

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association

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Neighborhood Newsletter

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Where is SONA? The boundaries of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association are Bascom Avenue on the west, Los Gatos Creek on the south, Highway 280 on the north, and Meridian Avenue on the east.

DON'T MISS THE NEXT MEETING ON JULY 11, 2002!

SONA meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. Refreshments and socializing begin at 6:30 p.m. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the Sherman Oaks Community Center 1800A Fruitdale Avenue next to the Sherman Oaks School.

SONA AGENDA 07/11/02

- 6:30 Refreshments and Socializing.**
- 7:00 Welcome - Jussi**
- 7:05 City College Report** – Michael LaRocca will be presenting a report on our recent contacts with City College. Michael and Carl Lindner recently attended SJCC Board of Trustees meeting with a letter from SONA.
- 7:10 Code Enforcement** - Randi will follow up with results of questions from the last meeting.
- 7:15 NAC/PAC Update** – Charles and Carl will update you on recent NAC activities. A list of the committees will be available.
- 7:20 Community Clean Up** - Charles will update us on the bulky waste clean up coming soon to a neighborhood near you.
- 7:35 GENERAL DISCUSSION AND NEW BUSINESS** – Any new items for future agendas, general discussion or announcements.

June Meeting Re-Cap

We had a great turn out at our June meeting. Make sure you come early to the July meeting so you can meet your neighbors. Refreshments are available.

Michael LaRocca advised the group that SONA would be contacting City College via personal appearance and a letter from the Board. Our intention is to maintain our good neighbor status with SJCC and be more involved in the aspects of development that directly affect the neighborhood. Come to July's meeting for an update.

The Burbank/Del Monte NAC top ten plans were outlined. Sign up lists are still available for those who want to participate in various committees.

Our guest speaker, Lauren Due, gave us an update on Code Enforcement activities in the area. See article on the following page.

Visit Our Website:

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Our PO Box was listed with an incorrect zip code previously.

The correct address is:

PO Box 59146

San Jose CA 95129-0146.

CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

Our June guest speaker was Lauren Due. Lauren is the Code Enforcement office for the SNI area of Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association.

Lauren distributed informational flyers and explained that Code Enforcement is a complaint driven office. They respond to complaints, but don't go looking for violations for the most part. Lauren does, however, drive through the neighborhood once a week and his team conducts driveway sweeps of the whole area periodically. Our next sweep is due in July.

The mission of Code Enforcement is to work in partnership with people to promote and maintain a safe and desirable living and working environment.

Among the regulations they enforce are those pertaining to graffiti, weeds, zoning requirements, San Jose Municipal Housing Code (minimum standards for safe and sanitary housing), building code violations and blight. In short, anything that could affect living and working conditions.

Officers respond to citizen complaints on a confidential basis but you can ask for follow up on your complaint. Code Enforcement notifies the offender in writing and sets a deadline. The office tries to help remedy the situation but does have the authority to cite and use the judicial system if necessary.

In the SNI project area there are also driveway "sweeps" where staff drives the entire neighborhood to look for obvious violations. Lauren commented that this is a pretty clean neighborhood overall. The majority of letters sent out to residents concerned the storage of trash and recycling containers in view of the street.

For further questions about Code Enforcement you can contact the office directly at 408.277.4528.

Our thanks to Lauren for an informative session.

DUES

Have you paid your yearly dues? Dues are \$12.00 per year (a bargain) and help us develop ongoing neighborhood projects. Dues can be mailed to our PO Box or can be brought to our meetings. Help support your neighborhood.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP

We are in the process of organizing a neighborhood bulk waste clean up. If you are interested in joining the planning, have opinions or are willing to help out, contact Charles Crowder at 408.244.5317.

COMMUNITY CENTER

A NAC working group for the proposed community center at Community College is being chaired by Susan Price-Jang and co-chaired by Michael LaRocca. The first task is to visit local community centers to see what has worked in the past and what has not worked. Several bus trips are being scheduled. Contact Susan for more information at 287-0769.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 07/11/02 | SONA General Meeting 6:30 p.m. Sherman Oaks Community Center |
| 07/18/02 | National Night Out Planning session 105 N. Bascom Ave. Contact Kathy Wells 977.0159 |
| 07/20/02 | Scott Street Streetscape Plan walking tour. Contact Eric Larsen 977.0159 |
| 07/23/02 | SONA Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Sherman Oaks Community Center |
| 07/24/02 | PAC meeting site TBA |
| 07/25/02 | NAC Meeting 6:00 Lions Blind Center on Bascom Ave. |
| 08/08/02 | SONA General Meeting 6:30 p.m. Sherman Oaks Community Center |
| 08/20/02 | SONA Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Sherman Oaks Community Center |

NOTE: City Council meetings are every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. Evening sessions begin at 7:00 p.m.

Hope everyone has a chance to enjoy the summer. See you at the meetings.

Randi Kinman, Editor