

Cherry Hill

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Sunnyvale, California



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Cherry Hill Neighborhood Association
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<http://www.cherryhillna.org>

2nd Annual Cherryhill NA Block Party

June 13, 2009: The second Annual Cherryhill Neighborhood Association Block Party was an overwhelming success! The event, held along Elderberry Drive, hosted approximately 100 neighbors throughout the day. The purpose of the Block Party was to build community, have fun, and share ideas on neighborhood issues.

Children kicked things off with a Bike Parade. Tables and chairs borrowed from neighbors were set up and people arrived with smiles on their faces, food and drinks in their arms. Barbeque grills were heated, neighborhood information tables were manned, spirited tetherball and ping pong competitions were initiated, and Sunnyvale's former Mayor, Dean Chu, joined in the festivities. Two red fire trucks from Fire Station #3 on Ticoderoga/Lime arrived and five firefighters answered questions and gave a refreshing water demonstration. Children lined up to hold the firehose, and squirt water across the street!

Neighbors enjoyed entertainment, conversation, and delicious potluck dishes: dim sum; vegan creations; smoked salmon; hot dogs; lamb chops, and ribs. It didn't take much to persuade the firefighters to judge our special Cherry Hill Dessert Bakeoff. What a treat! There was a cherry crisp, cherry cheesecake, and chocolate/cherry cake. The winner was the 'Gold Ribbon Cherry Crisp' made by the Krukar Family who won a \$65 gift certificate to Solstice Hair Salon.

A magical Fairy Princess provided fairy face painting and children enjoyed a puppet show, hula hoops, and other sidewalk games. One of the day's highlights was a music performance

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Stevens Creek Trail Coming to Sunnyvale!

Well, it's not quite here yet, but the June 13th opening of the most recent extension to Sleeper Ave in Mountain View now makes it accessible to neighborhood residents via Fremont Avenue, rather than the daunting route along El Camino Real. Furthermore, funding has been secured to construct the next planned segment across Highway 85 to Heatherstone Way over the next 2-3 years. A few years after that, Mountain View is considering bringing the trail down the east side of Hwy 85 close to the western end of Remington Ave. These planned developments mean that now is the time for us to get involved in the planning process for the extension of Stevens Creek Trail toward and potentially adjacent to the Cherry Hill neighborhood.

What is going on now? Sunnyvale made great progress in supporting the trail this past year. First, in late 2008, Mayor Spitaleri provided a letter of support to help secure the funding for Mountain View's planned extension over Hwy 85 to Heatherstone, citing the regional benefits of the trail connection to Sunnyvale residents. This marked one of the first signs of cooperation on the trail from the City of Sunnyvale since 1994 when Sunnyvale put in place a General Plan policy banning construction of the trail in the creek corridor within city limits. In January 2009, Sunnyvale Council further agreed to cooperate in the planning process for the Stevens Creek Trail, and to listen openly to any and all trail alignment alternatives. Also, Vice-Mayor Christopher Moylan and city transportation manager Jack Withaus were appointed representatives to a 4-city planning team. Finally on April 28, 2009 Sunnyvale Council voted to remove the

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by DSR, a band of young men from Homestead High. They were excellent!

Thank you, Amy McFarland, for spearheading, organizing, hosting, and managing the event. It couldn't have been done without you and your gracious neighbors! A BIG thank you to all the Elderberry residents and Block Party volunteers!

Stay tuned for our next neighborhood event, **National Night Out**, August 4th, DeAnza Park.

Organizers and Volunteers: Wayne Amacher, Kathy Besser, Boy Scout Troop 457, Firefighters from Firestation #3 (Ticonderoga/Lime), Barbara Grimes, Paul Krukar, Helen Lim, Amy McFarland, Ofelia & Alex Ng, Karen Nguyen, Kim Parnell, Fritz Stawitcke, Terry Sturtevant, Sherman and Doris Tan, Caiping Tang, Kyle Welch, Garth Williams, and everyone who loaned tables & chairs.

Local Raffle Prize Donors: Kathryn Besser: *Dirt & Sunshine: Random Thoughts on the Art of Raising Children*, Bob Vasquez of Solstice Hair Salon, Nature's Best Cleaners, Silicon Valley Eye Physicians, Michael's Hallmark Shop, Acquatic Life Forms, For Other Living Things.

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"Gold Ribbon" Cherry Crisp Recipe The Krukar Family

Recipe came from an old Betty Crocker Cooking Book "Apple Crisp." Cherries are one of many substitute fruits (including apricots, peaches and pineapple) that may be used. Vary the amount of sugar according to the sweetness of the fruit.

1 can (21 oz) of tart cherries (or frozen)
¾ cup of packed brown sugar
½ cup of all-purpose flour (I used self-rising)
½ Cup of Oats
¾ tsp cinnamon
¾ tsp nutmeg
1/3 cup margarine or butter

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Arrange cherries in a greased 8X8X2 inch, square pan. Mix remaining ingredients and sprinkle over cherries. Bake until topping is golden brown, about 30 minutes. Serve warm and, if desired, with ice cream.



The bike parade kicks off the festivities



Children enjoy testing out the fire hose



The fabulous band rocks the crowd

More photos from the block party may be found on the CherryHill NA website: <http://www.cherryhillna.org>

fifteen year old policy prohibiting construction of the Stevens Creek Trail in the creek corridor in Sunnyvale, thus following through on the promise made in January to Cupertino, Los Altos and Mountain View to participate fully in the process of bringing the trail upstream.

What can we do? My first suggestion is to sign up for the mailing list at the Friends of Stevens Creek Trail web site {<http://stevenscreek-trail.org/trailupdate.html#sv>}. We had 15 neighbors sign up at our block party. Be sure to go to <http://stevenscreektrail.org> for more information about the trail and about supporting events such as the 15th annual Trailblazer Race on Sunday, September 27th, or the trail cleanup day every April. The Trailblazer Race includes USATF certified runs, as well as scenic walks and children's events.

Finally, I am pleased to report that in June I was selected as a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of Stevens Creek Trail, joining Garth Williams as one of two Sunnyvale residents now on the board. My goal is to help publicize this opportunity to the widest possible number of people and help them find ways to participate in enjoying this important part of our Santa Clara Valley landscape.

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Chairman's Message

It has been just over a year since we filed our neighborhood association paperwork with the city. Since that time we have come together and created a strong presence in the neighborhood and within the city. Neighbors are coming out to meet and socialize by attending quarterly meetings and participating in special events and other activities. Information is being shared via our Yahoo Group. We are working together on projects such as the traffic calming study. I encourage you to visit our web page (<http://www.cherryhillna.org>) and sign up as a member if you have not done so already. We will make sure you are informed of upcoming meetings, special events, and any important issues that impact the neighborhood (safety, security, etc). On May 15th we submitted a grant application that entitles registered Sunnyvale neighborhood

associations to apply for grants up to \$1,000. If approved, we would like to direct some of the funding to cover our many out-of-pocket start up expenses, including web page maintenance and development, meeting expenses, printing costs, supplies, etc. The grant will also allow us to increase the frequency our meetings. A sampling of other projects we are considering includes; an annual neighborhood clean-up event, a "safety day" at our local firehouse, traffic calming signs in the neighborhood (especially near Stratford School), coffee/tea gatherings, gatherings in De Anza Park to celebrate the diversity of the neighborhood, holiday events, and walking tours highlighting the history and heritage of Sunnyvale with a post walk social.

I look forward to seeing you at National Night Out on August 4th in De Anza Park. Thank you for reading our newsletter and feel free to send your feedback for future content.

Kyle Welch, Syracuse Drive
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Traffic Calming Petition: A Few Facts

The purpose of the traffic calming petition is to ask the City of Sunnyvale to initiate a traffic calming study in the Cherryhill neighborhood, specifically along streets that are regularly impacted by (a) dangerous, high-speed car traffic; or (b) unwarranted cut-through traffic along our residential streets (mainly drivers trying to bypass Fremont Ave or other stop-and-go traffic).

Many of our neighbors have observed dangerous car traffic (especially relative to young children playing in our neighborhood or general pedestrian traffic) or overly congested intersections (especially around the Stafford school around student drop-off and pickup times) within our neighborhood.

Such traffic problems hurt our neighborhood property values and increase the severity and number of car crashes and even the possible loss of life.

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Neighborhood Association Web Page

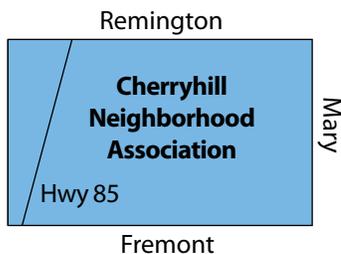
Our organization has established a website: <http://www.cherryhillna.org/>, meant to be the rallying point for all our activities. You will find our email addresses, membership sign-up form, event notifications and newsletters. Please refer to our website often.

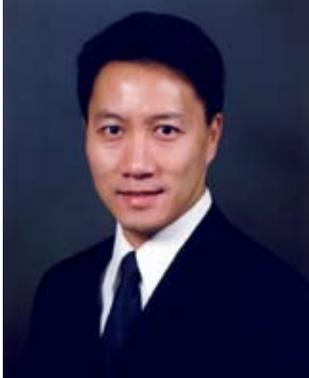
Block Representatives

We would like block representatives for every street in our neighborhood. Block representatives help publicize events, report neighborhood concerns, assist in activity planning, and keep neighbors without internet access informed about the association's activities. If you wish to become a block representative, please volunteer by email, phone, or via the membership application on our website.

Members Mailing List

Our association maintains a moderated mailing list, members@cherryhillna.org which is to be used sparingly by the officers of the association for important announcements such as meetings and block parties. To protect members from excessive email, any postings to this list must be approved by the list moderator. You may subscribe to this list by using the membership form on the website, www.cherryhillna.org; the moderator will add you to the list. You may unsubscribe from this list at any time by sending an email to majordomo@cherryhillna.org from the address you wish unsubscribed with 'unsubscribe members' in the body of the email.



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| <p>Mark Tran, MBA <i>Cherryhill Neighborhood Realtor</i> Direct: 408.728.3122 Office: 408.342.3036 MTran@interorealestate.com</p> <p>Cherry Chase Area Current Listings: 25 Average List Price: \$1,014,174 Average Sq Feet: 1,852</p> <p></p> |  |
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Cherryhill Yahoo Group

This is a standard Yahoo Group. To find our group, search for 'Cherryhill Neighbors'. This group is moderated; you will have to request membership by clicking on 'Join this group'. Anyone who is a member of the group may post to the group. This group is an un-moderated forum for topics of general interest:

- Discussions of neighborhood interest, announcements
- Exchange information about contractors, babysitters, etc.
- Recommendations for the association, ideas
- Discuss block parties
- Traffic issues and etc.

Cherry Hill NA Officers

You may contact the officers of our neighborhood association by sending an email to board@cherryhillna.org. Your email must be less than 40,000 characters without attachments.

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Important Dates

8/4 National Night Out 2009 (DeAnza Park)
10/5 Neighborhood Association Meeting