

## 31st CCA 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration 2007



What a great Fourth of July 2007! The CCA celebrated the Fourth of July together as a neighborhood as we have for the past 31 years. The parade was huge. Our 2007 Grand Marshal Candice Stein led the parade. Candice is a tireless Naglee Park Volunteer who has and continue to give so much to beautify our neighborhood. Thank you Candice, you are great examples of why Naglee Park is such a great neighborhood.

As in previous years, our Fourth of July started with the Fun Race, which was enjoyed by all. The Bake Off was a sweet lovers delight. The judges were sugar buzzing all afternoon. And of course the whole day was topped off with an incredible Block Party with many friends enjoying a great day, great music, and our community. Everybody had a great day.

We want to thank the Day Organizers: 2007 4<sup>th</sup> of July Chair Cici Green, Beth Shafran-Mukai, Georgie Huff, Jim Norvell, Joan and Vic Corsiglia, the Dour's,

Ken Podgorsek, David and Laura Grybos, David Ortiz, Stan Acton and the many, many neighbors who set up, worked registration, served beverages, plotted courses, baked and cooked goodies, kept the neighborhood clean, loaned items and broke down the event. The CCA Fourth of July is about being a neighborhood where everybody pitches in to throw the best 4<sup>th</sup> of July Neighborhood event in San Jose. Thank You, you are the greatest.

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## CCA Calendar 2007/2008

Advisor November 2007 Copy Deadline	November 1, 2007
CCA General Meeting 7:00 pm	October 17, 2007

Advisor February 2008 Copy Deadline	February 1, 2008
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Advisor May 2008 Copy Deadline	May 1, 2007
CCA General Meeting 7:00 pm	April 16, 2007

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# From the Editors Desk

## Happy 100th Birthday Ernie Renzel!

Long time Naglee Park Resident, CCA Member and former San Jose Mayor Ernie Renzel recently celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday in his Naglee Park Home. A San Jose High and Stanford University graduate, Ernie has devoted much of his life to making San Jose a great city. Without Ernie's direct involvement, we would not have the San Jose International Airport or Kelly Park.

We all want to wish Ernie a very, very, Happy Birthday!!

Naglee Park residents continue to be very active in our community. Many of our residents sit on various commissions, task forces, and committees. Some have or continue to hold elected office. The spirit of volunteerism and civic activism is very alive and well in Naglee Park.

Thanks to everyone who takes the time from their busy lives to make Naglee Park and San Jose a great place to live.

Bark in the Park is coming up on Saturday, September 15. Neighborhood volunteers are critical to the success of Bark in the Park. Volunteers from the neighborhood are critical to the success of Bark in the Park. Please check your availability for a morning or afternoon shift and email Volunteer@BarkSanJose.org

In October, we will be continuing our Outdoor Movie Night that was so well received last year. Fun for the whole family. Keep an eye out in early October for the information.

What a great 4th of July. The CCA continues to put on the best neighborhood 4th of July event around. Couldn't be done without the many volunteers. Thanks to everyone.

Have a great rest of your summer.



# Pres' Says

by Beth Shafran-Mukai  
CCA President  
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As I write this, I am reflecting on how well the neighborhood is doing in many ways, and also the challenges we currently face. It has been a beautiful summer in Naglee Park; at our home the garden is bountiful with tomatoes and we have been enjoying the mild summer to barbeque and spend time outside. Our block has been doing very well, homes have been repainted/ landscaped and look great, and we have some lovely new neighbors. In July we had another wonderful July 4 parade and picnic, and I am always happy to spend my holiday here in Naglee Park.

July also brought concerns that we will be addressing together. We have received notification from the Valley Transit Authority (VTA) they are considering a modification to the planned tunnel corridor for the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART). Naglee Park neighbors have been watching and involved in the planning process for BART for many years; knowing that the project, if done well is a benefit, but if done poorly, is a detriment, to the community.

Naglee Park had been provided assurances that the BART route would run directly under Santa Clara Street. But recently VTA has raised issues that are new; citing issues with the bridge and groundwater, and that they are considering slightly different routes that may affect the 00 blocks. Also new was information that the project will require very large venting structures (described as a building the size of the Walgreen's) to vent fumes in case of a tunnel fire. This large structure will hold mechanical equipment which we are told will require testing and maintenance.

Working with VTA and Councilmember Sam Liccardo's Office there was a first meeting on July 25, 2007. The meeting was well attended and neighbors raised a number of important questions. The VTA agreed to research all of these questions and bring back the answers to the next meeting, which will be held the evening of September 10, 2007, at City Hall.

As soon as additional information or documentation is available, we will forward it to the community.

My own perspective is that in times of challenge, Naglee Park is at our best. This is the time to be involved, for the community to utilize this opportunity for dialogue, and to work together as neighbors for the best possible outcome. I know that for a significant group of neighbors, this issue highlights the importance of protecting our historic architecture, and to educate our community on the larger merits of historic preservation. Others are researching various aspects of the BART proposal so that we can respond from a position of knowledge.

I also urge everyone to continue to support our on-going community-building activities, such as the upcoming "Bark in the Park". You probably have received an invitation to volunteer, and no doubt will be receiving reminder phone calls. Bark is our gift to San Jose and the larger bay area, and the event shares how wonderful it is to live in our "happening" downtown.

While it is never dull, there is no place like Naglee Park.

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# A Lifetime in the Hood

by Ken Durso

Charlie Casazza lives today on Orvis Avenue in the house in which he was born in 1923. He is spry, gregarious, friendly, and looks many years younger than his age. . He graciously agrees to postpone mowing his front yard to talk to me.

Charlie lived in Aptos for 20 years, returning three years ago to Orvis Avenue to the house he still owned to provide better care for his ill wife. His son manages the liqueur store that they own on 948 First Street. .

Charlie remembers growing up on Orvis Avenue and swimming in the creek "every summer". "The kids on the street, my friends, we used to go fishing in the creek, too. 'net fishing', we called it. We'd take burlap sacks down to the creek, wade into the water and catch fish in the sack. The sacks were big, about eight feet long and it would take two guys to hold it." Most of the fish, according to Charlie, were "pike and perch with some salmon and 'mud suckers'. We didn't eat the fish. For some reason, they weren't considered good for eating." Charlie still remembers the day when his friend Frankie Ghiorso who lived on the corner of 12<sup>th</sup> and Margaret wrestled with what he remembers as a 38 inch salmon into a sack. "I think they ate that one."

Charlie remembers the "hot houses" of Arthur Cann's nursery behind Orvis Avenue. He remembers riding the horses kept at the Sabbatai family's barn and corral. Including horses owned by Dr. Berry who lived "...in the big white house on Margaret Street with the curved driveway. Dr. Berry treated everyone in the neighborhood and let the kids play with his horses, Dixie, and Tarney." Charlie remembers that the Rendler family purchased the house from Dr. Berry and that the Rendler children went to school at St. Mary's with his kids.

St. Mary's was a Catholic church and school on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Reed which was destroyed in a fire. Charlie remembers volunteering at St. Mary's, coming in every day in the morning to take care and distribute the candles. As he tells it, "...one day a hobo went over there, fell asleep on the side, what he was sleeping on caught fire, it just burned it down complete."

Of all the institutions, people and activities of the neighborhood and Orvis Avenue none seem to be quite so important and relevant for Charlie as the garbage company "San Jose Scavenger" which was founded around 1905. A garage erected by the company in 1927 still stands today at 620 Orvis, currently occupied by a roofing company.

Most of the families on the block and surrounding streets worked at the garbage company. All of them were Italian and most of them came from the same area of Italy around Genoa. Charlie's uncle worked there and Charlie starting working there temporarily while in high school. "From two thirty in the morning to six am!" The garbage company had the city contract for many years till they lost it in what Charlie guesses was 1948.

Charlie ticks off some of the family names of the people who lived in the area and worked at the garbage company: "The Ferrari's, the Pichetti's, the Figone's, the Ghiorso's ...It was like one big family. After work at night, people would go from house to house to visit and have a glass of wine."

The only families on Orvis Avenue that still have a connection to the garbage company are Charlie and Steve Ferrari.

You may have seen Steve Ferrari and his family riding in a convertible in previous 4<sup>th</sup> of July parades in Naglee Park holding the sign "Five Generations in Naglee Park".His great grandparents on his grandmothers side (Ghiorso Family) moved to San Jose from San Francisco just after the big quake. They built the grey house on the corner of 12th and Margaret."

His great grandparents on his father's side came to San Jose in 1900. They already had a family member living here at the time who convinced them to come to San Jose. "I don't know his name, but I know he lived at the end of Margaret and 16th where the big brick house is today. My Grandfather was born on the 600 block of 12th Street."

Steve's grandmother and Great-Great Aunt on his mother's side of the family (Omacht) emigrated to San Jose from Vienna after Word War One. They purchased the home on the corner of San Carlos and 13<sup>th</sup> street in 1924.

Steve grew up on the Almaden but went to school at St. Patrick's on Santa Clara. and fondly remembers visiting his grandparents almost daily on Margaret St. and the "tons" of relatives in the area . Steve's grandfather worked at the garbage company. Steve now chooses to live in the house at the end of Orvis Avenue on a lot his parent owned and used as a family orchard.

Steve reminisces: "I would see my grandparents every day as well as a few of my older relatives living near by...Although I'm down to only 2 relatives left living in the hood, when I walk to the park with my kids, it sort of feels like they are all still living here. Just with

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newer cars in their driveways! I often wonder if they ever thought there would be so many generations still living here a 100 years after they all “got off the boat”.

The small orchard Steve still maintains in his front yard is a tribute to his parents and grandparents who used the lot to grow fruits and vegetables.

Charlie continues to tell his life story and how it entwines with the history of the city, region and country, recalling working seven days a week one summer at a cannery taking hot cans off the steamer. “I only did that one summer, I went back to the garbage company after that.”

He talks about his time in the Army during World War II serving in France and then the Philippines, then coming back to work at the garbage company till they lost the city contract. Then working with his father as a cable splicer at canneries up and down Santa Clara County. “Once a cable snapped at a cannery the whole place would come to a halt. We’d get calls at 2am to come fix it. We’d jump out of bed and run over there, and they used to pay us well for that.”

I ask Charlie about what it was like when 280 was being built: “I was mad because they didn’t take this block. I was going to buy a house for \$60,000 that would be worth over \$2 million today. They were supposed to take this block but old man Grey [owner of the Baron and Grey cannery at 6<sup>th</sup> and Martha] the one that owned the mansion over there... the big brick building [corner of 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Margaret] . He owned that one and the one behind it [corner of Margaret and 13<sup>th</sup> Street], that was his caretaker’s house. He was a very powerful man and he didn’t like the freeway coming right up to his house. That’s why there’s a turn there...that’s why they didn’t take this block. They rerouted it and pushed it over more... We all said that it was him that did it.”

Charlie continues talking about old San Jose: working for ten years for the owner of the San Jose Steel on 31<sup>st</sup> Street and Santa Clara, and reminiscing about Frank Dorsa senior, inventor of the Eggo waffle. “Frank was a good guy a tough guy. They lived in an old house near my liqueur store, but they became multi-millionaires developing those waffles.” Older waffle aficionados may recall the Eggo plant being located on Julian Street.

A few hours of talking to Charlie is a history lesson 20<sup>th</sup> century life in San Jose, pre-Silicon Valley. I reluctantly leave Charlie so that he can get back to mowing his lawn.

For more information about the history of the San Jose Scavenger Company and the people who lived around Orvis Avenue and vicinity see the report “Historical and Architectural Evolutions, San Jose Christian College and Vicinity Residential and Related Properties” prepared by Heritage Resource Partners for KB Home:

[http://www.archivesandarchitecture.com/ProjectRepository/SJChristianCollege\\_rpt.pdf](http://www.archivesandarchitecture.com/ProjectRepository/SJChristianCollege_rpt.pdf)

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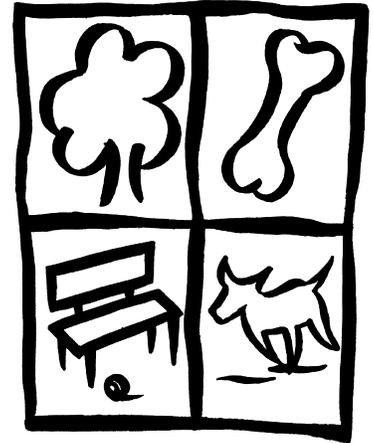
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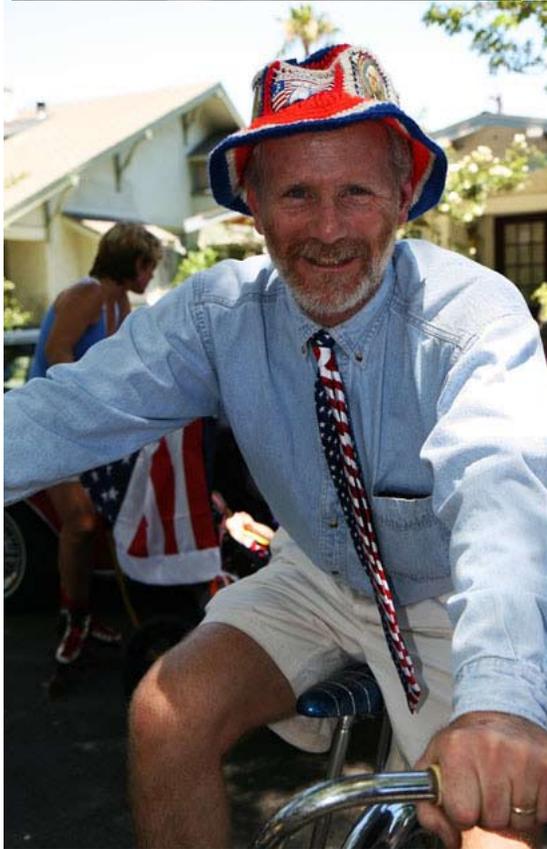


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# Naglee Mom the Catalyst to Recycling at Horace Mann

By Ken Durso

What does a Naglee Park parent with two children, a peripatetic husband and a PhD in microbiology do in her spare time? She initiates a recycling program at the local public grammar school that her daughter attends.

Sally Schroeder was distressed at seeing the waste generated at Horace Mann go to... waste, abandoned to the lower levels of the non-composted trash heap, adding wretched refuse to the already teaming shore. Even worse, she was appalled that the Unified San Jose School district is not required to recycle.

Her endeavor at Horace Mann began when she applied for and received a "Go Green" grant from the city of San Jose for \$780.

"I met with Adam Escoto (the former principal at Horace Mann) and he was enthusiastic about the idea. We wanted to start with paper recycling in the classroom and move on to the cafeteria where all those cardboard trays were being throw out."

The idea was to get the students involved and educated, and getting the teachers on board was key. Not all the teachers were initially happy with changes to their routine.

Another issue was the janitor. "You would think it should be part of his job description," says Sally. "All these people, the teachers, the janitor the support staff need to be on board. That's why San Jose Unified need to make this happen at all schools, but it's not going to happen till it's mandated by law."

One faculty member, second grade teacher Trista Smoot was particularly helpful suggesting that each class bring the recycling paper down from the classroom at lunch time. "Kids love taking the paper down to the dumpster," says Schroeder. . Recycling monitors, typically two to a class, bring the papers to the dumpster before lunch. Teachers have warmed up to the project and are now generally supportive.

More challenging was recycling in the cafeteria. "It was chaos at first", says Schroeder. "All the kids would get up at the same time, half would leave their trays on the table and they had a hard time sorting the waste."

After another discussion with the principal a system was implemented whereby the kids would leave the cafeteria one table at a time and they would have to pass the recycle bin in order to go out to recess. Parent volunteers helped the students sort the trash and place it in the appropriate bins.

In the coming year Sally hopes to expand the recycling effort to include batteries, ("Doesn't seem that many people recycle batteries.") and perhaps cell phones to help raise money for the school. In addition there will be an effort to get the custodian involved and make it part of his job description. Compositing is another effort that may be broached this coming year.

Meanwhile the broader initiative is to work toward implementation of recycling throughout the San Jose Unified School District. At the moment the only other school working on recycling in San Jose is River Glen, also a completely voluntary effort.

People interested in seeing the San Jose School District recycle in every school should call or write, Don Iglesias, Superintendent of San Jose Unified School District, don\_iglesias@sjusd.org, 408-535-6090;.and the local School Board member (and President of the Board) Jorge Gonzalez jorgegon@sbcglobal.net; 408-971-8056.

Anyone interested in volunteering at Horace Mann to help with the recycling program should email Sally at sallybschroeder@sbcglobal.net, PhD not required.

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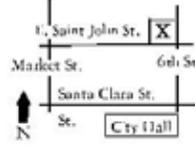
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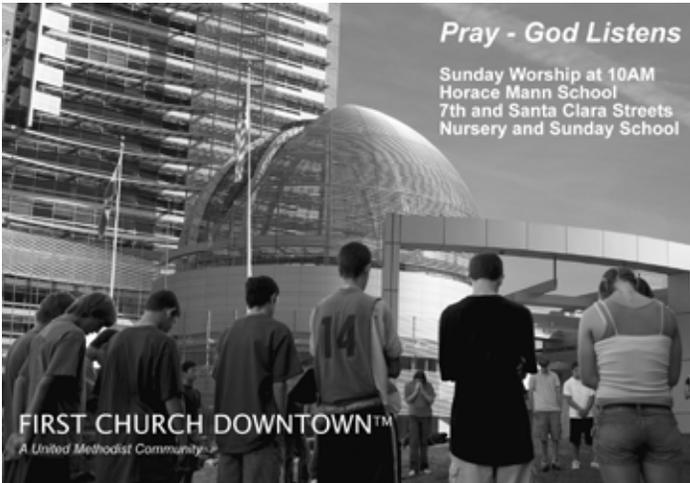
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