



# Saranap Community Association

September 2018

Dear neighbor,

**What will Boulevard Way look like 10 or 20 years from now?** One thing seems clear: It won't look like it does today. Also clear is that no one—not residents, not property owners, not developers, not the county—wants to go through another arduous process like that surrounding the approval of Saranap Village last year. The future of Boulevard Way—and a roadmap to get us from here to there—will be the focus of the main presentation at this year's Annual Meeting of the Saranap Community Association, on Thursday, October 4.

That future began to take shape with the approval of Saranap Village. The next step took place in December, with the first meeting of the **Saranap Avenue/Boulevard Way Planning Process**. Organized by District 2 Supervisor Candace Andersen and the county Department of Conservation and Development, this process was designed to produce a "community vision" to guide development along the commercial/light-industrial stretch of Boulevard Way.

Following the December meeting, county staff drafted a proposed vision statement and policies based on input from that meeting and a follow-up online survey. These were the focus of a second community meeting, held in May, to elicit feedback on the draft. The plan at this point is for the county to present the final version of the document at the third and last meeting in this process. A date for that hasn't been set. We'll let our members know via email and publish an article on our website ([www.saranap.online.org](http://www.saranap.online.org)) when it has.

The draft policies presented in May are light on specifics. The draft leaves blank two essential parameters, the height and density for the entire study area, which will be filled in by the county in the final version. Details like these are essential in a document whose purpose is to provide clear guidelines for developers—which is what the planning process is about. This document will be added to the county's General Plan for the Saranap.

What concerns us too is how few Saranap residents knew about and thus had an opportunity to participate in this process. We informed our members and the Saranap Homeowners Association informed theirs, but the county didn't notify the rest of the community. Only 50 or so people showed up for the December meeting and 20 for the May meeting. That's less than one percent of the population of the Saranap. We're exploring ways to give the other 99-plus percent the opportunity to share their views before the county finalizes the document. We hope to have something to report on this at the Annual Meeting.

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It's been more than a year since the board of supervisors approved **Saranap Village**. Getting a development approved, though, is the just first of many steps before construction can even begin. We'll outline this process, and tell you what we've learned about where Saranap Village stands, at the Annual Meeting.

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While most of the meeting will be focused on the future of the Saranap, SCA board member Chhaya Badri is interested in preserving residents' memories of the area's past through her new **Saranap Oral History Project**. She'll be capturing interviews with longtime residents on video

and posting them on YouTube. Chhaya will be giving a short presentation on the project at the meeting—and inviting those who'd like to share their memories to contact her.

## Board of Directors Election

The Annual Meeting is when the Saranap Community Association elects members of its board of directors. The seven candidates who receive the most votes will join the four board members not up for reelection this year as the 2018–19 board. Four current board members are on the ballot: David Dacus, Charles Huddleston, Stephanie Monson, and Chris Schroeder.

There are three vacancies on the board. We'd welcome community-minded SCA members to join us—neighbors who are interested in developing and managing new programs to serve our Saranap neighbors. If you'd like to discuss beforehand the possibility of joining the board, please leave David Dacus a voicemail at 952-5839 or e-mail him at *David.Saranap@gmail.com*.

## Membership

In order to vote in the election October 4, you'll need to have renewed your membership or join if you're not already a member. Membership is open to anyone who lives or works in or otherwise has an interest in the Saranap community. There are individual, family, and business memberships. A membership application for 2018–19 is included with this letter.

**Please help us avoid long lines at the meeting.** *You can do your part by returning your completed application and check by mail with a postmark of no later than Saturday, September 29.* This will allow us time to enter your information on the spreadsheet we'll be using at the meeting to confirm renewals and add new memberships. Alternatively, you can bring your completed form to the meeting, along with your check. Forms will also be available that evening.

**Special treat!** At this year's meeting we'll be offering macarons and cookies made for us by Saranap baker Bonnie Forman. You won't want to miss those!

We look forward to seeing you October 4!

Sincerely,

Saranap Community Association  
Board of Directors

## Saranap Community Association **2018 Annual Meeting**

Thursday, October 4 • 7:30–9 p.m. (*Doors open at 6:45*)  
Grace Presbyterian Church • 2100 Tice Valley Boulevard

*Everyone is welcome. Please join us!*