



Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association

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 Monday after the General Meeting at Sherman Oaks Community Center at 6:30pm. Newsletter is partially funded with a Community Action and Pride (CAP) Grant from the City of San Jose.

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Notes from the President

As you have heard me mention at prior meetings, we have some “problem” areas in our community that need our attention. In partnership with Neighborhood Housing Services Silicon Valley (NHSSV), we have requested that the Responsible Landlord Engagement Initiative (RLEI) provide their services and programs to our SONA community. The RLEI brings landlords, tenants, community leaders, elected officials, service providers, and social justice advocates together, identifying and implementing sustainable solutions for longstanding physical and social problems at specific properties in targeted neighborhoods. If you are living in an area that is you believe is impacted by ongoing criminal activities (drug dealers, gangs, transients, home break-ins, auto thefts, etc. please send me an email or call me to report these areas. Once identified, we can ask NHSSV to implement the RLEI program to that specific area of SONA. I also need volunteers to help in getting your neighbors, who are affected by these nefarious activities, to sign a petition asking for RLEI’s assistance.

Our newsletter distribution maven is in need of some help with getting our newsletter distributed to our SONA community. Please contact Sheila Cvitanich 408-292-2690 to get more information and/or to sign-up to help distribute our newsletter.

Our budget is getting thin. Please make sure that you’ve paid your membership dues for this fiscal year (7/1/2014 through 6/3-/2015). A membership in SONA is only \$15 per year/per person. Your dues help defray the association’s operational costs.

SONA must cut costs. We have two options that we’ll be implementing: 1. We will standardize our newsletter to a 2-page format instead of a 4-page design, 2. Our ultimate goal is to go to a completely on-line paperless system. This is ecologically prudent, responsible and easy for people to access. We will be asking for you email information. Your information will be treated confidentially and NEVER given out to anyone, sold, spindled or mutilated!

Our June meeting will feature a presentation from the Santa Clara Valley Water District regarding the mandated water usage cut-backs. How we can keep our lawns green and flowers in bloom in the midst of the drought? Bring your questions and get answers!

See you at the meeting!

General Meeting June 12, 2014

**Bascom Library
Community Room
1000 S. Bascom Ave
2nd Floor
San Jose CA 95128**

**6:30pm
Coffee and Conversation**

**7:00pm
Welcome**

**7:05pm
Reports (if staff available)
SJPD
Community Center
Library
Government Reps**

**7:45pm
Barbara Keegan, Director
Santa Clara Valley Water
District**

**8:00pm
Drawing**

**8:15pm
Have a safe trip home!**

Summer Fun in San Jose

- June 13-29** **Shady Shakespeare presents Taming of the Shrew** Enjoy a free local outdoor production at Bramhall Park. www.shadyshakes.org
- June 26** **Happy Hollow Senior Safari 9-10am** Learn about the natural world, meet and greet the animals and get your 10,000 steps in for the day. Happy Hollow isn't just for kids! Breakfast available for purchase. For more info go to www.hhpz.org or call 408.794.6400
- Daily** **Happy Hollow Zoo** 16 acres of great family fun at a reasonable price. A small amusement park, a multi-level playground, petting zoo, educational talks, picnic areas and a zoo just right for kids of all ages. Fun for that one on one time or reserve a large area for a special party. www.hhpz.org or 408.794.6400
- Daily** **Guadalupe River Parks and Gardens** Summer programs for kids are filling up fast. Workshops from composting to water wise gardening, picnic areas, heritage orchard, heritage rose garden, hiking and biking trails and so much more! www.grpg.org
- Wed-Sun** **Rosicrucian Museum** Jam packed with artifacts and reconstructed scenes, a planetarium, outdoor gardens (find the game area!), a junior archeologist program and so much more. www.egyptianmuseum.org or 408.947.3635
- Daily** **Lake Cunningham Park** Enjoy fishing, sailing or boating on the lake; you can bring your own non-motorized boat or take sailing lessons. Picnic areas for families and groups, playgrounds and the best skate park in California! www.sanjoseca.gov or 408.794.7577
- Daily** **Emma Prusch Park** Get a feel for what San Jose was like when it was more rural. Barnyard animals, a working farm, picnic areas, gardens, workshops and classes for all ages. www.pruschfarm.org or 408.794.6262

Bascom Community Center and Bascom Library also have programs for all ages. Youth, teen and adults can all enjoy a site in walking distance at 1000 S Bascom Ave

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Website www.sona-sj.com

SONA's newsletter is published monthly and distributed to 1100 residences. All ad copy is due by the 15th of each month. Newsletter editor is Randi Kinman. Our all-volunteer group welcomes your participation. Feel free to contact any of us with ideas or questions.