



# Cherryhill NA News

Newsletter for the Cherryhill Neighborhood Association  
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## Welcome to the first edition of the Cherryhill Neighborhood Association newsletter!

The Cherryhill Neighborhood Association (CNA) held a kick-off meeting on June 28th, 2008 at the park building in De Anza Park off Lime Drive. For those that were unable to attend, a copy of the presentation will be made available on our neighborhood association website (see link at top of page). The agenda items covered at the meeting included the following:

- Introduction & Welcome
- Invited Speaker (Nathan Truitt)
- Nomination / Election of Officers
- Neighborhood Watch
- Membership Drive
- Topics for Future Meetings
- Next Meeting
- Wrap-up

**Invited Speaker:** Our invited speaker was Nathan Truitt, Sunnyvale Community Outreach Coordinator. Nathan recently graduated from "Leadership Sunnyvale 2008", which was reported to be great program. The program cost is roughly \$1,600 (note that scholarships are available from the city).



Nathan reported that there are approximately 23 active neighborhood associations within Sunnyvale. Neighborhood associations are (among other things) a:

- great way to get to know your neighbors
- way to have a voice in City Hall
- means to build the local community



Neighborhood associations uniquely depend on the goals of the founders and neighbors. Nathan said he is seeing quite a few new associations

coming out of the Sunnyvale West area.

**Neighborhood Association Registry:** The registry is a list of neighborhoods that have entered into an agreement with the City wherein they receive specific benefits resulting from the agreement. The registry formalizes the partnership between the City and its neighborhood associations. The registry helps neighborhood associations to communicate effectively with City Hall. Some benefits of being a registered association include; free use of City park buildings for meetings and events, a \$100 one-time grant for new association start-up activities, and eligibility to apply for a neighborhood grant (more on that below). Cherryhill NA is now a registered association.

**Neighborhood Grant Program:** Associations that are registered with the city have first priority for grant money. Applications for grants are typically due in the May timeframe (we've missed this year's deadline). To receive a grant, the association needs to show that the project desired by the association will build the community and strengthen the neighborhood. Grants can be up to \$1,000 and associations are eligible to apply for a grant every year.

**National Night Out (NNO):** Tuesday, August 5, 2008, neighborhoods throughout Sunnyvale are invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 24<sup>th</sup> annual National Night Out crime and drug prevention event. This is a national organized effort designed to help prevent crime by encouraging neighbors to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening with their neighbors. All neighborhood associations are encouraged to participate in a local NNO event. If we are interested in setting something up, Nathan is very willing to contact the public safety dispatch to close off streets in our neighborhood and if interested, have fire trucks brought in for display and request local city reps attend our event. Everyone at the meeting was for it, and Doris and Kyle will organize a National Night Out event for the Cherryhill Neighborhood.

**Sunnyvale West Neighborhood Association (SWNA):** This is a very large association from which our neighborhood association was originally a part. SWNA is currently holding

monthly association meetings which we may be interested in attending. They typically have 1-2 guest speakers at their meetings who cover various topics of interest. Their monthly meetings also offer a great opportunity for networking and bouncing ideas off others. If needed, Nathan is willing to be a liaison between our association and SWNA.

It was noted that Melinda Hamilton, a City Council member, will speak at the next Sunnyvale West Neighborhood Association (SWNA) meeting scheduled for July 21st. Anyone interested in hearing Melinda's talk may want to attend the next SWNA meeting. SWNA typically meets the 3rd Monday of every month.

**Crime:** If you are interested in crime statistics and incidents in our area, check out the following link: <http://www.crimereports.com/>

**Sunnyvale Quarterly Report:** The latest edition of the quarterly report was recently published (Summer 2008 edition) and mailed. You may want to keep the handy insert that was included in this edition which lists useful shortcuts to Sunnyvale's website.

### **The Cherryhill Neighborhood Association:**

**Boundaries** for our Neighborhood Association have been proposed to include the following streets: Remington (between Bernardo and Mary), Mary (between Remington and Fremont), Fremont (between Mary and Bernardo), Bernardo (between Fremont and Remington) & the streets between Bernardo & I-85 up between Fremont and Remington.

**Neighborhood Association Officers:** At our first meeting nominations were submitted for the following positions in our new neighborhood association: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer. The following were nominated and voted in by those in attendance: Kyle Welch, Chairperson; Wayne Amacher, Vice Chairperson; Doris Tan, Secretary; Barbara Grimes, Treasurer. Doris will ask if current Neighborhood Watch Block Leads will also be willing to be Neighborhood Association block representatives. Fritz Starvitcke agreed to be the block representative for Yorktown.

**Sunnyvale Neighbors Actively Prepare (SNAP):** There was strong interest in hearing more about SNAP and having some kind of training presentation at a future meeting. This topic was discussed briefly at an earlier Neighborhood Watch meeting.

**Neighborhood Association Meetings:** It was decided that quarterly neighborhood association meetings would be appropriate. The group recommended having these meetings on Friday nights, starting at about 7PM, possibly at Sunnyvale Middle School.

Our next meeting will be the National Night Out event on 8/5 which was mentioned previously (Doris & Kyle will organize)

Suggested topics recommended for future neighborhood association meetings included:

- SNAP
- Personal Rapid Transit (Dave Guerrieri can ask the CEO of Personal Rapid Transit come talk to us if we are interested.
- With the growing number of families with children in the neighborhood, it was suggested that we start to look at issues relative to child care, commute support (carpools - school & after school), sharing resources, etc.
- Stevens Creek Trail extension

### **Neighborhood Association Web Page:**

<http://www.cherryhillna.org/> We discussed the appropriateness of having advertisements posted on our CAN web page. The group felt it would be okay as long as the advertisements were not offensive in any way, nor political. Clear guidelines need to be developed. Local / community sponsors were deemed to be ok. We would like to promote Sunnyvale Neighborhood Association group members as much as is appropriate.

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### **A Neighborhood Watch Block Party**

was held 31 May 2008 on Elderberry Drive.



Thanks to all of you for coming and making our first Annual party such a huge success! It was a lot of fun. Sorry to all of you who couldn't make it - but we hope to see you next year (or sooner).



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Brief Summary (modified from an email written by Doris Tan): The kids had a great time with the parade, and the firetruck was fun. The firemen did a little demonstration (shot water out of the hose), talked about the truck, and were the judges to the cherry bakeoff (which they were more than happy to do).

The bake-off had Cherry Cheesecake, Cherry Pie, Cherry Popovers, and a Cherry Chocolate Chip Cake. We also had a raffle with prizes that Doris had collected as donations from local businesses. The great thing was the kids won the fish store and pet store prizes and the adults won the grown up prizes--Wayne Amacher won the big prize, a \$65 gift certificate to a hair salon. He didn't look like he had much hair to style, so his wife quickly snagged it from him.



There were a few uncollected items left behind at the potluck. If they belong to you, please contact Amy McFarland via e-mail at: [amy\\_mcfarland@hotmail.com](mailto:amy_mcfarland@hotmail.com).

1. A clear Rubbermaid container w/ deep blue lid & 2 matching blue cups (I think the container held a shrimp pasta salad).
2. The bottom only of a clear container that is called "Lock & Lock".
3. A black plastic serving spoon
4. White salad tongs (fork/spoon connected)
5. Metal pie cutter (serrated edge) w/ brown handle

Thanks again to all of you and especially the volunteers that put this all together - Terry, Doris, Nina, Jan, Barbara, Paul, Sherman, Karen, Mark, Max, Amy, and all the others who just pitched in as things went along.



### Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be the celebration of National Night Out (NNO) on 8/5. More information will be provided in the coming weeks. Please hold the date!

National Night Out is being planned with Kyle and Doris taking the lead. If you would like to help, please contact one of them.

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TBD, Newsletter Editor

Fritz Starvitcke, Block Representative,  
Yorktown Drive

TBD, Other Block Representatives

If you would like to be the block representative for your block please call on of the officers to volunteer.

# Extras

## Recipes

The winning bakeoff recipe came from the "Betty Crocker's Ultimate Cake Mix Cookbook" which contains many tasty & simple recipes using cake mixes!

### Cherry-Chocolate Chip Cake

You'll Need:

1 pkg White Cake Mix  
1 container (8 oz) sour cream  
1/2 Cup vegetable oil  
1 teaspoon almond extract  
3 egg whites  
2 jars (10 oz each) maraschino cherries, well drained and chopped (1 cup)  
1 cup miniature semisweet chocolate chips  
Buttercream Frosting & sprinkle w/ some chocolate chips to decorate

1. Heat oven to 350. Generously grease bottom only of rectangular pan, 13x9x2
2. Beat cake mix, sour cream, oil, almond extract and egg whites in large bowl. Batter will be thick. Drain chopped cherries on paper towels; pat dry. Stir cherries and chocolate chips into batter. Pour into pan.
3. Bake 25 - 33 minutes (test for doneness)
4. Cool completely - Frost

Buttercream Frosting:

3 cups powdered sugar  
1/3 cup butter or margarine, softened  
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla  
1 to 2 tablespoons milk

1. Mix powdered sugar and butter in medium bowl with spoon or with mixer on low speed. Stir in vanilla and 1 tablespoon of the milk.
2. Gradually beat in just enough remaining milk to make frosting smooth and spreadable. If frosting is too thick, beat in more milk, a few drops at a time. If frosting becomes too thin, beat in a small amount of powdered sugar.

## Neighborhood Ads

None for this issue.