

St. Rose Neighborhood Assoc.

Fall/Winter 2008 Newsletter

New Public Art Created by Former Neighbor



Boback Emad (who at one time lived on Lincoln Street in our neighborhood), is the artist who created the most recent piece of public art for the city. The piece titled “Whole Some” was selected from 22 other entrants to be installed at the northern gateway to downtown Santa Rosa. It does much to improve the “V” where Healdsburg Avenue and Mendocino Avenue branch off from College Avenue. Made of weathered steel and stainless steel it is 24 feet high and 18 feet wide. An article in *The Bohemian* quotes Boback “This sculpture evolved out of this site...It was about the complexity of this site, not just its architecture, but the visual angles and the speed. Emad points to the haphazard collection of streets and buildings in the overhead satellite shot. It’s meaningful and it’s big and it’s heavy and you can’t move it, but none of it makes any sense! So in my mind I thought what I really want is something that gives purpose to this. That will make this feel like “Oh that’s why this place is all crazy, because

of that thing, because that was here first and then they put these roads around it!” Emad’s sculptures have been installed all over the world – in Colorado, in Puerto Vallarta, and in Seattle, but this is the first large-scale project for his own town. “I feel very lucky, where I’m at,” Emad says, “because there are not a lot of artists who get the opportunity to make an effect on their community.”



What About Those Old Windows?

The original wood windows in the historic neighborhoods in our city are one of the most charming and distinctive elements of the homes that make up these neighborhoods. They do, however, need careful maintenance to ensure their survival. When weighing the pros and cons of replacement the following should be considered: New wood windows are typically made of pine, a soft wood that can rot easily if not maintained and can’t match the durability of original windows made from old-growth wood. Another option is vinyl which can not be painted, is made from petrochemicals and has a short lifespan. Fiberglass windows can be made to imitate the look of the original wood windows, but are costly.

Despite often being cited as the reason for replacing older windows, the energy savings from new windows is negligible. Properly repaired historic windows have an R-factor nearly indistinguishable from dual pane windows. The vast majority of heat loss in a home is through attics and walls. If sound reduction is a concern, consider installing storm windows which cost less than replacement windows and can be made to blend in with the original windows.

Restoring wood windows can consist of preserving and hardening the damaged wood and using epoxies to replace rot, weather stripping will eliminate drafts. Properly maintained, your beautiful wood windows can last a lifetime and preserve the original charm of your historic home for the next generation.

Excerpts From the Past

Excerpts from Gaye LeBaron's article in the Jan. 21, 2007 Press Democrat.

Hospitals were for the poor and in 1859, four years after the founding of the town of Santa Rosa, the first county hospital was established in several rooms on the second floor of the county jail. And it was every bit as grim as that sounds. The 1865 grand jury termed its condition "wretched".

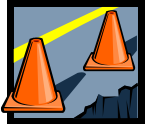
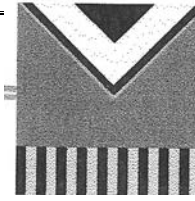
Those who have considered the medical history of Sonoma County, would tell you that the year 1937 marked the advent of modern medicine in the area. There were two milestones that year. One was the opening of an all-new Sonoma County Hospital, built with Depression-era federal funds, located on the present Sutter Medical Center site on Chanate Road. The other was the

University of California residency program. This brought a new kind of "Country doctor". Residents stayed on here as general practitioners and were joined in increasing numbers by specialists, heralding the start of Santa Rosa's reputation as a medical center for the North Coast.

In addition to the new county facility, which served mainly the indigent population and was staffed by all the physicians, gratis, there was a General Hospital on A Street for paying patients. Hailed as the town's first "modern" hospital, it was opened in 1917 in what had been a temporary housing unit for World War 1, hauled into town by a group of Southern California investors who recognized that the old home-care days were ending. General was supplemented by a small private hospital in a converted two-story house on King Street.



The former General Hospital opened on A Street in 1917. Current structure built in the late 1920's. Now operating as Catholic Charities Family Support Center. (Photo courtesy of Sonoma County Library.)



Cal Trans Hwy. 101 Project Update

● **3rd Street - Southbound U.S. 101 On-Ramp** –The full closure of the 3rd Street on-ramp to southbound U.S. 101 began Thursday, May 1. The on-ramp will continue to be closed until Friday, October 31.

All lanes and major structures will be officially open and complete six months ahead of schedule and Cal Trans will be holding a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on **November 7, at 10 a.m.** A news release and update with their invite to the public will be complete soon and posted on the Cal Trans website.

For more information on road closures, alternative routes, and progress updates visit: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/son10>



Neighborhood Watch Program

The St. Rose district now has an active Watch Program. A “watch” is a crime prevention program, which enlists the active participation of citizens in partnership with the police department to reduce crime in their communities. These programs are proven deterrents to all forms of illegal activities. For more information go to <http://ci.santa-rosa.ca.us> and enter “Neighborhood Watch” in the Search field.

To participate in our neighborhood’s program, contact Jennifer Adams at: 570-0901 & adams8942@sbcglobal.net. ***

Neighborhood Watch meeting coming soon.***

Street Cleaning Schedule

The City street sweeper comes through our neighborhood the 3rd Friday of every month. Please remember to park your cars off the street the night prior. Here are the remaining dates for the remainder of 2008: 11/21, and 12/19.



PHONE NUMBERS OF NOTE:

- **Police:** to report abandoned cars and suspicious or illegal activity: **528-5222**
- **Graffiti Hotline:** **543-3499**
- **Homeless Service Center:** **525-0226**
- **Low Cost Pet Spay/Neuter:** **579-SPAY**
- **Pot Hole Hotline:** **543-3871**

Street Sweeper's Schedule

Third Friday of every month. Be sure to park off the street the night before.

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