



# Los Paseos Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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April 6 – Thursday  
ST Library: 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

June 17 – Saturday  
ST Library: 10:30 am-12:00 pm

August 10 – Thursday  
ST Library: 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

October 7 – Saturday  
ST Library: 10:30 am-12:00 pm

December 7 – Thursday  
ST Library: 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

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## State of the City Address

February 11, 2017

Michael Van Damme, Brian Gurney, Barbara Canup, Herb Bowen, Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, Jenn Holst, Karen Lattin, Patty Fishburn, Sandra Pauley, Greg Peck, and Frank Mata

## LPNA Awarded Community Honoree Award!

Our hard work has paid off. We are excited to announce that our new Councilman, Sergio Jimenez, chose **Los Paseos Neighborhood Association for the District 2 Community Honoree Award** presented to our Board and several members of LPNA at the State of the City address on February 11, 2016.

Here's what they said about LPNA: *"Los Paseos Neighborhood Association (LPNA) was organized in 2015 to promote the social welfare of the community. Since its inception LPNA has sponsored community events and informed and engaged constituents. LPNA has encouraged community involvement through outreach and proactively providing resources to address the neighborhood's needs. LPNA was a leader in the participatory budgeting process and contributed to its success. LPNA has demonstrated exemplary commitment and passion towards the well being of the neighborhood."*

The LPNA Board of Greg Peck, Barbara Canup, Karen Lattin (Alan Chan not present)

## LPNA First Meeting of 2017

We had our **first meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>**. One of the first orders of business was to ratify Karen Lattin as Vice President of LPNA. We currently have an opening for a Secretary position. The Secretary takes notes and drafts minutes of the meetings

**LPNA has been awarded a San Jose CAP Grant** ("Community Action and Pride") in the amount of \$1,600. The grant money can only be used for the purposes in the grant application - primarily for National Night

were joined by LPNA members Jenn Holst, Brian Gurney, Herb Bowen, Michael Van Damme, Patty Fishburn, Sandra Pauley and Frank Mata for their active involvement in our community. Greg, Barbara, Alan, Karen, Jenn, Brian, Herb, Michael and Patty were all budget delegates in the Participatory Budget process. In addition, Patty (along with her husband, Gary), and Michael have been instrumental in growing the Los Paseos Neighborhood Watch program. Sandra was the original Secretary of LPNA when it was founded. Frank is behind the efforts to increase community spirit by organizing an annual Christmas tree event at the Los Paseos Community Pool Club House.

Thank you to these and all of our LPNA members for making our neighborhood association successful! While we are not involved in LPNA to get awards, it sure is nice to be recognized by the City!

Out 2017 and planned Block events around the neighborhood. All funds under the grant must be spent by August 31, 2017. Thank you, Barbara Canup, for your efforts in securing the grant for LPNA.

Then we were treated to a lively introduction to our **new District Police Captain Johnson Fong**. He is a bundle of energy and enthusiasm and we look forward to working with Captain Fong on keeping our neighborhood one of the safest in San Jose.



2016 National Night Out



NNO Lawn Games



NNO Flag Ceremony



Santa and Station 27 Firemen at Christmas Event



Santa reading to neighborhood kid at Christmas Event

## LPNA First Meeting of 2017 (continued)

Captain Fong said he didn't believe the crime report numbers for our area because they are so much lower than other areas.

Next, representatives of the **High Speed Rail Authority, Morgan Galli and James Tung, presented information on HSR** for our area, including the two remaining alignments that are being studied. The two alignments are both coming down Monterey Road; one next to the existing tracks at grade with grade separations, the other, a 60 – 80 foot viaduct down the middle of Monterey Road.

This is a very important issue for our neighborhood and will affect Los Paseos for decades to come. We encourage all of our Los Paseos neighbors to keep informed and active on this issue, even as HSR is going through some setbacks recently. We must remain diligent because decisions will still be made

## 2016 LPNA Events

### Park Clean-Up

In October, 2016, LPNA partnered with The Church of Latter Day Saints on Bernal Road to clean up Los Paseos Park. Fifty people participated in the cleanup. Thank you to Barbara Buchanan for helping to coordinate this event with LDS. In addition to general cleanup, new bark was spread throughout the playground.

### National Night Out, August 2016

We had a very successful National Night Out Event on August 2nd. It was really nice to see so many of our neighbors come together for an evening of mingling, fun, games, and food.

**Our attendance increased from 90 in 2015 to 200 in 2016.** We had a “closest-to-the-pin” kid's golf contest, a chalk art contest and a jumpy house for the kids. The jumpy house and ice cream were a big hit. LPNA thanks iJump, Dahl's Equipment, Golden State Ice Cream and Jump4Kids for providing the Jumpy House, food, and food service equipment to help make our event a success. Community tables were hosted by PremierOne Credit Union, Neighborhood Watch, various Participatory Budget committees, RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services) Group, Santa Teresa Library, District 2 City Council Staff, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. The Boy Scouts honored us with a Flag Ceremony. Firemen and Engine 27 from our local fire house #27 visited too. We are just starting to plan for an even better 3rd Annual National Night Out on August 1, 2017. **Let us know if you would like to volunteer** to help with this

despite funding issues. We could wake up in 10 years and it is too late for our input if we do not continue to participate in the process. Many of the decisions related to high speed rail were made 8 years ago during the initial scoping period.

### Meeting Schedule for Rest of Year

We are trying out a new meeting schedule for 2017, alternating meetings between Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings every other month. Our **next meeting will be held Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00 pm at Santa Teresa Library.** The meeting schedule is listed on the front page of the Newsletter.

**County Board Supervisor, Mike Wasserman, will be our featured presenter** at our April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

event by contacting Karen Lattin at [vp@lospaseosneighbors.com](mailto:vp@lospaseosneighbors.com).

### Christmas Event

On December 3, 2016, LPNA partnered with Los Paseos neighbor, Frank Mata, and the Los Paseos Homeowners Association to host a neighborhood Christmas event at the Los Paseos Pool Clubhouse. For the past few years, Frank has organized a group purchase of Christmas trees for neighbors to place in their front yards (ala Willow Glen) to add some holiday spirit to the neighborhood. This event was an opportunity for those purchasing the trees to pick them up, but has become so much more. The best Santa ever entertained the kids with stories, the Firemen from Station 27 brought their engine and offered holiday safety advice, and hot beverages and cookies were provided by LPNA. It was a fun afternoon of visiting with neighbors and enjoying some holiday spirit.

### Future 2017 Events

We have a great line-up of events coming up this year. We are planning some #BeautifySanJose neighborhood cleanup events, 3 block parties throughout the neighborhood during the summer, our 3rd **Annual National Night Out on August 1st**, and a bigger and better annual Christmas Event. If you are interested in helping out with any of our events, please get in touch with one of the board members. Also, if you think your block would be a great location for one of the block parties, please reach out to [vp@lospaseosneighbors.com](mailto:vp@lospaseosneighbors.com), as we will be planning at least the first of these soon.



Greg Peck at Park Cleanup in October 2016

## We Have a New Councilman!

We want to welcome Councilmember Sergio Jimenez to our neighborhood as our new District 2 City Council representative. Councilmember Jimenez took office officially on January 1, 2016.

We look forward to working with Sergio to improve our neighborhood and the City of San Jose!

**He will hold regular office hours as follows:**

First Saturday of each month  
Edenvale Library  
10:00 am to 11:30 am.

First Monday of each month  
Santa Teresa Library



## New MHUSD Board Member

We are proud to congratulate Los Paseos resident, **Mary Patterson, on her election to the Morgan Hill Unified School District Board.**

We reached out to Mary to find out what she would like Los Paseos residents to know about her and her new role.

*A chance to represent my neighbors on the Morgan Hill School Board is an honor and a joy.*

*We are fortunate to have good schools located in our neighborhood, surrounded by well-kept City park space. Our schools are part of the Morgan Hill Unified School District, where I now serve as a Governing Board Member. Part of my role is to bring better understanding to the School District of the unique resources, impacts and issues of our San Jose neighborhood.*

*I am glad to finally have a Neighborhood Association for Los Paseos and I will be pleased to work hand in hand with the LPNA to ensure that our community is one where we provide our children with safe and healthy places to play and learn, and a neighborhood where we look after one another.*

We look forward to working with Mary to improve our neighborhood schools.



## Participatory Budget Update

The first round of voting on the Participatory Budget was completed in November, 2016. The **C.A.L.M.S. Camera Proposal won the vote with 416 out of 744** votes cast. Thank you to all of our neighbors who participated in the PB process and to all who voted.

The camera project is being worked through the City of San Jose system. Here is the latest information from the C.A.L.M.S.team: On January 24th the San Jose City council voted unanimously to direct the city manager's office to work on the implementation of the security camera systems. Now the C.A.L.M.S. team is waiting for further direction from the City of San Jose to get the ball rolling. From the City of San Jose: At this time the implementation process is in its early stages, therefore the

information available is limited. The project will be implemented by a non-profit organization that will serve as a fiscal agent and project manager. At this time a formal agreement with a non-profit has not been finalized. Once a non-profit is chosen to lead the project then questions regarding implementation will be referred to that organization.

We have received confirmation that the **\$75,000 additional funds** promised by former Councilmember Ash Kalra's office have been deposited into the holding account. A new Steering Committee is in the process of being formed in anticipation of the **Round 2 process beginning in late March or early April.**

*We are looking for volunteers to help with our National Night Out event, especially someone who can do FACE PAINTING for kids. We can supply the face paints and other needed supplies. Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering.*

*Let us know what else you would like to see in our newsletter.*