
❖The Old Quad News❖

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www.oldquad.org

We have an official web site up and stumbling along. Two of our members, Leigh Booker & Frederick Shaul, are maintaining it for us. We have added several new items to the page over the last few weeks. We will try to put notices and other pertinent info up there for you to read at your leisure. We are very excited about this and hope that it is helpful to many of you.

Monday, January 28, 2002 7:00 PM at Mission Library

The Old Quad Residents' Association is planning a general membership meeting for planning our future activities and how we want to interact with all of the residents in our neighborhood. We hope you will be able to attend and join in the discussion. We are putting together an agenda for the evening which will include asking for more people to join in our watch activities, the Conservation District, The Transit Village and a couple of local neighborhood problems.

Conservation District for the Old Quad??

When will we see our long sought after conservation district ordinance? The City has talked about this proposal for the last five years. A draft version was looked at by the Historical & Landmarks Commission in June. There were numerous changes suggested at the commission study session and many of those were incorporated. A revised update on this proposed document was distributed to the Historic & Landmarks Commission on January 3, 2002. **The Historic & Landmarks Commission will hold a study session January 16, 2002 at 7:00 PM.** There will be several other public hearings at the Planning Commission level, and at the City Council to allow the public to speak its' mind. This ordinance will give some incentives to encourage preservation of historic properties and discourage demolition of older homes and building "MONSTER HOMES". For more information: Contact the City Planning Department:
E-Mail: Planning@ci.santa-clara.ca.us

Happenings in The Old Quad

The neighborhood is exciting and there are some changes in the future. There is a proposal from the **Senior Advisory Commission** to have their Master Plan approved and do a major expansion at the Senior Center Complex.

The Historical & Landmarks Commission has a proposal for a Conservation District in the Old Quad. This Conservation District could be very helpful in maintaining the wonder of the Old Quad.

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SENIOR CENTER MASTER PLAN

The Senior Advisory Commission has brought forward a proposed masterplan for the Senior Center. The main project of the master plan is a 13,000 sq. ft. building that will include an indoor lap pool, therapeutic pool, exercise & workout room, men's &

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Fremont Park/Senior Center

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women's showers & locker rooms, a conference room and necessary mechanical equipment rooms for the pools and building. **The Old Quad Residents' Association is not opposed to adding more facilities for the exclusive use of the seniors. We are opposed to decreasing the size of Fremont Park.** We are offering realistic alternatives to placing a 13,000 Sq. Ft. building in the middle of Fremont Park. This proposed facility will be a 72% increase in the size of the Senior Center. The City has no information to show projected use of the proposed facility. The City of Santa Clara already owns 4 swimming pool sites. We have asked that a close look be taken at alternate locations for this swimming pool facility.

The demographics of the Old Quad are changing from an older senior citizen population to a younger population who are starting families. The need for open space/park lands will be growing over the next few years. **We cannot afford to lose park space at this time.**

The Senior Commission has made some changes to the position of the building in the park and the layout of the facility. You must attend the meeting to be heard. This is your City, your Park and your Senior Center! Be there and speak up for your your rights.

*No matter what your position is on the preservation of Fremont Park, **please attend the Joint meeting of the Senior Advisory & Parks & Recreation Commissions Tuesday January 15, 2002**, in the City Hall Cafeteria at 7:00 P.M. Please call to confirm location & time. Telephone: (408) 615-2260 E-Mail: Parks&Recreation @ci.santa-clara.ca.us*

Transit Village Study

The City of Santa Clara has received a grant from the Metropolitan Transit Authority to conduct a study covering a half mile radius around the the Santa Clara Depot. The study will consider the arrival of the ACE train, Bart, Caltrain, buses and a people mover from the Depot to San Jose Airport. The study will look a the current use of land and the needs for housing, services and entertainment/dining. **The area covered is from the Depot to Monroe and El Camino to Bellomy.** Part of the industrial area on Brokaw and Colman are also included. There has been one initial meeting to gather information with more meetings to come. These are public meetings and you may ask to be included on notification. Contact Planning @ 408-

Alviso Street Neighbors
The City Council is expected to hear a report on how to control the problems on Alviso St. There have been numerous confrontation problems in the 400 & 500 block of Alviso between students and residents. This has been a very serious problem and the City Council has taken some steps to help contain this problem. Attend the meeting to support our neighbors on Alviso Street. Santa Clara University needs to step in and take responsibility for the students who cause these problems. It appears that it is probably less than the usual 5% who are the source of the trouble. **7:00 PM Tuesday Jan. 29, 2002 at the Council**

Dates to Mark on Your Calander

Tuesday January 15, 7:00 PM City Hall Cafeteria Senior & Parks & Rec Commissions, Senior Master Plan.

Wednesday January 16, 7:00 PM City Hall Historical & Landmarks Commission study Conservation District Design Guidelines. Call 408-615-2450 for location.

Monday January 28, 7:00 PM Mission Library, Old Quad Residents' Association General Membership Meeting.

Tuesday January 29, 7:00 PM. City Council will address Alviso St. Problems.

Santa Clara Home Tour

The Home Tour was held on December 7th & 8th. Attendance was great. Ticket sales were around 720. This will generate money for several groups in the City. Women's Club building fund, Case Management at the Senior Center, Historic Preservation Fund are among the designees. If you want to be part of the Home Tour Team next year please call Tour Committee Chair Maryann Marinshaw at 408-248- 7897 or leave a message at the Harris-Lass Museum, 408-249-7905.

Call the Museum if you would like to help out at the museum as a docent, or just help take of this wonderful

Victorian Preservation Association Home Tour

VPA's home tour was held on September 30, 2001 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. There were 6 homes in the Naglee Park area on the tour. This tour had some spectacular homes. This fund raiser will help them with the restoration of the Andrew P. Hill home at San Jose History Park. See their web site at www.vpa.org for more information about the group and this project. VPA is a group of home owners with old houses. Their monthly program is informative and fun. They are currently restoring the Andrew Hill house at the San Jose History Park.

8th annual street sale

Last fall we had to cancel the block sale because of a lack of participation and some planning problems on our end. We will be back this spring. We are thinking of a date in the spring since the Senior Center has cancelled their Peddlers'

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Application for membership in the Old Quad Residents' Association

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ CA _____

Telephone 408- _____

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Membership Dues \$15.00 Seniors 60+ \$ 10.00

Mail to: Old Quad Residents' Association
ATTn: Membership Chair
P.O. Box 1241
Santa Clara, CA 95052

We need your Dues brought up to date.

If you would like to receive a Newsletter periodically and be part of the Old Quad Residents' Association, we need to have your dues paid to help defer the cost of printing & mailing the newsletter. Our dues are the only way we have to raise money for our organization. We will only be mailing future newsletters to those who have supported the Association by paying their dues. If there is a date over your name it indicates when your dues are paid to. If there is no date you have not yet paid. If you are not sure whether you have paid come to January 28 meeting, we will have a list of paid members or call Lou Faria, our Membership Chair

at 243-2484. Over the last 3 years while we were working on the home tour we did not ask for any dues because we felt that the Association was not very active .

We are now working to bring more people into the Association by forming committees to get tasks accomplished. We are having several people working on different projects so that we minimize the problems of burn-out. Come and join us. It is a way to be active in the neighborhood and contribute to the City as a whole. We look forward to seeing you at our meeting and sharing ideas. **January 28, 2002 7:00 PM at the Mission Library.**

Sesquicentennial Celebration

A lot of us celebrate when we get this word out with out leaving a permanent twist in our tounge. It is the year long celebration of 150 years of The City of Santa Clara's founding. There is information on the City Web Site at www.ci.santa-clara.ca.us, on the calender mailed to you by the City and brochures will be available from the City. Check with the City Clerk's Office at 615-2220. Check it out and participate in the activities.

See you on January 28, 7:00 PM at Mission Branch Library for our general

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