



## Landscaping - Planting

The purpose of this article is to explain the landscape policy and everyone's responsibility in regards to landscape. Some of the reasoning behind the landscape policy will be addressed. Basically, the Board would very much appreciate that you not plant outside your fenced in patio without prior permission from the Board.

The HOA is responsible for the landscape in the common area. In general, common area is anything that is outside your patio fence. The Board works with our landscapers to choose plants and trees that have lower maintenance yet are still attractive. In some areas, irrigation is sparse or non-existent and this becomes an issue in selection as well. We select plants in order to keep landscaping costs lower than they would be otherwise. In some cases, we have plants that have been here since the complex was built and the developer did not necessarily have our maintenance costs in mind.

If a resident were to put in plants that require higher maintenance, such as trimming, spraying or fertilization, then costs go up for everyone. Different plants bloom at different times and may require different kinds of care at different times of the year. At a certain point, with too many different species, knowing what is required and doing the care can become a problem and again, cost more. Throughout the complex, there is a small strip of dirt between the fence and grass. This area is typically where the wheels of the mower travel. If plants are there, it takes longer to properly mow the lawn. Additionally, sprinkler heads are sometimes obscured because of an inappropriate plant growing in the area of that sprinkler. This means the area is not getting properly watered. If you've put something there or if it has spread from inside your patio to outside the fence, recognize that this may be creating problems.

If you've landscaped in the common area without permission, the plants can be removed and you will likely be billed for their removal. The Board isn't doing this to hurt residents, but if one person does something that increases our cost, it's not fair that

everyone else has to pay.

We all want attractive landscape. The landscape at South Park is a major attraction for all of us here. But we must also consider the cost of maintaining the landscape and recognizing that sometimes our actions could cost others money. I hope this explains why the Board is asking for your cooperation when it comes to planting in the common area.

We have one other request ... regarding trash or clippings. Please dispose of this in your own garbage cans. Our landscape contract does not cover their collecting trash in our complex. The landscaper has done this in the past as a courtesy to us, but with rising costs and the Board pushing back on all our vendors to reduce costs, some of these courtesies will have to go away. Again, thank you for your cooperation.

If you have a question or concern regarding landscape, you can send an email to: [landscape@southparkhoa.org](mailto:landscape@southparkhoa.org)

Thank You,  
South Park Board of Directors

## What are you looking for?

A plumber, a window company or maybe just a handyman? Well maybe those of us that have had work done well share the names & numbers of the companies we have used to try and make your search a little easier. So if you have had work done & would like to share, send the following info: company or persons name, what they do & phone # to [newslettersouthpark@yahoo.com](mailto:newslettersouthpark@yahoo.com)

Looking for In-Home Care  
Seniors, disabled, temp or permanent care.  
**Peninsula Care, LLC**  
Ruby Q. See, Client Services Manager  
408-655-9145, 650-576-7900 or 415-412-7984  
[peninsulacare@gmail.com](mailto:peninsulacare@gmail.com)

Please know that these recommendations are tips from your neighbors & friends the board has no affiliation with them.



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## July Board Meeting

Meeting starts at 6:30PM  
the third Tuesday of every month  
at the clubhouse.

Homeowners are invited to attend.

The board meeting agenda will be posted on the clubhouse door at least four days prior to the month's meeting





### Freedom's Price

Today we celebrate freedom thanks to those who came before. Those brave men who fought and died in each and every war. Freedom always comes at a price, And while we celebrate We should tip our hats to the heroes who made our country great.

### Red White and Blue

- Hamburgers and hot dogs cooked on the grill,
- Fireworks in the night giving us all a thrill.
- The country all decked in red white and blue.
- Friends all saying 'Happy 4th of July to you.'

### STUFF YOU MIGHT NEED

- City of Santa Clara
- Animal Control - 408-764-0344
- Police Non Emergency 408-615-5580
- Noise Abatement - 408-615-5580

To get a list of pre-approved high efficiency toilets call 877-874-8479  
To get low-flow shower heads or replacement toilet flappers from the Santa Clara Valley Water District, call 408-265-2607 x 2554.

[www.conservationsrebates.com](http://www.conservationsrebates.com)



# South Park Swap Meet

Have something you want to sell, or maybe something that you would like to give away?

List it in the South Park Swap Meet section. All you need to do is send an e-mail to [newslettersouthpark@yahoo.com](mailto:newslettersouthpark@yahoo.com) the following information: Item(s), cost or free, your first name, phone number & or- email address. With that information others in our complex may find just what they are looking for and you may get rid of things you just don't need any more.



## Landscape Schedule Notice

Northwest Landscape 283 Kinney Dr.  
San Jose, CA 95112 408-298-4720

In compliance of Article 1, Section 6618 of the California Department of Food & Agriculture's Laws and Regulations, this document shall serve as the required advanced notice of our intent to apply the described requirements, material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) containing their complete descriptions have been provided to application, several possible days of the month are scheduled for each of these applications. Every **Thursday** in the month of July the following will be done:

ROUNDUP PRO  
Orthene  
Mem WP 75  
Prozalin 4 L

### **LEGEND**

Fertilizer 12-8-16 with B amicide (Herbicide)	
Atrimmec (Growth Reg),	Daconil
Weather Stik (Fungicide),	Deadline (snail bait)
Dimension (Herbicide)	Florel (fruit
Eliminator)	Fore (Fungicide)
Fusiladell (Herbicide),	Gopher Getter
(Rodenticide) Merit(Insecticide),	
Orthen(Herbicide)	Pointer
(Insecticide)	Surflan (Herbicide)
Prozalin r L (Preemergent)	Ronstar G (Herbicide)
e)	Roundup Pro (Herbicide)

## Fourth of July Cherry-Cola Cake

Fireworks will go off when your guests bite into this flavorful chocolate and cherry cake. Frosted with a powdered sugar icing, this isn't just for Independence Day; this cake will be a hit year-round. You can either bake it in a rectangular baking pan or two nine-inch round cake pans. Add a maraschino or bing cherry on top for the perfect garnish.

### **Ingredients**

- 1 pkg. 2-layer size German chocolate cake mix
- Cherry cola
- 1 1/2 tsp. ground ginger
- 1 tsp. finely shredded lime peel
- 1 recipe Celebration Icing
- 10 to 12 dark sweet cherries with stems



### **Directions**

Preheat oven to 350 degree F. Grease and flour a 13x9x2-inch baking pan; set aside. Prepare cake mix according to package directions except substitute cherry cola for the liquid called for and add ground ginger and lime peel. Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake according to package directions. Cool for 10 minutes on a wire rack. Remove from pan; cool completely on wire rack. Use a serrated knife to cut top of cake level. Trim edges of cake. Discard trimmed pieces. Cut cake in half lengthwise into two 13x4-1/2-inch rectangles. Place one rectangle on a serving platter. Spread with tinted icing. Top with second rectangle. Spread with white icing. Refrigerate cake for 1 hour or until icing is set. Wrap cake in plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 4 to 24 hours before serving. Top each slice with a cherry. Makes 10 to 12 servings.

**Celebration Icing:** This recipe is based a 1-lb. box (about 4 1/2 cups) of powdered sugar. In a medium mixing bowl beat 1/3 cup butter with electric mixer until smooth. Gradually add 1 cup powdered sugar, beating well. Slowly beat in 3 tablespoons milk and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Gradually beat in 2 cups powdered sugar. Divide the mixture in half

I don't know about you but I am always up for a good new recipe, so if you have a recipe you think is GREAT and would like to share it, then do just that, feel free to send your favorite recipe to [newslettersouthpark@yahoo.com](mailto:newslettersouthpark@yahoo.com).