

# cherryhill news

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### 2010 Holiday Walkabout

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



Avery and Ian help their mother light a candle for Fritz.

Our second annual Holiday Walkabout on Sunday, December 12, 2010 featured a glowing tribute to our dear neighbor, Fritz Stawitcke, who passed away on December 3rd. The event began at Idylwood Care Center this time, where staff and residents provided a festive kickoff via holiday decorations, home-baked treats and goodies bags for children. From there, the progressive walk moved to the Stawitcke's home, where many other neighbors had gathered.

More than eighty friends and family members lit candles in honor of Fritz. The recycled glass jars that contained tea lights were collected and donated by Cherryhill neighbors, a nod to Fritz' passion for many local environmental causes. After observing a long moment of silence to honor his commitments to our community, in particular his efforts to help establish a fully joined Stevens Creek Trail, neighbors slowly peeled away to join others on the way to the next stop at Elderberry Drive.

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### 2011 Cherryhill NA Calendar (clip & save!)

<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>Mon, Apr 4</b>
<b>Spring Garden Tour</b>	<b>Sat, Apr 9</b>
<b>Freecycle &amp; Dumpster Day</b>	<b>Sat, May 21</b>
<b>Block Party</b>	<b>Sat, June 4</b>
<b>National Night Out</b>	<b>Tues, Aug 2</b>
<b>Harvest Walkabout</b>	<b>Sun, Sep 11</b>
<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>Mon, Oct 24</b>
<b>Holiday Walkabout</b>	<b>Sun, Dec 11</b>

### Outgoing Chairperson's Message

by Wayne Amacher ([wamacher@wamacher.com](mailto:wamacher@wamacher.com))

Our neighborhood association includes 500 homes with 200 neighbors signed up for our mailing list and/or Yahoo group. We need everyone to sign up. Please, recruit your neighbors!. Getting to know your neighbor is what we're about. Sign up on our website, <http://www.cherryhillna.org>.

We are more successful every year! We've been featured in the Sunnyvale SUN and get lots of attention from the City of Sunnyvale. Everyone enjoyed 2010's activities! Activities for 2011 are being planned now.

Since its formation in 2008, the association has been run by pretty much the same people. To stay fresh, new people need to get involved and bring in new ideas. You can ease yourself into active participation by becoming a block representative or Member-at-Large. Members-at-Large meet with the board and become future candidates for offices. We'll add as many Members-at-Large as volunteer. Derek Wagner, our newest Member-at-Large says, "Thank you all for inclusion into the team - this is going to be fun".

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The Elderberry, Syracuse and Cranberry refreshment stops featured delicious, home-baked treats, hot spiced cider, Starbucks coffees and much revelry. Adults and children mingled for long periods, finally arriving at the Crandano Court finish near the end of the two-hour window. There, walkers found a party in full swing, with hot mulled wine, other warm drinks and home-baked goods. At 7:30pm, a small group went to the Stawitcke's home to take down the jars and tables and found the most amazing sight. Nearly every candle was still lit and cast an amazing glow into the night. Fritz, you will be greatly missed by all!



A special thank you to everyone who helped make this such a successful night! Kudos to our station hosts and helpers, Rachel Knowles and the staff/residents at Idylwood Care Center, the Sunnyvale SUN, and everyone who turned out for the event.

### **Garden Tour 2011 - Please Join Us!**

*by Terry Sturtevant (terry@thesturtevants.com)*

We are currently in the planning stages of our newest neighborhood event — a spring garden tour to be held on Saturday, April 9th, from 2-5pm. We want your input and involvement! We need volunteers to help define the event (e.g., how many gardens to tour, prize categories, refreshments, signage, etc.) and 'day-of' helpers to make sure all runs smoothly. To volunteer, please contact our co-chairs below.

Are you an avid gardener? Or love your landscaper? Would you like to share your front or back garden with your neighbors? Or are you maintaining water-wise landscaping and want to demonstrate how it's done? If so, please contact either of our co-chairs as we would love to include your garden on our first Garden Tour. Co-chairs: Terry Sturtevant (terry@thesturtevants.com) and Doris Tan (dorislumtan@gmail.com).

### **Freecycle/Dumpster Day is May 21st!**

*by Virginia Shea (vgshea@comcast.net)*

Are you suffering from T.M.S. (Too Much Stuff) syndrome? Help is on the way! On May 21st, our Neighborhood Association and the City of Sunnyvale will be co-sponsoring Dumpster Day. Three dumpsters will be strategically placed in our neighborhood and available to anyone who has Stuff to throw out. We plan to coordinate a neighborhood "Freecycle" at the same time, so instead of throwing away your no-longer-wanted Stuff, you can give it to neighbors who want it. There's even a possibility of organizing a neighborhood-wide garage sale.

Dumpster addresses and other information will be forthcoming soon. For more information, please contact Virginia Shea (vgshea@comcast.net).

### **Block Party 2011**

*by Amy McFarland (amy\_mcfarland@hotmail.com)*

We are just beginning to plan this year's Block Party and want your help. The Block Party is a great way to meet your neighbors and kick off summer. The event will be held on Elderberry Street, June 4, 12:30 - 3:30PM (a big "Thank You" to our kind neighbors on Elderberry). Please join us for a day filled with entertainment, enjoyable conversation, and delicious pot luck dishes. We need help with set up, photographing the event, providing canopies, tables, chairs, water, raffle prizes, and clean up. Volunteers are also needed for monitoring the BBQ and sidewalk games for the kids. We can use jump ropes, hula hoops, chalk, etc. Let's try to keep this a green event by bringing your own cups, napkins, plates and utensils. We are looking forward to another beautiful day in the neighborhood with our friends. To help pay for entertainment and supplies, a \$10 donation per family on the day of the event is requested. All are welcome! If you can help, please email Doris Tan, (dorislumtan@gmail.com), or Amy McFarland, (amy\_mcfarland@hotmail.com).

### **National Night Out 2011 - DeAnza Park**

*by Kyle Welch (kyle\_welch@comcast.net)*

We are excited to welcome back Target as a sponsor of our neighborhood's Fourth Annual National Night Out (to be held on Tuesday, August 2nd at DeAnza Park)... hope to see you there!

My focus for the coming year will be disaster preparedness. In fact, disaster preparedness, alone, is a very good reason for every neighbor to sign up! Watch for more. — Wayne

## 2010 Harvest Walkabout Wrap-up

by Kathy Besser (khb@graystar.com)

Did you brave the late afternoon heat on Sunday, September 11th to participate in our first annual harvest walkabout? We had a wonderful turnout; somewhere between 40-50 neighbors came out to enjoy the bounty of our neighborhood gardens.

The progressive walk started on Yorktown Drive, where neighbors collected cherry tomatoes, lemons, cucumbers, onions, squash, hot peppers and sampled homemade pickles. From there, adult walkers and kid bikers headed over to Idylwood Care Center and enjoyed a tour through the extensive gardens designed and managed by residents and staff. The cooks in the Idylwood kitchen made garden-grown treats for everyone to sample, too. The group then crossed back into the Cherryhill neighborhood and made stops along Valley Forge, Ticonderoga, Elderberry, Syracuse and Rockefeller.

Post event, the committee decided to hand out a few "superlatives" to honor the myriad contributions to such a successful inaugural event:

**Most involved street:** Elderberry (at least 4 stops!)

**Best lemonade:** Tie between Yorktown and Elderberry crews (great sales job, girls!)

**Best sweet treat:** Syracuse (Thanks, Shelley for the amazing home-baked cookies!)

**Best savory treat:** Rockefeller (cherry tomatoes with feta, balsamic and basil - great recipe, Nina!)

**Best location:** the EXTENSIVE gardens at Idylwood - they showed us everything!

**Most coveted item:** apples (Elderberry & Yorktown)

**Most unusual item:** Egyptian onions (Rockefeller)

**Most plentiful item:** lemons (practically everyone!)

**Best hosts:** Nina and Dan McQueen, for setting out tables, chairs and organizing a FABULOUS raffle!

Additionally, we collected SIX bags of garden produce to donate to Full Circle Farm; they were really excited about our contribution. This was added to their normal delivery to local homeless shelters, so please tell your kids that they were doing a measure of good while having so much fun!

## 2010 Harvest Walkabout Photos



The finale featured great raffles prizes donated by the McQueens.



Neighbors greatly appreciated all the seating at the final stop!

## **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. Contact Wayne Amacher ([wamacher@wamacher.com](mailto:wamacher@wamacher.com)) to volunteer.

Bernardo Avenue, *Volunteer needed*

Blackberry Terrace, *Volunteer needed*

Cranberry Drive, Nina Swendig

Elderberry Drive, Amy McFarland

Kelsey Drive, Kevin Bury

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 – Bernardo to Crandano, Nina McQueen

Rockefeller – 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, Kathy Besser

## **Cherryhill NA Officers**

Our officers ([board@cherryhillna.org](mailto: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.

Kyle Welch, *Chairperson*

Wayne E. Amacher, *Vice-Chairperson*

Doris Tan, *Secretary*

Jim Sturtevant, *Treasurer*

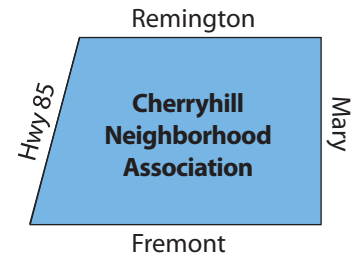
Amy McFarland, *Member at Large*

Derek Wagner, *Member at Large*

Kathy Besser, *Newsletter Editor*

## **Contact Us: Web Page/Yahoo Group**

You may contact us via our web site, <http://www.cherryhillna.org>; the most current and up-to-date information may be found there. Please join our Yahoo Group for the latest goings-on — you won't regret it! [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cherryhill\\_neighbors/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cherryhill_neighbors/). Our association also maintains a moderated mailing list, [members@cherryhillna.org](mailto:members@cherryhillna.org) which is used sparingly by the officers of the association for important announcements such as meetings and block parties.



## **Recommended Local Merchants**

We encourage you to patronize the following local businesses; many are adjacent to our neighborhood. We greatly appreciate their generous contributions to Cherryhill Neighborhood Association!

Aquatic Life Forms

CJ Olson Cherries

Edward's Salon

For Other Living Things

Michael's Hallmark

Nature's Best Cleaners

Pine Press Printing

Silicon Valley Eye Physicians

Starbucks

Smart & Final

Target

Wells Fargo Bank

Westmoor Florist

## **Recommended Service Providers**

If you're looking for a contractor or other service provider, visit our Cherryhill Neighbors Yahoo Group and see who neighbors are recommending. Please consider adding your own recommendations to the database. To access the list, go to Cherryhill Neighbors Yahoo Group, [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cherryhill\\_neighbors/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cherryhill_neighbors/) and then select the Database link on the sidebar. Open file: Trade Recommendations. Direct link: [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cherryhill\\_neighbors/database?method=reportRows&tbl=2](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cherryhill_neighbors/database?method=reportRows&tbl=2). Please refer to the **Contact Us** section above if you need access to our Yahoo Group.