



Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association

Notes From The President

This spring promises to be a busy time in the SONA area. Many of us are already working on summer gardens thanks to the early run of hot weather. While I know we need the spring rains, like many of you, I was grateful for the sunshine and warmth we enjoyed in March.

For those of you interested in **development** in our area, there are any number of ways to get involved. The first public hearing on site development of the old **Del Monte Cannery site** will be on April 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the fire training facility on Montgomery between West San Carlos and Park Avenue. This is the first opportunity to see and comment on the design. During the EIR scoping meeting in March, residents from many neighborhoods expressed concern about traffic and safety issues, schools, historical preservation and the relationship of the property to the creek.

General Plan Amendment Hearings are being held throughout the city

during the next month to determine what changes are being proposed. This is your first opportunity to look at proposed zoning changes that could affect your neighborhood.

Our **website** chats have begun again thanks to **Sonya Paz**. Sonya has been maintaining our website for some time now and encourages you to pop in and see what's new.

The SONA Board appointed **Julie Easterbrook** to the vacant Communications VP position last month. **Mark Kovich** was also appointed to fill a vacant Area Captain position. Mark has agreed to head up the Traffic Safety Committee for SONA. Welcome aboard to both of you.

And speaking of traffic...join us at our **April meeting** for the latest updates and to find out how many speeding tickets have been handed out lately. See you there....

Agenda 04/08/04

- 6:30 p.m. Snack and Socializing
- 7:00 p.m. Call to order
- 7:03 p.m. Approval of Minutes
- 7:07 p.m. Treasurer's Report
- 7:10 p.m. Election of Board
- 7:25 p.m. April 24 Clean Up
- 7:30 p.m. Traffic Issues
 - DOT
 - Recent Police Action
 - Speeding
 - Vehicle Abatement
 - Streetsweeping
- 7:55 p.m. Announcements
- 8:00 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

SONA general meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Sherman Oaks Community Center, 1800A Fruitdale Avenue, San Jose. SONA board meetings are the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Sherman Oaks Community Center. SONA boundaries are Bascom/280 south to Meridian then west to Los Gatos Creek. From the creek the boundary runs north back to Bascom.

The Good Neighbor Corner

Gordon and Renee lead busy lives on Richmond Avenue and still take the time to give their neighbors a friendly call. Carl and Elaine want to thank you for letting them know about their car door being open the other night. Saved them a car battery and possibly the car itself. Thanks, neighbors.

Neighborhood News

Dumpster Days are here again. We will have dumpsters available on April 24, 2004 from 8a.m. to 11a.m. This is your chance to get your spring cleaning done. It's first come first served, so get there early. **See flyer insert for a complete list of acceptable materials, unacceptable materials and dumpster sites.** If you have questions or wish to volunteer, contact Michael LaRocca at 408.289.8449.

The **Burbank Del Monte Neighborhood Advisory Committee** will be voting next month on the **purchase of new park land** in the district. With over **\$1.06million** in available funds, this group will advise the City on which properties should be pursued for purchase. The BDMNAC plan calls for a series of pocket parks along the Scott Street corridor. Next meeting is 4/22/04 at 6:30 p.m. at the community center. Contact Susan, Randi, Michael or Carl for more info.

San Jose City College is hosting the **3rd Annual Street Rod and Classic Car Show** on May 22, 2004. This is a great experience for any age group. Mark your calendars for the evening of May 27, 2004 when commencement exercises begin at 6:00 p.m. This is a time for celebration for students at SJCC. A full schedule of track and field, baseball and academic events are on schedule for this spring along with a career day. For more information contact SJCC at 408.,298.2181 or visit the website at www.sjcc.edu

Burbank Del Monte NAC Grants Funds

At the March 25, 2004 meeting of the Burbank Del Monte Neighborhood Advisory Committee, **SONA was granted \$4,000.00 in funding requests.** The request submitted will allow us to supplement dumpsters, finance some newsletters and hold our **second National Night Out** event in August. This total represents an opportunity for us to hold events and bring our neighbors together for work and play. Our thanks to the Burbank Del Monte NAC.

The NAC also granted a funding request from the **Buena Vista Neighborhood Association totaling \$2,600.00.** They will use these funds to print the materials for their Historic Home Tour, hold national night out and spirit events and also celebrate the opening of the newest park in the area, the Buena Vista Park on Scott and Menker. The BVNA is directly across Hwy 280 from SONA.

In the most controversial decision of the evening, the NAC agreed to transfer funds for park acquisition to the **Richmond Menker** rehabilitation project. The request to transfer \$250,000.00 in funding will supplement the \$130,000 in city/owner funds along with the \$160,000 in loans the owners are assuming to complete this project. The additional money will help in landscaping and painting the apartments. Groundbreaking in Spring 2004.

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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