



Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association

Notes from the President

Unfortunately our guest speaker last month was sidelined by an upper respiratory infection, but Vice Chancellor Jeanine Hawk has requested a "do-over" with us and will be at our November meeting.

This is also an opportunity to remind people that flu season is upon us. The call for seasonal flu shots has been high this year, with some local offices running out, but they are restocking just for you. Flu shots are also available at most pharmacies now for those who want them. The H1N1 inoculation should be available shortly. In the meantime, take precautions. Hand washing is always the # 1 way to beat back germs and viruses, but carrying around alcohol wipes or gel is a great way to protect yourself. And, always take advantage of wiping down a shopping cart. You really don't want to know how gross they are if not treated. Anytime you handle money, use a hand rail, open a public door, etc. you are touching somebody else's microbes. Not to be a fear monger, but we all know an ounce of prevention can save a week of feeling crummy.

Well, the first rains certainly were a test of our skills...did that roof patch hold up, did the gutters work properly? This was also a chance to see what storm drains are working correctly. If they backed up near your house, make sure you report it before the next round of rain. You can call the Department of Transportation at 277-4373 to report problems. You can also call the City's 24-hour hotline at 535-3500 to report problems. Meantime, make sure you stock up on supplies for power outages because sooner or later you will need them.

This is also a good time to check out your emergency kit that I know you've all prepared. Remember that kit? The one that will allow you to handle being on your own for a week or more in a natural disaster? With the 20th anniversary of Loma Prieta behind us, it's easy to become complacent, but could your household stand on it's own for any length of time? Do you have current contact information for your neighbors? If your out of state family needed to reach you, do they know who your neighbors are? This only takes a few minutes.

PayPal is up and running on our website! You can pay dues or just add some extra \$\$ to SONA's account. Dues pay for our website and newsletter. If just 10 people per month paid dues, our newsletter costs would be covered. And, if you handed me a check recently and haven't seen it come out of your account, please check with Michael. I unfortunately shredded and recycled a pile of papers that was meant to be kept instead of the "get rid of" pile. My apologies.

Hope to see all of you at the **grand opening of St. Elizabeth Park**. I know many of you have already been enjoying the site, but this is our time to shine and celebrate. It is only because you, as residents, lobbied and helped design the site that we have this great resource at the edge of our neighborhood.

See you at the meeting.....Randi

SONA General Meeting

Thursday

November 12, 2009

6:30pm

Social Mixer

7:00pm

San Jose PD

(if available)

San Jose City College
Staff & Administration

Campus Projects

What's New

What's Going on

What's in the future

8:30 Adjourn

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

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Notes and News

The Trustees at SJCC recently voted to approve the contract for demolition of the poles and fencing, so we should be seeing some activity over there soon. What exactly will happen to the Leigh Avenue site is still up in the air.

Meantime, congrats to the staff and admin at SJCC who handled the sudden loss of electricity on 10/13 very well. Thanks to CERT training, they all knew how to handle a big emergency and used these skills to evacuate buildings, secure the campus and even rescue people trapped in elevators. Good job.

And a big shout out to the SJCC #1 Girls Softball team. No, not #1 in scoring (though they do well there), but #1 in academics in the State and #9 in the country. This is an incredible achievement for these student athletes. Congrats Lady Jags!

Beginning November 2, 2009 the kitchen is open at the Willows Community Center on Lincoln Avenue! A fire shut down the senior nutrition program almost two years ago, but renovations are complete and the program is back underway. This ties in nicely with the senior programs offered during the day at the center. All are welcome. Suggested donation to offset costs is \$2.50 per person, but if you don't have the funds, don't worry, you are still welcome. This is a good time to check out the local senior programming along with other programs offered at the center. With the Bascom Community Center and Library still under construction, we can take this opportunity to see what we might want at "our" center in the future.

Hang onto those recycling materials and bring them to the next SONA meeting. We are still collecting bottles and cans to raise funds for SONA. Jussi and Lisa can help if you've collected more than you can drag to a meeting or if you can't make it to a meeting. By saving these items, it doesn't cost you a dime and can help SONA continue to print newsletters. And, continue to hold onto those electronics and other e-waste items so we can turn them in for cash. If you get a notice on your door, it's not from us unless it has our logo on it. There have been a number of people who are going from neighborhood to neighborhood collecting items. If you read these notices, they aren't benefiting local charities, so why not give them to a good cause?

SONA will not be having a general meeting in December as we usually take that month off. We would, however, like to make sure you come to the community center anyway and celebrate with the rest of the neighborhoods in the Burbank/Del Monte NAC. We are all gathering for an annual potluck and celebration. This is a great casual evening that can give you and your family a break between holidays. You can also meet neighbors from SONA and other nearby neighborhoods stretching from here to the old Del Monte Cannery site and Diridon Station. You can find out from Buena Vista neighbors what it takes to hold home tours and ask about their yearly Halloween Spirit night or talk to Shasta Hanchett folks about how they raised funds for their pillar project. The construction of Hwy 280 may have divided us once, but we all share the same goals...and it's a lot of fun!

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Car Show and Food Drive

Dennis and Marlene Bird want to remind you of the **San Jose Classic Chevy Club's 21st Annual Car Show..Toy and Food Drive on November 21 from 10am-3pm.** For those of you who love classic cars, this is quite the event. And, if you have a classic car that you want to show off, you still have time to get your vehicle buffed and ready for public viewing.

The alcohol free event will be held at the Cathedral of Faith, 2315 Canoas Garden Ave., SJ, 95125 rain or shine. Admission is one unwrapped toy (or more!) and a non-perishable food items. Proceeds benefit local charities and Cathedral of Faith Ministries. For more information you can visit their website at www.SanJoseChevys.org or give Dennis a call at 408.286.6246.

This event kicks off with a pancake breakfast from 8am-10am and continues throughout the day with music, activities and lots and lots of fun.

You can enter a raffle to win 3 days and 3 nights at Reno's Hot August Nights 2010 if you're feeling lucky.

Don't worry about going hungry because food booths will be available on site.

There is no pre-registration to enter your car, so don't worry about anything but getting it there. While the club obviously concentrates its attention throughout the year on Chevys, any classic car is welcome.

All proceeds benefit local charities.

The San Jose Classic Chevy Club is a "...non-profit club for owners and aficionados of Classic Chevrolet vehicles." Classic generally means cars 25 years old or more. The club is a great resource for those who have a desire to restore their vehicle or have questions about these classics. These enthusiastic hobbyists meet monthly and you don't have to be an owner to become a member of the club.

You won't often find an event for the entire family that is this affordable so even if you don't think you are a car buff, try it out. There is something for everyone.

Holiday Happenings

Yes, we know you are still sifting through Halloween candy, but it's time to plan for the November and December holidays.

If you want to take a day off to organize or shop and don't want the kids underfoot, the PRNS department runs two half day sessions at Willows center in December. Kids will be fed and kept busy making cookies and crafts. Or, you can schedule a family breakfast with Santa that includes singing and craft making. Kids receive a personal invitation from Santa to attend. Registration is required for all of these events, so contact Teresa Walsh at 978-7681 for fee and registration information or go to www.sanjoseca.gov/prns to register online.

If you want to keep people busy, you can always book yourselves into the future by visiting the StarTrek exhibit at the Tech Museum. Covering all things Trek, the exhibit runs to April. Call 294-TECH or go to www.thetech.org/StarTrek

Christmas in the Park begins on November 27 with a tree lighting at 5:30pm. There is still time for your group, school or organization to reserve your spot. It's always interesting to traditional Christmas trees overlaid with decorations from people of many faiths and backgrounds. Call 292-6435 for more info.

San Jose Holiday Parade is December 6 this year. This family parade starts early, so plan on making it easy on yourself and take light rail into downtown.

Guadalupe River Park and Gardens has a kids program in November titled "Indians, Acorns, Baskets and Canoes" along with the annual Turkey Trot run. December will be wreath making. For info go to www.grpg.org or call 298-7657.

Kids can visit the Rosegarden Library for "Wii Wednesdays" from 4-5:30pm or go to Thursday "Mad Science" fun. Willow Glen Library schedules "Mad Science" on Friday afternoons.

And, don't forget the annual Big Bone game between Lincoln High and San Jose Academy held every Thanksgiving at San Jose City College. Instead of watching people you don't know in bowl games on TV you can join families from around the city in this annual event. This game has been held every year since 1945 and always draws generations of families. There's only so many times you can tolerate people opening the oven door to see if the turkey is ready; get out and go to the game instead!

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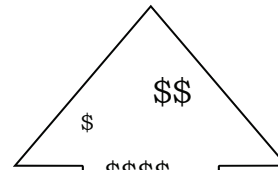
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