

# cherryhill news

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### Outgoing Chairperson's Message

by Kyle Welch ([Kyle\\_welch@comcast.net](mailto:Kyle_welch@comcast.net))

Happy New Year! Our neighborhood association accomplished quite a bit last year. We applied for and received a \$1K neighborhood association grant from the city which has been put to good use. We held association meetings at De Anza Park, had a fantastic summer block party, celebrated National Night Out, and initiated our first Holiday Walkabout. Last month, we conducted annual elections and I accepted the position of Vice Chairperson. Wayne Amacher (Chairperson) and the new board are already laying the groundwork for this year's activities. You will hear more about them in coming weeks and months. I expect it will be another fantastic year for the association and we'll have a lot of fun together. Look for announcements and details on our Cherryhill NA Yahoo Group and on our website (<http://www.cherryhillna.org>). Thank you for reading our newsletter and feel free to send us your feedback for future content. All the best to you and your families in 2010!

### 1st Annual Cherryhill NA Walkabout

by Kathy Besser ([khb@graystar.com](mailto:khb@graystar.com))

December 13, 2009: The first Annual Cherryhill Neighborhood Association Holiday Walkabout was a resounding success! The event, held throughout the neighborhood, was attended by more than 80 neighbors over the course of the evening. The purpose of the Walkabout was to spread some holiday cheer via an Italian-style passeggiata, get to know each other better, and enjoy festive outdoor decorations.

The event was designed to be a progressive walk (meeting at Michael's Hallmark by 4pm) or ad hoc visits to the six hosted stations within the neighborhood. Either way, neighbors were encouraged to

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### 2nd Annual National Night Out Event

by Doris Tan ([tantwins2000@yahoo.com](mailto:tantwins2000@yahoo.com))

Cherryhill Neighborhood Association's second National Night Out event was held August 4th in De Anza Park. National Night Out™ is a nationally organized effort to help prevent crime by encouraging neighbors to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening with their neighbors. Groups all over Sunnyvale and the U.S. participated by taking the time to go out and meet their neighbors. Kyle Welch and Wayne Amacher, CNA's President and Vice President, spearheaded the event with help from their friends in the Cherryhill Neighborhood Watch Group. National Night Out sponsor Target provided us with giveaways for this year's event.

Volunteers went door-to-door and flyers were distributed. The Sunnyvale Police Dept and other City Council Members came to offer their support! We were joined by Nathan Truitt, Sunnyvale Community Outreach Coordinator; Dean Chu, Sunnyvale Councilmember, Seat #5; Christopher Moylan, Sunnyvale Councilmember, Seat #2; Don Johnson, Sunnyvale Chief of Police, and Director of Public Safety (who lives on Syracuse Drive); a bright young team of Junior Police Officers; an exciting motorcycle brigade showing off new motorcycles, a K9 handler, and a sharp team of male and female officers. The Department of Public Safety also brought an impressive armored Hummer for show and tell. Children of all ages enjoyed inspecting this impressive vehicle.

It was a breezy but otherwise lovely evening for a potluck picnic in the park. Neighbors came to share delicious dishes and meet other association members. The children had fun playing and blowing up the Target beach balls.

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make their final stop at Crandano Court to conclude the evening with a toast to health and happiness in the coming year. Kids got into the spirit by collecting stickers from each host station, which then became entries in the evening's special raffle.

Each station offered hot drinks and homebaked holiday goodies (graciously provided by hosts and neighbors). Cherryhill NA made the event as green as possible by suggesting everyone bring their own reusable mugs while keeping paper goods to a minimum. Our local Starbucks (at Fremont/Mary) generously donated coffee travelers and host stations provided hot chocolate, spiced cider and even mulled wine and Irish Creme!

To help those less fortunate, neighbors brought non-perishable food items, warm socks and unwrapped toys that were then donated to Sunnyvale`Community Services. For children, the highlights included holiday-themed movies shown on a neighborhood garage and a raffle at Crandano Court. Raffle prizes included a \$25 GameStop gift card, Baskin Robbins Yule Log cake, a stuffed horse from Wells Fargo and Michael's Hallmark items.

Neighbors shared ideas for future events including Mother's and Father's Day walkabouts and an end-of-season harvest event where we plan to share our gardens' bounty. Keep the ideas coming... we'd love to keep the ball rolling!

Host Stations (in order of the progressive walk):

1. Michael's Hallmark
2. Yorktown Drive - Fritz & Andrea Stawitcke
3. Valley Forge Drive - Prince & Ancy Nechikat
4. Ticonderoga & Elderberry - Amy McFarland and Bev Brown
5. Syracuse - Kyle Welch, Karen Nguyen & Mark Tran, Geri Filippini
6. Cranberry Drive - Carol Malone & Jan Keilig
7. Crandano Court - Joanne Callahan, Dan & Nina McQueen

**Organizers and Volunteers:** Kathy Besser, Kyle Welch and Wayne Amacher along with hosts Bev Brown, Joanne Callahan, Geri Filippini, Jan Keilig, Carol Malone, Amy McFarland, Dan and Nina McQueen, Prince and Ancy Nechikat, Karen Nguyen and Mark Tran, Fritz and Andrea Stawitcke, Michael and Nancy from Michael's Hallmark and everyone who baked goods, collected donations, etc... thank you!

**Local Raffle Prize Donors:** \$25 Game Stop gift card (The McQueen Family), Baskin Robbins Yule Log Cake (Jane Kim and Hendrick Lee), stuffed animal - horse (Wells Fargo Bank), assorted prize bags (Michael's Hallmark Shop).



*The Syracuse stop featured festive holiday lights!*



*Children enjoyed the outdoor movie theater.*

More photos from the Holiday Walkabout may be found at: <http://www.cherryhillna.org>

Everyone agrees that we are very lucky to live in the Cherryhill Area. You will find people of all ages and backgrounds in our community, and we truly care about each other. Safety and crime prevention remain the focus of CNA's Neighborhood Night Out. We want to send a message to criminals letting them know that our neighborhood is organized and we are building neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. Let's keep the ball rolling by getting involved and letting others know about our group!

For further information about Crime Prevention, Emergency Preparedness and other Safety Issues, please come to a future Cherryhill Neighborhood Association meeting. Details will be posted on the web page. Meetings are held at the DeAnza Park Building, 1150 Lime Drive. If you can, potluck dishes are always appreciated!

For information about Neighborhood Watch, please contact Doris Tan, 650.208.9228.

### **September 2009 Cherryhill NA Meeting**

In brief: Steve Frias of the City of Sunnyvale made a presentation on the Sunnyvale Neighborhood Preservation Program. We approved a change to the bylaws to define the Board of Officers. The Board of Officers now consists of a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, First Past Chairperson, Second Past Chairperson, and Member at Large.

Candidates for Sunnyvale City Council were invited. Two attended: Pat Meyering and Penny M. Kelly. They made short presentations and we discussed issues with them after the meeting.

We elected new officers who began their terms on January 1, 2010.

The new Cherryhill NA Officers are:

Chairperson: Wayne Amacher  
Vice Chairperson: Kyle Welch  
Treasurer: Jim Sturtevant  
Secretary: Doris Tan  
Member at Large: Amy McFarland



*Wayne Amacher (center) with Public Safety Officers.*



*Nathan Truitt, Doris Tan, Christopher Moylan.*



*Sunnyvale Public Safety Officers.*

More photos from National Night Out may be found at: <http://www.cherryhillna.org>

## 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.

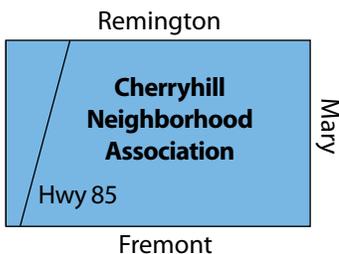
## Block Representatives

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](mailto: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 at [www.cherryhillna.org](http://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](mailto:majordomo@cherryhillna.org) from the address you wish unsubscribed with 'unsubscribe members' in the body of the email.



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**Cherry Chase Area**  
Current Listings: 7  
Average List Price: \$990,684  
Average Sq Feet: 1,957



## 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 via email ([board@cherryhillna.org](mailto:board@cherryhillna.org)). Your email should be in plain text (set your email client format to plain text instead of html). Attachments are ok.

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## Block Representatives

Lynne Bourne, Lime Drive  
Amy McFarland, Elderberry Drive  
Karen Nguyen/Kyle Welch, Syracuse Drive  
Nancy Sabbag, Valley Forge/Gooseberry  
Fritz Stawitcke, Yorktown Drive  
Terry Sturtevant/Doris Tan, Ticonderoga Drive  
Nina Swendig, Cranberry Drive

## Important Dates

3/1 Cherryhill NA meeting  
6/19 Cherryhill NA annual block party  
8/3 National Night Out™ event  
9/11 Harvest Walkabout (tentative)  
12/6 Cherryhill NA meeting