

ROSEMARY GARDENS

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July 17: Neighborhood Yard Sale

by Pam Alford and Melinda Hoppe

We are happy to welcome back the neighborhood yard sale on July 17 8am-4pm after a long break!

It is time to clean out your garage and find new treasures.

The Rosemary Gardens Neighborhood Association will take care of advertising with local media and signs.

There is no cost to participate, and no sign-up required. All you need to do is show up-- to sell or shop!

This will be our only sponsored yard sale this year.

August 3: National Night Out

by Paula Harbor

All Rosemary Gardens residents are invited to our annual National Night Out Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, August 3 from 6-8pm at Rosemary Gardens Park.

National Night out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer.

This will be an exciting evening that includes fun and safe activities for the young and not-so-young!

Bring a chair or blanket, bring your family, meet your neighbors and enjoy an evening at the park.

Report Illegal Fireworks

by Gil Zamora

I was asked to represent District 3 in an all district group that has focused on the issue of illegal fireworks for years. Recently, the illegal fireworks program has received some resources to help in enforcement and reporting.

I attended a special meeting with Rachel Roberts, Deputy Director of Code Enforcement, Captain Jason Ta, San Jose Police, San Jose Fire Captain and PIO, where they were kind enough to answer some questions we had about the recent changes in the ordinance and how we might inform our neighbors to report the use of illegal fireworks.

Regardless of the time of year, if you see or hear illegal fireworks being exploded near you, report it online. Visit sanjoseca.gov/fireworks to access San Jose's Illegal Fireworks Report form. Code Enforcement will analyze the data, together with San Jose Fire Department, and focus on hotspots to enhance covert enforcement efforts. San Jose Police is currently conducting covert operations targeting the sales of illegal fireworks in San Jose. San Jose Fire and Police expect to launch their own public service announcements highlighting their increased efforts to combat the use of illegal fireworks.

San Jose residents are encouraged to report the use of illegal fireworks in their neighborhoods. We believe that the increased covert operations, increased penalties, and the social host ordinance, will bring about significant changes in the coming years.

Shelter Housing & Rosemary Gardens

by Gil Zamora

The RGNA board hosted a special board meeting with the Abode Services staff. They are the property manager for the 76-unit SureStay Hotel at 1488 North First Street.

They explained that their units offer supportive housing to members of the community that need assistance. They receive referrals for their shelter housing from Santa Clara County and City of San José. According to Abode there is no disqualification for referrals, and no eviction process for tenants because these units are considered shelters. The units provide housing for single individuals (no children on site).

They assured us that there is on-site security, and a property manager on site to coordinate services and work with neighbors. We asked about the unit next to this hotel (Airport Hotel, appears to be closed and fenced in) and they did not have any information about this property.

We asked about crime concerns at this property and they said they had not experienced any and would refer us to local law enforcement for crime prevention concerns.

Marguis and Danielle will be the managers on-site and they welcomed our overtures to help and assist in any way possible. Due to COVID restrictions, at this time, they do not expect to have outside visitors on the premises. RGNA will send an email to Danielle and ask her to keep us in mind for volunteer opportunities in the future.

President’s Message

by Gil Zamora

As we begin to welcome back our social circles, your RGNA board is doing its best to create activities that keep you and your family engaged.



Gil Zamora,
RGNA President

From our Chalk Art Week (June 21 - 27), Fourth of July Ice Cream for Kids giveaway, Yard Sale (July 17), and National Night Out (August 3). We hope you’ll find the time to come out and introduce yourself again to neighbors, friends, and some board members.

If you’ll indulge me once again, I’m going to ask you to consider serving on the RGNA board. Currently we have officer positions that need filling. We meet at least every other month, committees may meet more often, and all members are expected to serve on or chair a committee. We currently meet online and we usually host a general meeting with all neighbor members to present important news and conduct elections for board members. If you are interested in serving and meeting with people that want to make Rosemary Gardens a better place, I encourage you to join us: send an email to president@rosemarygardens.org.

Please take a moment to visit our website at rosemarygardens.org and take a look at the newly revamped website (thanks to our board member Reid for tackling this complicated task). Not only am I asking you to visit our site and catch up on our recent newsletters and peruse the activity photos, but I’d also like you to complete the contact form so we can add

your email to our new RGNA list of members—we’ll be adding to the list of members who’ve signed up over the last couple of years. We’re hoping to send you the latest newsletter and other news we feel is important for you to consider—It’ll also help us reduce our costs for printing. So, let us know you’re out there, add your email to our list and—if you feel inspired—join us on the board!

Upcoming RGNA Events

Visit rosemarygardens.org for the latest events

Ice Cream Truck: July 4, 1-2pm, free for kids

RGNA Yard Sale: July 17, 8am to 4pm

National Night Out: August 3, 6pm to 8pm

Dumpster Day: Planning for October

Christmas Tree Lane: Planning for November

Holiday Celebration: Planning for December

General Membership Meeting: Postponed

Chalk Art Week

Thanks for decorating your sidewalks with art!

More chalk art photos visit our website at rosemarygardens.org



Chalk Art Week

by Amanda Moore

The second annual Chalk Art Week was held June 21-27. More than twice as many participants signed up for the drawing and three lucky winners received a prize.

The whole neighborhood was a winner with the amazing art showcase we had to enjoy. Thanks to our neighbors of all ages that joined in the fun and shared their talents.



Thank you for making this year's event a huge success!