



Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association

Meeting Notes

October 22 was a busy day around SONA with dumpster days and highway litter pick up all going on at the same time. It's amazing, though, how much work is donated by volunteers in our neighborhood.

Our upcoming meeting in November will cover Emergency Preparedness. Are you ready for emergencies? Want to know what steps you can take immediately to make your home safer? Come on down to the meeting.

There are some excellent workshops in November sponsored by United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara Valley, including discussions about Code Enforcement, City Services and leadership development. We encourage everyone to come to the new City Hall for what always proves to be rousing discussions. Meet people from throughout the city who have the same needs and interests as you and learn how you can make a positive change in your neighborhood.

We won't be meeting in December, but are planning our 2006 agendas already. We'll be discussing traffic lights, traffic calming, Neighborhood Watch, Senior programming and other items you've requested. We want to bring things that interest you and your neighbors, so don't be shy about letting us know.

Always, always, always report any crimes in progress or crimes that you think may have happened. If the police don't know you are having a problem they can't help you. Let SONA know so we can help spread the word....see you at the meeting...Randi

AGENDA

SONA GENERAL MEETING

November 10, 2005

6:30 p.m.
 Coffee and Social
 Come meet your
 Neighbors

7:00 p.m.
 Welcome

7:05 p.m.
 Police Report

7:15 p.m. Speaker
 Emergency
 Preparedness
 Are you Ready?

*****NO DECEMBER 2005 GENERAL MEETING..HAPPY HOLIDAYS.**

SONA general meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1800A Fruitdale Ave. San Jose CA 95128

Good Neighbor Corner

All the neighbors who volunteered for the October 22 clean up (Bill Adams, Jussi Rajna and Randi Kinman), Michael LaRocca for coordinating the clean up and the un-named volunteers who helped with freeway clean up. If you tell us who you were, we'll be glad to run your names. Is somebody in your area doing something nice that you'd like to thank them for? Let us know.

SONA 2006

I am interested in helping with:

- National Night Out
- Clean ups/Dumpster Days
- Neighborhood Garage Sales
- Park Development
- Working with Schools
- Traffic Calming Kingman/Leigh
Signal at Intersection
- Traffic Calming Moorpark/Menker
- Traffic Calming on Fruitdale
- Neighborhood Watch
- New Library
- New Community Center
- Other

I would like SONA to have a program on:

Name and Address:

Join your neighbors this year in a variety of projects or, just come to a meeting. Do you want to make your neighborhood safer? Do you want traffic to be slower on your street? Want to know more about the neighborhood or schools?

Just curious about the neighborhood?

Just moved in and don't know too many of your neighbors?

SONA is for you...

Let us know what you are interested in and we'll line up speakers. Have a speaker that you've heard before or one you'd like to hear? Let us know.

Interested in local programs? Want to work with your neighbors? Just want to know when the next dumpster day is? Then, SONA is for you.

SONA is your neighbors working together.

SONA is you..

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Notes and News

SONA members joined thousands of people who celebrated the opening of the Vasona Light Rail Corridor. Riding the inaugural train into Campbell were the LaBarberras and the Smiths. Ride the rails!

Anybody else noticed the K-Mart sign is finally gone? Or at least chopped up into smaller pieces. And the lot is cleared up thanks to the complaints of neighbors who were tired of seeing the litter accumulating along the fence lines. FYI new plans have been filed for Phase 2 of the site.

Join neighbors every third Saturday of the month in cleaning up Highway 280 around the Moorpark and Parkmoor exits. Loui Tucker of the Buena Vista Neighborhood Association organizes monthly Adopt a Highway clean ups. You must be 16 or older. For more info, contact her at loui@loutitucker.com or call at 287-9999 for the next date. Congratulations to both Loui and Sabine Zappe from Del Mar High School who were both honored at the October Mayor's Volunteer celebration for their efforts on this project.

Interested in a new ordinance that would ban smoking in all city parks, trails, sports fields, etc? Download the survey from our website and let the City of San Jose know how you feel.

Neighbors have reported "Peeping Tom" activity in the Del Mar/Lynhaven section of SONA. Please make sure you report all activity of this nature to 911 if you see or hear activity in your yard. If you find evidence after the fact, call 311 and file a report. The police need to have all of these activities logged so they can increase patrols and, perhaps, determine a pattern that will allow them to catch the person. Remember, just because you can't determine a pattern, that doesn't mean there isn't one. Your safety is of primary importance and you should never hesitate to report this kind of activity. For those of you who wish to install monitors or other security measures, see the add for Kuykendall Electric. Alan has offered discount rates to SONA members.

Apologies to new advertisers G.E.T. Computer Repair...their email was misprinted in the last edition of the newsletter. G.E.T. handles all your questions and problems with your home computer, saving you the trouble of taking it down to a shop (where you don't know the employees) to troubleshoot or make repairs.

Want to join your neighbors in the Kingman/Leigh area in advocating for a stop light? Want traffic calming in that area? Then join your neighbors on December 1, 2005 at 6:30 for the Burbank/Del Monte Neighborhood Advisory committee night. And if you think these are bad ideas, show up and voice your concerns.

We had calls from a couple neighbors who missed the clean up day. If you want another, and would be willing to volunteer some time to monitor dumpsters, give Michael a call so we can get your name for the next run. SONA tries to move the dumpsters each time. Also, if you were one of the many, many people who contributed to the dumpsters, please feel free to send SONA yearly dues or contribute financially in any way you can. The more funds we collect the more dumpsters we can run next time.

There is going to be a new park at Curci and St. Elizabeth in 2006. Neighbors recently met with the developer and City officials to look at designs and give their input. The park may be small, but it looks like it will have lots of amenities for children along with some open space and seating for those of us who don't qualify as "kids" no matter how young at heart we feel. Great job done by all who have been working on this project.



Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association

Presents

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

What Do You Do If There Is An Earthquake, A Fire, or A Terrorist Attack?



Come to
SONA GENERAL MEETING
7:00 pm
Thursday November 10, 2005,

Sherman Oaks Community Center
1800A Fruitdale Avenue
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Please Check 1 Meal Selection - ___ Chicken Meal ___ Vegetarian Meal

Time	Activity			
8:00 am – 8:30 am	Registration (Please choose Chicken or Vegetarian Lunch by 8:30 am)			
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Conference Overview / Welcome – Ed Rast – UNSCC 2005 Chair Harry Mavrogenes, Executive Director, San Jose Redevelopment Agency – Building Strong Neighborhoods (Tentative title)			
8:00 am – 1:00 pm				
8:00 am – 1:00 pm	Community Resource Fair			
Themes /	Co Sponsored	UNSCC Conference Neighborhood Activities	UNSCC Conference Neighborhood Partnering	UNSCC Conference
	9:10 am – 10:00 am	Why San Jose Can't Pay for expected basic City Services like other local city's ?	Neighborhood - Best Business and Meeting Practices	Successful Neighborhood and Neighborhood Business Partnering
10:10 am – 11:00 am	What is the Neighborhood & Community's Role in Public Policy Development ?	Special Events Planning	Neighborhood Schools & Neighborhood Association Partnering	Planning 102 Workshop – How Planning / Development actually works
11:10 am – 12:00 am	Can we have Open, Honest, Ethical Government	Neighborhood Email, Newsletters & Web Sites	Accomplish more with Neighborhood and Community	What Neighborhoods need to know about CEQA & Envi-
12:00 am – 1:00 pm				
Conference Lunch and Community Resource Fair				
1:00 am – 1:50 pm	Neighborhood Leaders Meeting – Future Neighborhood Events and Services	Neighborhood Action & Code Enforcement	Neighborhood Development Center Services 101 & San Jose's City Performance Reporting & Survey	Neighborhood Planning Updates – Public Outreach, Counter to Council, Gas Stations & Alcohol



The newly organized "Sherman Oaks Scavengers" team of recyclers (above) take a break from rescuing prime items during the Oct 22 dumpster day. What starts as "getting rid of junk" often turns into salvage operations. The trick is to get there early and be patient. Often somebody is throwing away just what you need or want. Below are volunteers from the freeway litter pick up and dumpster day shots.



Vasona Light Rail Inaugural run into the Campbell station included the Adams (above) and LaBarberas (top right) who joined dignitaries Ken Yeager and Zoe Lofgren (middle left). Following the lengthy speeches everyone enjoyed food from a variety of Campbell restaurants and gathered information from VTA, San Jose Mineta Airport and other agencies. After that, participants rode the rails up and down the system for free. It was noted that without the efforts of SONA, the original height of the soundwalls would have allowed riders to peer directly into the backyards of many neighbors. The Vasona Light rail line runs from Winchester Blvd. (between Summerwinds Nursery and St. Lucy's Church) to Milpitas. You can hop onto a shuttle bus at the Winchester stop to get into Los Gatos.

The line takes you directly downtown with convenient stops at Diridon Station and close to the new City Hall. Pictured at right are the opening moments of San Jose City Hall's new rotunda grand opening. By waiting at the side door, SONA photographers were able to beat City Council into the building.





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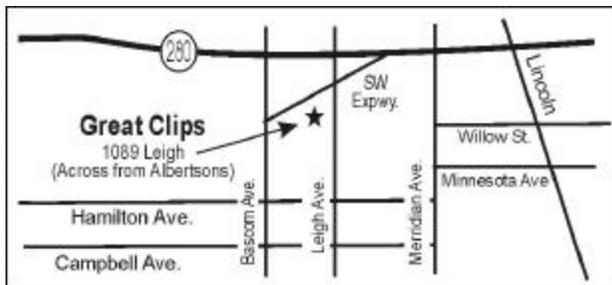


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