



Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association

Notes From The President

August Agenda

With the summer in full swing, it's time for us to take a break and enjoy ourselves. I hope everyone has the time to just kick back and relax in the next few weeks.

There will be no August general meeting. SONA is sponsoring a barbeque on Friday, August 6, 2004 at Fire Station 4 on Leigh Avenue. See inside for details.

There are any number of free concerts and events throughout the city and county. Our regional parks offer a wide variety of activities for everyone. Visit one of our (cool and air conditioned) museums downtown, take in a concert or stroll through the San Jose City College campus and see what's new there.

We hope you can join us at our next meeting scheduled on September 9, 2004 when we'll discuss permit parking.

If you're touring the art and wine festivals this year you may want to check out the Sausalito Art and Wine Festival that is featuring the art of SONA resident Sonya Paz. Sonya maintains our website and designed our logo. Congratulations, Sonya!

Have a safe and happy August.

I hope everyone can join us for the ribbon cutting and dedication of Fire Station 4. The recent renovations have included adding on shower facilities for women. Join us for a free barbeque and take a tour of the station. Fire station tours are great for the kid in all of us.

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.

I also hope SONA residents can take advantage of the August 7 Planning Workshop to be held at Sherman Oaks Community Center. You'll learn the basics of how projects go through Planning from Stephen Haase, Director of Planning. Also, you'll have a chance to learn about and discuss the Housing Opportunity Studies and Secondary Unit proposals. Both issues have the potential for creating much higher density in our neighborhood.

Have a great summer.

Randi

The Good Neighbor Corner

During the construction of the Vasona Light Rail the signals and crossing arms were disabled on Leigh Avenue. Trains came through without any warning. Thanks to the unknown volunteers who helped direct traffic while the signals were out.

SONA Survey

___ I am interested in permit parking in my neighborhood or on my street.

___ I am not interested in permit parking in my neighborhood or on my street.

Name and Address (optional):

Comments:

Permit Parking

SONA residents in several areas have requested more information about permit parking. Some of the complaints and questions come from over crowded streets due to the combination of apartments and college students. Others are raising the question of where people will park once the light rail station is opened next year. Could Corlista and College become the de facto parking lots for the station? What do you think? SONA will be presenting information at our September 2004 general meeting.

Board Vacancy

Rick Acquistapace and his family will be moving in the next few months, opening up a vacancy on SONA's board. All are welcome to become board members. In addition to attending general meetings, board members meet once a month to review projects, find speakers for meetings and keep up to date on the neighborhood. If interested, contact any board member.

SONA Earns CAP Grant

SONA has received notification that we are to receive \$9,000.00 in funding from Cycle 18 of the Community Action and Pride Grant Program. This program is funded by the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department of the City of San Jose.

SONA submitted a grant proposal to help cover newsletter costs and to underwrite a National Night Out celebration. Competition this year was heavy due to the budget cuts in services offered to neighborhoods.

The Burbank/Del Monte Neighborhood Advisory Committee will also receive funding for document publication and a celebration to kick off the Richmond/Menker revitalization project.

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The SONA newsletter is published monthly and distributed to almost 1500 residences. All ad copy is due by the 15th of each month. Our all-volunteer group welcomes your participation and comments.

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*Mayor Ron Gonzales
City Manager, Del Borgsdorf
Councilmember Ken Yeager, District 6
City of San José Fire Department
and
The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association*

*Invite you to attend the
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and BBQ
Commemorating the Remodel
of
Fire Station 4
710 Leigh Avenue*



***August 6, 2004**
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.*



*Alcalde Ron Gonzales
Administrador Municipal Del Borgsdorf
Concejal del Distrito 6 Ken Yeager
Departamento de Bomberos de la Ciudad de San José
y
La Asociación de la Comunidad de Sherman Oaks*

*Lo invitan a
La Ceremonia de Recorte de Cinta y BBQ
Conmemorando la Reconstrucción
de
La Estación 4 de Bomberos
710 Leigh Avenue*



*6 de agosto del 2004
de 11:00 a.m. a 12:30 p.m.*

City of San Jose Referral Numbers

311	Non-Emergency Calls
277-8900	Cell Phone number for 311 calls
911	Emergency Calls
277-891	Cell Phone number for 911 calls
277-4000	City Hall 24/7 Call Center
277-4528	Code Enforcement
277-2758	Anti-Graffiti Hotline
277-2000	Recycling and Garbage
277-4444	Fire Department Non-Emergency Calls
277-2571	Streetsweeping
277-5431	Rental Dispute
277-2762	Street Tree Permits City Arborist
277-4846	Library Services
277-4101	Senior Programs
277-4661	Parks and Recreation
277-2300	Transit/Light Rail Information
277-5305	Vehicle Abatement
277-5166	Ken Yeager Councilman District 6 City of San Jose

The City of San Jose has many different departments handling the various services needed by residents and businesses. Listed to the left are some of those numbers.

When in doubt, call the 24-hour a day hotline. If you are not sure what department you need or who you need to talk to, the operator will figure that out, give you the correct number and connect you to that department or person.

The 311 non-emergency number is for reporting low level crimes already committed that don't need immediate police response (auto burglary, vandalism, etc.). Even if you think it's a petty event, it's important for all crimes to be reported. This lets the police know what activities are taking place in the neighborhood. If, for instance, your car is broken into and you aren't going to report it to your insurance company, SJPD needs to know that these crimes are taking place so they can increase patrols in our area. **Helpful Hint:** When you get the first recording, hit the zero button to avoid voice mail. Always get a report number.

The 911 emergency number is for all crimes in progress or emergency medical needs. If you see a crime taking place, do not intervene. If, for instance, you hear fighting in a house behind you, witness drug or alcohol activity or any other crime, call and give the dispatcher as much information as possible.

Report all suspected code violations (cars stored in yards, yards with piles of garbage or junk, housing violations, etc.) to Code Enforcement.

Report any and all graffiti to the hotline and volunteers will respond to the site.

The Recycling and Garbage line can be used to report bins not picked up, order different sized containers or get information on pick up days.

The Fire Department has programs to help make your home safer. The City Arborist can answer questions about your street trees. The City's library and Parks Departments have ongoing programs for everyone. Seniors can get information on housing, food service and other programs at a separate number. Want to know how to get around the city using public transit? The information line can help you plot your course.

Councilman Ken Yeager's office is always available to field questions and comments concerning our district.

Fruitdale Station

The Fruitdale Station development on the old K-Mart site began last month. The construction permits state that all activity, including the arrival and departure of crews and equipment, shall be confined to the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. If questions or concerns arise during construction, the 24-hour number to call is 408.605.7747. The site manager is Craig Crandall.

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SONA Membership Dues

Join the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association and become part of a network of residents working to improve and maintain the neighborhood quality of life (safety, property values, aesthetics) and represent SONA neighborhood interests before local governments.

Dues \$12.00 per year, payable yearly.

All residents, businesses, elected officials and organizations within SONA's boundaries are eligible for membership.

Meetings are held from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Sherman Oaks Community Center, 1800A Fruitdale Avenue, San Jose, CA 95128.

Membership dues help fund projects and social events working towards SONA's mission of moving in a positive direction for the improvement of our neighborhood.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE and/or EMAIL:

Sign me up for the following committees:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Paint Out Graffiti	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Preparedness
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social	<input type="checkbox"/>	Membership
<input type="checkbox"/>	Beautification	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political
<input type="checkbox"/>	Newsletter Delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>	Welcoming
<input type="checkbox"/>	Traffic/Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	SONA Board
<input type="checkbox"/>	Block Watch	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify)

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Take advantage of our fall ad special!!!!
 Business card advertisements for the months of September, October and November will be \$30.00 for the entire three months. All ad copy and payment for all three months due by August 16, 2004. Usual rates are \$25.00 per month. Limited to space available.