



# Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association

## Neighbors & Friends,

My term as your President will end this month, although I anticipate continuing to serve on the Board as a member. I want to thank all of our Officers, Board members, and SONA members for their friendship, dedication, valuable volunteer work and their support.

SONA's success requires hundreds of volunteer hours each year to understand and develop thoughtful balanced positions on many complex issues, to organize meetings, and to attend numerous public meetings. This is so that we can effectively influence the development of city policy and make balanced "grassroots" efforts to retain the character of our neighborhood and to improve our neighborhood's quality of life.

SONA is a good neighborhood because of the people who live here and who make a difference by devoting their time and energy to make our neighborhood a good place to live.

Thank you!

**Michael**

## AGENDA

### SONA GENERAL

### MEETING

Thursday

April 10, 2008

6:30 p.m.

**Social Mixer**

7:00 p.m.

**General Meeting**

**Election of Officers**

**Announcements**

**SJPD**

**Neighborhoods Commission**

**General Plan Update**

**Planning & Land Use**

**Parks**

**Traffic Calming**

**Open Forum**

**Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Sherman Oaks Community Center, 1800A Fruitdale Ave. SJ CA 95128**

## GOOD NEIGHBORS CORNER

On the week end prior to St. Patrick's Day Tricia Hurley-Bem & Jonathan Bem opened their home and hosted their "Annual St. Patty's Day Celebration" which included all you could eat corn beef & cabbage including all the fixings and refreshments one could consume. There was Celtic music playing, game for the children & young adults present, and Buddy their friendly dog entertaining and picking up after everyone.

**OUR HATS GO OFF TO THE BEMCLAN—THANK YOU**

## Notes and News

**Smithsonian within walking distance.** Not a headline you thought you would see in SONA? A free exhibit starts a 3-month run at San Jose City College on March 14, 2008. This exhibit entitled "Exit Saigon, Enter Little Saigon" has nothing to do with recent local activities. It is the documented history of the Vietnamese diaspora since 1975 and how the culture, language and customs have been maintained during a long period of strife. While the politics of this situation still remain a raw wound for many, the exhibit concentrates on the personal lives of refugees who have built vibrant communities outside their native land. Congratulations to San Jose City College for bringing this exhibit to our area. For online info go to <http://www.sjeccd.org>.

**There's a new coffee shop in the area!** Immanuel Lutheran Church at Parkmoor and Leigh has opened up the Fireside Coffeehouse in the Fireside room. You can drop in between 6:30am and 8:00pm Monday through Friday, enjoy a variety of coffee drinks, visit with neighbors or take advantage of a local space to work on a computer. SONA welcomes this new addition to the neighborhood.

SONA members voted to increase yearly dues from \$12 to \$15 per year beginning May 1, 2008. This is the first increase in dues since SONA was formed. The increase will help offset costs. The SONA newsletter is one of our major expenses and delivering it to 1500 households each month runs just under \$300 per month so every dollar helps.

**Clean up San Jose!** It's hard to believe it, but areas around SONA were listed as some of the worst for accumulated litter a number of years ago. Thanks to local residents we no longer bear that title, but that doesn't mean there's not room for some help. You can always drop in on Loui Tucker's monthly trash pick ups by meeting her group at Parkmoor and Leigh at 9:30am on April 19. Or, you can participate in the city-wide one day trash pick up by meeting your neighbors at Sherman Oaks Community Center from 8:30am to 11:30am on Saturday, April 12.

If newspapers are collecting or the yard hasn't been mowed and you haven't seen your neighbor in awhile, you can call SJPD's 311 number and ask them to conduct a welfare check. SJPD will then contact your neighbor and make sure all is well. And this could be an opportunity for you to assist an ailing or elderly neighbor.

There are approximately 3000 abandoned houses in San Jose due to the mortgage meltdown, so it's only a matter of time before we see that here. If you know of an abandoned home, call Code Enforcement at 277-4528. They will begin the process of monitoring the property and ensuring the yards are maintained and that vandals or homeless are kept out of the house. Abandoned houses can quickly become a nuisance and health hazard. If pets have been abandoned you should immediately contact Animal Control at 578-7297.

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SONA's newsletter is published monthly and distributed to almost 1500 residences. It is partially funded by a City of San Jose CAP Grant. 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  
SONA Website Administrator: **Help Needed**

**Assembly member Jim Beall Jr.**

**April Election of Board Officers**

**Health Fair**

**April 5, 2008 10am-2pm**

**SONA's Proposed Slate of Officers**

**Miner Elementary School**

President, Randi Kinman

**5629 Lean Ave.**

Administrative Vice President, Marlene Bird

**San Jose, CA 95128**

Secretary, Nancy Moritz

Assembly member Beall is sponsoring a health fair that includes seminars on autism, managing children's health insurance, over the county pain and allergy medications and what every woman needs to know about cancer detection. You can sign your child up for the Children's Health Insurance program, have bicycle helmets fitted properly, or use the free medical and dental screening services. The Second Harvest produce mobile will be on site along with an array of booths with great information about important health issues. Local health organizations will be on hand, there will be entertainment and raffle prizes. This will be a one stop shop for all your health questions and to obtain information about health issues that will affect all Californians. For more information and a schedule of seminar times, call 282-8920.

Treasurer, Michael LaRocca

Area Captain, Sheila Cvitanich

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Area Captain, Lisa Steingart

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**Still Time to Volunteer**

As you can see there are 2 Vacant Area Captain positions that need to be filled. If you are interested please come to the meeting or let us know. We also need a website manager who can help maintain our web presence.

**Volunteer Sign Up**

At recent SONA membership meetings residents voted to develop several events this year to help develop neighbor-to-neighbor relationships, build membership and raise funds for future activities. If you are interested in participating or volunteering, please fill out this sign up sheet and return to SONA at the earliest possible time.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT (Phone/email,etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Sign me up for the following:

Volunteer

Participate

■ Dumpster Day

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■ Hot Dog Sale

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■ Movie Night

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■ Newsletter Delivery

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## Used Towel & Blanket Drive

Hi! I am Rebeca of Junior Troop 60056 and I am working on my Bronze Award by collecting used towels and blankets for Humane Society Silicon Valley. Help HSSV continue to keep the animals warm and comfortable by donating yours today!

Your donations will be accepted at the next

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association Meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

A collection box is also available at the KACS (Korean American Community Services)  
office (M-F 9-5) through April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Humane Society Silicon Valley is an independent, non-profit animal shelter that has been serving people and pets for 79 years.

Their mission is to save and enhance lives!

Humane Society Silicon Valley is the best place to adopt a pet!

All these animals and more are available for adoption. For more info about Humane Society Silicon Valley, or to adopt a pet, go to [www.hssv.org](http://www.hssv.org)



### These animals need our help!

