

SAN TOMAS WEST

Neighborhood Association



Neighbor to Neighbor Newsletter

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STWNA MEETING

Wednesday,
January 11
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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PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

STWNA Celebrates 5th Birthday Join the PARTY, Get Involved, Be Informed!

CELEBRATE our BIRTHDAY on January 11!

STWNA is five years old and our sixth year could be in jeopardy! Don't miss the January Meeting and **PARTY**.

Exercise your vote and choose the direction that you want to see the Neighborhood go in 2012. The only requirement to vote is that you live within the STWNA boundaries and

Happy Birthday S.T.W.N.A.



Join us for Cake!

that you are a member. Membership applications will be available at the meeting for those who wish to join or renew.

We will vote on Bylaws changes, the 2012 STWNA Goals and Priorities, approve the Calendar, and elect our new officers for 2012. Please consider running for office or there may not be a STWNA in 2012! See the Board Message on Page 2 for more information.

Valley Water Director Linda LeZotte Keynote Speaker at January Meeting

The STWNA Keynote Speaker for January is Linda J. LeZotte, Santa Clara County Water District Director.

LeZotte was elected to the Board in 2010 to represent the City of Campbell, portions of Willow Glen and the Cambrian, North Almaden and Blossom Hill areas of San Jose. Linda is a local attorney with 30 years of practice specializing in the areas of land use, environmental and municipal law and corporate development.



For eight years, she served as a distinguished member of the San Jose City Council leading the green building/sustainability policy discussion,

and six years as a San Jose Planning Commissioner. Linda is one of a select group of Silicon Valley and California attorneys who are accredited by the U.S. Green Building Council as a LEED AP (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design Accredited Professional) in New Construction.

Linda chaired the Joint Venture Silicon Valley Sustainable Buildings Initiative, and serves on the Bay Area Climate Collaborative-Green Building Group, the Cities Association Green Building Collaborative and the Advisory Board of Sustainable Silicon Valley. She is a member of the Envision 2040 San Jose General Plan Task Force.

Board of Directors Message

Have you ever had a chance encounter with a stranger where you had an unexpected conversation that lasted several minutes? Perhaps it happened when you were on vacation, sitting by a pool or on the beach. Maybe your chance encounter was while on a long line in a grocery store. When this occurs, you will often come away with a perception of who that person is and, maybe, whether or not you think they are interesting and someone you would like to know better. You may also come away from such a conversation thinking they are not interesting and you are glad the conversation is over.

What do you think your opinion would be if you were in a situation where you had a chance conversation with - - yourself. Would you come away thinking you were interesting? Would you be interested in learning more about yourself? What sort of things would you feel comfortable talking about? Just for fun, give it a try. Stand in front of a mirror and introduce yourself to your reflection and talk about yourself for a few minutes and say who you are. It could be very revealing.

Shifting gears, it's time to raise the red flag about the need for new STWNA Board Members. If you remember, it was decided that most of the functions of the Association would be run by volunteer Committees, where the commitment would be for a function and not for a long period of time. We seem to be pretty successful in finding people for this level of participation. However, there still is a need for a basic Board of Directors, consisting of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. These are the people who actually oversee and run the Association. So, I want you to repeat after me:

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For various reasons, the present Board leaders are not able to continue their duties. If no one steps up to fill these posts, and with no captain to steer the ship, this could be the last STWNA Newsletter. At the very least, the next Newsletter could have a page that looks like the following:

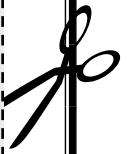
STWNA 2012 Calendar

- 01/11/12 ANNUAL MEETING**
- 03/14/12 Membership Meeting**
- 05/09/12 Membership Meeting**
- 09/12/12 Membership Meeting**
- 11/14/12 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 and STWNA Restaurant Nights during the year.

CLIP AND SAVE



Not very interesting, is it?

Without adequate leadership, it will not be possible to continue the functions of the Association. This really could be the end of the San Tomas West Neighborhood Association and that would be a real shame. The framework is already here. We have wonderful Block Captains and fabulous volunteers who work on our various projects like the Caring and Sharing Holiday Event, our Dumpster Days, the River and Creekway Cleanups, National Night Out and Safety Events.

We are asking - please, please, please - for someone to consider volunteering for any of the Board Posts. We are particularly in need of someone to take over the role of President. The President does need certain qualities. They don't have to be a person who does everything, but they need to be a person who knows how to get things done! Even consider sharing the President role with a friend or some other second person. Three years ago, that's what Warren Campbell and Peter Rushbrook did. They functioned as Co-Presidents, and it worked out very well.

You will not be in this alone. We will all help. You will have a fantastic support group and we guarantee that you will get more out of the position than you put in. Just ask any of our past Presidents!

We look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting on January 11th, 2012.

Proposed Bylaws Changes

Proposed Bylaws Changes for the San Tomas West Neighborhood Association Annual Membership Meeting, January 11, 2012

Purpose:

To ensure due process to our members while maintaining and protecting the integrity of the organization.

Procedures:

Once a proposed amendment is announced by the Chair, there is no need for a second. Any member wishing to speak to or against an amendment should raise their hand and will be recognized by the Chair.

The motion will pass with a *majority* vote. The majority vote is based on only the number of votes cast, not the number of people present – since no one is *required* to vote. When the chair calls for the vote, it shall be conducted by ballot to ensure the privacy of each member. A YES vote means that you are in favor of adopting the proposal. A NO vote means that you are against adopting the proposal.

Amendment #1

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

Section 1 (Composition) The STWNA Executive Board, hereafter referred to as Officers, shall consist of elected members for the offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The Immediate Past President shall serve at will, to be filled by the out-going President.

Section 4 (Elections) Officers are elected by the membership at the Annual Meeting by plurality vote. Voting shall be by ballot if there is more than one nominee for each position.

Officers elected in EVEN numbered years: President and Treasurer

Officers elected in ODD numbered years: Vice President and Secretary

The STWNA Board recommends approval of this amendment

Reason: Restructuring the Board of Directors to include only four officers makes more sense to fill vacancies. The other positions shall be filled by committee volunteers.

NOTE: All other changes to the bylaws are considered codification and do not require approval of the membership.

The following STWNA Board of Directors positions will become vacant in January. The President and Treasurer positions will be elected at the Annual Membership Meeting. The Vice President and Secretary shall be appointed with approval of the membership. Following are duties for each office:

President

- Arrange for meeting Speakers
- Set meeting Agendas
- Oversee Committees (will not need to attend meetings. Committee leaders will report progress)
- Board Message (this could be written by any of the board members)

Vice President

- Support President
- Oversee newsletter printing and distribution

Secretary

- Record and distribute Board meeting minutes
- General Meeting minutes
- Coordinate website and assist with updates (ideally this person would also serve as Web Master)

Treasurer

- Financials (balancing checking and savings)
- Membership
- Payables & Receivables (ad revenue & membership dues)



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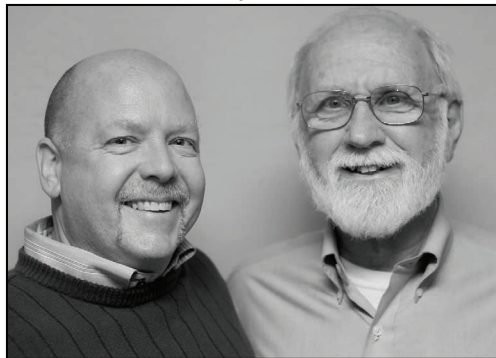
YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD COPY CENTER

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.

STWNA Hall of Past Presidents—Will you be next?



Heather Sutton
Founding President 2007–2008



Warren Campbell / Peter Rushbrook
Co-Presidents 2009–2010
Warren Campbell, President 2011

WILL THIS BE YOU??



BYOB—Bring Your Own Bag!

City of San Jose's Single-Use Carryout Bag Ordinance Effective January 1, 2012

Retail customers in San Jose will soon be shopping greener than ever. All grocery, department and any type of retail stores in San Jose will no longer provide single-use carryout bags at checkout beginning January 1, 2012. Consumers will have the option to bring or purchase their own reusable bags or purchase recycled content paper bags at checkout.

For additional resources and updates, including a list of reusable and recycled paper bag suppliers, visit www.sjrecycles.org/bags/retailers.asp. If you have questions, please email Bring-ur-Bag@sanjoseca.gov or call (408) 534-2962.

Read the full text of the ordinance here:
http://www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/ORDS_RESOS/ORD_28877.pdf



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This N That

Campbell Recreation is on Facebook!

The City of Campbell is pleased to announce a new Facebook Page for the City's Recreation and Community Services Department. "Like" our page to be among the first to learn about upcoming events, gain access to special promotions and receive tips on how to live a fun, active and healthy lifestyle in Campbell. We hope you join us at our new page and please be sure to invite your friends! Go to www.facebook.com/CampbellRecreation.

Street Smarts San Jose

The San Jose Police Department reports there have been 20 fatal traffic collisions involving pedestrians and bicyclists in San Jose. Stay safe and practice *Street Smarts* while walking and biking. Walking is a great form of exercise and a wonderful way to get around. Be sure to make safety a priority and you'll be able to enjoy the benefits of walking for many years to come.

When you're riding your bike you get the great benefit of exercise and enjoying being outside. Smart driving decisions are a critical part of ensuring we have safer streets. And how you drive is a reflection of the respect you have for your community. By making more conscious and conscientious choices when you're behind the wheel, you can do your part.

Campbell Planning Commission

The Cambrian No. 36 County pocket annexation, which also includes the detachment of Central Park properties from the City of San Jose, is a lengthy process that is anticipated to be completed by mid to late 2012. Due to the various stages of project review, information relative to the project's processing will be periodically displayed and updated as needed. You are encouraged to refer to <http://www.ci.campbell.ca.us/Planning/Annexation.htm> from time to time to review the most up-to-date information. Any questions regarding this process can be directed to Paul Kermoyan, Planning Manager for the City of Campbell and project planner for this very important City project. He can be reached at 866-2141 or paulk@cityofcampbell.com