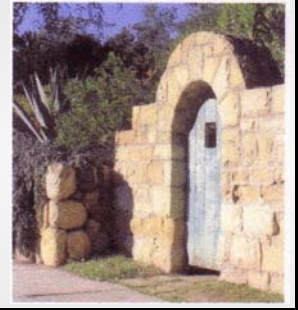


Upper East News

Newsletter of the Santa Barbara Upper East Association

April 2010



We're Starting an Upper East Garden Exchange!

Saturday, May 22
10am - 1pm
14 E. Los Olivos St.

A garden exchange is an opportunity to share the bounty of your garden with your neighbors – extra fruit, vegetables, cuttings, seeds, plant babies, etc. Bring your excess garden goodies, stay awhile and chat, and go home with produce that you can use. It's informal, it's fun, and it's good for the environment. It also helps deal with the problem of what to do with all those lemons, plums, tomatoes, or whatever else you've struggled to give away each year.

A Message from the Upper East Association Board President ...

The Upper East Association Board of Directors has been working hard this winter hammering out our Strategic Plan and beginning to implement the strategies. We have added some very excellent Board members (see the brief bios on page 4)

One of our core strategies is to address the six-inch binder filled with the City's *Plan Santa Barbara*. The Plan will have a substantial impact on the preservation of our neighborhood and the quality of life we enjoy here. Please read in this newsletter our progress to date.

Two other key strategies and our progress are also described in the newsletter.

When we met recently with City Council members they affirmed our belief that neighborhood associations are very important to communicate the concerns of the citizens of the City. We have actively opened dialogue with the Council.

If you are not currently a member I hope you will enroll. Essentially, the more members we have, the greater will be our impact with the City to preserve and protect the Upper East community.

Sincerely,

Bob Kennedy
President, Upper East Association Board of Directors

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Update on Plan Santa Barbara

The City of Santa Barbara is continuing to work on the General Plan update known as *Plan Santa Barbara*. Because of its potential impact on our neighborhood, the UEA board is preparing a position paper on the latest draft of *Plan Santa Barbara* (a six-inch-thick document!). The paper will address the following key issues:

- Preservation of the historic nature of the Upper East neighborhood.
- Retaining the current city regulations limiting secondary or “Granny” units.
- How the proposed increase in density of the downtown core will affect parking and traffic in the blocks above Sola Street.
- Project submission requirements for development of the existing zoned commercial and mixed-use properties near the corner of Mission and State Streets. This is assuming that the general plan is proposing an increase in density and an adoption of the MODA model for this area.
- Currently there are no specific zoning requirements for areas designated as *Institutional* under the proposed general plan. We will request that the City develop a specific zoning chapter that will cover requirements for submission of development and operation plans for future uses within these designated zones.

It is expected that this position paper will be presented at the City Planning Commission’s meeting now scheduled for April 28th and perhaps the 29th. This is the next step in the general plan update process now anticipated to go through at least the end of this year.

Traffic in the Upper East

We were a little surprised when the survey that was included in our September 2009 newsletter showed that traffic flow and safety is the number one concern of our membership.

In response, traffic is a core strategy for the UEA this year. The Traffic Team has drafted a position paper with three components:



- Expanded communications/coordination from the City traffic officials with the Upper East Association and its residents
- Expanded enforcement/education/engineering to reduce speeding, stop sign violations and “not stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks” affecting key arterial streets in the Upper East
- Reducing accidents and the danger of accidents at four Upper East locations

We are currently polishing the draft and plan to present it to the City and post it on the Association website in early May.

Beautifying the Upper East



The goal of our committee is to have one resident on each block in the Upper East sign up for **Adopt a Block**. Please contact us at jmlsba@yahoo.com to obtain a free Adopt-a-Block graffiti clean up kit, which includes a plastic bucket with handle, spray bottle of graffiti remover, application brush, safety goggles, rubber gloves, towel and directions for use. These kits are supplied by the City Public Works Department through **Looking Good Santa Barbara**.

We invite you to be on the email notice list for weekly **Upper East Walkabouts** during the month of August in the early evenings. We will explore significant architecture, gardens and other unique features in the Upper East, and identify future neighborhood clean-up concerns. Please indicate your interest by sending an email to ueacomm@gmail.com.

Meet the 2010 UEA Board Officers

Bob Kennedy – President. Bob is a retired marketing and management consultant. He has lived in Santa Barbara since 1980, including 21 years in the Upper East.

Fred Sweeney – Vice President. Fred is an architect and senior partner in the firm of Phillips, Metsch, Sweeney & Moore. He has lived in Santa Barbara since 1979, including 25 years in the Upper East.

Joan Livingston – Treasurer. Joan is a retired attorney who serves on the Santa Barbara Community College District Board of Trustees, an elected position she has held for over 16 years. She is a 30-year resident of Santa Barbara and has been active in local politics for many years.

Beth Perry – Secretary. Beth has been involved in many local philanthropic organizations since she moved to Santa Barbara with her family ten years ago.

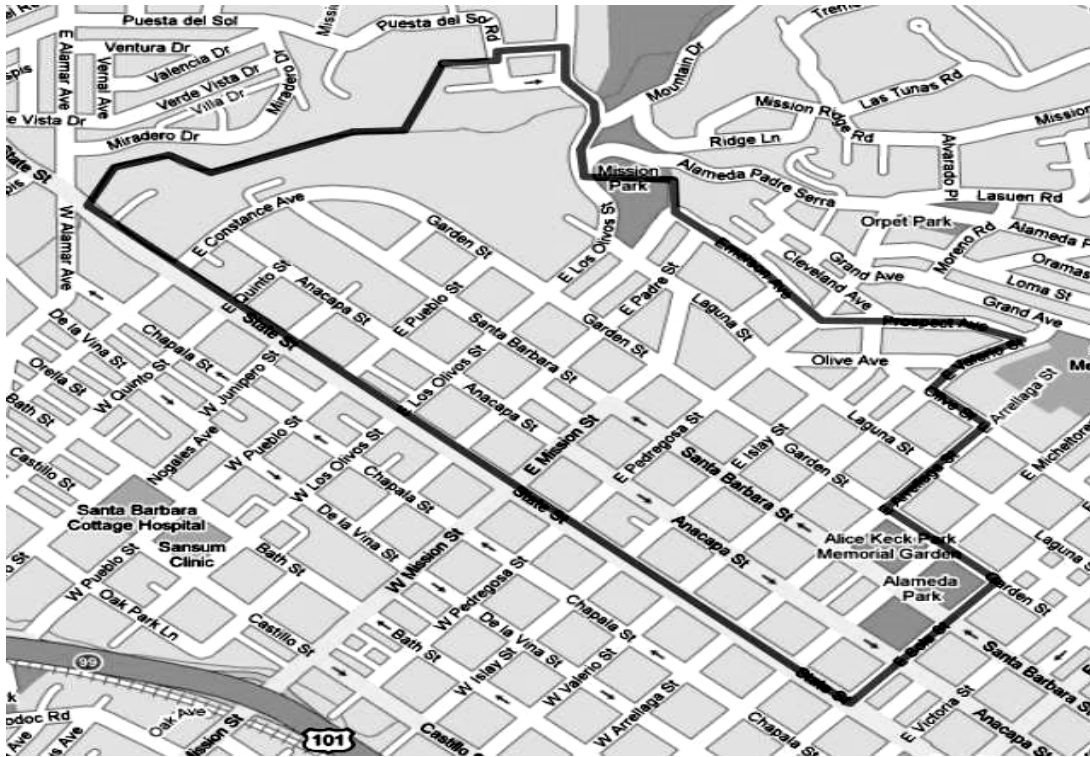
Milt Hess – Membership. Milt is a retired IT manager and consultant who moved to Santa Barbara in 2002. He served on the 2005-2006 Civil Grand Jury and is a volunteer computer coach at the public library and Jewish Federation.

Grant Castleberg. Grant is a landscape architect and has had his own practice since 1969. He has lived in Santa Barbara since 1960 and in the Upper East since 1979.

Steve Forsell. Steve is the owner of a local real estate appraisal company. He has lived in Santa Barbara since 1968 and in the Upper East since 1985. He has been active locally in politics, educational institutions and government.

Joe Moticha. Joe is an architect and real estate developer, and he has been the Director of the Architectural Archives for the past 26 years. (This is the storage facility for the architectural plans for all the residences in the County of Santa Barbara.) Joe has lived in the Upper East since the 1960s.

Boundary Map of the Upper East Association



Not Yet a Member of the Upper East Association?

The Association membership comprises over 75 households. If you're not yet a member, we invite you to join. Annual dues for 2010 are \$25/household, which covers the cost of our newsletters, other publications, and a few other expenses.

Our members receive email updates on breaking news, and they have the opportunity to provide input on issues affecting the quality of life in our neighborhood, such as traffic, safety and planning. The Board has had good success getting such issues addressed by the City.

The Association's voice at City Hall and with government departments is only as strong as our membership roster. The more members we have, the more attention we can attract to issues affecting all our residents.

So, if you're not a member yet, please join us.

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Property address: _____

Mailing address: _____ (if not = property address)

Name 2: _____

Email address 2: _____

Suggestions, comments, questions?

Enclose this page with a check payable to Upper East Association in the envelope, and send it to our Treasurer: Joan Livingston, 2317 Anacapa St., SB 93105.

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