

*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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**Board Elections and Bylaws Changes**

SONA elects a board of directors every two years. Each board member is a volunteer who is allowed to serve two terms in the same position. Our proposed slate of officers is:

President – Randi Kinman

Immediate Past President – Layne Kulwin  
Treasurer – Layne Kulwin

Secretary – Anne Kearney

At Large – Jussi Rajna

At Large – Theo Martinez

Web – Patrick Solomon

Leaving the board this term are Lisa Steingart and Marlene Bird. We thank them and Michael LaRocca for their service over the years.

We have several openings on the board, so if you are interested, contact one of the board members before the meeting or during the meet and greet before the meeting.

**Bylaws Changes:** Per our bylaws, changes must be noticed before a meeting and voted on at our general meeting. Due to the commitments with our existing and incoming board members, we propose to change the date of the board meetings to the first Wednesday of each month. Location and time will remain the same. **Please note that our April board meeting will follow the new format.**

SONA board members are the eyes and ears on their corner of the neighborhoods. As a group we work together to benefit all of our residents.

**SONA  
General Meeting  
April 13, 2017**

Bascom Library Community  
Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Use exterior stairs or elevator.

6:30pm

- Meet & Greet. Get to know your neighbors.

7:00pm

- Welcome
- Reports from staff and/or elected officials

7:15pm

- Board Elections
- Bylaws Change

7:20 SJPD

- Due to the rising number of crimes big and small in our area, we are devoting this meeting to a conversation and info gathering session with San Jose Police Department. If there are specific issues you want addressed or investigated before the meeting, please send them to Lisa (see pg 2). We cannot promise to get to all, but we will try to divide time evenly.

8:30 Get home safely

## Notes and News

**April 22 is the Annual Great American Litter Pick Up!** The event will be headquartered at Bascom Community Center and Library, 1000 S. Bascom Ave. Registration and breakfast is at 8am. Clean up runs from 8:30am-11:30am with Lunch and Celebration noon-1pm. Come anytime, especially if you want to help get rid of the blight along our streets. For more information call 408-535-4906 or you can register online at <http://bit.ly/2nawSWg>. See you there!

**April 8 is the annual Master Gardeners Spring Sale at History San Jose.** Get there early for the best choice of veggies, ornamentals, herbs, bulbs and more. There are workshops, vendors with great things for yards and gardens and a whole lot more. 635 Phelan Avenue from 9am-2pm with a \$6 parking fee on site. Or, hike in from down the street. Pro tips: Get there early because there's a line, bring something you can easily stack or haul your items in (wagons are a plus) and plan on meeting lots of fun folks. There is an on site day care section where you can check in what you buy (not your kids) while you shop some more, attend a workshop or take advantage of talking with the pros. For more info, visit <http://mgsantaclara.ucanr.edu/events/spring-garden-market/>

**Shop Local!** Visit our local restaurants and businesses, get to know what's going on in our neighborhood. One of our newest additions is A Vie Bakery and Café at 923 S. Bascom. Besides an incredible bakery, they are doing a booming business with the café and will be adding gelato in time for summer. Indoor seating and a lovely patio section.

**VTA has obtained funds for a street study of Bascom Avenue.** Yes, yet another study, but this one may actually generate some activity and improvements. A preliminary walk about was held in March. We will make sure that all of your previous input is gathered and contained in the report. You can ask to be kept informed by contacting Malahat Owrang at 408-321-7528 or there is a website where you can follow along with the study [www.vta.org/bascomstudy](http://www.vta.org/bascomstudy)

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SONA's newsletter is published monthly and distributed to 1000 residences. Newsletter editor is Randi Kinman. Our all-volunteer group welcomes your participation. Feel free to contact any of us with ideas or questions.