



Issue 24, January 2003

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association



VTA UPDATE—1/9

Come to our January meeting for an update from VTA officials on VTA's vision for Southwest Expressway and the new light rail. VTA is making fast progress on the new light rail line and plans for the Fruitdale Station are in place. Ongoing public hearings have allowed maximum input from the community, but few of us have seen the final results in person.

This is a great opportunity for those who have not been to public meetings as VTA will be bringing along maps of our area with the design plans laid out. Wondering where the bus stops are going to be on Fruitdale? Wondering where the Fruitdale Station light rail stop is going to be? Come to the meeting to find out. This is your opportunity to see the vision for our area.

PARKMOOR/MOORPARK CLEAN-UP—1/18

Save this date! On January 18, 2003 we will gather with neighbors from both sides of the freeway to clean up Moorpark and Parkmoor from Bascom to Meridian. This small area is designated as one of the worst eyesores in the city.

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NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 9

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 1/9/03

- 6:30 Snacks and Socializing
- 7:00 Welcome — Jussi Rajna, President
- Approval of December minutes — Jussi Rajna
- 7:07 Police Report
- 7:20 VTA Vision —Steven Fisher
- 8:00 Updates and New Business

GOOD NEIGHBOR CORNER

Prior to an evening meeting, Carl Lindner carefully placed a folder with several years' worth of notes on top of his car. Unfortunately, he didn't put the folder in the car and about half a block later you can imagine the results. Neighbor Robert Moore happened to find the papers flying about the neighborhood and, in the dark, retrieved the entire folder. Several years of notes, contacts and information was retrieved and salvaged from cars and damp.

JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 9 6:30 pm SONA General Meeting (SOCC*)
- 18 9:00 am Moorpark/Parkmoor Clean-up Meet at Moorpark & Leigh
- 22 6:30 pm PAC Meeting. Location TBD
- 23 6:30 pm SNI Meeting (SOCC*)
- 28 7:00 pm SONA Board Meeting (SOCC*)

City Council Meetings: Tuesdays at 1:30 pm.
Evenings: 7:00 pm on the first and third Tuesday's.

* Sherman Oaks Community Center
1800A Fruitdale Avenue, San Jose, CA 95128

ONGOING PROJECTS

Just because you don't hear about them each month, that doesn't mean SONA members aren't working on ongoing projects. All of our projects have room for extra helping hands and you are always encouraged to ask questions. You can find much of the information on our website at www.sona-sj.com.

City College Liaison—Continuing discussions with San Jose City College concerning the south soundwall, parking garage availability, impact of events and other items are being handled by Michael LaRocca, Jussi Rajna, and Carl Lindner.

Joint Use Community Center—Sponsored by the NAC, this committee is headed by Susan Price-Jang. A district-wide needs assessment is also being conducted. Susan can be reached at sleeprice@aol.com.

Sherman Oaks Community Center—Dr. Charles Crowder is acting as SONA's liaison with Sherman Oaks Community Center. There are tentative plans to organize a work day at the center to help spruce up the facility. Charles can be contacted at drchar@pacbell.net.

PAC—The Policy Advisory Committee, which is the policy arm of the SNI area meets once a month. All meetings are open to the public. Randi Kinman is the SONA representative and can be reached at randikinman@yahoo.com.

NAC—The Neighborhood Advisory Committee is a local coalition of neighborhood groups creating a vision for our district. Projects include neighborhood clean-ups, design and development of parks and the feasibility study for building a park over Highway 280. SONA NAC representatives are Carl Lindner, Charles Crowder and Susan Price-Jang (representing educational institutions) In January the NAC will hold elections with Michael LaRocca and Randi Kinman running for open positions. Robin Wood will be taking Charles Crowder's place on the NAC board.

Traffic Calming Projects and Research—being done by both Sonya Paz and Charles Crowder. Sonyapaz@pacbell.net and drchar@pacbell.net.

Newsletters—delivered each month by a team of volunteers. If you can deliver to just one block that would help our efforts. For details, contact Charles Crowder at drchar@pacbell.net.

POLICE REPORT

During recent football games our streets were lined with visiting cars. Unfortunately, these cars attracted the attention of several youths who chose to break into the vehicles and steal property. The youths were apprehended by the local police with burglary tools in hand and will be prosecuted.

SJPD reminds everyone to call 911 if you see a crime in progress or if there is a life threatening situation. To report crimes that have already occurred or to report a suspicious situation, dial 311. Remember, the police can only respond to actions they know about. It is always better to report your suspicions and be wrong than to not report a possible crime and learn later that you were right.

KEEP OUR STREETS CLEAN

We've all seen the results of yard waste being put out too early and then being run over by cars. This is not only an eyesore and inconvenience to your neighbors, you can be fined \$25.00 for violating code enforcement laws.

You can only set out clippings, recycling and trash containers 24 hours before your scheduled pick-up. Carts must be stored out of sight, behind the property set back line, not in your driveway. Your "honey do" list on Saturday may include trimming the shrubs, but leaving them in the street over the weekend is not safe for the neighbors, is unsightly, and can result in the clippings being dragged down the street by a passing car. Report violations confidentially by calling Code Enforcement at 277-4528.

NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

If you don't know who to call in the city of San Jose for action, you can always call 277-4000.

Emergency	911
Police Department (non-emergency)	311
City Hall Center (24 hours)	277-4000
Airport Noise Hotline	452-0707
Fire Department	277-4444
Recycling and Garbage	277-2700
Energy Conservation	277-5533
Street Sweeping	277-2571
Street Tree Permits	277-2762
Library Services	277-4846
Senior Programs	277-4101
Parks and Recreations	277-4661
Anti Graffiti Hotline	277-2758
Rental Dispute	277-5431
Transit/Light Rail Info	277-2300
Vehicle Abatement Hotline	277-5305
Code Enforcement	277-4528

ADVERTISE IN THE SONA NEWSLETTER!

Do you own a local business or provide services in or near the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association? If so, you should advertise in this newsletter. Starting in February, this newsletter will be professionally printed and will accept advertising. Advertising dollars help fund the monthly newsletter, SONAs number one communication vehicle.

\$15.00**/month
Buy 5 months,
get the 6th month free!
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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.

SONA Demographics and Reach*

Median household income \$54,141.
Average age 30.2 years
Married households 44.9%
Households w/ children 34.5%
4,000 households and multi-family units

*data provided by Coldwell Banker

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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 | |

Membership dues: \$12.00

Mail to:
Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association
PO Box 59146
San Jose, CA 95129-0146

Additional donation: _____

Total: _____

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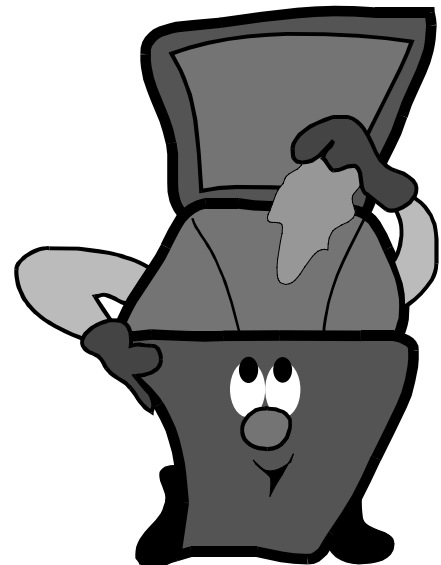
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