

SAN TOMAS WEST

Neighborhood Association



Neighbor to Neighbor Newsletter

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STWNA MEETING

**Wednesday,
Sept. 12
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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ZERO Tolerance for Bullying! *Join the discussion with keynote speaker, Anne Ehresman of Project Cornerstone*

Project Cornerstone is Silicon Valley's youth development initiative committed to building a community where all adults support youth so that they thrive. Project Cornerstone works within the YMCA and with 400 schools and community partners to change personal behavior of adults, strengthen programs that serve youth, and impact public policy.

Project Cornerstone offers strategies to increase confidence, connection and commitment to reducing bully behaviors. Anne Ehresman will detail a comprehensive, school-wide approach which empowers all members of the school community to be UP-standers. When we refuse to permit aggressive, hateful and hurtful words and deeds, we promote a safer and more caring community for all.

Anne Ehresman is the Executive Director of YMCA/Project Cornerstone, Silicon Valley's youth development initiative. Anne has 20



Anne Ehresman
**Exec. Dir. YMCA/
Project Cornerstone**

years of non-profit leadership that includes fighting childhood hunger, preventing child abuse and developing housing and programs to help low-income families achieve self-sufficiency. She is a member of the YUSA Family Strengthening Expert Panel and in 2011 received an award from the Santa Clara County Human Relations Commission. Anne holds a Master's in Social Welfare from University of California at Berkeley and Bachelor's degree from Brown University. Anne is an avid reader, loves spending time with her family and is an active volunteer in her children's schools.

Project Cornerstone is committed to helping all children and teens in Silicon Valley feel valued, respected and known. Our programs and services help individuals and communities build a web of support around young people so that they grow into healthy, caring and responsible adults.

Learn more at www.projectcornerstone.org.



Check out the flyer insert for your personal invitation to join our neighborhood conversations at **NEXTDOOR San Tomas West**, a PRIVATE Social Network where neighbors with shared interests send messages only to each other.

Board of Directors Message

By Jackie Wyckoff, President

What can six cents a day buy today? Not much, that's for sure. You could buy almost half an ounce of gas for 6¢ and have just over five gallons in a year.

If you put your 6¢ in a piggy bank, you would have enough money to buy the new iPhone 5 – in about 32 years. You could buy a quarter of an ounce of ground beef and in just sixteen short days you would have

enough to make a decent burger. But it could spoil before you had the wherewithal to scrape up enough for a bun!

“So where is she going with this” I can hear your brain asking? *Six cents won't buy anything of value in this economy.* Not true! For a mere six cents a day – just \$20.00 per year – you could be a bona fide member of the San Tomas West Neighborhood Association; support your community; stay informed; get educated; have a say with the cities of San Jose and Campbell and have money left over for a dozen eggs!

Do you find 6¢ worth of value in these programs and events?

- ◆ Prominent keynote speakers at each meeting
- ◆ Communicating the concerns of our community to the council members and city planners about issues in our neighborhood
- ◆ Keeping everyone informed about city sponsored events
- ◆ Working with Moreland School District on issues effecting our families
- ◆ Hosting a Dumpster Day and eWaste Disposal
- ◆ Hosting a holiday Caring, Sharing and Giving event to help our neighbors who are less fortunate than others
- ◆ Hosting two yearly River Cleanup events to keep our San Tomas Creekway clean and safe
- ◆ Nextdoor San Tomas West, a PRIVATE Social Media site where



Neighbor—can you spare a dime? How about 6¢?

we can all communicate concerns, post comments and keep up with what is happening next door as well as throughout our cities and community. Sign up today with the enclosed flyer.

What is holding you back from becoming a member? Surely, not the membership fee of only \$20.00 per year? The STWNA operates on a shoestring budget, made up of grant funds and membership dues. In 2012 we

received less than \$2,000.00 in funding from the cities of San Jose and Campbell – and we were lucky to get it with the cutbacks our cities are facing. We currently have less than 100 paid members out of nearly 2000 households. Imagine what we could accomplish if even one in four of our neighbors paid dues? That's \$10,000.00. How would you benefit if we had a budget of that ilk? What can we do for YOU?

If you are currently a member, **THANK YOU!** If you are not yet a member, **PLEASE JOIN!** Ask your friends and neighbors to join. Our goal for 2013 is to grow to 500 members. What will you do to help?

We are having a membership drive from now through the end of the year. Each current member who recruits a NEW member will have their name entered into a drawing for a fabulous prize! One drawing ticket for each new member you recruit. And... we are offering a “special discount” for all new members. Pay your dues for 2013 and receive the rest of 2012 for FREE! Membership applications are available at the meetings, download one online at www.santomaswest.com, or email us at santomaswest@yahoo.com and we will mail or hand-deliver an application to you.

We currently accept payment by check or by credit card at the meetings or mail us a check. Coming soon we will be adding Pay Pal to our website where you can join or renew your membership.

STWNA 2012 Calendar

09/12/12 **Membership Meeting**

09/16/12 **River Cleanup**

10/ TBD **Dumpster Day
CANCELED**

11/14/12 **Membership Meeting**

12/08/12 **Caring and Sharing**

**Wednesday, February 6, 2013
STWNA Annual
Membership Meeting**

**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
during the year.**

If you find value in what we do, join today.

For the rest of this year, we will be forced to cut back on some services we currently provide. We have canceled the Dumpster Day and eWaste Disposal event due to lack of funding. We hope to be able to re-slate this event on our 2013 calendar. We will also be discontinuing the printed version of the Neighbor to Neighbor Newsletter. Our November issue will be the last to be hand-delivered. The newsletter will continue to be available online, and will be sent to anyone who would like to receive it via email. If you would like to be included in the newsletter email, let us know at santomaswest@yahoo.com.

In 2013 we plan to host a Crime Prevention Seminar, a Senior Fare and a Kids Fair which will be open to all neighbors, members or not, with “special perks” for paid members. We will also have several “members only” events, including our National Night Out Party, Dumpster Day/ eWaste Disposal and a few others still in the planning stages.

So, come on. Six cents is all it takes to support these services. What are you waiting for?

Moreland School District Now on Facebook and Twitter

Follow @MorelandSupt on Twitter and "Like" Moreland on Facebook

Moreland is now on both Twitter and Facebook. Our most recent communications survey showed that parents and community members prefer to receive information electronically – by text, email, and web. We are excited to be able to reach staff, community members, and more points of contact for each student – parents, step-parents, babysitters, daycare providers – by making information available on Twitter and Facebook.

You do not have to have an account to follow Superintendent Mark Barmore on Twitter. Simply send a text message. Enter 40404 in the phone number field. Enter "follow MorelandSupt" (without quotation marks) in the message field.

You **do** need a Facebook account to view and "Like" Moreland School District on Facebook. The site contains information about the district, programs, awards, current events, history, and links to information from Twitter and Moreland.org.

Join Moreland as we use social media to collaborate, interact, and inform.



Payne School Update Welcome New Principal Marian Endo



Payne is thrilled to start this new school year with so many exciting changes. We are excited to welcome new Assistant Principal Marian Endo, who has been with the Moreland School District for fifteen years. Additionally, as you look around the campus, you'll notice this summer brought some modernizations to Payne, including updated technology, skylights, new carpets, tile flooring, as well as tile wainscoting on the building exteriors. On behalf of the entire Payne staff, we'd like to thank you for your generous support of our school

bond which made this important renovation possible. For a look at what's going on inside the classrooms, we hope everyone attended Back to School Night, Wednesday, September 5th at 5:45pm.

As neighbors, I invite you to stay in contact. Through a partnership of cooperation, communication, and caring, we can continue to make Payne, not only your neighborhood school, but a place where children grow, flourish, and excel in learning.

September Meeting Highlights
Captain Anthony Ciaburro, San Jose PD
Captain Charlie Adams, Campbell PD
Anne Ehresman, Project Cornerstone
Riverside Plaza Shopping Center Update

Attention San Jose Teens!!

What do you think about the way the police treat teens? How about the way that teens treat the police? If you are a San Jose teen, age 15-18, we want to know what YOU think!

Join the IPA Teen Leadership Council

The IPA is a city office that takes complaints about police misconduct in San Jose. The IPA-TLC is an advisory council made up of YOUTH.

TLC members help us with community outreach and develop their leadership skills. Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of each month, 10am-12pm, in downtown San Jose. Guest speakers have included Mayor Reed, SJPD Chief of Police Chris Moore, community leaders, lawyers, judges and youth service providers.

- You must live or go to school in San Jose + be 15 to 18 years old to apply.
- It does not matter whether you have had contact with the police or not.
- It does not matter what your grades are.
- You must be able to get along with teens from all over San Jose. (No drama!)

For an application, visit www.sanjoseca.gov/IPA or call (408) 794-6226. DEADLINE TO APPLY: Friday, September 21, 2012 at 5pm.



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.

What's Up in Campbell?

**** Campbell Avenue Street Improvements.** The City of Campbell has contracted with J.A. Gonsalves & Son Construction, Inc., to resurface Campbell Avenue from the City Limit line just west of Hunt Way to Jeffers Way. This construction project is expected to begin August 20, 2012 and is anticipated to be substantially completed by November 2012.

**** Campbell Historical Museum Gets a New Look!** The Campbell Historical Museum is located in the City of Campbell's first public building, the old Firehouse Station 1. Many people have no idea that the building was once a fire station or that now it is a museum. With the generosity from Campbell Home Depot and Behr paint, the Campbell Historical Museum will get a vibrant new look with a burgundy and gray color scheme typical for a 1950s building. In August, the hose tower will be restored and painted, then in September Campbell Rotary will organize volunteers to paint the rest of the building on Saturday September 8th and 15th. If you would like to join in this community event, please meet at the Campbell Historical Museum on Saturday September 8th at 9:30am (and be sure to wear your old paint clothes!).

**** Fall 2012 Recreation Schedule and Registration.** The City of Campbell's Fall 2012 Recreation Schedule is on-line now and available in hard copy starting Aug. 24 at City Hall, the Campbell Community Center, the Campbell Chamber of Commerce office and the Campbell Museum. Registration for all Fall programs will begin Wednesday, August 29th starting at 8:00 am for Campbell Residents and Thursday, August 30th starting at 8:00am for EVERYONE. Online catalogue available at: <http://www.cityofcampbell.com/Recreation/activityguide/index.htm>



DOWNTOWN CAMPBELL OKTOBERFEST

**Saturday, October 13
Sunday, October 14**

**** Is YOUR Gardener a "Green Gardener"?** Ask your gardener to sign-up for the upcoming Green Gardener training and you

could be enjoying a healthier and "greener" landscape around your home. The Green Gardeners classes teach landscapers to approach gardening using techniques based on reduced use of toxic pesticides and chemicals. Healthier gardens, plants, trees and lawns are an immediate result of implementing the Green Gardener techniques. Classes are open to both professional landscapers/gardeners and home gardeners who'd like to learn these techniques. Classes begin on September 12, 2012 and conclude on Nov. 14th.

www.cityofcampbell.com/WhatsNew/2012/Green%20Gardener%20Flyer%209%202012.pdf

What's Up in San Jose?






****On Tuesday, September 11th, 2012,** the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and the American Muslim Voice (AMV) Foundation will be hosting the 9/11 Multifaith Peace Picnic at the James P. McEntee, Sr. Civic Center Plaza on 70 W. Hedding Street in San Jose, from 5 pm to 7:00 pm. We are calling upon the faith groups and community organizations to be a part of this wonderful community and peace building event. We are encouraging all Americans to join "The Miracle Movement of Peace and Friendship" campaign to ensure the nation's safety, security and harmony. Please join us in building a peaceful community in the County of Santa Clara by helping us to reach out to all County residents. To become co-sponsor or an endorser for this event, please contact Samina Sundas at 1-650-387- 1994 or saminasundas@gmail.com. For more information, please do not hesitate to contact The-Vu Nguyen, at (408) 299-5030 or by email at the-vu.nguyen@bos.sccgov.org.


**** 5th Annual Disability Awareness Day, Thursday, October 11th, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** at San José City Hall. Disability Awareness Day is a celebration of unity and appreciation for people with differing abilities. The community is invited to promote awareness through participation in educational workshops and activities that allow the general public to understand the barriers individuals with disabilities encounter in our society. Informational workshops will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and will feature a "Mental Health Matters" Panel Discussion. For workshop topics and registration details please visit: disabilityawarenessday-eivtefrnd.eventbrite.com. The festivities and resource fair will begin at 10:00 a.m. with Paralympic sports demonstrations, live music and over 70 vendor tables. MC's Sam Van Zandt and Lissa Kreisler from KBAY radio will kick off the lunch time program at 12:00 p.m., which will include special appearances by Chelsie Hill from the television show "Push Girls" and Seventeen Magazine, Mia Schaikewitz, also from "Push Girls," and Ali Stroker from the "Glee Project 2." Be sure to stop by and try some delicious food from the food trucks! For more information call the District 1 office at (408) 535-4901.

**** 3rd Annual Shred-a-Thon & E-Waste Disposal Event, Saturday, October 13th, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** at Century Theatre Parking Lot (*Corner of Winchester Boulevard & Olsen Drive*). Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in the country, and an effective way to protect yourself is to shred your personal documents. Demand for this event is so strong each year that we are bringing it back again for 2012! Remember, this is a

drive-through shredding and eWaste collection service designed for your convenience. You drive to the event site at Olsen Drive and Winchester Boulevard where your private documents are shredded on-site by Cintas Document Shredding. Last year over 2 tons of documents were shredded on site and 1,700 pounds of eWaste were safely collected! Join Pete Constant and District Attorney Jeff Rosen in protecting our identities by safely and securely disposing of our personal documents and electronic waste.

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-  Discover local nature
-  Create your own masterpiece
-  Taste Japanese culture
-  Prepare culinary delights
-  Explore astronomical enigmas

 Visit www.bayareaolderadults.org/active to learn more and register for these special events