



Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association

Notes From the President

Well, we made it through another election season! Congratulations to all of you, who volunteered, campaigned and most importantly voted!

There was general confusion last month about public meetings, so we need some input from you. The Bascom Urban Village Plan (which makes plans to put tens of thousands of new people in the Bascom corridor between Southwest and 280) was moved to another date. Some people in the neighborhood got notices, some didn't. If you are interested in attending a future meeting that involves putting high density housing and other things in our neighborhood, let me know and I'll push for another meeting.

The kick off for the Bascom advisory group was also changed at the last minute. That meeting has been moved to November, but the date hasn't been set. We will post online and on our Facebook page when we find out. That's a gentle hint that we really need you to head to those sites to stay updated.

Friends of Bascom Library and Community Center will be meeting soon; to be put on the notification list, contact Layne.

Recent events on the east coast are a good reminder that it's time to check your emergency supplies and review your plan. It's not a matter of if an emergency will happen, it's a matter of when and how long will you be depending on working with your neighbors.

As good neighbors, we can help take care of our own community. Each year the South Bay Labor Council hosts a holiday toy give away and visit with Santa for needy families at the County Fair Grounds. Last year thousands of families waited in line for up to 4 hours so their kids had a chance to visit Santa, get a Christmas present, play games, get their faces painted and enjoy a day of family fun. The Korean American Community Services follows this the following week with a program dedicated to families in our neighborhood. Last year, the week before Christmas, 300 local families attended a similar event. The seniors sang carols and served food while the youth group helped organize the visits with Santa, photos and toy distribution. For many of these kids, it was the only holiday event or toy. When you see a child on Santa's lap getting a present, everything else is secondary. You can help. SONA has a goal of supplying the majority of these toys this year for our local families. Most of us can afford to spend \$25 to make a child smile. If you can help, buy a new toy and either deliver it to the KACS office at the Sherman Oaks Community Center or bring it to the SONA meeting. Toys for kids of all ages are needed and there is always a greater need for something that older kids would enjoy. It's great fun to buy a plush toy animal or a toy fire truck for the little ones, but remember there are older siblings, too. These are our neighbors; we can help.

See you at the meeting...Randi

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association is a volunteer group of residents working to make our neighborhood a better place to live work and play. A Community Action & Pride Grant from the City of San Jose supplements newsletter funds.

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General Meeting November 8, 2012

*****6:30pm- 8:30pm*****

SPECIAL MEETING Fall Potluck

Join us for an evening of getting to know your neighbors and talk about what's going on with your block.

SONA will throw a couple of lasagnas in the oven and provide drinks, so grab or make a side dish or dessert. If you have questions, contact Michael LaRocca.

This is always a great evening because it's a chance to bring a neighbor along. If you haven't had a chance to meet neighbors, tour the new facility or touch base with the Friends of Bascom Community Center and Library, this is the event for you.

We also encourage you to bring a new, unwrapped gift for the holiday give away sponsored by the Korean American Community Services. See President's Notes for more details.

Potluck starts at 6:30 and we always get off to an early start.

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association general meetings are open to all and held on the second Thursday of each month at the Bascom Community Center, 1000 S. Bascom Avenue, San Jose, CA 95128. Board meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 6:30pm. Board members are listed on page 2.

Notes and News

Del Mar High School Fall Production “The Dining Room”. Come see this amazing show Nov. 7-16 at 7:30 PM nightly in the DMHS Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$10 General, \$8 with ASB & Sr. Citizens, and children 10 and younger for \$6. Multiple stories, cast members playing multiple roles and one enormous dining room set make for a night of intrigue, comedy and fun! Definitely NOT to be missed! Tickets are on sale at www.seatyourself.biz/delmarpa.

Winter Prep. This is the time of year to get ready for winter. Take a look around and make sure your weather stripping is in good shape. Check out your gutters and downspouts, repair the cracks in driveways and sidewalks and think of the problems you had last year. Check with your elderly neighbors and see if they need help in winterizing. A great resource for those who are experiencing a stressed wallet this winter is the 211 numbers or 211.org. Dial or visit the website for a list of referrals to agencies.



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