



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 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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Coffee and Conversation With Your New Councilmember Dev Davis

**Thursday, January 12, 2017
Bascom Library Community Room, 2nd Floor
Use exterior stairs or elevator**

- 6:30pm Sign in
Cookies, Coffee and Conversation with Neighbors**
- 7:00pm Announcements**
- 7:05pm This is your time to meet your incoming council representative and help her identify your issues. A large map will be available so you can pinpoint areas of concern. You will also be able to chat about overall issues in our district, so whether it's speeding, safe routes to schools, traffic, parking, safety or access to services, this is a good time to do it. Family friendly environment. If you cannot attend, please contact a board member with your concerns and we will pass them along.**
- 8:30 Wrap up and safe journey home.**

Notes and News

Many thanks to the neighbors who ended 2016 with a Care Kit Pack-a-Thon in December. About two dozen folks showed up to package up Care Kits for the homeless. It was great to see a number of children participating this round. In record time we packed up almost 200 kits in gallon zip locks that included socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, combs, snacks and other items that help make life a little easier for folks living on the streets. All supplies are donated by residents, many of whom live outside our immediate neighborhood. In 2016 we have packaged up more than 600 of these kits!

These kits are passed along to the outreach workers who are in contact with homeless and who are working on moving them to shelters and permanent housing. While outreach workers have some supplies, these packages help personalize things. As we left that evening, a group of people were gathering to wait for the Bascom overnight warming center to open up, so about a dozen kits were directly distributed this round.

Thanks to everybody who participates in these activities.

With 2017 here, it's time to set the agenda for SONA activities and meetings. What would you like to see? More social activities like our annual Ice Cream Social? More informative meetings on how to report issues? Are you interested in knowing what traffic and development plans are on the horizon? Neighborhood clean ups? This is your organization, your opportunity to set the agenda.

Still have your Christmas Tree? Don't forget to cut it into 5' sections before putting it out at the curb on regular garbage/recycling day. Also, the **bulky waste** program allows you to dispose of furniture and appliances curbside for free on a limited basis. Each household is allowed to put three items out twice a year. The program is a little different for multi-family dwellings. This saves you a trip to the landfill. Contact your provider for more information.

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