



# Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association

## Notes From The President

**SONA** is a group of neighbors and residents who work and play together to make sure our neighborhood gets better each year. We sponsor activities, meet monthly and try to make sure we are addressing the needs of the neighborhood. We need your help in continuing to bring you these monthly newsletters and to improve our financial stability and encourage your family and neighbors to join or renew your annual SONA membership. You can clip and use the form on page 4 of this newsletter.

We encourage our members and all Sherman Oaks Community residents to become more involved in SONA activities and events and to participate in improving our Sherman Oaks Community and adjacent neighborhoods. We look forward to seeing you and your neighbors at upcoming events and membership meetings. If you have any questions, please contact me at mlroo1@sbcglobal.net or at 408.564.2374. The best time to reach me is early weekday evenings.

**No Charge for Directory Assistance!** (Courtesy of the Burbank Community Association's Newsletter.) Phone Companies are charging \$1.00 or more for 411/Information calls. When you need to use 411/Information, simply dial 1-800-FREE-411 or 1800-373-3411 without incurring a charge -- works on cell phones, too! Please be aware that you will hear a short advertisement before receiving the number you requested. That is how this service is offered for free. If you don't mind hearing the sponsor paid advertisements then this service could be perfect for you. **Thanks to BCA for the tip!**

**Michael**

## AGENDA

### SONA GENERAL MEETING

Thursday  
March 8, 2007

6:30 p.m.

Refreshments and  
Meet the Neighbors

7:00 p.m.

Welcome

7:10 p.m.

SJPD (if available)

7:30 p.m.

Kathryn Mathewson  
Bay Area Research &  
Extension Center  
(see pg. 3)

Sherman Oaks  
Neighborhood Association  
meetings are held on the  
second Thursday of each  
month at the Sherman  
Oaks Community Center,  
1800A Fruitdale Ave. SJ  
CA 95128

## Good Neighbor Corner

Our good neighbors wish to be anonymous this month... but, there are several of them. Each month we ask people to renew their dues and are surprised and pleased to receive extra funds from our members. These funds allow us to print our newsletter. Since it costs us almost \$300 per month to print the newsletter, our membership dues currently cannot support the expense. Thanks Neighbors for your help!

## Notes and News

Have you even received a notice that somebody has “found” money in your name and thrown the notice away? There are several websites available to conduct a search of your own. All you need is a computer and a list of cities you may have lived in. Don’t let somebody charge you for information you can get on your own, and don’t let the opportunity for recovery of property and/or funds owed you slip by. For more information you can contact:

[www.sco.ca.gov](http://www.sco.ca.gov)

[www.unclaimed.org](http://www.unclaimed.org)

[www.missingmoney.com](http://www.missingmoney.com)

New and renewing members this month include **Debbie Lewis-McQueen & Scott McQueen, Colleen & Alan Hattman, Mike & Kim Kirouac, Changam & Nirmala Naidu, Dr. Charles Crowder, Lien & Can Thai, Pat & Larry Wolfe, Christine Amann & Bill Todd, Shirley & Alvaro Mata, Woody Wilson, Elaine Ferris, Paul & Maricela Gallarate, Sharon & Robert Rabbiosi, Laura Stewart & Brendan Byrne, Denise & John Verbrugge, and Janet Sims.**

**San Jose Family Camp** is a 40 acre self-contained campground in the Sierras offering an extraordinary experience for San Jose families. Serving 270 campers daily, the camp provides family oriented activities, lodging and meal service approximately 10 miles west of Yosemite. Family Camp is currently looking for summer employees in all areas, including counselors, lifeguards and cooks, along with custodial, administrative and retail workers. Workers must be over 18 and pass a background check. Family camp runs from June 15 to Aug 12. Employees work 6 days a week, earn salaries and are provided with lodging and food. For more information contact San Jose Family Camp, 1300 Senter Rd. or call 277-4666.

There are a host of activities available at low or no cost to seniors in our city. Listed below is a brief overview of what’s happening at Willows Senior Center on Lincoln Avenue.

- Bus tours include visits to casinos, theater performances, Grace Cathedral, Buddhist Temples and cruises on the Monterey Bay. For more information about trips, call 800.955.2877.
- Western Career College offers free x-rays, cleaning, deep root cleaning, fluoride treatment/varnishing, etc. These services are conducted by senior dental students. Located at 6201 San Ignacio Avenue, you can call 360-0840 for more information.
- Free haircuts are offered in room 14 on Fridays from 9am-11am on a first come first served basis.
- Blood pressure screenings are held on Thursdays from 10:30-11:30am in the Willows office.
- Notary service is available by appointment for a \$5 charge.
- Senior Adult Legal Assistance (SALA) offers free legal assistance.
- Classes on quilting, Chinese Calligraphy, genealogy, piano, Spanish, Tai Chi, watercolor, and yoga are offered along with club and drop in activities including bridge, canasta, lawn bowling, meditation, bingo, computers, theater and ping pong. **For more information contact Willows Senior Center at 448-6400!**

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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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## What is BAREC?

## Save the Date

The 17 acre Bay Area Research and Extension Center (BAREC) site is located on Winchester Blvd. across from Valley Fair Mall.

Since 1850 this land has uniquely contributed to Santa Clara Valley. From 1850-1882 it was the Normal School. From 1882-1920 it was Osborne Hall, a home for physically and mentally disabled children. From 1921-1960 it was a home for families of Civil War Veterans.

From 1928-2003 it was also a University of California Agricultural/Horticultural Research Center, carrying out agricultural research and education needed for the entire State and our bioregion. For those of you familiar with the Master Gardner program, this was also their home base.

Located in the city of Santa Clara, this open space adjacent to San Jose was considered the State's leader in rural/urban issues: health, the environment, sustainability, recycling and pollution prevention. The land and its buildings are in line for being listed in the National Historic Register.

The site is currently vacant but, due to its location, is being considered for high density housing development. While in the city of Santa Clara, its proximity to San Jose makes it a high priority for neighborhood leaders planning the future of Council District 6. Anything built on the site will affect residents, traffic and other infrastructure in our district. While we try, normally, to let other cities take care of their own business, any change to this valuable resource will affect us for decades to come.

To learn more about BAREC, its unique history and the potential future of this site, come to our March meeting and listen to Kathryn Mathewson. A resident of the Shasta/Hanchett area, Kathryn has been actively involved in BAREC for many years. With a BA in Biology and a Masters in Landscape Architecture, Kathryn has developed award winning designs working for both private and governmental bodies. Her current business specializes in the design and maintenance of landscapes and gardens tailored to each owner. For more of her work you can visit [www.secretgardens.com](http://www.secretgardens.com).

**March 7** - Blight Buster Training Session. Help beautify your neighborhood by becoming a Blight Buster Volunteer. Training begins at 6:30pm at the West San Jose Community Center. For more info contact Art Nino at (408) 921-0473.

**March 14** - Join the seniors at the Willows Center for a St. Patrick's Day celebration from 1:30-3:30 pm. There will be refreshments and a live band. Charge is \$2 for non-members.

**March 16** - Open House at Willows Senior Center, 2175 Lincoln Avenue. Learn what services are offered at this site, including adult ed classes, fitness, community resources and health screening. Willows offers wide variety of programming throughout the year. Hosted by Willows Senior Center, Metropolitan Adult Education Program, Home Well Senior Care. There will be door prizes and refreshments. For more information call 448.6400.

**March 28-April 1** - SJ Jr. Sharks Girls Hockey program is hosting the 2007 USA Hockey National Championships for girls aged 11-19 at Logitech Ice. Volunteers are needed for 3-4 hour shifts to cover apparel sales, data entry, registration and other duties between the hours of 7am-3pm. For more information contact the volunteer coordinator at 930.3200 or email [Hockey.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:Hockey.volunteer@gmail.com)

**Now through April 13** - San Jose State University Gerontology Program is hosting a series of speakers and events. Ranging from health insurance and counseling, senior day services, Adult Protective Services and careers in aging, there is something for everyone. For more info contact Dr. Hikoyeda at 924.2938 or email [nhikoyeda@casa.sjsu.edu](mailto:nhikoyeda@casa.sjsu.edu).

**May 19** - Great American Pick-Up Day. This is an annual event sponsored by the City of San Jose. More information will come later. Traditionally neighbors ban together to pick up litter, clean graffiti and adopt other one-day projects that will help make neighborhoods a better place.

**June 6** - Second Annual SNI Recognition dinner by the Neighborhood Housing Services of Silicon Valley. This is your opportunity to recognize neighbors who have gone above and beyond to make a difference in your SNI neighborhoods.

**Ongoing** strength and fitness classes are being held for cancer patients and survivors at no charge. Sponsored by Stanford and the YMCA. Contact Joyce Hanna at 650.725.5014 or you can email at [joycehanna@stanford.edu](mailto:joycehanna@stanford.edu). Web: [lslw.stanford.edu](http://lslw.stanford.edu)

# SUPPORT SONA ADVERTISERS

## SONA Membership Dues

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

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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"/> Political              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Safety      | <input type="checkbox"/> SONA Board             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Block Watch         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)        |

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Mail to: Membership Dues: \$12.00  
 SONA Additional Donation: \_\_\_\_\_  
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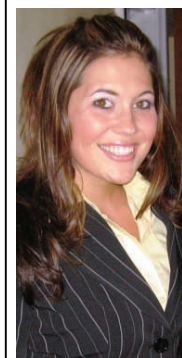
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## San Jose Fire Stations Hold

### Spring Open Houses

Join the SJ Fire Department at one or more of their Fire Station Open Houses. Learn about the importance of smoke alarms, exit drills, when to call 911 and other subjects. Have you ever visited a Fire Station? If not, this is an opportunity for the whole family. Open Houses will be from 2pm-5pm on:

- **Sat 3/17 Fire Station #22**, 1641 Bose Lane/Camden Avenue
- **Sat 4/21 Fire Station #16**, 2001 S. King Road/Cunningham Avenue
- **Sat 5/19 Fire Station #29**, 199 Innovation Drive/Zanker Road
- **Sat 6/16 Fire Station #7**, 800 Emory Street/Laurel Street
- **Sat 7/21 Fire Station #6**, 1386 Cherry Ave/Minnesota Ave

Group reservations for scout troops, clubs, etc. can be made by calling the San Jose Fire Department Office of Public Education at 408.277/2878 or email [pub-ed@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:pub-ed@sanjoseca.gov).