



# Westlake Neighbors Update Newsletter

March 2003

STREET ADDRESS  
Santa Cruz, CA

## **UPDATE ON Cardiff Place and High Street Development / Parking Lot**

**Parking Lot:** Planning Commission Hearing on Parking Lot Permit Appeal  
Thursday March 20 7:00 pm City Hall

**Apartment Building:** The application is still incomplete and there is no scheduled hearing.  
Required traffic study has not been done.

**November:** Submitted letter to the Planning Dept. stating that the environmental impact of this project can not be mitigated to insignificant levels; therefore an EIR needs to be required by the City of Santa Cruz.

**December:** Mason leased the lot to Devcon and applied for a permit to stage overflow campus construction parking there.

**January:** Good neighborhood turnout at the hearing for the parking lot permit caused Zoning Administrator Alex Khoury to request a traffic report from City Traffic Engineer, Ron Marquez. Ron Marquez stated there would be no significant traffic impact and Alex Khoury approved the permit 3 weeks later. Neighbors collected \$100 to submit an appeal to the City Planning Dept. can send you a copy of the appeal. We need good turnout.

Manson requested Sierra Club endorsement for the apartment project. Neighbors made a presentation in opposition and Sierra Club has decided to not take a position.

**February:** Neighbors have met with UCSC officials several times to get UC to deal with their own parking needs. They have found on-campus parking for the summer and are trying to find on-campus parking for the duration of the construction project.

**March:** We will be organizing neighborhood house meetings with the remaining City Council members to proactively inform them about Manson's SRO/Studio Apartment proposal

### **Water System Transmission Through Westlake Neighborhood**

On August 12, 1998, the Santa Cruz Water Department entered into an Agreement with Carollo Engineers to perform a hydraulic study of the water system and identify alternative solutions to improve the rate of filling of the Bay Street Reservoir. On March 29, 2000, the final report was issued to the City. This report identified the infrastructure upgrades needed to improve the filling operation of Bay Street Reservoir and included installation of approximately 2.5 miles of 24" diameter water main. The Water Dept. is planning to bid the construction contract between July and August 2003 with construction beginning in September/October 2003 and expected to last about 1 year. The current (although still tentative) alignment includes the following streets: Hunolt, Josephine, Potrero, High Street from Highway 1 to Laurent, Laurent from High Street to Moore, Moore to Fridley, Fridley to Iowa, Iowa to Cardiff Place and Cardiff Place to the Bay Street Reservoir. Phasing (i.e., which portions will be constructed when) is still undefined as there are many factors including traffic on High Street, impacts to Ocean and River Streets, crossing the San Lorenzo River during the dry season and coordination with other-agency projects. They are planning to have a public information meeting in April or May.

### **Neighborhood Crime Prevention: A Joint Responsibility**

The prevention of crime – particularly crime involving residential neighborhoods is a responsibility that must be shared equally by law enforcement and private citizens. The fact is the impact on crime prevention by law enforcement alone is minimal when compared with the power of private citizens working with law enforcement and with each other. **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** is based on this concept of cooperation, and nationwide statistics prove that it works. When citizens take positive steps to secure their own property and neighbors learn how to report suspicious activity around their homes, burglary and related offenses decrease dramatically.

If you are interested in learning more about Neighborhood Watch or would like to start one please give the Santa Cruz Police Department Crime Prevention Unit a Call.

**Santa Cruz Police Department  
Crime Prevention Unit  
155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
Contact Officer Jim Howes  
831 420-5844  
jhowes@ci.santa-cruz.ca.us**

## GRAFFITI

(Look for it, it's here in our neighborhood)

The City of Santa Cruz Redevelopment Agency is pleased to announce the "Graffiti Free Santa Cruz" project. Graffiti Free Santa Cruz will address tagging and various forms-large and small-which this defacement entails. City staff will continue to paint out large graffiti and all hate related graffiti independent of this new program. And as always, the Police department will vigilantly prosecute perpetrators of hate crimes and taggers. The program is staffed by a part-time City employee of the Volunteer Center, who is managing the program on behalf of the City, and Redevelopment staff. Graffiti has been increasing in the Santa Cruz area. Property owners, businesses and the City of Santa Cruz spend thousands of dollars removing tagging and etching. What can you do to help prevent graffiti?

**Call the Graffiti Hotline 420-5303** to report graffiti or to become a volunteer in the Graffiti Free Santa Cruz program. You will get a graffiti removal supply kit and instructions. Most important...Report It.

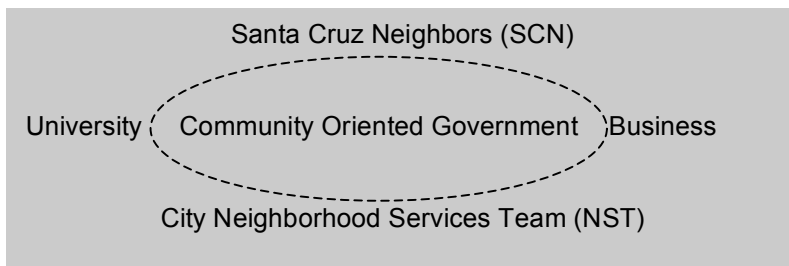
**Report graffiti to the SCPD at 471-1131.** SCPD keeps a record of the reported graffiti. When a tagger is apprehended, the reported cases can be used for prosecution that results in stiffer court sentences and monetary restitution by the tagger.

## NEIGHBORHOOD VOICES ARE SPEAKING UP "Santa Cruz Neighbors" Up and Rolling – Westlake Homeowners Group Joined In

**Mission Statement** - Santa Cruz Neighbors (SCN) is a city-wide organization which is creating a Team, that includes Neighborhoods, Businesses, Educational Institutions and City Government, to establish a Community Oriented Government that will provide better Solutions for the Citizens of Santa Cruz.

**Community Oriented Government (COG):** COG is a philosophy and process that activates all portions of government and citizens to work together to address quality of life concerns. It is based on basic principles of democracy that empowers citizens to provide input into local government concerns, aids in the solutions to community problems, and guides the general direction of government. "Santa Cruz Neighbors" (SCN) links the various constituencies: Business, the University and Educational Institutions, the City Department Neighborhood Services Team (NST) and City Government to create a Community Oriented Government.

Currently there are about 11 organized neighborhoods involved and SCN will help to mentor other neighborhoods getting up and started throughout the City of Santa Cruz. SCN is seeking out neighborhood leaders and street mayors to be involved.



## Westlake Housing Campaign Principals for Cardiff Place and High Street

- We support a residential development
- This project should NOT generate additional parking on the streets of our neighborhood. There must be adequate off street parking for all of the residents and commercial customers in this development.
- To maintain the diversity of our neighborhood the project should encourage housing for working families – it should have 2 and 3 bedroom units. Families can live in the units as well as singles.
- To match the character of our neighborhood the project must be no more than 2 stories high and have a density consistent with the surrounding neighborhood



## Neighborhood Street Sweeping NEW Schedule

Effective the week of March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Street Sweeping will take place the day after Recycle Day Pick Up. For most of us in Westlake this will be Friday, every other Friday. Try to have your cars off the street so the machines can clean the gutters.

## CORE GROUP LISTED

## E-MAILS PLEASE

It really helps get the news out fast. If you want to be updated with current news and when we need neighborhood people to show up at meetings PLEASE give us your e-mail address. Your e-mail will not be passed on to any other mailing lists. Thank you!