



BURLINGAME NEWS

July 14th BHA Meeting features Cathy Winterrowd, City Planner

Burlingame . . . Our Historically Significant Community

By **Connie di Girolamo**

Last year Ernie Smith brought old newsletters and other interesting historical information to one of our BHA meetings. There were feature articles on some of our old homes and UT photos of the neighborhood demonstration opposing the proposed Switzer Canyon development. What I learned from



these old writings was that residents of Burlingame mounted an effort, more than 25 years ago, to get our neighborhood recognized as an historically significant community! Finally, after years of meetings, as well as endless hours of time by City Planners and architectural historians, the Historic Resource Board, and Burlingame residents, our geographic historic designation became a reality on April 1, 2009. With this declaration, the City, the preservationists, and our neighbors recognized the significance of our neighborhood and this added a level of assurance that our unique charm will be preserved and protected for future generations.

FYI: Our Burlingame neighborhood consists of 188 properties. Of these, 161 have been designated in the Burlingame Historic District and 123 homeowners receive the Mills Act Property Tax benefits.

Our designated properties enjoy a number of benefits, and in return, we are responsible to maintain our resources in a manner that will preserve our property's significance. Cathy Winterrowd, San Diego City's Principal Planner and

Historic Resource Board Liaison, has accepted our invitation to attend our BHA meeting on Wednesday, July 14, 2010, to provide information on and answer questions regarding historic property ownership. Our meeting will be held at Mazara's at 7:00 p.m. (corner of 30th & Juniper). You can treat your family to a pizza for dinner and participate in this important conversation!

Utilizing Burlingame examples, the following topics will be covered:

1. Qualifying for the Mills Act property tax reduction
2. Historical resources regulations for maintaining your historic property
3. Regulations, standards and guidelines for altering your historic property
4. Existing and proposed regulatory relief for historic property owners

There will be plenty of time to answer your specific questions and concerns. Councilmember Todd Gloria will also be attending the BHA Board meeting to listen to neighborhood questions and concerns regarding the topics covered, and to provide a short update on community issues.

Mark July 14th on your calendar and plan to join us for this informative evening.

LAST CALL, 2010 Memberships



As of June 30th, BHA memberships include 124 households. This will be our final appeal for members for this year (write Connie at arroyoarts@cox.net if you need to confirm your status). We will begin collecting dues for 2011 at the Block Party in September.

To pay your dues for 2010, please send your \$25.00 check to BHA, P.O. Box 4013, San Diego, CA 92104.

SUMMER CALENDAR

BHA Monthly Meetings

July 14

August 11

September 8

Burlingame Block Party

September 11

Burlingame Club Meeting

September 16



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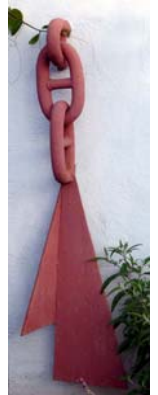
Editor's note...



A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken. ~James Dent

Here it is, summertime again. A time when kids go to summer camp and teenagers hang out with friends or get summer jobs. Adults may take time off work in order to go on a family vacation. Regardless of what your summer plans may be, if you wake up one morning and the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing and the birds are singing, take a walk through our

Burlingame neighborhood and see if you can find these pieces of the past, or objets d'art. If



you can find all three, email your name and the locations to me at dmcquaide@cox.net and you will be inducted into **The Burlingame Hall of Fame** page on our website along with last Spring's recipients, (the Spring Coloring contest award winners), and information on events happening this year in Burlingame. (www.burlingamesd.com.) However you choose to spend these lazy, crazy, hazy days of summer, be safe. Maybe I'll see you walking around the neighborhood looking for a little bit of what makes Burlingame special.

- Dee Randolph

Dog Park Safety Issue Addressed

By Grant Merkel

At the annual BHA membership meeting in March of this year, as usual we welcomed Todd Gloria, Councilmember for District 3, to come and say a few words and to listen to community concerns. One of the concerns expressed by several at the meeting was safety of the Grape Street Dog Park from the golfers at the Balboa Golf Course Driving Range, which butts up to the dog park. Specifically the south side of the driving range and the high number of golf balls that come flying into the dog park every day, right where people and pets are congregating. The fence separating the dog park and driving range was simply too short to stop errant golf balls. Well, we are happy to report that you spoke, and Todd Gloria listened -and responded. As a direct result of our expressed concerns and Todd's action, construction has been completed on the new fence, which is almost triple in height from the old one! We want to thank those neighbors that raised this safety issue, thank Todd for his quick and able response, and thank Parks and Recreation for recognizing the issue and allocating funds to resolve it. Those of us that enjoy the dog park can rest a little easier knowing that the only balls flying in the park now are those being chased by our dogs.

Plant Selection and Placement

By Jim Velier

Throughout North Park and Burlingame are many examples of newly transformed homescapes in which native plants and other drought tolerant species now predominate. This current trend is altering the visual landscape, and while many of these plants will become new favorites prized for their Seussical blooms and robust constitutions, others will prove problematic due to large thorns or penetrating bristles and should be excluded or thoughtfully placed.



Agave americana

Agave americana. My old gardening partner Country Carl used to say that unless you had a hectare in Jamul, you didn't have enough land for this plant. Frequently (usually) overgrows its planting site and large thorns on distal leaf tips are

both visually menacing and physically dangerous.



Agave attenuata

Reproduction by offsets is plentiful and invasive, presenting a serious maintenance challenge that often persists even after removal of the parental plant. A much better choice would be Agave attenuata.

Once, I saw a young girl who had tripped and fallen on a barrel cactus (genus: Echinocactus and Ferocactus).



Fouquieria splendens

Don't want to see that again. As for myself, I've been spared by Fouquieria splendens, commonly known as Ocotillo, a handsomely structural plant once commonly used instead of barbwire to corral cattle.

That puncture became a fungal infection requiring medical treatment. My really simple rule: If the pokey part exceeds an inch in length pass on planting the plant.

Lastly, if you should choose to work with some of these species, be smart about placement. Allow the distance of one shovel handle between plant center and any pathway. Use dry streams or other mineral mulches as buffer zones between hazardous plants and in dense plantings of cacti and succulents create safe landings or "stumble zones" adjacent to maintenance footpaths.

Congratulations Burlingame Graduates!

Graduation is a time of completion, of finishing, of an ending.

However, it is also a time of celebration, of achievement, and a beginning for the new graduate.

Catherine Pulsifer

From our littlest graduates to those embarking on a new career, BHA would like to celebrate the achievements of the following students:

Boyana Stamenova San Diego City College Child Development Center

Siena Lee Vorhees French American School

Ysabella Zammit Correia Middle School

Aaron Penner Francis Parker School

Aaron will be attending Tufts University in the fall.


Maeve Sullivan San Diego High School of International Studies

Stephanie Hildebrand AA - "Special Effects" (granddaughter of Virginia & Wayne Taylor) Film-making Pittsburgh, PA

Semeret Russom CNA—San Diego City College



With Deepest Sympathy



We are saddened by the news about the death of long time Burlingame resident Rita McDaniel. Her passing will not only leave a void in our community, but in the hearts of all who knew her. Our sincere sympathy to Marty McDaniel for the loss of his mother. Our thoughts are with him and his family during this difficult time.

A Favorite Returns

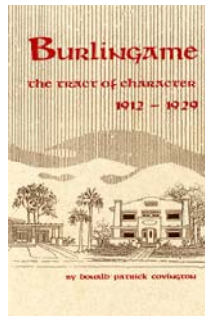
By Jim Velier

Local author and activist, Katherine Hon, kindly accepted our invitation to come speak about the North Park Historical Society and its ongoing mission to preserve North Park's cultural and architectural history. Her presentation described the growth and development of North Park dating from the late 1800s and referenced two publications, *North Park: A San Diego Urban Village, 1896-1946* and *Burlingame: The Tract of Character (1921-1929)*. Both of these books are the work of our foremost local historian, Donald Patrick Covington, and feature numerous fine drawings and informed architectural descriptions. A reprint of the original Burlingame volume was recently published by the North Park Historical Society (with the generous support of the Covington family and assistance from members of the Burlingame Club) and is available for purchase at the San Diego History Center, The Grove, Vintage Religion, or at Amazon. In addition to its publishing efforts, the North Park Historical Society conducts public walking tours, funds an annual scholarship, and maintains an extensive collection of historical documents.

Burlingame: The Tract of Character, 1912-1929
Donald Covington

Purchase for \$15 at:
San Diego History Center
Vintage Religion
The Grove
Www.Amazon.com

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Bird Park Concert Series

By Grant Merkel

One of our favorite summer activities has begun again — the Bird Park concert series! These free Saturday evening concerts are a neighborhood favorite. This year, once again, there will be five concerts—one more than originally was planned. This is in large part due to the extraordinary efforts of Anne and Robbie DePerro to raise money for a fifth concert. Their efforts raised over \$1,500 -nearly half of what it takes for each concert. Their direct involvement and persistence showed what can happen when the people in our neighborhood take up a cause. In this case, it resulted in the North Park Community Association (NPCA), working to find the rest of the funds to have that fifth concert. The NPCA thanked Anne and Robbie at the first concert held this year on June 12th. We owe them both our thanks as well, so if you see them at a concert or around the neighborhood please say 'thank you.'

Kids' Corner



Winners of the Spring Coloring Contest!

Harriet Jaffe—Age 3

Harriet was selected for her use of beautiful



spring colors (pink and purple).

Hannah Jaffe—Age 6 3/4

Hannah won because she enhanced her picture by adding a butterfly and sun!



Q: What did the pig say at the beach on a hot summer's day?

A: I'm bacon!



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

Summertime Safety Tips



Every year Americans look forward to summer vacations, camping, family reunions, picnics, and the Fourth of July. Summertime, however, also

brings fires and injuries due to fireworks and outdoor grills. Annually over 8,000 Americans are injured by fireworks and grill fires. More than half these injuries occur during the first week of July. Barbecues can be very dangerous, even deadly, if not used properly. Before cooking out, review fire safety precautions with your family. The National Fire Data Center estimates yearly outside cooking grills cause more than 6,000 fires, over five fatalities, more than 170 injuries and \$35 million in property loss.

Gas grills alone cause over 2,700 fires, 80 injuries, and \$11 million dollars damage.

Most of the gas grill fires and explosions were caused by gas leaks, blocked tubes, and overfilled propane tanks.

BBQ Safety Tips:

- Keep your barbecue clean and free of grease buildup. If accumulated, deposits catch fire; they can be difficult to put out without an extinguisher.
- Clean the vent tubes on gas barbecues regularly. Insects love to build nests in these tubes, causing blockages and making the barbecue hard to start, or worse, forcing the gas to find somewhere else to go. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for cleaning.
- Never start a gas barbecue with the lid closed.

- Don't wear loose clothing that might catch fire if the flames suddenly flare up. If your clothes do catch fire, STOP, DROP, and ROLL. This will smother the flames before they can cause serious injury
- Never use any accelerant (flammable liquid) other than barbecue starter fluid to start a charcoal barbecue. Gasoline, paint thinner and other petroleum products are **NOT** designed to start barbecues. They burn explosively, and release toxins that may taint your food.
- When using starter fluid, place the container well away from the barbecue before attempting to light it. Be sure you haven't spilled any on your clothes, the grass, or deck.
- Although decks are popular places to barbecue, be aware that leaves, dry grass, and other combustible materials collect under them. If a smoldering match is dropped between the boards, it may ignite these materials and the deck. If your deck is close to, or attached to your home, this could present a very serious fire hazard.
- Never store liquid or pressurized fuels inside your home. Propane, gasoline, and any other flammable liquids and gases should be stored in regulation containers away from potential sources of flame such as furnaces, water heaters, and fireplace.
- Fire fighters recommend having a multi-purpose fire extinguisher available for minor household fires. An extinguisher rated 2A-10BC is sufficient for any home. Do not attempt to extinguish a fire without calling the fire department first, and never let a fire get between you and a direct route to safety.

HELP WANTED

The BHA is in need of an individual (a future board member) who is willing to keep accurate financial records for the Corporation as well as maintain the neighborhood database for the Resident Directory and membership mailings. Records are currently kept on an IMAC using Quicken and Excel programs. If you are interested in more information, please call:
Connie di Girolamo at 619.281.3886 (arroyoarts@cox.net).

Annual Burlingame Block Party!

Saturday, September 11th

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Pamo Ave & Laurel Ave



Mark your calendars! The BHA Board wanted to give you an early notice that the annual block party is coming

up in just a few months! As always, the block party only happens with a lot of dedicated work from volunteers, and takes time to plan. At this time we are asking neighbors to step forward to volunteer for the 'Block Party Planning Committee'. There are lots of tasks both large and small, and many hands make light work, so please don't think that we need everyone who helps to take on a big job! If you are interested in planning the block party, please contact Grant Merkel at grantmkl@hotmail.com. We expect to have the same kind of great kids activities, food and fun -and with your help we will. We hope to see you all there!

Annual Burlingame Installation Dinner

By Pat Taylor, Secretary

The spirit of friendship was palpable as members of the club enjoyed a potluck meal at the home of Tricia and Seamus Garland on May 21. The dining room table was laden with everyone's BEST, including asparagus with Hollandaise sauce, chili rellenos, chicken enchiladas and glorious salads. The desserts were eaten with acclaim too. We accomplished our agenda which was to eat, drink and be merry. We recognize the extraordinary leadership of President Ginny Sherwood, Vice President Nancy Tarbell, Secretary Valerie Lake and Treasurer Lynn Scelfo. Serving the Burlingame Club for 2010-11 will be: President Colleen Townend, Vice President Chris Cashman, Treasurer Teri Sullivan and Secretary Pat Taylor. The first Fall meeting will be held on Thursday, September 16 at Pat Taylor's house (2680 San Marcos Avenue). Come and join us for another great year. The North Park Historical Society has offered to conduct a North Park business tour with lunch to follow at Urban Solace on Saturday, September 25. I can attest that the tour is interesting and eye opening. Mark your calendars for both events.

Donations Appreciated

The Burlingame Club will put together Valentine bags to give to Elderhelp recipients. Please start saving hotel sized shampoos, lotions and bars of soap so we can include them in the bags. They can be dropped off, at any time, at my house.

Pat Taylor - 2680 San Marcos Avenue



SAVE THE DATE: September 25

The North Park Historical Society will offer a tour (cost is \$10.00) of the North Park Business District for Burlingame Club members and their friends. The tour will begin at 10:00 and we'll plan to go out for lunch together afterwards. I've taken this tour and it is rich in the history and eye opening facts. - Pat Taylor

Burlingame Easter Egg Hunt



Kids love the simple things in life...and so do adults. That's why the old fashioned tradition of the Burlingame Easter Egg Hunt is carried on each year. Over 50 kids met at Switzer Canyon in April with their baskets to join in the fun!

Everyone had a good time, and some had fun just getting ready for it. Eggs were filled the day before and many showed up with eggs (some raw?) on the day of the hunt.

Any parent or volunteer who's been involved in hiding eggs knows how creative you must get to find good spots. Look in the trees, look in the grass, look in the flowers... Thanks to the Burlingame Club, who organizes the event every year, and Terry Sullivan who spear-headed this year's event with Valerie Lake acting as advisor. As a result of their efforts, the smiles were bountiful! Maybe that's why we get such a kick out of an event like this. It's nice to know that community involvement brings joy to Burlingame families.