

*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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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**Holiday Happenings**

**Dec 3** is visit with Santa day at the Bascom Library. Crafts, snacks and more from 11-3pm. Free

**Christmas in the Park** is open daily and is just a short light rail trip away. Enjoy the entertainment on the stages on weekends and evenings, visit the trees set up by local groups, businesses and organizations and enjoy the holidays. You can always pop into the Tech Museum or local businesses to warm up and enjoy a meal.

**Downtown Ice** allows you to enjoy ice skating across from the park under the palms. Open daily and late on Friday and Saturday nights, a great way to either learn how to skate or hone those old skills.

**Guadalupe River Parks and Gardens** offers an array of activities stretching from downtown to the airport with a bike trail leading to Alviso. The perfect place to take a holiday stroll (can you find all the fun sculpture along the way?), enjoy the river, explore San Jose and take a holiday break. The Children's Rotary Playground on Coleman is open six days a week on Coleman.

**Santana Row** has a variety of options. Your kids can write letters to Santa at the Concierge and get personal responses until Dec 11. Have extra coats? Drop them off for the One Warm Coat project. There are plenty of free events.

**Bill Wilson Center** asks that you adopt a family this year. No matter what holiday you celebrate, our foster families could use your help to make sure all of our foster youth feel the holiday spirit. Contact info is 408) 850-6143 or [adoptafamily@billwilsoncenter.org](mailto:adoptafamily@billwilsoncenter.org)

**No matter how you celebrate these last few weeks of 2016 we wish you peace and happiness.**

**SONA General Meeting  
Care Kit**

**Pack-a-Thon**

**December 8, 2016**

**6:30-8:30pm**

**Bascom Library Community Room  
Second Floor**

**Use elevator or outside stairs**

For the last year we have held events to pack up basic care kit supplies for the homeless. These kits are delivered to the county offices who reach out to our homeless population, provide them with medical care, social services and try to move them off the streets. These kits allow us to help those teams reach out in a personal way.

Supplies needed are: Soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, razors, washcloths, shampoo, lotion, socks, lip balm, Kleenex packs, deodorant, granola or protein bars. These can be dropped off at 801 Richmond Ave or call Randi for more info at 408 835 2881. If you are bringing supplies that night, make sure you let her know so she can adjust inventory.

This year we have packed up more than 500 of these kits! Thank you for your assistance.

## Notes and News

**The Del Mar/Rexford** corner has long been a problem for neighbors. SONA has organized clean ups, contacted officials, reported problems and tried to resolve issues for years with the neighbors. We still see garbage, dumping, drug activity and a variety of things incompatible with a peaceful neighborhood. The problem is the property addresses are on Bascom so the property owners are never held responsible. SONA has written a letter to all of the property owners, but most of them are ignoring what they can't see or not held responsible for. At least on has asked for our help. The problem is, until there is official documentation, we have no data to track. This is where you, our neighbors, can help.

Please file complaints with San Jose Code Enforcement when you see dumping, trash or garbage. You can file an online report here <http://sanjoseca.gov/FormCenter/Code-Enforcement-21/Code-Service-Requests-213> Or, you can call in a complaint at (408)535-7770.

When you see illegal activities, call San Jose Police Department's non-emergency line at 311 (cellphone is (408) 277-8900).

What is important is that you include the Bascom Avenue address and let them know that this is the Del Mar side of the property. The Bascom street numbers are 888 (Dialysis) 840 (Taco Bell) and 828 (office). Please note the date and time you call in these issues or file a complaint. And please know that all of your complaints are confidential. SONA can track Code Enforcement complaints online, but we need your help in tracking the calls to San Jose PD. You can simply forward the information to Randi. Next month we will tally and respond.

**SONA has reluctantly accepted the resignation of Michael LaRocca** from our board. Michael, don't think we aren't going to mark this somehow. Thank you for your service.

**Join us in January when our new councilmember Dev Davis will be attending our meeting.** This is your chance to discuss what's important in our neighborhood with our incoming Council Member.

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