

cherryhill news

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Chairperson's Message

by Wayne Amacher (wamacher@wamacher.com)

It has been two years since Kyle Welch and I met at Starbucks to get the Cherryhill Neighborhood Association started. My goal for getting involved was simply to get the association established. That goal has been accomplished! We have a vibrant, active association. The City of Sunnyvale recognizes us and we have sponsored many neighborhood activities. Our Holiday Walk-about last December was very popular; we'll do it again this year. We applied for and received a \$1000 grant from the City of Sunnyvale last year and an \$825 grant this year. The grants help fund our activities.

We have a strong central core of activists. We have ten block representatives assigned and could use about 15 more. My new goal is to get as many neighbors as possible involved. Our association includes just over 500 single family residences within its boundaries. So far, about 200 neighbors have signed up via our website and about 120 neighbors have signed onto our Yahoo Group. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so. Urge your neighbors to sign up, too. If you have any ideas on how to get more neighbors involved, please let us know.

To remain viable and to grow, there is a need to bring new blood into the cadre of neighbors running the association. I welcome my replacement because that's what brings in new ideas and that's good. Please volunteer for an office or for any activity you wish. Nominate others. Above all, please come to our December General Meeting, which includes the officers election. Run for office. Volunteer. We need that! Chairpersons remain on the board for two years, so continuity is ensured.

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3rd Annual National Night Out

by Kyle Welch (kyle_welch@comcast.net)

Cherryhill Neighborhood Association's third National Night Out event will be held August 3rd 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.

Tuesday, August 3, 2010, 6:00 to 8:00 pm

De-Anza Park Picnic Area

Potluck Dinner

- Meet city officials and police officers
- Games for kids
- Prizes and giveaways sponsored by Target Stores

This is a great opportunity to discuss recent robberies in and near our neighborhood and determine what we can do to prevent them. Our celebration includes a potluck dinner! Please bring a dish to share and your own beverage. We recommend you bring a plate and utensils from home to help minimize waste (If you forget, there will be paperplates and plastic utensils at the event. Target will supply bottled water and light appetizers).

Questions? Doris Tan, 408-245-0656, tantwins2000@yahoo.com; Kyle Welch, 408-481-9700, kyle_welch@comcast.net.

2010 Block Party

Another great block party this year! Thanks to everyone who helped make it such a successful event and to all those who participated. Highlights include:

- Fourteen neighbors signed up to our Yahoo group
- Two new block representatives were added
- We collected over \$250 in donations...thanks!

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Here is a list of remaining activities for 2010; please join us when you can. Just come and have fun:

- **National Night Out** – 3 Aug, 6-8pm, De Anza Park
- **Harvest Walkabout** – 11 Sep, 5-7pm, planned route through the neighborhood TBA
- **General Meeting** – 8 Nov, 7-8:30 pm, De Anza Park Building (includes speaker and election of officers)
- **Holiday Walkabout** – 12 Dec, 7-8:30pm, planned route through the neighborhood TBA

We would like to hold a "Dumpster Day" in the April-June timeframe next year. However, this is contingent on finding a new volunteer to help coordinate the event. Why don't you volunteer? Dumpster Day details will be posted in our Yahoo group soon.

I urge you to join our Yahoo group. We exchange neighborhood information, happenings, and ideas. We recommend contractors to each other. We just published security camera pictures of a suspected burglar's van in the hopes of identifying him. It's a wonderful resource:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cherryhill_neighbors

I also urge you to officially join us via our website, <http://www.cherryhillna.org>. We'll add you to our email list and send you an invite to join the Yahoo Group.

Wayne E. Amacher
Chairperson
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1st Annual Cherryhill Harvest Walkabout

by Kathy Besser (khb@graystar.com)

Please mark your calendar for our next community walkabout: Sunday, September 11th, 5-7pm. This is a NEW event, created at the suggestion of one of our neighbors who enthusiastically attended the Holiday Walkabout last year. The idea is for neighbors to share the bounty of their gardens by placing extra items (produce, plants, seedlings, etc.) out front. We suggest using blankets, baskets, tables or boxes to share items; we will provide PDF signage files for you to print at home (via the cherryhillna.org website). Grab a basket or box and stroll around the neighborhood to see what's available. Ideally, we'd like to have a few refreshment stations along the way, if you are interested in hosting a stop, please contact our co-chairs, Kathy Besser (khb@graystar.com) and Barb Grimes (babgrimes@gmail.com).



Garden Tour 2011 - Are You Interested?

by Kathy Besser (khb@graystar.com)

We are currently in the initial planning stages of a neighborhood garden tour for next spring (late April or early May) and want your input! We received our second grant from the City of Sunnyvale for our "Clean and Green" project. One aspect of the project is a neighborhood beautification day (clean-up) followed by a walkaround garden tour. We need volunteers to help define the event (how many gardens to tour, prize categories, refreshments, signage, etc.).

Are you an avid gardener? Would you like to share your garden with your neighbors? Are you maintaining waterwise landscaping and want to demonstrate how it's done? If so, please contact Kathy Besser (khb@graystar.com) or Barb Grimes (babgrimes@gmail.com) to join the Garden Tour committee. We are hoping someone will step forward to help co-chair since we are also co-ordinating the Harvest Walkabout. If you would prefer to take over the Holiday Walkabout event, that would be great, too! Just let us know... thanks!

harvest walkabout



Special thanks to:

- Elderberry Street Neighbors, for hosting the event on their street
- Amy McFarland and the McFarland Family, for arranging the closing of the street, allowing us to use her house for the band
- Wayne Amacher – CNA Chair, for sending out the all newsletters
- Kyle Welch – outgoing Chair, for helping to organize and get some of the raffle prizes
- Kathryn Besser – Marketing, for creating the CNA logo, flyers, and signage
- Jim Sturtevant – Treasurer, for obtaining the Starbucks coffee and bounce house
- Ofelia Ng – Volunteer, for hosting bounce house on her property
- Barbara Grimes – Volunteer, for hosting grills on her property
- Paul Krukar – Volunteer, for once again arranging the fire truck
- Block Representatives - Nina Swendig; Terry Sturtevant, Nina McQueen, Nancy Sabbag, Lynne Bourne, Kyle Welch, Karen Nguyen and Mark Tran, Fritz Stawitcke, Amy McFarland for helping with flyer delivery and getting the word out

A BIG thank you to our local business donors:

- Starbucks Coffee – Westmoor
- For all Living Things – Westmoor
- Acquatic Life Forms – Westmoor
- Silicon Valley Eye Physian – Fremont/Bernardo
- Nature's Best Cleaners – El Camino/Bernardo
- Edward's Salon – Near Rite Aid on Grant/El Camino
- Doris & Sherman Tan – SFMOMA gift certificate

Trailblazer Race & Trail Walk Sept 26

by Kyle Welch (kyle_welch@comcast.net)

Please mark your calendar: Sunday September 26 is the 16th Annual Trailblazer Race and Trail Walk, the Friends of Stevens Creek Trail's major fundraiser and get-out-on-the-trail event. It typically draws 1,000 participants and volunteers to celebrate the trail and help support the Friends of Stevens Creek Trail's work to extend and improve it.

The Trailblazer is a morning of fun, healthy activities for the whole family. All events start and finish alongside Stevens Creek Trail at 1065 La Avenida Avenue. This is the Mountain View campus of Microsoft Corporation, the host and presenting sponsor. The 10K & 5K USATF certified races are scenic, fast and flat. Runners head north on Stevens Creek Trail.

2010 Cherryhill Block Party Photos



Cherryhill NA Chairperson Wayne Amacher documents the day.



Neighborhood volunteers Nina McQueen and Kathryn Besser.

The 10K Race circles most of Shoreline Park while the 5K Race enters the park and then turns back. The 3-mile Trail Walk is scenic and mostly level. It goes south on the trail to Evelyn Avenue and returns. Free food, water, and entertainment are provided (prize drawings and children's races too!).

Register online at www.stevenscreektrail.org; there is a \$5 discount for early mail-in registration through Sept 13. Proceeds will benefit the Friends of Stevens Creek Trail and Wildlife Corridor.

Volunteers are needed to help out at the event; they will receive a free race t-shirt, water and snacks. Volunteers complete the same race registration form from the web site at www.stevenscreektrail.org.

Block Representatives

Block representatives are the enthusiastic lifeblood of our organization, the 'telephone tree' for advertising activities. Block reps contact neighbors without Internet and keep us up to date about the neighborhood. They're a pool of activists we can draw on for future officers. Please volunteer for open slots! Or, carve out any street, cul-de-sac, or group of houses you want to represent; we'll change the list. Send an email to Wayne Amacher (wamacher@wamacher.com) to volunteer.

Bernardo Avenue, *Volunteer needed*
Blackberry Terrace, *Volunteer needed*
Cranberry Drive, Nina Swendig
Elderberry Drive, Amy McFarland
Kelsey Drive, *Volunteer needed*
Lime Dr – Remington to Ticonderoga, Lynne Bourne
Lime Dr – Ticonderoga-Yorktown, *Volunteer needed*
Mandarin Drive, *Volunteer needed*
Maraschino Drive, *Volunteer needed*
Mary Avenue, *Volunteer needed*
Remington Dr – Bernardo to Lime, *Volunteer needed*
Remington Dr – Lime to Mary, *Volunteer needed*
Robin Way, *Volunteer needed*
Rockefeller Dr – Bernardo to Crandano, Nina McQueen
Rockefeller Dr – Crandano to Remson Ct., *Volunteer needed*
Sherwood Drive, *Volunteer needed*
Syracuse Drive, Karen Nguyen, Kyle Welch (shared)
Ticonderoga – Bernardo to Lime and Huckleberry Court, Terry Sturtevant, Doris Tan (shared)
Ticonderoga – Lime to Mary, *Volunteer needed*
Townsend Terrace, *Volunteer needed*
Valley Forge and Gooseberry Court, Nancy Sabbag
Westchester Drive, *Volunteer needed*
Yorktown Drive, Fritz Stawitcke

Neighborhood Association Web Page

Our organization has established a website: <http://www.cherryhillna.org/>, it is 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 for current event information.

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 at www.cherryhillna.org; the moderator will add you to the list.

You may unsubscribe via an 'unsubscribe' email request to owner-members@cherryhillna.org.

Cherryhill Yahoo Group

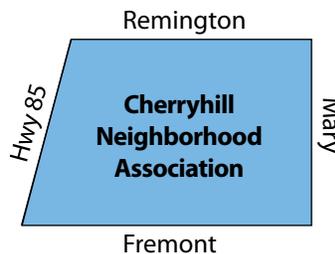
This is a standard Yahoo Group. To find our group, search for 'Cherryhill Neighbors'. This group is moderated; you will have to request membership by clicking on 'Join this group'.

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.

CherryHill NA Officers

Officers (board@cherryhillna.org) may be contacted en masse via email. Your email should be in plain text (set your email client format to plain text instead of html). Attachments are ok.

Wayne E. Amacher, *Chairperson*
Kyle Welch, *Vice-Chairperson*
Doris Tan, *Secretary*
Jim Sturtevant, *Treasurer*
Kathy Besser, *Newsletter Editor*



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

