates for three or more are available for just \$5 ea. for members and \$7 ea. for nonmembers. Group rates are only available until October 3.

Daniel J. Chávez

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COMMUNITY ACTION & PRIDE GRANTS FOR SAN JOSE NEIGHBORHOODS

The City of San Jose believes that the power to transform neighborhoods and to shape the future of neighborhoods lies in strengthening the civic participation of individuals. The mission of the Community Action & Pride Grants Program (CAP) is to promote the development of healthy and self-reliant neighborhoods by supporting residents to unify for action, actualize their collective power, and create community-based solutions to meet physical, social, and economic challenges. The CAP program provides technical assistance and financial support to help resident-based groups conduct activities that build or strengthen the neighborhood organization to improve neighborhood conditions or address issues important to neighborhood quality of life.

The manner in which the project is accomplished is as important as the actual result. The intent is to bring out community residents to contribute sweat equity and to connect with each other. These grant projects are as much about celebration and social connection as they are about improving physical conditions.

Applications are due no later than Friday, November 30, 2001.

For more information or an application contact Margaret Wagenet or Kelly Fisher at (408) 277-8689. Or email margaret.wagenet@ci.sj.ca.us.

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ARE YOU PREPARED?

The terrorist attacks of September served as a terrible reminder that natural disasters such as floods and earthquakes aren't the only tragic events we may encounter. A few of UNSCC's member groups such as Eden Neighborhood Association and Blossom Valley Neighborhood Association have emergency action plans in place. Neighbors have been trained in disaster preparedness, amateur radio operators have been trained, they've learned basic search and rescue skills, and have taken CPR and First Aid instruction from the Red Cross (Eden) and the San Jose Fire Department (Blossom Valley). They're prepared.

To learn about emergency preparedness for your neighborhood or on the individual level, call your city hall or fire department to find out what they offer. In Sunnyvale, there's the Emergency Preparedness Unit at (408) 730-7190. In San Jose, call *San Jose Prepared!*, part of the Office of Emergency Services at (408) 277-4598. Their next set of classes begins the first week of October. Websites with good information include National American Emergency Management at www.naem.com. Or, you may call their Napa office for more information at (707) 251-8694. There's also the California Office of Emergency Services at www.oes.ca.gov. A small investment of time now may help save lives and property later.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

County Supervisor Blanca Alvarado, the Bay Area Transportation Land Use Coalition and Latino Issues Forum are presenting a Transportation Justice Summit on Saturday, October 20 from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm at the Eastside Neighborhood Center at 2150 Alum Rock Ave. in San Jose. The topic will be envisioning a better transit system for East San Jose that creates livable and sustainable communities. Please RSVP since space is limited. Call Kim at (408) 984-2285. Admission is free, lunch is included.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Goodyear/Mastic Neighborhood Association and Alma Neighborhood Association are sponsoring a flea market (pulga) on Saturday, October 6th from 7:30 am to 2:00 pm at the Alma Community Center at 136 W. Alma Avenue in San Jose (near the DMV). There will be vendors, refreshments and a resource fair. Flea market spaces (\$10) may still be available. To purchase a space please call Cecilia at (408) 998-8379. You must provide your own table and chair(s).

Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association is sponsoring their next Milpitas Community Breakfast on Sunday, October 7th at 7 am. The event will be held at Jones Hall at 355 Dixon Road in Milpitas. The Milpitas Fire Department is host this month and will discuss the City of Milpitas emergency response plans in case of regional or national emergencies such as earthquakes, floods, or terrorist attacks. Also in attendance will be Russ Cherry of the Milpitas Emergency Task Force Commission. Milpitas residents are welcome. For more information, please contact Neil MacKenzie at (408) 946-5260, or visit www.neighborhoodlink.com/milpitas/sunnyhills.

Have an article or event you'd like to share? Please send it our way. Tell us what, where, when, and don't forget a contact phone number. Articles may be faxed to (408) 286-8680, or emailed to your editor, Lauren Cheong, at laurendona@yahoo.com. Call (408) 286-8661 if you have questions. 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.