



Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association

Notes From The President

Here's a Fun Event That Sounds Like Fun Burbank Jamboree – Saturday, June 23rd

Don't miss this years Jamboree. This year's Jamboree is shaping up to be one of the best. The rock climbing wall will return for those of all ages to test their strength and skill. The bed races are shaping up with 4 entries already.



There will be good food, good music and lots of information and fun. The Jamboree will be on Saturday, January 23rd from 10am – 4pm at the corner of Shasta and West San Carlos. Keep watching the newsletter for more information. If you would like to help with the Jamboree by sponsoring, volunteering, participating as a vendor, or just would like more information contact Jose at 408-947-8711.

ATTENTION, SENIORS—If you have any legal problems or just want some legal advice, remember the Senior Legal Hotline at (800) 222-1753. Also, check out their Website www.seniorlegalhotline.org. For their purposes, a senior is anyone 60 or older.

Clip this for future reference.

AGENDA

SONA GENERAL MEETING

**Thursday
June 14, 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.
National Night Out Planning Discussion and Volunteer Sign Ups

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

Colleen & Alan Hattman renovated the front yard landscaping and installed side yard fencing at their home on the northwest corner of Mansfield & Randolph. Candice Stein designed the landscape plan and landscaping was completed by Leo-Michael Anshutz Landscaping Inc. Their neighbor Frank Fanger with the help of Alan installed the fencing which is an example of neighbors helping one another. This project has improved the neighbor hood environment and they are commended for their efforts (see pictures on page 2). Colleen, Alan, and Frank—thanks for the improvements to the neighborhood.

Notes and News

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.

New and renewing members this month include Nhut Tuu Tran, Thanh Loan Nguyen, Celia Medina, Mary Angelo, Barbara Langworthy, and Florence Dubbs Roat.

Colleen & Alan Hattman's Place



SONA has received a Community Action and Pride Grant from the City of San Jose to hold our annual **National Night Out** celebration in August. 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.

SAVE THE DATE

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 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.

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FORWARDING EMAILS

Do you really know how to forward emails? 50% of us do; 50% DO NOT. Do you wonder why you get viruses or junk mail? Do you hate it?

Every time you forward an email and there is information left over from the people who got the message before you, namely their email names and addresses you are contributing to your own problem. As the messages get forwarded along, the list of addresses builds, and builds, and builds, and all it takes is for some poor sap to get a virus, and their computer can send that virus to every email address that has come across their computer.

Or, someone can take all of those addresses and sell them or send junk mail to them in the hopes that you will go to some site and he will make five cents for each hit. That's right, all of that inconvenience over a nickell!

How do you stop it? Well, there are several easy steps. Try the following if you haven't done it before:

- 1. DELETE PREVIOUS ADDRESSES** - When you forward an email, DELETE all of the other addresses that appear in the body of the message (at the top). That's right - Delete them. Highlight them and delete them, backspace them, cut them, whatever it is you know how to do. It only takes a second. You MUST click the 'Forward' button first and then you will have full editing capabilities against the body and headers of the message. If you don't click on 'Forward' first, you won't be able to edit the message at all.
- 2. USE THE BCC: OPTION FOR MULTIPLE TO: ADDRESSES** - Whenever you send an email to more than one person, do NOT use the TO: or CC: fields for adding email addresses. Always use the BCC: (Blind Carbon Copy) field for listing the email addresses. In this way, the people you send to will only see their own email address. If you don't see your BCC: option in your outgoing email message, click on where it says TO: and your address list will appear. Highlight the address and choose BCC: and that's it. It's that easy. When you send to BCC: your message will automatically say 'Undisclosed Recipients' in the 'TO:' field of the people who receive it.
- 3. CLEAN UP THE SUBJECT LINE** - Unless you really want to tell the recipient you had

forwarded the message remove any 'FW' in the subject line. You can re-name the subject if you wish or even fix spelling.

- 4. DO NOT 'NEST' FORWARDED EMAILS** - Ever get those emails that you have to open 10 messages in order to read the one page with the information on it? ALWAYS hit your Forward button from the actual email you are reading. By forwarding from the actual message you wish someone to view; you stop them from having to open many emails just to see what you sent.
- 5. IMMEDIATELY DELETE PETITIONS** - Have you ever gotten an email that is a petition? It states a position and asks you to add your name and address and to forward it to 10 or 15 people or your entire address book. The email can be forwarded on and on and can collect thousands of names and email addresses. A FACT: The completed petition is actually worth a couple of bucks to a professional spammer because of the wealth of valid names and email addresses contained therein. If you want to support the petition, send it as your own personal letter to the intended recipient. Your position may carry more weight as a personal letter than a laundry list of names and email address on a petition. (Actually, if you think about it, who is supposed to send the petition in to whatever cause it supports? And don't believe the ones that say that the email is not being traced; it just isn't so!)
- 6. DO NOT FORWARD AMBER OR VIRUS ALERTS** - Before you forward an 'Amber Alert', or a 'Virus Alert', or some of the other emails floating around nowadays, check them out before you forward them. Most of them are junk mail that's been circling the net for YEARS! Just about everything you receive in an email that is in question can be checked out at Snopes or Urban Legends. Just go to www.snopes.com or www.urbanlegends.com. It's really easy to find out if it's real or not. If it's not, please don't pass it on.
- 7. DELETE ALL THE EXTRANEIOUS GARBAGE AT THE END OF THE ORIGINAL MESSAGE** - You've received them. The pertinent part of the message is two lines long. After that, there is 10 or 15 pages of 'Buy more Emoticons' or 'to subscribe to this' or 'live forever without paying taxes', etc. etc. etc. ad nauseum. Highlight all this stuff and hit 'Delete'.

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Save the Date

Saturday Farmer's Market is back on The Alameda. From 8:30am-12:30pm you can join others in purchasing farm fresh produce, cheese and seasonal fish at the public parking lot next to Peets Coffee and Tea at 1345 The Alameda. A kids jump house is available. Every last Saturday of the month will be a different festival (music, drums, dancing, etc.) There is also a Farmers Market in Willow Glen behind the old theater that runs every Saturday, allowing you a choice of local markets.

Saturday, June 2 is the 7th annual Buena Vista Home and Garden Tour featuring three SONA Eichlers this year. Tickets are \$15single/\$25 couple and can be purchased the day of the event at 347 Menker Avenue in advance by contacting Loui Tucker at loui@loutucker.com or 287.9999.

Sunday, June 10 (7am-4pm) will be the annual Hot Rod and Classic Car Show at San Jose City College. This family event helps sponsor book loans for students at the campus. Besides the incredible array of cars you can enjoy a pancake breakfast until 10am or a barbeque beginning at 11am. There will be music and kids activities at this free event within walking distance of your home. For more info contact Andrea Lopez at 288-3129 or Andrea.Lopez@sjcc.edu.

Saturday, June 16 is the annual Dancin' on the Avenue event in Willow Glen. With Lincoln Avenue blocked to auto traffic, there are bands, wine tasting and entire evening of fun beginning at 5pm.

Saturday, June 23 is the annual Burbank Neighborhood Jamboree sponsored by the Burbank Community Association and the West San Carlos Neighborhood Business Association. This event features antiques and antique appraisals, food booths, music, entertainment and fun for the whole family. One of the highlights is the annual bed race where teams compete for fastest times and best decorations. For more info contact the WSC manager at 947.8711.

Don't forget the city's website has a list of events all around town. Enjoy your summer!



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Volunteers Wanted

SONA is currently looking for more volunteers who have a couple hours a month to give towards making our neighborhood a better place in which we live, work and play. Our first need is for some temporary newsletter people who can fill in during vacations and summer breaks. This only takes about an hour or so a month. Second, we need volunteers to help coordinate our National Night Out event in August. We need people to help with food, activities, clean up and other committees. You don't have to come up with brilliant ideas, you just need to be willing to help out. Contact any board member.

SONA is also looking for community volunteers who can sit on the Burbank/Del Monte NAC. This is the Strong Neighborhoods group that meets monthly and works with other neighborhoods and city staff to develop projects and priorities. Randi Kinman's recent appointment to the City's Planning Commission will mean she needs to avoid conflicts by stepping back from some of her duties. Commitment time varies. Contact Michael for info.