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Cherryhill Board 2022 Message

by Cindy Spencer (clspencer784@outlook.com)

This year seemed to pass quickly, as sometimes they do. While COVID continued to interfere with our regular events, we were able to maintain most: Dumpster Day, Highway Ramp Clean-ups, Annual Block Party, National Night Out, Harvest Share, and the Holiday Walkabout (plus Remembrance). As I anticipate 2022 will continue with occasional disruptions, I am reminded that we have some neighbors who may not be online to receive our community information, or may need other support. I encourage us each to learn who these neighbors are and to reach out and support them in any ways we are able. This is what makes Cherryhill 1st in Class! Happy New Year to our wonderful neighbors on behalf of the Cherryhill Board of Directors.

Cindy Spencer, Cherryhill Board Chairperson

Bring Back the B's (Bees and Butterflies)—Proposed 2022 Neighborhood Grant Project

by Kathy Besser (khb@graystar.com)

If we receive approval of our grant on Feb. 1, this year's project will look at plants growing in our yards that provide food and shelter to pollinators such as bees and butterflies. Using grant funding (TBD), we will explore how our neighborhood can establish and/or expand healthy habitats for pollinators—whether by eliminating toxins or by choosing plants that attract and nourish them. Excitingly, we already have an ad hoc effort underway by motivated neighbors (see below)! **FULL STORY + PHOTOS ONLINE***

Neighbor-created Native Garden at DeAnza

by Kathy Besser (khb@graystar.com)

Did you know a small group of Cherryhill neighbors has begun taking care of a strip of land outside the DeAnza Park fence along Ticonderoga Drive? You may have noticed a beautiful native garden that seemed to have sprung up out of nowhere last year.

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Cherryhill Neighborhood Association (CNA)

Established 2008

<http://www.cherryhillna.org>

2022 Cherryhill NA Calendar

(DATES SUBJECT TO PUBLIC HEALTH RESTRICTIONS)

Cherryhill Spring Mixer	Mon, Mar 21
De Anza Park Building, 7-8:30pm	
Freecycle & Dumpster Day	Sat, May 14
Cranberry Drive & Maraschino Drive	
Block Party	Sat, Jun 11
De Anza Park picnic tables, 11am-2pm	
National Night Out	Tues, Aug 2
De Anza Park picnic tables, 6-8pm	
Harvest Share	Sat, Sept 10
Ticonderoga Drive & Lime Drive, 2-4pm	
Cherryhill Fall Mixer	Mon, Oct 24
De Anza Park Building, 7-8:30pm	
Holiday Walkabout/Remembrance	Sun, Dec 4
(Map posted in advance), 6:30-8pm	

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The origin of this bee and butterfly-friendly garden is a testament to neighbors coming together to help foster native plants and bring beauty to an otherwise overlooked space. **FULL STORY + PHOTOS ONLINE***

Cherryhill Kids Take First Place at Sunnyvale's "Great Candy Cane Hunt"!

by Kathy Besser (khb@graystar.com)

In December, a talented group of Cherryhill neighborhood kids put together a candy cane design using only recycled or re-purposed materials for the city's first annual "Great Candy Cane Hunt". They submitted their design under Cherryhill Neighborhood Association and won FIRST PLACE out of 22 designs submitted! The team also won the award for most creative use of materials.

FULL STORY + PHOTOS ONLINE*

***Read full articles at www.cherryhillna.org!**

CHERRYHILL ANNUAL EVENTS

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 and help choose our leadership!

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 next to dumpsters.

BLOCK PARTY

Our annual block party is held at De Anza Park. 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 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 & REMEMBRANCE

The walkabout is an Italian-style "passagiata", a stroll through the neighborhood with hot drinks, home-baked goodies, holiday lights (candlelit memorials on occasion) and conversations with neighbors. The route map is distributed a few days in advance of the event. Interested in hosting a refreshment stop? Look for sign-up emails in late November.

Interested in learning more about our neighborhood association and how we build community? Our website includes current events, association by-laws, annual board assignments, important public safety information, past and present grant programs and more! We are also trying to add 'in memoriam' segments to honor neighbors; please send requests for postings to webmaster@cherryhillna.org.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

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 first Saturday morning of the month, and last for ~1.5hrs.

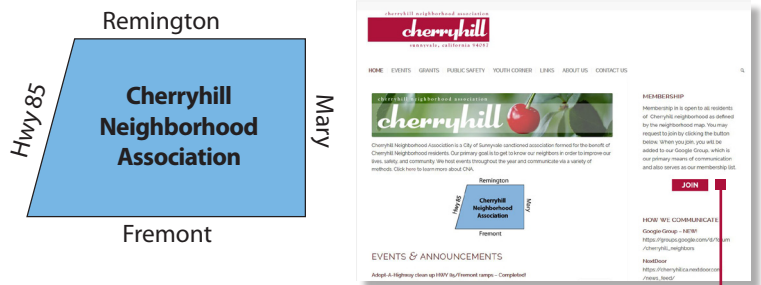
If you are interested in participating, please contact kyle_welch@comcast.net or watch for announcements on Google Groups, Facebook or Nextdoor. Jeans and gardening gloves recommended.

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/>

Visit our website at www.cherryhillna.org/



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 emails (Request to join)
- Nextdoor Group for Cherryhill (Request to join)
- Facebook forum

Join the Cherryhill Google Groups Email List

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

Join Cherryhill on Nextdoor

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



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