



# THE ADVISOR

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## **Bark in the Park Invests over \$100,000 in Our Community!**

Bark in the Park 2009 was a great success. 14,500 people and 3600 dogs enjoyed a great sunny day visiting 90 Dog Product, Service, and Rescue Vendors. Dogs were entertained by flying dogs, racing dogs, herding dogs and obedient dogs while their owners watched their best friend have the best day of 2009.



This was the 12th time that Bark in the Park has been held in the Naglee Park neighborhood and organized by the Campus Community Association. This year, Bark in the Park also achieved a significant milestone. Bark in the Park has now invested and contributed over \$100,000 in our greater community. What began as a day in the park for our neighbors and their dogs has grown to be the largest dog oriented festival in the United States. Bark in the Park has earned great respect as a very well run, safe, fun, family friendly event that is fiscally responsible.

Bark in the Park investments and contributions over the past 12 years have gone to CCA Beautification, Animal Service Non-Profits, our local schools, and to our surrounding neighborhood associations.

Bark makes an annual contribution to CCA Beautification for its many projects and also makes contributions for larger projects managed by Beautification. Two recent large projects managed by CCA Beautification that have been funded with Bark in the Park Funds have been a neighborhood wide Tree Trimming



Project and the new William Street Park Sign . Bark in the Park funds have also funded ongoing CCA Beautification efforts like Tree Planting and Median Plantings. CCA Beautification has added to these projects with contributions from neighbors and grants. Bark is also a source for funding our various community building events like the 4th of July, the Holiday Get Together and Naglee Park Open Studios.

Bark in the Park has also contributed to Animal Service non-profits, principally the Humane Society Silicon Valley and San Jose Animal Care Center. Bark also contributes to our local downtown schools: Horace Mann, Lowell, Selma Olinder, and San Jose Academy.

Bark also have been able to help out our adjacent neighborhood associations with directed contributions over the past 12 years. Bark in the Park also helped all neighborhoods in Santa Clara County with contributions to the United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County. Bark has contributed to community projects like Friends of Ryland Park and for the construction of O'Donnell Gardens.

So what is the secret to Bark's success. A very dedicated group of volunteers who understand that Bark is more than a Dog Festival, it is an opportunity to show what a neighborhood can do when it works together towards a common goal.

# THE ADVISOR

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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 2009/2010

Advisor January 2010 Copy Deadline	January 8, 2010
CCA General Meeting 7:00 pm	January 20, 2010

Advisor April 2010 Copy Deadline	April 10, 2010
CCA General Meeting 7:00 pm	April 21, 2010

Advisor June 2010 Copy Deadline	June 5, 2010
CCA General Meeting 7:00 pm	See you at NNO

Advisor October 2010 Copy Deadline	October 8, 2010
CCA General Meeting	October 20, 2010

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 be added to the agenda. Email president@naglepark.org

# Neighborhood Meetings

## CCA General Meeting October 21, 2009

7pm-8:30pm

East San Jose Carnegie  
Library Community Room

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## CCA Board and CCA Steering Committee First Tuesday of Every Month

6:30pm-8:00pm

Salas O'Brien  
11th/San Carlos Sts

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CCA

Holiday Get Together  
December 2009

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## CCA General Meeting January 19, 2009

7pm-8:30pm

Location TBD

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**Bark in the Park 2010**  
**Saturday, September 18**  
**William Street Park**  
**www.BarkSanJose.org**



# Pres' Says

by *Dennis Cunningham*  
CCA President  
*president@nagleepark.org*

As we close out this mild summer of 2009 I think about the things we did in Naglee Park. Some of those things are traditional celebrations; 4<sup>th</sup> of July and National Night Out, others are processes that will be with us for a while; Water District issues, and then there are those activities that are singular but take time to accomplish; banners on light poles and a sign and gateway to William Street Park.

The traditional 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations brought the neighborhood together again at the bake-off contest, the race, the parade, and the BBQ at William Street Park for good food, good music, and good people. And everyone even had time left over for an evening party and fireworks.

In August, National Night Out in the neighborhood continued with the good food and people mingling throughout the neighborhood. Thanks to Peter and Kris Dessau, Alan Hackler, Dave and Jane Guinther, Erik and Sheri Suomela, and The Thomson's for hosting NNO in Naglee Park.

Meanwhile, Naglee Park and other central San Jose neighborhoods continue to wait for the much anticipated Santa Clara Valley Water District, City of San Jose, and community task force on Coyote Creek flood protection. The Water District has delayed convening the task force and the community input that goes with the task force until they can study other creek flood control options. These options, we are told, include modifications and/or improvements to Anderson Dam and Reservoir. But since we have not convened a public task force there is no public commitment to studying such options. It is now expected the task force will convene sometime in November. In the meantime, CCA has formed the CCA Coyote Creek Work Group consisting of affected neighbors who will develop strategies and communications regarding the creek with the CCA Board.

The Beautification Committee has been working with the City of San Jose and the Redevelopment Agency for over a year to place Naglee Park banners on light poles on certain streets in the neighborhood. The banner design is ready, but, the city has decided to develop a Banner Policy to include guidelines for all neighborhoods. So we are on hold until the policy works its way through the city.

Beautification has also been busy working with the city on a new sign and gateway to William Street Park. This will be a joint project between the city and CCA. Designs are complete and engineering is in process. This too will take some time, but it is well on its way to beautifying the neighborhood and park.

While the weather has been somewhat mild this summer, the best time of year, early fall, is coming. Not too warm, not too chilly. Enjoy!

## Welcome New CCA Members

**Karen & Carl Claras**  
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# Proposed New William Street Park Sign



## Washington Report

By Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren

### Update on Flood Control

Flood control and prevention is important for San Jose. I'm sure many of you remember the devastating effects of the 1995 Guadalupe River flood of downtown San Jose. The flood damaged about 300 homes and businesses, costing millions of dollars in repairs. My own district office was among the buildings flooded. Flooding along the Guadalupe is now a thing of the past because of the successful Guadalupe flood control and park project funded by the City of San Jose, the County of Santa Clara, the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) and the Federal government.

The Coyote can also pose a threat. In 1997, Jackson Street between Coyote Creek and North 22nd Street was flooded by 2-3 feet of water, and one home on South 17th Street was flooded by nearly 8 feet of water. In 1998, the Coyote Creek overbanked again, as the mobile home park along North 13th Street was flooded, causing the residents to evacuate.

While prevention of flooding is important, progress can only be made in collaboration with neighbors and the community. I'm aware that many in the neighborhood were alarmed when SCVWD posted notices earlier this year about a "project" that appeared to be ready to go. Unfortunately, the notices were misleading since there is currently only a study of what may be possible. There is no project as such.

Neighbors quite properly raised concerns and the good news is that you were heard. The water district is currently exploring ideas advanced by Naglee Park to explore new ideas for flood prevention including an analysis of Anderson Dam and upstream issues.

Construction of flood control projects in our community is almost always a partnership between the SCVWD, local governments and the federal government. I want to assure neighbors that a project simply cannot proceed unless consensus is reached on what to do. That means that neighbors along the entire length of the Coyote must be consulted in an effort to forge a workable plan that provides flood protection without incurring the destruction of neighborhoods



CCA Beautification has been working in partnership with the City of San Jose Parks Recreation and Neighborhood Services on a new sign for the William Street Park. The proposed design is above and will be placed at the corner of South 16th and East William Streets. The sign will serve as an entrance to the park and will have more visibility than the current sign.

The sign construction would be paid for by the Campus Community Association (CCA) using Bark in the Park funds and the City of San Jose would pay for the installation and stone pillars. The CCA will also be seeking grant funds to help with the construction.

The CCA Board is soliciting input on the proposed design. The design will be presented at the CCA General Meeting in October.

**You may also give your input directly to the board by emailing [executive@nagleepark.org](mailto:executive@nagleepark.org).**

The CCA Board is looking to gather all input by November 1. Please let them know by November 1 if you have any comments on the design.

# NAGLEE PARK OPEN STUDIOS TWO: CALL FOR ARTISTS AND VOLUNTEERS!

Does it feel like we just enjoyed our very first Naglee Park Open Studios? It was an amazing beginning, with literally hundreds of curious and supportive neighbors turning out to meet our artist neighbors and experience their talents first hand. Well, since the planning cycle for that first event was way too short and pressured, this is the official announcement that planning is just now beginning for Naglee Park Open Studios TWO. More planning, artist outreach and sorting time – that is a great concept. So this is the official first call for prospective artists and volunteers of many genres. The Steering Committee needs a little or lots of your help!

If you missed NPOS ONE, first you must make a point of not letting that happen again. It was that good, with lots of amazing artists for nearly every taste and type of art. It all started from a chance conversation with 12th Street artist Ted Fullwood (with the tile mosaic in his front sidewalk), and questions about the gorgeous clay pottery arrayed down his driveway and front yard. In that conversation it became clear artists like to *create* art; the business of getting it to their public can get overlooked. With art appreciators all around us, the idea of creating connections right here in the neighborhood was born. With suggestions from several other artist neighbors, an email query to the list, and the help of a great many neighbors and supporters, Naglee Park Open Studios was underway. Eventually, it included 16 artists at 13 sites including the continuum of: college students for their first show to many with a lifetime of creating beautiful work in pastels, sculpture, landscape design, international photo portraits, century old French paintings, pottery & porcelain, restored frames and antique clocks, children's toys, fancy dog outfits – this neighborhood rocked! And that's not all -- don't forget the delight at seeing and talking with neighbors from more than your block, every twenty feet, all day long!

EVENT DAY: Sunday, June 6, 2010 – put this on *all* of your calendars!! Opening words to starting the planning for Naglee Park Open Studios TWO: LOTS of artists and volunteers are needed. There is something for every schedule.

**ARTISTS:** The number one purpose of Naglee Park Open Studios is to showcase our neighborhood artists, and help them to share their work with others, and for most, to create the opportunity for some sales. You see the range of art in the first event. A rich mix is wonderful for everybody – remembering this is a family event. Artists interested in even POSSIBLY participating are encouraged to let us know early. Now would be good.

**VOLUNTEERS:** Volunteers are needed at any and all levels.

**Steering Committee** – Some members of the first Steering Committee agreed to continue, which is a good thing, but only a start. This is your chance to have a real impact on this amazing event. The earliest discussions are just getting underway – this includes several hours at regular intervals with some flexibility. Needed: creative and good ideas OR event-related experience OR willing to coordinate a portion of the event. Generalists are good, too, but we specifically need a Publicity Coordinator, a Volunteer Coordinator, and an Artist Outreach Coordinator.

**General Volunteers** – There are lots of smaller jobs that are crucial, too, such as making confirmation phone calls, dropping off publicity items, working in an artist's home the day of the event, shopping, making up the artist packets, etc. Miscellaneous gofers with only an hour or so absolutely help everything to fall into place particularly as event day approaches.

## ARTISTS & VOLUNTEERS - HOW TO SIGN

**UP:** Maybes are OK at this point – we can firm them up later. Simply send an email to [stephsorenson@earthlink.net](mailto:stephsorenson@earthlink.net) including your name, email address, phone number and how you wish to be involved.

With your help, as many of you as can carve off a small or large chunk of time, this second year of Naglee Park Open Studios will be fantastic!! Think about what you loved most about the first event – and tell us what to keep. Help us to fix the parts that need it. What are your new ideas? Remember the number one goal of this event is to help our artists show and sell their work. The more we plan around this, and what will help us to creatively do this, the better. The more artists and helper neighbors involved in this percolating process, the better Naglee Park Open Studios TWO will be for all of us. We need to hear from you – tentative offers are welcome -- email NOW!

***Donations to support NPOS  
can be made to the CCA all year long!***

# Editor's Notes

by Ken Podgorssek, Interim Editor

I want to take a moment to recognize a real neighborhood hero, Jim Norvell. Many of you know Jim from our email list, but may never have met Jim. Jim and Barb Norvell are very long term residents of Naglee Park. Jim is one of those people who always works behind the scenes, never looking for any recognition. I would fill every page in this newsletter if I listed everything he has done for our neighborhood.

I really started to get to know Jim when I was CCA President several years ago. Whenever I needed something done, all I had to do was ask. He is always there and always willing to help. Jim really makes a difference in Naglee Park every day. Next time you see Jim or you see an email from him, please say thanks, because without neighbors like Jim, Naglee Park would not be the great place it is today.

Jim, from me, many, many thanks. You are awesome.

The late summer and early fall is quite busy in the Podgorssek Household. With school starting in August and Bark in the Park in September, there is very little time to relax.

Bark in the Park 2009 was very successful again and I was very proud to announce for the Bark in the Park Committee that we have now passed the \$100,000 level of investment and contributions to our greater community. Quite an accomplishment, and thanks are owed to many, many neighborhood volunteers over these past 12 Barks.

Many thanks to the various Bark Area Chairs for 2009 for your efforts: Beth Shafran Mukai, Pat Colombe, Marni Kamzan, Kim Aldridge, Chris Esparza, Annie Hermers, Dennis Cunningham, Farrell Podgorssek and Judy Conner. Also thanks to the entire Bark Organizing Committee. You are an incredible team and the key to our success in 2009.

Well, it is off to the holidays. I hope to see you all at the CCA Holiday Get Together. Always a fun and casual time for neighbors to gather.

## Connect with your Neighbors Join the CCA Email List

The CCA email list is a great way to keep up with what's going on in the neighborhood. The list is a moderate volume list with approximately 10-30 email messages a day. We also offer a digest version where the messages are condensed. You have full access to the full version of the message in the digest. All members of the list agree to adhere to the CCA Email List Guidelines. These guidelines can be found at: [www.nagleepark.org/cca/listpolicy](http://www.nagleepark.org/cca/listpolicy)  
Join the fun today and get to know your neighbors.

### Joining the List

To join the cca email distribution list, send an email to:

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This system was designed for our neighbors that want to get information on CCA Meetings or Events, like the CCA Fourth of July, Naglee Park Open Studios, CCA Holiday Get Together, National Night Out, Bark in the Park, and many more. *Members of the CCA Email List will get the same notices on the CCA Email list.*

The CCA will be reducing its mailings in 2010 to help reduce our carbon footprint and to save money.

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# Naglee Park Fourth of July 2009



## 2009 Grand Marshall Tom Clifton

### Bake Off Contest Results 2009 4th of July

<u>Category</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Dessert</u>	<u>Name</u>
Adult Desserts	First	Profiteroles	Frank Cava
	Second	Triple Chocolate Cheesecake	Christine Hanchett
	Third	Plum Parfait	Kristen Pendleton
Adult Pies	First	Star Spangled Blueberry Pie	Alma Castillo
	Second	Apple Pie	Judy Hill
	Third	Peach Pie w/ Blueberries	Michelle DeBono
Adult Cookies & Bars	First	Persimmon Cookies	Moukeem Lennon
	Second	Goopy Bittersweet Brownies	Jeff Barber
Teens	First	Patriotic Penguins	Emilie Grybos
	Second	Chocolate Cheesecake Bars	Kyle Ikeda
	Third	Apricot Pie	Anne Eubank
Kids 10 & Under	First	Cupcakes	Loo Nichols
	Second	Raisin Pie	Emme Nichols
	Third	Apricot Crumble	Maggie Cecilio

# Naglee Park Fourth of July 2009

## Race Results

### MEN & BOYS

AGE GROUP/	Place	0-10	11-30	31-50	51-64	65+
<b>1 MILE</b>						
Matthew Bennett	1	8:25				
Nils Schroeder	2	15:35				
John Huber	3	16:01				
Elliot Sands	1			23:10		
Ted Smith	1				18:48	
<b>2 MILE</b>						
Jason Weitz	1	21:15				
Jonathan Bennett	2	24:02				
Leo Giovansili	3	24:02				
Elliot Huder		24:28				
Daniel		25:18				
Evan Cajiges		25:26				
Michael Hughes	1		16:31			
Chris Lanoie	2		16:49			
Kyle Ikeda	3		16:56			
Jeff Souders			18:05			
Chris Salas			18:05			
Bryan Ikeda			21:40			
Amos Rendler	1			15:35		
Alan Hughes	2			19:12		
Carlino Cecilio	3			22:22		
Rob Strong	1				19:41	
Javier Talamantes	2				22:45	
Dev Rendler	3				36:02	

AGE GROUP/	Place	0-10	11-30	31-50	51-64	65+
<b>4.5 MILE</b>						
Owen Heckman	1	47:15				
Jimmy Roe	2	49:34				
Dwight	2	49:34				
Aaron Sommer	1		28:39			
Darren Rous	2		29:09			
Matt Sarge	3		30:38			
Richard Ponce			43:52			
Wallace Eastwood			48:15			
Justin Talamantes			55:50			
Joseph Strong			55:50			
Jim Sarge	1			33:25		
David Cajiges	2			36:45		
Buy Husen	3			38:31		
Buair Albertson				50:31		
Alan Tracey				xxx		
Marc Musgrove				xxx		
Tom Bondi	1				xxx	



### WOMEN & GIRLS

AGE GROUP/	Place	0-10	11-30	31-50	51-64	65+
<b>1 MILE</b>						
Kate Durso	1	10:31				
Anika Sands	2	23:10				
Penny Sands	1			23:10		
Michele Mendez	2			xxx		
Leslie Gray	1					xxxx
<b>2 MILE</b>						
Maggie Cecilio	1	19:29				
Claudia Azalde	2	20:42				
Diana Rendler	3	21:35				
Meghan Schroeder		24:27				
Jamie Ikeda	1		18:09			
Ann Weitz	1			21:15		
Marci Ludwig	2			22:22		
Eugenia Rendler	3			24:28		
Janis Ikeda				24:40		
Kim Aldridge	1				20:00	
Pia Moriarty	2				45:01	
Collen Talamantes	3				45:45	

AGE GROUP/	Place	0-10	11-30	31-50	51-64	65+
<b>4.5 MILE</b>						
Jenne Wood-Taylor	1		36:48			
Allie Roe	2		38:28			
Vanessa Corona	3		43:25			
Macorena Vittet			49:00			
Sally Schroeder	1			40:50		
Rose Azalde	2			46:04		
Christine Hanchett	3			46:06		
Anne Marie Todd				48:15		
Sharon Tracey				49:42		
Trish Albertson				50:41		
Michèle Wilson				54:10		
Elsie				54:10		
Sarabelle Hitchner	1				42:45	
Patti Green Roe	2				50:55	
Becky Slama-Bennett	3				50:56	
Anna Strong					57:18	
Frances Schwab					xxx	
Larel Bondi					xxx	
Lisa Rosenblum					xxx	
Emma Musgrove					xxx	



# Tips for a Safe Halloween!

Halloween can be a fun holiday for kids, but a worrisome one for parents. Concerns about children's safety--whether they are out in the neighborhood or back home with bags of booty--can darken the day more quickly than a black cat. But not to worry! To make Halloween a treat, follow these safety tips.

## Make sure your kids dress up safely.

- Make sure costumes are flame retardant so children aren't in danger near burning jack-o-lanterns.
- Keep costumes short to prevent trips, falls, and other bumps in the night.
- Try make-up instead of a mask. Masks can be hot and uncomfortable, and they can obstruct a child's vision--a dangerous thing when kids are crossing streets and going up and down steps.
- Make sure kids wear light colors or put reflective tape on their costumes.

## Make trick-or-treating trouble free.

- Create a map of a safe trick-or-treating route.
- Trick-or-treaters should always be in groups so they aren't a tempting target for real-life goblins. Parents should accompany young children.
- Make sure older kids trick-or-treat with friends. Together, map out a safe route so you will know where they are going. Tell them to stop only at familiar homes where the outside lights are on.
- Try to get your kids to trick-or-treat while it's still light out. If it's dark, make sure someone has a flashlight and pick well-lighted streets.
- Make sure kids know never to enter a stranger's house or car.
- Remind kids to keep a safe distance from moving cars.

## Check all treats before eating.

- It's hard for kids to hold back from eating their treats until they get home. One way to keep

trick-or-treaters from digging in while they're still out is to feed them a meal or a snack beforehand.

- Check out all candy in a well-lighted place when your trick-or-treater gets home.
- What to eat? Only unopened candies and other treats that are in original wrappers. Don't forget to inspect fruit and homemade goodies for anything suspicious. By all means remind kids not to eat everything at once or they'll be feeling pretty ghoulish for while!
- Halloween can be a lot of fun for parents and kids alike--if everybody remembers the tricks and treats of playing it safe.



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# OLIVER'S REPORT



Lola and I are pleased to be back with you. The alert among you will recall that Oliver, on his passing, relegated his reporting duties to his successor, Springer Cooper, who is now coordinating his reporting duties with his sister, Lola. We abandoned this important activity several years ago in a huff. If Springer Spaniels can, in fact, huff.

Lola and I have been keen observers of our nabe for the past six years from an eye-height of about 14-inches. We have made many friends over the years, including those two strange dogs who live with Steve and Marni Grant on 14<sup>th</sup>; Pattou, the very French Poodle who keeps company with Lynnea on 17<sup>th</sup>; Dr. Maggie's interesting, though Scottish dogs on 14<sup>th</sup>; a huge German dog who keeps Lila and Jon company; several irksome dogs who keep Christine and Kirk company on 13<sup>th</sup>; Lori and Akbar's collection on 17<sup>th</sup>, and so many others.

I have a few thoughts about our new people-friendly park that was constructed for us just south of the Olinder School. We are impressed at how clean the city keeps the space. When it first opened, there were shiny metal water bowls which someone took home as souvenirs. Today, they shut off the water.

Sometimes, impolite dogs bring their humans to the park and it takes way too long for the humans to understand that their dogs are not going to behave. We have heard that some of these dogs have jobs guarding houses around the nabe. I wish they would keep those humans home, especially if they are still not neutered.

If your humans drive you there on the weekend, be sure they drive very slowly. Lots of small human children are milling about unexpectedly. San Jose State is no longer leash-free, but it is still the best walk in town. Be alert for rampant squirrels. The squirrel population has exploded and they are very intrusive. Word up: If your human has companions with an instinct for the chase (such as we), be sure

they keep a tight hand on the leash, or you are off the grid.

Speaking of leash, if you missed this year's Bark-in-the-Park, you missed a real good time and your human owes you big time. I counted over 14,000 humans walking around, trying to be casual in the midst of almost 4,000 predators. Despite the fact that some of us have been engineered into strange, little furry shapes, we still get mileage out of that wolf thing. Since our last report, they opened a very nice Safeway store just a short walk west on San Fernando Street. We have lost some old friends (AP Stump comes to mind), but San Jose keeps getting better, even if you still think San Francisco is the only city at this end of California. I overheard a human friend one evening in a posh bar in Palo Alto mutter, as she watched a group of young women: "They are so four-oh-eight." (She was so six-five-oh). We are so 408 and proud.

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Cooper and Lola on south 12th

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