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Neighborhood Association



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STWNA MEETING

**Wednesday,
March 9
6:30pm - 8:00pm**

Payne Elementary
Multi-Use Room
3750 Gleason Ave.

Everyone Welcome!

Log on to the STWNA
website for the
complete agenda
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Campbell Councilman Richard Waterman Keynote Speaker for March

Campbell Councilmember Rich Waterman is our keynote speaker for the March 9, 2011 STWNA Meeting. The program, while of special interest to our Campbell residents, should be informative to all STWNA households.

Join us to hear updates on the following subjects:

- ◆ Campbell City projects, such as Orchard Valley Banquet Hall, Stojanavich Park, etc.
- ◆ City programs and ordinances we are looking at for 2011, such as parking, smoking, trees, etc.
- ◆ Private Projects, including the new Safeway and Gale Drive improvements
- ◆ City Policies and Budget



**Richard Waterman
Campbell Councilman**

Councilmember Waterman was elected to the Campbell City Council in November 2010. He owns his own CPA tax and accounting practice in Campbell. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in Engineering from UCLA and a Master's Degree in Accounting from San Jose State University.

Mr. Waterman has been a resident of Campbell for fifteen years, has spent the past five years on the board of the Campbell Chamber of Commerce, and has served for four years on the Campbell Parks and Recreation Commission before being elected to the Campbell City Council in November 2010. He was appointed Member of the IRS Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, where he currently serves as Chairman of the Forms and Publications Committee

Rich lives with his partner of sixteen years, Bruce; two dogs, Minnie and Petey; two parrots, Max and Boo; and a gecko, named Gex. When not involved in Campbell issues, he enjoys snowboarding, wine tasting, traveling, playing tennis and cooking.

Hamilton Avenue Safeway Update *see back page for special invitation*



Board of Directors Message

Remember the Hokey Pokey song? What if the Hokey Pokey really is what it's all about? Isn't it really a metaphor for our life? On a smaller scale, let's look at the song as an example of how volunteers fit into the running of the STWNA.

First: "You put your left arm in, you put your left arm out, you put your left arm in and you shake it all about". This is the way we first approach something. We tentatively explore it with just "one arm". When we are comfortable with that we try the other arm. "You put your right arm in you put your right arm out". This shows that we have some interest in what we are exploring.

In the case of the STWNA, the people who come to the meetings are those willing to put both arms into the organization. They are "reaching out" and showing an interest in what's going on in the neighborhood and listening to the speakers we have at our meetings.

Next: "You put your left foot in, you put your left foot out, you put your left foot in, and you shake it all about". This is more of a commitment than an arm, especially when you take the next step and put the right foot in. This could be our Block Captains. They, literally, put their left and right feet into the organization by delivering the more than two thousand Newsletters every two months. They donate an hour or two of their time to make sure the 2000 Newsletters get hand delivered to all the homes in our area. It could also refer to the others who spend hours putting the Newsletter together, so that the Block Captains have something to deliver.

Next: "You put your head in, you put your head out, you put your head in,



Neighbors enjoying a presentation at a STWNA General Meeting

and you shake it all about". Now, you are really showing some interest. Putting your head into a project or an organization shows you are "looking around". You are not just interested in hearing what's going on but in knowing how the organization works and how you can help. For the STWNA, these are the people who ask questions, make suggestions, and volunteer for committees to execute our various events, such as the annual block party, dumpster day, caring and sharing day, restaurant day, and so forth.

Finally, according to the song: "You put your whole self in, you put your whole self out, you put your whole self in, and you shake it all about". These are the people who step up and volunteer to become Board Members and steer the future of the STWNA.

We are grateful for all levels of participation, but right now we need people to "put their whole selves in" to keep the Association viable. The offices of President, 1st Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

and Director of Events are vacant. Some of the past Board members are graciously staying on to run the organization, but this is a temporary solution. Each position on the Board takes only a few hours each month.

If you have an interest in any of the above Board positions, send us an email to SanTomasWest@Yahoo.com. Someone will contact you. Drop us a line, even if you are not sure whether or not you want the position. We can explain, in detail, the duties of each position and the realistic commitment of time required. It may well be that the future of the STWNA depends upon

whether or not these positions can be filled. Let's not allow, what has been called, the "best Neighborhood Association in all of San Jose", to fall by the wayside for lack of participation. We need a few souls willing to "Put your whole self in".

STWNA 2011 Calendar

- 03/09 STWNA General Meeting
- 03/19 STWNA Litter Cleanup
- 05/11 STWNA General Meeting
- 05/?? Restaurant Night (TBD)
- 05/14 STWNA Garage Sale
- 05/21 STWNA River Cleanup
- 06/?? STWNA Block Party
- 09/14 STWNA General Meeting
- 09/17 STWNA River Cleanup
- 09/?? Restaurant Night (TBD)
- 10/?? STWNA Dumpster/Ewaste
- 11/09 STWNA General Meeting
- 11/?? Restaurant Night (TBD)
- 12/?? STWNA Caring & Sharing

All general meetings and information nights will be held in Payne School's MU room unless otherwise noted.

Check the STWNA website for other events and STWNA Restaurant Nights during the year.

CLIP AND SAVE

Green Vision Clean Energy Showcase

The City of San José and the U.S. Department of Energy announced the opening of the San José Green Vision Clean Energy Showcase, an interactive new innovation center housing installations of cutting-edge clean energy technologies available now and in the future, giving visitors hands-on experience with advanced energy efficiency technologies and providing information to make informed decisions about clean energy options. Free guided tours of the Showcase are available to the public. Visit energy.sanjoseca.gov for more information.

It's almost time for



**DRIVE SAFELY while our
kids are out of School!**

Payne School Update:

Payne has had a busy month filled with many exciting events. On Wednesday, Jan. 26th our annual Science Fair was held in the M.U. room. We had approximately 300 students in kindergarten through fifth grade who participated. There was a wide variety of experiments and reports, ranging from the effects of preservatives on food to the life cycle of a cricket. On Friday, Jan. 28th, we held our second Family Movie Night, showing "Despicable Me". Families brought their folding chairs and blankets and enjoyed gathering with our community. On Tuesday, February 1, we had two evening performances. Our first graders Performing Arts show was titled "Birds of a Feather" and the second grade performance was titled "Friendship". Both shows were filled with lively songs and dance numbers and the children truly shined on the stage. Finally, on February 7, to celebrate our 100th day of school, many classrooms have special projects to celebrate the important milestone in the school year. Projects include 100 day posters, centers and special math activities revolving around the number of 100.

Moreland School District CBAC update From Erin McLaughlin:

The Governing Board of the Moreland School District is seeking applications from qualified individuals who are interested in serving on the Measure K Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC). The CBOC will provide fiscal oversight of the expenditure of \$55M of proceeds from the sale of General Obligation Bonds that voters approved with the passage of Measure K last November. The committee will consist of seven members. Representatives from the following groups are being sought: Business Community, Senior Citizen's Organization; Taxpayers' Organization; Parent/Guardian of Moreland Student or District Resident. Individuals interested in serving on the committee will find applications available at www.moreland.org.

in case you missed it...

STWNA February E-Blast Reprint

Thank you to everyone who came out for the Annual Meeting / STWNA Party in January. We accomplished quite a bit of work and had lots of cake and sparkling cider as well. Many of you know there are only three volunteers currently serving on the STWNA Board. While it may be difficult, we still plan to have all of the meetings and events that are listed on the 2011 Calendar (that was approved at the meeting). We are setting up committees to run each of the following events this year:

- ◆ **Restaurant Nights**, possibly May, September and November
- ◆ **Garage Sale**, new date May 14
- ◆ **National River Cleanup Day**, May 21. Clean up our adopted portion of the San Tomas Creekway. Current Committee members: Warren Campbell (Coordinator) and Elizabeth Sandoval
- ◆ **Block Party**, June 2011. Current Committee members: Elizabeth Sandoval, Peter Rushbrook and Warren Campbell
- ◆ **National Coastal Cleanup Day**, September 2011. Clean

up our adopted portion of the San Tomas Creekway. Current Committee members: Warren Campbell (Coordinator) and Elizabeth Sandoval

- ◆ **Dumpster / E-waste Day**, October 2011
- ◆ **Caring, Sharing and Giving Event**, December 2011

Each Committee chairman will be given a basic outline of the items that are needed to hold each event and will have an experienced advisor available if needed. Together the committee members can make the event a great success. Meetings are generally 1 to 1½ hours long and committees meet only a few times each year. The following committees should hold their first meetings in March: The Restaurant night committee, Garage sale committee and the Block Party committee. This will give you time to decide the date and time of the event to be publicized in the April Newsletter, which is due by April 10th. This is a great opportunity to support your community and show all of the residents of Santa Clara Valley why our area is consistently one of the best areas in which to live. To participate on a committee or ask questions, please send a quick e-mail note to Warren Campbell at santomaswest@yahoo.com or call at 408-799-1633. If there are no volunteers for a particular event committee, that event will not be held, however, together we can make this work!

Are you or do you know our local business owners? The STWNA is developing a business partners program for local companies. Contact the STWNA today to explore the possibilities and assist in the development of our unique program.



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San Tomas West Neighborhood Association

Members and Homeowners

are cordially invited to attend the

Grand Opening Preview

of the new Hamilton Avenue

Safeway Store

Thursday, April 7, 2011

Four O'clock P.M.

The preview party is by invitation only, so clip and bring this invitation or mention that you are an STWNA resident. We don't know all the details of the party, but if it is like the party held for the Winchester/Budd store, there will be door prizes, refreshments and maybe a tour of the facilities. We have all been watching the progress on the construction of this store, and anticipating its completion. It will be a great addition to our neighborhood, and we welcome our new neighbor, Safeway.

The store will open to the public at 8AM on April 8th.

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Interested in a career at Safeway?

Safeway offers a range of career opportunities in a dynamic retail environment, including more than 40 positions at the new Hamilton Avenue Store ranging from Baker to Wine Steward.

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careers that build your skills and your future. To apply online for a position at the Hamilton Safeway or any other location, log on to www.careersatsafeway.com.