

SAN TOMAS WEST

Neighborhood Association



Neighbor to Neighbor Newsletter

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STWNA MEETING

**Wednesday,
September 14
6:30pm - 8:00pm**

**Campbell
Community
Center**

**Everyone
Welcome!**

Log on to the STWNA website for the complete agenda

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Campbell Mayor Jason Baker Keynote Speaker for September Meeting

The San Tomas West Neighborhood Association is pleased to welcome His Honor, Jason Baker, Mayor of Campbell as our keynote speaker for the September 14 General Membership Meeting. "We are excited to have Mayor Baker speak at our association meeting and hope to pack the room with interested residents from Campbell and San Jose who reside within our boundary* lines", said STWNA President Warren Campbell.

Mayor Baker was unanimously elected as the Mayor for the City



Mayor Jason Baker

of Campbell and sworn in at the Tuesday December 7, 2010 during the standing-room-only Council Meeting. "It's going to be a difficult year, fiscally," Baker told the audience. "But I have no doubt that we are up to the task."

During his speech, Baker pointed to neighborhood associations as a way to better help residents work with police. "We need to get personally involved to help them [neighborhood associations] do what they do best—help neighbors watch out for one another," he

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**Campbell
Community Center
1 W. Campbell Avenue
Roosevelt Room #80
408.866.2105
www.cityofcampbell.com**



The location for the STWNA September 14, 2011 General Meeting has been changed. We will be gathering at the Campbell Community Center at the corner of Campbell and Winchester Avenues, in the Roosevelt Room. The room is located next to the Heritage Theater on Campbell Avenue (see site map at left). The meeting will start at the regular time 6:30 PM and will go until 8:00PM.

There is plenty of parking in the lot located on Campbell Avenue (between the athletic field/track and the Heritage Theater).

Board of Directors Message

What is the most complimentary thing someone could say about you, now? What sort of legacy do you want to leave in the memories of your friends and colleagues? I'm sure lots of things come to mind, but one that stands out to me is that "I was able to make a difference in the world and in the end; the world is a better place because I was here." The "difference" you make in the world does not have to be huge. We can't all be a Martin Luther King or an Albert Einstein. The "difference" we make could be something that is recognized on a smaller scale.

The "difference" we make could be something related to our careers. Perhaps we are successful in business and are doing something that makes life easier for others. Many inventions fall into this category. On an even smaller scale, our "difference" could be something related to our local environment. It could even be related to (and here is the punch line, folks!) doing something for your local Neighborhood Association.

The San Tomas Neighborhood Association (STWNA) is perceived by the City of San Jose as one of the most successful Neighborhood Associations in the City.

We have moderate to large attendances at our meetings and good participation in our sponsored events (block party, dumpster day, etc.). The Association is presently managed by a Board of Directors who have been in office for longer than originally planned. The Board needs new volunteers to continue the work of the STWNA. If the legislation passes in January, there will be a new format for running the Association. In the past, the Board was made up of seven members, each having certain duties. The new Board will be made up of only four members, President; Vice President; Secretary and Treasurer. The change will be more efficient make and volunteering easier. There will be fewer members on the Board and volunteers will take on specific tasks or events as members of a Committee, requiring a much smaller commitment than becoming a full Board Member.

The big job is that of the President, who shall preside at the meetings, oversee the duties of the other Board Members and coordinates the efforts of any committees that are operating. The Vice-President is in charge of distribution of the bi-monthly newsletter, maintaining the list of Block Captains and making sure we have a full compliment of Block Captains. The Secre-

tary will be in charge of taking and distributing minutes of the General Meetings and (if held), the Board Meetings. The Treasurer is in charge of the finances of the Association, maintaining the books, and making a report at each of the meetings as to the solvency of the Association and for maintaining the Membership List.

The key to the new operating format is the Committees. If you volunteer for a Committee, for example the Block Party Committee, you commit to two or three meetings and helping out with the success of the Block Party. When the party is over, you are done! No long commitments. The Dumpster Day, Caring and Sharing, or any other event sponsored by the Association will work the same way. We have a few volunteers who have stepped up to the plate but, we need a few more to keep these committees running. Remember, we are not asking for a commitment of two years or even one year, but just a desire to see a given event be successful. Please give some thought to offering your time to serve on a Committee or volunteer for a two-year position on the Board of Directors. The future of the Association depends upon it. If you have an interest, email us at santomaswest@yahoo.com and someone will contact you with more information and details for each committee commitment.



STWNA Restaurant Night

Wednesday, September 28

11:00 am to 10:00 pm

Downtown Campbell

Sonoma Chicken Coop

**Present this coupon and the "Coop" will donate
15% of your bill to support the STWNA!**

Coupon must be presented at the time of ordering.

Valid for dine-in or take-out ONLY at the Downtown Campbell "Coop" Location

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Adrian H, Campbell: *I would give it five stars all day for the beer.*

Ruth Z, Cupertino: *Dining in heaven! The Pan Pacific Fresh Fish dish is out-of-this-world delicious.*

Chris D, San Jose: *This place has something for everyone.*

John S, Mt. View: *I love this place. Their motto is inexpensive excellence and that's what they deliver.*

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Payne School Update

We are very excited to start the school year. On an exciting note, we are thrilled to share that a recent news release from the California Department of Education shows that Payne has increased in both its Statewide Rank and Similar Schools Rank. Way to go Payne Panthers!

The Statewide Rank compares Payne to all other elementary schools in the state. The API scores are ranked from highest to lowest across the state. Then, the list is divided into 10 equal groups which are numbered 1 (low) to 10 (high). The rank changes as the API changes, and is also dependent upon the API changes of other schools statewide. We are so happy to announce that Payne increased from a Statewide Rank of 7 to a ranking of 9!

Our Similar Schools Rank has also increased. The Similar Schools Rank compares Payne to 100 schools of similar size and demographic. Payne previously held a Similar Schools Rank of 2. This year, we have increased that to a Rank 9. This means that Payne performed above at least 80 of 100 similar schools. Wow!

We clearly have reason to celebrate at Payne. All of the hard work on the part of the students, teachers, and parents has clearly proven worth the effort. We are so proud of the performance of our Payne Panthers!

Upcoming Events:

- August 29 ~ 1st Day of School
- September 7 ~ Back to School Night for 1-5 grades
- September 14 ~ Back to School Night for Kindergarten

Coastal Cleanup Day Saturday, September 17, 2011 9:00am to 12noon

California's beaches, rivers, lakes, and other waterways will be visited by 80,000 people intent on having a positive impact on our environment on Saturday, September 17. Coastal Cleanup Day is the largest volunteer event in California and is a part of the International Coastal Cleanup, which takes place in 100 countries and 42 U.S. states.

STWNA Volunteers will clean a portion of the San Tomas Creekway. We need 10 to 15 Volunteers to meet at the river access gate located at the corner of Hamilton Avenue and San Tomas Expressway. If you would like to volunteer, email us at SanTomasWest@yahoo.com and show up at the access gate NO LATER than 9:00am.

Our cleanup days are also a great way to fulfill your community service requirements. Individuals, clubs, and classes are welcome and encouraged to come out and participate in our cleanup events. Volunteers are encouraged to wear long pants, sturdy shoes, gloves and sunscreen and bring their own pick-up sticks.

Come and help us keep our rivers and streams clean and trash-free
To register for clean-up please send an e-mail to
SanTomasWest@yahoo.com

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said. Obviously Mayor Baker backs up what he says. "STWNA was formed in 2007 and while we have had several San Jose and Campbell councilmember's as guest speakers over the years, Jason will be our first Mayoral keynote from either city we serve", noted President Campbell.

Baker also listed his top priorities for the start of his term; crime prevention and control; neighborhood traffic safety and working with the Campbell Chamber of Commerce to help businesses thrive. "We need to do a little bit better at preventing crime," he said to the audience. "Our police force is doing a great job, but they need our help."

Baker served on the Campbell Civic Improvement Commission for three years before being elected as councilmember in 2008 and Vice Mayor in 2009. He recently started his own practice, The Law Office of Jason Baker.

We hope you will join us on Wednesday, September 14 at the Campbell Community Center, 6:30pm to show your support for Mayor Baker's commitment to our neighborhood!

NOTE:

** The San Tomas West Neighborhood Association Boundary lines are San Tomas Aquino to San Tomas Expressway and Payne Avenue to Campbell Avenue. If you reside or own property within this geographic area, you are welcome to attend.*

STWNA 2011 Calendar

- 09/14 STWNA General Meeting
Campbell Community Center, 6:30pm
- 09/17 STWNA River Cleanup
- 09/28 Restaurant Night (TBD)
- 10/15 STWNA Dumpster/Ewaste
- 11/09 STWNA General Meeting
- 11/?? Restaurant Night (TBD)
- 12/03 STWNA Caring & Sharing

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

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.

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It's Back! Our Popular Dumpster and E-waste Day

Saturday, October 15, 2011, 8:00am—12noon

Once again, the San Tomas West Neighborhood Association is sponsoring a Dumpster and E-Waste Day on Saturday, October 15, 2011 from 8:00 am until Noon, or until our dumpsters have been filled (whichever is sooner). This is one of the most popular events sponsored by STWNA.

The bins will be located on Phoenix Avenue (alongside Payne School). STWNA Members dump for **FREE!** Non-members may sign up for membership in STWNA for 2012 for only \$20.00 and also dump for **FREE.** New members must bring a valid ID as proof of residency. Use this opportunity to get rid of any junk that has been cluttering up your home, garage or property and help keep our neighborhoods clean and neat. As always, donations are welcome!



To volunteer please e-mail Diana at: Santomaswest@yahoo.com

*Hope to see you all on Wednesday, September 28 at
the Downtown Campbell Sonoma Chicken Coop
for the San Tomas West N. A. Restaurant Night!*

Fun Stuff For Fall

4th Annual 5K Run/Walk and Oktoberfest In Historic Downtown Campbell

The 4th Annual Oktoberfest 5K Run/Walk event will take place on Saturday, October 15, 2011 beginning at 9:00 am at Campbell Park, corner of Gilman & Campbell Avenues.

The 5K Run divisions are offered for all ages. Start/Finish line is at Campbell Park on the Basketball Courts. Race Course follows the Campbell Par Course looping around to finish back at the basketball courts. Pre-registration guarantees each participant a Race T-shirt with a pre-registration on Friday, October 7, 2011 at 4:00 pm. Race Day registration begins at 8:00am at Campbell Park. Limited Race Day T-shirts will be on sale race day morning for \$10 while supplies last.

After the Oktoberfest Fun Run festivities, bring your friends and family over to the very popular OKTOBERFEST in Historic Downtown Campbell. Thousands of people are expected to enjoy the German theme event. Authentic German beer, plenty of food and music create a festive atmosphere.

Call the Campbell Recreation office 408-866-2104 for information. Download the registration form to enter the race, or register online at www.active.com. See you then!

STWNA Caring, Sharing & Giving Event

The 4th Annual our "Sharing, Caring and Giving" program will be held on Saturday December 3rd. We will be collecting items for the following agencies: Soles 4 Souls, InnVision, Operation One Warm Coat, and the Humane Society of Silicon Valley. We will also feature a "cookie exchange" for anyone who wants to participate. More details to come in the next newsletter. If you would like to volunteer to help with this project, send us an email to SanTomasWest@yahoo.com.

Become an Intern for Councilmember Pete Constant

Councilmember Constant is looking for an intern to join the District 1 team for the Fall 2011 semester. College students, graduate students, and college graduates are encouraged to apply. Learn about local government while assisting the office in policy and community relations. For more information, call Rhovy Antonio at (408) 535-4901 or e-mail at District1@sanjose.ca.gov. Go to <http://www.sjdistrict1.com/documents/Internship%20Application%20Form.pdf> for the internship application form.

San Jose Mobile City Hall is now available for iPhone, Android, Blackberry, and Windows Phone 7!

Want to report a pothole, graffiti, or other blight in your neighborhood to the City of San José? Then grab your smartphone and download Mobile City Hall. Launched in December 2009 for iPhones, Mobile City Hall is an App developed by Councilmember Pete Constant in partnership with CitySourced that empowers San José residents to improve their community from the convenience of their smartphones.

The application allows residents to send real time requests for City services to Constant's Council office. The App is available for ALL San Jose residents, so be sure to tell your neighbors or friends living in other Council Districts! See below for download instructions or utilize the web form.

Android Phones: https://market.android.com/details?id=com.citysourced.sanjose311&feature=search_result

iPhones: <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/san-jose-mobile-city-hall/id338029133?mt=8>

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