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Editor's Welcome

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Welcome to the July/August 2017 Broadmoor *Beacon*! We realize that the *Beacon* has been on a prolonged hiatus for awhile. We do plan, however, to continue to publish a new one every other month. For now, each edition will be online in a pdf version. If you know of someone who would like to request a paper copy, please email us at editor@thebna.org with their address (street address, not email please!) and we will endeavor to get a paper copy to them.

If you are not currently a member of The Broadmoor Neighborhood Association (The BNA), you can use this form to join:

<http://www.thebna.org/html/join.shtml> .

When you join, we will add you to our email list. This list (unlike Nextdoor) focuses solely on The Broadmoor neighborhood. Your yearly dues are used for grants to local organizations such as Roosevelt and Washington schools, and support of the [National Night Out](#), and maintaining our ad-free email list and website.

This year will mark NNO's 34th anniversary. If you are interested in hosting something on your block this year [first Tuesday in August], The BNA will reimburse you up to \$50 for food & supplies.

If you have questions or comments about the newsletter, please email us at editor@thebna.org . Thank you for supporting The BNA and The Broadmoor neighborhood.

- Chris Keith & Vannessa Patton

President's Letter

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What a welcome sight . . . the first new edition of The Broadmoor Beacon in over 3 years! Enormous thanks to The BNA's Chris Keith and San Leandro High School senior Vannessa Patton for their work in making this happen. It will definitely be a new and unusual experience for me to have someone else as editor!

The Broadmoor Neighborhood Association (The BNA) has gone through some major changes over these past three years. The lack of a Beacon to bind us has contributed to a waning membership, but so also has the work we've put into our City. Our neighborhood has had no burning issue to fire up our passions, no controversial developments to motivate us. Much of that is because of our good communication with city officials in the early stages of potential problems that has prevented them from popping up in the first place.

So let's think about what lies in store for us currently that we want to closely monitor, items on the BNA board's radar.

- The traffic calming proposed for MacArthur Blvd. at Superior. A public meeting will be held on the proposed roundabout design this Wednesday from 7-8 p.m. at the Main Library's Carnegie Lecture Hall; see the story below.

- The city also has traffic calming plans for Bancroft Avenue – potentially at Dowling and Oakes; later this week I'll be discussing that with Keith Cooke, director of our Engineering & Transportation department, and keeping you informed.

- Outside The Broadmoor we've been monitoring the new Marea Alta housing project by the BART station and the attempts made to de-fund its child care facility, as well as parking capacity for the housing development planned for south of our lovely Truth Is Beauty.

So let us know what other issues you want us to be paying attention to and working on. Remember the BNA is here for you!

Notes from our Councilwoman

Corina N. Lopez (clopez@sanleandro.org)

Community Care

The City Council heard from our residents –at last year’s town hall meetings, through conversations and by email, that maintaining community standards needs to be a top priority. We understand that seemingly small concerns like weeds, junk, debris and graffiti can turn into bigger problems if left unchecked. With that in mind, the City Council committed \$1 million dollars in the budget to expand our ability to address code compliance and maintenance issues.

The revamped code compliance program is called “Community Care”. We are currently in the process of hiring a code compliance supervisor and hiring two code enforcement personnel that will staff the program. We are anticipating launching this new program in late summer or early fall. We are confident that this effort will result in a major improvement in the appearance of public and private properties throughout the city.

MacArthur Boulevard/Superior Avenue/Foothill Boulevard Roundabout

You are invited to a community outreach meeting scheduled on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information on the first roundabout in San Leandro currently in design at the intersection of MacArthur Boulevard/Superior Avenue/Foothill Boulevard and to gather public comments on the two roundabout conceptual designs that are currently considered including the benefits and drawbacks of each one.

The project intersection is problematic in that drivers approaching from the side streets have unusually long wait times due to the speed and volume of traffic along MacArthur Boulevard. In addition, the project intersection has a vehicle collision rate over three times higher than the statewide average based on traffic volume.

Past traffic studies showed that a roundabout would yield the most improvement in traffic flow compared to other options analyzed, such as the installation of traffic signals. BKF Engineers completed the conceptual plan for the roundabout in 2009, and the City hired BKF once again in 2016 to prepare the

construction-ready plans, specifications and estimates.

The first design concept fits within the existing public right-of-way and allows for bicyclist to either ride in the vehicular travel lane through the roundabout or on the sidewalk. The existing right-turn only lane onto northbound Foothill Boulevard will remain.

The second design concept includes bike lanes in the street that are separated from the vehicular lanes with 4’-wide medians. This expands the project footprint such that additional right-of-way will be needed from Caltrans and the liquor store property at the northwest quadrant of the intersection. The right-turn-only lane onto northbound Foothill Boulevard will be closed. That lane will merge with the center lane coming from the westbound I-580 off-ramp. The segment of westbound Foothill Boulevard that runs from the Dowling/Foothill intersection to the roundabout will be closed to help facilitate the proposed lane merges.

A traffic signal was considered for this intersection but is not being recommended. The traffic volumes from the westbound I-580 off ramp are relatively high, and there may be a significant queue of cars on the off ramp lane during peak hours if a traffic signal is installed. Additionally the use of a traffic signal diminishes the potential for reaching a key community goal of traffic calming on MacArthur Boulevard as speeds are not reduced when traveling through the intersection. If you cannot attend this meeting, drawings will be made available for public review and comment on the Peak Democracy website.

Banner Program

If you are planning on attending the MacArthur Blvd/Superior Roundabout Design meeting, we will also have a City Banner Feedback Area where you can provide your input on the preliminary street banner designs. Street banners will be replaced in five areas of the city including in the Broadmoor. Via a number of feedback sessions, the community will help guide the design of the street banners which will ultimately make its way to the City Council. If you are unable to attend this outreach meeting on Wednesday, July 19th at 7pm at the Main Library, we are also making the designs available on our online

platform - Virtual Town Hall. Go to <http://www.sanleandro.org/oth/> and click on the appropriate link.

Former CVS Site

The former CVS site at East 14th & Callan will be under development soon by local developer Sansome Pacific Properties. In keeping with the Downtown Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Plan, the development envisions 20,000 square feet of retail (hopefully a specialty grocery store) with up to 90 housing units of housing. The multi-story building will be of high-quality design that highlights the central corner and creates a sense of place in Downtown San Leandro.

New Restaurants

Both the North Area and Downtown are getting a fair share of new and exciting restaurants. Noodles Pho Me on Bancroft Ave and Los Cantaros on San Leandro Blvd recently opened and a new restaurant, Moussaka (Moo-sah-kah) a Mediterranean style restaurant is going in at the vacant the empty storefront on Bancroft and Dutton Ave. Our staff is working with them to make sure that we can help them get their doors open. I know many in the neighborhood will appreciate seeing something viable go into this spot finally. In the downtown area, we are thrilled to welcome new restaurants and businesses such as Sons of Liberty, Kendejah, the Cooler Tap Room, and Cordial Bottle Shop. The City has also received a building application from an Asian style restaurant, Shabu (Shah-boo) House on E. 14th south of Estudillo.

Chabot Dam Repair

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The Chabot Dam seismic upgrade project is nearly completed. Our current completion date is October 2017. While we hoped to complete the project in the Summer of 2017, the extensive rains this past winter caused a three-month delay in the project. But we did not want to impact the community who enjoy the park any more than we had to. So a mitigation plan was enacted where crews work longer hours and some weekends in order to complete the project as close to the original date as possible.

Work on the dam's face is completed with the only hydro-seeding remaining to be done. Now the

Roads

I'm also excited to report that we increased the number of miles that we will be repaving and resealing throughout the City. Thanks to local and county measures, we are slated to almost double the number of streets that we will be upgrading next year. We are scheduled to re-seal 8.7 lane miles of streets and apply new pavement on 6 lane miles. While that may not sound like a lot, that translates into approximately 260 football fields or about the distance from Downtown San Leandro to Downtown San Francisco. I know repairing and upgrading our roads is important to you and has been a top priority to me while on the Council. I hope the recent resealing improvements in the North Area is a testament to that. We will continue on this course by reconstructing the worst roads in the North Area thru the recently adopted two year budget cycle.

BART Update

Last August, we broke ground on the \$170 million dollar Bus Rapid Transit Project, which will bring bus rapid service to San Leandro via the E.14th corridor down to the Downtown BART station. The project includes new and upgraded traffic signals at various intersections, artistic enhancements to local stops, and expansion of the fiber optic loop into the North Area. You may have noticed the removal of some trees along E. 14th as part of the work. Rest assured, replacement trees will be planted once construction is completed. We will continue to work closely with AC Transit representatives who will continue to inform neighbors about upcoming construction and project milestones. In the meantime, I know the construction process is inconvenient, so I appreciate all your patience in our efforts to improve the North Area.

crews efforts are solely set on the outlet tower demolition and rebuilding. Everything is proceeding with the mitigation plan and we hope to complete the project in October. Before we turn it over to East Bay Regional Park District, we will repave the roads around the Estudillo entrance and the road leading up to the dam.

Remember that 90% of the park is open for the public's enjoyment. It is just the area around the dam and outlet tower that we have restricted access to during the construction.

For more information, click [here](#)

The Dogwalk Chronicles

By Tracy C. Baker

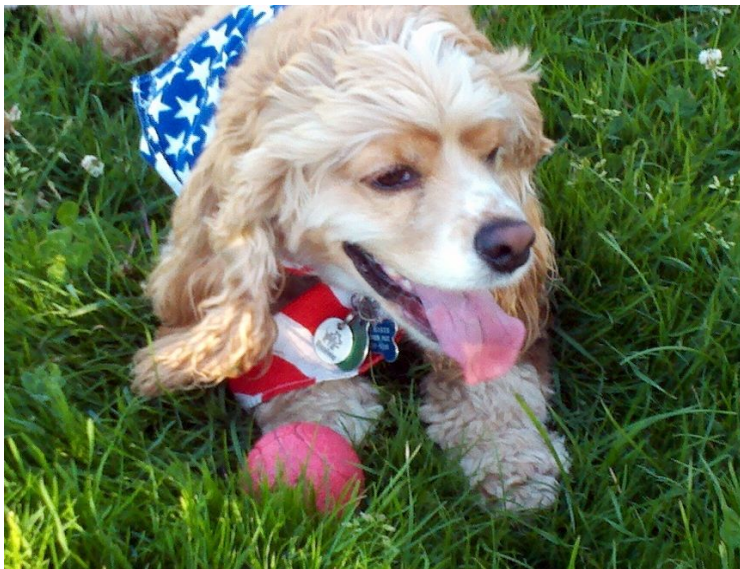
Insight Into The Broadmoor On Any Given Day

Hurray for the Red, White, and You!

The Broadmoor is a neighborhood's neighborhood. Neighbors watching out for one another...neighbors helping one and another. You know, just being neighborly.

The Broadmoor has had that tradition dating all the way back to its beginnings in 1909. One of the ways that neighbors keep in touch is through our dogs...we are all out walking our dogs at one time or another and inevitably we shall meet up...some talking across the street to each other ("She's not too friendly with other dogs!") or nose to butt, so to speak. Either way, we chat and exchange greetings and talk about what is new here, there, or everywhere.

As the *Beacon* relaunches the Dog Walk Chronicles, I wanted to take a moment to thank you all who have stopped and asked me about Buffy and this column...we are so glad to be back.



So, let's kick this off with a "BANG!"

As I type this, it's the Fourth of July and the fireworks started about a month ago around here. Hope your pets are coping well. For some reason, they have never bothered Buffy, thank goodness. For those whose pets are new to the area, be prepared because, as those who have lived here awhile know, the fireworks seem to continue on into August. Where they get the money to stock up so many boggles my brain...some just seem to have an endless supply and blow them off all year round. Hug your pets and be prepared.

Green Thumbs

It is sure wonderful to have a garden again after 5 years of drought. I am (attempting) to grow some tomatoes and peppers and squash...we shall see if I still have the knack...so far, so green. The Buff has been helping by attacking the hose every time I water...what's up with that??

Wishing you a wonderful summer. Just a primer for those of you new to the Bay Area. For those that live on the Bay or the Oceanside...anything above 80 is a heat wave so if you hear us complaining, it won't last long...we are only waiting for our natural air conditioner to kick in.

Time to hang up the leash. Anon

See you in The Broadmoor!

Upcoming Events:

Click on this link - [Calendar](#) - to get to the BNA calendar of community events.



National Night Out



Your neighborhood is invited to participate with many other Neighborhoods across the country in celebration of National Night Out on Tuesday evening, **August 1, 2017**.

National Night Out is a crime and drug prevention event that is sponsored nationally by the National Association of Town Watch.

This year is the 34th annual National Night Out. This event draws over 38 million people across the country.

National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness.
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts.
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships.
- Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.



Participating neighborhoods nationwide are asked to turn on outside lights, lock their doors, and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Neighborhoods will be hosting a variety of events ranging from small potlucks and BBQ's to large block parties. Some additional event ideas include, but are not limited to, ice cream socials, disaster preparedness, games, contests, discussing neighborhood issues or setting neighborhood goals, food or clothing donations, plan a clean-up day, beautify a common area, discuss or plan a Neighborhood Watch Program. It's up to you, be creative, have fun and **Celebrate Your Neighborhood!**

Register your neighborhood for this year's event today. Registration is free and gives police and other city representatives an opportunity to attend local events as time and circumstances permit. You do NOT have to be a current Neighborhood Watch neighborhood to participate.

National Night Out is for everyone!

Register @ your National Night Out event @
<https://www.sanleandro.org/depts/pd/programs/nnor.asp>

For additional information or to register for National Night Out please, contact:
The San Leandro Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit @
CrimePrevention@sanleandro.org or Call 510-577-3228