



Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association

Message From The President

Dates to Remember

It seems like the holidays just flew by. Hope everyone enjoyed the season.

For me, this year was one where I was more aware than ever that this should be a time of family and friends. While the recent earthquake was a minor distraction for me, it was much more for others in my family who live in the Paso Robles vicinity. While my family was lucky to escape without injuries or major property damage, they still will be recovering for many months. Others weren't as lucky.

This makes our January

meeting even more timely. We will have a presentation on Emergency Preparedness in response to your requests. Learn how you can take steps before an emergency happens to make it easier to survive safely.

One of the easiest and most effective ways of preparing yourself and your neighborhood for an emergency is to get to know your neighbors before something happens. Use our HiFive program to introduce yourself to your neighbor and to make sure they have emergency contacts for you.

In this month's newsletter you will find the SONA survey. We have not been able to get to all the homes we would like to reach, so we are hoping that you will fill out the survey and either bring it to the meeting or mail it to us. It is important that you list your address on the survey so we can accurately track responses.

During the months of November and December I received several phone calls from new neighbors. Welcome to the neighborhood. If I didn't return the call it was operator error and I apologize.....Randi

01/08 6:30 p.m.

General SONA meeting

01/22 7:00 p.m.

Burbank Del Monte NAC meeting

01/27 7:00 p.m.

SONA Board Meeting

01/28 7:00 p.m.

PAC Public Meeting Site TBA

02/10 6:30 p.m.

SONA General meeting

02/24 7:00 p.m.

SONA Board meeting

SONA general and board meetings are held at the Sherman Oaks Community Center, 1800A Fruitdale Avenue, SJ 95128. PAC meetings are held at different sites each month.

The Good Neighbor Corner

And the winner is...

Elaine Lindner has managed to do the impossible and get an abandoned car removed from the neighborhood. This vehicle has been sitting on Richmond for months and was red tagged in early November. Vehicle Abatement had advised that the car would be around for many more weeks due to the rotation of staff into other districts. Elaine stopped a local SJPD officer and advised him of the situation and the car was towed within minutes. Seems this car was stolen before being abandoned on our streets. Thanks for not giving up Elaine.

Neighborhood News

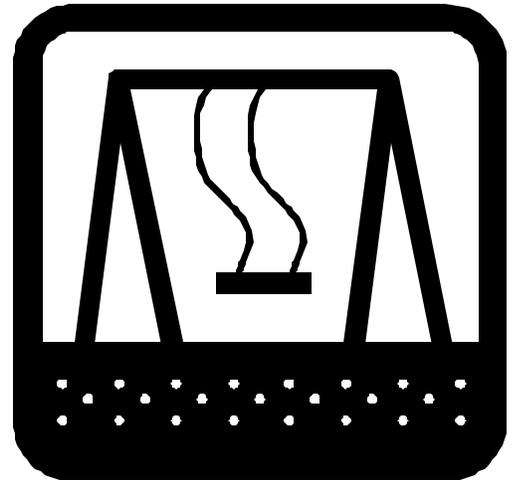
The realignment of the Parks Department has meant shuffling and moving staff around. PRNS Community Coordinator Erik Larsen has been moved to the offices at the Sherman Oaks Community Center permanently. This means Erik is available for you throughout the week. He has been busy walking the neighborhood and working with residents. Erik will also be keeping regular evening hours to help residents with questions and concerns regarding services and programs. He can be reached at 408.858.8562.

San Jose City College has offered residents a great deal on accessing the SJCC library. Simply present your identification to the library staff and pay the nominal fee to obtain a library card. This allows you access to all the library facilities and equipment. This allows residents to access a library without having to make a journey to the downtown City library. Many thanks to SJCC for providing this service.

Don't forget that the schedule for street sweeping changes at the first of the year. We will now go back to monthly street cleaning on the fourth Thursday of each month. This means you should move your vehicles into your driveway each month to allow access to the streets. Many of us are experiencing flooded intersections because the streets don't get properly cleaned. Since the 1st day of January is a holiday and falls on a Thursday, cleaning will be on the 5th Thursday.

New Park Dedication

The Buena Vista Park at the corner of Scott and Menker was formally dedicated on Saturday, December 13, 2003. Residents from the surrounding area, including SONA, were welcomed by Councilman Ken Yeager and Parks Director Sara Hensley. This park was built with funding from various sources on one residential lot. Though small in size, it boasts amenities that rival larger parks. With open space, picnic tables and a large pepper tree for shade, the park feels spacious. The central playground equipment includes slides, bridges, tunnels, a climbing wall and other activity stations that should keep the young ones busy for hours. There is even a low tech communication system that allows the kids to talk to each other through tubes across the park. Surrounded by a wrought iron fence that keeps children in and traffic out, this is truly a little gem that you should visit soon. The park has been officially adopted by the staff and residents of Amicus house. Kudos to the City Staff, Buena Vista N/A and the Burbank Del Monte NAC for moving this project along.



SONA Board Member Contacts

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association welcomes participation and input from all of you who live in our area.

We are actively looking for new board members at this time. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact any of our board members.

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Volunteers Needed

There are several volunteer positions open for people who want to become more active in their community.

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association is looking for board members due to vacancies left when board members moved away. Requirements are minimal...you need to be within our boundaries and willing to attend most board and general meetings. Board meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month and general meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month. Board members chair committees and work towards building a better neighborhood. Board members also represent SONA during public meetings and at other community events. For more information, contact any SONA board member or attend the next meeting.

The Burbank Del Monte Neighborhood Advisory Committee is a coalition of neighborhood and business organizations that steers projects and priorities in the Strong Neighborhoods Initiative area. The boundaries run in general from Fruitdale/Bascom to West San Carlos and then into downtown. Current projects include park land acquisition and development, development of the Del Monte site, neighborhood clean ups and business revitalization. There are currently openings for residential tenants (renters) and faith based organizations. Meetings are the 4th Wednesday of each month. For more information, contact Carl Lindner, Michael LaRocca, Susan Price-Jang or Randi Kinman.

City College Spring Schedule

San Jose City College has provided us with a schedule of track and field events for this spring. This will allow you to mark your schedule to support local athletes and keep you from wondering just what the heck is all that activity.

Day	Date	Schools	Place	Time
Fri	2/6	Santa Rosa, West Valley, DeAnza	San Jose	2:30 p.m.
Fri	2/13	Coast Conference Relays	DeAnza	10:00 a.m.
Fri	2/20	DeAnza, Delta, Merrit, Laney, Monterey	San Jose	2:30 p.m.
Sat	2/28	Hartnell, Sequoias Reedley, Fresno	Fresno	TBA
Sat	3/6	Beaver Relays	ARC	9:00 a.m.
Sat	3/13	Bakersfield Invitational	Bakersfield	2:30 p.m.
Sat	3/20	Panther Invitational	Sacramento	TBA
Fri	3/26	Stanford Invitational	Stanford	All Day
Sat	3/27	Stanford Invitational	Stanford	All Day
Sat	4/3	Ed Adams Invitational	Hartnell	9:30 a.m.
Sat	4/10	Bert Bonanno Classic		9:30 a.m.
Tues	4/13	NorCal Heptathlon and Decathlon	Fresno	9:00 a.m.
Wed	4/14	NorCal Hep & Dec	Fresno	9:00 a.m.
Fri	4/16	College of San Mateo Las Chance	San Mateo	TBA
Thurs	4/22	CCS Conference Championships	Hartnell	TBA
Sat	4/24	CCS Conference Championships	Hartell	TBA
Sat	5/1	Nor Cal Trials	ARC	TBA
Sat	5/8	Nor Cal Championships	Modesto	TBA
Fri	5/14	State Championships	Bakersfield	TBA
Sat	5/15	State Championships	Bakersfield	TBA

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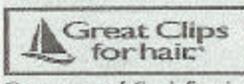
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