



Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association

Notes From The President

It seems like this year is flying by as usual. I hope you all have great plans for the summer and that you all take some time off just to rest and relax. Chores will always be there, but those moments of sitting back with a nice iced tea don't come often enough.

One of the great things about being a "neighborhood leader" is that I'm asked to participate in activities in other neighborhoods' activities and get to see what they are doing. I recently volunteered for the Buena Vista Neighborhood's home tour and picked up lots of great tips and info on remodeling. As our homes get older, this free info is invaluable, so don't be afraid to take on a local home tour this summer. Besides the tips, you get great ideas.

I'm proud to say we've upped our newsletter delivery and now reach almost 1500 homes each month. Volunteers are always welcome and can call Sheila Cvitanich.

Congratulations to Peggy Bryan and SOCCS. Last month they received an award from Senator Barbara Boxer and this month they were honored by Intel at a recent event in New Orleans. **Sherman Oaks Community Charter School was chosen as the top school in the country out of a pool of 1300 applicants in the category of staff development.** This is an amazing honor for our neighborhood school. Along with the recognition, Intel awarded the school with \$10,000 in cash and \$125,000 in gifts from other companies that include software, licensing, equipment and gift certificates for technology purchases. For more information on this award and how Peggy and her crew earned it, you can visit www.blueribbonsschools.com/Default.aspx?tabid=74. I know you'll all join me in thanking Peggy for not sticking to her original plans to retire last year and feel free to stop by and congratulate her in person.

Have a safe and fun month...

Randi

Agenda 07/08/04

- 6:30 p.m. Snack and Socializing
- 7:00 p.m. Call to order
- 7:05 p.m. Approval of Minutes
 - April 2004
 - May 2004
 - June 2004
- 7:10 p.m. Treasurer's Report
- 7:15 p.m. SJPD Activities
- 7:25 p.m. Speaker

Mark Kovich

SONA Traffic Calming Plans and Possibilities

- 7:50 p.m. Announcements
- 8:00 p.m. Adjourn

SONA general meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Sherman Oaks Community Center, 1800A Fruitdale Avenue, San Jose. SONA board meetings are the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Sherman Oaks Community Center. SONA boundaries are Bascom/280 south to Meridian then west to Los Gatos Creek. From the creek the boundary runs north back to Bascom.

The Good Neighbor Corner

Thanks to all the SONA volunteers...You Rock!!

Neighborhood News

National Night Out is coming up in August and we have some money to go towards a block party in your portion of the neighborhood. We have access to some grant money to go towards equipment rental (tables, chairs), goodies like balloons or staples such as hamburgers and hot dogs. If you are interested, call Randi before July 16, 2004.

If you take daily walks through the neighborhood and want to help get rid of abandoned cars, call Rick Aquistapace and he can help you sign up for the vehicle spotter program. If you can't volunteer but still have a problem car on your street, give him a call and he can take your complaint personally or refer you to the spotter on your block.

We're asked at times how SONA makes things work in our neighborhood. The answer is we don't you do. SONA receives phone calls and letters each month on problems and issues. We hear from you at our monthly meetings and this year we conducted a written survey in our neighborhood. The board then refers you to the appropriate agency or, if many people are complaining about the same thing, we bring staff into our meetings. Often after several meetings a solution is presented and voted on. This is how the streetsweeping program and the red curb programs were brought into the neighborhood. To date we have received many letters in support of these programs and only two complaints. We will be surveying on both issues later this year.

SAN JOSE CITY COLLEGE UPDATES

SJCC is completing many projects this year in their Capital Improvement Program. The Student Services Career Center is basically done and will be occupied in July 2004. This means that after some minor work the Leland/Moorpark entrance will be done and we should see a change in the traffic patterns. The parking lot adjacent to the parking garage will be vacated by the construction crews and opened in Fall 2004. Demolition of the old library, counseling building and Admin wing will begin in August with construction of the Science complex beginning in September and lasting 18 months. Construction of the second parking garage is currently on hold. The completion of the Rexford sound wall is on hold pending confirmation of acceptance of all residents affected. The district plans to place another bond measure on the November 2004 ballot. This will not increase taxes, but will extend the current obligation.

The college will be updating its master plan in September 2004. Robert Dias, Director of Facilities, has provided a more complete listing of projects and dates which is available on our website or by contacting Michael LaRocca. Mr. Dias will be available at SONA's October 2004 general meeting.

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Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association welcomes participation and input from all of you who live in our area. We are actively recruiting volunteers and board members at this time. If you have any questions, comments or concerns (no matter how large or small) please feel free to contact any of our board members. You may also send an e-mail to: **sjsona@pacbell.net**.

SONA Newsletter Editor: Randi Kinman

SONA Website Administrator: Sonya Paz



Many thanks to the volunteers who helped make the June 5, 2004 clean up a success!

SONA

- Dr. Charles Crowder
- Ryan Cougill
- Sheila Cvitanich
- Julie Easterbrook
- Tommy Ellis
- Ann Gunderson
- Mark Kovitch
- Sal, Margaret & the LaBarbera kids
- Michael LaRocca
- Clair Rucker

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- Norma Aluanza & kids
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- Consuelo Zapata Marsh

Sherman Oaks Soccer Club

- Osvaldo Rubio
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- Erik Larsen

Photos by Dr. Charles Crowder

**SHERMAN OAKS COMMUNITY CENTER
CLEAN UP JUNE 5, 2004**

The joint effort of City staff and local community groups on June 5, 2004 brought a thorough cleaning, scrubbing and painting of the Sherman Oaks Community Center. Over 100 hours of volunteer time was donated to this project. With donated supplies and lots of giggles and smiles, the job was done in just a few hours. There is still a list of chores to be done, so if you didn't get in on this paint party, another will be coming along soon.

Sherman Oaks Community Center is one of the centers destined to be on the City's budget chopping block this year. While current services will not be affected, this means that there will not be staffing available for new activities. Participating groups are just some of the people who use this center on an almost daily basis. This project is a great example of how much our center means to all of us and what we can accomplish by working together to make a difference in our neighborhood. Thanks to all.

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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.

Dues \$12.00 per year, payable yearly.

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

Meetings are held from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Sherman Oaks Community Center, 1800A Fruitdale Avenue, San Jose, CA 95128.

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

NAME:

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PHONE and/or EMAIL:

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