

*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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at the Sherman Oaks Community Center at 6:30pm. 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***

You will notice that our newsletter has shrunk over the last few months. That is because we are conserving our precious funds right now. This is the time when we start asking you for a small contribution (dues) to help us pay for these newsletters. You can visit our website or send a check.

Congrats to the Friends of Bascom Library who raised hundreds of dollars at last month's book sale!

Our February meeting will bring back the San Jose Fire Department! This meeting will cover fire safety. Do you have the right smoke detectors, how many should there be, where should they be placed and what is the legal requirement for smoke detectors? If there is a fire, what do you do? When do you use fire extinguishers, what kind should you have on hand? Do you have an escape plan for you or your family? What about your pets? Have you ever done a fire drill in your home? Do you have at risk neighbors? With our fire department at record low staffing levels, with stations often on brown out status, this information could save your life or the lives of others.

The final review of the Urban Village plans for Bascom Avenue will be available for you to see and comment on this month before heading to the City Council for approval. The portion of Bascom from 280 to West San Carlos and continuing down to the train tracks will be held on February 3. The section of Bascom between Southwest Expressway and 280 will be on February 10. Both meetings start at 6:30 pm at the Sherman Oaks Community Center, 1800A Fruitdale Ave. This is your last chance for any public comment before the documents go to the Council for approval.

On Tuesday, January 28, 2014 the San Jose City Council acknowledged the international day of honoring and remembering Holocaust victims. Councilwoman Rose Herrera gave a moving account of why, after all these decades, it is important to pay heed to this event. **Mayor Chuck Reed presented SONA Board Member Jussi Rajna** with the official proclamation. Jussi then recounted what it was like to be among the millions who were uprooted, hidden by friends and living in fear. This moving account is a reminder that history is not something that we read about that happened to others, it is something that friends, our neighbors and we participate in daily. This presentation is available online at the City's archive of council meetings and is item 1.2 on the agenda. <http://sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=191>

On behalf of the residents of SONA I want to extend our condolences to the family who lost their beloved daughter in an accident with light rail. We share the grief of family and friends.

.....**Randi**

**General Meeting  
February 13, 2014**

**Bascom Library  
Community Room  
1000 S. Bascom Ave  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
San Jose CA 95128**

**6:30pm**

- ❖ **Mix and Mingle**
- ❖ **Meet the Neighbors**
- ❖ **Coffee and Cookies**

**7:00pm**

- ❖ **Welcome**
- ❖ **Report from Elected Officials**
- ❖ **Report from SJPD (If available)**
- ❖ **SONA 2014**
- ❖ **SJFD**
  - **Fire Prevention**
  - **Fire Extinguishers**
  - **Fire Safety Plans**
  - **And so much more**

**8:15**

- ❖ **Raffle and Wrap Up**



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