



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 supplemented by a Community Action & Pride Grant from the City of San Jose.

Issue 119 of your local neighborhood newsletter.

Notes From the President

This month's meeting will focus on a strategy for a campaign to open the Bascom Library and/or Community Center (see Notes and News on page 2.)

You are also invited to join the Friends of the Bascom Library and Community Center (FBL&CC) for a meeting to be held on Saturday, March 5, 2011 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am at the Willow Glen Branch Library Community Room located at 1157 Minnesota Avenue San Jose, California 95125.

The Friends of the Bascom Library and Community Center will be discussing the on going progress and challenges faced for getting both facilities open.

The Friends of the Bascom Library and Community Center look forward to seeing you on Saturday March 5th and working together toward making September 2011 the Grand Opening for the Bascom Library and Community Center.

See you at the meeting...Michael

General Meeting March 10, 2011

6:30PM

- ❖ **Coffee and Cookies**
Come meet your neighbors and let us know what's happening in your part of the neighborhood.

7:00PM

- ❖ **Welcome**
- ❖ **Staff Reports**
- ❖ **San Jose Police Department**
- ❖ **Public Comments**
- ❖ **Announcements**

7:15PM

- ❖ **Friends of Bascom Library Strategy for a campaign to Open the Library and/or Community Center**

8:10PM

- ❖ **Door Prize Drawings**

8:30pm

- ❖ **SONA Board Meeting**

Notes and News

PayPal is available on SONA's website! You can pay your yearly dues with just a few clicks, make donations and contribute to SONA's success. We simply cannot afford to mail out reminders to people, so we are hoping that you will use the PayPal option on the website's front page and make your contribution count. This is a secure and easy way to pay your dues each year and you can also opt to have your dues deducted every year from now on. What a great way to support your neighborhood from the comfort of your own home. **The SONA website is located at <http://www.sona-sj.com/>**

The SONA Board has been discussing how to have fewer meetings and get the same amount of work done, so for the next few months we'll be holding the board meeting immediately after the general meeting to see how that works out.

Jussi wants feedback on the HiFive program. Does it work for you, what could or should be changed on the contact cards, what are your comments and recommendations? We will be looking at revamping the cards to meet your needs but need your input. Jussi's contact information is listed under SONA Contact List at the bottom of this page.

Due to the high number of meetings coming up, SONA is devoting an entire page of the newsletter to meeting dates and times. This is not a comprehensive list. The City of San Jose redistricting meetings are extremely important as it is anticipated that the District 6 boundaries will change to ensure each district is balanced in terms of population. Other factors that will determine boundary lines are school districts, existing neighborhood association boundaries and communities of like interests. You can attend any and all of the meetings. All meetings hosted by the City of San Jose or any other public agency are open to all of the public. Interpreters and access requests should be directed to the City of San Jose.

Additional meetings that will impact residents are coming up in the near future. Since we cannot control how agencies schedule their meetings, we may not be able to coordinate the information with our newsletter release. If you are interested in public meetings regarding transportation, budgets, community activities, etc. let us know. If you are web connected, we can always add you to an email list. **Note that we never release our email list; it is only used to keep you updated on SONA issues.**

The Friends of Bascom Library is gearing up for this year's round of budget discussions. The facility has been out of construction mode for several months now, but no opening date has been scheduled or discussed. SONA residents have joined together with other neighborhoods to develop strategies and make a determined effort to have our voices heard. Repeated polling of SONA membership indicates residents here want the center/library to be opened at the same level as others across the city. The Bascom Avenue Community Center and Library was to be the District 6 hub and amenities include a full gymnasium, fitness and workout room, computer and class rooms, a community kitchen and a space for a retail coffee shop. For more information, contact Steve Kline. Steve's contact information is listed under SONA Contact List at the bottom of this page.

We are organizing for the next year and have tentatively scheduled another "meeting in the park" along with a family game night this summer. Several people have mentioned having block parties and the SONA board can help you organize your event. If you want to host a block party, let us know.

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SONA's newsletter is published monthly and distributed to 1500 residences. All ad copy is due by the 15th of each month. Newsletter editor is Randi Kinman. Our all-volunteer group welcomes your participation. Feel free to contact any of us with ideas or questions.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Sat	March 5	10:30am	Friends of Bascom Library Meeting, Willow Glen Library, 1157 Minnesota Ave
Thurs	March 10	6:30pm	SONA Regular Meeting, Sherman Oaks Community Center Friends of Bascom will be strategizing, petitions & info available SONA Board meeting to follow
		TBD	San Jose City College Associated Student Body Chili and Ribs Cook off Scholarship fundraiser
Mon	March 14	6:30pm	City of San Jose Redistricting Commission, Regular Meeting, W120 City Hall
Mon	March 20	6:30pm	City of San Jose Envision 2040 General Plan Task Force, W120 City Hall
Mon	March 28	6:30pm	City of San Jose Redistricting Commission, Regular Meeting, W120 City Hall
Thu	March 31	6:30pm	San Jose City College Arts and Lecture Series, Room T415
Mon	April 4	7:00pm	City of San Jose Redistricting Commission, Public Hearing #1, Seven Trees Community Center, 3590 Cas Drive
Mon	April 11	6:30pm	City of San Jose Redistricting Commission, Regular Meeting, W120 City Hall
Tues	April 12	6:30pm	San Jose City College Arts and Lecture Series: Middle Eastern Film Festival Event runs 4/12 and 4/14 in room T415
Thur	April 14	7:00pm	City of San Jose Redistricting Commission, Public Hearing #2, Berryless Community Center, 3050 Berryless Road
		6:30pm	SONA Regular Meeting, Sherman Oaks Community Center
Sun	April 17	TBD	Hands Across California; a human chain will be developed to connect all community college campuses to raise awareness about college funding
Mon	April 18	7:00pm	City of San Jose Redistricting Commission, Public Hearing #3, West Valley Branch Library, 1243 San Tomas Aquino Road
Mon	April 25	7:00pm	City of San Jose Redistricting Commission, Public Hearing #4 and Regular Meeting, Evergreen Community Center, 4860 San Felipe Road
Mon	May 2	7:00pm	City of San Jose Redistricting Commission, Public Hearing #5 Mexican Heritage Plaza, 1700 Alum Rock Ave (Note that draft report is due for release prior to the next meeting or public hearing)
Sat	May 7	10:30am	Friends of Bascom Library, Rose Garden Library 1580 Naglee Ave.
Mon	May 9	6:30pm	City of San Jose Redistricting Commission, Public Hearing #6 and Regular Meeting, Willow Glen Community and Senior Center, 2175 Lincoln Avenue (Discussion of Draft Report)
Mon	May 16	6:30pm	City of San Jose Redistricting Commission, Regular Meeting, W120 City Hall (Discussion of Draft Report)
Mon	May 23	6:30pm	City of San Jose Redistricting Commission, Regular Meeting, W120 City Hall (Discussion of Final Report)



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**Guadalupe River Park
And Conservancy**

The River Park and Gardens are in full swing this spring with classes and events for young and old. The conservancy hosts classes for kids that allow them to earn badges while learning. They offer programs to all ages and welcome home school groups. Adults can take classes in composting, gardening, water management and much more.

The gardens are also a great get away when you just need to get outside for awhile. Stroll the heritage rose garden and heritage orchard, visit our sister city gardens, fly a kite, kick a soccer ball around or ride your bike for miles along the Guadalupe River. The entire park runs from the Discovery Meadow next to the Children's Discovery Museum, through downtown, past the carousel and along the Guadalupe to the airport.

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