



## Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association

### *Notes From The President*

At last month's meeting we were provided free legal advice by Paul Hogan regarding Wills, Trusts, Health Care Directives and all the other important papers that we will need to prepare for; on behalf the members that attended the meeting I want to express our appreciation for a job well done...thanks Paul.

During this month's meeting we will be providing you with an update on ballot measures that you will be voting on this November (see page 3 for details.)

We also encourage you to check out the advertisers on page 4 of the newsletter. These are local people who live and work in your neighborhood who bring you a variety of services. From selling your home, providing quality childcare, insurance services, legal services, and furniture, mattresses, and bedroom sets way below wholesale. SONA residents are here to help. And, for those of you with businesses to promote, you won't find better rates anywhere.

Fall is almost upon us... are you prepared? Be sure check around your place to see that you are prepared for the raining season that may start sooner than later.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting...*Michael*

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association is a volunteer group of residents working to make our neighborhood a better place to live, work and play. Newsletter funds are supplemented by a Community Action & Pride Grant from the City of San Jose.

Issue 115 of your local neighborhood newsletter.

### **General Meeting October 14, 2010**

#### **6:30PM**

- ❖ **Coffee and Cookies**  
**Come meet your neighbors  
and let us know what's  
happening in your part of the  
neighborhood.**

#### **7:00PM**

- ❖ **Welcome and Intros**
- ❖ **San Jose Police Department if  
available**
- ❖ **Staff Reports**

#### **7:20PM**

- ❖ **Ballot Measures**

#### **8:00PM**

- ❖ **Door Prize Drawings**

#### **8:05PM**

- ❖ **Announcements**
- ❖ **Updates on local issues**
- ❖ **What's on your mind?**
- ❖ **Next meeting**

## Notes and News

**PayPal is now available on SONA's website!** You can pay your yearly dues with just a few clicks, make donations and contribute to SONA's success. We simply cannot afford to mail out reminders to people, so we are hoping that you will use the PayPal option on the website's front page and make your contribution count. This is a secure and easy way to pay your dues each year and you can also opt to have your dues deducted every year from now on. What a great way to support your neighborhood from the comfort of your own home. Speaking of money, **thanks to Susan and Victor for your donation this month and thanks to Anastasia, Jean, and Jussi for using PayPal!**

Speaking of our **website**, Marlene and Patrick, along with Layne Kulwin, are in the process of updating our site. We want to make the site more dynamic and something we can use for referrals, information and updates.

**What would you like to see in our website?** Contact Marlene or Patrick with your ideas.

Board members Jussi and Lisa are still collecting **cans for cash**. All items that have CRV value can and will be collected for supplementing SONA income. The next pick up date has not been set yet, but if you have items for pick up that are taking up too much space, give either of them a call so we can take them off your hands.

Board member **Marlene and former board member Susan Price-Jang** are actively pursuing our options on the **Bascom Community Center and Library**. They are working with residents from around the area, especially Pamilar as part of the **Friends of Bascom Library** group. If you are interested in helping or want to know the latest, contact Marlene. Meanwhile, take a walk down to the site and see how it's going. The exterior art portion can be seen from the sidewalks. It is quite stunning and we hope that the people who were on the citizens committee during the design process will be able to get inside for a behind the scenes tour and take some photos.

According to the City's website, our **recycling bins should no longer contain the plastic bags you get from the grocery store**. These bags clog the recycling machinery, blow around and wind up in waterways or flying down the street and cost too much in the short term or long term. **Save those bags and take them back to the store**. Do not throw them in the garbage.

**The City of San Jose is conducting a series of community meetings and outreach regarding the hiring of a new Chief of Police pending Chief Davis' retirement.** These meetings will continue through October and allow you to voice your opinion. What qualities do you want to see in a new Chief? What direction do you want to see the department head in? For more information, visit <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/PoliceChiefRecruitment.asp> or call the City Hall main number at 535-3500. At least one meeting will be conducted in Spanish; interpreters are available if you make arrangements in advance. If you don't want to attend a meeting, an online survey is available.

**San Jose/Evergreen Community College District** is fast tracking the process of updating their facilities master plan with the intention of finalizing all input by the end of November. A community meeting has not been set. There are meetings on each campus scheduled. Evergreen is scheduled for 10/11 (3-5pm) and 10/25 (3-5pm), location not set. SJCC meetings are scheduled for 10/12 (3-5pm) in the Student Center room SC-204 and 10/22 (9-11am) Tech Center Room T415. You can attend any of these meetings. When we find out the time and location of what is expected to be only one community meeting we will post it on our website.

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## **SONA's October Meeting**

With elections right around the corner, we are grateful that board member Steve Kline has arranged to hold a debate on both Measure V and Measure W that will appear on your November 2010 ballot. We are inviting neighbors from around the district to attend this debate as we believe it will be the only one held. This will allow you and our neighbors to form an opinion based on facts and statements prepared by the proponents and opponents of these measures.

The format will be a standard debate style. Each side will be given time for opening statements. We then go to a question and answer period where your questions will be gathered and submitted. Each side will be given a limited time period to respond. At the end each side will be given a short time to wrap up. We are hoping they will stick around and answer other questions you may have.

If you have questions regarding these initiatives and will not be able to attend the meeting, please forward those questions now. We will put them in the pile and sort them. Hopefully we can get through everybody's questions.

Both of these measures were placed on the ballot by the San Jose City Council.

Measure V is a request of voters to appeal the binding arbitration process for employees.

Measure W is a pension reform measure.

While you may have read about these measures, it is important (because it's your money after all) to become well versed in the matter.

The City also added Measure T to the ballot, a Marijuana tax measure.

By the meeting time you should all have sample ballots. If you find another issue on the ballot, have questions about that issue, please let us know and we will try to have info on hand for you. In November 2010 other local measures that will affect you are Measure A (Healthy Kids Parcel Tax), Measure B (SC County Vehicle Tax), Measure C (Term limits for SCVWD Water Board), Measure E (Foothill/DeAnza parcel tax), and Measure L (Campbell School Tax). We will also be electing a new Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State and responding to other state issues.

## **October Happenings**

Fall brings a variety of things to do around the house; check and change furnace filters, prepare the yard for winter, check your windows and doors for insulation, fill and repair sidewalks and driveways and generally get ready for winter. When not doing these things, however, there's a lot of fun out there.

**Guadalupe River Park Conservancy** (formerly Guadalupe River Parks and Gardens) has a host of fall events for everyone in the family. There are special events, classes, workshops and more. For more information go to GRPC's website at [www.grpg.org](http://www.grpg.org) or call 298-7657.

**Pumpkins in the Park** is a family event at Discovery Meadow (you can take light rail) that includes crafts, games, music and, yes, pumpkins in all shapes, sizes and materials. You can sample apple cider or build a scarecrow. The event is free for everyone. This event runs on Saturday, October 9, 2010. For more info see the GRPC info above.

The **annual Jamboree sponsored by the West San Carlos Neighborhood Business Association** is being held on October 15, 16 and 17 of this year at Sunol and West San Carlos. This event has antiques, music, food and free plants. This new location allows a big expansion of the event.

**Butler Amusements will be at the Jamboree this year and we can get you discount day passes for more than 30 rides!** Purchased in advance, the tickets are \$20 for an all day pass. Tickets at the door will cost \$25. If you buy in advance, you also help support the business association. Board member Steve Kline has tickets available for advance purchase. Contact Steve (see page 2) and he will be glad to arrange advance ticket purchases for you.

Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio is sponsoring the showing of an environmental movie called "Trash" at City Hall on November 1, 2010. Showing is free and runs from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Seating is limited to the capacity of the Council Chambers, so reservations are required. Book your seat through Tina West at 535-4591 or email her at [tina.west@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:tina.west@sanjoseca.gov).

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