

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 2nd 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

Greetings!

Things have been busy – busy – busy around here. SONA had a delicious get-together July 10th and some of us are still licking the vanilla off of our fingers. Cookies, ice cream, coffee and some wonderful iced tea (thank you Randi) fed our tummies and the social interaction nourished our souls. Lots of fun over all and the kids were as cute as ever. Anyone have any pictures? Please let me know so we can post or print them!!

Now we are moving into August and National Night Out is destined to be another winner! There are several of the SONA residents who will be hosting and toasting the night in celebration of the NNO event. How about you? If you're not sit 'in and talk 'in...will you be out and walk 'in? Meet your neighbors – especially some of the newest residents in our community. Bring back the spirit of Americana when people knew their neighbors, their kids, the cats and dogs too! Steve and I will be set up at the Kulwin-Kline residence (761 Richmond) and we invite you all to come on over and sit a spell – talk a bit – and enjoy the evening.

Lastly, I am pleased to report that our effort in getting our community back under control seems to be having an effect. RLEI is scheduling meetings with the landlords (RMPOA), SJPd Crime Prevention and other stakeholders (including SONA). Several of the landlords have expressed similar concerns and are joining with us to clean up those areas where criminal activity is taking place. AND, they are focusing on those landlords that are sitting on their backsides doing nothing. There will be further updates as we go forward and tackle some of the other areas in our SONA community that sorely need attention.

See you at NNO – come on by! LK

**National Night Out!
Tuesday, August 5, 2014
Walk Your Block!**

SONA does not hold a general meeting in August so we can help celebrate National Night Out (NNO) and we need your help to do this! NNO is a 31-year-old national tradition of hosting neighborhood activities to fight crime by getting to know your neighbors.

We need you to simply use your front yard to host your neighbors. Set out the lawn chairs and invite your neighbors over. It's as simple as that. You can create a potluck, hold a barbeque, set out tea and cookies and make it as elaborate or as simple as you want. Create a theme, dig out the game boards, have fun. The idea is to take back our streets for one evening, turn on our porch lights and use our front yards to get to know each other.

For more information and ideas, go to www.natw.org. Also, if you would like a patrol car to stop by and get to know some of your local police, go to www.sjpd.org. The best neighborhoods are the ones that are connected to each other house by house. So, join us in making that happen.

No General Meeting in August!

**Bascom Library Community Center
And BookMark Café**

The Friends of Bascom Library is having a book sale on Saturday, August 9 from 10am-4pm. This is a great way to stock up on books and DVDs for the home. The Community Center will also be running activities during the book sale. Stop by and get to know your local community center and your library.

The Friends group is an all-volunteer effort that raises funds for programming at the library. Those special events like magic shows and kids programs are paid for with the money raised at the book sales. If you have extra books or DVDs that you no longer use, you can always drop them off at the special area near the library's front door. And you can always find a rotating selection of material for the whole family there available for purchase. If you have some time the day before or during the book sale, contact Michael LaRocca.

Bascom Community Center Movie Night has been a great success! Come enjoy the outdoor movie in the plaza. Grab the kids and spend a Friday Family Night with your neighbors. Staff puts out mats from the gym, kids sit around playing cards or board games and grown ups get a relaxing evening. Chairs are provided or you can bring your own. **Next movie night is Friday, August 15 and the movie starts at sundown.**

Don't forget to make BookMark Café one of your regular stops for coffee, snacks and lunch. This locally owned business has some of the best java around. Both the library and community center offer programming for all ages throughout the year.

School Starts in August!!

By the 19th most schools will be open for business. This always means higher traffic.

**Please watch out for pedestrians.
Safety starts with you!**

SONA Dues are Due

SONA asks for yearly dues of \$15 per person. Dues pay for newsletters, flyers and special events like the upcoming National Night Out Celebration. While we have augmented dues by obtaining grants, those sources have dried up. This year, more than ever, we need your dues. You can also pay dues online through PayPal and set up an automatic billing by visiting our website at www.sona-sj.com. Thanks for your help. Please note that at no time do we share or release your information.

_____ **YES! Our Family wants to support SONA with our dues payment.**

NAMES:

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Make all checks out to: SONA

_____ **DUES**
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