

**COMMUNITY MEETING AGENDA
SARATOGA URBAN VILLAGE PLAN
HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY**

**When: Monday, September 9, 2024
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**Where: West Valley Branch Library, Community Room
1243 San Tomas Aquino Road, San Jose, CA 95117**

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Project Description: This historic survey is part of the preparation of the Saratoga Urban Village Plan. The urban village plan will be a consolidation of the Saratoga Avenue and the Paseo de Saratoga Urban Villages.

The survey project seeks to identify properties that appear to be significant and eligible for listing on the San José Historic Resources Inventory on the local, state, and/or national level or contribute to the historic fabric of San José. The survey effort will inform development policies and enable the City to consider the protection of significant cultural and historic properties.

Project Goals: The goal of the project is to identify older buildings and places in the Saratoga Urban Village Plan area and to document their history from the community's perspective. This will inform the preparation of the urban village plan and will help decision-makers consider the protection of properties that are significant to the community and provide a distinct sense of place. Having historical resources readily identified in an area also reduces the work for historic resource evaluation as future development proposals are made.

The work is proceeding under the guidance of the City's Historic Preservation Officer as part of the City's efforts to identify historic resources. The survey effort implements the adopted San José City Council Historic Survey Strategy which directed staff to proactively identify historic resources and to update the San José Historic Resources Inventory.

Meeting Purpose: With assistance from Architectural Resources Group, the City seeks to identify the untold stories of the survey area - including places, people, and buildings. We are looking to include the voices that have been previously underrecognized and underrepresented to develop a broader perspective of the community's history. We want to hear the stories of long-time residents, community leaders, and everyday folks to document any historical narratives not represented in current studies, books, or evaluations.

We are seeking:

- Identification of community events, persons, and places (buildings and sites) important from the early twentieth century to around 1980.
- Shared stories from the early twentieth century to around 1980.

To sign up for email notifications and/or share your story, use the QR Code or the web address below to visit the project website: <https://bit.ly/SJ-SaratogaHistoricSurvey>



If you have questions regarding the survey project or this community meeting, please contact **Dana Peak Edwards, Historic Preservation Officer**, dana.peak@sanjoseca.gov (408) 534-2990

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I. **Welcome and Introductions**

San José City Council District 1 will welcome participants and introduce the City’s Historic Preservation Officer and presenters from Architectural Resources Group.

II. **Project Overview and Goals for the Evening**

Architectural Resources Group will make a short presentation on the purpose and methodology of the survey project and general historic themes being explored.

III. **Community Input**

Participants are invited to ask questions, provide input, share community history and identify buildings and site associated with persons and events important in the historical development of the area. Please bring photos to share if you feel comfortable.

IV. **Next Steps**

Community input will be received through October 11, 2024.

V. **Meeting Adjournment**

Please provide best contact information to receive project updates by submitting an email request to Dana.Peak@sanjoseca.gov.

COMMUNITY MEETING CODE OF CONDUCT

The City of San José is committed to providing the information and opportunities to encourage residents to follow planning activity in their neighborhoods and to actively participate in the land use planning process.

The intent of this community meeting is to **involve** property owners, residents, and other interested parties and to **receive** perspectives and stories of community members.

Staff will take notes on the discussion, **respect** all input and opinions, and respond to any process questions.