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A New Year Welcome and Recap of 2020

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Cherryhill Neighbors, welcome to 2021, and the New Year opportunity to regroup and re-engage our wonderful neighborhood. While 2020 presented some obstacles to maintaining our great neighborhood cohesiveness, we stepped up to the challenges and showed our sincere caring and creativity. Though many of our regular programs and group activities could not be carried out, we did a lot of great things in 2020. First and foremost, we offer a tribute to the caring nature of our neighborhood. When we faced the challenges of COVID stay-at-home orders, residents reached out to our vulnerable neighbors. Many continue to assist with food deliveries and other helpful outreach. Folks placed teddy bears in windows for children of all ages to view as they walked the neighborhood for exercise. Creativity reigned as we reshaped our activity calendar. For Easter, some made egg-shaped ornaments and hung them in trees for children to "find the hidden eggs." And there was much appreciated chalk artwork on the sidewalks and streets to adorn our community. As a replacement for our Block Party, we engaged neighbors in an alphabet letter scavenger hunt and riddle to describe a character of our neighborhood: "Cherryhill Stands Together." We designed and held socially-distanced Harvest Share and Dumpster Day events. Recently, the Adopt-A-Highway ramp cleanups have been able to restart. So now, with a hope of 2021 optimism, let us look forward to a new year of health and shared neighborhood fun! Best wishes from your Cherryhill Neighborhood Association Board of Directors.

Everyday Sustainability—a Sunnyvale Neighborhood Grant Project

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Are you interested in living more sustainably in your everyday life? If so, our newest grant program is for you! We will be kicking off our efforts in February; if you would like to help develop the program and its

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Cherryhill Neighborhood Association (CNA)

Established 2008

<http://www.cherryhillna.org>

2021 Cherryhill NA Calendar (DATES SUBJECT TO COVID RESTRICTIONS)

Cherryhill Spring Mixer	Mon, Mar 29
De Anza Park Building, 7-8:30pm	
Freecycle & Dumpster Day	TBD (May)
Cranberry Drive & Maraschino Drive	
Block Party	Sat, Jun 12
Elderberry Drive, 11am-2pm	
National Night Out	Tues, Aug 3
De Anza Park picnic tables, 6-8pm	
Harvest Share	Sat, Sept 11
Ticonderoga Drive & Lime Drive, 2-4pm	
Cherryhill Fall Mixer	Mon, Oct 25
De Anza Park Building, 7-8:30pm	
Holiday Walkabout	Sun, Dec 5
(Map posted in advance), 6:30-8pm	

associated challenges, please send an email to Kathy Besser (khb@graystar.com). We have some incredible prizes to help beginners and enthusiasts live a more sustainable lifestyle including our **Grand Prize**, a Subpod in-ground home composter (see below).



How it works

Subpod works like a little compost factory. Your compost worms, and the beneficial microbes that live alongside them, are the workers! They take food scraps and carbon items (like paper or leaves) and turn it all into rich compost that builds soil and helps plants thrive. Subpod is an aerobic system, which means it promotes odorless microbes to boost the composting process, not smelly anaerobic ones. The unique 360 ventilation below Subpod's lid keeps fresh air cycling through your system.

Size: 29.5"x17.7"x16.9"

CHERRYHILL EVENTS AT A GLANCE

DONATIONS HELP DEFRAY EXPENSES FOR SOCIAL EVENTS PLUS PRINTING, REFRESHMENTS, ETC. A SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTION OF \$5/FAMILY PER YEAR CAN BE MADE AT ANY EVENT OR BY CONTACTING THE CNA BOARD.

SPRING | FALL MIXER (MEMBERS MEETINGS)

Our semi-annual membership meetings are a chance to visit with neighbors, share "potluck" snacks, and hear about local topics of interest and CNA activities. At the Fall Mixer, we elect the CNA Board of Directors Officers for the upcoming year. Be sure to attend to help choose our leadership!

CHERRYHILL ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM

Our neighborhood association adopted the HWY 85/ Fremont ramps as part of the Caltrans Adopt-A-Highway Program. Clean-ups are typically held monthly on the 1st Saturday morning, and last for ~1.5hrs. If you are interested in helping, please contact kyle_welch@comcast.net or watch for announcements on Google Groups, Facebook or Nextdoor. Jeans and gardening gloves recommended.

FREecycle & DUMPSTER DAY

Time to declutter! Dumpsters will be available for neighborhood use at locations in Cherryhill. Still-usable items are offered to other residents through our voluntary "freecycle" effort.

BLOCK PARTY

Our annual block party is held on Elderberry Drive. Bring your family, a potluck dish and items to grill (BBQ, hot dogs & burgers available); entertainment typically includes live music, bounce houses, etc. PLEASE CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING \$10/FAMILY TO COVER BBQ AND ENTERTAINMENT COSTS FOR THIS EVENT.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out is a 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

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.

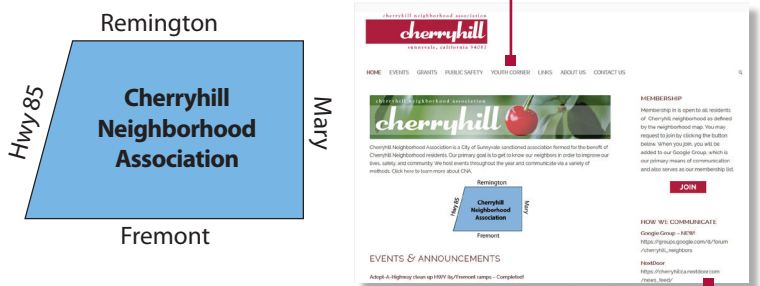
HOLIDAY WALKABOUT

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!

2021 Cherryhill NA Board Members

- Cindy Spencer, Chairperson
- Doris Tan, Vice Chairperson
- Kyle Welch, Secretary
- Jim Sturtevant, Treasurer
- Derek Wagner, Past Chairperson
- Kathryn Besser, Member at Large (Webmaster | Newsletter Editor)
- Wayne Amacher, Member at Large
- Sabrina Kahn, Member at Large
- Hendrick Lee, Member at Large
- T. Kim Parnell, Member at Large
- Sunil Priyadarshi, Member at Large
- John Davalos, Member at Large
- Sameer Desai, Member at Large
- Stan Silverman, Member at Large

Check out our new Youth Corner!



COMMUNICATION/INFORMATION

Keep up to date on neighborhood information. See below for how to join our communication and information groups, including:

- Our website (www.cherryhillna.org)
- Google Groups email platform (Request to join)
- Nextdoor Group for Cherryhill (Request to join)
- Facebook forum

Join Cherryhill Google Groups Email List

Visit our website at www.cherryhillna.org and click the **JOIN** button to request to be added to the CNA Google Group.

Join Cherryhill on Nextdoor

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



Find Cherryhill NA on Facebook

<https://facebook.com/CherryhillNeighborhoodAssociation>

Welcome Bags for New Neighbors!

New neighbor? **Please contact your block rep*** who will request a bag and materials from our Welcome Bag coordinator, **Minoti Merchant**. Then, ask a few neighbors to help bake some treats and form a small welcoming committee! Want CNA shopping bags for yourself? Suggested donation is \$2/bag.

*<http://cherryhillna.org/about-us/block-representatives/>