



# sidewalktalk

Horace Mann Neighborhood Association

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## Invest in Democracy

What does it mean to be a citizen in America after September 11<sup>th</sup>? Would you like to become a citizen rather than a spectator? The New Year is a good time to redefine your self-interest beyond your doorstep.

The volunteers who keep our neighborhood association going believe their contributions make this a better community. They feel their volunteerism builds confidence in themselves and trust in each other, the foundation of active citizenship. If one of your resolutions is to become more fully engaged in public endeavors, please consider starting here at home.

HMNA invites you, our neighbor and member, to join us. This month, the association seeks nominations of Board officers to run the organization. All Board positions will be open, including President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary.

To be formally nominated, complete the form below, obtain the signatures of two other members (any HMNA neighbors), and submit this petition to a current Board member at the January 9<sup>th</sup> General meeting or January 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Elections will be held at the February 13<sup>th</sup> General meeting.

Enrich the community with the contribution of your time.

**January  
General Meeting**  
Wednesday,  
January 9, 2002  
First United  
Methodist Church  
24 North 5th Street  
7:00 p.m.

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**Junta de la Asociación del  
Vecindario Horace Mann**  
Miércoles, 9 de  
Enero, 2002  
Iglesia First United Methodist  
24 Norte de la calle 5  
7:00 p.m.

### Horace Mann Neighborhood Association *Board Member Nominating Petition*

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, St, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Other Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (if available) \_\_\_\_\_

Board Position I am interested in:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signatures of two neighbors who support my nomination:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone

# Recycling Gets Easier

The City of San Jose's Environmental Services is implementing an enhanced recycling program starting in 2002. The City of San Jose's Integrated Waste Management department will be bringing neighbors up to speed with the following activities over the next several months:

- January and February: Residents will receive a brochure detailing the program enhancements along with a postcard to be returned by February 25th to select the size of carts and other service options they prefer.
- The Waste Management division will host community meetings, which run from 7:00 -9:00 p.m. Those that will be held nearest to our neighborhood are:
  - January 8 at SJ City Hall, 801 N First Street (at Mission) in Room 106
  - February 4 at San Jose High Academy, 274 N 24<sup>th</sup> Street (at Julian) in the Cafeteria.
- July through September: Wheeled recycling carts will be distributed to all single-family homes, replacing the four containers used now. No more sorting of recyclables!
- Commingled recycling also will become available to residents in apartments, condominiums, and other multi-family homes. Each complex will be evaluated to determine the most appropriate size of containers.



The City would like to encourage us to attend one of their scheduled community meetings. At the meeting, we will hear about the new services, view the carts, and can ask questions to help us make the right choice of carts.

If you have questions about the program, please contact Roberta Dunlap, City of San Jose Integrated Waste Management, at (408) 277-3795 or visit their website at [www.sjrecycles.org](http://www.sjrecycles.org).

## Big Garbage



If you have large items you want hauled away, call Recycle Plus at (408) 277-2700 for their Large Item Pickup. The cost is \$19 for up to 3 items. Items are picked up from your curb on trash day (Thursdays) and you have to call ahead to schedule it. Call 24 hours in advance, by 3:00 on Wednesday. If they are busy, you may have to wait several weeks to put the items out.

Large items can be refrigerators, washers, stoves, furniture, and the like. You can bundle items together to make one large item as long as the total size is no bigger than 4' X 4' and no greater than 60 pounds.

Please note, if you have a **working** refrigerator that you want to get rid of, ARCA (Appliance Recycling Corporation of America) will take it away and give you \$50 cash. Contact them at 1-800-599-5798.

## Save San Jose Medical Center Coalition

The Save San Jose Medical Center Coalition will hold a meeting on Monday, January 14th at 6:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 49 N 4th Street. The goals they would like to accomplish in 2002 are:

- To bring about a public statement by HCA-The Healthcare Co., committing it to the long term operation of a major hospital with all the services it previously offered at the present location of the SJMC.
- Have the City and County move immediately to conduct a promised study on the impact a closing of the SJMC would have on the community.
- Bring about a collaborative effort on the part of the City and County to develop a plan as soon as possible to guarantee the continued operation of the SJMC should HCA decide to close it.

The Coalition invites you to get involved in local healthcare. Contact them at (408) 923-7001.

# Connecting Our Urban Parks

Walk San Jose, the Rails to Trails Conservancy, and the City of San Jose, have co-sponsored an "Environmental Justice" planning grant for the Coyote Creek Trail. This grant is from the California Department of Transportation, for up to \$300,000, and is in addition to the previous \$200,000 from Senator Byron Sher.

The proposed trail extends from Watson Park (at Hwy 101) to Kelley Park (at Story Road). It would connect five urban parks: Olinder Park, William Street Park, Kelley Park, Roosevelt park, and Watson Park.

The 2½ mile trail section in the proposal is critical to completing a system that includes roughly 17 miles of completed trail. This section would become part of a system that will provide bicycle and pedestrian access to transit links, businesses, park-and-ride lots, educational and recreational facilities, and the downtown core area, including the Horace Mann neighborhood.

The development of the Coyote Creek Trail could be one of the more important community improvements for Downtown San Jose. It will provide links between our neighborhoods and parks, and further justify the development of our Downtown pedestrian corridors.

For more information about the Coyote Creek Trail, contact Russell Westbrook of Walk San Jose at (408) 295-4715.



# Connecting Our Neighborhood to the Parks

In concert with the Downtown Neighborhoods Leadership Forum and Walk San Jose, the Horace Mann Neighborhood Association has identified St. John Street as its pedestrian corridor. Passing eastward from St. James Park, this corridor would provide a neighborhood link to the Coyote Creek Trail, improve pedestrian circulation in our neighborhood, and become part of a citywide bicycle and pedestrian network.

HMNA has submitted a \$21,000 CAP grant proposal in coordination with other neighborhoods in the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC, part of the City's Strong Neighborhood Initiative). It will provide funding for landscaping HMNA's section of the St. John Pedestrian Corridor and for City-maintained trash bins throughout the neighborhood. If the proposal is funded, HMNA will need volunteers to go door-to-door getting permission from residents and property owners to plant and maintain their parking strips.

For information on HMNA's CAP grant, contact Patti Phillips, HMNA's 13<sup>th</sup> Street NAC representative, at (408) 297-3340.

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This month's newsletter was printed and mailed with the aid of a Community Action & Pride (CAP) grant. The mission of the CAP Grants Program is to promote the development of healthy neighborhoods by supporting residents to unify, actualize their collective power, and create community-based solutions to meet challenges. The CAP program provides training and financial support to help resident-based groups conduct activities that build or strengthen the organization or address issues important to neighborhood quality of life. For more information, call the program at (408) 277-8689.



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neighborhood you live in*

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## HMNA January '02 Calendar

Wednesday, January 9  
**HMNA General Meeting\***  
1st United Methodist Church  
24 N 5th Street  
7:00 p.m.  
\*see details in newsletter

Tuesday, January 15  
**HMNA Board Meeting**  
HMNA President's house  
272 E St. John Street  
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 16  
**Civic Plaza Parking & Traf-  
fic Committee**  
1st United Methodist Church  
24 N 5th Street  
5:30 p.m.

## Important Phone Numbers for Neighbors

<b>Emergency</b>	<b>911</b>		
Police (non-emergency)	311	All City Services	277-4000
Fire (non-emergency)	277-4444	Our Council member	277-5231
Gang Hotline	293-4264	Our Assembly member	269-6500
Narcotics Hotline	971-3784	Our Congresswoman	271-8700
Anti-Graffiti Hotline	277-2758	Our County Supervsr.	299-2323
Abandoned Cars	277-5305	School Board Trustee	535-6000
Code Enforcement	277-4528	HMNA (voice mail)	297-3340

