



Dear member,

Here's the October 2015 edition of our monthly newsletter. We hope your autumn is off to a good start.

Fred Sweeney and his dog Mo are on a break from walking the neighborhood. "Walking with Mo" will return in the next newsletter.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **\*\*Annual Garden Party\*\***

**Sunday, November 8th, 3-5pm**

You should have received your personal invitation to the annual garden party by now. If you didn't receive the postcard, please let us know and we'll get one to you right away.

We'll have the opportunity to socialize with light refreshments, wine and beverages and then hear a talk by our new City Administrator, Paul Casey.

Please RSVP by October 31st to our email address [ueacomm@gmail.com](mailto:ueacomm@gmail.com).

**Location: Junipero Serra Hall, corner of Garden & E Los Olivos Streets**

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## **FYI**

### **Annual printed newsletter**

In mid-September we mailed a copy of the annual newsletter to each residence in the Upper East. The printed newsletter has been our primary method for recruiting new members. It's an opportunity to tell residents about the Association and invite them to join.

Current members receive a copy as well, of course, so you should have yours by now. If it hasn't arrived, please let us know at [ueacomm@gmail.com](mailto:ueacomm@gmail.com) so we can update our mailing list and get a copy to you.

## Recycling plastic bags

Although we no longer get many plastic bags in stores, we do accumulate them. It's been unclear whether they are recyclable or not.

Yes, we can put them in the blue bin, but it's best to take them to a store or at least bundle them together (not loose). Loose bags tend to wrap around the equipment at the processing facility and cause maintenance issues.

For more information, the City website has a helpful [discussion](#) about recycling plastic bags.

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## Out and About in Upper East

**Upper East History** – Why and when some street names were changed.

Many of the streets of our Upper East neighborhood were named in the 1850's. After Santa Barbara was surveyed by Salisbury Haley and a grid of streets was established, a committee of three prominent men was appointed to name the streets. They must have enjoyed their task, picking names of former governors, early settlers, and names reflecting the botany and geography of Santa Barbara, such as Anacapa Street, Garden Street, Pedregosa, Islay, etc. The town at that time ended at the Mission Gardens or Mission Street.

The economic boom of the 1880's witnessed the construction of stately homes with large gardens in the Upper East. The first subdivision to be approved by the city of Santa Barbara north of Mission Street contained five new streets, named "First", "Second", "Third", "Fourth", and "Fifth". Evidence of these names can still be seen stamped on sidewalks in the area. However, locals objected to these commonplace street names as unrepresentative of Santa Barbara's historic traditions. Therefore, sometime between 1905 and 1927 these streets were renamed Padre (to honor the Mission fathers), Los Olivos (for the Mission olive orchards), Pueblo to honor the town, Junipero (for Father Junipero Serra, Alta California's pioneering priest), and Quinto (Spanish for Fifth).

For more information consult Neal Graffy's excellent little book "Street Names of Santa Barbara."

