

## Cherryhill Neighborhood Association Meeting

DeAnza Park Building  
Monday, April 27, 2009  
7:00 – 8:45 PM

### Attendees:

CNA Board- Wayne Amacher, Vice-Chair, Kyle Welch, Chair, Doris Tan, Secretary, Barbara Grimes, Treasurer, Nina Swendig, Lynne Borne, Nina Swendig, Terry Sturtevant, Mark Tran, Amy McFarland, Block Reps, and approximately 33 Neighbors.

### Invited Speakers:

Gary Luebbers, Sunnyvale City Manager and Neighbor  
Dean Chu, Sunnyvale Council Member and Neighbor  
Garth Williams, Board Member, Friend of Stevens Creek Trail Leadership and Neighbor  
Officer Jim Davis, DPS Sunnyvale Resource Officer

The CNA Meeting began at approximately 7PM, after a trash can fire was put out by the Sunnyvale Fire Department near our meeting! Thank you Officer Davis for making the call!

**Welcome and Introductions by Kyle Welch.** Kyle introduced the Board and various Block Reps before providing a brief overview of the evening's full agenda.



## AGENDA

- 7:00 - 7:05 pm** Introduction and Welcome, Kyle Welch  
**7:05 - 7:30 pm** Meet New City Manager, Gary Luebbers  
**7:30 - 7:50 pm** Stevens Creek Trail & our Neighborhood, Garth Williams  
**7:50 - 8:05 pm** Traffic Control in our Neighborhood, Officer Jim Davis  
**8:05 - 8:10 pm** Recruit Block Representatives, Barbara Grimes  
**8:10 - 8:20 pm** Neighborhood Association Elections \*  
**8:20 - 8:35 pm** Wrap up, Kyle Welch
- Neighborhood Grant Application – deadline 5/15!
  - Summer Block Parties
  - National Night Out Event – 4 August (Tuesday evening)
  - Importance of 2010 Census
  - Neighborhood Watch, Doris Tan
  - Suggestions for the next meetings
  - Mailing list – [members@cherryhillna.com](mailto:members@cherryhillna.com)
- 8:35- 8:45 pm** Concerns, Ideas, Suggestions from the Members

*\*It is proposed by the board that we retain the same officers for the rest of the year by a show of hands; gives more time to other items on our agenda.*

Our new City Manager, **Gary Luebbers** was introduced and given the floor.

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**Mr. Luebbers** graciously shared his personal and professional background with the audience. He recently moved to Sunnyvale from Utah (originally from St. Louis, Missouri and a loyal Cardinal Fan), and was familiar with Sunnyvale through his 20 years experience in the Air Force. His wife, Jeannie is from Southern California, and they felt they would enjoy living in California after he retired, and Sunnyvale was the perfect fit. While in Utah, Mr. Luebbers was active in helping his town's economic development and revitalization.

**Mr. Luebbers** commented that California is essentially bankrupt and will be struggling for the next few years. Revenue for the City of Sunnyvale this year is about \$13 million less than last year (out of a total budget of \$130 million). The State will have to make some big adjustments, and everyone will likely share some of the pain. Gary will do his best to make the shortage as seamless as possible. Some examples of things that may change will be the condition of parks, hours in the Library, etc.

Mr. Luebbers answered numerous questions from the audience.

*How can people be heard by the City?* One of the best ways to be heard is by actively participating in meetings like these where invited officials are attending.

*Does the City Council get lifetime health benefits?* As of March 2007, Dean Chu made the motion to revise lifetime health benefits for Council Members who are not vested. It has been reduced to the minimum amount allowed by Calpers which is \$90/mo. Prior Council Members are grandfathered into lifetime benefits.

*What kind of changes can we look forward to?*

Mr. Luebbers is working on a plan called "Sunnyvale Works". This project will use \$60 million dollars in 6 months to upgrade the City - while resources are cheap, and create jobs in Sunnyvale.

One of Gary's goals is to make Sunnyvale a little bit better than it was before he arrived.

Gary went to USC, has 4 daughters and 5 grandchildren. He reports to Dean Chu, who was also present at the association meeting.



**Garth Williams** was introduced and he gave a short presentation on the history, status, and future of the Stevens Creek Trail (SCT). <http://www.stevenscreektrail.org/>

Mostly the expensive bridges needed to cross over roadways and the creek drive up the cost of the SCT. The Trail will have Access Points and Trail Heads. Access Points are used by neighbors, no restrooms or

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parking. 95% of trail users are local. Garth says that trails do not cause additional litter, and there will be no lights in the evening. Trails are officially open from dawn to dusk.

The Sleeper Drive Access has just opened, and you can use the Trail to go from Sleeper all the way to Shoreline Park. Many Sunnyvale neighbors are concerned how the Trail will continue from Sleeper, skirting Hwy 85, going over Heatherstone and back by Mountain View High School. There is a 1994 policy banning the Trail in Sunnyvale. Garth encouraged everyone to help strike this policy so that Sunnyvale can work with Cupertino, Mountain View, and Los Altos to put together an acceptable Trail for everyone. If interested in supporting policy change, please email your City Council. You can also donate to the Friends of SCT, enter the Trailblazer Race on 9.27.09 (which benefits the SCT), volunteer for the Trailblazer Race, volunteer for one of the Creek Clean-up events, or join the Friends of Stevens Creek. Friends meet once a month on a regular basis. For more information, go to [StevensCreekTrail.org](http://StevensCreekTrail.org)



**Officer Jim Davis** was introduced and answered questions about traffic control on Ticonderoga, Yorktown, Lime and other streets in our area.



Jim Davis  
(408) 730-7145  
[jdavis@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](mailto:jdavis@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us)

Officer Davis said that speed bumps, roundabouts and large planters can be used to help control the speed of traffic on our streets. There are also electronic speed limit signs, which are very expensive but another option to consider. It is possible to put speed bumps on Ticonderoga, however not on close to the fire station. In order to make traffic control changes we have to petition the Dept of Traffic and talk to the Public Safety Dept. Speed limit signs are not as easy to request due to the cost, but it is possible for neighbors to buy them.

It was recommended that anyone interested in submitting a petition notify Kyle Welch who will then help coordinate the efforts. Information on how to submit a petition will be sent to the Cherryhill Neighbors Yahoo Group.

Officer Davis reminded the neighbors that there will be a Department of Public Safety Open House on May2nd at the Public Safety Headquarters on All American Way.



### DPS TO HOST OPEN HOUSE

On Saturday, May 2, the public is invited to an open house to see just what it is the Department of Public Safety does, and how they do it. This free and fun event will be held 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Public Safety headquarters, 700 All America Way. Activities will include police and fire demonstrations, interactive booths and tours throughout the day. For more information, call the Crime Prevention Unit at (408) 730-7140.

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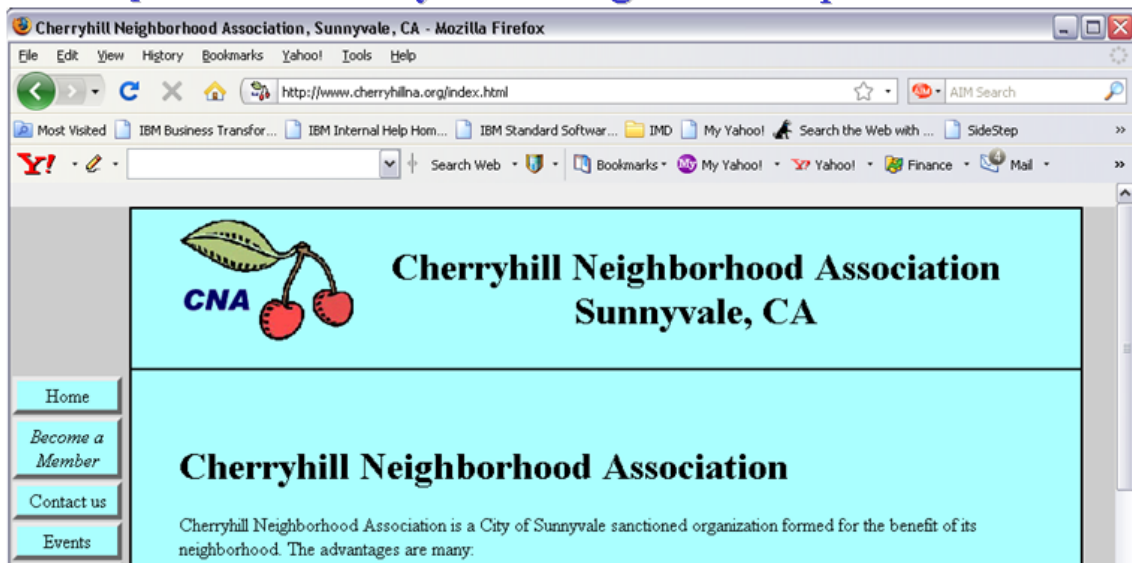
**Barbara Grimes** was introduced and asked if more people in the neighborhood would be interested in volunteering to be Block Reps. If interested, please contact Doris Tan or sign up on the web page at [www.cherryhillna.org](http://www.cherryhillna.org))



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- Contact us on the Internet

<http://www.cherryhillna.org> ← Web portal



**Doris Tan** was introduced and briefly described the Neighborhood Watch program. Anyone interested in joining or needing information on how to start a Neighborhood Watch can contact her at [tantwins2000@yahoo.com](mailto:tantwins2000@yahoo.com)

The following items are available to new participants:

- Neighborhood Watch Window Decals
- Home and Personal Security booklet
- Emergency Preparedness booklet
- Home Security Checklist
- SNAP Information



Due to lack of time, the group voted to keep the same Board Members and Block Reps until the end of the year.

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## Nomination / Election of Officers

- **Eligible to vote:** All residents and property owners within the Cherryhill NA territory in attendance and who have signed onto the membership roster.
- **Nominations:** Taken from the floor for ..
  - Chairperson
  - Vice Chairperson
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Block Representatives (please volunteer!)

We touched briefly on plans for this year's *National Night Out* event which is scheduled for 8/4/2009 in De Anza Park! Last year's event was a great success and we're excited to start planning for this year's outing. Make a note of it on your calendar and watch for more information to be posted. If you have questions please contact Kyle Welch at [kyle\\_welch@comcast.net](mailto:kyle_welch@comcast.net).



## National Night Out – 8/4/2009

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR  
**National Night Out 2009!**  
The 26th Annual National Night Out, a unique crime and drug prevention event, has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 4, 2009. We invite you and your community to be part of our Night Out Team.

Ready to get involved? **Register Now**

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Neighborhoods throughout Sunnyvale are invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "26th Annual National Night Out" (NNO) on Tuesday, August 4th, from 7-10 pm. This crime and drug prevention event, sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored by Sunnyvale Public Safety, will involve over 9500 communities from all 50 states, US territories, Canadian cities, and military bases around the world.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts; and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. The goal is to send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Join forces to "Give Crime and Drugs A Going Away Party!"

Lock your doors, turn on your lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors. Neighborhood activities can include: block parties, flashlight walks, cookouts, contests, visits from local police, youth programs

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Kyle wrapped up with suggestions for next meeting. One item that could use immediate attention is the Neighborhood Grant application. Neighborhood associations can apply for a grant for up to \$1000. **Kathryn Besser** volunteered to help Kyle with the Neighborhood Grant Application submission which is due by May 15th.



## Neighborhood Grant Application

### Neighborhood Grant Program

**Application deadline: May 15, 2009**

The goal of the program is to fund neighborhood projects and events, which are planned and carried out by neighborhood associations, mobile home park residents' associations and neighborhood groups within Sunnyvale.

The program offers grants of up to \$1000 per association or group, which must be applied for in advance and correspond to at least one of four categories:

- Increasing communication among neighbors
- Building bridges between cultural groups
- Improving the physical condition of the neighborhood
- Enhancing neighborhood pride and identity

Creative ideas for projects and events are encouraged! Examples of some grant fund uses are: start-up funds for neighborhood association newsletters or directories, clean-up and beautification activities, block parties, and cultural awareness events.

Although the program is open to all neighborhood groups, priority for approval is given to registered Sunnyvale neighborhood associations, mobile home park resident associations, and neighborhood groups currently applying to become a registered Sunnyvale neighborhood association.

***Important note: funding for this program may be reduced and/or eliminated due to the current fiscal climate, and pending Council adoption of the Fiscal Year 2009/10 budget in June 2009.***

A Summer Block Party is currently being planned by Amy McFarland, Terry Sturtevant, Ofelia Ng, Nina Swendig, and Doris Tan. Anyone interested in helping, please contact Doris Tan!

Kyle brought up the 2010 Census (now underway) and the importance of being counted! It is imperative to our Neighborhood Association that everyone be counted:

- Determines how much federal money we get!
- Determines how many representatives we get in congress!
- Same for the state!

More info on the 2010 census can be found here:  
<http://2010.census.gov/2010census/>



2010 CENSUS INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN PLAN  
THE SUCCESS OF THE CENSUS IS IN OUR HANDS



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The meeting ended at approximately 8:45, and it was a huge success! The discussion was lively, many neighbors brought up issues that affect our personal lives and community, and everyone was happy to meet new friends and neighbors. We have a fantastic neighborhood. Looking forward to our next event.



## Topics for Future Meetings

### SUGGESTED CITY SPEAKER TOPICS

- Boards & Commissions
- Children/Childcare
- City Government
- City Services
- Columbia Neighborhood Center
- Community Center
- Community Events
- Crime Prevention
- Downtown Development
- Economic Development
- Emergency Preparedness
- Employment Services
- Fire Safety
- Housing Resources
- Library Programs/ Services
- Neighborhood Preservation
- Neighborhood Watch Program
- Recreation Programs
- Senior Services
- Solid Waste & Recycling
- Trees/Landscaping
- Traffic
- Volunteer Services
- Water Pollution Control Plant

*To invite City staff to next meeting, contact the Community Outreach Coordinator, at (408) 730-7472 or [ncs@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](mailto:ncs@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us)*

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*Source: Starting a Neighborhood Association Information Packet, City of Sunnyvale*

### Contact us on the Internet

<http://www.cherryhillna.org>

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cherryhill\\_neighbors/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cherryhill_neighbors/)

Email any officer

### Join our mailing list (Please)

[mambers@cherryhillna.org](mailto:mambers@cherryhillna.org)

Preferably join at <http://www.cherryhillna.org/>

Click on “become a member”