



Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association (SONA) general meetings are open to all interested parties. General meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Bascom Community Center, 1000 S. Bascom Ave beginning at 6:30pm. SONA board meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Sherman Oaks Community Center at 6:30pm. Newsletter is partially funded with a Community Action and Pride (CAP) Grant from the City of San Jose.

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Notes from the President

Great meeting in September! We had visits from a variety of people, including the new President of San Jose City College, Parks and Rec staff, Greenbelt Alliance and more!

Jussi and Lisa have been collecting recycling and wanted to let you know that you can arrange for a pick up of recycling just by calling them (see page 4 for phone numbers). Every contribution helps us pay for newsletters.

We have started to inventory a number of issues for the Department of Transportation to address. We know of several streets that never get the attention of street sweepers, stretches of sidewalk that need replacing and storm drains that clogged in September's early rains. If any of these items are a problem for you, let me know right away so we can add them to the list.

A big thank you to the residents near Del Mar and Rexford for pushing to have the trash and furniture removed. The only way this gets cleaned up is if you report it. Yes, it might come back, but it doesn't get out of hand when residents stay on top of things. If you see dumping going on, report it immediately.

We are really excited about our October meeting because it aligns with National Fire Prevention Week October 6-12. Prevent Kitchen Fires is the theme this year. Captain Hernandez and the crew from our local Leigh Avenue Station 4 will be on hand to let us know about department changes, fire safety and more. This is a great time to learn how you, your family, your place of work or school can be better prepared. What are the things you need to do? What would our first responders like for you to do before they show up? Who has medical issues and a Vial of Life handy? What are the new guidelines for smoke detectors? If nothing else, this is a great time for you and the family to meet the men and women of SJFD who are the ones responsible for keeping us safe and who are first on the scene for any emergency.

See you at the meeting...Randi

**General Meeting
October 10, 2013
Bascom Library
Community Room
1000 S. Bascom Ave
2nd Floor
San Jose CA 95128**

6:30pm

- ❖ **Mix and Mingle**
- ❖ **Meet the Neighbors**
- ❖ **Coffee and Cookies**

7:00pm

- ❖ **Welcome**
- ❖ **Report from Elected Officials**
- ❖ **Report from SJPD (if available)**
- ❖ **San Jose Fire Department Captain Albert Hernandez and the crew from Squad 4 will be on hand! Bring the entire family.**

8:15pm

- ❖ **Door Prizes**
- ❖ **Announcements**
- ❖ **New Business**
- ❖ **Have a Safe Trip Home**

Hold That Date!

- **Wednesdays** – Farmers Market at Valley Medical Center offers great fresh produce and accepts EBT
- **First Fridays.** A great monthly event in downtown San Jose that includes an outdoor market and art walk through the downtown area. A complete list of local events is available at www.sjdownatown.com or you can call 408.279.1775
- **October 5** – Medicare and Healthcare free forum sponsored by Senator Jim Beall 9-noon at Campbell Community Center. For more info call 408.558.1295
- **October 5** – Historic Orchard Volunteer Day at the Guadalupe River Park and Gardens 8:30-11:30am. Free event. Learn more about the orchard, pruning and maintenance.
- **October 13** – Day on the Bay Multicultural Festival at Alviso County Park from 10am-3pm. A great day of free events, including kayak rides. For more info contact Supervisor Dave Cortese at 408.299.5030 or email bos.district3@bos.scc.gov.org
- **October 12** – Pumpkins in the Park free family event at Discovery Meadow 10am-4pm
- **Oct 12 thru Nov 16** – Fall Walking Series. Learn about the park and enjoy fun, fitness and friends. Register with grpg.org
- **October 19** – Free Health Fair from 9am-2pm at the Mayfair Community Center, 2959 Kammerer Avenue. Glucose readings, blood pressure check, flu shots, info on the new health care mandate and much, much more. Sponsored by Senator Jim Beall. For more info call 408.558.1295
- **Christmas in The Park** – A long running San Jose tradition brings a holiday wonderland to downtown San Jose (just a short light rail ride away!). Each year schools, businesses, organizations, clubs, non-profits and religious organizations of all denominations participate by decorating trees at Plaza de Caesar Chavez. It's time to get your group organized and apply for one of the community trees available. This is a great team building and promotional event for everyone. You can apply for your tree at <http://www.christmasinthepark.com/tree-program.html> or email info@christmasinthepark.com The phone number for the program is 408.297.XMAS(9627)

SONA Recipe Corner

Tasty treats shared by your neighbors.
This month's contributions are from
Mary Kay LaRocca

LEMON COCONUT CREAM CAKE

1 (3 ½ OZ) pig, lemon pudding and pie filling (do not instant)

1 Tbsp. grated lemon peel

1 Tbsp. lemon juice

Topping

1 cup heavy cream, shipped

1 (3 ½ oz.) can flaked coconut

Have ready, one a food cake. Fold in lemon peel and juice. Refrigerate until cold. Fold whipped cream and coconut into pudding. Cut cake into 4 layers. Fill and frost. Sprinkle top with coconut. Refrigerate several hours or overnight.

CHEESE CAKE

Crust

Crumbs of 14 double graham crackers

1 stick of melted butter

Press into extra large pie pan or spring form pan

Filling

2 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese

2 eggs

¾ cup sugar

Beat until smooth. Pour into crust and bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes

Topping

1-pint sour cream, ¾ tsp. vanilla and 3 Tbsp. sugar

Beat and pour over cake. Bake 15 minutes more. Cool, then refrigerate

Urban Villages

While we try to stay on top of all the meetings going on around us, sometimes the city staff schedules meetings and events after the newsletter is already in print. They aren't very flexible in this so the second and final Urban Village workshops for West San Carlos and Bascom were held in late September.

To accommodate growth and create more vibrant neighborhood districts, the city plans intense development and rezoning along this corridor. That would mean areas of higher density housing and streets that are geared to pedestrians and a walk able, interesting business district. There are several keys to these plans that we all need to weigh in on.

The first is obviously making sure that new development does not negatively impact existing residential areas. SONA residents have been lobbying for a realignment of Southwest Expressway to allow traffic to turn left onto Bascom rather than routing along Stokes adjacent to Del Mar High School. This would help relieve congestion, keep vehicles on larger and more commercial streets and make our school and neighborhood a safer environment.

SONA residents have also lobbied for a reduction of Fruitdale Ave (commonly called a road diet). By narrowing Fruitdale to one lane in either direction or a two-way turn lane we can increase on street parking and bike lanes. This makes our residential, school and medical sites safer for everyone while encouraging cars to use the larger streets.

What would you like to see along Bascom and in the adjacent neighborhoods? Sidewalk cafes? Trees? Parks? All of these things and more are on the table. The Urban Village Planning vision will be finalized in the next month or so then go to the Planning Commission and City Council for approval.

All of this will, of course, depend on a financing mechanism that as yet has not been devised. Promises of parks and open space will depend on funding. You can read more about the Urban Village plan by going to

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=1738>

You can also participate in a survey here:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/urbanvillages>

Who Do I Call?

- **211** Service referrals for housing, senior care, interpreters, medical and mental health, and any non-emergency referral.
- **511** Want to know road conditions, the easiest way to get around the bay or transit schedules and fares?
- **311 Non Emergency Police Calls** The direct dial for cell phones is 408.277.8900
- **911 Emergency Police Calls** The direct dial for SJPD via your cell phone is 408.277.8911. If you all 911 you will be routed to nearest dispatch center.
- **Animal Services 408.794.7297** for complaints, questions, pick up of dead animals or animals running loose.
- **Child Abuse Hotline 650.493.1186**
- **Code Enforcement 408.535.7700** for issues of general dumping, blight, unsafe living conditions, zoning violations, etc.
- **Environmental Services Watershed Protection Division 408.945.3000** if you see autos leaking fluids on the street or other foreign/dangerous material is being flushed down the gutter and into the drain.
- **Report Graffiti and Blight.** There are several ways! You can call 866.249.0543 or email antigrffiti@sanjoseca.gov. The city also has a cell phone app called San Jose Clean that you can download. Another great resource is the Smartphone app City Sourced. Both apps geo tag problems and make it easy for you to report on the go.

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