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2016 Grant Update: Urban Garden Project

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Happy New Year, Neighbors! "Cherryhill Neighbors: Grow Together", our 2016 grant project (mobile mini gardens), is making its debut in January 2017. My son, Tate, built the three redwood planter boxes for his Boy Scout Eagle Project in fall 2016. Our plan for the grant is to rotate the garden boxes throughout the neighborhood in 3-month shifts (Jan-Mar, Apr-June, July-Sept, Oct-Dec). Garden box hosts will tend to the gardens (watering, weeding), and, if desired, recruit neighbors to share responsibilities during the shift. The produce grown in each garden box is freely available to anyone who wishes to partake in ad hoc harvesting throughout the year.



The Leafy Greens Urban Garden Box

The first iterations of the garden boxes are loosely themed: 1) Leafy Greens (e.g., lettuces, spinach and chards); 2) Herbs; 3) Allium Family (e.g., onions, garlic, chives). Each box features small scissors for snipping, a hand-decorated watering can (calligraphy by Katie Sturtevant), and a waterproof bag containing FREE seed packets from Yamagami's Nursery. Please stop by and harvest something or pick up a seed packet and start planting at home! Current garden box locations are listed on the Cherryhill NA website.

2017 Cherryhill NA Calendar (clip & save!)

Urban Gardens—Informal Tour	Sat, Apr 8
Meet at Starbucks (Fremont/Mary) at 9:30am	
Freecycle & Dumpster Day	Sat, May 13
Cranberry Drive & Maraschino Drive	
Block Party	Sat, Jun 10
Elderberry Drive, 11am-2pm	
National Night Out	Tues, Aug 1
De Anza Park picnic tables, 6-8pm	
Harvest Share	Sun, Sept 10
Location TBD, 2-4pm	
Cherryhill Mixer	Mon, Oct 23
De Anza Park Building, 7-8:30pm	
Holiday Walkabout	Sun, Dec 3
(Map will be posted in early Dec), 6:30-8pm	

ARE YOU WILLING TO DONATE \$5/FAMILY TO HELP DEFRAY ASSOCIATION EXPENSES: PRINTING, REFRESHMENTS, ETC.? DONATE AT ANY OF OUR SOCIAL EVENTS OR DROP OFF YOUR CONTRIBUTION AT 1078 TICONDEROGA. THANK YOU!

New (Green) Cherryhill Shopping Bags!

We are pleased to debut our new **Welcome Bag in Forest Green!** Our tradition is to fill up a re-usable Cherryhill shopping bag with home-baked treats and useful neighborhood information (newsletters, flyers, coupons, etc.) to welcome new residents. The new bags have been generously sponsored by Baskin Robbins, Zanotto's, For Other Living Things, Active Age Fitness, Nature's Best Cleaners and Silicon Valley Eye Physicians. When a neighbor moves to your street (or if someone has recently moved in and not received one), **please contact your block rep*** who will get a bag and materials from coordinator, Minoti Merchant. Want a few Cherryhill shopping bags for yourself? **Suggested donation is \$2/bag.**

*Find yours at <http://cherryhillna.org/contact.html#blockrep>

Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) Program

Neighbors Helping Neighbors after a Disaster

The MYN program, offered by the City of Sunnyvale, helps neighbors create a **Disaster Response Plan** for their block. Meet your neighbors, learn 9 Steps to take after a disaster, and find available skills and equipment. With this knowledge, neighbors can safely take actions to help each other in the event 911 emergency response is temporarily unavailable. Several blocks in Cherryhill have already held MYN Gatherings! To schedule an MYN Gathering for your block, contact your Cherryhill MYN Liaisons: Joann and Cindy at (408-499-0360) or clsjer@hotmail.com.

Don't forget to register for a City of Sunnyvale **PEP (Personal Emergency Preparedness)** Class, held the first Sunday of every month, except holidays. Sign up at: <http://goo.gl/forms/etFw8YgqkL>

CHERRYHILL EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Freecycle & Dumpster Day, Saturday, May 13th

This is your chance to declutter! Dumpsters will be available for neighborhood use at locations throughout Cherryhill. Still-usable but no longer needed items may be offered to other residents through our voluntary "freecycle" effort.

Block Party, Saturday, June 10th

The annual Cherryhill block party promises more excitement in 2017— again to be held on Elderberry Drive. Bring your family, a potluck dish to share and items to grill (BBQ's available); entertainment includes live music, bounce houses, etc. If you can, please consider contributing \$10/family.

National Night Out, Tuesday, August 1st

National Night Out is unique crime/drug prevention event that brings together citizens, law enforcement agencies, neighborhood organizations and local officials to strengthen police-community partnerships. We host a potluck picnic dinner at De Anza Park with games, a raffle, and visits from Sunnyvale DPS and city council members.

Harvest Share, Sunday, September 10th

Got abundant veggies, fruits, herbs, flower cuttings, or other items from your garden you'd be willing to share? Come together as a community to enjoy a bit of fellowship at our free version of a farmer's market.

Holiday Walkabout, Sunday, December 3rd

The walkabout is an Italian-style "passagiata", a walk throughout the neighborhood with hot drinks and home-baked goodies, festive holiday lights/decor and conversations with your Cherryhill neighbors! Don't miss the fabulous finale on Crandano Court!

2017 Cherryhill NA Board Members

- Derek Wagner, Chairperson
- Kyle Welch, Vice Chairperson
- Doris Tan, Secretary
- Jim Sturtevant, Treasurer
- Kathryn Besser (Ex Officio), Newsletter Editor
- Wayne Amacher, Past Chairperson, Webmaster
- Sabrina Kahn, Member at Large
- Hendrick Lee, Member at Large
- Jennifer Lung, Member at Large
- T. Kim Parnell, Member at Large
- Sunil Priyadarshi, Member at Large

Cherryhill NA SNAP Co-Chairs

- Joann Rieke (clsjer@hotmail.com)
- Cindy Spencer (clsjer@hotmail.com)

COMMUNICATION/INFORMATION

We are very fortunate to have extremely active forums for communication and information including a neighborhood website (www.cherryhillna.org), a Yahoo Group and a Nextdoor Group. You should join both the Yahoo Group and the Nextdoor group for the best access and emergency alerts; each group has well over 300 members now!

The Yahoo Group started first and has more active email traffic. Nextdoor has useful capabilities such as an emergency message as a text to your cell phone. This is why it's important to join both groups.

Join Cherryhill on Next Door!

<https://nextdoor.com/invite/c90fw243oha8utlgsx6q>

Web Page/Yahoo Group

Our web site is <http://www.cherryhillna.org>. Please join our Yahoo Group for the latest news— http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cherryhill_neighbors/.



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