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NAGLEE PARK ADVISOR

NAGLEE PARK'S NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER



Thank you for reading

John Turner, President CCA

It is my pleasure and honor to welcome you to the Fall/Winter edition of the Naglee Park Campus Community Association Advisor. I am John Turner current President of CCA and my hope is that this reaches you all and reminds you of the great things your CCA has accomplished so far this year. It is also to inform you of our remaining four events in the calendar year.

We kicked off the year with our hugely successful Pastries in the Park on April 29. It was hosted by CCA's Beautification Committee on a wonderful spring day at the William St. Park garden of flowers. Neighbor Susan Snyder is volunteer chair of this hard-working and committed committee who performed most the work on the gardens.

On May 20 we sponsored another event near the park along S. 16th St. – Dumpster Day. Neighbors took advantage and filled many dumpsters made available by the city with unwanted items.

On June 17 we all took advantage of our beautiful California weather and enjoyed our popular 4th Annual Porchfest. Bands played tunes on porches and driveways while we all kicked back and enjoyed ourselves.

July 4th brought our neighborhood parade with a few floats this year which earned actual prizes for their creativity. It was extended one block north to include more neighbors. Many thanks to the neighbors who volunteered vehicles which included our 2023 Grand Marshal, Farrell Podgorsek, Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, Mayor Matt Mahan, and D3 Councilmember Omar Torres. A fun-run was held beforehand and prizes were awarded to best desserts at the potluck picnic held in the park.

Always on the first Tuesday in August is National Night Out. There were seven neighbors who volunteered to host with food and beverages. All expenses, except alcohol, were offered reimbursement to our gracious hosts.

- On September 16 welcomes our 25th Bark in the Park. This important event is easily CCA's biggest fundraiser. This year promises to be even bigger and better with many dog-related events and activities.
- On October 8 we will again sponsor and support Naglee Park Open Studios. More information will be forthcoming. NPOS Chair is neighbor River Brown.
- On November 15 the CCA Board will recognize and thank all CCA members and wonderful volunteers with a wonderful dessert party. Watch for more information.
- Finally, as the year comes to an end in December we will celebrate once again with an outdoor potluck and gathering on S. 17th St. More information is to follow.

Your CCA Board not only helps set up and sponsor the above nine events throughout the year but also has other responsibilities including tracking finances, donations, memberships, elections, reviewing grants, working with city representatives, listening to neighbors' concerns, and more.

Naglee Park is a truly wonderful neighborhood with unique and special homes throughout our beautiful tree-lined streets. And even more special are the actual people like you. Thank you for reading.



Spotlight: Naglee Park Neighbors' Visions for Change

Lynnea Hagen, Marketing Committee

When we look around our lovely neighborhood, we can't imagine how different it was 30 years ago. We can thank Carl and Marianne Salas and other NP heroes for that. Here's their story ~ *Lynnea Hagen*

By Marianne Salas – When I say “we” in the body of this discourse, know that I mean ALL you Naglee Park neighbors. Please volunteer to share your stories with Lynnea for publication in the Naglee Park Newsletter – don't be shy!

After decades of loving living in Naglee Park (Carl for 50-ish years and me for 40-ish years), we have done a lot of little things to contribute, but our proudest achievement is our part in the redevelopment of our little business district on San Carlos Street.

In 1974, fresh out of college, Carl got a job offer with GE Nuclear which was then located at the current site of “The Plant” on Curtner Avenue. He had promised himself to never commute, so he looked for housing within biking distance from work. The closest neighborhood that had potential (houses with good bones) was Naglee Park, but it was a mess. Carl couldn't afford \$47,000 for the house he bought at 267 South 14th Street, so he co-owned with another couple who lived upstairs, while he and his then-wife lived downstairs. Eventually they saved up enough to buy another house at 575 South 14th Street, so each couple had one whole house to themselves. (BTW: Carl's marriage ended in 1978 and we're all still friends.)

Carl and I fell in love when I lived in San Francisco after college. Eventually he wanted me to marry him because “it was too hard to find parking in SF”! Recognizing that Salas O'Brien Engineers (originally O'Brien & Associates) was established in San Jose, I agreed to relocate. For my first 5 years in San Jose, I commuted to SF on Cal Train with no friends nor interests here, except Carl. In 1989 I took a break to be at home with our first child and while I was adjusting to being an at-home mom, we discovered that Carl's company was being embezzled, so I started parttime at O'Brien & Associates and began building the company with Carl and Dan O'Brien. In addition to the engineering business, Carl and Dan bought some properties in the 300 block of South 11th Street. We all worked together to rehabilitate and landscape them one by one, and continued acquiring nearby properties when possible.

No longer commuting, I began to notice my immediate surroundings. I met revered landscape designer, Candice Stein (South 12th Street) who taught me a lot about much more than landscaping. Together in 1993 we applied for and received a \$1500 grant from San Jose Beautiful, raised more funds, secured permits, and marshalled over 200 volunteers to plant 26 Crepe Myrtle and Jacaranda trees on San Carlos Street in 1993 & 1994. A bronze plaque on the north wall of 305 South 11th Street acknowledges the financial contributions of community members. Other volunteer neighborhood tree-plantings followed throughout Naglee Park, eventually transforming it into the urban forest we enjoy today.

In 1994, we secured a \$2000 grant from Community Foundation of Santa Clara County for more landscaping in park strips along E. San Carlos between 10th & 12th Streets.

In fall of 1995, Sally Souders and I launched our Neighborhood Cookbook, “Dining Door to Door in Naglee Park” in which we published favorite recipes solicited from local neighbors, politicians, restaurants, and others. My favorite was the contribution from Station 8 (printed at the end). Our book features beautiful pen and ink drawings of Naglee Park Homes and architectural features by our brilliant illustrator Carole Rast, who later co-founded “Roy's Station” in Japan Town. \$20,000 raised from this effort funded the 12 antique reproduction lampposts now present on the street.

In 1996 we applied for and won a \$200,000 Community Development Block Grant through the Redevelopment Agency to install the lampposts and “patch and match” (e.g., repair) the cracked and broken cement sidewalks between 10th and 12th.

Years later, Denise Olenak painted and installed the “Welcome to Naglee Park” sign.

MEANWHILE... There was a parallel effort involving the 7-Eleven corner.

By the late 80’s, the residential portions of Naglee Park had significantly improved, but the “gateway” at the 7-Eleven corner and surrounding businesses remained a mess. The 7-Eleven, an unkempt box, was owned by an absentee landlord and surrounded by a steady stream of trinket selling entrepreneurs launching and failing businesses as quickly as their plastic “grand opening” signs tore and faded. One such business was the Photo Drive-Up which closed in 1987 after the daylight slaying of an employee, Rosellina Lo Bue. The space now occupied by the Naglee Park Garage patio was a de-facto dump and the parking lot didn’t look much better with its broken asphalt, scattered cars and trash always a constant. But there was potential. The two brick buildings (a filling station and its companion lube shop) were full of character and hey, Carl’s VW was serviced at the lube shop in the olden days! Can anyone remember the name?!

Carl made a practice of writing an annual letter to the owner in Alaska, Tony Apton, offering to purchase the property and when Mr. Apton passed in 1996, his estate discovered the letters and contacted us... and we agreed on a price.

Though we hoped not to go bankrupt over this endeavor, our PRIMARY goal was to simply control the property and clean up that eyesore! We reached out to the Naglee Park community in search of like-minded partners and found a few who then formed the Naglee Park Development Partnership (NPDP). We are Carl & Marianne Salas, John & Krista Salas, Dan O’Brien, Bill & Sally Souders, and Steve & Laura Wolford. Once escrow closed, each of us spearheaded an improvement project - some projects are still ongoing.

The partners of NPDP feel so VERY fortunate and grateful to these businesses for the magic dust they bring to our corner and urge your generous support. We could NEVER have accomplished our mission statement without their dedication, virtuosity, and hard work.



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What are the Kids of Naglee Park Up To?

Sandra Zampino & Catherine Bush

Sophia , 15th st., age 11, is a second generation "kid" of Naglee park. Sophia loves to bake, has a really good eye for design and color, is amazing at caring for the household pets, and is an empathetic soul. She is handling her transition to middle school like a champ and is adjusting to a new schedule with mom & dad. Keep being your amazing self Sophia!

The newly reenacted Naglee Park Parents email list had a big win recently! NP neighbor Saskia S. of 15th street used the list to reach out to other families of young children and organized a playdate at William Street park. "We had quite a few families come out - there was a good spread of super new babies up till older toddlers and it was wonderful to get to know better our neighbors with tots :)" Thank you Saskia for fostering family connections!

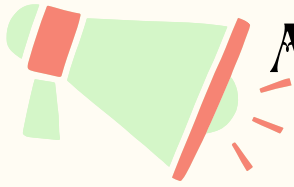
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Announcements & Celebrations!

Mark Your Calendars!

Naglee Park Open Studios

Sunday October 8th

Twenty-eight artists will be showing their works for NPOS23 including: studio pottery, glass, knitting, cards, flowers, prints, comics, oils, jewelry, wooden toys, pastels, vintage quilts, upcycled yard art, mosaic, bronze, and more!



Volunteer Appreciation Party

Wednesday, November 15. 6:30-8:30 at the San Jose Women's Club (75 S. 11th)

This is a special volunteers and members-only event to honor our volunteers who do so much to make Naglee Park such a wonderful neighborhood.

There will be an amazing assortment of desserts along with drinks and recognition of our volunteers.

Non-members: if you would like to become a CCA member and attend this event, we welcome you. To become a member, you can pay \$25 at the door or join on our website: <https://www.nagleepark.org/>



Naglee Park Annual Holiday Party

Date and time TBD. Located on the 400 block of 17th St.

Hosted by the CCA and two families on S. 17th Street. Open to all residents to celebrate the holidays. We will have wine and wassail and neighbors bring food to share. There is a kids' table with a fun Holiday-themed activity.

The Holiday Party is a wonderful way to celebrate the season and our amazing neighborhood!





Grab Your Best Friend, a Leash and Join Us for Bark's 25th Year!

Bark in the Park™ is the largest dog festival in the United™ States, with more than 10,000 dog lovers and over 3,000 dogs attending. This paw-fect event will be held on **Saturday, September 16, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at William Street Park .**

This family-friendly event features contests, beverages, food, agility courses, kid's activities and a wide variety of dog-related vendors, services, and special guests. A \$10 donation is requested per adult. Kids under 12 and all of our 4-legged friends get in free. Proceeds from donations benefit the Humane Society Silicon Valley, San Jose Animal Care Center, and other local charities.

This Year's Special Guest – Dr. Judy Morgan

Dr. Judy Morgan DVM, CVA, CVCP, CVFT has over 38-years-experience as an integrative veterinarian, acupuncturist, chiropractor, food therapist, best-selling author, speaker, podcast host and owner of Dr. Judy Morgan's Naturally Healthy Pets. Her goal is to change the lives of pets by educating and empowering pet parents worldwide in the use of natural healing therapies, and minimizing the use of chemicals, vaccinations, and poor-quality processed food. She is a nationally renowned author and veterinarian certified in acupuncture, food therapy, and chiropractic care for dogs, cats, and horses, will speak on the Sage Veterinary Centers Main Stage.

2023 Event highlights and ongoing activities will include:

- Dog-Costume Contest
- Dog/Owner Look-Alike Contest
- Tail-Wagging Contest
- Demonstrations of dog agility and specialized dog training
- Kids' Zone with a dog-themed bounce house
- Vendors with dog-specific goods and services
- Delicious Food & Drink

Visit <https://www.barksanjose.org/> for all details on the fun!

**Neighbors, we need your help! Come down to William Street Park and help the team set up!
Contact volunteer@barksanjose.org to see how you can participate.**

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