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Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,
Congratulations to all participants of the SONA clean up! This was our biggest community event ever, thoroughly planned and well executed. Getting rid of unwanted material beautifies our neighborhood. We also increased our paid membership and strengthened our association. There are several vacant positions on the SONA board, please contact me or any other board member if you wish to fill one. We need your participation to make SONA function!

Five of our members attended the United Neighborhood 9th Annual Seminar on October 12 and we all learned a lot about how to run our association better. While listening to the excellent presentations on Neighborhood Watch, a home safety program and Earthquake Preparedness, I had an idea about how to combine the benefits of these programs with old-fashioned neighborliness. I realized that we are missing the very simplest thing in our neighborhoods, person-to-person contact between neighbors.

The people who can help us when disaster (earthquake, fire, terrorism, burglary, vandalism, etc.) strikes are our immediate neighbors. Our neighbor on the left, the one on the right and the three on the other side of the street who can see our homes are the ones we should know when we need each other. We might be different in many ways, but we live next to each other and there may be a time when no fireman, police or ambulance can reach our place.

I am now creating a program to help each resident to exchange information with his/her five immediate neighbors for mutual safety and security. I call this HIFIVE. This program is for all residents and each one will decide how much information they want to exchange. It will take time and work to develop the details and translations and some trial and error. It will fit those who are more outgoing and those who are more reclusive.

I'll get busy now because there is much to do!
— Jussi Rajna

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 14 DON'T MISS IT!

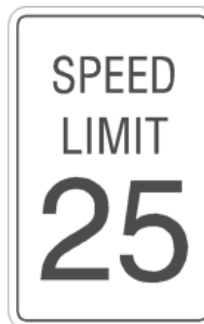
SONA meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. Refreshments and socializing begin at 6:30 p.m. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the Sherman Oaks Community Center 1800A Fruitdale Avenue next to the Sherman Oaks Charter School.

SONA AGENDA 11/14/02

- 6:30 Snacks and Socializing
- 7:00 Welcome — Jussi Rajna, President
- Approval of September minutes — Jussi Rajna
- 7:05 Treasurers Report — Paul Owens, Treasurer
- 7:07 Police Report
- 7:20 Clean Up Day ReCap — Charles Crowder
- 7:25 NAC/PAC Report —
- 7:30 Traffic Calming — Mark Jenson
- 8:00 Updates and New Business

TRAFFIC CALMING

While we all love living in a peaceful neighborhood, it sometimes seems as though our broad streets are being used as thoroughfares for city-wide traffic.



In response to your requests, SONA is putting together a traffic calming program.

We will start with a field trip on November 9, 2002. Directed by Mark Jenson, we will travel through the city to see in person different measures that have succeeded and failed in other neighborhoods. The caravan leaves Sherman Oaks Community Center promptly at 1:00 p.m. and will return at 4:30 p.m. Be on site by 12:45p.m. to arrange for carpooling.

The field trip will be followed by a presentation and discussion at our general meeting on November 14. For more information or to discuss carpooling plans, contact Dr. Charles Crowder at 287-2615.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!!!

SONA CLEAN UP A SUCCESS!

Thank you all for making the SONA Neighborhood Cleanup an unqualified success. Two hundred seven of you filled twelve 40 cubic yard dumpsters with stuff you didn't want anymore. You contributed your time and energy toward making your community a better place to live and towards meeting and helping each other. You gave up your sleep and your morning to man dumpster sites, prepare for the party and make pickups for those who couldn't get their refuse to the bins by themselves.

Thank you Waste Management, the San Jose Conservation Corps, Sherman Oaks Community Center Staff and the City of San Jose. You were inspiring in the expertise and excellence you brought to your jobs.

Thank you all! Charles Crowder

GOOD NEIGHBOR CORNER

This month we are truly proud of our many good neighbors who contributed countless time and effort to the recent SONA Neighborhood Clean Up. While I hope I have all your names, the most important thing is that we all worked together, made friends and had fun. Congratulations for a job well done.

If you have a good neighbor story to share, please send it to the SONA editor at randikinman@yahoo.com

Thank you to all the volunteers of the 2002 SONA Neighborhood Clean-up We couldn't have done it without you!

Event Chair Dr. Charles Crowder	Sherman Oaks Area Captain Michael LaRocca Bill Adams Lea Adams Jonathan Bim David Cirone Dee Dobbs Mark Lucas Scott McQueen Ross McQueen Jerry Mondlovich Jussi Rajna Milo Risner JoAnne Solomon Patrick Solomon Jon (Swede) Szabo Ted Rosario	Sherman Oaks Comm. Center Staff Javier Meneses Jerrold Simon Lucreatia Park Denisse Arenas Ray Chavez Manual Ramirez City of San Jose Marcos Gutierrez Erik Larsen San Jose Conservation Corps Rodrigo Pena Mary Vilches Andres Baltazar Enrique Castillo Rodrigo De Moises Juan Bautista Jose Munos Juan Carlos Ramirez David Zamudio Monica Gonzalez Noe Cruz Carlos Jimenez
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RICHMOND MENKER

A Richmond/Menker Pride Day is being organized by Marcos Gutierrez, Community Coordinator for the City of San Jose. While a full schedule of events is not yet available, The November 23 event will have food, fun and entertainment.

Though the Richmond/Menker area has been a focal point recently for negative publicity, poor management and general neighborhood concern, many tenants there are long term residents of this neighborhood who, like all of us, want to live in a peaceful and pleasant area. This is a good time to meet your neighbors and show them your support.

For questions, call Marcos at 977-0159.

NEW SONA WEBSITE

SONA's new website is live and ready for your use! You'll find it at <http://www.sona-sj.com>. SONA's website is a resource built just for you. On the site, you'll find newsletters, meeting minutes, phone numbers and other neighborhood resources. An interactive calendar listing SONA, NAC, PAC and other events will be available within the month. A message board is coming soon too! Be sure to check out the site and provide feedback. After all, this site is built for you.

SONA FOOD DRIVE

During the months of November and December SONA is asking all neighbors to assist our local Second Harvest food program. Donations of canned goods can be dropped off at SONA meetings or at the Sherman Oaks Charter School during regular school hours.

Second Harvest provides two programs, Family Harvest and Senior Brown Bag, in our area. Both programs are held at the Sherman Oaks Community Center. Family Harvest is on the third Tuesday of every month. Volunteers, who are parents at the school and also receive food donations, sort and bag approximately three tons of food. The food is ready for distribution to families by 4:00 p.m. Last month we fed 110 families, 50% from Parkway and 50% from Sherman Oaks. To receive food, families must have dependent minor children and meet the qualifications for low-income. Families registered in the program have first priority to the food. If any food remains then it is given on a first come, first served basis. Registration forms are available at the school and must be submitted to Second Harvest by mail, for more information call 266-8866. The Senior Brown Bag program is held on Thursday mornings. Any low-income senior may register to receive a weekly bag of groceries. This program is administered by Korean-American Community Services (KACS). To register call KACS at 920-9733.

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association Membership Form

All residents wishing to join must complete this form. Membership is from June 2002 to June 2003

Join the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association and become part of a network of residents working to improve and maintain the neighborhood quality of life (safety, property values, aesthetics) and represent SONA neighborhood interests before local governments.

The SONA encompasses the neighborhoods between Bascom Avenue on the west, Los Gatos Creek on the south, Highway 280 on the north and Meridian Avenue on the east.

All residents, business, elected officials and organizations within SONA's boundaries are eligible for membership.

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month from 6:30-8:00 at the Sherman Oaks Community Center, 1800A Fruitdale Avenue, San Jose, CA 95128.

Membership dues help fund projects and social events working toward SONA's mission of moving in a positive direction for the improvement of our neighborhood.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Home: _____ Work: _____

Sign me up for the following committees:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Paint out graffiti | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Preparedness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Delivery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming | <input type="checkbox"/> Block Watch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SONA Board | |

Mail to: _____ Membership dues: \$12.00

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association Additional donation: _____

PO Box 59146

San Jose, CA 95159-9146 Total: _____

November 2002 SONA Calendar

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 12:45-4:30 Traffic Calming Field Trip meet at SOCC
10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14 6:30 pm SONA General Meeting (SOCC)	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 7:00 SONA Board Meeting (SOCC)	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30

NOTE: City Council meetings are every Tuesday at 1:30 pm. Evening sessions begin at 7:00 pm on the first and third Tuesday's.
SOCC=Sherman Oaks Community Center, 1800A Fruitdale Avenue, San Jose, CA 95128

For November and December there will be only one NAC meeting and one PAC meeting.
NAC meeting moved to December 5 at 6:30 SOCC
PAC meeting and location will be posted on <http://www.sona-sj.com>