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Dear Friends,

Although we are facing tough economic times, we also have an opportunity to find new ways to save and conserve. I believe we must move quickly and comprehensively to reduce energy costs in our existing County buildings and practices, which will save taxpayers money and also reduce our carbon footprint. That is why I called to reconvene the County's "Green Team," as the "Conservation and Sustainability Team." County staff is working to put together a plan to cut energy consumption in County buildings. I am confident we can make our county buildings more efficient which is good for our fiscal health and good for our environment.

I've also had a chance to visit some sites in the Second District recently, including La Morada, a transitional home for emancipated foster youth in our County; the Goleta Slough, where I tested the waters with the Goleta Stream Team, and the newly remodeled County Animal Shelter. We also had a fun art opening for the McKinley Elementary Students in my Second District office, where I host a rotating art show featuring the work of our local school children. For more information on this program [click here](#).

Finally, I hope you'll all join me at my "Green Gardening Day" in the Second District on March 7th at La Sumida Nursery, which will feature some of our favorite garden and water conservation experts. See you there!

Sincerely,  
Supervisor Janet Wolf



Janet Wolf with 6th Grade McKinley Elementary School Art Student, Dalia Aguilar, at Opening Reception in the Second District Student Art Gallery, February 2009

## Green Business Program of Santa Barbara County

*Opens for Business...*

**Green Business Santa Barbara County** is a multi-jurisdictional effort to encourage businesses to implement actions to protect, preserve, and improve the environment above and beyond what is required by law. The program is voluntary and offers assistance and incentives, including an official **Green Business** certification upon completion of the recommended actions.

*For more information go to:*

<http://www.greenbizsb.org/>



*You're invited to*

Supervisor Janet Wolf's

# Green Gardening Day!

*Save Money. Save Water. Go Green.*

*Raffles &  
Refreshments*

*Wise Watering  
Tips & More!*

March 7, 2009  
11:30 AM-1:30 PM

La Sumida Nursery  
165 S. Patterson Ave  
Goleta

*Expert  
Advice on  
Green  
Gardening*

12:00 PM Garden Wise Guys, Owen Dell and Billy Goodnick  
"The Curious Case of...Right Plant, Right Place"

1:00 PM Compost Guru, Jeff Simeon, County of Santa Barbara  
"Compost Magic: The New How To"

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information and demonstration booths from  
Santa Barbara County, Goleta Water District, The City of Goleta, The  
City of Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara City College Horticulture  
Program, Green Gardener Program

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## **Our Emancipated Foster Youth**

This past November, Supervisor Wolf was greeted with homemade cookies, pumpkin pies and stories of strength and perseverance from a handful of young adults who live at La Morada. La Morada, in the Second District, is the County's transitional housing center for young adults ages 18 to 24, who graduate from foster care and temporarily need a place to call home.

Wolf, who has visited La Morada in the past, said: "this home provides a place for these young women and men to pursue career and educational opportunities, while being supported in a safe and secure environment."

La Morada provides a college dorm environment and comprehensive support services to ensure that these young adults make a successful transition to self-sufficiency and independent living. All residents are required to attend college or to work--and in most cases they do both.

For more information on La Morada [click here](#).



*La Morada residents with Supervisor Wolf pictured from left to right: Gian Marroquin, Viola Avauza, Ashly O'Leary, and Manny Peralta De la Guerra.*

**~Testing the Waters~  
Ensuring the Health of the Goleta Slough Watershed**



*Supervisor Wolf testing the Goleta Slough with Santa Barbara Channelkeepers watershed program director, Ben Pitterle*

Each month the local organization, Santa Barbara Channelkeepers, deploys its volunteer Stream Teams to test and identify sources of pollution in watersheds that feed into the Santa Barbara Channel. Supervisor Wolf joined the Goleta Stream Team in December to test the health of the Goleta Slough watershed. Wolf commented: "Santa Barbara Channelkeepers provides an invaluable service to our community by monitoring our streams and beaches. It is vital that we identify and stop pollutants from entering our watersheds to ensure the health of our natural environment and our residents who work and play in or near our streams and ocean."

When faced with State cuts in funding to test local water last fall, Supervisor Wolf's office stepped up and contributed funding to ensure that water testing continued throughout the winter.

For more information on how to get involved and to read the current Goleta Slough Watershed report card click [here](#).

## "Animal Shelter Central" on Overpass Road

Did you know that in the heart of the 2nd District, there are three animal shelters in a row on Overpass Road? The County operates its south county facility at 5473 Overpass Road and cares for approximately 3,000 animals a year. The County accepts primarily stray, lost or abandoned animals. We have a unique model in that 3 non-profit organizations have formed to assist the County and the shelter has been "no kill" for adoptable animals for over 10 years. [Click here](#) to search one of our shelters for pets.



*Supervisor Wolf with Prancer,  
a foster dog available for adoption*

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### **Check out the following programs at the County Shelter:**

[K-9 Placement and Adoption League \(K-9 PALS\)](#) is the volunteer group that provides adoption counseling, behavior evaluation and enrichment for the sheltered dogs.

[Bunnies Urgently Needing Shelter \(BUNS\)](#) is the rabbit rescue group that provides individualized care and exercise for the rabbits in the shelter and ensures they are all spayed and neutered. BUNS volunteers provide training in the form of their excellent workshop entitled "Basic Bunny."

[Animal Shelter Assistance Program \(ASAP\)](#) is the dedicated volunteer group that cares for the cats, providing medical assistance, spay and neuter surgeries, adoption counseling, lost and found assistance and daily care for all the tame cats brought to the shelter.

### **In addition to these successful programs at the County Shelter, there are 2 private non-profit animal shelters on Overpass Road.**

[The Santa Barbara Humane Society](#) accepts owned animals (as opposed to strays), offers low fee spay and neuter services and has a humane education program.

[The Dog Adoption and Welfare Group, \(D.A.W.G\)](#) is the third shelter on Overpass Road. The organization provides a no-kill shelter for dogs and promotes their adoption through outreach programs in the Santa Barbara community.

So whether you are looking for a dog, cat, rabbit--or one of each--please make your first visit a trip to Overpass Road to choose from one of the many adoptable pets who call the 2nd District their home! Also, volunteers are ALWAYS needed at any of the programs described above--visit the websites provided for more information.