Winter 2022



Holidays in Rosemary Gardens

by Alexandrea Freitas and Pamela Alford

Our 2021 Holiday Celebration and Drawing is becoming a true event of the season. We had so many lovely and lively decorations in the neighborhood and such wonderful comments on the neighborly events we continue to have annually. The sky above Rosemary Gardens shines bright!

We are excited to announce the

winners of the 2021 Holiday Celebration and Drawing! Congratulations to the Murthy family on Forrestal Avenue and the Candelaria family on Santa Paula Avenue.

We had an increase in the number of drawing submissions this year, both via our website at rosemarygardens.org and by paper at The Little Library. Thank you to everyone who registered for this holiday event.

Our Christmas Tree Lane event also saw a rise in the number of trees ordered, with many more trees ordered than previous years.

We are excited to see the number of neighbors participating in our fun holiday events rising and we hope to see those numbers increase more in coming years.



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Rosemary Gardens is the perfect neighborhood to hold such events, and we believe it is part of the reason why our neighbors love living here.

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Annual RGNA Meeting

Due to COVID-19 concerns, our annual Rosemary Gardens Neighborhood Association meeting that normally takes place each February has been postponed. We look forward to being able to meet safely in person and will keep you updated on a rescheduled date.

If you have concerns or are interested in joining the RGNA Board of Directors, email **contact@rosemarygardens.org**.

Wishful Recycling

by Paula Harbor

What is wishful recycling? It's when you toss something into your blue and grey recycling cart with the hope that it is recyclable, but you're not really sure. Wishful recycling can contaminate an entire load of recyclables or clog machinery which was factored into the rate increase that took place last July.

Some examples of Wishful Recycling:

• Red plastic beer cups (#6 plastic). #6 plastics are made of a material that is very difficult to break down. #6 also

Upcoming RGNA Events Visit rosemarygardens.org for the latest events

Spring Cheer: April 9 Spring Yard Sale: May 21 Chalk Art Week: Planning for June

includes polystyrene to-go containers, coffee cups and packing peanuts.

• Thermal paper receipts. They contain the chemical BPA that can't be removed during the recycling process. Consider declining a receipt or have it emailed to you.

• Paper towels, napkins, tissue paper. Their fibers are too short to be made into new paper. Also, they typically are soiled with food or grease.

• Compostable or biodegradable plates, cups, utensils with BPI logo. These have to be processed at an industrial facility. They will not biodegrade in your home compost pile either.

The City of San Jose has an excellent website with loads of info about recycling at **sanjoserecycles.org**. When in doubt, check it out! Have your youngsters be in charge of figuring out why something is or is not recyclable. They are our future.

Community in RG

by Reid Burke

I have been a resident of RGNA since 2018. Our wonderful next door neighbor brought me and my wife fresh bread this weekend. We love our community!

We are interested in hearing from our neighbors about what makes this neighborhood special for you! Email us at **reid@burkemail.org**. We'd love to share your stories in a future newsletter.