



# Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association

## *Notes from the President*



SONA residents of all ages enjoying our potluck and game night. Join us this month for free ice cream and cookies! See you there..*Michael*



## **SONA Celebrates National Night Out**

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## **Note Meeting Date Change**

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## **6:30pm St. Elizabeth Park**

**Free Ice Cream and  
Cookies!**

## **Tuesday 8/3/10**

**Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Sherman Oaks Community Center, 1800A Fruitdale Ave Room 1. SJ CA 95128**

**Our Board of Directors meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm in the same room**

## Notes and News

Any parent knows that “just this once” leads to “but, you let me do it before”. The same holds true for “I’ll let it slide today” when you see or hear something that needs to be fixed. Why let things go “just one day” when it’s easy to call somebody and have it taken care of? On page 3 you’ll see a list of handy phone numbers for just about any need. Note that you need to program your cell phone for San Jose’s 911 and 311 numbers. Don’t assume that somebody else has spotted and reported a problem.

The Board of Trustees for the San Jose Evergreen Community College District voted to approve the Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report on Tuesday, July 13. This paves the way for them to complete the Multi-Use field on Leigh Avenue while grandfathering in previous actions like the construction of surface parking lots that were installed a few years back. The Multi Use field is sized for soccer and will keep the bleachers, dugouts and restrooms. This could be a boon to locals who have no soccer fields, but it has also proven to be a spot for kids partying after dark. SONA lobbied for the DSEIR to include the impact of moving a majority of the parking and traffic to the Leigh Ave. side of campus because it has adversely affected our neighborhood. The trustees have approved a new educational master plan. This will lead to another round of EIR reviews while they determine what needs to be built, rehabilitated, repaired or improved to implement the educational master plan. This will allow SONA residents to voice opinions and concerns over future projects. In the meantime, the district is polling residents eligible to vote for future bonds to test the waters. New improvements, indeed any new capital expenditure (like buying new computers) will require money the district does not have. SONA residents recently advised the district we would be uncomfortable with supporting new bonds until new processes and safeguards are in place.

With summer in full swing, we know you are going through the water and soft drinks. **Don’t forget to save those recyclable bottles and cans for SONA to turn in.** Jussi and Lisa will be making another round of pick ups, but if your bags, containers or garage get too full, you can always call them or bring your recyclables to the next SONA meeting. All funds raised through this recycling effort go directly towards printing the very newsletter you are reading.

Congrats to Board Member Steve Kline who was elected president of the Burbank/Del Monte Neighborhood Advisory Committee. The B/DM NAC is a coalition of neighborhoods formed as part of the Strong Neighborhoods Initiative that work on common goals and projects stretching from here to the old Del Monte Cannery area and Diridon Station.

SONA is now accepting online dues and donations via PayPal. If you want to save that cost of a stamp, simply go to our website and look for the PayPal button. This is a safe and secure way to send SONA money. SONA operates on a volunteer basis with dues and donations making up our entire budget. This allows us to hold meetings, insure our meeting sites, print newsletters and maintain our website. We run very lean thanks to all of our volunteers, but we do need to collect funds to keep afloat.

We didn’t get the Bascom Community Center and Library on the contingency funding list, but we haven’t given up. Each October or so, the City Council reviews budgets (after waiting for the State to get their budgets out) and makes adjustments. The Friends of Bascom Library will be working on getting our local library open. For more info, you can contact Steve.

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SONA Newsletter Editor: Randi Kinman

# SONA Summer Celebrations

## National Night Out August 3, 2010

### 6:30pm

Come join us for an ice cream social on National Night Out on **Tuesday, August 3** at St. Elizabeth Park on the corner of St. Elizabeth and Curci Drives, right around the corner from KFC on Meridian. National Night Out is a 27 year old celebration of people taking control of their neighborhoods. Celebrated around the world as a way to bring neighbors together to make their neighborhood safer, people have barbeques, potlucks or just hang out. SONA will be celebrating with a free Ice Cream and Cookie Social at St. Elizabeth Park. **Please note that this is not our usual meeting night and this will take the place of our regular August meeting.**

Our neighborhood park is an easy walk or bike ride or, if you like, there is ample parking adjacent to the park. The site is fenced in so kids can run around safely, the playground is geared towards kids of all sizes and the picnic tables are under a beautiful gazebo.

SONA will provide the ice cream, so grab your neighbors and drop in. Or, pack a picnic dinner and take the night off. School starts just a few weeks later, vacations are winding down and this is the time to enjoy one of those warm summer evenings that California is famous for.

This follows our July meeting that was a potluck and game night. A couple dozen SONA residents gathered at the Sherman Oaks Community Center on our regular night, chowed down on some really great food and wrapped up with an incredible chocolate cake with banana cream filling. Bingo was the game of the evening with a variety of prizes. People at every table won, but Claudia C. and other kids won big, taking home a scooter and gift cards from Jamba Juice. Adults won Starbucks cards and a nifty wine opener kit. We all won big with Jussi's organic home grown plums that arrived by the box and went home with all of us in bags.

Our potluck night is always fun because some of us may see each other every day, but some of us only see each other at these events. New faces show up and Facebook friends become real "in person" people. We get to see new babies and catch up with each other. So, join us at the ice cream social in August. Free cookies and ice cream on a hot August night...can't beat that!

## Clip and Save Phone Numbers

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277-8911	Cell Phone Emergency SJPD
311	Non-Emergency Police Calls
277-8900	Cell Phone SJPD
	Noise issues, crime reports, suspicious activity
535-5000	City of San Jose 24Hr Call Center
452-0707	Airport Noise Complaints, 24Hr
277-5305	Abandoned Vehicles on Street
277-4528	Abandoned Vehicles on Private Property; includes free tow program. Report illegal vehicle repair operations
578-7297	Animal Control
277-2758	Anti-Graffiti
277-4528	Code Enforcement, Report Blight, abandoned properties, etc.
535-3850	Department of Transportation Signal outages, Property dumped on sidewalks or streets, parking control
299-5000	County of Santa Clara Main Numb.
918-4770	Co. SC Vector Control, Q&A about West Nile, rodent control, etc.
270-6468	San Jose City College Security
265-2600	Santa Clara Valley Water District
321-2300	Valley Transit Authority
535-4906	Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio District 6, City of San Jose <a href="mailto:pierluigi.oliverio@sanjoseca.gov">pierluigi.oliverio@sanjoseca.gov</a>
299-5040	Ken Yeager, District 4 President, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors <a href="http://www.supervisoryeager.org">www.supervisoryeager.org</a>
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