



Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association

A Good Neighbor is Easy to Find

Because he is retiring from SONA's board this year, we would like to take this time to expand our Good Neighbor corner and thank **Carl Lindner** for the thousands of volunteer hours he has contributed over the decades. Carl is a founding board member of SONA and has been instrumental in helping to build neighborhood relationships.

Carl and his wife Elaine are one of the original "settlers" of our neighborhood, having moved here 5 decades ago to a home on the south side of San Jose City College. After a few years they moved to an Eichler on Richmond Avenue and raised two children there.

Carl has always been active in local neighborhood programs. Having been active in previous neighborhood organizations, he enthusiastically volunteered when SONA was being formed. He has been a board member since SONA's inception and has been one of our newsletter delivery people since day one. The only complaint we've ever heard is when he is trying to figure out why more people don't get involved in helping to make their neighborhood a better place. He also volunteered to be a founding member of the Burbank Del Monte Neighborhood Advisory Committee because he wanted to make sure that neighborhoods that had been historically neglected by the city had the ability to work on local improvements.

Besides his local volunteering he is also active in the Sons in Retirement group which is dedicated to the quality of life of local retirees.

An avid gardener, Carl was also part of the group that helped develop the Heritage Rose Garden portion of the Guadalupe River Parks and Gardens. As one of the volunteers who slogged through mud and rain, he helped plant what has become a nationally recognized collection of roses. Neighbors on his block know that if Carl is pruning back roses it's time for them to do so, also. His green thumb raises vegetables and manages fruit trees here and at his retreat in the Santa Cruz mountains.

Talking to Carl is like having a living history book of San Jose. He can tell you what happened years ago, where prominent landmarks were and his description of riding his bike to pick up local Italian food will make your mouth water.

While we will miss his presence on the board, we know that if there is a dumpster day, tree planting, block party, garage sale or any other event, Carl will be there.

Thanks for all of your hard work.

AGENDA

SONA GENERAL MEETING

Thursday

March 13, 2008

6:30 p.m.

Social Mixer

7:00 p.m.

Announcements

SJPD

General Meeting

Robert Diaz

San Jose City

College Capital

Improvement

Update

**Sherman Oaks
Neighborhood Association
meetings are held on the
second Thursday of each
month at the Sherman
Oaks Community Center,
1800A Fruitdale Ave. SJ
CA 95128**

Notes and News

Reporting Traffic Violations in the Neighborhood

If you have access to a computer you can fill out a report on-line with the San Jose Police Department. If you do not have access to a computer here is the phone number to do so (408) 277-4341. The following is a list of violations you can report:

- Speeding
- School Zone Violations
- Stop Sign Violations
- Stop Light Violations
- Other Sign Violations
- Right of Way Violations
- Turning Violations
- Crosswalk / Pedestrian Violations
- Parking Problem
- Other

Here's how to fill out a report on-line. Access the San Jose Police Department's website at www.sjpd.org. On the left side of the screen under Community Information click on Traffic Enforcement Unit. Next click on Traffic Enforcement Request on the left side of the screen and you will get a Traffic Enforcement Request Form. Fill out the form and click on send at the bottom of the screen.

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Summer Intern positions are open for high school students! The Metropolitan Transportation Commission sponsors summer intern positions with local transportation agencies for high school student that pays up to \$9.50 per hour for 8 weeks. Students must be 16 years old, have completed the 10th grade and have a 2.8GPA. Lower GPA's will be considered case by case. For more info contact MTC at 510-817-5807 or visit their website at www.mtc.ca.gov. Deadline is May 28, 2008.

Proposed By-Laws Amendment

Your Board of Directors approved a proposed amendment to increase the association's annual dues as follows:

Article VI Finance

Section 1- Annual Dues

The association's annual dues per year is \$15.00 per member. Dues are payable at the May membership meeting or by mail no later than May 31. They are prorated for new members from the month they join.

NOTE: This increase represents a \$0.25 per member per month increase and, in the board's opinion, is necessary to help this association improve our economic stability.

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Co-Ed t-ball sign ups for 5-8 year olds is being conducted now. Teams will play Saturdays April 5 - May 24 at Hamann Park, 2750 Westfield Ave. Cost is \$28.00. Volunteer coaches are needed. Register at Sherman Oaks Community Center. For more information call Bob Ramirez at 277-5680.

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Annual elections for board officers will take place at our April general meeting. Proposed slate of officers is:

President: Randi Kinman

Vice President: Marlene Bird

Secretary: Nancy Moritz

Treasurer: Michael LaRocca

Area Captains: Sheila Cvitanich, Jussi Rajna,

Lisa Steingart, and 2 vacant positions (**sign-up**)

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Website	www.sona-sj.com	

SONA's newsletter is published monthly and distributed to almost 1500 residences. It is partially funded by a City of San Jose CAP Grant. All ad copy is due by the 15th of each month. Our all-volunteer group welcomes your participation and comments.

SONA Newsletter Editor: Randi Kinman

SONA Website Administrator: **Help Needed**

Pedestrian Safety Tips

1. **Cross the street only at intersections.** Do not jaywalk.
2. Use marked crosswalks where available.
3. Do not cross in the middle of the street or between parked cars. Drivers are not expecting pedestrians to cross mid-block and you are more likely to be hit if you do this.
4. **Make eye contact with drivers when crossing busy streets and continue to watch out for traffic the entire time you are in the crosswalk.** Your life may depend on it, regardless of whether or not you have the right-of-way.
5. Remember; don't take those "NO RIGHT TURN ON RED" signs for granted. **Always check for turning vehicles before stepping off the curb** - motorists make mistakes, too.
6. Avoid walking in traffic where there are not sidewalks or crosswalks. If you have to walk on a road that does not have sidewalks, walk facing traffic.
7. Stop at the curb and look left, right and left again before you step onto the street. Be sure to evaluate the distance and speed of oncoming traffic before you step out onto the street to ensure a vehicle has adequate distance in which to stop safely.
8. At intersections, scan over your shoulder for turning vehicles. Make eye contact with the driver of a stopped car while crossing in front or in back of it - - making sure that the driver knows your are there. This is also important for cars that might be backing out of driveways.
9. Wear bright colors or reflective clothing if you are walking near traffic at night. Carry a flashlight when walking in the dark.
10. Use extra caution when crossing multiple-lane, higher speed streets.
11. Always look for signs that a car is about to move (rear lights, exhaust smoke, sound of motor, wheels turning) and never walk behind a vehicle that is backing up.
12. Children should not cross streets by themselves or be allowed to play or walk near traffic. Kids are small, unpredictable and cannot judge vehicle distances and speeds.
13. Always hold your child's hand. Never allow a child under 10 to cross the street alone.
14. In foul weather (rain, fog or snow), allow extra time and distance for a vehicle to stop. Do not let umbrellas or jacket hoods block your view of approaching traffic.
15. If your view of approaching traffic is blocked by something, move to where you can see (e.g., outside edge of a parked car), stop and look left-right-left again.
16. Never run or dash into the street.
17. Watch out for entrances to parking lots. Sidewalks often cross driveways and entrances to parking lots. Always check to see if a car is entering or exiting the parking lot.
18. If the intersection has a pedestrian signal, press the button and wait for the pedestrian signal to display the "WALK" indicator. The "WALK" signal indicates that it is safe for a pedestrian facing the signal to proceed across the roadway in that direction. **Continue to be alert for traffic at all times, however, while in the roadway and always check for turning vehicles.**
19. A flashing "DON'T WALK" signal means that a pedestrian should not start to cross the roadway in the direction of the indicator. Once the "DON'T WALK" sign begins to flash this indicates there is probably not enough time left in the cycle for you to cross the street safely. Any pedestrian who has partially completed their crossing should finish crossing the street or proceed to a safety island in the same direction as they were headed.
20. A steadily illuminated "DON'T WALK" indicator means it is not safe for a pedestrian to enter the roadway in the direction of the indicator. Pedestrians waiting to cross should wait for the next "WALK" signal in order to cross the street safely.

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Volunteer Sign Up

At recent SONA membership meetings residents voted to develop several events this year to help develop neighbor-to-neighbor relationships, build membership and raise funds for future activities. If you are interested in participating or volunteering, please fill out this sign up sheet and return to SONA at the earliest possible time.

NAME: _____

STREET: _____

CONTACT (Phone/email,etc.) _____

Sign me up for the following:

Dumpster Day

Hot Dog Sales

Movie Night

Newsletter Delivery

E-Waste Recycling Day

Flea Market / Rummage Sale

Volunteer

Participate
