



## Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association

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 paid for through dues and advertising.

Issue 132 of your local neighborhood newsletter.

### ***Notes From the President***

***DUMPSTER DAYS ARE HERE!!!*** See page 3 for a map and location of dumpsters. This is a chance to clean out closets for the donation bins, get rid of those things too big to put in your garbage can and do spring cleaning early. Please note that if you live in an apartment, duplex, triplex, etc. your neighbors may not know about this because only one postcard per street address was delivered. Pass the word. And, if you have elderly or disabled neighbors, lend a hand and see if you can help them haul things. **If you did not receive a post card, you can simply show your driver's license.** SONA board members will also be doing some clean up in the office at the Sherman Oaks site that day.

***Clean up San Jose*** will happen the next weekend. This is your chance to help the city do a one-day sweep for graffiti and trash in our area. Think of it as your chance to help say thank you and pay back for the free dumpsters. Announcement regarding time and location will be in the next newsletter. This is also a great opportunity for students to clear some of their community service hours. The District 6 staging area is at Willows Center on Lincoln Avenue. Staging begins at 8:30am.

Recent arrests have helped to reduce some of the ongoing crime in our neighborhood, but that will not ever eliminate the need to be vigilant and aware. Are you ready to start a Neighborhood Watch program on your block?

***It's pledge drive time for SONA.*** Dues are due by the first of April. This newsletter, our website and materials for potlucks, ice cream socials, etc. all are paid for with your dues. Rather than remind you every month, we are concentrating on collecting over the next 90 days. Support your local neighborhood organization and help the volunteers by paying dues using the form on the back page or by going to our website [www.sona-sj.com](http://www.sona-sj.com) and using the PayPal button. **The first 10 people who chip in an extra \$10 also receive an official SONA baseball cap.**

*See you at the meeting...Randi*

### **SONA General Meeting March 8, 2012**

#### **6:30pm Meet and Greet**

- ❖ **Get to know your neighbors**
- ❖ **Coffee and Cookies**

#### **7:00pm Welcome!**

- ❖ **Reports from Council Office**
- ❖ **San Jose Police Department Updates**
- ❖ **Reports from San Jose City College**
- ❖ **Dumpster Day Set Up**
- ❖ **Surprise!**

#### **8:00pm Time to Wrap Up**

- ❖ **Announcements**
- ❖ **Door Prize Drawing**
- ❖ **Have a safe trip home**

## ***Notes and News From The Neighborhood***

Thanks to new and renewing members and those who have donated: **Chris Amman and Bill Todd, Tom and Vickie Geary, Lynn Sisson, Carl and Elaine Lindner, Lois Silva, Nadine Douglas, Emma and Rodrigo Martinez, Renee Raffa-Gurley and Gordon Gurley, Bruce Bardell, Bill and Debby Moore, Jim and Jan Hawkins, Cynthia and Jon Freedman, Patricia Wolf, Yoka Drion and Paul Gonda, Mary Angelo, Daniel Graham, The Kirkland Family, Charissa DeFrancesco and Tony Pagkas, and Geraldine Stewart.** Each donation helps, each membership helps.

**Summer Internship programs for High School youth are opening up.** The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) has internships with local transportation agencies. You can contact them at (510) 817-5807 or email InternCoordinator@mtc.ca.gov. Assembly member Jim Beall also has open internships during school breaks and the summer. You can contact their office at (916) 319-2024.

**Ever wonder who and what is behind that water bill you get?** On March 14 from 4-8pm the Santa Clara Valley Water District is holding an open house at 5700 Almaden Expressway. The entire family is welcome to this event that features tours, information booths and exploring the Guadalupe River fish ladder. To RSVP or for more information, email [rsvp@valleywater.org](mailto:rsvp@valleywater.org) or call 265-2607 ext 2880. Celebrate National Groundwater Awareness Week and take advantage of tips and ideas that will help save money.

The **United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County Annual Spring Mixer** is set for Saturday, March 31 at 5750 Almaden Expressway. This event runs from 9am-noon and features guest speaker Senator Joe Simitian who will give tips on how you can successfully influence people you meet and effectively advocate for your concerns. A continental breakfast will be served and there will be demonstrations, resource booths and neighbors from Gilroy to Palo Alto. For more information contact Michael at 564-2374 or register to attend this free event at [rsvp@unsc.org](mailto:rsvp@unsc.org).

A special thanks to **Korean American Community Services** for donating grocery bags to us! We have shopping bags for those who attend meetings. If you need an extra one, stop by.

Want to stay in touch with neighbors online? Join our chat group on Yahoo. This ensures you can find out what's going on even if you are at work. Residents who are home during the day in both the Shasta/Hanchett and Willow Glen areas were able to use their online forums to track in real time people who had committed burglaries or stolen packages dropped off by delivery services. While waiting for police, they alerted each other as to where the suspects were headed. Neighbors tracking suspects (without confrontation) could keep an eye on them and kept police alerted to their exact locations.

We also provide online delivery of our newsletter. You can sign up for online delivery by contacting board member Layne Kulwin. Thanks goes out to Layne and our new website administrator Richard Anderson.

**We need delivery people who are willing to donate an hour a month.** Our volunteers have recently resigned after years of service in several areas, including **Princess Anne and Goodwin**. Contact board member Sheila Cvitanich if you can help.

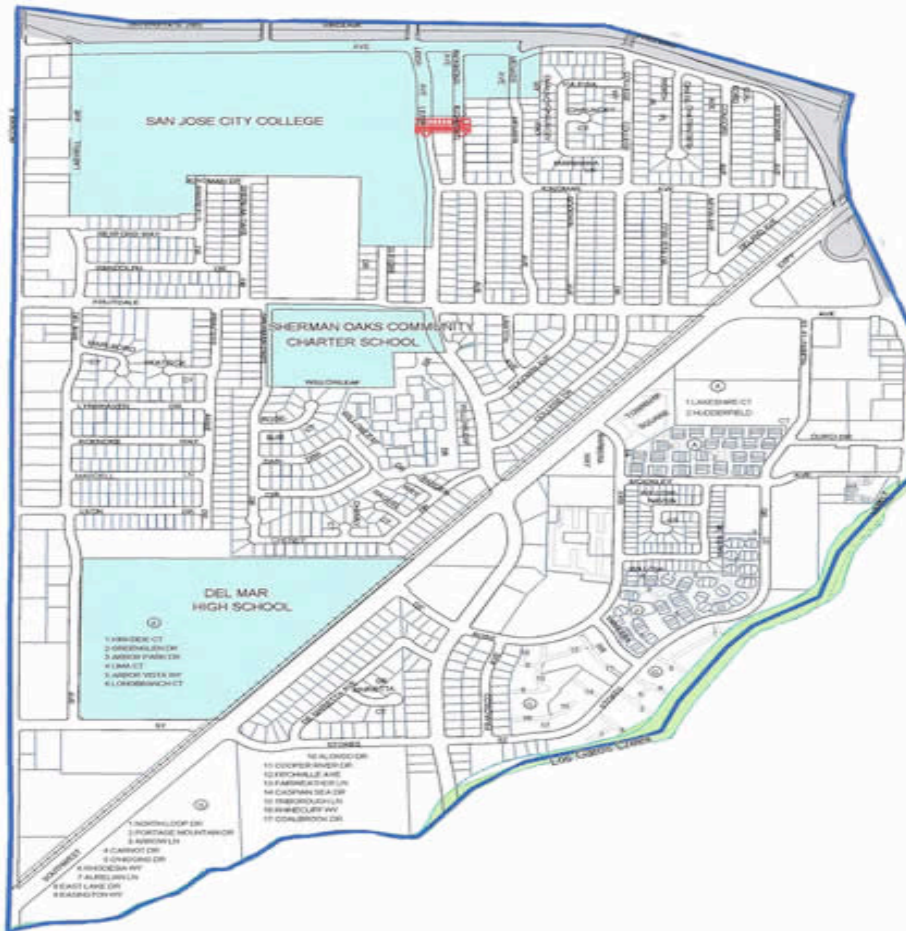
**Save those cans and bottles for our recycling drive.** Board members Jussi and Lisa will be conducting another pick up drive. Give them a call to be on the list. They offer front porch pick up and your contribution helps our bottom line.

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## Dumpster Day 3/10/12 8am-bins are full



- \* **Del Mar Ave in front of Del Mar High School** - Rubbish, Metal, Wood, Plastic, Carpet, Hope Donations, Pharmaceutical Drop Off, Information Booth
- \* **1763 De Marietta Ave** - Rubbish and Metal
- \* **Stokes at North Loop Drive** - Rubbish, Metal, Wood, Plastic and Carpet
- \* **Sherman Oaks Drive adjacent to Sherman Oaks Community Charter School** - Rubbish, Metal, Wood, Plastic, CRT/TV, Mattress, Refrigerator, Freezer, A/C, Tires, Rock and Salvation Army Donation
- \* **2146 Randolph Drive at Del Mar** - Rubbish and Metal
- \* **Moorpark at Kingman** - Rubbish, Metal, Wood, Plastic

**No household garbage, recyclables, yard waste, paint or hazardous waste. No gas cylinders. For information, contact Henry Machens at 535-7846. If you did not receive a post card, just show your driver's license.**



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### SONA Dues are Due

SONA asks for yearly dues of \$15 per household. Dues pay for newsletters, flyers and special events. While we have augmented dues by obtaining grants, the grant sources have dried up. This year, more than ever, we need your dues. You can also pay dues online through PayPal and set up an automatic billing by visiting our website at [www.sona-sj.com](http://www.sona-sj.com). Thanks for your help. Please note that at no time do we share or release your information.

**YES! Our Family wants to support SONA with our dues payment.**

**NAMES:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Email/Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Dues**                      **Make all checks out to: SONA**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Donation**                      **Mail to: PO Box 59146, San Jose CA 95159-0146**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Total**