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NAGLEE PARK ADVISOR

NAGLEE PARK'S NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER



Thank you for reading

Christine Hanchett

Hello everyone! As your newest board member, I am pleased to introduce myself via this newsletter. My name is Christine Hanchett, and I have lived in Naglee Park since 2006. Prior to Naglee Park, I lived in a little house on the 300 block of North 15th. In 2000 I was offered a position with a Silicon Valley titan at the time, Sun Microsystems. I packed up and relocated from lovely Boulder Colorado where I had spent the previous ten years and headed out with my two birds (a canary and a red-lored Amazon parrot named Zoe) in tow.

I am pleased to serve on the board, and wanted to give back to the community I enjoy. Naglee Park is special and I appreciate how much people care about our fellow neighbors and our community, and I love all our events. When a friend asked if I wanted to serve I was a little apprehensive only because of my work schedule, but I have found it fulfilling (and manageable) - its been fascinating to see the inner workings of our active neighborhood groups and committees and the amount of time and passion from many of our neighbors to keep Naglee Park beautiful and special is awe-inspiring. I also love that participating on the board has given me opportunity to get to know more people throughout our neighborhood.

In Remembrance

Ken Podgorsek

Ken Podgorsek passed away on December 25th, 2022. Ken held numerous CCA positions over the past 34 years - CCA President, CCA Treasurer, CCA Bookkeeper and CCA email list monitor. His crowning pride was building Bark in the Park into the largest dog festival in the country, funding all of the wonderful events and programs that make our neighborhood the wonderful place that it is. He was the behind-the-scenes go-to person for so many people in the City of San Jose. Besides the CCA and his "regular" job, Ken was the Executive Director of United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County, responsible for administering all the SJBeautiful Grants to neighborhoods throughout the city. The family Ken leaves behind includes his wife Farrell, daughter Raychel, son Will and sister Kathryn.

Anna Strong

Anna Lorraine Cooper Strong passed on January 14, 2023 at age 66. Anna moved to South 16th Street with her then-husband Rob and their son Joseph in 1988. Anna helped form an organic food co-op, where she would order and divide bulk deliveries of everything from oats to fruit leather among participating Naglee Park families. When her children were young, Anna was very active in Las Madres and the babysitting co-op, watching kids from around the neighborhood nearly every day. She was well known among the neighborhood kids for her fun arts and crafts, liberal rules around backyard nudity, fresh baked bread, and cheesy quesadillas (which were much better than her homemade "pizza"). These "kids" adored Anna and many are now raising their own children around the neighborhood, including Justin Talamantes, Arthur Winings, Molly Goode, and Ali Jennings.



Did You Know?

Lynnea Hagen, Marketing Committee

Spotlight: Naglee Park Writers

Jack Douglas, formerly at 515 South 13th St.

A Naglee Park denizen for many years, Jack Douglas was an historian and author. While residing here Jack authored the book, Tales of Naglee Park in 1998. The paperback is now selling for \$55. on Amazon. In 2001 the updated version, Historic San Jose: Tales of Naglee Park was released

Jack personified Naglee Park, literally. Jack attended our events and marched in our 4th of July parades dressed as General Naglee, in full Civil War officer garb, even carrying his own set of the “general’s” business cards. Sadly, we lost Jack several years ago, but his knowledge and personality live on through his books about our great neighborhood.

A.J. Faas, Ph.D., San Salvador St

Associate Professor & Graduate Coordinator, SJSU - Department of Anthropology

In the Shadow of Tungurahua: Disaster Politics in Highland Ecuador is about how disasters are made, experienced, and contested. It explores how social processes (colonialism, capitalist development, postcolonial political domination) that create disasters begin long before dramatic events like eruptions. And they continue for long after because the political processes that create disasters are reproduced in humanitarianism, reconstruction, and recovery. In exploring how people cooperate in disasters, AJ shows a mix of altruism and unequal power, but most importantly minga, an institution with hundreds of years of history that continued long after the disaster. It’s cooperation that works in disaster, and lasts long after. Finally, he looks at recovery from the disasters ten years on, asking readers to join the Ecuadorean tribe in a new idea of the future and relationships with the environment, to build and sustain a more-than-human-life world in the shadow of a grandmother volcano according to their own cultural logics of the good. Link to the book:

<https://tinyurl.com/5n78af9z>

Cassi Kifer—1XX South 16th: Cassie is the author of Secret San Jose: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure. This unconventional guidebook will take you through bizarre and fascinating places that define San Jose’s history and shaped this one-of-a-kind city. She also authored the soon-to-be-released book San Jose Scavenger, a collection of walkable and bike-friendly scavenger hunts in 20 neighborhoods in every corner of Santa Clara County. There’s more information about both of these books at: www.secretsanjose.com While there, read her blog for this time of year: “5 Spooky Places in San Jose”.

Larry Snyder, 5XX South 15th

As our Naglee Park Poet Laureate, Larry was featured in the last newsletter. However, Larry has written non-poetry books, most notably, The New Father Survival Guide, which was commercially published and marketed. The book was conceived and written when Larry was involved in his wife Susan’s Lamaze classes and Larry was teaching fathering skills at El Camino and San Jose Hospitals. El Camino bought the book to use as a handbook, and it’s still available on Amazon.

In April, honoring April Halberstadt - A Naglee Park Champion

Lynnea Hagen, Marketing Committee

Let's put a 4-lane highway down S. 13th. How about 6 lanes on E. San Carlos Street? These were some of the plans in 1971 when history "found" Naglee Park historian, April Halberstadt. Settling here after graduating from CSU-Hayward, April arrived with knowledge that government entities and contractors hadn't paid attention to: CEQA, the California Environment Quality Act. Her knowledge saved the integrity and livability of our wonderful, historic neighborhood and provided a launch pad for other protections and actions that deeply impact Naglee Park. How?

April became a member (and later, President) of the newly formed CCA. At one meeting, she learned that decisions had already been made to proceed with the projects above. She asked one question, "How about the Environmental Protection Act?". The blank faces spoke volumes. This question put wheels in motion to save many homes and fueled positive actions continuing today. Examples:

"Everybody wants a piece of us". There was no parking control. Naglee Park was the parking lot for SJSU students, San Jose Hospital and the San Jose Medical Clinic, a large group practice with 80 physicians. Residents couldn't park in front of their homes until after 7P.M. The CCA implemented a Naglee Park parking ban. SJSU responded by suing CCA regarding the ban. They lost. The ban still stands.

During the 1960s, SJSU incentivized NP residents to open rooms in their homes to house students. Some homeowners made alterations to do so. The students didn't come, leaving homeowners with vacant rooms. Around this time, Agnews State Mental Hospital closed. Care for people with extra needs was "privatized", with NP as "ground zero". 90% of care beds for 4 counties were here, with the epicenter on the 100 block of S. 13th. The mentally ill roamed the neighborhood and the SJSU campus. CCA and April fought for a moratorium on care homes in NP, our first major victory! Then they worked to "downzone" Naglee Park, from R3 (multi-family dwellings) to R1 (single family homes): one of the few rezoning wins in the country. With support from neighbors (attorneys, urban planners, a city hall clerk), CCA succeeded! It took eight years. She and others showed up to fight for us...and still do.

We owe a debt of deep gratitude to April for her huge impact on saving our wonderful neighborhood.



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Naglee Park Heroes

By Sandra Zampino

Google the word “hero” and you will find . . .

a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities.

A person who is admired. That’s what I think of as a hero. Heroism is ageless, lacks prejudice, and heeds no mind to gender. I’d like to take a few minutes of your time and tell you a story about a hero right here in Naglee Park. Now, I doubt she thinks herself as one, but that’s a quality a hero has.

Imagine yourself striking out on your own for 61 days . . . ALL. BY. YOURSELF. Even better yet, a woman on a solo trip ALL. BY. HERSELF. Driving a van for 6,385 miles, mountain biking, hiking, touring 10 national parks, and boondocking (dispersed camping on public land). Dispersed Camping is the term given to camping in the United States on public land other than in designated campsites. There were also a few stays at friends’ homes and hotels with real showers (a girl needs a deep cleaning now and then).

The first thing you may be thinking is SAFETY (or Reese Witherspoon in Wild). Yep, there were certainly sleepless nights and the avoidance of conversations regarding traveling alone. But you know what? This solo trip afforded the opportunity to learn about the limits humans can overcome and self-discovery.

1. Even though you are terrified of heights, you can still make it to the top of Angel’s Landing. You hike about 2.5 miles (4 kilometers) straight up. The last kilometer is the scary part, the pathway is very narrow and, on both sides, there are sheer drops of 1000 feet (300 meters). LESSON LEARNED: your biggest personal growth is just on the other side of fear.
2. The kindness of strangers still exists. Whether it’s a helping hand up a trail or some conversation while alone in a restaurant, there are people who are eager to reach out. LESSON LEARNED: even with all of the media coverage regarding how different we all are and how our ideologies separate us, we can rest assured that human kindness unites us.
3. We cannot allow our wilderness to be destroyed. For this, I will take a quote that our Naglee Park hero posted on social media.

Something will have gone out of us as a people if we ever let the remaining wilderness be destroyed. We simply need that wild country available to us . . . even if we never do more than drive to its edge and look in. For it can be a means of reassuring ourselves of our sanity as creatures, a part of the geography of hope. –Wallace Stegner

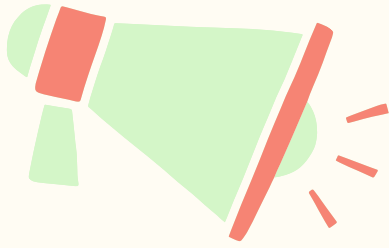
LESSON LEARNED: be kind to mother nature, protect her, go see all that she has to offer.

Here’s Stacy at the top of Angel’s Landing

I admire Stacy Palermini for her courage to take a risk, her strength to overcome fear and achieve personal growth, and her noble venture to discover the sacred places in this country and within herself that nurture and feed the soul. She’s my hero!



*If you have a Naglee Park Hero that you would like to share with the neighborhood, please reach out to Sandra Zampino at szampino@bellsouth.net



Announcements!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! DUMPSTER DAY IS COMING!

Saturday May 20 8- 11:30 am (or until bins are full)

Join us at William Street Park on May 20th for our annual Dumpster Day! A flier has been circulated with details on what items will be accepted - E Waste WILL be one of the items accepted during the event! Please remember to stay in your car unless you are unloading items.

We will also be taking bikes and bike parts for donation to Community Cycles. See you there!



National Night Out First Tuesday in August

National Night Out, <https://natw.org/>, is an annual, nation-wide program organized by the National Association of Town Watch that is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, generate support for local anti-crime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Each year on the first Tuesday in August, Naglee Park residents participate in National Night Out. The CCA provides funds to Naglee Park residents who host National Night Out events including barbecues, ice cream socials, and neighborhood get-togethers.



Naglee Park 4th of July Celebration Monday July 3rd and Tuesday July 4th



Every year the Naglee Park Neighborhood celebrates our Independence and the Birth of Our Nation with a great 4th of July Celebration. Events may include: a morning fun run, a dessert bake-off, a neighborhood parade and a BBQ in William St. Park with a potluck and entertainment.

New this year as part of the 4th of July celebrations:

-The 25th Bark in the Park drawing contest: Neighbors will have the chance to become part of the 25th Bark celebrations. Art in 2 categories: ages 12 and under and ages 13 and up can enter their dog-themed art for a chance to be featured on the commemorative 25th Bark t-shirt or in the event program. Art for the contest will be collected and showcased on the 4th of July.

-4th of July Parade float decorating clinic - on July 3rd, 4-6pm kids are invited to a float decorating clinic, hosted by Girl Scout Troop 62952. During this clinic, kids will be teamed up to decorate a float in one of 4 pre-selected themes, then ride on the float the next day in the parade.

Stay tuned for more info!



Neighborhood Celebrations

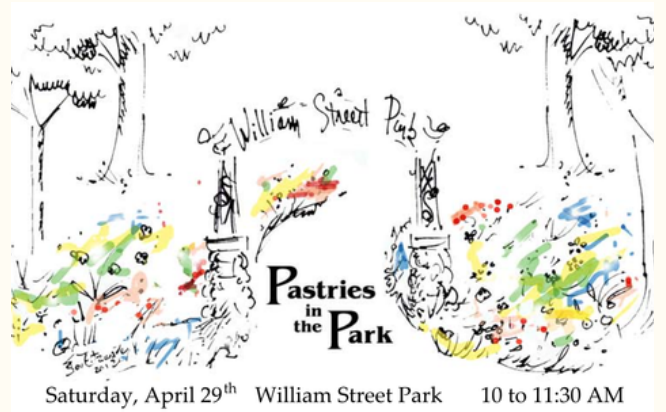
Here are the upcoming celebrations happening right here in the hood!

Pastries in the Park

The Naglee Park Beautification Committee would like to formally invite you to our 10th annual spring celebration with Pastries in the Park, formerly known as Coffee in the Park, on **Saturday April 29, 2023 from 10am-11:30am at William Street Park.**

We would like to especially welcome our new Naglee Park neighbors. We are so glad you are here. This is a wonderful event to meet neighbors and learn about everything the Naglee Park Campus Community Association (CCA) has in store for 2023. We are continuing with our format from last year by keeping up with post-pandemic safety and to honor our commitment to beautification.

We will offer an assortment of pastries from local bakeries. Please bring your favorite beverage of choice to enjoy with the pastries. We plan to have a donut decoration activity for kids! We encourage you to bring a folding chair or a blanket to enjoy the morning in our beautiful park. Leashed pets are welcome. If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to volunteer for this event please reach out to us at beautification@nagleepark.org.



Pastries in the Park is sponsored by the Naglee Park Campus Community Association and the Beautification Committee. Photo: Coffee in the Park 2022

4th Annual Porch Fest

It's coming... The 4th Annual PorchFest, presented by Naglee Park Campus Community Association.

Saturday, June 17th, 3pm-7pm

Featuring multiple music stops throughout Naglee Park neighborhood.

This popular neighborhood event is back to celebrate our Naglee Park neighborhood with live music on the front lawns, driveways and porches of our neighbors.

Look for more information coming soon on the CCA email list.



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