



## Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association

### Notes From The President

Like many of you, I took some time off to visit family and friends and re-charge the batteries before fall. Our mild summer has been pleasant and relaxing, but a little heat wouldn't hurt the tomato production. A special thanks to the neighbors who have helped pick up mail, mow the lawn and keep an eye on homes for each other.

With lots of time on my hands I've been enjoying watching the animals in the back yard both domestic and wild. Catnip beds and bird feeders make me a neighborhood favorite of the local felines (except the feeders are out of kitty claw reach). My neighbors have also discovered the nightly parade as we watch the possums and raccoons travel across the fence lines. Cries of "...there it goes.." can be heard down the block.

For those of you who are new to the area, feel free to give any of the board members a call if you have questions. The City of San Jose has an excellent website that includes a "Neighborhood Troubleshooter" packet that has all the local resource numbers. If you don't have a computer and need a copy, contact a board member and we'll get one out to you.

Our upcoming general meetings should have something of interest for everyone. September's meeting will bring you all you need to know about permit parking and October will have representatives from San Jose City College. Our November meeting has a tentative schedule of fire safety. If you have suggestions for future meetings, give me a call or drop me a line. We have residents lined up for next year who can speak about energy saving appliances such as solar electricity, solar water heating and on demand water heaters. Susan and Victor have just installed a new solar system that should have their PG&E meter running backwards this summer. As always, our goal is to be available to you and to help each other make this the greatest place to live and work. **Randi**

### September Agenda

#### September 9, 2004

- 6:30 p.m.** Snacks and Socializing
- 7:00 p.m.** Welcome
- 7:05 p.m.** Police Report
- 7:20 p.m.** Approval of Minutes  
May & June 2004
- 7:25 p.m.** Treasurer Report
- 7:30 p.m.** Permit Parking  
Michael LaRocca  
A look at how it works; discussion to follow.

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

Several neighbors have nominated the properties at 1657 and 1675 Kingman for the good neighbor award. Both properties have received exterior face-lifts with new paint, landscaping, fencing, lights and repair work. This has made the block look nicer and feel safer. Thanks, neighbors.

## Permit Parking

In the last newsletter we asked whether or not you wanted to explore permit parking. This has been discussed at previous SONA meetings to ease temporary problems related to events at San Jose City College. Neighbors have also expressed an interest in the permit process to help move cars parked in the more densely populated portions of SONA where there are homes, duplexes and apartments all sharing the street.

At our September 2004 general meeting we will hear about how permit parking works in a neighborhood and what it takes to introduce it to a neighborhood. Board member Michael LaRocca has researched the City of San Jose's process and will be presenting his findings to the membership.

We will also set up an area on our website to help track comments and questions concerning this program.

This program and discussion will be one of many throughout the year that centers on making our streets safer and more attractive. Our traffic calming project is headed up by board member Mark Kovich. If you have questions or concerns about traffic related issues, Mark will be glad to work on them with you.

A series of neighborhood "driveway" meetings will be held throughout the year to bring you and your immediate neighbors together to discuss problems and solutions. If you are interested in hosting or attending any of these meetings, contact Mark at 408.295.7507 or email him at mark@spazart.com.

## Fire Station 4 Ribbon Cutting

SONA was pleased to sponsor the ribbon cutting ceremony at Fire Station 4 on August 6, 2004 by providing the food for staff, dignitaries and visitors.

The newly renovated station house is now compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), making it accessible to everyone. The addition of shower facilities for women, expansion of office and "living" space, including a kitchen remodel was financed through bond Measure xx.

In a home remodel, we have the ability of moving out of the space to allow for the crews to come in and do their work. In a fire station, this is not possible, so work crews and firefighters all learned to get along. The construction crews worked almost around the clock to meet deadline and the final trimming of the front grounds was done by firefighters days before the ribbon cutting.

Along with the usual dignitaries and staff, the event was attended by local residents of all ages. The YMCA summer class walked over from the school to present the station with a welcome banner and home made cookies.

Many of our firefighters live in the SONA area, including one of the newest, Derrick Chapman. During off duty time Derrick saved a child who had wandered away from home and onto Fruitdale Avenue.

A special thanks to Michael LaRocca, Carl Lindner and Randi Kinman for arranging the luncheon. The funds were provided by a CAP grant.

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The SONA newsletter is published monthly and distributed to almost 1500 residences. All ad copy is due by the 15th of each month. Our all-volunteer group welcomes your participation and comments.

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## New Board Member Appointed

At the August 17, 2004 meeting, SONA's board of directors unanimously voted to approve the appointment of Tommie Ellis to the vacant board position. Tommie is a contractor who lives with his family near the College/Kingman intersection and has been active in dumpster days and other SONA activities.

Tommie's reasons for volunteering for the position were so he could become more involved in the neighborhood and help make decisions that will affect all of us in the years to come.

Make sure you tell him congratulations at the next general meeting.

## Planning Workshop a Success

Several SONA residents attended the August 7, 2004 Planning Workshop at Sherman Oaks Community Center. This event, sponsored by the Burbank/Del Monte Neighborhood Advisory Committee brought Planning Director Stephen Haase and staffer Dionne Early in to explain and discuss several hot topics with the planning department.

Attendees learned how projects go step by step through the Planning Department and what the criteria for different zoning regulations are.

After that was an overview and discussion of secondary units (sometimes called granny or in-law units) and the City San Jose's efforts to regulate and administrate the building and use of such units. City's around the state are being told by the State of California that they need to develop a plan as part of required in-fill and low income housing. There area currently no legal grounds for building secondary units in San Jose. The proposed ordinance would affect 9% of the city's current R1 or residentially zoned lots.

The Housing Opportunities Study (HOS) has identified possible areas that could be re-zoned into high density transit oriented housing. All of these properties are within Council District 6 and in the general area between Meridian and downtown. These units have the potential for drastically increasing the number of residents close by.



## October Is Your Next Chance At Dumpster Day

The final 2004 SONA dumpster/clean up day will be on Saturday, October 23, 2004. A flyer will be included in the October newsletter.

This will be a limited day (4 bins at 2 locations), so prepare now and plan on getting there early. When the dumpsters are full, the event will be over.

Due to the City of San Jose budget cutbacks, future dumpster days will not be scheduled and funded by the city. Our dumpster days have been funded by grants from the Burbank/Del Monte NAC and the City of San Jose's Community Action and Pride Grants.

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Classes begin September 18th, 2005.

Private classes available.


Please call, Roxana @ 293-5048

A small cartoon illustration of a dog sitting on a chair, looking towards the viewer.



*City of San José  
Fire Department*

*welcomes you to the  
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony  
Commemorating the Remodel  
of  
Fire Station 4*



*August 6, 2004  
11:00 a.m.*



Fire Department and City of San Jose Staff, Councilman Ken Yeager, Councilman Forrest Williams and SONA residents listening to Mayor Gonzales at the ceremony.



Clockwise from the right: SJPD on the scene, our local ladder truck, Chief Clet, Councilman Yeager and Jussi Rajna taking a tour.





## *City of San José*

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At right, Councilman Forrest Williams, Chief Clet and SONA board member Carl Lindner listen to Mayor Ron Gonzales. The new kitchen below. Elaine Lindner enjoying herself, Randi Kinman and other guests after the ceremonies at SONA's buffet line.



After the official ceremonies tours were given of the newly remodeled facility. SONA helped break in the new kitchen.

Among the many visitors that day were SONA residents, Richmond Menker tenants and numerous City of San Jose officials.

Doreen Hassan from the YMCA day program brought a contingent of young children over who enjoyed their sack lunches in the parking lot. Afterwards, they participated in an impromptu fire safety training.

Children climbed through the trucks and kids of all ages were wowed by the state of the art heat vision goggles.



### *San José Fire Department* *Fire Station 4* *Ribbon Cutting Ceremony* *Program*

*Welcome:*  
*Nicolas E. Thomas, Deputy Fire Chief*  
*Bureau of Support Services*

*Speakers:*  
*Honorable Ron Gonzales, Mayor*  
*Honorable Ken Yeager, Councilmember, District 6*  
*Jeffrey L. Clet, Fire Chief*

*Acknowledgements:*  
*Ava McClara, Fire Captain / SJFD Board Liaison*  
*Nicolas E. Thomas, Deputy Fire Chief*

*Ribbon Cutting / Slaying:*  
*Mayor Ron Gonzales*  
*Councilmember Ken Yeager*  
*Fire Chief Jeffrey L. Clet*

*Refreshments:*  
*A BBQ luncheon will be provided by*  
*The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association*

## San Jose City College 2004 Football Facility Use

| DAY   | DATE   | GAME                              | TIME       |
|-------|--------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| FRI   | SEP 3  | NO. MONTEREY vs BELLARMINE        | 7PM        |
| SAT   | SEP 4  | SEQUOIAS vs SAN JOSE CITY COLLEGE | 7PM        |
| FRI   | SEP 10 | MENLO ATHERTON vs PIONEER         | 5 & 7:30PM |
| FRI   | SEP 17 | BARTLETT vs BELLARMINE            | 7PM        |
| SAT   | SEP 18 | CHABOT vs SAN JOSE CITY COLLEGE   | 7PM        |
| SAT   | SEP 25 | RIORDAN vs BELLARMINE             | 7PM        |
| SAT   | OCT 9  | SOLANO vs SAN JOSE CITY COLLEGE   | 7PM        |
| FRI   | OCT 15 | SERRA vs BELLARMINE               | 7PM        |
| FRI   | OCT 29 | ST. FRANCIS vs BELLARMINE         | 7PM        |
| SAT   | OCT 30 | DE ANZA vs SAN JOSE CITY COLLEGE  | 7PM        |
| SAT   | NOV 6  | MONTEREY vs SAN JOSE CITY COLLEGE | 7PM        |
| THURS | NOV 25 | SAN JOSE vs LINCOLN—BIG BONE GAME | 11AM       |
| FRI   | NOV 26 | CCS PLAYOFFS                      | TBA        |
| SAT   | NOV 27 | CCS PLAYOFFS                      | TBA        |
| FRI   | DEC 4  | CCS PLAYOFFS                      | TBA        |
| SAT   | DEC 5  | CCS PLAYOFFS                      | TBA        |

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HOME TEAMS ON THE RIGHT

### Also Scheduled:

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| SAT | SEPT 11 | SOUTH BAY BODYBUILDING CONTEST. An all day event scheduled in the college theater. |
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### SONA Talks with SJCC

After a series of incidents following the July 21, 2004 All-Star game, SONA residents met with SJCC president Tsang and members of his staff. SONA requested increased police and security in the neighborhoods both during and after the games this fall. After outlining the problems of vandalism and congestion following the All-Star game, President Tsang stated he would be working with his staff and would draft a response to SONA at the end of August. SONA members reminded the staff that these were ongoing problems and not related to just one game or event. Among the problems associated with the site are traffic congestion, unsafe pedestrian access, increase in crime, noise and vandalism. The July 21 event saw neighbors subjected to roaming groups of youth who were determined to create an uproar in the neighborhood. SONA did not request a halt to events, but requested again that additional security be put in the neighborhoods to make them as safe and trouble free as the campus is during events.

## NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

Thanks to the many new and renewing members who have paid dues in the last few months. SONA dues pay for administrative expenses, newsletters, our website and meeting support. Many of the neighbors listed below have donated additional money for our general fund. Welcome and thanks to new and renewing members: **William Bailey, Jack & Gloria Barone, Ken Barone, Konrad Beck, Nancy Huff, Jonathan & Tricia Bem, Bea Brown, Elsa & Robert Carvalho, Dr. Charles Crowder, Richard & Marcy Deyhle, Tommie Ellis & Family, Roberta Emerson, Jack & Lydia Ford, Jon & Cynthia Freedman, Tom & Joyce Gibbons, Anthony & Carolene Giluso, Paul & Yoka Gonda, Michael Gradis, Alexandra Adams, Michael & Elizabeth Kelly, Stacey King, Barry Lepore, Shabbir & Jumana Latif, Man-Sce & Luen Li, Glenn & Joy Lillie, Carl & Elaine Lindner, Tony & Ingrid Mann, Celia Medina, Barbara Meininger, Changam & Nirmala Naidu, Than Nguyen, Nhut Tran, Evelyn Osborne, Joe & Frances Pizzo, Paul Sawabe, Janet Sims, Charles & Betty Slater, Can & Lien Thai, Doug & Mary Sue Tiffen, Larry & Pat Wolfe.**

### Sherman Oaks Community Charter School

A reminder that **school starts Tuesday, September 7, 2004** at our local K-6 Sherman Oaks Community Charter School. This always means lots of kids and parents trying to walk safely to school, so slow down and remember the speed limit on Leigh and Fruitdale around the school is 25 MPH.

The **International Safe Walk to School Day is October 6, 2004**. This is also the week that all police agencies concentrate efforts around all of our schools to ensure people are obeying all traffic and safety laws. This is of special importance to SONA residents as we saw several major accidents involving children in crosswalks last year.

For more information on the school calendar, you can visit

[so.ca.campusgrid.net/home/school+calendar](http://so.ca.campusgrid.net/home/school+calendar).

## Del Mar High School News

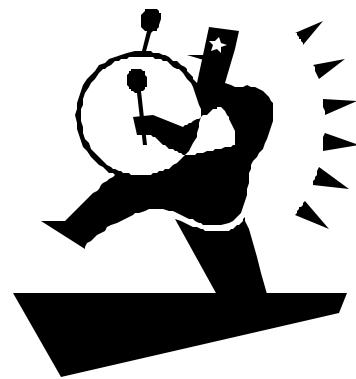
The third annual Black and Gold Carnivale will be held Saturday, September 25th from 7-11pm in the DMHA Café Theater. Funds from this event benefit the Performing Arts Department. Tickets are \$20 per person and include casino style gaming, complimentary food and beverages, prize drawings throughout the evening, free child care for kids up to age 7 and much, much more. Tickets are available for purchase from Campbell Music Center or at the DMHS main office beginning September 1.

Also available soon will be season passes to all Performing Arts events including the Black and Gold Carnivale, the Haunted Mansion, drama productions and concerts. Passes are only \$40. The Performing Arts department produces play, music and dance programs throughout the year. The department can be reached at 298-0260 ext. 3259.

Thursday evening band practices began August 19 and will run from 5-8:30 p.m. each Thursday until November 6. The 3rd annual Feste Del Mar band competition will be held on site Saturday, April 30, 2005.

**Homecoming will be Saturday, October 9th** with a kick off pancake breakfast running from 8-10 am. The JV game begins at 11am and varsity is at 1:30pm. The band hopes everyone can turn out for the premier of their half-time show, "When Worlds Collide: The Music of Star Trek vs. Star Wars".

Submitted by Bill Burkhead, DMHS  
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