



Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association

Notes From The President

As I end my first term of service as your President I can not help but think how our neighborhood is changing. The old K-mart site is finally beginning to take shape and the buildings on the Hudson property at the corner of S.W. Expressway and Fruitdale are being demolished to make room for a new high density housing development. The design phase for the new Bascom Community Center and Library is nearly complete with the opening for public use scheduled spring of 2010. San Jose City College is moving forward with additional renovations to the college campus. If you have not taken look at what is happening on campus drop by and take a look it is truly amazing. Valley Medical Center's Health Services building at the corner of S. Bascom and Moorpark is nearing completion. We have become aware of plans to develop high density housing adjacent to the Bascom Light Rail Station. Del Mar High School is putting the finishing touches on their campus renovations. The vacated Espresso Garden on South Bascom is being renovated into a new sushi bar and grill. The city's Department of Transportation recently installed No Parking on the 3rd Thursday of the month for street sweeping signs on the following streets; Del Mar from Lynnhaven to Rexford; Rexford from Del Mar to Mansfield; and Randolph from Del Mar to Mansfield which should make for cleaner streets. As I sit here I can not help but think how these changes have improved our neighborhood and how privileged I am to live in this neighborhood. In closing I would like to thank all renewing and new members for their annual dues payment and generous donations...Michael

AGENDA

SONA GENERAL MEETING

**Thursday
May 10, 2007**

6:30 p.m.

**Refreshments and
Meet the Neighbors**

7:00 p.m.

Welcome

7:05 p.m.

Announcements

7:10 p.m.

SJPD (if available)

7: 20 p.m.

**Neighborhoods
Commission
Presentation**

**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

Congratulations to the students, parents, faculty and staff at Del Mar High School! Your recent recognition as a National School of Merit has occurred because you all worked together to achieve this award! We are all proud of the work you've done and wish the best for all of you!

Notes and News

San José Seeks Community Input to Determine Street Maintenance Priorities

If you are interested in the condition of your streets and street infrastructure you are invited to give input to help determine funding priorities. The City's transportation Department is hosting ten public meetings to hear comments from residents about this topic.

SCHEDULE OF COMMUNITY MEETINGS

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Council District</u>
April 24 6:30 pm	Millbrook Community Center 3200 Millbrook Dr.	8
April 30 7:30 pm	Moreland Community Center 1850 Fallbrook Ave.	1
May 2 6:30 pm	Cambrian Library 1780 Hillsdale Ave.	9
May 7 6:30 pm	Berryessa Community Center 3050 Berryessa Rd.	4
May 8 6:30 pm	Hoover Community Center 1677 Park Ave.	6
May 9 6:30 pm	Almaden Community Center 6445 Camden Ave.	10
May 16 6:30 pm	Southside Community Center 5585 Cottle Rd.	2
May 17 6:30 pm	Tully Library 880 Tully Rd.	7
May 21 6:30 pm	Alum Rock Library 3090 Alum Rock Ave.	5
May 24 6:30 pm	Northside Community Center 488 N. 6 th St.	3

New and renewing members this month include **Heather & Jason Hunt, Don & Velma McGoldrick, John & Lydia Ford, Joseph & Frances Pizzo, Anne Kearney, Stephen Kline, Layne Kulwin, Mary Angelo, Celia Medina, Nhut Tuu Tran & Thanh Loan Nguyen, and Korean American Community Services, Inc.**

Dr. Charles Crowder is starting a **walking group** on Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings at 8am. Walking is one of the most effective ways to get in shape and will be made more enjoyable when you join your neighbors. Walkers will meet at 821 Goodwin Avenue at 7:55am and leave for a 30 minute walk at 8am sharp. For more information contact Dr. Crowder at 287.2615 or email him at drcrowderdc@sbcglobal.net.

SONA will be receiving a Community Action and Pride grant from the City of San Jose to hold our annual **National Night Out** celebration in August. It's not too soon to start planning and we need your help. You can help arrange food, entertainment, displays or join the set up/tear down committee. Do you have interesting ideas that would be fun for others? Any particular activities you look forward to? Contact Michael LaRocca for more information.

City Hall has a nesting pair of peregrine falcons. It is quite amazing to hear them and watch them in action. We suggest you watch your step during feeding. If you want to watch them from the comfort of your home, the city has set up a website at: <http://falconcam.sanjoseca.gov/nest>

May 23 (Wednesday) is a community playground build at an East San Jose Headstart site. If you want to help, contact Randi Kinman at 408.835.2881. No experience necessary! Must be 18 to participate.

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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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FROM SANTA CLARA COUNTY

DISTRICT 4 SUPERVISOR

KEN YEAGER

Reducing greenhouse gases is a huge issue even for governments to handle, but all residents in Santa Clara County can do their part to help maintain and improve our environment and it's a good time to think about ways we can reduce our waste and preserve the earth's resources.

Here are some tips on how you might be able to help:

- Cut up plastic 6-pack drink rings. Birds and small animals can get caught in the rings and suffocate
- Water your lawn in the morning or the evening, when temperatures are usually cooler and you will lose less moisture to evaporation
- "Just say no" to junk mail. Click [here](#) for instructions on how to remove your name from junk mail lists, including unsolicited credit card offers. Millions of trees are killed to produce the tons of paper sent out in these mailings
- Buy products in bulk. Larger containers use less packaging than several smaller containers
- If you can't get a leaky faucet fixed right away, collect the water in a container and use it for cooking, drinking or watering household plants
- Buy rechargeable batteries. These will save you money in the long run, and you'll keep toxic disposable batteries from ending up in landfills
- Keep the tires on your car properly inflated to maximize your gas mileage
- Switch to compact fluorescent light bulbs. These need less energy to provide the same amount of light as an incandescent bulb.

Ken and all of his staff have transitioned to their offices in the county. John Mills is Chief of Staff. Megan Doyle, Tony Filice, Laura Jones and Lee Sturtevant are policy aides. John Myers handles communications and Michelle Espinosa is the Executive Assistant. You can reach Ken this way:

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SAVE THE DATE

May 15 - From 10am-20m you can exchange your old mercury thermometer at the Willows Senior Center, 2175 Lincoln Ave. and receive a new digital thermometer. This event is sponsored by the City of San Jose and the Bay Area Pollution Prevention Group. Keep those mercury thermometers safely out of landfill! If you can't make it that day, other times and sites are being set up by BAYWISE. You can reach them at www.BAYWISE.org or call them at 1-888-BAYWISE.

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. Web: lslw.stanford.edu

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 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 Cherry6 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 to: pubed@sanjoseca.gov.

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:

ADDRESS:

PHONE and/or

EMAIL: _____

Sign me up for the following committees:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Paint Out Graffiti | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 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) |

Mail to: Membership Dues: \$12.00
 SONA Additional Donation: _____
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Spring Notes

Our April showers will bring us May flowers ... and weeds. Time to get out now before they are out of control. Treat the earth nicely and limit your use of chemicals.

It's not too late to get in vegetables. Many can still be started from seed, or transplanted from nursery containers. You'd be surprised how much you can cram into a small container garden. Even an herb garden will bring smiles to your face all summer.

Make sure that you are taking care of hedges that grow along the sidewalks. This is the time of year when they can grow rapidly and overtake the public right of way. Remember that there are families of all shapes, sizes, ages and abilities who are using those sidewalks on a daily basis. And, make sure your trimmings don't go out too early or you could be cited.

Finally, remember that trees grow. They may look nice along your fence when you plant them, but your neighbors probably didn't ask for extra foliage.