

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association...the voice of your neighborhood



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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. 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

Thanks to the proliferation of iPhones, iPods, Androids and just good old fashion games, all drivers need to recognize the special safety needs of pedestrians, especially those that are children. Young, elderly, disabled and intoxicated pedestrians are the most frequent victims in auto-pedestrian collisions. Generally, pedestrians have the right-of-way at all intersections; however, regardless of the rules of the road or right-of-way, you as a driver are obligated to exercise great care and extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians.

1. Drivers should not block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn. Do not stop with a portion of your vehicle over the crosswalk. Blocking the crosswalk forces pedestrians to go around your vehicle and puts them in a dangerous situation.
2. In a school zone, when a warning flasher or flashers are blinking, you must stop to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a marked crosswalk or at an intersection with no marked crosswalk.
3. Always stop when directed to do so by a school patrol sign, school patrol officer or designated crossing guard.
4. Children are the least predictable pedestrians and the most difficult to see. Take extra care to look out for children not only in school zones, but also in residential areas, playgrounds and parks.
5. Don't honk your horn, rev your engine or do anything to rush or scare a pedestrian in front of your car, even if you have the legal right-of-way.
6. The area 10 feet around a school bus is where children are in the most danger of being hit. Stop your car far enough from the bus to allow children the necessary space to safely enter and exit the bus.
7. Be alert. Children are unpredictable. Children walking to or from their bus are usually very comfortable with their surroundings. This makes them more likely to take risks, ignore hazards or fail to look both ways when crossing the street.
8. Never pass a school bus on the right. It is illegal and could have tragic consequences.

BE SAFE – BE PATIENT – BE ALERT

See you at the meeting. Bring a neighbor with you!

**General Meeting
Agenda**

September 10, 2015

**Bascom Library Community Room
1000 S. Bascom Avenue
2nd Floor**

❖ **6:30pm**
Meet your neighbors. Coffee and conversation before the meeting.

❖ **7:00pm**
Welcome from President Layne Kulwin

SJPD Report if available

Reports from elected officials or their staff

❖ **7:30pm**
Jorge Escobar, Administrative Vice President San Jose City College

What's new with the campus, construction schedule and routes, new police chief.

❖ **8:15pm**
**Wrap up
Raffle
Get Home Safely**

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Notes and News

Our August SONA Saturday walk in the Del Mar, Rexford, Sherman Oaks, Mansfield and Fruitdale area was a great success. Contacting the group of people who were car camping paid off because they cleaned up garbage and moved out before we arrived. This meant the litter pick up was minimized. With staff from both city and county we could clean up, chat and point out issues along the way. It makes a difference when you can show people the problems, whether it's code violations, homeless or the drinking and drug traffic by the hospital. And we got immediate results on abandoned vehicles! Good job and thanks Anne Kearney for hosting at your house.

With the library now opened six days a week, look for more programming to go along with the expanded hours. The **Bascom Library/Community Center** did their usual great job with events this summer, including day camp for kids, movie nights and the first National Night Out celebration. Check out the fall offerings. The **Friends of Bascom Library held their August Book Sale on the 8th**, raising funds for extra programming. Look for the next sale in November and in the meantime, browse through the book nook. All funds go back into programming.

Nusence Motorcycle Club held its 4th annual drive for teachers, raising funds and materials needed in classrooms on August 8. Joining with other neighborhood organizations, SONA (thanks to board member Michael LaRocca) recruited teachers from **Sherman Oaks, Trace and Luther Burbank** elementary schools. Thousands of dollars in books, paper, backpacks and other supplies were happily gathered by teachers along with cash donations.

FYI the events we see at the **Harley Davidson** store on Parkmoor are all fundraisers. Who knew!?!?! All of these events are open to the public and you can check out the events calendar at their website www.harleydavidsonsanjose.com Thanks to this location for making it possible for individuals and groups to raise funds while building great neighborhood relationships.

SONA Saturday

September 5, 2015 9am-11am
Fruitdale/Leigh Aves



Help pick up litter and trash around the playground and surrounding the campus. Materials will be provided (trash bags, pick up tools, garbage bags and gloves)



We will be removing turf from around the trees. Bring work gloves, small garden tools, rakes, pitchforks, hoes and a wheelbarrow if you have one. Mulch will be supplied by the school district to place over the tree roots. We will also be "fluffing" the playground mulch.



Come meet other families, enjoy a few hours at the playground and help decide what we can do to enhance this play space.

SONA Saturdays are the first Saturday of the month. The activity and location changes based on where you want to meet up with a group of people and discuss what's happening in your corner of the neighborhood, what's important to you or do a few chores to help keep your neighborhood looking better. Contact us if you want SONA Saturday to come to your block. Contact Randi 408.835.2881 or randikinman@yahoo.com