

ROSEMARY GARDENS

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National Night Out 2018



This year's Rosemary Gardens National Night Out, organized by your RGNA, was an event to remember! The atmosphere, high attendance and fun activities couldn't be beat; even the weather cooperated with a sunny, cool evening.



The new location at Rosemary Gardens Park drew almost 200 residents and a good number of leashed dogs, too! Representatives from local law enforcement agencies, as well as Council Member Peralez and his staff, also came to join the fun...and what fun it was! There was face painting, water



balloons, Bocce ball, corn hole, chalk art and just plain old fashioned schmoozing with neighbors. All this while listening to music and enjoying a cold ice cream.



We are very grateful for Holiday Inn's (North First Street location) support this year. Not only did they provide financial support, but generously brought tables and chairs for our use and volunteered for set-up and clean-up. They also donated a \$100 Amazon gift card raffle prize, which was won by RG resident, Thomas Horan.

We have bigger and better plans for 2019, so mark your calendars for the first Tuesday in August!

Little Free Library

Rosemary Gardens' own Little Free Library, located at 1255 Forrestal, officially opened for business on September 15. The library is one of more than 75,000 registered Little Free Library book-sharing boxes worldwide. Reading materials for a variety of ages and interests can be found inside the homemade structure. Book donations are appreciated and can be dropped off in the bin below the library. Stop by and grab a book or two!



RGNA Membership Drive

As you browse this newsletter, you'll see a number of activities such as National Night Out, My Little Library, Dumpster Day, and Christmas Tree Lane that are brought to you by Rosemary Gardens Neighborhood Association. RGNA has plans for additional neighborhood activities in 2019, such as an outdoor movie night, and with enough support, a July 4th parade.

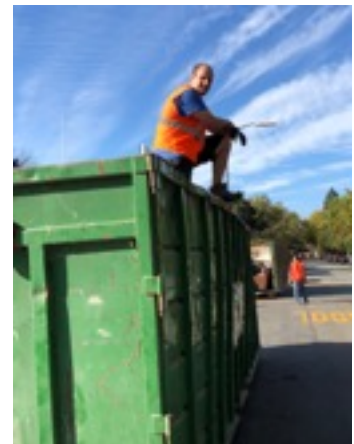
Events come at a cost, whether it be rental and permit fees, insurance, food or supplies. For example, our recent Dumpster Day carried an expense of \$105 for tow-away permits, signs, flyers and supplies, which was paid for by RGNA. Each of these events are open to all Rosemary Gardens residents, even if you are not an RGNA member. If you've enjoyed any of these activities, please consider supporting RGNA with your annual membership fee. It's only \$20. The

membership year runs from August 2018 to July 2019 and you can now membership form on our website (www.rosemarygardens.org) and inside this newsletter.



Dumpster Day 2018

Rosemary Gardens Dumpster Day on September 29 drew a long line of residents eager to rid their yards and garages of unwanted, unusable stuff. Goodwill also had an on-site truck that collected reusable items and e-waste.



Although the City provided the four dumpsters, all of the behind the scene details (permits, posting of no-parking signs, publicity, etc.) was paid for and arranged by RGNA.

A shout out to RGNA board members who helped unload vehicles and direct traffic, and special thanks to other residents who stepped up and responded to the request for volunteers!

Technology Drive Development

Members of your RGNA Board of Directors recently had the opportunity to meet with Hudson Pacific Properties (HPP) regarding the development of 1601 Technology Drive, the vacant lot between Rosemary Gardens Park and Kaiser Skyport. As some Rosemary Garden residents have noted, plans were recently submitted to the City of San Jose for a large office building and parking garage.

Right now, we know that:

- the office building will be 350,000 square feet with a height of 9 stories (150 feet tall). The site provides 1,050 parking spaces in a separate, 5-story parking garage
- there will be no access to the property on Sonora Avenue except for a locked emergency gate at the end of the street (past the park) to be used in the event of a fire
- a fence with additional landscaping will be placed between the park and the property
- the property will most likely house just one tenant

- HPP provides ride share shuttles as well as a bike share services on their sites, helping to alleviate traffic
- construction will not commence until a tenant is secured
- estimated construction time is 24 months
- during construction, there will be on-site security and a 24-hour hotline for neighborhood concerns
- HPP has expressed interest in providing possible upgrades to Rosemary Gardens Park; RG and The Sonora residents will be given a forum for input and ideas (can somebody say dog park?)

On another note, one board member contacted HPP earlier this summer to request that the planting strip just past RG park extending to the end of Sonora be cleaned up. HPP promptly responded to this request, and as you may have noticed, the area was weeded and mulched and is no longer an eyesore. This experience and the recent outreach makes us hopeful that HPP will continue to strive to be a good neighbor.



Rendering of new commercial development at 1601 Technology Drive. Fence and landscaping at right indicates border at Rosemary Gardens Park. Additional images can be found on our website: www.rosemarygardens.org



Council Member Perez, friends from neighboring Holiday Inn, and Rosemary Gardens residents at National Night Out.

Upcoming Events

Community Day

November 3, 2018, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
San Jose Museum of Art
FREE! Celebrate El Día de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) with a full day of live entertainment, cultural demonstrations, and an eclectic mix of art-making experiences. www.sjmusart.org

Election Day

November 6
Early voting October 27-November 5
www.sccgov.org/sites

Silicon Valley Turkey Trot

November 22, 8:30 a.m.
www.svturkeytrot.com

Elf the Musical

November 9-18
Montgomery Theatre, San Jose
This modern-day classic is sure to help audiences embrace their inner elves. (\$15-20)
www.sanjosetheaters.org

Rosemary Gardens Holiday Food Drive

November 17-25

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