



BURLINGAME NEWS

Burlingame Block Party 2008!

This year's Burlingame Block Party re-emphasized 'green thinking' and as always, having an impact elsewhere –this time through our food drive. We also made sure there were plenty of both refuse and recycling containers to ensure we were not throwing out those materials from the party that still have a lot of use left in them (bottles, cans, and plastics). We encouraged the children of Burlingame to stay involved in the recycling effort by using recycled materials as their decorations in the second annual kids bike parade. Kudos to everyone who helped show that it's possible to have great party and be green too! Keep up the good work.



This year's block party was said by many attendees to be the best yet! An encouraging sign that the BHA is getting things done, and done right. The block party is intended to be a fun event for the community, but it is also an event to really build community spirit, neighborly bonds, and get people of all ages together. In those regards, we believe this year's event was a resounding success. None of the benefits of the block party can be achieved without lots of help. This year, there was some extra heavy lifting by a few individuals: Jodi Mello, Steve Saars and Grant Merkel. Jodi did a fantastic job (again) this year organizing all the kid's events and even painting all the great signs for the block party! She didn't have all the help making preparations that she needed, but she still got it all done, and many parents and children benefited from her hard work. Steve did a



great job leading and assisting with organizing the block party as a whole, getting the amazing prizes for the raffle donated, and staying to make sure everything was set up on the day of the event. Grant Merkel organized the volunteers we did have, lead and assisted with the set-up, clean up and take down, worked the grill and helped organize and resource rentals. A few others that made some other special contributions: Pat and Don Taylor, Tom Mello, Deb and Mike Morrison, Hank Sullivan and Connie DiGirolamo. BHA would also like to thank all our neighbors that did provide some time to help out –your time was greatly appreciated!



Thanks to our Block Party Sponsors

The BHA would like to let the neighborhood know who our supporters were. These organizations helped make the Annual Block Party a great success and the raffle the best one yet. Their willingness to support our neighborhood and their generosity is greatly appreciated! THANK YOU!

Flashback
St. Augustine's High School
San Diego Fire Department
EDCO Waste & Recycling Services
Escamillia Screenprinting
Mark Danisovszky
Urban Solace
Vagabond
Alexander's
Sea Rocket Bistro
The Linkery
Zensei Sushi
Café Calabria
South Park Grill
Rebecca's
Mazara Trattoria

De Luca's
Santos
San Diego Ceramic Connection V
Diverge Personal Training
Clarity
South Park Fitness
Urban Plantations
Absolute Skin
Citizen Video
The Grove
Oliver Hair Design
Bell Rock Growers
Kate Ross Men & Women's Clothing
Champagne Taste
So Childish
June
Mark Danisovszky (For our great music!!)

Kids' Corner

by Jodi Mello

The kids events and especially the second annual bike parade were again a big hit. Thanks to all of the creative kids who participated - great use of your recyclables! The kids and parents seemed to enjoy all the great activities that were planned, and the great face paintings too. We hope you all enjoyed the activities at the block party this year ~ we look forward to even greater participation in next year's events, and in planning and volunteer opportunities as well.



The Merchant of Glennis

by Pat Taylor



Worth the Wait? The answer is a resounding YES!

I met with Cardamom Café owner, Joanne Sherif, this week to learn more about the bakery/restaurant and her. The first question was one I'd heard from neighbors and friends countless times: "Why did it take so long for this place to open up?" Joanne responded that from the start her first priority was her children (5) and her home life. She and her husband live in Leucadia and there were times when opening Cardamom had to be put on hold. The second reason was that she "wanted to get it right". In my opinion she did...

"So why North Park?" was my next question. Joanne responded that when she first moved to San Diego in the '80s, from Hemet where she grew up, she had lived in North Park and Normal Heights. She always remembered the area fondly. Today, she thinks the energy and vitality of North Park are electric! She appreciates the respect for diversity here too. When she opened Cardamom the number of neighbors who stopped by to wish her well overwhelmed her.

A friend and I went to Cardamom about 3 weeks ago for breakfast. We were both amazed at the personal space and at-home hospitality afforded each diner. I asked Joanne if these were intentional goals. She said yes; that she wanted it to feel like a slow food restaurant. In my opinion it does. Neighbors Judi and Tim went to Cardamom recently and can attest that the sandwiches and salads served for lunch are excellent too.

Joanne has a law degree from Thomas Jefferson University. She also attended the San Francisco Baking Institute. Photos of her work there are framed and on the wall at her bakery. Be sure to take notice of them when you're there.

Everything in the bakery is made from scratch- a variety of breads by the loaf, fruit tarts, scones, cinnamon rolls, and assorted Danish.

For take out you can call ahead (619-546-5609) or email: cardamom_cafe@hotmail.com.

located at: 2977 Upas St (between 30th St & Dale St)
hours are: Wednesday – Friday – 7:30 – 1:30
Saturday – Sunday – 8:00-2:00
Monday and Tuesday – Closed

Come by for breakfast -and stay for lunch!

Neighborhood Watch Tip Sheet

by Connie di Girolamo

Reporting Crimes

Since early September, BHA members have reported several neighborhood instances of non-emergency, suspicious activity in the neighborhood. Please review the information provided in this article so we are all "equipped" to watch out for each other.

For reporting purposes, crimes and suspicious activities are considered as either emergencies or non-emergencies. Emergencies (situations that demand immediate attention) should be reported by calling 911. Non-emergencies should be reported to the SDPD by calling 619.531.2000. Be sure to ask for an Incident Report Number.

Persons reporting crimes are routinely asked for their names, addresses and phone numbers. Reports of crimes are treated as confidential and the identity of the caller is protected. Police Reports filed could be released to the prosecuting agency (and to the defense) if the case goes to trial.

The ability of the police to locate and arrest criminals often depends on the thoroughness and accuracy of the report you submit. The following information checklist should be used for reporting both emergency and non-emergency crimes.

- Type of crime
- Location – exact street address and nearest cross street
- Time of occurrence
- Weapons used
- Number of persons injured and type of injuries
- Vehicle information – type, license number, color, year, make, model, unusual characteristics (dents, bumper stickers), number of persons, etc.

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Burlingame Candidate Forum, District 3 City Council Member

The BHA sponsored a forum on Tuesday October 14th, at Mazara Trattoria for neighbors to meet and talk with the candidates for the City Council Member seat being vacated by Toni Atkins (District 3). The format was that each candidate spoke for a few minutes, and then answered questions for about a half hour (one candidate, then later the other). About 20 neighbors attended and were able to hear directly from the candidates and then ask them their own questions. This was a unique opportunity to both hear from and question the individual that will be representing our neighborhood about their positions on specific issues. It also served as a way for the candidates to find out first hand what topics interest our neighborhood.

Congratulations to TODD GLORIA, who was elected on Nov 4th to represent District 3 on the City Council.

City's 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Program

By Gina Medeiros

The city has a 50/50 cost-sharing program for sidewalk replacement. While there is no bulk-discount available from the city (no multiple homes discount), individual homeowners can contact the city directly. The number for the Street Division is 619-527-7500, and their website is:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/street-div/info.shtml>

Whoever answers the phone should be able to start the process for you. If you do need extra help, ask for Bob Tillero. In either case, make sure you mention the 50/50 Cost Share Program for sidewalks.

Sidewalk Replacement Cost Breakdown

City of Dan Diego, Streets Division	50%
Council District 3	25%
Maintenance Assessment District Share	12.5%
Property Owner Share	12.5%

You can take the concrete 'per square foot cost' multiplied by the number of square feet to be replaced to figure out the total cost, then use that total and apply the percentage above to estimate 'your' share.

Once you have contacted the city they will send an inspector out to assess the site. If they deem it eligible you will get a letter with a cost proposal and you have 30 days to respond. There is a potentially significant lag-time between when someone comes out and when the repairs occur, so plan well ahead of when your sidewalk actually has to be, or when you want it replaced.

You likely will not be eligible for the cost sharing program if the sidewalk requires replacement because of damage caused by trees on your property, but you can still have a private contractor get a permit and complete the work. The city has the Burlingame Rose color and our patterns on file, so even a private contractor can get the correct materials. Remember there are just 2 patterns that the city accepts for Burlingame, and only one rose color. Whether you are eligible or not, it's likely worth asking just for the possibility of 50% less in cost!

We have also found out that the Maintenance Assessment District (MAD) may provide an additional rebate. Please contact MAD once you have completed repairs for the appropriate paperwork. A copy of the completed paperwork can be sent in for processing to 1260 6th Ave, MS 804 A San Diego, California 92101.

If you have any questions please give the MAD rebate POC below a call:

Beethoven Burks
Park & Recreation/Open Space
City of San Diego
(619) 685-1352 Fax (619) 685-1362

Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO) has produced a pro-Mills Act short video available on their website at the link below. SOHO also has a large volume of useful information on the Mills Act and historic preservation. SOHO has stated their mission, through education, advocacy, and stewardship, is to preserve, promote and support preservation of the architectural, cultural and historical links and landmarks that contribute to the community identity, depth and character of our region.

<http://sohosandiego.org/histdistricts/millsact.htm>

San Diego's Historic Places (Burlingame on TV)

KBPS has begun a new TV short series that shows off San Diego's most historic areas and their unique characteristics. So it only makes sense that they are starting the series with a piece on Burlingame, (what we all know as our 'Tract of Character'). Emails were sent out via the BHA to inform neighbors of the show times. Some of the images from the show can be seen at http://www.kpbs.org/tv/san_diego_historic_places.

KBPS' description of the program is below:

In this first episode of San Diego's Historic Places, host Elsa Sevilla visits one of the city's oldest neighborhoods, located in the middle of North Park. Burlingame is one of San Diego's historic neighborhoods with an eclectic pallet of Craftsman, Chalet or Spanish style homes built in the early 1900s. What was life like in San Diego ninety-five years ago? Who built the homes and what well-known San Diegans lived there? We visit three gracious families who showed us their lovely, restored homes and the beautiful antique furnishings that decorate them. Come along and see how San Diegans are preserving San Diego's history.

Neighborhood Historic Preservation Coalition (NHPC)

The NHPC is a recently formed coalition of neighborhood associations and historic preservation organizations that have joined together to create a unified voice in our efforts to preserve the historic neighborhoods of San Diego. The BHA is part of this important coalition, and is looking for a neighborhood volunteer to attend the NHPC meetings. This individual will serve as the BHA representative, take notes and report back to the board at our monthly meetings. This will not require a significant commitment of time and it will help us ensure we maintain an active role in the NHPC. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Steve Saars at ssaars@parallelic.com

Burlingame Holiday Celebration coming soon!

The time for the annual Burlingame Holiday Celebration is approaching fast. Make sure you look for emails and fliers about the details. The Holiday Party will be December 14th (Sunday). As usual there will be:

A Caroling Party

We need a neighbor to volunteer their home as the start point, and to give the participants a place to bring drinks and holiday treats to share before we all go caroling.

If you would like the carolers to stop by your home, please email your request to Grant Merkel at grantmkl@hotmail.com or call 619-501-4483 by Saturday, December 13th.

Luminaries

We will need volunteers to help light up Burlingame with holiday spirit! We will need assistance with putting the luminaries together and distributing them to the neighborhood. This is a job where the more hands the better!

If you would like to volunteer to assist with Luminaries, contact Grant Merkel at 619.501.4483 or email grantmkl@hotmail.com by Sunday, December 7th.

Helping Those Less Fortunate

BHA is working with some of our neighbors to help families in need. A flier will provide some additional details, but we will be collecting canned goods, new unwrapped toys and other items during the luminarias set-up and at the Caroling party.

Burlingame Makes a Difference

'Burlingame Club' members were received on Monday 23 Oct with hugs and appreciation from the women at Rachel's Women's Center, located downtown at 759 8th Avenue. Rachel's Women's Center and its sister programs provide a continuum-of-care for homeless and very-low income women. Our neighborhood was able to donate an entire pickup truck of items, and your contributions to that delivery were indeed, not only welcomed, but badly needed. We were told that they were down to their last bar of soap!

Many, many thanks to all of our Burlingame residents who so generously contributed clothing, toiletries, craft supplies, cash and checks, and helped Burlingame Club make this day a real success.

Useful Links & Phone Numbers

The attached Tri-fold on the last two pages of the Newsletter has lots of useful numbers and internet links in a quick and easy format you can hang on the fridge, by the phone or computer (it can be folded 'accordion style' to make a trifold). It is compliments of the BHA and was originally designed to go into Welcome packages for new neighbors.

Want to be a Bigger Part of Burlingame?

Enjoy meeting with people, discussing important issues, being involved in the direction the community is taking? Then you need to run for the BHA Board! Elections for the 2009 BHA Board member positions are coming up, and it's not too early to start thinking about what you might be able to contribute to the community by serving on the board. You must be a BHA member for at least 14 days prior to the annual meeting in March, so don't wait if you haven't joined. If you are interested in running for next years board, contact Steve Saars at 619.507.8278 or email ssaars@parallelic.com

Want To Know What's Going On?

"READ ALL ABOUT" –IN EMAILS! The BHA sends out emails to a large mailing list within the neighborhood. What we have found is that too many people are not reading them! The emails from BHA are one of the simple and best ways for you to keep in touch with what is going on in the neighborhood. Emails also often have additional information or detail that is not in paper fliers due to room limitations, or have links to even more useful info. While we continue to do fliers, we would like to get away from using paper for notifications as much as possible. Additionally, emails will be used when the information does not warrant a flier, or is necessary to distribute in a quick manner. While we understand that not everyone has email, if you do, please help out and do your part to be 'more green' –opt in to getting emails and not getting paper fliers. Fliers also cost money to print, emails don't cost near as much (nominal in comparison). The BHA will not put out a flier without putting out a corresponding email –so you won't miss anything by getting only email notices.

To opt in, and get on the email delivery list, contact Connie di Girolamo at arroyoarts@cox.net

BHA Meeting Dates

December 10th

January 14th

February 11th

March 11th (Annual Meeting)

Meetings begin at 7:00 pm at

Mazara Trattoria

2302 30th Street

All neighbors are encouraged to attend.

- Suspect information – race, gender, age, height, weight, hair color, hair length and style, eye color, facial hair, clothing type and color, other characteristics (tattoos, missing teeth, scars, glasses, limp), direction of flight, etc.

The following are situations that are usually not considered emergencies.

- Home burglaries in which the suspect is gone from the scene
- Open or broken doors or windows in homes, especially if the residents are away.
- Stolen checks and credit cards
- Auto thefts
- Vandalisms
- Hit and run accidents without injuries
- Minors violating curfew
- Loud parties – the person calling must be willing to sign a complaint
- Car alarms repeatedly going off
- Underage drinking
- Accumulations of consumer goods, especially in good condition, and not in use in homes, garages, and storage areas.

Persons involved in the following activities are usually reported as non-emergencies.

- Disturbing the peace (i.e. loitering, panhandling, noise making, and harassing others)
- Soliciting without a license, not displaying a valid registration card, or operating between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.
- Loitering near a home, especially if the residents are away
- Looking into parked vehicles
- Running other than for exercise
- Carrying property at an unusual time and place
- Entering and leaving property on daily or a regular basis, or in large numbers, especially at night
- Drunk in public but not in any immediate danger
- Exhibiting unusual mental or physical symptoms but not a danger to themselves or others
- Offering goods for sale at ridiculously low prices
- Making a quick change of vehicles

Vehicles in the following situations are also usually reported as non-emergencies.

- Moving slowly, especially without lights at night, in an aimless or repetitive manner, or near schools or parks.
- Parked and occupied at an unusual time or place.
- Parked for more than 72 hours, possibly abandoned, or otherwise parked illegally on city streets.
- Parked on city streets but cannot be operated safely thereon because of a missing part of piece of equipment.
- Being loaded with property at a closed business or home when the residents are away.
- Being dismantled or repaired, especially at night or in a parking lot, garage, or non-business location.
- Being used for business transactions, especially near schools or parks.
- Being driven in an erratic manner.

New Years Resolutions – and Memberships

Need a New Years resolution that you can keep –and easily? Make a resolution to JOIN or RENEW your membership to the BHA! It's that time of year when membership fees (\$25 per household) are due. Membership applications were delivered to all households who have not joined for 2009. This is the time of year where joining gives you the most 'bang for your buck' since membership fees are paid annually per calendar year regardless of what time of year you join. Although community members are welcome to join at any time, why not do it right now, when it's most equitable?! Here are some common questions and answers to help you decide:

- Why Join? Because the BHA is a group of people from YOUR neighborhood that needs your support to ensure your neighborhood continues to improve. It is not just financial support in the way of a \$25 membership due, by joining you are showing your support for the BHA's efforts for our community, and having a voice or even a vote in what those efforts are, or are not. More members can equate to potential for greater sway in topics that interest our community as well.
- What are the eligibility requirements? You must be an adult living within the boundaries of Burlingame. If you are getting this newsletter –you do. The \$25 annual fee covers an entire household, i.e. all adults living in the residence are covered by one payment of \$25.
- Do I need to volunteer time? No. The BHA Board loves to have volunteers for various efforts within the community, but you do not need to volunteer time in order to join, and you will not be signed up to volunteer without your direct

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Friday Night Happy Hour

Join us for one of Burlingame's best events --- Friday Night Happy Hour. If you have never been to one you are missing out on a great time! Each month we meet at one of our neighbor's homes to have a glass of wine and a few nibbles. It is the perfect way to catch up with old friends, meet new people and experience the great atmosphere of the neighborhood.

Happy hours are scheduled for the last Friday every month. All you need to bring is a bottle of your favorite beverage and appetizer to share. The corks start popping at 7 pm!

We need hosts to open their homes for the Friday Night Happy Hour for 2009. Please call Vance Walker at 619.640.8262 or email wvancewalker@cox.net if you can host an upcoming Happy Hour or need to be added to the email notification list.

permission (that's why it's called volunteering).

- Do I need to attend BHA meetings? No. Again, we love to have people from the community, members or not, attend the BHA Board meetings held every 2nd Wednesday of each month from 7pm – 8:30pm (usually at Mazara's Restaurant on the corner of 30th and Juniper). However, attendance is not a requirement to be a member. Though attending is one of the best ways for you to stay informed and get first hand knowledge of what's happening in the community –i.e. around your house.
- Why not join? Well there's nothing really to print here –there just aren't any good reasons. We've heard people say "I don't have time to be a member" (See response to time commitment above). We've heard "I keep meaning to" (So do it –it's pain free!). We've heard "I can't commit to anything right now because I'm too busy" (it just takes dropping a check off –no real commitment there).
- If you enjoy having a social welfare organization (i.e BHA) represent and guide our community efforts, and all the benefits (such as this newsletter, an annual block party, Neighborhood Watch, interface with schools in the neighborhood, a way to directly reach City and State representatives, a police presence for trouble areas, notification about community events, etc...) then please join now. Show your support.
- Please fill out our short membership form on page 8 and drop it off with a check to 2440 Pamo Ave., or bring cash or a check to any BHA meeting. With your support, we can accomplish great things.
- IF YOU HAVE ALREADY JOINED FOR 2009 –WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!!

Thank You For Your Support!

BHA would like to thank Lynn Scelfo for sponsoring the printing of our Fall newsletter.



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Mazara' continues support the neighborhood by hosting our monthly board meetings. Please 'stop in' to let them know how much our neighborhood appreciates their continued support.

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BURLINGAME HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

2009 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please join Burlingame neighbors in becoming a member of the BHA for 2009. This annual membership drive funds many of the activities that we have planned for the coming year. Feel free to provide any updated information for the resident directory and for our email notification list. Your financial support is appreciated.

Please make your \$25.00 check payable to BHA and return it to me at 2440 Pamo Ave.

Connie di Girolamo, Treasurer

Name: _____

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Phone: _____

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