



# Baker West Neighborhood Association

Making something good... Great!

## New and Improved General Meetings!

We recently had our first officer meeting since being elected. Can you believe that it has been 8 months since our first general meeting? It was exciting to reflect back on what motivated us to start this neighborhood association - to get to know our neighbors while making a difference in our neighborhood. We revisited some of our dreams of having block parties, welcoming new neighbors into the neighborhood, and helping less fortunate people living around us. Unfortunately, we acknowledged that the recent focus on governance during our past few meetings has distracted us from our main purpose. Many of you have voiced similar concerns to us. Therefore, *we are excited to let you know we will be changing things around for future general meetings.* We will cut back on the formality and make the general meetings more interesting and fun. Our first idea is to bring in guest speakers that are meaningful to you. We will kick this off with a panel on conservation (recycling, composting and solar power). Doing these things not only helps our environment but can help you save money through some tough economic times. We would love to have you provide us with other ideas for future meetings.

We look forward to "Making something good....Great"

**Kurt, Pirouz, Katie, Julie, and Ron**

Baker West Neighborhood Association Officers

## Mark Your Calendar...

### August

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Neighborhood Garage Sale** (see back)
- 5<sup>th</sup> National Night Out/Movie** (see back)
- 7<sup>th</sup> General Meeting**

### October

- 2<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting**
- 26<sup>th</sup> Halloween Parade/Piñata**

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## Join us for our Next General Meeting!

# Thursday\*, August 7, 2008

7pm—8pm Conservation (see below)

8pm—8:30pm Business Agenda

at

Moreland-West Community Center

1850 Fallbrook Ave.

## BUSINESS AGENDA

Cap Grant

2008 Budget/Dues

2008 Goals

Committee/Task Force Updates

District 1 Update

\*We had to change our general meeting day to Thursdays due to community center availability.



## Conservation

*Save Money and the Environment!*

Join us at our next General Meeting for information on recycling, composting and solar panels! We will have some great speakers as well as wonderful give-aways. You won't want to miss this.

## Upcoming Events:



### Neighborhood Garage Sale

It is time for the 1st Annual Baker West Garage Sale. Get out those old skis, baby clothes or that extra lamp that just sits in the garage. We would like to invite you to participate with the neighborhood as we try to sell off our old stuff to get ready for the fall. The Neighborhood Garage Sale will take place on **August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7am until 4pm**. Please contact Scott Shields at [scott@bakerwest.org](mailto:scott@bakerwest.org) or 421-7786 so he can create a map of all the participants.



### National Night Out/Movie

Baker West Neighborhood Association would love for you to participate in a night of fun activities and a movie under the stars. Please join us on **August 5<sup>th</sup> from 8pm to 10:30pm** at the corner of Colusa and Elmwood. Bring your own lawn chairs and we'll provide the popcorn and drinks! The movie will start at 8:30pm. For more info on National Night Out, go to [www.nationalnightout.org](http://www.nationalnightout.org). See you at the Movies!



### Neighborhood Watch

We are still looking for several people to organize and/or host a Neighborhood Watch Meeting. If you are willing to do this, please contact Carol Carter at 218-3343 or [carol@bakerwest.org](mailto:carol@bakerwest.org) and she will give you all the information you need to start a Neighborhood Watch in your immediate neighborhood. Our first group will hold its meeting in August.

### 4th of July Block Party

Unfortunately, the July 4th Block Party was cancelled. The City of San Jose did not award this years CAP grant on time which prevented us from kicking off our first Block Party. The events committee apologizes for any inconvenience.



### CAP Grant *by Ron Mafil*

We received a CAP grant from the city of San Jose. Come to the General Meeting to find out what happened. Hope to see you there to help us put the money to good use.

### Thanks for the Donations!



### El Paseo de Saratoga *by Pirouz Maghsoudnia*

With the help of Pete Constant's office and the article in the Mercury News, we have been able to stop further expansion permits until El Paseo owners meet with Baker West. The goal of the meeting would be for owners to provide solutions to our concerns. We will notify you once this meeting is set up. In the interim, please continue to strengthen our case by sending concerns about the proposed expansion to the city planner at [bill.roth@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:bill.roth@sanjoseca.gov).

## Baker West Committees

(and Task Forces)

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