



# BURLINGAME NEWS

## Burlingame Homeowners' Association Annual Meeting: March 21, 2007

by Don Taylor

The Burlingame Homeowners' Association (BHA) Annual Meeting was held at Mazarra's Restaurant on 30th and Juniper. Estimated attendance was approximately 50 persons. Attendees enjoyed eating from two large pizzas purchased by the BHA and Cory Smith provided a plate of cookies. Many purchased beverages from Mazarra's.

Prior to convening the Annual Meeting, a brief Directors meeting was convened, wherein the minutes of March 6, 2007 Directors Meeting were approved. All seven 2006-2007 Directors were in attendance.

Outgoing President, Tor Gronberg, opened the Annual meeting. He reviewed the BHA year and mentioned issues of continuing interest to the neighborhood including historic designation, crime, traffic and the upcoming 100th birthday of Burlingame. Treasurer, Tony Imbimbo, reported that the BHA finances were in good shape. There is about \$2,500.00 currently in our checking account.

The election of the 2007-2008 Board of Directors took place next. Ballots had been issued to current dues paying household by Secretary Joyce Wharton. Ballots were also issued to those presenting proxy forms from members not able to attend the meeting. The nine candidates for the Board were introduced and each made a short statement. Candidates were: Tony Imbimbo, Hank Sullivan, Don Taylor, Tom Mello, Steve Saars, Dennis Byrne, Oliver Zammit, Connie DiGirolamo, and Rick Hardy. The candidates selected were: Tony Imbimbo, Hank Sullivan, Don Taylor, Tom Mello, Steve Saars, Connie DiGirolamo, and Rick Hardy.

City Councilperson Toni Atkins addressed the group. First, she introduced Monica Paleaz, her staffperson and named her as an appropriate contact for most City Government questions. Councilperson Atkins then summarized the status of undergrounding, traffic calming, historic designation, and crime. A favorable

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## Burlingame's Annual Yard Sale

by Pat Taylor



**May 5, 2007** So... did you find any treasures or just enjoy a walk through the neighborhood and the opportunity to visit with friends? I must confess that I was engrossed in a good book and couldn't get away from it until 10:00. The folks I talked to then were generally pleased with the turn out and some even said they'd done well.

Natalie, on San Marcos, had an assemblage of beautiful clothes laid out on her lawn. Sarah, Andy and Eve on Maple were pleased. They had sold assorted baby items including a crib. Further down Maple, Wendy and Rick commented that there weren't as many people as last year. Carol and Emilie, also on Maple, enjoyed the day. They were very generous and made incredible deals on items I will use at McKinley. Steve Saars and friends hit the jack pocket! 3 households got together to party as they priced and planned to party with their success. When I saw them they had made over \$500.00 and they weren't done yet!

### Next Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 11th  
Meeting begins at 7:00 pm  
Mazara Trattoria  
2302 30th Street

All residents are encouraged to attend!

## Past, Present and Future... A Message from the President

Over the past few years, I am sure everyone has noticed the influx of new residents (myself included) to our wonderful neighborhood. As a 'newbie', I must admit I didn't know much about BHA except that we published this newsletter and sponsored a block party or something like that. I never was really sure what the organization did, when it met, how to get involved, etc.

So as the new President, I thought it would be a good idea to take a step back and look at where we started 27 years ago, 'fast forward' to where we are now and talk more about where we are going...

**The Past.** I had been searching for the right words to convey the 'original spirit' of BHA when I came across this excerpt from an old newsletter. The February 1983 newsletter focused on the accomplishments of BHA in its first three years – the successful defeat of the Switzer Canyon condominium development, the recognition of BHA as a political force in local politics, the launch of the Neighborhood Watch program and the success of the Annual Block Party.

It continues, "... As we look forward to this fourth year as an Association for the betterment of our lovely neighborhood, we look back fondly on the successes we have had and the great spirit of giving that exists in Burlingame. Your Association and we want to emphasize that it is your association and we look forward to expanding the number of things we are doing as a community to make Burlingame the great place to live that it is. We invite each and every resident to be an active part in this Association... There are many activities planned for 1983 that everyone can and should participate in. We plan more than ever to be an active, contributing, aware part of the San Diego Community without getting lost in the urban shuffle that befalls so many of our big cities. We all want you to share this great experience of community with us."

**The Present.** As with any community or organization, people come, people go, times change and things evolve. For the last two months the new board has been discussing how we can best serve our neighborhood in the coming year. What we realized is that we need to 'go back to basics.' By focusing on improving communication within the neighborhood and providing an avenue for neighbors to work together on important community issues, we can recapture the original spirit of the association and preserve the essence of what makes Burlingame unique.

In our efforts to understand the needs of the community, the board will be conducting a 'walk around' over the next few weeks to find out what issues are important to you, to let you know a little more about what we do and encourage you to help us improve our neighborhood.

**The Future.** Starting in July, BHA will hold its board meetings at Mazara's on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. We would

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## Burlingame's Easter Egg Hunt by Katie Redman



The Burlingame Club hosted its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 7. About 50 neighborhood children enjoyed a lovely morning in our beautiful canyon hunting for eggs left by the Easter Bunny. Brett Larsen was the lucky winner of the golden egg for the 4 and up age group while Brody O'Malley found the golden egg for the 3 and under participants. Many thanks to all of the Easter Bunny's wonderful helpers!



### Volunteers Wanted!

The Annual Block Party is the biggest event of the year in Burlingame. BHA would like to make this year's block party better than ever! The Block Party planning committee will have its first meeting at the conclusion of the July board meeting (at Mazara's). We are looking for volunteers who can donate a few (2-4) hours to help plan the event or help out at the Block Party. The hours you donate will make a huge impact on the success of the party... We hope to see you there!



# Casa de Moolah on Kalmia

by Dee McQuaide

## Year One - Synopsis

When David and I purchased Casa de Moolah we were delusional. We bought an old house that had every known old house problem including termites, not to mention electrical connections that had little porcelain spools with un-insulated wiring wrapped around them.... a clear indication that the house may not have been built for people with a need for, say, lighting. Were we discouraged? No! David assured me all it needed was just some "heavy" cosmetic work.

*David: "Don't you love this house? It has such character! The molding!"*

*Me: "Ha! Ha! These quirky old houses! The stuff in that detailed inspector's report in the 2 inch binder - that can be repaired, right?"*

*David: "I'm not worried about cosmetic problems as long as the house is structurally sound."*

## Year Two -David completes hardwood floor installation:

We had our flooring problems year one of course. The tiled pathway leading from the front door through the living room, skirting around the dining room, past the kitchen and into the hallway was cemented to the original wood floor. All that remained for us to do this year was to remove the old flooring in the hall and bedroom so David could install the new floor (Belawood- just like Bob Villa's). Ah, the dust, the dirt! Not unlike a volcanic eruption with the magnitude of a Mount St. Helen's. Knowing I would have to clean up the mess, I stamped my foot on the floor to emphasize my point. My foot went THROUGH the floor.

*David: "Um, that's another thing. The floor joists have been almost entirely eaten away".*

*Me, tetracting my foot: "Termites? No biggies. A lot of these old houses have termites. We can just have it treated."*

*David: "Actually, the only treatment option we have left is the one using orange oil..."*

So there we were, confronted with the stark evidence that our sub-floor was very old...like being aboard a boat in the middle of the Pacific and discovering that not only are you sinking, but also that your hull is made entirely of Triscuits. How did I react to this horrible news? I poured the orange furniture polish over the sub-floor. I was thrilled! We now had shiny dead termites that smelled nice. And when the floor was completed - a room to rival Bob Villa's! Next came the bright idea of installing a powder room in the closet of the guest room.

## My solution:

1. Contact a contractor to come in and install a sink and toilet.
2. Spend the day shopping with a friend
3. At the end of the day, write a check and decorate the room with the accessories purchased at Restoration Hardware during the shopping spree.

## David's solution:

1. Purchase a DIY book at Home Depot for \$29.00.
2. Drink a cup of coffee, sit on the throne and read the book 17 times.
3. Go to Dixieline and write a check for \$600.00 for a toilet, sink, and various pipes, tubes, handles, hand cleaner and a scented candle.and into the house.
6. Open a Guinness and drink it.
7. Drill holes for pipes to fit into
8. Crawl under house and dig trenches for pipes
9. Spend 30 minutes looking for tarp to put down so you don't get dirty
10. Place tarp in crawl space
11. Open another Guinness and drink it
12. Look for pipe wrench
13. Give up and use crescent wrench
14. Thread pipes through hole in floor. Screw pipes together under house to connect to sewer.
15. Apply gunk to connectors
16. Clean up
17. Have another Guinness while glue is drying
18. Hook up new copper pipe
19. Turn on water
20. Leaks
21. Hurry to find leak
22. Hurry to fix leak before water floods crawl space
23. Turn off water
24. Slip with wrench and bang knuckles on frame
25. Bang head on floor board in reaction
26. Begin cussing fit
27. Turn on water
28. Leaks
29. Throw wrench
30. Turn off water
31. Cuss for additional 10 minutes
32. Clean up; apply BandAid to knuckle
33. Guinness
34. Guinness
35. Fix leak and turn water back on
36. Guinness
37. Flush toilet

Now we know why they call this style of old house "Craftsman". You realize it's critical to call it what it will become - a never ending parade of highly paid craftsmen after you try restoration David's way. The craftsmen spend so much of time in your house that eventually they will become part of your family, and invite you to attend their children's graduation from Harvard."

**Editor's note: Please keep sending articles, neighbors. I'm so glad that Dee did so that all of you can read it.**

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like to extend an 'open invitation' to all residents to stop by and see what we are working on...

The preliminary agenda includes discussing the survey results, upcoming events calendar, status of current projects and the new issues the association will be addressing in the upcoming year. We will distribute a flyer with detailed information one week before the meeting.

I hope this message gives you a better understanding of the direction in which the organization is evolving. The board looks forward to hearing your comments, suggestions and feedback as we complete the neighborhood 'walk around'. In the interim, if you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at 619.507.8278 or ssaars@parallelic.com.

Cheers  
Steve Saars  
BHA President

### **Burlingame Club Factoid**

The Burlingame club, which was established in 1913, sponsored the first meetings of our Homeowners' Association several years ago. It is the oldest social and civic organization in the city.

### **A Note from a Neighbor**

This was a note received from Elsie B. Hester when she paid her annual BHA dues. I thought it was worth sharing.

"Thanks to Don Taylor and Joyce Wharton for the great work they perform for Burlingame as well as all the good BHA residents before them. Mom moved to San Diego in 1965 and purchased this home (2455 San Marcos Avenue). Shortly after Mom passed away, I moved in (1984). I still miss my mom, Mary N. Brown, but life goes on".

## **Free Trees!!!**

San Diego Regional Energy Office, in cooperation with People for Trees, is giving away up to 17,000 trees throughout San Diego County to residents just like you. You can get up to 5 full-sized, 15-gallon nursery quality specimens in your choice of over 20 varieties.

Why Are They Doing This? Trees create shade. Shade cools homes. Cooler homes use less air conditioning and less energy. So trees save energy. They also enhance neighborhood appearance, increase property values, reduce storm runoff and improve local air quality. If you are interested, please contact Lynne Rine at 619.501.4483 or lrine@parallelic.com.

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response followed her announcement that the huge utility pole on 30th Street will soon be removed!

Lieutenant Mills, San Diego Police officer, discussed recent street crime and police strategies for control. Mills fielded questions asked of him by Burlingame residents.

Phyllis Schess, president of the North Park Maintenance Assessment District (MAD), spoke on the status of the new Engineer's Report for MAD. The Engineer's Report, currently a draft, will soon be finalized and go before the City Council. If approved, it will be voted on by North Park property owners. If that vote is in approval, already collected funds will be available for projects in the Engineers' Report. Schess recognized the invaluable contribution Burlingame resident, Marty McDaniel, has made to the MAD.

Tor closed the meeting and convened the new BHA Directors who set April, 11, 2007 as their first meeting.

### **Mark your Calendars!**

**Burlingame Block Party  
Sunday, September 9, 2007**

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## **Thank You For Your Support!**

BHA would like to thank Jim Hush for sponsoring the printing of our summer newsletter. Contact Jim Hush at 619.573.0717 or JimHush@cox.net.



## **MAZARA TRATTORIA**

Starting this July, Mazara's has generously offered to host our monthly board meetings. Please 'stop in' to let them know how much our neighborhood appreciates their continued support. Mazara Trattoria is located at 2302 30th Street - 619.284.2050.

# Remains of the Landscape

by Sue Pelley



San Diego's Canyons contain natural and cultural history unique to our region. For many communities these canyons are all that remain as undeveloped natural landscape. There are two open space canyons in walking distance of the Burlingame area to enjoy birding, hiking, and volunteering. Their names may vary, however the most common are Switzer Canyon and Juniper Canyon. Open Space park land provides the citizens of San Diego with such benefits as scenic vistas, preservation of natural resources, outdoor recreation, and other benefits to health and well being.



The City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department Open Space Division manage over 24,000 acres of open space, including open space parks and canyons. Some 3200 acres, which include many smaller canyons, is overseen by the citywide

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## Neighborhood Watch

In the last few months, Burlingame has experienced a number of car break ins/thefts and more recently a home burglary. Please do not leave valuables in your car. Be sure to lock your doors and secure your windows when you are not at home. Contact the police at 619.531.2000 to report any incidents or suspicious activities.

Open Space Canyon staff. This team of professionals relies on Friends of Canyons groups for enhancing these open space canyons. The mission of the Canyon Program is a joint effort by City staff and citizens groups to manage safe canyons for passive recreational purposes while protecting and preserving habitat.

Switzer Canyon has an active well established "Friends of Switzer Canyon" group who meet regularly to enhance the canyons native habitat. The Open Space Division Canyon Program supports various Friends groups by assisting with canyon enhancement planning, weed management, trail repair, and installation of kiosks. Park Rangers provide enforcement of City of San Diego municipal codes for park rules and regulations such as dogs of leash and homeless camp abatement. For more information regarding the Canyon Program or to volunteer for Switzer Canyon or the newly forming Juniper Canyon Friends group, please contact Senior Park Ranger Sue Pelley at (619) 235-5256.

## Bird Park Summer Concerts

**June 23-August 18, 2007**  
**6th Annual Summer Concerts**

presented by  
**North Park Community Association**

The concerts are indicative of the ongoing revitalization of North Park. They offer families an opportunity to socialize, picnic, dance and celebrate the vitality of our community. The concerts are a benefit to everyone that lives, works and does business in North Park. Come and show your support for the neighborhood!

**June 23 - Bayou Brothers**

a unique blend of Zydeco, Cajon and Mardi Gras influences

**July 7 - The Coyote Problem**

California rock

**July 21 - Flux Theory**

alternative rock blend with a DJ twist

**Aug 4 - 145th Street**

electric blues-rock quartet

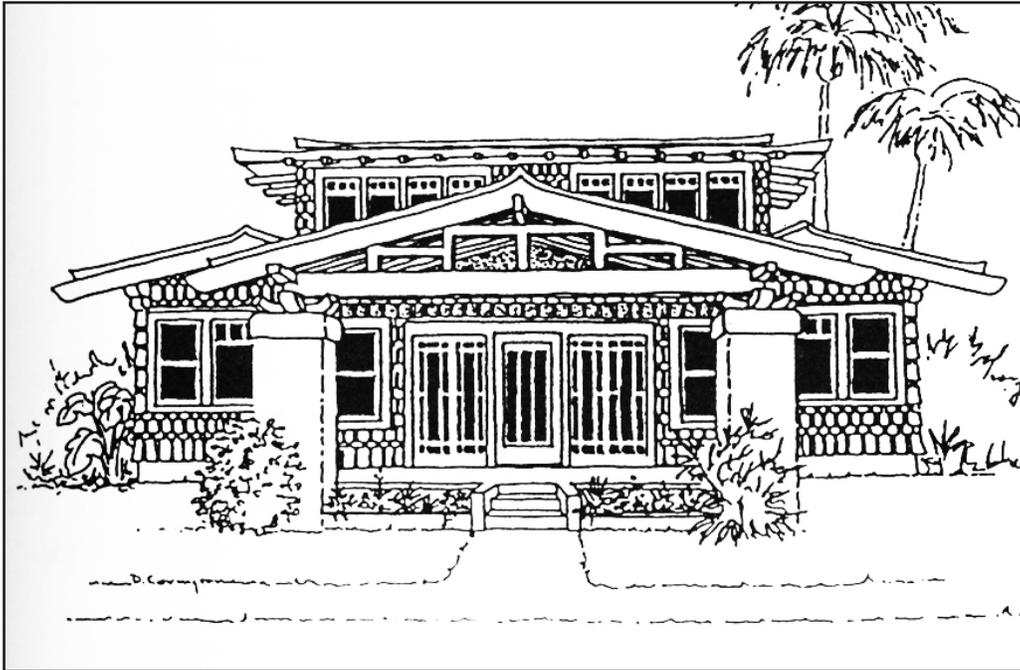
**Aug 18 - Upstream**

Rock influenced Reggae, Techno, Funk, Hip Hop and Soca

## **Burlingame: The Tract of Character**

by Donald Covington, Architectural Historian - 1993

Some neighborhoods exist as extensions of the matrix of the urban environment and struggle to establish and maintain a discrete identity within the whole civic pattern. Others transcend the neighborhood status and become unique communities. The quality of “neighborhood” may be identifiable by the tangible proximity of dwelling and occupants. “Community,” on the other hand, is an intangible quality that transcends the physical and is the result of a metaphysical bond between individuals who share a cultural destiny and common purpose. One such San Diego neighborhood which has maintained that distinct sense of “community” for more than 80 years is Burlingame.



On Saturday, January 13, 1912, the Burlingame tract was opened for public inspection. On that first weekend, thirty-four lots were sold, twenty percent of the total available. Burlingame was a land development scheme of the partnership of two Realtors: Joseph McFadden and George Buxton, working with a syndicate of San Diego businessmen

The Burlingame Syndicate purchased forty acres on Rufus Choate’s Brooklyn Heights during the final week of October 1911. Throughout the following December and January, scores of mule teams labored to grade the streets with crushed granite and generally to improve property in the tract. Late in January 1912, the distinctive red curbs, crosswalks and sidewalks were laid thereby paving the way for the beginning of residential construction.

In the years following the opening of the tract, Burlingame became a showcase of diverse architectural concepts. Between 1912 and the Great Depression of the 1930s, the Burlingame microcosm unfolded in a rare collection of architectural individualism. Many of San Diego’s leading craftsmen and designers worked out their earliest architectural inspirations within Burlingame’s residential blocks.

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## **The Merchant of Dennis**

by Dennis Byrne

Need a gift for a special event? Then the folks at Clarity help you select the perfect gift basket for any occasion. They will lovingly wrap your selection in a complimentary basket. Clarity also features hand-made soaps and skin care products as well as fragrant candles made from 50% recycled wax. Bring in your used candles or wax and receive a free bag of potpourri.

In 2003, Clarity was chosen as The San Diego Reader’s Best Soap and Candle Shop. Save your gas and support your local merchants. Clarity is located at 3022 Juniper (across from Rebecca’s).

## Special Membership Offer until July 1, 2007!

Join the BHA for **only \$15.00** (normally \$25.00 per year) for the remainder of 2007. Simply complete the membership form and return it with your check (please make payable to: Burlingame Homeowners Association) to Connie di Girolamo at 2440 Pamo Avenue.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Dumpster Day Saturday, June 16th 8:00 am – 12 noon

Dumpster Day is back by popular demand! Look for the flyer next week to learn more about what you can and cannot put in the dumpster. Dumpsters fill up fast so it's best to start early. Once the dumpsters are filled no more items will be accepted!

BHA would like to thank Allied Waste Services for graciously sponsoring three dumpsters (and the dumping fees) this year. If you need to rent a dumpster for home renovations, please consider Jim Gehman at Allied Waste Services. You can reach him at 619.421.9400.

## Friday Night Happy Hour

Join us for one of Burlingame's best events --- Friday Night Happy Hour. 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!

Email Vance Walker at [wvancewalker@cox.net](mailto:wvancewalker@cox.net) to be added to the email list. We hope to see you at the next happy hour!

### Summer/Fall Schedule

<b>June 29</b>	Richard Krauzlis & Laura Middleton (kids friendly) 2457 Capitan Avenue
<b>July 27</b>	Rachel Smith 3155 Kalmia Street
<b>August 31</b>	Kathy Garcia 2458 Dulzura Avenue
<b>September 28</b>	Dennis Bryne 3144 Laurel Street
<b>October 26</b>	Bill and Jenny Nunnink 2460 32nd Street

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