

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association...the voice of your neighborhood



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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 1st Wednesday of each month at the Sherman Oaks Community Center at 7:00pm. 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

Thank you for your confidence and support in electing me as President for the next two years. My goals are to create greater neighborhood safety through social events that let us get to know each other and bringing Neighborhood Watch and other crime prevention measures to our meetings.

With the new renters' rights laws passed in our city, I will be working with adjoining neighborhoods to bring an info and training session for all tenants. Because most of our apartments were built in the middle of the last century, they fall under specific criteria that some landlords have ignored. Working with the City of San Jose we can make sure all tenants are protected and all landlords have the appropriate tools and information to keep properties kept up and safe.

During our annual **July Ice Cream Social**, SONA will be honoring our previous board members who have served over the last 19 years while looking forward to what happens as we close in on two decades of working for our neighbors. And we will be looking for new board members with great ideas and energy. Save July 13 for an evening in the park, ice cream and a few surprises.

Our Little Free Library at the Sherman Oaks Playground was vandalized and pulled off of its mounting stand recently. Luckily the library itself was not damaged. It has been temporarily removed and the school district will be re-mounting it more securely. The Campbell Union School District will also be refurbishing the benches and trash containers to re-seal the wood. This will mean a temporary shut down of the playground, but it shouldn't be more than a day.

For those of you asking, we should see the McDonalds on Bascom open again in August. We'd like to highlight local businesses, so tell us what is your favorite gem in the neighborhood?

Going into the summer months means we will be experiencing extended periods of heat, making it unsafe for many, especially children and seniors without air conditioning. Take advantage of the cooling centers the city establishes throughout the summer. You can contact the Parks Department or Bascom Community Center.

Please make sure you register for June's Neighborhood Watch meeting. San Jose Police Department's two-hour program helps you identify security issues and how to fix them. You will leave with valuable information and a Neighborhood Watch sign. More importantly, you will leave with information on organizing block by block to reduce crime in our neighborhoods....**SEE YOU AT THE MEETING**

**General Meeting
June 8, 2017
Neighborhood Watch**

**Doors open 6:30pm
Program 7-9pm
See flyer for info
Registration Required
Randi Kinman
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Bascom Community Center

Movie Night is coming! Our first outdoor movie night is June 23 in the plaza outside the library and community center. This is always a fun event for neighbors of all ages. The event starts at 7pm, allowing you time to enjoy chatting with neighbors, playing games or having an al fresco meal. This is the first in a series of outdoor summer events. The June movie is 2017 Kids Choice Awards, USA winner **SING**.

Camp Bascom is still registering kids of all ages for the summer camp programs. There are scholarships available for qualifying families.

Don't forget that we have one of the most affordable fitness programs in town. For a reasonable \$35/month you can have access to classes, exercise rooms and more. You can also sign up for Family Camp on the city's website at www.sanjoseca.gov/prns

For more info about Bascom programming or other city activities, visit the community center, phone 408.794.6290 or visit the city's website.

Board Notes and News

One of our long-term board members, **Sheila Cvitanich**, resigned last year and recently passed away. Sheila and her husband Jerry were among the first in their neighborhood, raising their family and remaining active along the way in all community activities. When the children were young she was active at Sherman Oaks School. She dedicated years of quiet service to our neighborhood by serving on the board, working with us to improve our neighborhood. She had a sly sense of humor and keen insight. We could easily make our lives better by imitating her; be friendly, get together with neighbors on a regular basis, bake cookies and introduce yourself, smile, sit out on your porch, get involved. There are always neighbors who inspire us, and Sheila was one. Our condolences to her family and the extended family of neighbors and friends.

Newest Board Member **Theo Martinez** is taking on membership development and working with Layne Kulwin on growing our paid membership base and outreach programs. **Anne Kearney** and past Board Member **Lisa Steingart** have been chatting with our local businesses and we will be working to reach out and promote our locals. **Jussi Rajna**, one of our longest serving Board Members is continuing to help deliver our newsletters while keeping up with activities in the Rexford/Del Mar area.

A very special thanks to our outgoing Board Members **Marlene Bird, Lisa Steingart and Michael LaRocca**. All have provided us with invaluable service through the years.

Our board is here to address your issues. We work with San Jose City College to minimize the impact and develop cooperative measures. We work with other neighborhoods and the county to reduce the impact of Valley Medical Center patients who are not making their way home after discharge. We work with our council office to address questions you raise and will be pro-actively working to ensure all approaches to Bascom Library and Community Center are free from crime and distraction. We cannot have the only public site in our neighborhood feel unsafe to approach.

We are absolutely serious about reducing the crime in our neighborhood, but we can't do it all by ourselves. We need you to attend the Neighborhood Watch meeting and work with your neighbors. Like many things, we can get the ball rolling, we can get tools to you, but we will need to work with you to solve issues.

And we need to know what's working on your block or in your area. We have a large neighborhood and there are many people doing a lot of big and small things to make this area a great place to live and work. Let us know if there is somebody who deserves some recognition. Let us know how you are solving problems.

This is about you, the residents of our neighborhood. Let us know how we can help.

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Website www.sona-sj.com

Summer Resources

Guadalupe River Park and Gardens is always a summer favorite. Start from the center of the city at Discovery Meadows where the trails run along the creek, past the carousel and park next to the Shark Tank, you can make your way all the way to Alviso. The programs at 438 Coleman Ave include recreation and exploration for kids and adults. There are summer camps, gardens and orchards to explore. The all access Rotary Playground has picnic areas and you can reserve spots for parties. www.grpg.org or call 408.298.7657.

Check out **Bascom Library** for a series of free special summer programs and events. Visit the **Friends of Bascom Library Book Nook** to the left as you enter if you want to purchase some gently used items.

Children's Discovery Museum and the Tech Museum are both great places to visit. You can also take advantage of the fountains at Plaza de Caesar Chavez and the organized activities provided by the Parks Department. Visit local restaurants or pack a picnic. All a light rail ride away.

Happy Hollow Zoo and Park has pretty much been restored since this winter's floods. You can spend an entire day there exploring and playing. They also have classes and day camps. HHZP also has several adult evenings, so check out their website hhpz.org.

As long as you're out that way, visit **History Park at Kelley Park**. Here you'll find a small town made up of the historic homes, landmarks and businesses from San Jose's past. You can see how San Jose developed in this 14 acre spot, visit an old fashioned ice cream parlor or just picnic in under the trees.

The **San Jose Giants** are the best thing in town for baseball. Our minor league center for the SF Giants is great family fun. There are fireworks nights, promotions galore and where else do kids get to run the bases? You can see the up and coming future all stars and our major league players coming back from rehab assignments. You never know who will be there, but it's always just good fun. Check out their upcoming events calendar or book a group. Orchard Supply is a good place to score free tickets.

The **San Jose Flea Market** is one of the biggest and best. This is an all day excursion, but you have plenty of places to stop and just watch people go by. You can shop for everything from tires to tiaras. There are alleys of permanent vendors and people bringing their estate sales in for the day, so you have about 6000 people selling on any given day. You'll find an incredible array of produce at the marketplace and more food options at the 30 snack bars and 60 food carts. There is a music series on the weekends. There is no admission fee, parking is free on Wednesdays and varies on weekends. If you forget your hat or sunscreen, you'll find some there. When the kids get tired of shopping, take a break at the rides and bounce house. This flea market has been around since 1960 and features prominently in the book *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. <http://www.sjfm.com>

Prusch Farm and **Martial Cottle Park** are both nearby locations where kids can run, play and explore the agricultural roots of San Jose.

What's your favorite local summer time fun place?

You are invited to a NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING!



The San José Police Department Crime Prevention Unit

Invites you to join your neighbors for this important meeting
with police representatives and learn:

- ➔ About recent crimes in your area
- ➔ How to work together to prevent crime
- ➔ How to recognize and report suspicious activity

DATE: Thursday, June 8, 2017
TIME: 7:00 - 9:00 pm
LOCATION: Bascom Library - 1000 S. Bascom Ave.
2nd floor in the Community Room
HOST: Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association
RSVP: To: Randi Kinman at randikinman@yahoo.com



- Only persons in attendance for the entire meeting will receive a neighborhood watch sign and other materials.
- Due to the nature of this meeting and limited space available, only adult members of your household should attend. This is an official police presentation and alcohol consumption is inappropriate.
- There must be at least 10 homes confirmed. Please RSVP to the host to prevent cancellation of this meeting.