

# ROSEMARY GARDENS

## Neighborly Newsletter

Spring 2023

### Upcoming Events

Neighborhood Yard Sale, May 20

Chalk Art Week, June 18-24

Dumpster Day, June 24

Movie Night at the Park, late Summer

National Night Out, August 1

Neighborhood Yard Sale, October

**NEIGHBORHOOD  
YARD SALE  
SATURDAY, MAY 20  
8am - 4pm**

### Chalk Art Week Coming this June



Chalk Art Week returns this June. We look forward to your doodles and masterpieces on sidewalks and driveways.

## Spring Cheer



Rosemary Gardens' Spring Cheer event was a delightful success. Over 30 groups and families came through with kids, dogs, fun mobile vehicles and loads of laughter.



Adults and children both enjoyed snacks, an art station, corn hole, ball toss and even learned to create life at the seed planting station. The sun made an appearance as our neighborhood enjoyed our lovely Rosemary Gardens Park while getting to know one another through games, activities, and snacks.

## Neighborhood Annual Meeting

We had a great annual meeting in March with lots of neighbors attending and engaging speakers.

Free chalk and prizes will be available.

Visit [rosemarygardens.org](http://rosemarygardens.org) for Chalk Art Week event details.

## **2023-2024 Rosemary Gardens Neighborhood Association Board of Directors**

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At Rosemary Gardens' Neighborhood Annual meeting both new and incumbent residents were voted onto the 2023-24 RGNA Board of Directors. Please give a nod of thanks to this all-volunteer board.

Corry Addison - President

Kenny DiRubio - Vice President

Samantha Glincher - Secretary

Paula Harbor - Treasurer

Jen Beehler - Director

Reid Burke - Director

Alee Freitas - Director

Melinda Hoppe -Director

Victoria Varvel - Director

Please email [contact@rosemarygardens.org](mailto:contact@rosemarygardens.org) for information on joining the board.

Emily Lansing from SJ Mayor Mahan's office came and highlighted some of the mayor's priorities, addressing homelessness and blight in the city. The mayor is supporting neighborhood clean-up activities through the "Inauger-action" initiatives, coordinating volunteers.

Lieutenant Leo Prescott, an officer for our neighborhood, addressed crime and safety in our neighborhood and surrounding area. Much of the crime reported is on First Street. The crime rate in the neighborhood continues to be fairly low. Foot patrols have started in Downtown SJ, as well as bike patrols on the Guadalupe Trail.

He shared a couple resources with the audience. You can register your security cameras at [SJPD.org](http://SJPD.org) to help SJPD fight crime in our area—search "camera". There's also a way to upload video footage if you spot a crime on camera. In addition, to actively monitor crime statistics in the city, you can view at [crimemapping.com](http://crimemapping.com).

Police recruitment is an ongoing issue, SJ is still losing more officers than they are recruiting. The police academies this year have 18-20 recruits. They also opened a storefront recruiting site at Oakridge Mall.

Nicholas Ochoa from Councilperson Dev Davis' office came and spoke to some of the development happening nearby. On First street, the repurposed SureStay hotel, currently used as transitional housing for unhoused elderly and couples, will be renovated. There is a longer term plan to acquire the Denny's/ EZ8 and nearby properties for affordable housing.

We had 2 more speakers, from Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and also Beautify SJ, part of SJ Parks and Recreation. Julian and Luz from Beautify SJ encouraged neighbors to use the SanJose311 app to report graffiti, abandoned trash and pot holes. They will also help coordinate a neighborhood clean-up event, providing a litter kit or graffiti removal training to volunteers. Students can receive community service hours for participating.

Finally, board president Corry Addison presented upcoming events, including a dumpster day in June and a late summer movie night in the park with help from District 6 council office.