



Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association

Meeting Notes

*What a great turn out last month!!!! With games, ice cream, glow sticks and face painting, close to 100 neighbors enjoyed a few hours together at our annual National Night Out event. While we didn't celebrate at the same time the rest of the nation did, we still had a great time. See inside for pictures and more details. A special thanks to **Michael LaRocca and Sheila Cvitanich** who put this event together.*

*Do you have a fire safety or emergency plan for your home? While we all think we're prepared, an emergency is no time to be trying to think about what you should be doing. You and your family should have a plan and everyone should be on the same page. Do you have special needs? Would emergency responders be able to access all your medical information? All of these questions can be answered at our **September** meeting. San Jose Fire Department will be answering these and other questions with a focus on senior issues.*

Our October meeting will be focused on solar energy and how you can turn your home into an energy producer...wouldn't it be nice to cut those PG&E bills to nothing and watch your meter run backwards? In November we'll focus on Emergency Preparedness. We'll take December off for the holidays. If you have a program that you would like to see, we're filling up the calendar for 2006, so speak up. We're always looking for programs to interest the whole neighborhood, so if you've heard somebody that might be of interest to others, let us know.

AGENDA

SONA GENERAL MEETING

September 8, 2005

6:30 p.m.

Coffee and Socializing

Come meet your neighbors, chat and get settled in

7:00 p.m.

Joy Weyer, SJ Fire Dept.

Fire & Life Safety Program

Senior Safety Presentation

Vial of Life

7:45 p.m.

Questions, comments and updates. What's new and what's going on.

SONA general meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1800A Fruitdale Ave. San Jose CA 95128

Good Neighbor Corner

Thanks to everyone for a great ice cream night last month! See inside for pictures.

In Case of Emergency

I.C.E.

Cell Phone Information

For those of you with cell phones, it is recommended that you program in contact information in case of emergency. Simply make a new entry called "ICE" (In Case of Emergency) and program in who you want contacted. You can make up multiple ICE listings in case they can't reach the first number on your contact list. (For example, list **ICE Husband** or **ICE Mother**.) Emergency responders are now using this in several countries and it should work well no matter where you are. Anybody who has children with cell phones should make sure these numbers are programmed in with your contacts. Rather than going through your whole list of phone numbers, emergency personnel will simply go to an ICE listing and make contact.

Also, remember that you can't dial local 911 from your cell phone. If you try just those numbers you are put through to the California Highway Patrol (CHP) system and can experience long wait times. Program your local phone numbers for emergency contacts. For those of us in San Jose, the 911 number is 277-8911. The 311 number (non emergency police calls) is 277-8900. Because you are "naming" these listings with either 311 or 911, they always be at the top of your phone book list. If you travel out of town a lot and are in local jurisdictions, it's worth your while to program in the emergency numbers for those locations (e.g. have a listing for 911 Milpitas if you work in Milpitas).

Having these numbers at hand can save you lots of time and frustration.

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Notes and News

Odds and Ends, Messages and Updates

No word on the new opening date for the **Vasona Light Rail**. We'll keep you posted.

Eichler residents are being asked if they want to participate in a home tour next June. The Buena Vista Neighborhood Association (right across the freeway) is looking to expand their popular and highly successful home tour to include our Eichlers. If you're interested, call Randi. Tour is mid June each year.

Traffic calming at Leigh/Kingman and Moorpark/Menker will be addressed at future meetings of the Burbank/Del Monte NAC. If you want to join that committee, you can contact Michael, Randi, Carl or Susan (see #s below) or attend the next meeting of the NAC. Meetings are the 4th Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Sherman Oaks Community Center. Other committees include parks, trails, open space, services and development.

Neighbors have asked to pass along this question: **Do you leave your rear yard lights on all night?** If so, some of your neighbors would like you to turn them off because as you know, your back yard faces other peoples living areas.

School starts in a few weeks, so watch out for the kids and increased pedestrian traffic as people are walking children to and from school. Back to school also means watch out for new students at San Jose City College who aren't quite sure how to get in or out of the site.

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.

SONA Newsletter Editor: Randi Kinman
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National Night Out

Taking a different approach, SONA celebrated National Night Out on Thursday, August 11, 2005 with an ice cream social. And not just any ice cream, it was premium Hagen Daz! With games and drawings, activities and glow chains, fire trucks and face painting, it was fun for all. Pictured at left (top to bottom) **Michael LaRocca** presenting **Sal LaBarbera** with the award for living in SONA the longest (he was born and raised here) and **Carl Lindner** receiving the award for oldest attending member (we won't tell how old). Our newest member Patricia Miller and a couple of the kids who enjoyed the free face painting.



Patty Hsuan from Art Kisses provided free face painting. Patty is available for art parties, events and birthdays and can be reached at 415.310.6082 or you can reach her at shao_chun2001@yahoo.com.



Councilman Ken Yeager was in attendance with new phone numbers at City Hall (the old ones will work for awhile) and the **Station 4 firemen** were on hand with trucks for kids of all ages to climb on. They also reminded us that there will be a free barbeque to wrap up Fire Safety Week in October.

Sunshine Borelli from **County Supervisor Jim Beall's** office dashed over after her evening run and not only entertained us, but brought lots of goodies from the office.

Yoka Drion won a \$50 gift certificate in the people Bingo game and will be enjoying a great meal or two at **Sam's BBQ**. Congrats to Yoka and thanks to Sam's.



Our newest members, **Patricia Miller and kids** were on hand. We'd also like to thank the following new and renewing members: **Jon & Cynthia Freedman, Mark Kovich, Sonya & Ryan Paz, Dennis & Marlene Bird, Buck and Carol Austin, Jack & Gloria Barone, Bill Todd & Chris Amann, Marjorie Waggoner, Sal & Peggy LaBarbera and family, Shirley & Alvaro Mata, Lynn Sisson, Stella Eccleston, Paul Hogan and Randi Kinman, Changam and Nirmala Naidu.**

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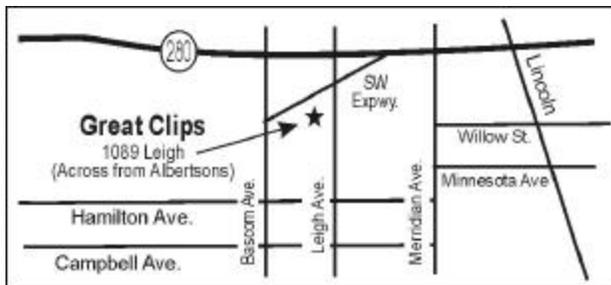


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