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STWNA MEETING

**Wednesday,
May 11
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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Charles Lauer, May 11 Keynote Speaker

The year 2040, it seems very far in the future. The reality is that San Jose 2040 will be our children and our grandchildren's reality and city.

Join us for our keynote speaker Charles Lauer from the SJ Envision 2040 Task Force. He along with the other Task Force members are shaping the future of this city and they want to hear what You think!

The Draft 2040 Vision expresses what the people of San José want their city to become through the successful implementation of the Envision San José 2040 General Plan. Community members, the Envision Task Force and City staff

worked together to formulate this vision through a series of meetings and workshops. This Vision serves as the

Charles graduated from the University of Wisconsin. His volunteer and community associations include:



foundation for the on-going development of the Envision San José 2040 General Plan policy.

Charles Lauer is a Sales Engineer for a Mechanical Equipment Manufacturers Representative. He has resided in the south bay for 8 years and in San Jose since May 2004.

- **Arts Commissioner
- **San Jose Envision 2040 General Plan Update
- **Strong Neighborhood Initiative/Project Action

- Committee
- **Stonegate Villas Condominium Association (President)
- **Moreland West San Jose Advisory Council (Past President)
- **Westside Property & Homeowners Association
- **Blackford Neighborhood Advisory Council,
- **Winchester Neighborhood Advisory Council.

Campbell vs Cancer ~ Relay for Life ~ July 9

**One day.
One night.
One community.
One Fight.**



The 2011 Relay For Life of Campbell CA is coming up Saturday, July 9, 2011, 10AM at the Campbell Community Center. Relay For Life is a life-changing event that brings together more than 3.5 million people nationwide to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost to the disease, and fight back against a disease that takes too much. Over the past 10 years Campbell has raised over \$2 MIL to Fight Cancer! Won't you join us for this year's fundraiser?

Teams of people camp out at Community Center and take turns walking or running around the track. The Relay is 24-hours in length; representing the reality that cancer never sleeps. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event. By participating, you honor cancer survivors, pay tribute to the lives we've lost to the disease, and raise money to help fight cancer in your community.

Join a team or start your own with family and friends. If you're not able to join a team, please feel free to stop by and learn more about what Relay For Life is doing. "Like" us on facebook at Relay For Life of Campbell, CA or for more information or to make a donation go to: http://main.acevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=31184&pg=entry.

Board of Directors Message

On April 7th at 4PM, the new Safeway store on Hamilton Avenue opened with a private showing by "Invitation Only", to a select few. Well, maybe not such a select few! Arriving at 4:05PM, I had to park across the street at another shopping center because the Safeway parking lot was full to overflowing.



The entire neighborhood has been following this project since the beginning. Ever since Mervyn's closed, we wondered what store could use such a large piece of property. The Safeway Project Manager, Natalie Mattei, spoke at several of our Association meetings during the early planning stages of the store. Suggestions that were made at those meetings have been incorporated into the design, so we feel we have a special connection to the site.

The store is an instant success! As you drive into the parking lot, you see the outside grounds, which have all been replanted with new trees and

bushes. To be sure, as nice as the parking lot looks now, it will be even prettier, when the plants take root and grow.

The store is beautiful inside. Wide aisles (8 feet) make it easier to shop. The layout of the store is different than older Safeway stores. The produce section is across the

front of the store, instead of along one side. On opening day, the vegetables and fruit were arranged very artistically. I heard shoppers say they almost didn't want to buy the goods because it meant they would have to disturb the beautiful display. There is a full service bakery, with all the Safeway cookies and cakes that we know from other stores, but also fresh baked desserts and all kinds of rolls, bagels and other bread items.

There are specialty sections, such as a large floral section, an olive bar, a meat department with real butchers, bulk dis-

pensers of grains, cereals and candy, and a large wine and liquor selection. It makes the store appear to be a cross between the high-end local supermarkets (Lunardi's), a health oriented market (Whole Foods), a comprehensive liquor store (BevMo) and Costco (sampling all sorts of goodies at the end of each aisle). True "one-stop shopping"!

There is a Starbucks Coffee bar in the store (of course!), but not just a typical coffee bar. It is located at one side of the store, with comfy indoor seating, as well as access to outside seating, which will make it a "destination stop" during the warm weather. I can see shoppers enjoying a cup of coffee and a snack, and lingering awhile before entering the store to do their shopping.



I was most impressed with the employees. I spoke to several, of whom some were transfers from other stores and some were new hires. They were universally excited about being associated with the new store and proud to be part of a major addition to the Campbell/San Jose neighborhood.



Notice of Revised Newsletter and Membership Meeting Schedule

The STWNA Board of Directors has eliminated the July Membership meeting from the yearly schedule as announced by President Warren Campbell. "The board made the decision based on lack of participation in July, citing vacation schedules and great weather as contributing factors" noted Campbell. The newsletter schedule has been adjusted accordingly. Your next newsletter will be delivered sometime in late August or early September prior to the next meeting. Keep up with the local info on our website at www.santomaswest.com and have a happy summer!

STWNA 2011 Calendar

05/11	STWNA General Meeting
05/14	STWNA Garage Sale
05/18	Restaurant Night
05/21	STWNA River Cleanup
06/18	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

Payne School Update

There's a lot rocking as we roll to the end of the school year at Payne Elementary School! Between our extension programs, family education opportunities, and service learning projects, we have been working hard and having fun!

Extension Programs

This year, Payne has been fortunate to have six Destination ImagiNation (DI) teams. Forty 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders have been working together every week on team and instant challenges to prepare for the recent regional tournament. At the tournament, the teams were tested to think on their feet, work together, and devise original solutions that satisfied the requirements of the challenges. We are proud of the dedication, creativity, and teamwork shown by all six teams. We are also very proud to announce that one team, Secret Hidden Treasure, will be advancing to the state tournament on April 9th. Good luck Secret Hidden Treasure!

Payne is also proud of the thirty-five students who participated in the Math Olympiad program this year. These 4th and 5th graders met once a week during their lunch recess to work on challenging math practice problems and quizzes. All the Payne Math Olympiads did very well

throughout the program. This May, five of our top scorers will be heading to the Santa Clara County Tournament to work as a team and show what they know. Good luck Math Olympiads!

Service Learning

Thank you to the Payne community for contributing their pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and dollars to the Pennies for Peace fundraiser. Payne joined more than 4,800 schools in the United States that have collected more than 30 million pennies to support schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Due to hard work and generosity, Payne is sending \$1032.00 to the fund. Payne Panthers are making a difference in the world, one penny at a time!

Payne students have been learning about one of the largest earthquakes in recorded history that occurred on March 11, 2011 in Japan. Our community is joining together in an effort to help the families and communities impacted by this tragedy. On March 30th and April 6th, Payne participated in a service learning project by hosting a bake sale. 100% of the proceeds were donated to the Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco. These treats were extra sweet because of all the love

and care that went into them!

Family Education Opportunities

Through a generous grant from the Moreland Education Foundation, Payne School will be hosting two more family education nights this year. Family Math Night, on Thursday, April 21st will teach students and parents standards-based math games that they can play at home to reinforce concepts that are being taught at school. Families will be given hand-outs and materials so that they can continue to play at home. The computer lab will also be open so that families can play ST Math (JiJi) games. On Wednesday, May 18th, we will also be hosting Summer Literacy Night. We will gather in the MU Room at 6:30 pm for a presentation by a librarian from the San Jose Public Library - West Valley Branch to learn how to register for a library card and how to be a part of the summer reading program. Then, Payne teachers will share stories and ideas for how to promote literacy all summer long.

As you can see, Payne has been a very busy place! Even with all that action, the students have still been hard at work in their classrooms. To see what they've been working on, please join us for Open House on Wednesday, May 25th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.. Our Panthers have a lot of impressive work to show off this year!

STWNA Restaurant Night, May 18

Even though the neighborhood for STWNA encompasses many households, the truth is, we don't have as many restaurants within our borders that can accommodate our request for a fundraiser restaurant night without repeating restaurants on a regular basis!

The new Restaurant Night Committee has decided to expand our horizons a bit and our first restaurant pick is The Thai Orchid in Campbell, located at 866 E. Campbell Ave., in Campbell, just across from the Pruneyard. Phone# 408-626-9779.

We will be looking at and selecting restaurants in the West San Jose and Campbell area. We know that the residents of STWNA frequent other restaurants that are nearby, and we will attempt to include some new choices just outside our boundaries.



Whether you like mild or spicy Thai food, you will find something to please your palate at Thai Orchid. You can view their menu online at www.thaiorchidsiliconvalley.com Note that the restaurant night is good only at their Campbell location.

Please present this coupon when paying for your order. Thai Orchid will donate 10% of the proceeds for Wednesday May 18, 2011, back to STWNA when this coupon accompanies payment.

Additionally, we want YOUR input. At the next general meeting we will have a list of restaurants that you can vote on, and we will pursue those restaurants that our members have the most interest in. So come to the meeting and cast your vote for where you would like to eat AND help benefit STWNA!

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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National River Cleanup Day

Saturday, May 21, 2011 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The 2011 river cleanup marks the 20th Anniversary of National River Cleanup Day. Since its launch in 1991, more than 960,000 volunteers have participated in thousands of cleanups across the country, covering more than 168,000 miles of waterways. Volunteers have removed more than 10 million pounds of litter and debris from America's rivers and streams. Thanks to volunteers like you, 2010 was the most successful year to date, with more organizers and cleanups than ever before.

The goal of our cleanup events is to remove as much trash, debris, and recyclables as possible out of our water ways.

Volunteering at a cleanup event helps to keep these natural parts of our county beautiful for everyone to enjoy. These events also give volunteers an opportunity to meet new people, get outside, and to volunteer in a stress-relieving, natural setting.

Come with friends, family and lots of energy. Wear long pants, sturdy shoes, gloves and sunscreen! Our cleanup days are a great way to fulfill your community service requirements. Individuals, clubs, and classes are welcome and encouraged to come out and participate in our cleanup events.

While our "adopted" portion of the San Tomas Aquino Creek is not due for cleanup, our neighbors in Campbell are still in need of volunteers for the Bascom Avenue to Leigh Avenue portion of the Los Gatos Creek cleanup, sponsored by the Whole Foods Market in Campbell. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Jennifer Ralston at jenn.ralston@wholefoods.com. Parking will be available at the Business Park at Bascom and Hamilton.




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Fun Stuff For Summer

Benefit Concert for the People of Japan

As part of the 12th Annual International Russian Music Piano Competition, a concert will be held to benefit the victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. All proceeds from this concert will go to benefit the Japanese relief effort. The concert will take place on Fri., June 3rd at 7:30 PM at Le Petit Trianon Theatre in downtown San Jose (only half a block from the new city hall) and will feature world class pianists. FEE.

Kids Create at the San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles

Get ready to explore the many cultures in our community with this popular program. Join us each month as we celebrate a different tradition through story and a hands-on art project. Kids Create is a multicultural arts program for children aged 5-10. San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles, 11:00am – 12:30pm, June 5, July 10, August 7. \$7.50 FEE.

The 37th Annual Sunnyvale Art & Wine Festival

The event is one of the largest free festivals in the Silicon Valley. Each year more than 125,000 people crowd downtown Sunnyvale and the newly-renovated Murphy Avenue to experience some of the region's finest artisans, craftspeople, entertainment, a wide variety of food, and, of course, a grand selection of wine and local microbrews. June 4-5. FREE.

Campbell Summer Concerts

June 16 through August 18. The Campbell Summer Concert series is brought to you by the City of Campbell and generous donations from the community. The series starts in mid-June and continues for nine weeks with a different band playing each week. Concerts start at 6:30pm and last until 8:00pm. So bring a lawn chair and support the Campbell Museum Foundation by purchasing food and drinks at the event. Concerts take place on Thursday nights at the Orchard City Green located right in front of the historic Ainsley House and adjacent to Campbell City Hall. June 16, Houserockers; June 23, Bay Area Heat; June 30, Joe Ferrari Big Band; July 7, Roadshow; July 14 Plastic Onion Band (Beatles Tribute); July 21, Isis and the Cold Truth; July 28, Grove Kings; August 4, Cocktail Monkeys; August 11, The Hitmen; August 18, Sage. FREE.

Free Community Pancake Breakfast

Assemblymember Jim Beall, Jr. invites you to attend a FREE community pancake breakfast. Come enjoy a complimentary pancake breakfast with your neighbors and discuss legislative and community issues. Saturday, June 25, 8:30-11:00am at the Campbell Community Center. Please sign up by visiting to www.assembly.ca.gov/a24 or by calling 408-282-8920. FREE.

Dancin' on the Avenue 2011

The Willow Glen Business Association (WGBA) is proud to announce the 16th annual Dancin' on the Avenue Festival to be held on June 25th, 2011! Bust out the dancing shoes, call your friends and neighbors, and come to Downtown Willow Glen's annual street party featuring a showcase of Willow Glen's finest eateries, four stages with live music, community dance performances, a Kids' Court, and lots of happy feet. FREE.

Gilroy Garlic Festival

Featuring 10 tons of beef... 4 tons of pasta... 4 tons of calamari... 2 tons of scampi 2 TONS of fresh Christopher Ranch garlic & \$8.5 million raised for local charities. July 29, 30, 31 at Christmas Hill Park, Gilroy. FEE.

Santa Clara County Fair, August 4-7

Log on to <http://thefair.org/home.cfm> for more information