



BURLINGAME NEWS

Burlingame Neighborhood

Watch is Back!

by Connie DiGirolamo

When the BHA Board surveyed the neighborhood last summer, one of the concerns identified by residents was that of neighborhood safety. As we are all aware, there has been an increase in home and automobile break-ins and thefts in Burlingame and the surrounding neighborhood.

At our January meeting of the BHA Board, David Surwilo, SDPD Community Resource Officer, was on the agenda and reviewed with us some of the criminal activity that has occurred in our neighborhood over the past several months. He offered his suggestions about how we can make Burlingame a safer environment for all of us to enjoy. Thanks to Vance Walker who has been providing us with timely information via email communications. All of us need to be aware of activities occurring in our neighborhood, and we need to keep our eyes open for the greater community.

Nancy Tarbell, Betty Ball, and Connie di Girolamo have met to gather information and to formulate a proposal to create a Burlingame Neighborhood Watch program. We have communicated with officers from the SDPD to better understand our "citizen responsibilities" and reviewed logistics required to establish the program. Our proposal is being prepared and will be presented at the February 13th BHA Board Meeting. Information will also be available at the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, March 12, 2008.

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BHA Annual Meeting

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

by Steve Saars

Mark your calendars now for the Burlingame Homeowners Association Annual Meeting to be held at 7 pm on March 12, 2008 at Mazara Trattoria.

The meeting agenda includes electing the 2008-2009 Board of Directors. Members will have the opportunity to meet the nominees for the board before the voting begins. It is important that all members attend to ensure we have a quorum for the election.

We also plan to discuss the neighborhood events of the past year, the new Neighborhood Watch and Neighbor 2 Neighbor programs, and the upcoming 2008 events calendar.

Members will also have the opportunity to discuss specific neighborhood issues/concerns directly with the Board during the Membership Feedback Forum.

Notice of the meeting location and a sample ballot will be mailed to all Burlingame residents prior to the meeting. To be eligible to vote in the BHA elections, you must be a current member as of Tuesday, February 26, 2008. Membership application information is available on the back page of this newsletter. If you are unsure of your membership status, please contact Connie di Girolamo at 619.281.3886 or email at arroyoarts@cox.net.

Upcoming Board Meetings

February 13TH

March 12TH

April 9TH

May 14TH

Meetings begin at 7:00 pm at
Mazara Trattoria
2302 30th Street

All neighbors are encouraged to attend.

Board Nominations

Help make a difference! BHA, like all volunteer organizations, heavily relies on the energy and skills of its dedicated volunteers to 'make things happen' and ensure the continued success of the organization. If you are looking to be more involved in the neighborhood, we would encourage you to consider running for a position on the board. Please contact Steve Saars at 619.507.8278 for more information.

About the Burlingame Club

by Pat Taylor

“Back in the summer of 1913, when Burlingame was a new, yes, a very new and untried residential subdivision of San Diego, when the houses could be numbered on ones fingers, with the exception of “The Row” on Kalmia Street and the shingled houses on the canyon, all of which were new and unoccupied, when not even a dozen families lived in the district, the Burlingame Club was organized with six charter members.”

So begins a page we found in the Archives at the San Diego Historical Society. The Burlingame Club collection, there, is filled with minutes, treasurer’s reports, pictures and member recollections. The purposes of the Club from its inception in 1913 are the same ones we follow today: “to promote social fellowship among the residents of Burlingame and stimulate the spirit of civic improvement”.



Burlingame Club members at a Valentine party in the 1950's.

This year we celebrate our 95th birthday. And what better way to do that than to showcase 6 of our lovely homes with tour goers. The 2008 Home Tour will be held Saturday, June 7th from 10:00 am - 4:00pm. Save the date. We will need volunteer docents on that day -- 2 shifts of 30 volunteers. It would be encouraging to us, the tour planning committee, to hear that we can count on you to help us on June 7th. It's not too early to sign up. Contact Pat Taylor at dovetail54@aol.com or 619.516.3632.

Upcoming Burlingame Club Meetings

February 21st - 3106 Laurel Street
Nancy Tarbell and Judi O'Boyle hostesses

March 20th - 2440 Pamo Avenue
Connie di Girolamo and Chris Cashman hostesses

April 17th - 2146 Pamo Avenue
Lynn Scelfo and Katie O'Brasky hostesses

This year, for the 4th year, members will celebrate the holiday by preparing 50 gift bags for Elderhelp clients. Members have been generous in donating soaps, lotions and other toiletries. One brand new Burlingame Club member has volunteered to purchase tea towels to go into each bag. Another member has been collecting and making goodies all year long. The packed-to-the-top bags will be taken to Elderhelp in time for Valentine delivery. They are looking forward to passing them out again this year.



*Elderhelp recipient with Valentine's Bag
from the Burlingame Club*

For more information, contact Pat Taylor, Vice President, at dovetail54@aol.com or 619.516.3632.

The Welcome Wagon Returns to Burlingame!

The Burlingame Club and the BHA are teaming up to reestablish the Welcome Wagon. We have developed a welcome folder to provide our new neighbors with information about the history of Burlingame, a resident directory, and important city numbers and addresses. Several Burlingame Club members have volunteered to deliver the welcome folder and a delicious homemade surprise to our newest neighbors!

Please contact Connie di Girolamo at 619.281.3886 or email at arroyoarts@cox.net. to let her know when new neighbors have arrived so the Welcome Wagon can stop by!

Kids' Corner

by Jodi Mello



Mark your calendars kids! The Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday March 22ND.

We will be collecting eggs at my house (2669 San Marcos) on Friday, March 21st from 4 pm – 7 pm. Eggs should be hard boiled or plastic (filled with goodies). We plan to decorate eggs from 4 pm – 5 pm so feel free to stop by. Bring the kids and have some fun. Contact Jodi Mello at 619.624.9062 for more information.

A Win Win Opportunity

by Pat Taylor

On Sunday, February 10th, the Mike Wofford Trio and guest flutist, Holly Hoffman, will present a jazz concert to benefit the McKinley School Foundation. It will be at Kensington Community Church (4773 Marborough Avenue) at 5:00 pm with a reception to follow. All proceeds will be used for student music instruction at McKinley.

For more information call 619.283.8876. Tickets can be purchased through the McKinley website at www.mckinleycougars.com

Max and Jake's Big Race

February 10th, 2008

by Steve Cook



The Hammerstrom family and the Cook family on Capitan Avenue have had a trying experience in common. Max, the youngest Hammerstrom, and Jake, the younger of the two Cook boys, both underwent open-heart surgery at Rady Children's Hospital Heart Institute. Fortunately, both boys are doing great today - living happy, healthy lives – thanks to the care they received. Now their families have gotten together to give back to Rady Children's Heart Institute by putting on a fundraiser. Max and Jake's Big Race is a 5k/1mi trail run/walk that will be held on February 10TH, 2008 at scenic Mission Trails. The call is out for Burlingame families to participate.

The event will be family friendly with kid's divisions, live music, an expo, goody bags and more. Participants who register in advance will receive the first annual event t-shirt. Susan Taylor of Channel 7 will MC the event. It promises to be a fun time – and support a worthy cause. If you can't make February 10TH, there is also a race fund to which you can make donations that will help ensure other children receive the same high-quality care as Max and Jake.

To sign up, donate, or get more information, visit www.maxandjakesbigrace.org or email info@maxandjakesbigrace.org.

Crime Alert

Help prevent crime in the neighborhood. Follow these tips from Officer Surwilo to ensure the police know what is happening in our neighborhood.

- 1. Report it.** If the police don't know about what is going on in the neighborhood, then they can't do anything about it. Don't assume your neighbor will call in the incident. Take the initiative and make sure all incidents are properly documented with the police. For non emergencies, call 619.531.2000. For emergencies, dial 911.
- 2. File a Citizen Request Form.** If you see something suspicious or you know of illegal activity going on in the neighborhood, it is important to call and file a citizen request form. Ask for the incident number and keep a record of it. If you have to call again, refer to the incident number and ask the officer to contact you directly for follow up.
- 3. Follow up.** If you do not feel the police have looked into an incident sufficiently, then call the front desk at 619.692.4800 to find out what has been done to solve the problem. Refer to your incident number so the front desk can advise you on the status of your request. Be persistent until the situation has been resolved to your satisfaction.

Coyote Alert

Several pets from the neighborhood have been killed by a group of coyotes coming up from the canyon. They have been spotted during the day as well as the evening hours. Please be sure that you do not leave your animals unattended and be sure to bring them in at night.

One Step at a Time to Improve Defenses Against Wildfire :: Part 1

by Carrie Schneider

There are two types of wildfire in San Diego – small wildfires occur during normal weather and usually are rapidly extinguished by the firefighters using fire engines and helicopters. On the other hand, during a Santa Ana event, resources are strained and firefighters cannot be present in every neighborhood. Houses that are “pre-defended” are more likely to survive. The following is a series on steps to take to pre-defend your home. This is important even if you don't live near an open space area! Many houses that burn down in Santa Ana fires are not adjacent to open space.

Protecting a building from wildfire takes a two-pronged approach:

- Remove flammable materials from around the building
- Construct the building of fire resistant material

Step 1. Screen attic and crawlspace vents. Strong winds during Santa Ana driven wildfires will draw burning embers into vents, possibly setting the interior of the house on fire. New building codes for houses in high Fire Hazard Severity zones call for ¼ inch screening (http://www.fire.ca.gov/wildland_codes.php), but screening is useful for every house in San Diego.

- Even better than screens, the Homeowner's Wildfire Mitigation Guide (HWMG) recommends “preparing vent covers that can be temporarily installed when a wildfire approaches your home. Vent covers can be manufactured from plywood or other solid substance that would provide short-term protection from embers and flame.” (groups.ucanr.org/HWMG/Vents)
- Affixing aluminum insect screen to vents by staple or caulk is fairly easy, although the HWMG points out that these smaller screens need attention to be kept free of debris. Don't forget the garage!

Stay tuned for more helpful hints in Part 2...

In Memory



Zsuzsa (Susie) Waczek of 3170 Maple Street was born on September 25, 1923 in Papa, Hungary. She passed away December 19, 2007 at the age of 84 with her family at her side. Zsuzsa and her late husband Frank Waczek left Europe to immigrate to the United States in 1950. Arriving with three children and little more than the clothes they possessed, the Waczek family eventually settled in the Burlingame neighborhood of San Diego. By 1963, their family grew to nine children. Many years of hard work produced a family-owned tailoring business, but Zsuzsa's forte was bookkeeping. In 1991, she retired from Fritz A. Nachant, Inc., after 25 years in the construction industry. She will be deeply missed by her friends, neighbors, coworkers, and fellow members of the House of Hungary. She will be especially missed by those who dearly called her “Anka,” not limited to her family which includes her children, Frank, Lucy Renko, Barbara Driggs (deceased), Steven, Elizabeth Brown (Liz), Margaret Waczek (Peggy), Maria Waczek, Thomas and Laszlo. She also leaves behind 16 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and her brother Tamas in Hungary. A memorial mass was held Friday, January 4, 2008 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her honor to the charity of your choice.

Merchant of Glennis

Located near the corner of 32nd and Thorne, Santos is a sought out coffeehouse especially for folks on their way to work in the morning. Interviewing the owner, Magali Jay-Snyder, was a pleasure.

She was born and raised in Clermont Ferrand which is located at the center of France. A vacation trip to San Diego in 2001 was all it took for her to decide this was where she wanted to live.

She began her work as a barista at the Santos on Beech Street in South Park. There, she made coffee, served pastry, mingled with customers and cleaned up at the end of the day. In time, she did some of the ordering as well. Magali had done similar work in France and England.

When the Santos on Beech Street was sold, Magali moved on to the Thorne Street Santos. As the manager she added roasting coffee beans to her list of skills, something she enjoyed and could do very well.

In 2004, she bought the Santos on Thorne Street and the roasting business (on 30th Street) too. She kept the name, Santos, and the original logo.

I asked her about the name. Is it the original owner's name? Is it an extraordinary coffee from Brazil? Does it mean "coffee roaster" in another language? Magali didn't know. Do you, the reader, know?

I asked Magali about the Flying Nun drink which is advertised on the banner in front of the shop? The ingredients make me want to try it and it sounds like it provides enough caffeine octane for the entire day. It is 3 shots of espresso over a bit of condensed milk. That is topped with steamed milk, whipped cream and caramel sauce. It might be easiest to go there and try one than to make it at home.

Magali stressed that Santos wants to be part of the community! She generously donated to the 2007 Burlingame Block Party raffle. In addition, in 2006 they were part of a the non profit Adopt-A-Classroom program at McKinley. Mrs. Gina Honma's class was the beneficiary.

Santos is open from 6 am - 6 pm every day except Sunday. Bakery goods, including scones, croissants and cheese Danish are available. Another favorite is bagels with cream cheese, pesto and fresh tomatoes. Magali estimates that 80% of her customers are regulars and she cordially invites you to become one of them.



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You are invited to participate in the organization of the Neighborhood Watch program, or as a "precinct captain or co-captain". If you would like to volunteer, or if you have any concerns or comments regarding this program, feel free to call me at 619.281.3886 or email at arroyoarts@cox.net.

Thank You For Your Support!

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


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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.

MAZARA TRATTORIA

Mazara Trattoria
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619.284.2050

It's time to renew your BHA Membership for 2008!

Don't forget to renew your membership before it expires. Membership dues are \$25.00. Simply complete the membership form and return it with your check (please make payable to Burlingame Homeowners Association) and drop it off to Connie di Girolamo at 2440 Pamo Avenue.

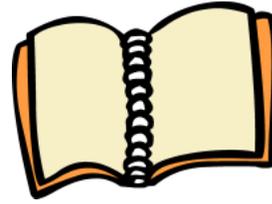
Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

The Burlingame Resident Directory is Now Available!



Keep in touch with your neighbors! Please contact Connie di Girolamo at 619.281.3886 to get your free copy today!

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!

Email Vance Walker at wvancewalker@cox.net to be added to the email list. We hope to see you at the next happy hour!

Keep the Burlingame Tradition Alive!

We need hosts to open their homes for the Friday Night Happy Hour. Please call Vance Walker at 619.640.8262 if you can host an upcoming Happy Hour.

Spring 2008 Schedule

February 29TH

March 28TH

April 25TH

May 30TH

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