



Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association (SONA) general meetings are open to all interested parties. General meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Bascom Community Center, 1000 S. Bascom Ave beginning at 6:30pm. SONA board meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Sherman Oaks Community Center at 6:30pm.

Issue 150 of Your Neighborhood Newsletter

Notes from the President

Well, I don't know about you, but I could use just a little more summer. It always goes by so fast when there's a lot to do. Parks, JazzFest, parties, National Night Out...it's all fun.

As you can see we are on number 150 of your local newsletter. We have always counted on our membership dues to offset the costs which is why some of our newsletters are smaller than others. If you want an easy way to pay your dues, visit our website and payonline through our PayPal account. Or mail dues to our P O Box.

We also collect cans and bottles as part of our fundraising. Just save them up and call either Jussi or Lisa (see page 4) and they will make arrangements with you to come get them. We do not want to post a pick up day because that is a sure way for neighborhood scavengers take advantage of the situation.

I hope everybody gets a chance to visit our local Farmers Market at Valley Medical Center. It's great having a local market.

Crime is not rampant but we are hearing more reports scattered across the neighborhood of auto break ins, petty crimes and burglaries. Please report any crime so SJPD has an accurate accounting of what's going on in our neighborhood. For me it is really frustrating to be sweeping up glass from vehicle break ins on the street in front of my house only to discover no report was filed. You can call 311 or file a report online after the fact. If you see a crime in progress or suspicious behavior, call 911 immediately.

We're seeing a lot of new neighbors moving in. Make sure you stop by and introduce yourselves to our newcomers. Exchange contact info and let them know what's happening in the 'hood. We are safer when we know and interact with our neighbors.

See you at the meeting.....Randi

General Meeting September 12, 2013 Bascom Library Community Room 1000 S. Bascom Ave 2nd Floor San Jose CA 95128

6:30pm

- ❖ **Mix and Mingle**
- ❖ **Meet the Neighbors**
- ❖ **Coffee and Cookies**

7:00pm

- ❖ **Welcome**
- ❖ **Report from Elected Officials**
- ❖ **Report from SJPD (If available)**
- ❖ **PRNS (Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services)
Bascom Community Center Staff**
- ❖ **Traffic, Pedestrian and Bike Access in the Neighborhood**

8:15pm

- ❖ **Door Prizes**
- ❖ **Announcements**
- ❖ **New Business**
- ❖ **Have a Safe Trip Home**

Hold That Date!

- **Wednesdays** – Farmers Market at Valley Medical Center offers great fresh produce and accepts EBT
- **September 6 – First Fridays.** A great monthly event in downtown San Jose that includes an outdoor market and art walk through the downtown area. A complete list of local events is available at www.sjdowntown.com or you can call 408.279.1775
- **September 7 – Friends of The Bascom Library Book Sale 10am-4pm. Browse through thousands of books and DVDs at bargain prices. 1000 S Bascom Ave**
- **September 9 - SONA board meeting (see Pg 1)**
- **September 9 – Los Gatos Creek Trail and Bridge alignment meeting.** 5:30-6:45 at the Willow Glen Community Center
- **September 12 – SONA general meeting**
- **September 21 – Neighborhood Housing Services of Silicon Valley, United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County and CommUniverCity San Jose day long neighborhood and community development conference at San Jose State.** For more info contact UNSCC at execdir@unsc.org or call 408.981.3833.
- **September 21 – Coastal Clean Up Day** locations vary
- **September 21 – Luna Park Chalk Festival** at Backesto Park
- **September 26 – Burbank/Del Monte Neighborhood Advisory Committee meets at 6:30 pm at the Bascom Library.** A coalition of local neighborhoods working together.
- **October 5 – Medicare and Healthcare free forum sponsored by Senator Jim Beall 9-noon at Campbell Community Center.** For more info call 408.558.1295
- **October 13 – Day on the Bay Multicultural Festival at Alviso County Park from 10am-3pm.** A great day of free events, including kayak rides. For more info contact Supervisor Dave Cortese at 408.299.5030 or email bos.district3@bos.scc.gov.org
- **October 12 – Pumpkins in the Park free family event at Discover Meadow 10am-4pm**
- **October 19 – Free Health Fair from 9am-2pm at the Mayfair Community Center, 2959 Kammerer Avenue.** Glucose readings, blood pressure check, flu shots, info on the new health care mandate and much, much more. Sponsored by Senator Jim Beall. For more info call 408.558.1295

SONA Recipe Corner

Tasty treats shared by your neighbors.
This month's contributions are from
Gene Pellegrini

Corn and Black Bean Salad

- 1 – 15 oz. can of corn (drained)
- 1 – 15 oz. can of black beans (rinsed and drained)
- 1 – Red bell pepper (diced)
- 1 – Green bell pepper (diced)
- 1 – Medium red onion (diced)
- 1 – Bunch green onions (diced)
- ½ - Bunch cilantro (chopped)

Dressing:

- 2-3 limes (juiced) – lemons can be substituted
- Salad oil or olive oil
- Salt and pepper – to taste
- Cayenne pepper – to taste
- Cumin – to taste

Place the beans and all other vegetables in a large bowl. Mix the dressing separately. Pour dressing over beans and vegetables and place in refrigerator and let stand over night. Serve at room temperature.

For decorative purposes, place very thinly sliced limes or lemons on top of salad.

Soup:

To make soup with leftover salad, add chicken broth and shredded chicken. Serve with tortilla strips and cheese.

Macerated Berries

- 2 cups sliced strawberries
- 2 cups fresh blueberries
- 1-cup fresh raspberries
- 1-tablespoon sugar
- 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons Grand Marnier (orange-flavored liqueur)

Combine all ingredients, stirring gently. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours or overnight, stirring occasionally. These are great on their own or over vanilla ice cream or plain yogurt.

Friends of the Bascom Library

Every library in the San Jose system has a “friends” group that meets with staff, organizes events, holds book sales and raises funds for programming at that branch. The branch libraries depend on the funds raised to pay for programming within the library. The special puppet days, for instance, are paid with funds generated by the Friends group.

Our branch library has a special section set aside for the Friends group just to the left of the entryway door. Here you can find a selection of books for purchase. Purchases are made on the honor system (there is a slot for your money right there!) with a suggested price list available. This portion of the library is run completely by volunteers, from sorting donations to boxing up excess, keeping the inventory revolving and collecting the money.

Even if you are not in the market to purchase new books, you can clean out your home inventory of books and DVDs and donated them to the Friends group for sale.

Our Bascom Friends have gathered enough books and inventory to hold their first ever big sale! Volunteers will be busy sorting over the next week or so and setting up a major booksale at the library on September 7 from 10am-4pm. This is a great time to stock up on great reading material and movies at bargain prices.

Volunteers can either contact Steve Kline (see page 4) or sign up in the Friends corner of the library.

If you want to join this group you can contact Steve or you can simply drop in at the next meeting of the group. They meet on the third Saturday of each month in the Community Room of the Bascom Branch Library (2nd Floor), 1000 South Bascom Avenue. The library is open Wed-Sunday and you can find a list of events at www.sjpl.org/bascom

Who Do I Call?

- **211** Service referrals for housing, senior care, interpreters, medical and mental health, and any non-emergency referral.
- **511** Want to know road conditions, the easiest way to get around the bay or transit schedules and fares?
- **311 Non Emergency Police Calls** The direct dial for cell phones is 408.277.8900
- **911 Emergency Police Calls** The direct dial for SJPd via your cell phone is 408.277.8911. If you all 911 you will be routed to nearest dispatch center.
- **Animal Services 408.794.7297** for complaints, questions, pick up of dead animals or animals running loose.
- **Child Abuse Hotline 650.493.1186**
- **Code Enforcement 408.535.7700** for issues of general dumping, blight, unsafe living conditions, zoning violations, etc.
- **Elder Abuse Hotline 408.755.5690**
- **Environmental Services Watershed Protection Division 408.945.3000** if you see autos leaking fluids on the street or other foreign/dangerous material is being flushed down the gutter and into the drain.
- **San Jose Housing Department 408.535.3860** for tenant or landlord questions, a list of resources and what is and isn't allowed.
- **Vector Control Santa Clara County 408.918.4770** Report standing water attracting mosquitos (or get mosquito fish for your pond), mice or rats or any other animal situation that could be spreading disease.



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