

# ROSEMARY GARDENS

## NEIGHBORLY

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER [www.rosemarygardens.org](http://www.rosemarygardens.org)

### Ice cream and “social” are back together at National Night Out

by Amanda Horan

The annual National Night Out Ice Cream Social was held on Tuesday, August 3rd at Rosemary Gardens Park drawing 180 people from 70 households.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign promoting police-community partnerships.

As always, tasty treats were served: Ice cream sandwiches, popsicles, pretzels and lemonade. After last year's grab-and-go version of the event, neighbors seemed keen to return to the park and join the festivities. The newest activity was the Walking Challenge which encouraged participants to take laps around the park for a prize. Neighbors also enjoyed traditional games like horseshoes and cornhole. Kids and adults alike played with balls, hula hoops, bubbles and sidewalk chalk.

Whether playing games or resting on a blanket in the grass, neighbors could be seen simply appreciating the company of each other and our San Jose Police officers. Representatives from the offices of Councilmember Raul Perez and Supervisor Otto Lee also joined in the fun.

The Rosemary Gardens Neighborhood Association board members planned the event and specially thank the

neighborhood volunteers that truly made the event a success.

See more great pictures of the event at [rosemarygardens.org/nno](http://rosemarygardens.org/nno)



## Join Us!

Have you ever wanted to be part of a great team that manages to have fun and get things done all at the same time? That's exactly what the Rosemary Gardens Neighborhood Association (RGNA) Board of Directors does!



We are an all-volunteer board that plans lots of fun neighborhood events. But wait—that's not all! We also work to establish relationships with our local government and advocate for the well-being of our neighborhood.

How can you help? Simple ... by joining the RGNA Board of Directors. We meet every couple of months to exchange ideas, plan upcoming events and problem solve. On average, the time commitment is just a few hours per month.

Currently we have openings for President and Vice President as well as Directors. We're a friendly group and will guide you along should you care to join us.

### Existing Board Members

- Treasurer: Paula Harbor
- Secretary: Melinda Hoppe
- Directors: Pam Alford, Amanda Horan, Monica Thomas, Reid Burke

If you would like more information or are interested in joining the Board of Directors, please send an email to [contact@rosemarygardens.org](mailto:contact@rosemarygardens.org). We look forward to hearing from you!

## Dumpster Day

It's back! Dumpster Day begins at 8am on October 9 and ends when the bins are full. You'll receive a flyer on your porch that lists eligible items and the location to wait in line. **You MUST bring the flyer to participate.**

**IMPORTANT:** To maintain social distance, you will be responsible for unloading your vehicle, so please wear gloves, long pants and closed-toed shoes.



## Little and Free

by Paula Harbor

Little and Free in Rosemary Gardens ... not puppies or kittens, but a Little Free Art Gallery and a Little Free Library!



The newest addition to the “Little Frees” is the Little Free Art Gallery, located at 1375 Arnold Avenue.

Inspired by an article in the Washington Post about a Seattle artist who started a Free Little Art Gallery, resident Kat Parra decided to place one in her own front yard. It's a place where creativity can be



shared among residents who are welcome to take or leave mini pieces of any style of art.

The gallery has truly been a great success! Creations include mini art, handmade jewelry and various trinkets. Kat, an artist herself, said “I always get such a big smile on my face when I go out to the Free Little Art Gallery and discover new items.”

There is one simple request regarding the Free Little Art Gallery: please do not take the mini easels, furniture or people



from the gallery. A recent theft of these items was very disheartening.

The Little Free Library has been in place at 1255 Forrestal Avenue since the fall of 2018. A long-time Rosemary Gardens resident suggested the idea. Judi and Gil Zamora embraced the idea and ran with it, generously donating not only their time, treasure and talent, but space in their front yard for its location.

The main area of the Library contains books for adults, teens and children. The books can be borrowed or swapped for others you want to share.

The top portion of the Library has become a hub for Rosemary Gardens Neighborhood Association newsletters, membership forms and various sign-up

sheets. Sometimes you'll also find DVDs and magazines there.

Be sure to take time to check out these two charming additions to our fantastic neighborhood.

## Membership

National Night Out was also the kick-off event for our annual Rosemary Gardens Neighborhood Association (RGNA) membership year and drive.

For the more than 25 years that RGNA has been in existence, the Association has sponsored many events. It has also advocated neighborhood interests at various levels of city leadership. Another key element of RGNA is communication regarding developments and other local activities that impact our community.

## Upcoming RGNA Events

Visit [rosemarygardens.org](http://rosemarygardens.org) for the latest events

**Dumpster Day:** October 9

**Christmas Tree Lane Deadline:** October 28

**Holiday Celebration:** Planning for December

**Membership Meeting:** Planning for February 2022

RGNA is a voluntary organization made up of residents who are passionate about Rosemary Gardens. (See "Join Us!" on page 2.)

Your financial support of RGNA is an important part of its ability to continue serving Rosemary Gardens.

Annual membership is only \$20 per year, which runs from August 2021 - July 2022.

Many thanks to the residents who have already shown their support for the year - much appreciated!

Fill out and send us this form or register online at [rosemarygardens.org/membership](http://rosemarygardens.org/membership)

## Rosemary Gardens Neighborhood Association

### 2021/2022 Membership Form (Aug 2021 - July 2022)

#### Your generous donation supports neighborhood events

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership dues \$ 20  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Additional donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to volunteer for RGNA events: Yes / No

I would like to join the RGNA Board: Yes / No

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