

# ROSEMARY GARDENS



## Neighbors Join Together to Celebrate at Annual Holiday Walk

Last December, Rosemary Gardens residents gathered for our third annual holiday walk starting at Rosemary Gardens Park and winding its way through the neighborhood. The atmosphere was festive, with steaming cups of hot cocoa, delicious churros, and cheerful music. Dogs and their owners donned holiday sweaters, and laughter filled the air as neighbors mingled and embraced the holiday spirit.

Once warmed up, we embarked on a neighborhood tour, marveling at the beautifully decorated homes and yards. Children excitedly pointed out their favorite decorations while both kids and adults made new friends and reunited with old ones along the way.

Our adventure was filled with wonder as we encountered towering igloos, homes aglow with twinkling lights, elegantly adorned trees, and enchanting arches that sparkled beneath our feet.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who joined us and contributed to the holiday cheer. Those who couldn't join but decorated their homes for us to admire were equally appreciated. We eagerly anticipate bringing back the hot cocoa, churros, and joy to even more of the neighborhood next holiday season. Until then, let's continue to nurture the community spirit!

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## Responsible Pet Ownership is a Paws-atively Great Idea!

Dog owners and guardians, do you follow City of San Jose Ordinances and practice good dog etiquette and when out with your dog?

To paraphrase a few City of San Jose Ordinances, they require that you:

- ✓ Immediately clean up after your dog “does its business”.
- ✓ Do not allow your dog to potty on private property other than your own.
- ✓ Do not allow your dog to disturb the peace with chronic barking, howling or crying.
- ✓ Keep your dog under restraint by using a leash no longer than 6 feet – this includes all City of San Jose public parks.
- ✓ All dogs must wear proof of license (SJ Code 13.44.020)

Please note that Bachrodt School does not allow dogs, leashed or unleashed, on its property. This also applies to the small playground at the south-west corner of the school. This is a city-owned park, but is maintained by the school.

Good etiquette goes beyond ordinances. It's about common courtesy like asking before you let your dog approach another person's pet. Always ask: “Is it ok if we say hello?” or “Is your dog friendly with others?”

Be respectful of personal space and keep in mind that not everyone is comfortable around dogs or other pets. Be mindful of children playing in the area, folks socializing or people eating lunch at picnic tables.

Following the law + good dog etiquette = a safer, friendlier Rosemary Gardens neighborhood!

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Visit [311.sanjoseca.gov](http://311.sanjoseca.gov)!



**Connecting with City Services is Easier Than Ever!**

San Jose's 311 service is the hub for reporting non-emergency issues and accessing many city services. Offered via phone, the San Jose 311 website, or a mobile app, it streamlines requests such as abandoned vehicles, graffiti, illegal dumping, potholes, streetlight outages, sewer & water concerns and more!

San Jose 311 also lets residents manage garbage and recycling services: reporting missed collections, scheduling free junk pickup, or resolving container issues, such as damaged recycling bins.

## Protect Your Home: California's Soft-Story Earthquake Retrofit Grant Program (ESS)

If you've ever looked at a house in our neighborhood and noticed living space built above a garage, you've seen a common design that can be more vulnerable in a big earthquake. Engineers often call this a "soft-story" home because that open garage level has fewer walls to resist side-to-side shaking.

The good news: California has a program that can help homeowners strengthen these houses. It's called the Earthquake Soft-Story (ESS) Retrofit program, run through the California Residential Mitigation Program (CRMP), and it can provide grants of up to \$13,000 to help pay for a code-compliant seismic retrofit.

### What does a "soft-story retrofit" actually do?

In plain terms, the retrofit focuses on reinforcing the garage level so the home is better able to handle strong shaking. The goal is to reduce the risk of serious structural damage—especially the kind that can make a home unsafe to live in after an earthquake.

### Who can apply?

Eligibility is usually based on your home's ZIP code and basic home type, and the quickest way to find out is by using CRMP's "Check Eligibility by ZIP Code" tool. Even if you checked before and didn't qualify, it's worth checking again—ZIP codes can be added over time.

Also, when more people apply than there is funding, participants may be selected by random drawing (so registering early and correctly really matters).

### How much does the grant cover?

CRMP notes that the program can fund up to 75% of retrofit costs, up to \$13,000 (details and requirements are in the program rules)

Visit [crmp.org](http://crmp.org) to learn more!

**Don't Miss It!**  
 Join us on **March 18th** for the annual  
**Rosemary Gardens neighborhood meeting!**  
 Connect with neighbors!      Vote on association board members  
 Renew your association membership      Enjoy some pizza!  
 Have your voice heard on local policy matters from the city & county  
**Bachrodt Elementary School Library**  
**Doors at 6:30, Meeting at 7:00PM**

## See something? Say something with the new P3 Mobile App

*Help keep our Rosemary Gardens park & playgrounds safe!*

Recent police reports have shown a disturbing pattern of illegal activity taking place in our beloved Rosemary Gardens park. Witnesses describe unsavory activities in the park recently, including hard drug use and even prostitution.

San José Police Department has encouraged residents to report any incidents they observe so they can better understand patterns and respond appropriately.

The P3 app is a free, anonymous way to submit tips and photos directly to the San José Police Department. Using this app has already helped make positive progress toward restoring the park as a safe space for our community.

Download the P3 app now and help make Rosemary Gardens a safer and better place!



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## JACOME HOME REPAIR SERVICES

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## Upcoming Rosemary Gardens Events

**March 18**      **Annual Neighborhood Meeting**

Connect with local leaders, hear from SJPD, Councilman Mulcahy's Office, Supervisor Duong's office, and more!

**April 25**      **Spring Cheer!**

Join RGNA for a day of fun activities as we welcome Spring for the young and the young at heart!

**May 16**      **Neighborhood Yard Sale**

It's a Rosemary Gardens tradition! Come treasure-hunt, bargain, and meet your neighbors!



## Rosemary Gardens Neighborhood Association

**2025/2026 Membership Form** (Aug 2025 - July 2026)



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

**US Mail** (Checks payable to RGNA)  
RGNA #168  
2050 Gateway Place Suite 100  
San Jose, CA 95110

**Drop off** (Checks payable to RGNA)  
232 Ferrari Avenue  
(mailbox in garage door)

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