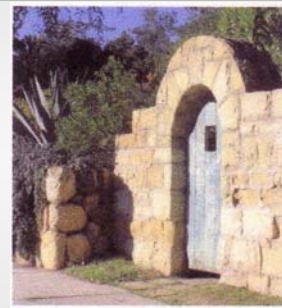


Upper East News

Newsletter of the Santa Barbara Upper East Association

September 2011



A Message from the Board President ...



You have in your hands the annual printed newsletter of the Upper East Association. It's our opportunity to tell all our neighbors in the Upper East about the association and what we've been doing this year, and to invite you to join for 2012.

The association now comprises nearly 200 member households. We sponsor garden exchanges and the candidates forum, monitor what the City is doing with *Plan Santa Barbara*, and follow up with the City on traffic and quality-of-life issues. Each month we send an email newsletter informing our members of upcoming events and issues affecting the Upper East.

I hope you'll join us.

Milt Hess
President, Upper East
Association Board of Directors

Candidates Forum Tuesday, Sep. 27, 7-9pm



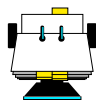
The Upper East Association will host a forum to give you the opportunity to

see and hear the candidates for Santa Barbara City Council in the upcoming Nov. 8th election. The forum will be held in the Friars Lounge of the Old Mission Renewal Center at 7pm on Tuesday Sep. 27. Learn who will best protect our concerns.

The format of the meeting will allow you to ask questions of the candidates on a person-to-person basis.

Directions: The Old Mission Renewal Center is located at 2300 Garden St, near the intersection of Pueblo St, off a private driveway. Follow signs to the Mission Renewal Center and park on the old tennis courts. Walk-ins are welcome, of course, but do bring a flashlight for the walk home.

Membership



It's time to renew your membership in the Upper East Association for 2012, or to join if you are not yet a member. The annual dues for next year will again be \$15.

By strengthening our voice with City officials you will be supporting our efforts to maintain and improve the quality of life in Upper East. As a member you will receive our monthly email newsletters informing you of upcoming events and of developments in the neighborhood.

If you are currently a member we hope you'll rejoin for 2012. If you're not yet a member, please join us.

Historic Resources Element Task Force



The City Council has created a task force to consider an Historic Resources Element in *Plan Santa Barbara*.

This is of interest since so many of Santa Barbara's historic structures are in our neighborhood. Did you know that over 150 of the properties designated as candidates for historic resource status are in the Upper East? It's true.

The Historic Resources Element will consider issues such as the creation of new historic districts in the City, new design guidelines for historic properties and possible zoning incentives for historic property preservation.

UEA board members are monitoring the deliberations of this task force, and we'll keep our membership informed of developments in our email newsletters.

Traffic Safety Improvements at East Los Olivos & Anacapa



The Upper East Association has been working with the City for over a year to improve safety at the

accident-prone intersection of East Los Olivos and Anacapa Streets. In March 2011 several UEA board members facilitated a meeting of interested neighbors and then shared their recommendations with the City Public Works Department.

Public Works followed up, and there now are vivid chartreuse signs warning drivers on Los Olivos that cross traffic does not stop, large directional arrows have been painted on Anacapa to remind turning vehicles that it's a two-way street, and new speed warning signs have been posted on southbound Anacapa St. Neighbors have cut back shrubbery to improve drivers' ability to see vehicles traveling on Anacapa.

Neighbors collaborating to solve problems really does work. We're proud of the role that the UEA played in bringing the neighbors together to develop a solution for this dangerous intersection.

Next Garden Exchange – October 1st



We've held five successful garden exchanges this summer, with more still to come. Please mark your calendar for the next one, on Saturday, October 1st from 10am to noon at 14 E Los Olivos St.

The idea of a garden exchange is simple ... if you have excess garden goodies - vegetables, fruit, plants - bring them for others to

share. If you don't have anything to bring, come anyway. After all, someone has to take home all those extras. There will be coffee and the opportunity to meet and chat with your neighbors.

Keeping the Upper East Beautiful and Safe



Thanks to perseverance by several UEA board members, two

blights on our neighborhood have been mitigated recently. The weeds and trash have been removed from the vacant property at State and Mission Streets, and a homeless camp in Mission Park has been cleaned out.

If you know of any other such situations, let us know and we'll see what can be done.

Natural History Museum Master Plan & Safe Passage Project



The Museum of Natural History has initiated development of a Master Plan to guide the improvement and modernization of its facilities. The plan has been revised from the original draft to reduce the size of the project and to address concerns raised during its conceptual review process. The revised Plan was reviewed by the Historic Landmarks Commission and Planning Commission in a joint session on July 20th.

The UEA continues its collaborative effort with the Museum, Mission Canyon Association and Riviera Association, along with adjacent institutions and property owners, to address the safety issues,

especially for pedestrians, between Mission Park and Mission Canyon. To date, the *Safe Passage* project has convened a core group of over 20 people and has held 2 work sessions and a 'walkabout'. Numerous issues have been identified and a consensus is emerging on improvements to recommend.

The success of this effort depends on building solid support from the three neighborhood associations. The next work session of the core group is scheduled for early October. Following this work session, and assuming that the work of this core group continues to be positive and productive, a presentation from the *Safe Passage* core group to the three association boards will be scheduled.

Upper East Association Board

The UEA board of directors currently consists of seven members:

Milt Hess – President
Steve Forsell – Vice President
Joan Livingston – Treasurer
Beth Perry - Secretary
Lisa Burns
Tony Fischer
Don Olson

The election of board members for 2012 will take place at the annual meeting in November, which will be formally announced to the membership in October. Prospective candidates for the board are invited to contact us at ueacomm@gmail.com to express interest and to schedule a meeting to discuss what the role entails.
