



Baker West Neighborhood Association

Serving 363 residences and 40 businesses

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GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, December 4th, 2008

7:00 pm

at

Moreland-West Community Center
1850 Fallbrook Ave.
San Jose, CA

AGENDA

- 2009 Officer Nominations
- 2009 Meeting Calendar Vote
- 2009 Goals Discussion
- Committee/Task Force Updates
- Bylaw Amendment Proposals
- District 1 Update

Mark Your Calendar...

December

4th General Meeting

13th Holiday Game Party (see below)

15th Food/Toy Drive Ends (see back for more details)



HOLIDAY GAME PARTY



Join your neighbors for games and crafts for all ages, food, drinks, raffles, and fun!

Please bring a brunch dish to share.

There will be a collection bin at this event for the food and toy drive (see back for info).

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

10AM-12PM

**MORELAND-WEST COMMUNITY CENTER
1850 FALLBROOK AVE.**

Want to help or have questions? Contact Katie Taylor at 379-3760 or katie@bakerwest.org.

Neighborhood Watch



We are currently looking for people to organize and/or host a Neighborhood Watch Meeting. If you are willing to do this, please contact Carol Carter at carol@bakerwest.org or 218-3343 and she will give you all the information you need to start a Neighborhood Watch in your immediate neighborhood.

Get your extension cords out...

it's time to decorate your house!

2nd annual BWNA Best Decorated House Contest

Submit the house address that you think has the best holiday decorations by **12/12/08** to 379-3760 or katie@bakerwest.org.

*Winner will be announced and presented with an award at the Holiday Game Party on December 13th.



Get reminders for events, take part in forum discussions, and get information to people quickly. Go to www.bakerwest.org to sign up.

Full Moon or Blimp? by Melissa Abe (Harmony Way)

"Oh wow kids, look at that beautiful full moon! Oh, no, it's not the moon it's..." you guessed it - the infamous Verizon Blimp, flying high over El Paseo Shopping Center and unfortunately our neighborhood. When the Verizon Blimp suddenly reappeared this fall my mind began focusing more than I care to admit on imagining dangerous methods of destroying the blimp. This is when I decided it was time to take (safe) action.

I first consulted the neighborhood El Paseo guru Pirouz Maghsoudnia. I may not be able to pronounce his name, but I knew he was a crusader for all things El Paseo. He kindly pointed out that I was not the only one with visions of crossbows - there were others. He also provided me with a detailed plan of attack complete with contacts at code enforcement and our district councilman's office.

Thanks to the kindness and cooperation of Kerry Smith at code enforcement and Verizon store manager Tony Van Zile, the blimp came down peacefully on a quiet Sunday evening in October. Interestingly enough, the blimp is rented by the store from Verizon and the store manager had to make an appointment with Verizon to have it removed. "By appointment" is not one of the thoughts I had earlier for blimp removal, but it was perfect enough.

Feel free to stop by and thank Tony at the Verizon store for his kind and fast cooperation. I believe he was unaware of the impact his blimp had on our neighborhood.

WANTED!

Northlawn Networker (street leader) Deliver flyers to 20+ houses once a month. Contact Michelle at 364-2177 or michelle@bakerwest.org.

Sign Maker (Best Decorated House Contest) Make lawn sign for the person with the largest electricity bill. Contact Katie at 379-3760 or Katie@bakerwest.org.

FOOD and TOY DRIVE

Donate food and/or new toys for the less fortunate.

Below are critical food needs:

- Meals in a can (stew, chili, soup, etc)
- Tuna/canned meat
- Peanut butter
- Low sugar cereals
- Single serving 100% fruit juice boxes
- Low salt canned vegetables

You can drop food and toys off at the following locations by Dec. 15th:

- General Meeting 12/4
- Holiday Party 12/13
- 2058 Colusa Way
- 5287 Elmwood Dr.
- 1914 Mayfield Ave.
- All Ears Audiobooks



Lawn Signs

Help us communicate an upcoming event, market our neighborhood association, and visibly show neighborhood unity. If you want to proudly display this sign before each event, contact Kurt Schumacher at 482-0687 or kurt@bakerwest.org.



* A \$10 donation is recommended to cover some of the expenses*

Where's the Sidewalk...continued

by Michelle Mapes

In the September issue of BWNA newsletter we updated the neighbors about the status of installing a sidewalk along the dangerous stretch of Bucknall Road adjacent to Baker School. Since then, Tiffany Carney, reporter for the West San Jose Resident did an article on how ownership and funding are tying up the process. To read the October 24th article printed in the West San Jose Resident (part of the Silicon Valley Community Newspapers) please go to www.bakerwest.org and click on "Bucknall Sidewalk" to read all about it!

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Helping you secure your legacy for the ones you love...

Thanks to Gregory and Sylvia for sponsoring our last general meeting. They will be providing an informational seminar next year. More details to follow.