

St. Rose Neighborhood Assoc.

Summer 2001 Newsletter

What's New?

The St. Rose Historical District now has a neighborhood association called, appropriately, The St. Rose Neighborhood Association. Our association was founded this spring in response to concerns by residents over the many multi-unit developments and other projects targeted for our neighborhood. We felt that too many of these projects were not sensitive to our historic district either in design, size, or both. In an effort to provide a united body at City meetings to voice these concerns, the St. Rose Neighborhood Assoc. was formed.

We are delighted to already have over 20 households who have expressed interest in being a part of our new association. Since forming, other concerns have arisen from members such as: the amount of on-street parking, people camping in cars, abandoned cars, and drug dealing around the Homeless Services Center. (See the information further on in this newsletter about our scheduled meeting with the SRPD to start a Neighborhood Watch program to address these concerns.)



The St. Rose Neighborhood is a unique cross section of historic homes dating from 1872 to the 1940's.

Downtown Pedestrian Linkage

Santa Rosa has received federal funding for upgrading Fourth Street between Morgan and Davis. The project

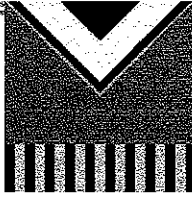
will include pedestrian-friendly crossings, wider sidewalks, additional lighting, and landscaping. Visit: www.CityVisionSR.com/Announcements.htm for more information on this and other downtown projects

Hwy. 101 Project

As many of you may already know, Cal Trans is going to be working on the section of Hwy. 101 that passes by our neighborhood in the next few years. Cal Trans currently has a display on this project set up at the Santa Rosa Plaza. For more information and to get a chance to provide input on this project visit: www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/route12-wpg.htm.

West End District Meeting

Last month the West End Neighborhood Association (located just west of our neighborhood between Hwy. 101 and Dutton Ave.) invited other neighborhood associations to attend their quarterly meeting. Presentations were made by the Mayor Mike Martini, the CHP, SRPD, and the group, Shelter Services. Topics covered included public drunkenness, abandoned cars, people living in their cars, and the problems associated with such a high concentration of



homeless in this neighborhood. It was actually encouraging to note that our neighborhood seems to have much less petty theft or problems created by drug and alcohol use than our neighbors directly across the freeway. We do have a problem, however, with abandoned cars. (Currently, the only procedure to deal with this is to get the make, model, color, and license plate number of the cars(s) along with the location and contact the Police Department at 543-3600. They will run a check on the car to see if it is stolen. The car will be towed immediately if it is. If not, it will be tagged and towed if not moved within 72 hours.) Probably the best information that came out of the meeting was that Shelter Services is considering creating 3-4 homeless shelters spread out through Sonoma County rather than just one "mega-shelter". They plan to set up a shuttle service to these shelters so the homeless don't have to walk through neighborhoods to get to them. Of course, all of this is a few years off. In addition, they have received funding to move 75 of the homeless that are mentally ill into treatment. We will keep you posted as more details are released.

Project Updates

- 315 Tenth St. - This house is sold and will be owner-occupied. Escrow closed 6/15/01.
- Lot at Tenth & Morgan - Anyone know status?
- Moore Mixed Use Project/615 Healdsburg Ave. - Application has been submitted to Planning Dept. and is being reviewed for completeness. Planning Dept. will notify us when a meeting is scheduled.
- 514 B Street Condominiums, 16-unit building-6/21-second presentation to Design Review Board. (Planner on both above projects is Clare Hartman. She can be reached at 543-3185.)
- Sonoma County Museum/7th Street - \$37 million expansion targeted for completion by 2010.

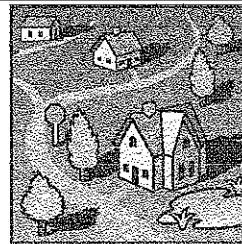
ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Rose Court Condominium Project:
Second Design Review hearing to be held Thursday, June 21, at 2:30pm in Room 7 of the SR City Hall Complex.

Downtown Santa Rose Workshop:
Thursday, June 21, 6-9 p.m., at SR City Hall, 100 Santa Rosa Avenue. All interested parties welcome.

Bocce Ball in the West End District
Every Monday at 6 p.m. at Demeo Park on Polk and Hewitt Streets. Anyone interested in playing or learning to play bocce ball is welcome to drop by.

Sonoma County Museum
Artistry in Wood exhibit. Runs through July 8.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

With the SR Police Dept.

Thursday, June 28

7-9pm

Community Room A

St. Rose Church

All St. Rose District

residents welcome.



If you would like to join our neighborhood association, please contact us at 544-5713 or faire@sonic.net