



UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY'S

Neighbor to Neighbor

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SAVE THESE DATES

Wednesday, September 19 is your next United Neighborhoods' Advisory Council (*membership*) meeting. We'll be returning to our usual home at 525 W. Alma Avenue in San Jose. Your agenda is enclosed.

Saturday, October 13 is the event of the year for United Neighborhoods! It's UNSCC's Annual Conference designed specifically for neighborhood representatives, leaders, and future leaders. Or, if you just want to learn more about neighborhood issues, you'll want to be there! You'll find us at 701 Vine Street in San Jose at the Center for Employment Training (CET). See the article at right, or watch our web site at www.unscc.org for more details.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Developing Strong, Healthy Neighborhoods is the theme for United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County's Eighth Annual Fall Conference. This exciting event is open to anyone who values his or her community. Attendees will gain knowledge and contacts related to neighborhood events and concerns. There will be several workshops to choose from addressing a variety of neighborhood issues. Fun community related workshops will be available for middle school and high school youth.

The conference will be **Saturday, October 13, 2001** from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. (registration is at 8:30 A.M.) If you arrive by 9 A.M. you'll be there in time to hear keynote speakers Zoe Lofgren and Mike Honda. You'll also be able to browse through many displays at our resource fair filled with valuable information benefiting individuals, families and neighborhoods.

A light breakfast and lunch are included in your registration fee. If you have children too young to attend workshops, we've got you covered. Free childcare is available for children 10 years old and younger. Childcare must be arranged with UNSCC no later than Monday, October 1. All children must be potty trained.

"This has to be a pricey event! Admission is at least \$75, right?" you ask.

Not so! For a mere \$12 (if payment and registration are postmarked by October 1st) you'll find networking opportunities, workshops specific to neighborhood concerns, inspiration, a resource fair, food, and a few of your elected officials. Even if you pay at the door, it's just \$15. The icing on the cake is the admission price for those 18 and under – they're free!

Join us at the Center for Employment Training (CET) at 701 Vine Street in San Jose. It'll be a day well spent. If you have questions or wish to register, please call (408) 286-8661 or email the office at unscc@pacbell.net.

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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:

A few brief words for you this month - mark your calendars for October 13 and attend UNSCC's Annual Conference. Congresspersons Zoe Lofgren and Mike Honda will be the keynote speakers. Also in attendance will be Matthew Dean, Mayor of Campbell, Henry C. Manayan, Mayor of Milpitas, and Jack Walker, Mayor of Sunnyvale, along with other local VIPs. There will be over 20 workshops, great food, entertainment, and a host of resource providers. The event is sure to be a fun and educational experience!

Call the office at (408) 286-8661 and register early. Thank you.

Daniel J. Chávez
Chair, UNSCC

PROTOCOL FOR CHAIRS

- Excerpt from *21st Century Roberts Rules of Order*

<u>Do</u>	<u>Do Not</u>
Call the meeting to order on time	Start a meeting late
Have a written agenda	Arrive without preparation
Treat one item at a time	Skip around
Protect the minority's rights	Speak for members
Preserve the majority's will	Let factions monopolize debate
Use the first person plural (we, us)	Use the first person singular (I, me)
Maintain decorum	Allow members to attack others
Keep a quorum	Run a meeting without a quorum
Encourage full participation	Favor a minority
Control yourself	Lose your temper
Take a vote correctly	Lose track of a vote
Use tact	Be overbearing
Be impartial	Try to control others
Quit running things when your term of office is over	Refuse to relinquish power when your term is over

BE A FRIEND

Friends Outside in Santa Clara Valley is beginning a one on one mentoring program for youth ages 7 to 17 who have a parent or other significant person in their life who either is or was incarcerated. Did you know that over 65% of all incarcerated adults are parents of minor children? Many of these youth experience multiple deficits of protective factors, lacking role models, adequate adult supervision, and access to community programs and resources.

Friends Outside in Santa Clara Valley is a nonprofit organization established in 1955. Their mission is to empower and assist families, youth, prisoners and ex-prisoners to overcome the immediate and long-term effects of incarceration, to act as a bridge between those we serve, the community at large and the criminal justice system. The goals of Friends Outside JUMP Mentoring are to prevent future delinquency, improve academic performance, and lower school dropout rates of youth mentored by Friends Outside volunteers.

Mentoring relationships take caring, commitment and responsibility. Mentors must be at least 21 years of age and will go through a screening process prior to being accepted as a mentor. A minimum commitment of 3 hours per week for one year is required. Friends Outside equips mentors with pre-training as well as continued training and support throughout their mentoring relationship.

To becoming a mentor, or find out more about the JUMP Mentoring Program or about other volunteer opportunities, contact Terri at (408) 295-6033 or email at FOinSCCMentor@aol.com.

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New MEMBERS

The Board of Directors and staff of United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County extend a warm welcome to two new member groups: **Tamien Neighborhood Association** of San Jose and **South Skyline Association** covering portions of Woodside and south to Los Gatos.

PLANTING FOR OUR FUTURE

Our City Forest's **Tree Amigo** volunteer training course begins Tuesday, October 2. Those completing the 18-hour training will become certified to coach volunteers at neighborhood and school tree plantings sponsored by Our City Forest. There will be six 3-hour classes at which students will learn planting techniques, species identification, basic tree care, and how to help organize a community planting. Participants will also take a nursery tour, a walking tree tour and participate in a tree



The net cooling effect of a young, healthy tree is equivalent to ten room-size air conditioners operating 20 hours a day. – U.S. Department of Agriculture

planting project. The course is free and open to all. No experience is necessary. October training dates will be Tuesdays: 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23 from 6 to 9 P.M., and Saturdays: 10/13, 10/27 from 9 A.M. to 12 noon.

For more information please call (408) 998-7337. Our City Forest is located at 595 Park Avenue, Suite 100 at the corner of Montgomery (Bird), just off Hwy. 280 (Bird exit) in San Jose.

SHARE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

United Neighborhoods' Annual Conference will offer UNSCC member groups a special opportunity to share information about their activities, accomplishments, and current projects. Show off your neighborhood on Saturday, October 13 at the conference by displaying one 2' x 3' storyboard. Either vertical or horizontal storyboards are welcome. Displays may include photos, awards, tree planting diagrams, park development plans – whatever you wish as it relates to your neighborhood. One free 2' x 3' foam core board will be available to each member group at our September 19 Advisory Council meeting at 525 W. Alma Avenue. Please note, only one such board per member group will be displayed at the conference. Completed boards must be at UNSCC's office by October 11.

Your neighborhood can be the centerpiece at United Neighborhoods' Annual Conference! How? We mean it quite literally. All UNSCC member groups are invited to create a centerpiece for the lunch tables at the Conference. Centerpieces are limited only by your imagination, and just a few rules. They may contain flowers, live fish, sod from your local park – whatever your group would like to include. Centerpieces must clearly display your neighborhood association name, must not be more than three feet high, nor more than two feet in diameter. Only one centerpiece per group will be accommodated. Centerpieces must be child safe and without highly flammable materials (no sparklers, etc.). Centerpieces must be delivered on the morning of the conference only, no later 9:30 A.M. If your neighborhood's centerpiece catches the eyes of many, you may win an award for best centerpiece! Questions? Call us at (408) 286-8661.

NOTE: Although the Conference is open to all, only UNSCC member groups may display neighborhood association storyboards and centerpieces.

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BARK IN THE PARK™

Come to the fifth annual Bark in the Park™ canine celebration in downtown San Jose on Saturday, September 8, 2001. From 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. you and your pooch will have lots to do. Try out the agility course, listen to live music, enter a dog costume contest and a pet/owner look-alike contest. Demonstrations will include a flyball canine relay, sheep herding, team agility, disc dogs, canine good citizen, grooming, and training. Bark in the Park™ will be held at the William Street Park in San Jose at William and South 16th Streets. The event is free for people, and a donation \$4 per registered pet is requested. All dogs must be leashed. Goodie bags will be available for the first 3000 registered pets. Visit www.nagleepark.org/bark/ for a full schedule of events, or call the YELPline at (408) 793-5125 for more information.

Bark in the Park™ is a fundraising event hosted by the Naglee Park Neighborhood's Campus Community Association (CCA). Proceeds benefit both CCA and DARE, Inc., both nonprofit organizations serving the local communities.



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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Senter Road/Creekside Neighborhood Association is hosting a Neighborhood Resource Fair and Flea Market for their community on Saturday, September 1 from 10 to 4. There will be activities for children, booths for resources such as San Jose Prepared, and the SPCA, demonstration of ham radio, the San Jose Police Department's Equestrian and Canine Units, and the San Jose Fire Department; and of course the flea market area. The event will be held at Saint Maria Goretti Church on Senter Road at Southside in San Jose.

Rose Garden Neighborhood Preservation Association and **Shasta/Hanchett Park Neighborhood Association** are cosponsoring an Ice Cream Social for all neighborhood residents on Sunday, September 16, from 3 to 6 P.M. at the San Jose Municipal Rose Garden and Park.

Northside Neighborhood Association's next General Meeting will be Thursday, October 18, at 7 P.M. at Empire Library, 491 E. Empire Street in San Jose. New Northside resident, San Jose Mercury News columnist Joe Rodriguez, will be the guest speaker.

Spartan Keyes Neighborhood Association has created their Spartan Keyes Pocket Garden at the corner of 11th Street & the 280 S. ramp with fabulous results. Community members have planted roses, lavender, sage, and irises. Their future plans for the Pocket Garden include the completion of a cactus and succulent spiral, more sage, butterfly bush, milkweed, and a crepe myrtle tree.

Have news to share? What's going on in your neighborhood? Let us know. Tell us what, where, when, and don't forget a contact phone number. Articles may be faxed to (408) 286-8680, or email'd to your editor, Lauren Cheong, at laurendona@yahoo.com. 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.

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COASTAL CLEANUP DAY

Across the state thousands of people will be flocking to beaches, lakes, and waterways on Saturday, September 15, 2001 from 9 A.M. to 12 noon. They won't be packing bikinis and frisbees, but rather long pants, gloves, work boots, sunscreen, and hats so they'll be well equipped to rid these areas of trash and debris in honor of California Coastal Cleanup Day. Want to join the group? Don't worry, you won't have to drive to Monterey or Half Moon Bay. There are inland waterways right here in Santa Clara County that are in great need of your help.

A few of the areas with planned cleanups include Los Gatos Creek in Campbell between Camden and Lark, Coyote Creek at Capitol Expressway in San Jose between Senter and Tuers Roads, and Permanente Creek in Mountain View at Rock Street near Crittenden Middle School. For many more locations, check out www.cleanacreek.org or call Santa Clara County Coastal Cleanup Day Coordinator Liz Neves, (408) 277-4477.

OFFICE NEWS

Unable to locate our Executive Director? Not to worry. Jacqui is on temporary medical leave and will return to us soon! Meanwhile, Warner Bloomberg has kindly agreed to assist us during this time and will usually be found at the UNSCC office from 1 to 4 P.M. Monday through Friday.

The Board of Directors and staff of UNSCC are happy to announce the hiring of Abdul Rahman from the Detroit area. He will be joining UNSCC as a Program Coordinator beginning September 20 and will be working on our annual conference, doing neighborhood outreach, and will help manage a UNSCC neighborhood training program in Gilroy. Abdul comes to us through AmeriCorp's Public Allies Program. He'll work 32 hours a week in the office, and will have training with Public Allies one day a week. Public Allies will fund a portion of Abdul's income during his 10-month tenure with UNSCC. Abdul's wife will be joining him in San Jose and will be working at another organization through Public Allies.

Welcome Warner and Abdul!

MULTICULTURAL CONFERENCE

Resources For Families and Communities (RFC), a nonprofit agency specializing in community development and family advocacy, will be presenting their Third Annual Multicultural Conference, Nurturing Unity in Silicon Valley, on Wednesday, September 12, 2001 from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

The Conference will be hosted by Santa Clara University for the second year in a row. Keynote speakers will be Senator Liz Figueroa and Will Lightbourne, Director, Santa Clara County Social Services Agency.

Conference workshops will highlight the challenges and triumphs encountered as Silicon Valley and California are transformed into ground zero in cultural diversity. Training will include in-depth dialogues and information on specific cultures, and how diversity in law enforcement, the legal profession, psychology, medicine, education, and our community is changing the face of the Bay Area. Interactive sessions will discuss diversity through the eyes of many. Contact the RFC Community Development office at (408) 521-5110 for details.