

St. Rose Neighborhood Assoc.

Spring/Summer 2008 Newsletter

Sunflower Garden

Were you aware that the St. Rose Preservation District has had a community garden in our neighborhood since 1999? The Sunflower Garden is located at 7th and A Streets and is overseen by the Recreation and Parks Department, but run almost entirely by volunteers.



Eighty percent of the produce grown in the Sunflower Garden is used by Catholic Charities' Family Support Center and other homeless shelters in Santa Rosa. The other 20% goes to staff and volunteers.

There are several community gardens in Santa Rosa. They provide food for homeless families, along with employment and food for persons with disabilities. Volunteers come from many different areas of our community including the homeless, high school community service days, Youth Corp Volunteer days, and the Family Support Center. The gardens also provide horticultural training and education.

If you would be interested in volunteering, contact Melissa Black at the City's Rec & Park Department: 543-3429 or mblack@srcity.org.

Neighborhood Banners

Many of Santa Rosa's neighborhoods will soon be identified by attractive banners. Each will feature an element that represents the neighborhood/district where it will be hung. (Our neighborhood's banner will feature our namesake, the St. Rose Catholic Church.) The banners will raise awareness with passing motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians of the many neighborhoods that make up the larger community of Santa Rosa. Funding for this project was provided by a generous grant from the City's Community Action Board. Much thanks goes to Judy Kennedy from the Burbank Neighborhood and Serena Shapiro from the Ridgeway Neighborhood for their dedicated efforts in making this happen.



Photos From the Past

If you enjoy learning about our area's history, you will enjoy a new book, "*Historic Photos of Sonoma County*", written by local author, Lee Torliatt.

The book contains over 200 rare and at times amusing photos of scenes in Sonoma County from the 1850's through the 1970's.

You can purchase a copy of this fun book and meet Lee at a book signing at Copperfields Books on **Friday, June 13th** at 7.30pm. (2316 Montgomery Drive in Santa Rosa. Info: 578-8938).

Excerpts From the Past

Interesting reading from early issues of the Daily Republican and Sonoma Democrat newspapers:



December 1872

On Christmas night, five prisoners escaped from our county jail. The prisoners were locked in their cells at the usual hour of five o'clock. Jack Acker and C. Montgomery, being desperate characters, were each laden with 22-lb. shackles, which they were compelled to wear, day and night. Acker, who is an old prison bird succeeded in drawing a wrought iron nail from the boiler-plate casing of his cell with which he broke his cell lock. After getting out into the jail hall, he managed to loosen some of the heavy boards with which the inside

of the jail is lined, by using a portion of his cot for a lever. He then broke the locks of the cells of all those who wished to escape. They then escaped through the water closet, in the same manner that Bill Orton got out in 1869. As soon as the break was discovered, the Sheriff telegraphed to different parts of the State, and started some eight or ten deputies in pursuit of the escapes.

Description:

John Acker is an old convict, age about 40, height 5 feet 8 inches, eyes blue, hair brown, thick set, muscular smooth shaved. C. Montgomery alias Williams is about 30 years old, height about 5 feet 4 inches, heavy set, light eyes of the description usually termed cock-eyed. Sheriff Latapie will pay a reward of \$100 gold coin for delivery of any of the above.

(Editor: This might be a good time to remind everyone about our Neighborhood Watch Program.)

Neighborhood Watch Program

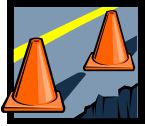
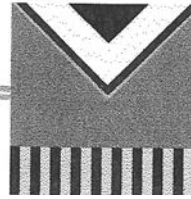
The St. Rose district now has an active

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, call **568-1302**.



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Cal Trans Hwy. 101 Project Update

- **9th Streets:** Ninth Street is open again (yea!) and the sound walls are up. The City is working with Cal Trans to return this to a more pedestrian friendly area.
- **3rd Street:** **May 1 – October 31** the southbound Hwy 101 on-ramp will be closed for widening.
- **Prince Memorial Greenway:** **June 6-June 9** the pedestrian walkway over Hwy 101 from the Olive Park to Julliard Park neighborhoods will be removed. **June 15-Oct. 31** a temporary Hwy. 101 southbound connector will be in place while Cal Trans crews construct a bridge over Santa Rosa Creek.
- **Hwy 12 :** **August 20 – September 3** the Third Street off-ramp will be closed from Hwy. 12 to the Hwy. 101 north connector and from Hwy. 101 north. The Hwy. 12 connector ramp will also be closed during this time.
- **College Avenue:** Construction activity in this area will continue **for 18 - 24 months.**

For more information on road closures, alternative routes, and progress updates visit: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/son101/>

DOWNTOWN EVENT CALENDAR

JUNE

- 4, 11, 18, 25** Wednesday Night **Market**, Downtown SR (5 pm to 8:30 pm)
- 4** Rosie tours **Santa Rosa Junior College**, leaves 4th and D at 6 pm and 7 pm
- 6** First Friday **Artwalk**, CHSQ and RRSQ (5 pm to 8 pm)
- 11** Rosie tours **Melitta Station Inn**, leaves 4th and D at 6 pm and 7 pm
- 15** Fourteenth Annual ECA/MSA Show and Shine **Car Show**, Juilliard Park (9 am to 4 pm)
- 18** Rosie tours **Downtown Birds**, leaves 4th and D at 6 pm and 7 pm
- 21** **National Trails Day** Celebration, Juilliard Park (2 pm to 7 pm)
- 25** Rosie tours **A Place to Play**, leaves 4th and D at 6 pm and 7 pm

JULY

- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** Wednesday Night **Market**, Downtown SR (5 pm to 8:30 pm)
- 2** Rosie tours **Utopia** in Santa Rosa, leaves 4th and D at 6 pm and 7 pm
- 4** Fifth Annual **Bicycle Santa Rosa** July 4th Festival, Juilliard Park
- 9** Rosie tours **Artstart**, leaves 4th and D at 6 pm and 7 pm
- 11** First Friday **Artwalk**, CHSQ and RRSQ (5 pm to 8 pm)
- 13** LIVE at Juilliard! The BBC -- **tribute to the Beatles** (5 pm to 7 pm)
- 16** Rosie tours **Old County Cemetary**, leaves 4th and D at 6 pm and 7 pm
- 20** LIVE at Juilliard! LuvPlanet -- **unstoppable rock** (5 pm to 7 pm)
- 23** Rosie tours **Art in Public Places**, leaves 4th and D at 6 pm and 7 pm
- 27** LIVE at Juilliard! Five AM -- **rock and roll** (5 pm to 7 pm)
- 30** Rosie tours **Westend Neighborhood**, leaves 4th and D at 6 pm and 7 pm

(CHSQ = Courthouse Square, RRSQ = Railroad Square)

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: 6/20, 7/18, 8/15, 9/19, 10/17, 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.

If you would like to be on our newsletter mailing list and received regular e-mail updates, please contact us at faire@sonic.net or 544-5713.



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