

SAN TOMAS WEST

Neighborhood Association



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STWNA MEETING

**Wednesday,
May 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
www.SanTomasWest.com

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Daniel Martinez III—May Meeting Keynote Rebuilding Together of Silicon Valley

Don't miss this meeting! Learn how to apply for assistance or volunteer to help the next Rebuilding Together Project.

Rebuilding Together gathers donated materials and hundreds of volunteers to repair and rehabilitate homes and non-profit facilities. Our work includes nearly all aspects of repair and rehabilitation where residents can live in warmth, safety, and independence. Our repairs and home modifications for safety include: wheelchair ramps and other accessibility improvements, interior and exterior painting, yard cleanup, plumbing repairs, appliance replacement, heating installation and repair, safety rails, ramps, steps, repair of windows, locks, smoke alarms installation, weatherization, and earthquake proofing water heaters.



**Daniel Martinez,
Community Outreach
Coordinator for
Rebuilding Together**

build a better community. Handy and skilled trades people are always in high demand – indeed, hundreds of carpenters, plumbers, electricians, roofers are among those who donate their time.

All repairs are paid for by Rebuilding Together; the homeowner pays nothing. Each year we use countless gallons of paint, boxes of nails, lumber, roofing material, sealant, pipes and even fixtures like stoves and bathtubs. Some materials are donated, others purchased – often at wholesale prices. Project sponsors help to underwrite the cost of each project. Additional donated materials and skilled volunteer labor enables Rebuilding Together programs to leverage six dollars of repairs for each dollar contributed.

Daniel Martinez III is the Volunteer and Community Outreach Coordinator for Rebuilding Together - Silicon Valley. He has lived in California since January, by way of North Carolina.

The project selection team reviews each application to determine whether the home or non-profit facility requires repairs to improve warmth, safety and independence. A site visit is made to ensure that the project is within the scope of work we are able to provide. Homeowners must be low-income and elderly, disabled, or families with children, and unable to do the work themselves.

Anyone aged 14 or older can be a volunteer. People of all ages and walks of life come together to help



Volunteers Mark Smolley, left, and Frank Zeleny work on making improvements to the home of Bonita and Olinto Traversari in San Jose Saturday, April 28, 2012.

A graduate of East Carolina University, Daniel has degrees in both Family & Community Service and Psychology. As an AmeriCorps member Daniel is dedicating a year of service to help those in need in our community.

Meet Councilman Pete Constant, May 9 at 6:30

Board of Directors Message

Did you miss us? As you may be aware, the March STWNA Meeting was canceled. The Board of Directors has been in flux and at that time we did not have a President. After much begging, beseeching, arm twisting and outright pleading we are pleased to announce that your STWNA Board is now complete! We cannot thank these volunteers enough for stepping up to the plate to keep our award winning organization afloat!

Meet your new Board...

Jackie Wyckoff, President (Campbell)

If the name sounds familiar, it is because Jackie has been the STWNA Neighbor to Neighbor Newsletter Editor since the very first issue in April of 2007, has served as Parliamentarian for the association and has assisted in writing and revising the STWNA Bylaws. Jackie is honored to have been chosen twice for the STWNA Volunteer award and has enjoyed working with the past board members.

As the most recent Past President of the Bowling Writers Association of America, volunteerism is no stranger to Jackie. A professional bowling sportswriter, she is a staff writer for International Bowling Industry Magazine, with writing credits which include published articles in countless local, national and international publications. As a member of the Ladies Professional Bowlers Tour during the 70's and 80's Jackie holds three National Titles. She is a Life Member of the United States Bowling Congress, Bowling Writers Association of America and California Bowling Writers and has been inducted into the Peninsula Bowling Hall of Fame.

Jackie and her husband John are lifelong San Francisco Giants fan and season ticket holders; has one son and three grandchildren; loves to cook and travel. Wyckoff told the board "While my travel schedule may preclude me from attending all the membership meetings, I will do my best to live up to the high standard set by past presidents, Heather, Peter and Warren. I look forward to giving back to a community that I love."

Romie Barbieri & Ingrid Johanson.

Co-Vice Presidents (San Jose)

Ingrid Johanson has lived in the neighborhood since 1960, one of the original homeowners in the area. She migrated to the "States" from Berlin, Germany when she was 21 years old. Her three children Manuel (who passed away in an auto accident) Belinda and Kimberly all attended local schools. She loves to spend time with her six grandchildren, three boys and three girls, age 12 to 25 and volunteering at their charter school. Ingrid worked at the Paul Masson Winery in Saratoga for 21 years then moved to Acurex Aerospace in Mountain View before she retired two years ago. As her neighbors all know, she is devoted to her Pekingese and Chihuahua mix dog Bear whom she freely admits she spoils.

Ingrid loves the beach and drives over the hill to Santa Cruz at every opportunity. She is a Forty-Niner Faithful, a Sharks fan and enjoys attending the San Jose Giants games. She has been a member of STWNA since it began and has served on several committees, including the River Cleanup which she will now chair. Ingrid said "I love the whole idea of the neighborhood association. When I heard Chuck had to resign as Vice President I told Romie - we can do this together". Well said, Ingrid and thank you!

Romie Barbieri was born and raised in Santa Rosa, California, graduated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a degree in electronic engineering and moved to the Bay Area in 1963 to work for Litton Industries in San Carlos. In 1965 he went to work for Lockheed Martin and after 38 years of service retired in 2003. He married his wife Gale in 1963 right after graduating from San Luis Obispo. Gale and Romie have three children, Desta, Gina and Tony who all went through our local schools, Payne, Castro and Blackford and they enjoy spending time with their seven grandkids ranging in age from 7 to 14. The Bariberi's have lived on Hartley Court since 1967.

Romie loves to work on cars and do "handyman" work around the house but his favorite hobby is HO Model Rali-roading. He said "My motto is 'Never Give Up'. That's why I decided to

STWNA 2012 Calendar

PLEASE NOTE NEW MEETING TIMES

05/09/12 *Membership Meeting*

05/19/12 *River Cleanup*

06/16/12 *Block Party*

09/12/12 *Membership Meeting*

09/ TBD *River Cleanup*

10/ TBD *Dumpster Day*

11/14/12 *Membership Meeting*

12/08/12 *Caring and 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.

volunteer with Ingrid to take over as Co-VP's. This organization is something we can't give up." He has been an integral part of STWNA since the beginning, our first Block Captain and received the very first "Outstanding Volunteer" award from the organization.

Lisa Riggs, Secretary (San Jose)

Lisa (LeBlanc) Riggs was born and raised in the Moreland Area. A Prospect graduate, she did not move far from home to raise her own family! After graduating from UC Irvine, she made her stay in Southern California short, and promptly moved back to the Bay Area. She and her husband, Greg, have been happily married for 15 & 1/2 years. They are the proud parents of Mitchell, 11, and Kayla, 9. Their home would not be complete without their zoo of 2 dogs, Riley & Winnie, Henry the turtle and an aquarium full of fish. Besides her family and friends, 2 of Lisa's other loves are the SF Giants and the SF 49ers. Still recovering from the deviating Niner loss, she optimistically

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CLIP AND SAVE



Affordable Housing Units Available

San Jose's rental market is tightening and rents are rising. The good news is that several affordable housing developments have units available. Below is a list of developments that are currently accepting applications:

Betty Ann Gardens - 945 Lundy Avenue
 Belovida at Newbury Park - 1777 Newbury Park Drive*
 Curtner Studios - 701 Curtner Avenue
 Fourth Street Apartments - 1460 N. 4th Street (Opens in June 2012)
 Rincon de Los Esteros - 1780 Oakland Road
 *ADA Units Available

In addition to the developments listed above, scchousingsearch.com is another easy and accessible tool to search for available rental housing in Santa Clara County. You are invited to use scchousingsearch.com which provides FREE housing services for tenants and property providers to locate or list available and affordable housing throughout Santa Clara County.

Board of Directors Message

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is looking forward to the Giants baseball season! In her spare time she loves to play tennis, garden, read a good book and watch her kids play on their sports teams.

Lisa, one of the original 5 co-founders of the San Tomas West Neighborhood Association, said "It was a lot of hard work, but it was also such an exciting time for the group of co-founders. It felt so good to be working together to do something to make our neighborhood a better place to live." And, there were some laughs too, like when the group had a long argument about how to spell Tomas. "We figured we'd better at least spell the name right!" The group worked for months before holding the first meeting and it was worth it to see the great turnout of over 100 people! Lisa took on the role of 1st Vice President, creating the Block Captain program and managing the newsletter production and distribution. Lisa even worked with other local neighborhood associations in assisting them in the development of their own Block Captain program. Lisa volunteered in the 1st VP role for 4-years until 2010. Unable to see all of this hard work dissipate, Lisa recently volunteered to take on the Secretary role to help keep STWNA alive and thriving. She is very grateful to her counterparts on the Board who have also stepped up to volunteer their time to continue to work to make our neighborhood a safe, friendly, and great place to live.

Cathi Hall, Treasurer

Cathi graduated from Chico State where she met her late husband, David who grew up in San Jose and graduated from Del Mar. She completed her teaching credential at San Jose State when the family returned here in the mid eighties. David's father was head librarian at West Valley for over 25 years. The Halls have 3 children; Steven graduated Blackford in 1989 and has their only 2 grandchildren; James attended Rogers Middle School, EDS, and graduated from Westmont in 1992 because they closed Blackford his senior year; Katie attended Anderson Elementary, Rogers Middle, and graduated Prospect in 1995. Over the years you may have seen them walking their white akita and golden retriever, or more likely have seen Cathi "flying" behind the golden on her bike! Currently she walks the neighborhood with her knee-high dog Annabelle who many people say closely resembles the lion in the "Golden Compass".

Cathi grew up in Napa and has lived in California most of her life, except for a few years overseas in Indonesia and the Netherlands. She retired in June after 30 years of teaching 5th grade, the last 25 years in the Mt. Pleasant Elementary School District on the Eastside where her passion was to help students develop a joy and love for science and math...in both boys and GIRLS. Cathi was recognized at Heritage

This N That

*** The San Jose Department of Transportation has put out a memo outlining how to handle an emergency situation involving reporting a *sanitary sewer overflow or other sanitary sewer problems*. Typically this is a home or commercial sewer overflow that may be evidenced in the street as well - does not include storm drains. They indicate that the easiest and most effective way is to call one of the following numbers: Weekdays, 7AM - 4PM, DOT Dispatch, 408-794-1900; Evenings, nights and weekends, San Jose city communications, 408-277-8956 Reporting party should provide location and description of the problem, with an address wherever possible, contact name and phone number. Other means of reporting include the city of San Jose website, www.sanjoseca.gov, and the "San Jose Clean" Smartphone application (free to Droid and iphone users).

***Bay Area Older Adults has built a website that offers free information about the outdoors, fitness, social and cultural activities offered by other non-profits in Santa Clara County. Help them to spread the word to all the neighborhoods in the Bay Area. The BAO site was designed specifically to be easy to use so that it was accessible to seniors with a broad range of experience with computers and the internet.

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Theater by Santa Clara County Office of Education in Sept of 2011.

Her retirement has allowed her more time to spend on her hobbies, including home improvement projects, traveling, and shopping. She recently took up yoga and looks forward to trying new things in the coming years. She enjoys most sports... a to z and hopes to take up kayaking, work with Canine Companions raising puppies, and more road tripping around US in the future. She did a cross country drive last summer and loved it! Cathi said "I look forward to serving on the STWNA Board and hope you will say hi if you see me out and about!" She joined STWNA 4 years ago and recently volunteered to take on the role of treasurer.

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.

Federal officials and regional leaders raise glasses of sparkling cider to toast the signing of a \$900m funding agreement for the BART Berryessa Extension.

Left to right: Mayor Reed, Rep. Zoe Lofgren, Rep. Mike Honda, CA Transportation Commissioner Carl Guardino, County Supervisor, VTA Chair Ken Yeager.



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Check out the web home page at: <http://bayareaolderadults.org>. The website provides comprehensive information so that seniors have all the details they need to venture out with confidence. BAO wants to make it fun and easy for older adults to explore new activities in their community to help them maintain their mental and physical health.

***The Campbell Recreation Summer Activity Guide is now available online at www.ci.campbell.ca.us/recreation/activityguide. Registration is now open at the Community Center Recreation office at 1 W Campbell Avenue, Monday – Thursday from 8:00am to 5:00pm and Friday from 8:00am to 5:30pm. Fun and interesting classes are available for all ages from toddlers to seniors in a wide variety of interests. Log on or check out your Recreation Guide in mailboxes soon.

***I Am San José – May 27th

Come to St. James Park on Sunday, May 27th from 12 – 5p.m. and enjoy gourmet food trucks and entertainment. The event marks the launch of I Am San Jose, a new nonprofit, with a goal of revitalizing the City through fun, social and creative events. The event on May 27th will benefit The Salvation Army. The creators of the event, Tin Le, Cary Inayoshi and Sam Pak, hope the event will also launch regular lunch time food truck events in St. James Park. If you're interested in volunteering for I Am San Jose at the event on May 27th, please contact Tin Le at tin.tran.le@gmail.com.

***5k Run/Walk – June 9th

KidSportzUSA will host a 5k run/walk to prevent obesity at the San Jose Athletic Club/St. James Park on Saturday, June 9th at 9 am with a wellness fair from 10am – 12pm, including games/activities, volleyball tournament, kids play area and prizes. Sign-up online at www.preventobesity5k.org.

***The City of Campbell's Orchard City Banquet Hall has been awarded a LEED "Gold" certification from the US Green Building Council. LEED is a standard that promotes environmentally responsible buildings which are resource efficient throughout the building's life. Green construction focuses on recycling and using sustainable building materials which helps the environment.



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STWNA Block Party Save the Date!

Saturday, June 16, 2012 on Kendra Way

The fifth annual STWNA Community Block Party will be held on Saturday, June 16 from 1:00pm – 5:00pm on Kendra Way (just off Darryl Dr.). STWNA will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixings. Bring a side-dish to share with your neighbors or just come join the fun. Don't forget your lawn chair and plenty of sunscreen.

Volunteers are always welcome so if you are interested in helping out with the Block Party (set-up, cooking, clean-up, etc), please contact us at SanTomasWest@Yahoo.com. We are looking forward to a great turnout from the community. More information will be posted soon on the STWNA Website at www.SanTomasWest.com.



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