

ROSEMARY GARDENS

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Acts of Kindness

By Paula Harbor

Over the years, Acts of Kindness have not been unusual in Rosemary Gardens. We've had food drives, warmth drives, Christmas trees donated to deserving families and yard maintenance provided for folks who were unable to keep up.

COVID-19 Shelter-in-Place and related restrictions took RG Acts of Kindness to a whole new level. It's been amazing!



Early on, in an effort to cheer up families who were out for walks, front windows were festooned with both flower art and teddy bears. As time went on, decorations spread to



sidewalks and driveways with stunning displays of chalk art. There was even a day dedicated to

appreciation of Roger, our mail carrier, with signs, goodies and more chalk art.

What started out as a few food items dropped off at Rosemary Gardens' My Little Library turned into a full-fledged pantry box, with residents dropping off excess food and

others finding much needed staples, an occasional treat or much needed rolls of toilet tissue.



Does anybody have ... does anybody need ... were common refrains as the Rosemary Gardens NextDoor group came alive with excited, generous posts and the Help Map reflected individuals offering assistance to neighbors. "Hey everybody, I was just at Target and they have a new shipment of toilet paper and hand sanitizer!" As trees bore fruit and Covid Victory Gardens matured, there were offers of free fruit and vegetables. A "Blessing Box" containing free masks was installed by a kind family on San Juan Avenue.

Support for social justice, kindness and safety were expressed on signs thoughtfully placed in front yards and on park strips. One sign was so popular that a resident had to place multiple orders for them so everyone who wanted one was able to have one.



Signs in support of the City of San Jose's "Twenty is Plenty" campaign (visionzerosj.org) reminding drivers to SLOW DOWN were made available,

eagerly snapped up and also needed to be reordered. Driving at or under the speed limit is, in itself, an Act of Kindness to your neighbors.

One chalk art drawing beautifully summed up the many Acts of Kindness with the motto "We're All In This Together". Indeed, we are ... and will continue to be.

Board Members needed to serve

If you've been reading the RGNA newsletter for years you know that every year we hold elections for board members at the General Meeting. Next year we have a few key officer positions open and it would be great if you'd join us. All you need to do is be an RGNA member, be willing to dedicate your time at least once a month for meetings, and serve on committees to deliver neighborhood events. Email us your interest today and start the process.

National Night Out Lite



This year National Night Out will be held Tuesday October 6, Time: 5 - 7 pm. Location: 232 Ferrari Avenue. Food: 2 choices of pre-packaged ice cream. Come on out and pickup your ice cream and say hi to your neighbors from a safe distance. All COVID-19 safety precautions will be in effect.

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Do you have an item for our newsletter? Send us your ideas, comments, or suggestions to: contact@rosemarygardens.org

Upcoming RGNA Events

*All events adhere to SIP order published by Santa Clara County Public Health

Membership drive - September

National Night Out* - October 6, 5 - 7pm

RGNA Fall Yard Sale : cancelled

Dumpster Day : canceled

General membership meeting : February

We'll also have a contactless membership drop box for completed RGNA membership forms.

President's Message

This is our membership drive month and we need you to join. For \$20 a year you get a board of volunteers that works on events for you and your family.

When my wife and I moved into the neighborhood over 10 years ago we joined as soon as we read the newsletter. We wanted to support our Rosemary Garden volunteers and be immersed in the events of our neighborhood. Soon after, we volunteered at events and we met some wonderful board members along the way.



Gil Zamora, RGNA President

I hope you get inspired to join RGNA today—it's easy. Either complete the Membership form we left on your doorstep, or go online and complete it there. With your support, we can ensure that more families will join and make Rosemary Gardens the nicest place to live in San Jose.

