



# THE ADVISOR

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## ***Parents Committed to Horace Mann Success***

*by Wendy Allen*

Parents of children currently enrolled in Horace Mann school met in January to share their experiences and provide information to neighborhood parents interested in the school. Most of the parents had children enrolled in the Horace Mann Kindergarten - either in Mrs. Brewer's or Mrs. Waller's class. Overwhelmingly these parents were pleased with the Horace Mann experience.

The parents shared several key reasons why Horace Mann is an excellent option for children in Naglee Park as well as the larger downtown community. They are as follows:

Horace Mann is a blank canvas. There is no "broken" infrastructure to fix. The school's policies, culture and curriculum are being built from the ground up by dedicated, well-educated, and politically-savvy parents and top-notch educators.

Additionally, a majority of the Horace Mann School Site Council are parents from Naglee Park. This council has authority over categorical spending and approval of school plan.

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## **Naglee Park Disaster Drill**

*by William O'Connell & Rich Eilbert*

On April 3, San Jose will hold a city-wide disaster drill. We invite all Naglee Park residents to participate.

This year's scenario will be an explosion in the neighborhood. Imagine a house exploding because of gas line leaks or a terrorist attack on a local restaurant. For practice, we want residents to assume that this explosion will affect all of us.

At 9 a.m. on April 3, place your green sheet from your emergency prep manual in a window at the front of your home, unless you have been selected to be a home which needs assistance.

All block monitors should gather your equipment (mask, goggles, hardhat, etc.), do a quick assessment of your block, then bring your assessment sheet to the incident command center. You will then be directed to do follow up work.

At 11 a.m. all block monitors will meet for debriefing at Rich Eilbert's home at 222 S. 14th St.

## **CCA Elections April 21**

The official ballot at the April CCA General meeting will offer a slate of officer candidates. CCA officers serve one year beginning at the July General Meeting. Between the April and July General Meetings, new officers attend Steering Committee meetings to become familiar with CCA issues and processes.

### **CCA Candidate Criteria**

Candidates must be CCA resident members. The nominating committee will consider and recommend candidates based on the following criteria:

- Interest and willingness to serve
- Ability to regularly attend scheduled meetings
- Familiarity with the CCA and community issues
- Demonstrated ability and commitment
- Active member of Steering Committee and/or worked on CCA projects or committees
- Suitability based on duties of office
- Committee's knowledge of candidate
- Other experience related to duties of office

Interested CCA resident members should contact CCA Vice President Beth Shafran-Mukai at 292-9492 or [vp@nagleepark.org](mailto:vp@nagleepark.org)

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Campus Community Association

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The Advisor is the quarterly newsletter of the Campus Community Association. CCA's goal is to promote neighborhood spirit and improve the quality of life within the Campus Community through education and community projects.

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## CCA Calendar 2004/2005

Advisor Spring 2004 Copy Deadline	May 10
CCA General Meeting 7:00 pm	April 21
Advisor Summer 2004 Copy Deadline	August 10
CCA General Meeting 7:00 pm	July 21
Advisor Fall 2004 Copy Deadline	November 10
CCA General Meeting 7:00 pm	October 20
Advisor Winter 2005 Copy Deadline	February 10
CCA General Meeting 7:00 pm	March 16

CCA Steering Committee meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm. All CCA members are welcome to attend meetings or join the committee. Any member having an item to present before the Steering Committee should contact the President to add it to the agenda. Email president@nagleepark.org

# From the Editors Desk

by Tom Clifton

I was hoping for an Advisor issue that didn't contain dog-related stories, but events conspired against me.

First, the case of Bella, the golden retriever, filled the news. Bella eventually made it back to her owner, but not without hoopla and a growing distrust of the Humane Society.

Second, Michele and I found a lost and scared dog on 14th Street. He came when I called him. He was in good shape and obviously loved. He had no collar. It was a cold night so we brought him in.

We had never brought in a stray so didn't know what to do. Our first thought was to make him feel safe. Then we posted a description on the CCA email list.

We followed the instructions that Susan Hare presents on page 10 of this issue. We took him to the Humane Society, had him scanned for a microchip, filled out a found dog report, and then took him home. The next day, the Humane Society linked us to the owner. That afternoon, Marty (the dog) was back with his owner. Michele and I were a little sad to see him go, but Shasta, our cat, was happy.

The Humane Society remains the best bet for reuniting a lost pet with their owner. If you find a lost pet, take it to the Humane Society and have it scanned for a chip. If you can, keep the pet with you. This will reduce the stress on the lost pet.

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Last issue, I talked about some groups and efforts where Naglee Park residents are working to make a difference beyond our boundaries. In this issue, I want to recognize another group of neighbors that are making a difference.

The Friends of Coyote Creek perform creek clean-ups and maintenance on our eastern boundary. They are featured in a photo spread on pages 8 and 9 of this issue.

I had the pleasure of working with them on a Riparian Area Clean-up on February 8, 2004. The amount of trash removed from the creek and its banks was impressive.

Equally impressive was the number of neighbors from both sides of the creek who came up and asked how they could help. Neighbors make a difference.

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Finally, Oliver's Report was missing from the last Advisor because of an overzealous spam filter. I am pleased to say that it is back this issue. My apologies to Cooper.



## Pres' Says

*by David Ericson  
CCA President  
president@nagleepark.org*

The CCA Board wishes you a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year! We hope you were able to attend our last general meeting. Guest speakers from our community offered ways to help us improve our minds, bodies and spirits. A simple introduction to mental and physical exercises demystifies the greatest barrier to adopting helpful resolutions. And, it's so much easier to chat with a neighbor after they've seen you attempt to touch the floor.

The CCA supports businesses that serve our community. If you have a business or know of a business owner that could offer an interesting subject for a CCA general meeting, please contact me at [president@NagleePark.org](mailto:president@NagleePark.org) or 286.1510.

April's general meeting will elect the executive board. If you are interested, or know of someone you would like to nominate, or for more information on qualifications or duties of the office, contact Beth Shafran-Mukai at [vp@NagleePark.org](mailto:vp@NagleePark.org) or 292.9492. Nomination deadline closes on March 25th, so don't delay! Or contact us if you'd like to join a committee or have a new idea/initiative. Naglee Park needs you!

Have you ever wondered what resources, processes, rights and responsibilities you have as both a property owner and a neighbor resident? Frustrated by the confusing, perhaps conflicting information on how to initiate property improvements or resolve disputes?

A few members of our community are lending their expert talents to developing a resource list and guide. The guide is designed for both the property owner and the neighbors impacted by the development. We believe that helpful information promotes communication and mitigates conflict in an effort to support a harmonious community. We hope to cover not only house remodeling, but also topics of historical conservation, code enforcement and parking/traffic issues.

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## District 3 Report

*by Councilmember Cindy Chavez*

As many of you remember, Safe from the Start San Jose enlightened our community last Halloween by hosting 50 Safety Centers that distributed over 25,000 glow necklaces to San Jose children and families. This spring, Safe from the Start San Jose and I are doing it again.

On March 20, 2004, from 10-3pm, Safe from the Start San Jose and I will host the 2nd Annual Book Circus, Building Blocks for Growing Minds (BBGM) in Downtown San Jose. The wonderful world of books provides a warm, comfortable place for people of all ages to let their imagination run wild and free through reading. Building Blocks for Growing Minds (BBGM) opens the door of this world to children and their parents and focuses on the importance of literacy in our community.

This year, BBGM will also combine a heavy construction equipment petting zoo with educational and literacy-enriched activities for families. The petting zoo will give children and parents a chance to explore and learn about construction equipment from many of the development companies that have built the first university/city library in the nation, our very own Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library.

This free public event will feature appearances by Bob the Builder and Dora the Explorer. There will also be puppet shows, storytelling, music, arts and crafts and free books for everyone who attends. In addition, we will provide library tours, Earth Balloon tour, and assist anyone who wants to obtain a library card.

I am confident that together we can continue to build San Jose as a literary destination point and a place where our children and families can thrive. Together we will realize our goals of fostering a well nourished, well read and safe community.

If you would like to volunteer, need more information, or would like to request materials please contact Maria Fernandez in my office at 408.277.8824 or [maria.fernandez@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:maria.fernandez@sanjoseca.gov).



## **Unemployed May Receive Much Needed Benefits**

*by Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren*

Silicon Valley has been hit hard by job losses over the past three years. One in three households has experienced a layoff since January of 2001; the current unemployment rate in San Jose is 6.4%.

The federal unemployment program expired at the end of last year, denying assistance to 80,000-90,000 people nationwide each week since December 21 and leaving those out of work who ran out of state unemployment benefits over the holidays without any unemployment payments.

The percentage of Americans exhausting their regular unemployment benefits without finding a job has reached a record level. Many of the unemployed will run out of benefits long before they find a job. Two million Americans have been out of work for more than six months. With 8.4 million unemployed, 1 million in California alone, an extension of federal benefits is overdue. It is needed because it is taking longer and longer for people to find work.

I recently supported an effort to extend federal unemployment benefits. The amendment, offered by Rep. George Miller of California passed the U.S. House by a vote of 227-179. It was a surprise to win this vote because the Republican House leadership opposed it. However, with strong Democratic support and some Republicans who refused to follow instructions from their leadership, it passed. Next, the bill will go to the Senate. If passed, it will go to conference for final approval and to the President for signature.

Extending unemployment benefits is not only good for those who are unemployed, but also promotes economic growth by pumping \$1.73 into the economy for every \$1 spent on benefits.

An estimated 375,000 unemployed individuals exhausted their regular unemployment benefits in January without qualifying for any further

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## **Get On-line Not In-Line!**

*by Supervisor Blanca Alvarado*

The County of Santa Clara continuously seeks ways to improve your access to our services.

In the past, accessing County services meant a trip to one of our facilities to wait in line. The County's new website offers important County services as quick as you can click.

### **County Parks**

[www.GoOutsideAndPlay.org](http://www.GoOutsideAndPlay.org)

The County Parks Department wants you to go outside and play! With a new online reservation system, booking a campsite, boat launch time, or picnic area is even easier.

The website provides park-goers with 24-hours-a-day access to check campsite availability and make reservations online. You may choose from any of the following County park facilities:

• Anderson Lake	• Sanborn Skyline
• Calero	• Mt. Madonna
• Coyote Lake	• Santa Teresa
• Ed Levin	• Stevens Creek
• Joseph Grant	• Uvas Canyon
• Hellyer	• Vasona Creek
• Los Gatos	

After making the reservation for your next outdoor adventure, make sure to also check out the County Parks main website at [www.parkhere.org](http://www.parkhere.org). The website includes park reservation rules, local historical and cultural information, and volunteer and job opportunities.

### **Assessor's Office**

[www.sccgov.org/ari](http://www.sccgov.org/ari)

Want to know the assessed value of your next-door neighbor's home? The Assessor has developed an online tool to look up assessments for properties located in Santa Clara County.

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# Horace Mann School

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The school has access to funds other than those provided by the government. For example, Horace Mann recently received a \$200,000 grant to institute a Baldrige Educational Model. Furthermore, the Horace Mann School Foundation has been created for the purpose of raising money for the school.

Horace Mann is technology focused. The school is a wireless hotspot; each teacher has a laptop, and laptops are available for all children to use during class. A technology committee exists to support the computing infrastructure, and all staff are required to continue their technology training as part of ongoing professional development.

There is excellent communication between parents and teachers. Parents reported that teachers are proactively providing feedback on their children's progress. Also, a monthly Parent Newsletter (in both English and Spanish) is published. The parents also reported that teachers welcome parent participation in the classrooms.

A Homework Club is available to assist children in first through fifth grade. A parent co-op for kindergartners has also been developed by Naglee Park parents to provide after school care and enrichment activities such as Spanish and Music.

The parents of Horace Mann children have a vision to make Horace Mann a neighborhood magnet school, which entitles it to access to additional federal funds. Another goal is to make Horace Mann a K-8 grade school.

Horace Mann offers many benefits that make it a very special place. Key to its success will be the continuing commitment of supportive, assertive parents to build the school they want for their children. The best way to decide if it is the right school for your child is to visit the facility, spend time in the classroom, talk to the staff, and inspect the curriculum. Limited information is also available online at the Horace Mann website: <http://hme.ca.campusgrid.net>. The site is currently under construction and will soon contain more information.

## UNC Neighborhood Improvement Grants

The University Neighborhoods Coalition (UNC) is now accepting applications for neighborhood improvement grants. Projects that make a difference in the physical and/or social condition of the University neighborhood will be considered.

Eligible activities are projects that:

- Beautify the neighborhood(s)
- Provide access to programs & services that improve quality of life
- Promote neighborhood participation and the development of neighborhood organizations
- Provide activities for youth
- Stimulate interaction between family members of all ages
- Increase community pride
- Provide leadership development
- Reduce/eliminate blight

Applications and additional information are available from:

University Neighborhoods Coalition  
Grace Community Center  
484 E. San Fernando Street  
San Jose CA 95112  
Attention: Tom Johnston  
Phone: 408-277-4464

Applications and the Grant Deadline schedule are available online at:  
<http://www.university-neighbor.org/grants>

Information on the grants is also available in Spanish and Vietnamese online at the address above.

# Get *On-line* Not *In-Line*!

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By entering the property address or parcel number, you may access information including land values, improvement values, and the net assessed value.

The search tool offers, from the comfort of your own home, the same information that is currently offered at the public counter of the County Government Center. Be advised that the website will not identify property owners or allow searches by the owner's name.

For more information about the County Assessor, visit his main website at [www.scc-assessor.org](http://www.scc-assessor.org).

## **Tax Collector's Office** [Payments.SCCTAX.org](http://Payments.SCCTAX.org)

Taxes made easy! The Tax Collector's Office now provides an online way to view and pay your property taxes.

You may use your Assessor's Parcel Number (APN), Assessment Number, or your address to access upcoming due dates or show payment history.

After reviewing your taxes, you can pay them with Visa, Master Card, or American Express. Note: you will be charged a \$39.50 processing fee for the online payment.

For more information about the Tax Collector's Office, visit its main website at [www.scctax.org](http://www.scctax.org).

## **Superior Court** [www.SCCSuperiorCourt.org](http://www.SCCSuperiorCourt.org)

The Santa Clara County Superior Court now makes it convenient for jurors to find out when they are required to report for jury duty. The page is updated every business day at 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m. With your juror group number (found on your notice), you can obtain your reporting time, location information, juror responsibilities, contact information, and any further instructions.

*For direct access to the juror status page, visit:*  
[www.sccsuperiorcourt.org/jury/juryinfo.html](http://www.sccsuperiorcourt.org/jury/juryinfo.html).

## **Get Court Calendars Online**

The Family, Probate, and Mental Health Court Calendars are available on the Superior Court website. You may browse the calendar by case number, title,

party name, judge name, or attorney. The information is updated each business day at 7:00 a.m. and contains the Court schedule for approximately the next three weeks.

*For direct access to the court calendar, visit:*  
[www.SCCSuperiorCourt.org/Calendar\\_include.htm](http://www.SCCSuperiorCourt.org/Calendar_include.htm)

The Superior Court website also offers other useful information. The County Superior Court Self-Service Center's page provides tips for those who are considering representing themselves in an upcoming legal case. In addition to providing a legal glossary, the Self-Service Center can:

- Explain how to schedule your case.
- Give you information from your case file.
- Give you samples of Court forms.
- Answer most questions about Court deadlines and how to calculate them.
- Check your Court forms to make sure they are complete.

## **Foster Parent Recruitment** [www.299-KIDS.org/fap/home](http://www.299-KIDS.org/fap/home)

Interested in becoming a foster parent? The County Social Services Agency now offers a quick pre-screening eligibility questionnaire on its new website.

After completing the 4-question questionnaire, qualified individuals are asked to create a USER ACCOUNT. Once registered, a user may access foster parent information and utilize the future or current foster parent online message board.

Registered users also will have the ability to print and mail an inquiry form to the Social Services Agency to obtain more information on how to become a foster parent.

Selected foster parents receive training, financial assistance, health insurance, advocacy, and support services. For more information concerning Foster or Adoptive Parenting, visit the Foster Parent Recruitment website at [www.299-KIDS.org](http://www.299-KIDS.org) or call (408) 299-KIDS.

## Pres' Says

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Thanks go to our neighbors who attended the recent meeting with KB Homes regarding the San Jose Christian College development. The developer is now aware that Naglee Park residents take an active and educated interest in such projects. The thoughtful questions will be especially helpful in ensuring a satisfying development.

Find yourself milling around with nothing to do? Of course not! Nevertheless, consider giving two hours a month to making Naglee Park beautiful. The grand dame may be over 100, but she's never looked better, thanks to the diligent efforts of some hearty and cheerful groups. There are so many ways to serve including the Beautification Committee's tree planting, median sprucing, garden development projects, the regular I-280 gateway cleanup, and the intrepid Friends of Coyote Creek who brave our urban jungle to rid nature of non-native species such as shopping carts. Safari-wear not included.

On a personal note, our household would like to thank each and every one of you, our neighbors, for wishing us happiness and success in our lives together. It's difficult to imagine a more friendly and supportive neighborhood. We feel blessed.

**Membership Questions**  
Please email or call  
the CCA Treasurer at  
[treasurer@nagleepark.org](mailto:treasurer@nagleepark.org)  
**408-292-4709**

## Unemployment Benefits

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assistance - and are receiving neither a paycheck nor unemployment benefits. Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, nearly 3 million jobs have been lost and the job market remains weak, with only 1,000 jobs created in December and anemic job growth since. Long-term unemployment has tripled to the second highest level in almost 10 years and stands at 1.9 million.

Obviously, one long-term answer for people who've lost their jobs is the creation of new jobs. But having an unemployment safety net is important not only for those families struggling to find new jobs, but for all of us. I intend to keep fighting to keep this safety net in place for my constituents and neighbors and the many other people across the nation who have been caught up in an economic downturn that was not of their making.



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# *Friends of Coyote Creek*

The boats docked beneath the San Antonio St. bridge



*photo by Tina Adams © 2004*

*by Tom Clifton*

The Friends of Coyote Creek performed a Riparian Area Clean-up (RAC) beneath the San Antonio St. bridge on February 8, 2004. The Friends of Coyote Creek are a group of neighbors who work to keep the creek clear of trash and obstructions.

The February 8 clean-up extracted 7 tires, 15 shopping carts, 2 bicycle frames, 2 mattresses, 3 carpets, a microwave, 8 bags of trash, plus other items from the creek.

The Friends of Coyote Creek consists primarily of Naglee Park neighbors who live along the creek. They perform monthly clean-ups, like the February 8 event, as well as creek maintenance to remove snags where trash accumulates. One of the highlights of working on the

Trash on the banks



The clean-up crew Sunday morning



*photo by Ron Atkins © 2004*

# February Clean-Up

creek is getting to travel to the work site by boat. The Friends of Coyote Creek have several canoes, a paddle boat, and a new flat-bottom jon boat. The new boat was quite helpful in pulling tires up from the creek bottom.

Traveling on the creek, it is easy to forget that you are in the middle of the largest city in the Bay Area. It is a remarkably peaceful setting. But when you look at the banks and notice the trash, you remember where you are and why you are there.

The Friends of Coyote Creek are always looking for more volunteers. They would like to acknowledge the following neighbors and friends who helped out on the February 8 clean-up: Bev Fitzwater, Tom Clifton, Norman & Danielle Krebill, Norwita, Preston & Marcus Powell, Vicki Hinton, Tony Celaya, John Hinman, Ron Atkins, Jack & Marley Spilman, Tina Adams, Jeff, Susan, Will & Jimmy Hare, Ruth Logsdon, Ted Raczek, and Josh Frey.

If you are interested in helping the Friends of Coyote Creek, please contact Marley Spilman at 292-8171

Wrestling a shopping cart out of the creek



photo by Josh Frey © 2004

The trash pile at the end of the day



Hauling trash up to the bridge



photo by Tina Adams © 2004

# Found a Lost Pet - Now What?

by Susan Hare

“The animal shelter is a horrible place. They kill all those strays. I’m keeping Fluffy with me until I find her owner,” is a sentiment I hear all too often. Here are the facts: the first place people look for a lost pet is the animal shelter. Don’t take the pet in and you are most likely preventing a happy reunion. Dogs can travel far and fast when lost (unlike us bipeds, they are used to using their legs), so the posters you put up in your neighborhood have a very good chance of NOT being seen by the heartbroken owner. Email? Surprise, not everyone subscribes to [cca@naglepark.org](mailto:cca@naglepark.org). So, if you ever see a little red dog running loose and collarless, please take it to the Humane Society. It may be mine and I want to be reunited.

Still have bad visions of the euthanasia needle? Try these steps.

- 1) Take the animal to a shelter and DON’T surrender it, but do have it scanned for a microchip. If you get a hit, hurray! A reunion is just around the corner. (I’m such a nut, I’ve even had my dogs scanned at the Humane Society of Silicon Valley to make sure the chips they got a few years ago are still working. Factoid: microchips don’t go bad.)
- 2) No luck with the chip? Fill out a “Found Animal” card and attach a photo of the animal. Yep, animal shelters keep binders for found animals that have not been surrendered.
- 3) Look through the “Lost Animal” binder. You may find Fluffy’s owners made it to the shelter before you did.

Repeat steps 2 and 3 at all of the local shelters. Remember, animals don’t recognize city limits.

Contact the local newspaper about placing a free “Found Animal” ad.

Whatever course you take, thank you for being kind enough to care. Also, if you own a pet, get it microchipped today.

## LOCAL ANIMAL SHELTERS

Humane Society Silicon Valley  
2530 Lafayette Street, Santa Clara  
408-727-3383  
[www.hssv.org](http://www.hssv.org)

Santa Clara County Animal Shelter, South County  
12370 Murphy Avenue, San Martin  
408-683-4186

Palo Alto Animal Services  
3281 E. Bayshore Frontage Road  
650-329-2671  
[www.papd.org](http://www.papd.org)

Peninsula Humane Society  
12 Airport Boulevard, San Mateo  
650-340-8200  
[www.peninsulahumanesociety.org](http://www.peninsulahumanesociety.org)

Hollister Animal Shelter  
375 Fifth Street (West end of South Street), Hollister  
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# Police Liaison Report

by William O'Connell

I have taken on the duties of the CCA Police Liaison. I see my job to be an active observer and friendly adviser, to keep a record of crime in our neighborhood, and to check with SJPD to determine what is being done to prevent crime and catch criminals.

There is crime and then there is crime. Code enforcement, whether parking violators or folks who don't keep up their yards, is not my focus. I encourage folks to confront first the violators of such codes; then, if no success with that, to call Code Enforcement. Keep in mind that you want to foster positive relations with your neighbors. Rattling on them without first talking to them can create unnecessary hard feelings.

On the other hand, if you are the victim of a burglary or other crime in Naglee Park, first call the police (911 if crime is in progress; 311 if crime has already happened and the perpetrator is gone; if in doubt, call 911); then email or call me (crime@nagleepark.org; 286-9341). I am keeping a record of crimes reported to me. As I see a pattern or repetition, I will contact my SJPD contact and discuss remedies.

**If you are using a cell phone in the San Jose area, dial 277-8911 for police, fire, or health emergencies. Dialing 911 from a cell phone takes you to the CHP in Sacramento, delaying the police response.**

Finally and first, we citizens are the first line of defense against crime by doing what we can to prevent it. Burglary seems to be the most prevalent crime in Naglee Park. If your block has not had a Neighborhood Watch meeting in several years, organize one (277-4133). Meanwhile, do not leave valuable items in sight, whether in your yard, driveway, or in a parked car. If you can, park your cars at night behind a gate. Keep your doors locked, especially when an adult is not at home. We live in a relatively safe neighborhood, but crime does happen; no sense in making it easy.

The objective of this article is not to cause fear but to encourage you to take some preventative actions. You can begin to educate yourself simply by reading the list of departments at SJPD in the phone book. And then discuss with other members of your household ways to be safe from crime.

## Contacting the CCA via Email

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CCA Advisor	ccaadvisor@nagleepark.org
Report Crime	crime@nagleepark.org
CCA Fourth of July	ccafourth@nagleepark.org
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# San Jose High Teachers in Naglee Park

by Jack Douglas

It has been fifty years since San Jose High School moved from its early location on the northeast corner of Washington Square (7th and San Fernando). The presence of the school on the edge of Naglee Park had a considerable influence on the character of the neighborhood. For one thing, children growing up here could easily walk to school and participate in the numerous extracurricular activities. Being attached to the State Teacher's College was also a plus for the students and the high school faculty.

In a survey of San Jose High teachers from the late 1890's to the mid-1950's I have determined that almost 25% lived in Naglee Park. Some, like Herman Allison, the math teacher who built my home at 515 South 13th, could afford to hire an architect (Ralph Wyckoff) to do the design. By the 1930's there were a fair number of teacher owners here. There may have been a depression, but San Jose High teachers had a steady income during those hard times.



During the 20's and 30's a large number of single woman teachers rented rooms in the large houses on 13th and 14th Streets. The elderly owners, whose families were grown and gone, had space to share. Many of these homes would later become rooming houses for San Jose State students.

I recently met Mr. Robert Dickover who graduated from San Jose High in 1969. Bob lived on South 8th Street, but he had many friends in Naglee Park. He remembered Herman Allison and many other teachers, grammar, junior high and high school, who lived in our neighborhood. His memories gave further evidence of what a close knit little town San Jose once was and how everyone had ties to San Jose High.



## Oliver's Report

by Cooper Eckstone

So much to bark about: Bark-in-the-Park, Iraq, Lola, Arnold... where to begin? Let's start with Lola. We are now a two-dog household and that's Lola standing

next to me in the photo. She joined us this summer and has already scoped out the neighborhood from the end of her leash. She is beautiful but doesn't let it go to her head. My female human has declared Lola to be her last puppy. She seems very serious about that, although I have no idea why.

Bark-in-the-Park 2003 was a blast! Every dog who is any dog was there, dancing, jumping, checking out the booths, and diving into the water pools. I think our humans were amazed at how calm we can be in the midst of crowds of dogs. I have to tell you, it was not for lack of sniffs, my nose was just overwhelmed. The usual group could be seen in the show ring—herding, chasing Frisbees, and acting very obedient. I spent a lot of time in the water. It is much more fun to drink when you have all four feet in the bowl. Doncha think? Of course, the look-alike contest was fixed. Nobody looks like a greyhound. And I lost track of who was supposed to wear the costume. Was it dogs or our humans? They should have had a tattoo contest. That would have been easier to judge.

Did I mention how crowded the streets have gotten? We need traffic directors at some intersections on weekend mornings. Everyone is running--humans, dogs, even cats. It's great to see, especially since this obesity thing started getting press. We started running two dogs ago (Oliver and Melrose) and it's still a great way to see the neighborhood.

Speaking of the neighborhood, I am glad to report that most of the humans who stash their junk on the street and mark it FREE have finally stopped doing that. Except for the guy across the street who keeps standing mattresses against his tree. Oh well.

They tell me we have a new Governor, so I guess I didn't win. Hope he can fix all of the things the other guy is supposed to have broken. I still think a dog would have been a good choice. Next time. That's all I want to say about that. This is a report about dogs and dog happenings in our neighborhood. Take a dog to lunch.

# Preventative vs. Breakdown Maintenance

by Kellye Hayden, Motor Masters Automotive

Many people are unaware of the fact that they're driving vehicles with overdue safety and maintenance service problems. They wait until the Check Engine light comes on, the brakes start to squeal, or the vehicle just won't start before they really start to think about servicing their vehicle. We call that the Breakdown Maintenance Program.

How can you tell if you're on the "Breakdown Maintenance Program?" If you hear yourself saying things such as, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it," "You're just selling me things I don't need," or, "I've never done any of this on my old cars," you've been duped into believing that the cars of today are the same as those of yesterday, and nothing could be further from the truth.

There are at least 30,000 parts on the average new car, and over 5,000 of them move. All moving parts require a clean source of lubricating oils, coolants or greases, and this is provided by some relatively inexpensive, but very hard-working, fluids and filters. In addition, electronic parts can be affected by poor maintenance. Today's electronics are so sophisticated that cars run well even when there are serious failures in progress. The systems have enough authority to mask developing problems. By the time you have a detectable malfunction, one that you can feel or otherwise sense, you may have damaged expensive parts. The only outward indication the driver may get is a Check Engine light.

Poor maintenance practices force electronics to work overtime, or to carry excess current to compensate for worn out spark plugs, plugged filters, etc. Continuous operation in overtime (engineers call this "exceeding the duty cycle") builds heat in electronic components, leads to increased component on-time and ultimately to premature failure. Electronics hate heat, excess current, vibration and violent swings in temperature and humidity. Asking them to operate beyond design limits is just begging for trouble. In many cases, your new car will run just fine without any noticeable symptoms. Neglecting maintenance is a good way to force a car into breakdown, early and often.

A Preventative Maintenance Program is a list of procedures developed over years of servicing fleets and fixing the cars of unfortunate folks who insist on remaining on the Breakdown Maintenance Program. Preventative Maintenance involves changing filters and flushing out those hard-working fluids on a routine schedule to keep the expensive parts they protect from meeting an untimely end.

In the final analysis, it's your choice, preventative maintenance is optional. You can choose to do inexpensive, routine maintenance on a timetable that you control to fit into your schedule and budget, or you can wait until it breaks unexpectedly, leaving you stranded, "busting" the budget and forcing you to find alternative transportation on an emergency basis.

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