



Beautiful sunset over Los Paseos. The surrounding foothills look up to the Santa Cruz Mountains to the South, and Mount Hamilton Range to the North with Mount Umunhum almost in the middle. EVERY DAY, a beautiful view.

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## Recent LPNA Accomplishments

Here are some of the initiatives and projects LPNA has completed in the past six months.

1. Migrating our communication method to MailChimp. This is our first email newsletter using MailChimp.
2. Successful National Night Out with over 650 in attendance, August 2023
3. Dumpster Day, October 2023

4. Successful Holiday Event in partnership with LPHOA, December 2023
5. Graffiti abatement in Los Paseos Park and schools.
6. Caring for park trees commissioned by LPNA with Parks Department and Our City Forest
7. Commissioning neighborhood street trees. We've arranged for four new trees to be planted around our neighborhood. (see photos near the bottom of newsletter)
8. Placing Court signs along paseos. Court signs were completed in Paseos #1 and #2. (see photos near the bottom of newsletter)
9. Completing vertical wall extension at the end of Bernal Way to keep people from entering our neighborhood from the railroad tracks.
10. Native Plant Garden in Los Paseos Park
11. Active CERT Team (Community Emergency Response Team). CERT provides trainings to respond safely, responsibly and effectively to emergency situations and can also support their communities during non-emergency events as well. There are 6 residents of Los Paseos who are engaged with monthly walkie-talkie tests to be prepared in case of a major emergency with cell and house-line telephone services in Los Paseos disconnected. A headquarters will be set up in Los Paseos Park to help with emergencies around the neighborhood. Let us know if you can lend support to this neighborhood project.

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## **Via Del Oro Mobile Interim Housing**

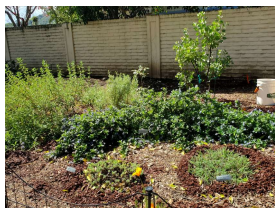
The City Council will be voting on a new interim housing project located at the corner of Via Del Oro and San Ignacio. Approval of the recommendations will allow the City to enter into a lease agreement with the Sobrato Family Foundation for the use of approximately three acres at Via del Oro for a 10-year term at a cost of \$1 per year. A Project Delivery Agreement will be entered into between the City and DignityMoves to design and develop a new emergency interim housing facility at the Via del Oro site for up to 150 beds. The Item is 8.1 on the agenda. Public comment opportunity will be provided during the meeting. You can find out more about the City Council Meeting [HERE](#). You can find a copy of the Staff Memorandum on the agenda page.

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## **Native Plant Garden Spring Cleanup**



LPNA had a great time in Los Paseos Park on Saturday morning, March 30th. We had 10 volunteers working on spring cleanup in and around the native plant demonstration garden. Councilmember Arjun Batra also joined us to provide encouragement. The weather was perfect for pruning, raking, and weeding, despite earlier doubtful forecasts. If you would like to participate in our next volunteer day in the park, or help with ongoing maintenance of the garden and trees we have planted, contact [gardener@lospaseosneighbors.com](mailto:gardener@lospaseosneighbors.com).



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- LPNA will use MailChimp for announcements after our March 21 meeting.
  - **Save the Date:** Great American Litter Pick-up, April 20th, 9:00 - 11:30, Los Paseo Park. Volunteers needed
  - **Save the Date:** August 6, 2024, 5:00 pm, Annual National Night Out in Los Paseos Park. Volunteers needed.

About Los Paseos Neighborhood Association: Involved citizens, with a desire to learn about and improve our neighborhood, making it a beautiful place in Southern San Jose.

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## **LPNA Hosts Great American Litter Pick-up**

LPNA will host a pickup location for the Great American Litter Pick-up at Los Paseos Park. Trash bags, gloves, equipment will be supplied. Stop by the table to get supplies, coffee & donuts. Then head out to nearby streets to pick up litter. We will be focusing on streets surrounding the neighborhood, like Santa Teresa Blvd, Chantilly, Bernal Road and will determine greatest need closer to the date. **Please send an email to [vp@lospaseosneighbors.com](mailto:vp@lospaseosneighbors.com) to let us know you can participate.**



**Saturday, April 20, 2024**  
**9 am - 11:30 am**

**Celebrate Earth Day and join your neighbors**  
**for a community clean up event!**

**Light breakfast will be provided**

**Register to pick up supplies at one of four designated central locations!**

- Cahalan Park
- La Colina Park
- Los Paseos Park
- Parma Park

All supplies distributed by District 10 & Anti-Litter team  
Feel free to bring your own!



**QUESTIONS?**

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## Recap of March 21st LPNA Quarterly General Meeting

### 1. LPNA Business and Neighborhood Update

- BeautifySJ \$5,000 grant request but has not been awarded yet. Will cover NNO social events and improved bulletin board in Los Paseos Park

- Los Paseos Park Update: The ten trees planted a year ago are budding, after pruning in January. Native Plant Garden is starting spring bloom.
- Paseo #2 Court Signposts Update: Greg has completed and installed signposts in paseos #2.

## 2. Congressman Jimmy Panetta Update

- Congressman Panetta represents Congressional District 19, one of the largest including much of San Jose, Monterey, Santa Cruz, Cambria and Kern County.
- Panetta is on the Ways and Means Committee, including VA Clinics, military bases including bases in Monterey and all armed services issues.
- His priorities include legislation on the federal level to fund local projects; case work involving the issues his constituents might have with government programs (IRS, Social Security, Medicare, Veterans issues, etc.) He also spoke of protecting the beauty of the area and our responsibility to preserve open space and support agriculture in balance.
- Panetta is also focusing on housing, including low- and middle-income tax credits, increased tax breaks for renters, potential changes to capital gains laws, first time home buyer tax credits.
- Residents are welcome to call or email his office. Panetta has a local office on Blossom Hill Road in San Jose.

## 3. District 10 Councilmember Arjun Batra Update

- He talked about the Mayor's Budget Message (presented March 11 and due to be finalized in June) and reaffirmed the mayor's priorities including reducing the number of San Jose unsheltered residents, increasing community safety, cleaning up our neighborhoods and attracting investments and adding jobs and housing.
- Link to view the budget message: [March Budget Message](#).
- Batra mentioned that based on the lessons learned last year, the approach will be different. They will be focusing on quick builds including manufactured homes, insulated containers, and additional sites for the approximately 4,600 homeless in SJ and about 800 people living in RVs.
- Upcoming events include:
  - o April 2, 5:30-7:00 PM, Via Del Oro Community Meeting
  - o April 13, 2:00-3:00 PM, Town Hall Public Safety Meeting
  - o April 20, 9:00-11:30 AM, Great American Litter Pickup
  - o A Shredding/E-waste event and a Dumpster Day are scheduled for June

## 4. Captain Steve Donohue, SJPD Southern Division Update

- Captain Donohue reported that our area was quiet this quarter with one robbery, one aggravated assault and one injury accident. He stated that Los Paseos is a “low crime” area.
- Captain Donohue also addressed the redistricting proposal, having sent it back with comments concerning staffing numbers, shift changes and locations. He also mentioned that removing “beats” might work to increase response time. Police working in teams, sharing workloads to get things resolved faster.
- He discussed scanners and the complaints neighbors have about no longer receiving police and fire radios on their scanners. The federal government now requires encryption of transmissions that may include personal information. This initiative creates a safer environment for officers as now privacy concerns are addressed, and personal information is more secure.
- Captain Donohue also emphasized that people should report crimes and concerns to the police department, not just on NextDoor.

#### 5. Gavin Comstock, Coyote Ridge Update

- Comstock discussed the opening of the new Mayyan Ooyakma trail in the Coyote Ridge Open Space Preserve, an 1,859-acre property very near to Los Paseos on the east side of 101 accessed from Bailey Road.
- Serpentine-dependent species include the federally threatened Bay Checkerspot Butterfly and the federally endangered Metcalf Canyon jewel flower.
- The Mayyan Ooyakma preserve is open 7 days a week, year-round while the Habitat Protection Area is open Wednesday-Sunday.
- Docent-led hikes are available March, April and May with reservations required.
- The Habitat Protection Area operates on a Butterfly Access System. Passes are free and can be obtained on their website. 10 AM is the best butterfly viewing. [Get Your 2024 Butterfly Pass! \(openspaceauthority.org\)](https://www.openspaceauthority.org)
- Open Space Authority hosts Volunteer Orientation monthly and Interpretive Host Training quarterly.
- April 20 Earth Day Celebration, visit the website at [www.openspaceauthority.org](https://www.openspaceauthority.org) for additional information.
- Comstock also discussed the wildlife corridors in the news lately. Coyote Valley is a natural wildlife corridor with a variety of natural culverts on 101 by the golf course. The Open Space Authority is working with local agencies to establish safety corridors along Monterey Highway. Community meetings will be announced.
- Contact Gavin Comstock at [Gavin-Comstock@openspaceauthority.org](mailto:Gavin-Comstock@openspaceauthority.org) to volunteer or become a Land Steward, or sign up for Interpretive Host Training.

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# LPNA Project Photos

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## Street Tree Planting



## Court Signposts



Greg Peck worked with volunteer, Braden Holst, on completing signposts on Paseo #2

Find LPNA website here

**LPNA Announcements**

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