



# Los Paseos Neighborhood Association

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## National Night Out 2017

### 2017 Meeting Schedule:

April 6 – Thursday

ST Library: 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

June 17 – Saturday

ST Library: 10:30 am-12:00 pm

August 10 – Thursday

ST Library: 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

October 7 – Saturday

ST Library: 10:30 am-12:00 pm

December 7 – Thursday

ST Library: 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

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LPNA hosted our third national night on out August 1<sup>st</sup>. Bigger and better than ever, we added a blues band, Crimson Blues, and entertainment by Brian the Bubble Guy, who used special tools to make super huge bubbles and one that made hundreds of bubbles at a time. We estimate attendance at between 300 and 400; last year attendance was estimated at 200. We had a chalk art contest for the kids, a jumpy house, and we gave away over 300 hot dogs and 400 ice cream bars. We had community tables hosted by The Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Premier-One Credit Union, Neighborhood Watch, Bernal Bible Church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Los Paseos Chess Club, RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services), and Santa Teresa Library.



Over 300 people Attended

Cub Scout Pack 227 held a Flag Ceremony. We were honored by visits from District 2 Councilmember Sergio Jimenez and Mayor Sam Liccardo. We also had visits from several different public safety teams, including the Special Ops Team, Yellow Division Police Team, Fire

Fighters and Engine from Station 27, and California Highway Patrol. Can't wait until next year's event, which promises to be bigger and better! LPNA thanks all of the volunteers who helped with planning, setup, and tear down. We want to thank Crimson Blues for their great music and Brian the Bubble Guy for his enter-



Cub Scout Flag Ceremony

taining bubbles. We also want to thank iJump, Golden State Ice Cream, Jump4Kids, and Costco for providing the Jumpy House, food, and food service equipment to help make our event a success. We also thank the City of San Jose, which provided funding through the Neighborhoods CAP Grant program.



Brian the Bubble Guy



Police Officers Chatting



Chalk Art Contest



Crimson Blues Band



Local Police Chatting

# Community Meeting on Santa Teresa Village Center



Police team attending National Night Out



Also Mayor Sam Liccardo



And District 2 Councilmember Sergio Jimenez



Winner Chalk Art Contest

On June 13, LPNA hosted a public meeting with the intention of addressing **neighbors' concerns about hazardous conditions and security concerns** when visiting. We had over 80 people attend the meeting, including a representative from ROIC (owner and property management company), Vanessa Sandoval, Chief of Staff for District 2 Councilman Sergio Jimenez' office.

Amber Wright from ROIC (owner and property management company) gave us some background on the center and particularly the lease situation with the old Nob Hill space. Nob Hill vacated the space in June 2015. Their lease was up in **Feb. 2016. Raley's exercised** their option to re-lease the space for 5 more years at 50% of their previous rental rate, so they have the space until 2021. They have another option to re-lease for another five years after the

**2021 lease runs out. Raley's** is only responsible for the upkeep of the inside of the vacant store. As the vacancy continued, the area in front had become a congregating place for homeless, drug dealers and loiterers. Also a rat infestation was discovered in the vacant Nob Hill space. This constituted a **health hazard. Raley's has** taken responsibility for the infestation and has dealt with the rat problem. They also committed to sanitizing the location. ROIC committed to improving security patrols

Amber spoke about the efforts to lease the old Nob Hill space and the difficulties they have faced, ranging from resistance from Nob Hill, to problems with the demographics of our area based on our location at the edge of town and the influx of additional grocery competition including Safeway, Target and now Costco. Amber stated that it is the

hope and intention of ROIC to get a grocery tenant into the space, which is their model for commercial spaces (small, neighborhood centers with a grocery anchor). At the time of the meeting they indicated they were in discussions with a grocery store for at least part of the space, but cannot divulge the name of that potential tenant at this time.

**Councilmember Jimenez's** office worked with Code Enforcement to have the site inspected. They found no citable violations because the rat infestation was in the process of being taken care of and therefore was not citable. Councilmember **Jimenez's office has committed** to stay on the issue and look for other ways to bring about a change in the situation.

Update: Another community meeting is scheduled for Sept. 28th at 7:00 pm at Los Paseos Elementary School.

## LPNA General Meetings:

### June Meeting

LPNA had our third general meeting of the year on June 17, 2017. Deputy Chief and Fire Marshall Ivan Lee gave a timely presentation on the status of the campaign against Illegal Fireworks and **the city's efforts to enforce the ban on illegal fireworks** this season and make progress each year in reducing the problem.

Alice Kaufman from the Committee for Green Foothills gave an update on the recent purchase by POST (Peninsula Open Space Trust) of the Panattoni property south of the Metcalf Energy Plant. POST bought the Blanchard Road land for 5.86 million. POST plans

to raise \$80 million to restore and protect value wildlife habitat and historic wetlands that provide drinking water and natural flood protection for future generations of people and animals.

Mary Patterson gave an update on the Morgan Hill Unified School District.

### August Meeting

We just had a general meeting on August, 10th. The only topic was Bridge Housing Communities (BHC) for the homeless. Councilman Sergio Jimenez attended the meeting with staff and several representatives from the Housing Dept. attended to answer questions. It was a good opportunity to find out more about the BHC initiative.



## House on the Hill

Fifty people attended a public meeting on June 22 regarding the house being proposed for the west side of Tulare Hill above Manresa Court. Plans for the home have been modified in response to public input. The property owner presented the modified plans and explained the changes that have been made. An EIR is being prepared and will be issued for public comment. We will notify LPNA members when the EIR is released. You can find out more about the proposal at: <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/69409>.

## Street Signs in Paseo

Thanks to Jacob Vuniwai, an Eagle Scout candidate, red-wood street signs will be installed in the Paseo connecting Avenida Rotella and Via Ramada. Jacob is managing this project and working with community leaders and volunteers, as well as other neighborhood scouts to complete this project and earn his Eagle Scout badge. He got the idea seeing an old dilapidated Via Pradera post still in place after 45 years. Here is a picture of the old sign post and one of the new signs in progress. Thanks to Shawn Morresco of San Jose DOT, and Greg Peck of Los Paseos for helping him with the project. And thanks to Bob Gerenser of Silicon Valley Woodturners for helping engrave the court names using a ShopBot.



New Sign Post At Via Ramada

## Coyote Valley News

Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) has acquired the former Panattoni property just south of the Metcalf Power Plant for \$5.86 million. The land will be preserved as open space and has been renamed Fisher Flats in honor of nearby Fisher Creek, which runs near to the property. This area is the most viable passage for wildlife between the Diablo and Santa Cruz Mountain ranges. POST is planning to invest \$80 million to purchase as much land as they can in Northern Coyote Valley to keep it as open space. Find out more about POST and Coyote Valley here: <https://openspacetrust.org/blog/coyote-valley/>

## First LPNA Mixer

On June 24, 2017, LPNA hosted our first neighborhood mixer. We targeted the Cheltenham area and about 35 people attended, including Councilmember Sergio Jimenez and his lovely family. We shared a great assortment of potluck food and hot dogs and drinks provided by LPNA, with funding from the City of San Jose. Old friends reconnected and new friendships were started. It was a successful event for our first mixer. Stay tuned for an announcement about

the location and date for the next neighborhood mixer. We will try to do one more before Fall sets in.



## Outdoor News

Other nature and outdoor news happening in our area:

- Mount Umunhum opening to the public on Sept. 18th. More info [here](#).
- Odette Morrow health trail in Shady Oaks Park (opened last year, but just found out about it recently). More info [here](#).
- New dirt bike trail at Metcalf OHV Park, [Valley View Trail](#)



## About LPNA

The purpose of Los Paseos Neighborhood Association is to promote community involvement and to provide a means for the neighborhood to address its needs including:

- Schools
- Safety & Security
- Traffic
- Zoning
- Recreation
- City Communications

LPNA serves as a vehicle for communication within this community through meetings and events, as well as through online and printed media such as email, Nextdoor, newsletters and flyers. We work cooperatively with the District 2 **Councilmember's Office and various City of San Jose departments** to address the **neighborhood's issues.**

We also work with the County Supervisor's office, and environmental and advocacy groups on topics such as homelessness, environmentally sound land development, etc.

Membership is open to all residents and owners of property located within the boundaries described as the area bounded by Bernal Road to Bayliss and the Coyote Alamitos Canal, and from Santa Teresa Blvd. to Monterey Highway.

## 2017/2018 Projects

- Santa Teresa Village Shopping Center (conditions around old Nob Hill store)
- Picnic area improvements at Los Paseos Park (replacing sod in circle by restrooms)

- Leveraging Our City Forest to add shade trees to park
- Installing more benches in Los Paseos Park
- Aiding implementation of some of the Participatory Budget projects that were approved this past summer.
- 2018 National Night Out
- Continue to monitor development projects in Coyote Valley and take action when necessary
- Monitor progress and potential impacts of High Speed Rail and take action when necessary
- Monitor impacts of Bridge Housing Initiative and take action when necessary
- Neighborhood Mixers
- Holiday Party in December
- Continue work on illegal fireworks

We welcome all who live within the borders of Los Paseos to join our neighborhood association and get involved in our community. No membership dues are required.

## Bridge Housing Update

There is a current proposal by the San Jose Housing Department to implement Bridge Housing Communities (BHC) comprised of tiny homes for homeless individuals throughout the City. There are two sites in District 2 that remain on the list of possible sites. The City Council voted on August 29th to give the Housing Dept. 60 days to take another look at the options and financial feasibility, reach out to other agencies for additional sites and create a task force if the project moves forward. Another vote on whether the project will move forward will take place in late October. Check Nextdoor for meeting date and location.

## Los Paseos Park Cleanup

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, LPNA partnered with Bernal Bible church to spruce up Los Paseos Park by replacing the dirt area under the new picnic tables with stabilized decomposed granite (DG). This material provides a more durable and stable surface for the picnic area. The area was dug out about 6 inches, filled with DG, compacted, watered and sealed. Thank you to all of the neighborhood and church volunteers who worked tirelessly to complete the project. Special thanks to Greg Peck and Herb Bowen who made sure the project was completed days after the initial volunteer work day. Thanks to the City of San Jose for providing the DG. Thanks to our local fire station for taking the opportunity to use a water drill to wet down the DG after it was compacted to activate the sealant. And thanks to the office of Councilmember Sergio Jimenez for providing funding for project.

