

# ROSEMARY GARDENS

Neighborhoodly Newsletter

Spring 2024



## Civic Engagement, Neighborhood Board Elections Highlight Rosemary Gardens Annual Meeting

Another great Rosemary Gardens annual meeting is in the books, this one taking place on the last day of February in this leap year. There were engaged neighbors, local police, a representative from the Mayor's office and a liaison from the Crime Prevention Unit of the SJPd.

Myrna Srouja from SJ Mayor Mahan's office came and discussed the results from the Together SJ survey that was conducted with Rosemary Gardens residents. Over 60 neighbors responded identifying homelessness and public safety as their top concerns. We also uncovered that 72% of the respondents had participated in an organized neighborhood event! Almost 50% stated they have had a conversation with their neighbors, while more than half knew the first names of their neighbors. The mayor's office showcased some of the many benefits of using the app 311. Options include free large item trash removal, up to 12 items each week, and to report abandoned cars, blight or crimes.

Marissa Garcia, Liaison from the SJPd crime prevention unit was in attendance to provide best practices for neighborhood safety. *(cont. next page)*

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Lieutenant Tom Muller and RJ Singh, patrol officers for our neighborhood, addressed crime and safety in and around Rosemary Gardens. The crime rate in the neighborhood continues to be fairly low, much of the crime reported is on First Street. The representatives expressed how valuable it is to register your outward facing cameras, for the pursuit of criminality. The city would never have access to your cameras, you would just be alerted when your location could provide evidence of a crime. A link would be sent to upload any relevant footage during the time relayed. Go to [SJPD.org](http://SJPD.org) for more information. For even more information on crime stats, go to [www.crimemapping.com](http://www.crimemapping.com)

RGNA Board Member Victoria Varvel presented information on water conservation, water quality and opportunities to receive free plants and trees from Our City Forest.

The final order of business for the evening was the vote for Rosemary Gardens Neighborhood Association Officers and Board Members. The results were decided unanimously:  
Corry Addison - President  
Kenny DiRubio - Vice President  
Paula Harbor - Treasurer  
Jen Beehler - Secretary  
Communications - Reid Burke  
Board Members - Melinda Hoppe, Victoria Varvel

We hope to see you at the next annual meeting in early 2025!

### Upcoming RGNA Events:

- April 27 - Spring Cheer
- May 11 - Spring Yard Sale
- June 22 - Dumpster Day
- June - Chalk Art Week
- August 6 - National Night Out
- October - Fall Yard Sale
- December - Holiday Walk



*Pictured: Freshly repaved streets in Rosemary Gardens, ready for striping*

### **Your Tax Dollars at Work**

In November 2023, Rosemary Gardens benefited from the City of San Jose’s expanded Pavement Maintenance Program. Pre-work included tree pruning, spray paint marking of cracked pavement and temporary asphalt replacement of utility covers. Then came parking restrictions, detours, dust and noise while the repaving work was being completed. Repainting of crosswalks, lane markers and lines at stop signs were the finishing touch. The final result was worth all the hassle! The streets in our lovely neighborhood are now smooth as silk, and should remain this way for years to come. No more potholes, loose utility covers or faded paint.

Hooray!

## **It's time to get ready for the next Rosemary Gardens Spring Yard Sale**

Did you notice that many of the same people return year after year to our neighborhood yard sale? Yard sale enthusiasts look for our ads, and love coming for the variety of items they can find in a small area. Not planning to sell this year? It's a great opportunity to make time to walk the neighborhood, meet your neighbors, buy snacks like lemonade or tamales, even plants! Discover your next treasure during the Rosemary Gardens Spring Yard Sale!

***Save the date: Saturday, May 11th***

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## **Did you know about these great resources?**

### **OurCityForest.org**

- ✓ Get a free plant from our local nursery at 1000 Spring Street just by showing an ID with a Rosemary Gardens address.

### **SJwater.com**

- ✓ Read the city's Annual Water Quality Report
- ✓ Learn about our water quality, including fluoride levels and what type of household filter is best for our drinking water
- ✓ Quickly and easily report leaks
- ✓ Learn about Earthquake Emergency Preparedness and how much water you should keep on hand in case of disaster

### **ValleyWater.org**

Learn about valuable money-saving rebates available to our community, including:

- ✓ Landscape Conversion
- ✓ Lawn to Mulch
- ✓ In-line Drip Irrigation Conversion
- ✓ Greywater Laundry to Landscape
- ✓ Rainwater Capture
- ✓ Sidewalk Tree Planting
- ✓ Lawn Busters Program

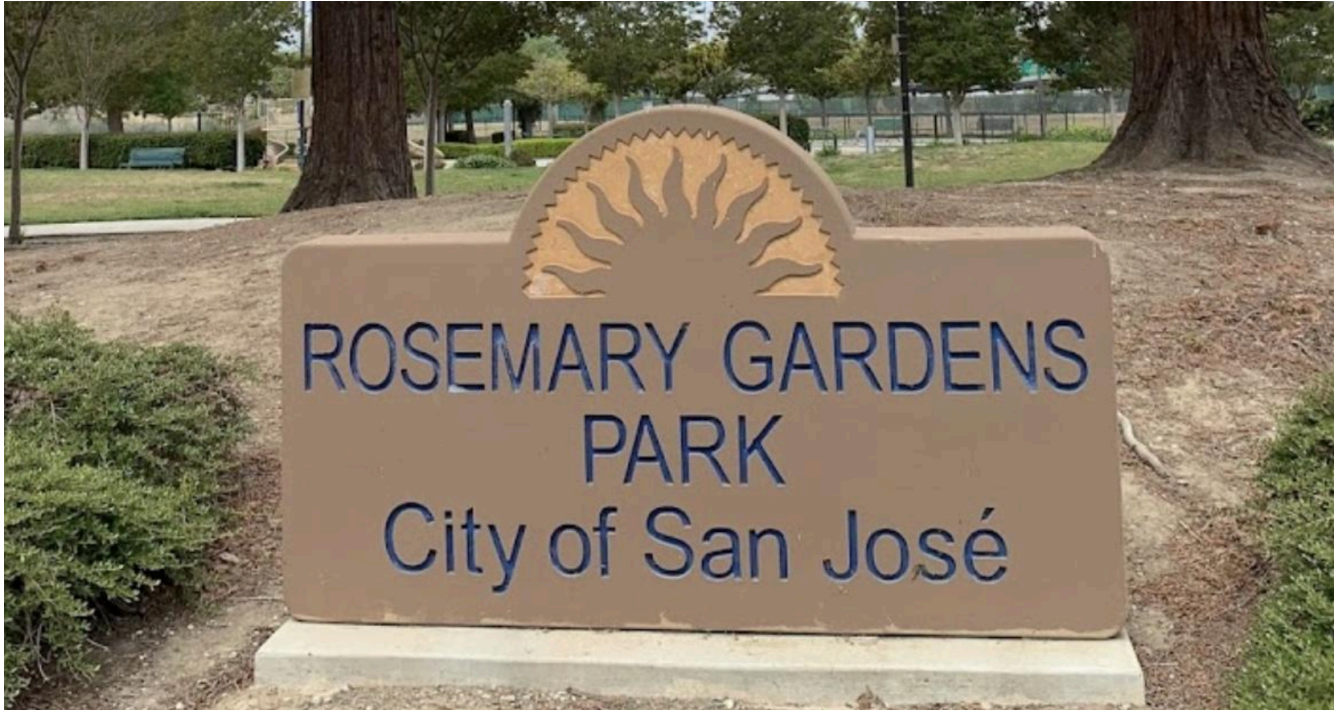
(408) 265-2600 —> Call this number to get a Zoom link emailed to you to attend one of the regular information sessions and learn which rebates might work for you.

Virtual Information Sessions are an hour long held every month on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 5pm as well as the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at noon.



## Spring Cheer Returns to Rosemary Gardens!

Celebrate the return of warmer days with us at Rosemary Gardens Park by taking part in this year's annual Spring Cheer event! Enjoy complementary lawn games, arts & crafts, a bubble machine, flower planting station, and snacks courtesy of your all-volunteer Rosemary Gardens Neighborhood Association. Perhaps even a surprise visit from our local fire engine! We can't wait to see you there from 11am to 2pm on Saturday, April 27th!



### Rosemary Gardens Neighborhood Association

2023/2024 Membership Form (Aug 2023 - July 2024)

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

<b>US Mail</b> (Checks payable to RGNA) RGNA #168 2050 Gateway Place Suite 100 San Jose, CA 95110
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<b>Drop off</b> (Checks payable to RGNA) 232 Ferrari Avenue (mailbox in garage door)
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