

SAN TOMAS WEST

Neighborhood Association



Our Neighborhood - Our Voice - Our Future

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETINGS SLATED

Two STWNA streets have scheduled Neighborhood Watch Meetings. The Harley Ct & Phoenix blocks will meet and discuss local safety issues and officially organize a neighborhood watch.

Neighborhood Watch focuses on informing the community how to discourage, deter and prevent crimes such as burglary, auto theft, car break-ins, and personal crimes which often occur in or near homes. Issues such as vandalism, graffiti, drug dealing and gang activity are also addressed when applicable. The San Jose Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit has provided **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** presentations to neighborhood groups for nearly 25 years. Although crime trends have changed since the 1970's, the basic principle behind **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** remains the same; to bring communities together with the police to achieve the common goal of preventing crime.

What happens at the meeting?

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH is an opportunity to meet face-to-face with representatives of your police department to discuss and work to solve problems in your community, or to keep the problems from starting

in the first place!

Through this positive, pro-active program, you will learn facts about: Police districts and beats; Duties of beat officers; Crime trends in your area; How to react to suspicious or criminal activity; How San Jose's 9-1-1 system works; Recommended security measures such as... Types of locks, Lighting, Alarms, Operation Identification, and **MUCH** more!

How can a meeting be arranged?

To request a **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**, San Jose residents should call Crime Prevention at 408-277-4133. Campbell residents contact the CPD at 408-866-2121. The Crime Prevention Specialist who represents the area in which you live will work with you to schedule the meeting date (usually at least two to three weeks notice is required). Invitation notices will be sent to you to distribute to your neighbors. **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** meetings are held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings AT 7:00 P.M. and last approximately 2 hours. At least TEN homes must be represented in order for the meeting to take place. Most meetings are held in your home or at a neighborhood facility.

STWNA COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

The San Tomas West Neighborhood Association will be hosting our 1st ever Community Garage Sale. The Garage Sale will be on Saturday, May 19 from 8:00am - 3:00pm. All neighbors and community members are invited to participate by hosting their personal garage or yard sale on this date.

Will you be joining us and

hosting a garage sale on May 19? If so, we want to know so we can get a sign close to your street! This is a great way to get rid of the things around the house that have just been collecting dust, or those old clothes that no longer fit. Kids toys are always a hot seller as well.

Watch for the ads for our upcoming community event in the San Jose Mercury News,

PennySaver, Winchester Resident and Campbell Reporter.

Please contact Oretta Rodriguez at fideloretta@aol.com or by telephone at 247-3817 for participation information or with questions. You can also go to the garage sale page on our STWNA website at santomaswest.com for more information.

NAME THE NEWSLETTER CONTEST

Our community bulletin needs a name. Do you have a suggestion? Put on your thinking caps—if your name is chosen, you will win dinner for two!!

Email your suggestions to santomaswest@yahoo.com or mail to STWNA, 1600 Saratoga Ave #403-218, San Jose, CA 95129 or log on to santomaswest.com.

The deadline is May 15, 2007. A winner will be selected by the community.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER BY HEATHER SUTTON

Dear friends and neighbors,

It is a very exciting time to be living in the San Tomas West neighborhood! At our last meeting we were thrilled to share the following exciting updates with our community. First, we announced the huge success of our first information night on Gang Awareness. With well over 120 community members in attendance, the awareness training is sure to have a positive impact on graffiti and safety in our



Heather Sutton
STWNA President

neighborhood. Second, we were honored to be recognized as outstanding community leaders by Pete Constant,

Councilmember for San Jose, District 1 at the State of the City breakfast. And

last, but certainly not least, our application for a San Jose city CAP (Community Action and Pride) Grant, totaling over \$14,400 was approved! Some of the items the grant will fund for our association are: block parties, dumpster/clean up days, community safety events and celebrations, newsletters, etc.

Also, at the last meeting, our community approved our Association Goals, Top 10 Actions, and tentative calendar for the year. We are moving forward rapidly and making a difference in our neighborhood! For more information on the last meeting,

our goals, etc. visit our website at www.santomaswest.com.

Our primary goal as an association is to help build a sense of community in our neighborhood. Get to know your neighbors; visit with your block captain or become a block captain, participate in or lead the Neighborhood Watch program on your block, sell or shop during our first community wide garage sale, take part in or lead many of our upcoming events, and lastly, join the San Tomas West Neighborhood Association!

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much"
-Helen Keller

We look forward to getting to know all of you and working with you on our bright future.

ADVERTISE IN THE STWNA NEWSLETTER!

Want to reach over 2000 local homes on a small budget? Why not purchase ad space in the STWNA Newsletter and get more "Bang for your Buck"? There will be six issues per year, May, July, September, November, January & March. Residents within the STWNA boundaries (see back page for specific area) receive a copy of each issue.

Your Business Name Here!



Get More Bang For Your Buck!

How about a coupon offer such as "Buy One—Get One Free", "Half Off Second Item", "Free Estimate" or "20% Discount for STWNA Members" .

Have you got an anniversary, birthday or graduation on the horizon? Show that special person how much you care with an ad commemorating that special event.

We welcome local community members and businesses to purchase ad space for \$25.00 per issue or get one issue **FREE** and pay only \$125.00 for the entire year.

To place an ad or for more information, contact the STWNA through the website at santomaswest.com, call us at 408.315.0407 or email santomaswest@yahoo.com.

Nominate a Volunteer

Do you know someone in your community or on your block who has gone above and beyond for your neighborhood? Would you like for him or her to receive recognition for their efforts? Well, so would we.

The STWNA has a Volunteer Recognition Program to say "thank you" to those members of our community who are always the first to step up to the plate and volunteer for a project or task beneficial to our neighborhood.

Nominations should include the person's name, address and phone number, as well as what they have done for their community within the past six months. Be sure to include your name and contact information, as the nominator. Nomination letters may be mailed or emailed to STWNA or brought to the May 9, 2007, meeting (information on page 4). The STWNA Board will choose the recipients.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The San Tomas West Neighborhood Association is looking for volunteers to serve on one of our many committees.

Currently, the following committees are seeking volunteers:

- Block Captains
- Communications
- Neighborhood Watch Coordinators
- July Block Party

- Dumpster Days
- Safety
- Beautification
- Holiday Party

Each committee requires a different time commitment. If you are interested in volunteering, check out the website, email us at santomaswest@yahoo.com or call 408.315.0107. Tell us what interests you and we will give you more information.

STWNA Meeting Agenda

May 9th, 2007, 7:00 pm (doors will open at 6:45)

Payne School, 3750 Gleason Avenue

Introductions

Community

Special Guest Speakers:

San Jose Police Department

Campbell Police Department

Guest speaker from the City of Campbell

Glen Ishiwata, & Dana Taylor, Moreland School District

STWNA Business

Treasurer Report - *Account and Membership information*

San Jose CAP Grant Update

Committee Reports

CBAC Representative

Community Garage Sale

Block Captains

Neighborhood Watch

Newsletter

July Block Party

Open Discussion

Community Announcements

Volunteer Recognition

Future events

Future Agenda Items

Next Meeting July 11, 2007

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VACATION SAFETY FOR YOUR HOME

When away for more than a day:

- If possible, have your telephone calls forwarded when you are away from home. Burglars sometimes check to see if someone is home by making a telephone call.
- Have a trusted neighbor pick up the mail and newspaper. If possible, do not have either stopped. That gives information about you being away from home to others whom you do not know.
- If away for an extended period, have a plan in place to have the grass mowed.
- If you are away from home on garbage pickup day, ask a trusted neighbor to put

your garbage cans out to the street and take them back in. You may wish to have your neighbor use your garbage cans while you are out. Burglars sometimes check for empty cans as a sign the family is away.

- There are systems available that will open and close window draperies by timer. Constantly open or closed curtains can tip the burglar off that no one is home.
- Even if you don't need specific help, always tell a trusted neighbor if you are going to be gone for a few days.

If you are going to be gone for an extended period, ask a neighbor or your local police to check your home periodically.

We're on the Web!

www.SanTomasWest.com

STWNA Neighborhood Association
Boundary Lines: San Tomas Aquino
Road to San Tomas Expressway &
Payne Avenue to Campbell Avenue



GET INVOLVED
JOIN STWNA TODAY

Join Us!

Not yet a member of the San Tomas West
Neighborhood Association? Join now!
Just fill out the membership form and bring it to the
May 9 meeting or mail to:

San Tomas West NA
1600 Saratoga Avenue #403-218
San Jose, CA 95129

Include a check or money order in the amount of \$15.00

Family Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Home Phone _____

Preferred method of communication: Email Phone Mail

Additional Comments or Questions:

STWNA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL:

28th West San Jose Community Summit—9:30 AM, Moreland
West Community Center, 1850 Fallbrook Ave., San José –
RSVP by 4/25 to 408-535-4901

30th Transportation Maintenance Master Plan Community Meeting,
7:30 PM Moreland West Community Center, 1850 Fallbrook
Ave., San José

MAY:

9th **STW Neighborhood Association Meeting, 7:00 pm**
Payne School MU Room, 3750 Gleason Ave

19th STWNA Community Garage Sale, 8am—3pm
City of Campbell will be hosting its fourth community
cleanup—8:00 am to 12:00 pm at John D. Morgan Park

JUNE:

The Campbell Summer Concert 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, on the Orchard City Green, adjacent to
Campbell City Hall. The 2007 Summer schedule will be available soon.

JULY:

11th **STW Neighborhood Association Meeting, 7:00 pm**

STWNA Community Block Party. Look for information in the next issue or
on the website.

STWNA Goals

To improve our Community's
Communication and awareness



To improve our Community's
Safety and empowerment



To improve our Community's
cleanliness and **Beauty**



To improve our Community's
Climate – Events



To increase our Community's
Resources – Available Funding