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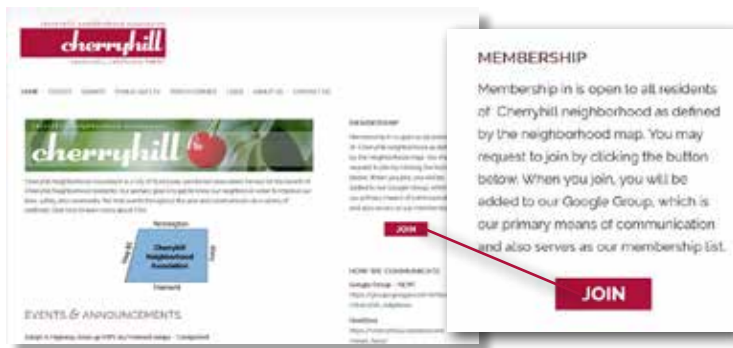
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Cherryhill Board 2024 Message

Greetings! We are looking forward to an energized "Year of the Dragon". Keep our events calendar close at hand. We hope you will join us in getting to know our neighbors and help make Cherryhill a prosperous and resilient neighborhood. If you have a passion to establish a recurring event to add to our calendar or other neighborhood-focused activity, please contact a member of our Board of Directors.

—Cindy Spencer, Cherryhill Board Chairperson

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Join the Cherryhill Google Groups Email List

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



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<https://facebook.com/CherryhillNeighborhoodAssociation>

HELP US IMPROVE CHERRYHILL!

Is there additional content you would like to see on our neighborhood website or in the newsletter? Please email webmaster@cherryhillna.org or newsletter@cherryhillna.org.

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Cherryhill Neighborhood Association (CNA)

Established 2008

<http://www.cherryhillna.org>

2024 Event Calendar

(check for updates on website)

- Adopt-A-Highway Ramp Cleaning** MONTHLY
Usually 7am, 1st Saturday each month
HWY 85/Fremont, typically ~1 hour.
- Cherryhill Spring Mixer** Mon, Mar 11
De Anza Park Building, 7-8:30pm
Semi-annual neighborhood membership meeting.
Potluck snacks and CNA update (presentations).
- Freecycle & Dumpster Day** Sat, May 4
Locations TBD, City-provided dumpsters plus "freecycle" for still-usable items.
- Block Party** Sat, Jun 22
De Anza Park picnic tables, 11am-2pm
BBQ and potluck with entertainment.
- National Night Out** Tues, Aug 6
De Anza Park picnic tables, 6-8pm
Potluck dinner with Public Safety and City Officials.
- Harvest Share** Sun, Aug 25
Location TBD, 2-4pm
Share homegrown goodies with neighbors.
- Cherryhill Fall Mixer** Mon, Oct 21
De Anza Park Building, 7-8:30pm
Semi-annual neighborhood membership meeting.
Potluck snacks and CNA update (presentations).
- Holiday Gathering/Remembrance** Sun, Dec 8
Location TBD, 6:30-8pm
Neighborhood gathering with hot beverages, home-baked goodies and conversation.

All CNA events are free; however, donations of any amount are greatly appreciated and can be made at an event or to a CNA board member. Suggested range \$5-10/family.

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This year's grant project—focusing on adapting to our changing climate—is about to begin. We're calling it "**Ready, Set, (Climate) Action!**" and our goal is to make residents aware of Sunnyvale's 2014 Climate Action Plan (CAP) then look at steps we can take to help the city achieve its climate goals. We'll use the **Climate Action Playbook** (a CAP update that began in 2017) as our guide.

Our grant project centers on 3 needs identified in the Climate Action Playbook: 1) drive less and walk/bike more; 2) be more resilient as a community in the event of an emergency; and 3) adjust our eating habits to help reduce the amount of carbon generated by our existing food systems.

Our plan is to collect best practices to imprint on our **Ready, Set, (Climate) Action!** gear:

1. A clear window cling for vehicles that promotes climate-friendly transportation (e.g., reduce driving mileage)
2. Emergency "Go" tote bags imprinted with a list of essential items* to put inside
3. Pressed paper coasters with tips for sustainable eating (e.g., buy local/in bulk, reduce waste).

*Note that you will be responsible for filling the "Go" bag

Ready to read the 66-page playbook? Visit our website cherryhillna.org/playbook to get started!

Excerpt from Sunnyvale's Climate Action Playbook

The Climate Action Playbook sets a vision for the City of Sunnyvale to reduce carbon emissions by 2050. As a sustainability leader, Sunnyvale adopted its first Climate Action Plan (CAP 1.0) in 2014 and has already achieved its 2020 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions target. Now, the State of California has set new targets that move the ball further down the field for deeper emissions reductions of 40% below 1990 levels by 2030 ("40x30") and 80% below 1990 levels by 2050 ("80x50").

... The Playbook lays out six **Strategies** that outline the overarching approach for bold climate action to achieve the end game of 80x50. Within each Strategy, there are several **Plays** that identify areas for action and measurable targets to define progress (see *At-A-Glance on next page*). These Strategies and Plays foster innovation to transform the way we power our buildings, travel around the Bay Area, consume goods and services, and empower our community to take individual actions. The Strategies and Plays also identify how we can better adapt to increasing local climate change impacts.

The Playbook also includes **Game Plan 2022**, which contains "Next Moves," or specific actions, that the City and community can collectively take in the short-term to reduce carbon emissions and improve resilience to climate impacts. Game Plan 2022 is intended to be dynamic and will map out the next moves for three years initially. It will be revised every five years thereafter to account for the changing regulatory context, evolving technologies, behavior trends, and community needs.

Our project aligns with **Strategy 5: Empowering Our Community**, specifically Play 5.A *Pilot a targeted grassroots community engagement strategy (e.g., Cool Blocks Program) to create stronger connections between neighbors to advance climate action and emergency preparedness.*

Once we have consolidated best practices to print on our gear, **we will distribute the items to Cherryhill households.** In addition, we'll support the project with more detailed information on our website as well as via Google Groups emails, NextDoor and Facebook posts. If you are interested in helping kick off the project, please send an email to Kathy Besser (khb@graystar.com) to get started. We hope you will join us in this endeavor!



PROGRAM: Ready, Set, (Climate) Action!

At-a-Glance: Pathway to 2050

Strategy 1: Promoting Clean Electricity		
Play 1.1	Promote 100% clean electricity	2030 Target: 100% participation in clean electricity 2050 Target: 100% participation in clean electricity
Play 1.2	Increase local solar photovoltaics	2030 Target: 3% of load from local solar 2050 Target: 5% of load from local solar
Play 1.3	Increase distributed electricity storage	2030 Target: 2% of electricity demand stored in batteries locally 2050 Target: 5% of electricity demand stored in batteries locally
Strategy 2: Decarbonizing Buildings		
Play 2.1	Reduce energy consumption in existing buildings	2030 Target: 5% of existing homes and businesses receive deep energy retrofit 2050 Target: 30% of existing homes and businesses receive deep energy retrofit
Play 2.2	Support electrification of existing buildings	2030 Target: 20% of homes and businesses completely electrified 2050 Target: 50% of homes and businesses completely electrified
Play 2.3	Achieve all-electric new construction	2030 Target: 100% all-electric new buildings 2050 Target: 100% all-electric new buildings
Strategy 3: Decarbonizing Transportation & Sustainable Land Use		
Play 3.1	Increase opportunities for and encourage development of mixed-use sites to reduce vehicle miles per person	2030 Target: 20% reduction in vehicle miles per person 2050 Target: 25% reduction in vehicle miles per person
Play 3.2	Increase transportation options and support shared mobility	
Play 3.3	Increase zero-emission vehicles	2030 Target: 20% of all vehicles on road are zero-emission vehicles 2050 Target: 75% of all vehicles on road are zero-emission vehicles
Strategy 4: Managing Resources Sustainably		
Play 4.1	Achieve Zero Waste goals for solid waste	2030 Target: Reduce landfilled garbage to 1 lb per person per day 2050 Target: Reduce landfilled garbage to <1 lb per person per day
Play 4.2	Ensure resilience of water supply	Targets will be defined as per state requirement
Play 4.3	Enhance natural carbon sequestration capacity	Supports broader net carbon reductions
Play 4.4	Promote awareness of sustainable goods and services	Supports broader emissions reductions
Strategy 5: Empowering Our Community		
Play 5.1	Enhance community awareness and engagement	Supports all other Plays
Play 5.2	Track and share data and tools	Supports all other Plays
Strategy 6: Adapting to a Changing Climate		
Play 6.1	Assess climate vulnerabilities for Sunnyvale	
Play 6.2	Protect shoreline area from sea level rise and coastal flooding	
Play 6.3	Strengthen community resiliency	

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Get a better look at the pathway by downloading the Climate Action Playbook!

Top Climate Actions You Can Take Today

-  **Drive less – walk and ride more.** It's good for the air and your health! Use the new Sunnyvale Bike Map² to find your best route. And if you need a car, take advantage of State incentives for electric vehicles!
-  **Opt-up to 100% renewable electricity.** Take advantage of Silicon Valley Clean Energy's GreenPrime³ program.
-  **Separate your food scraps.** Collect your food scraps for curbside collection or drop-off at the SMART station (residents only) and help meet our community's Zero Waste goal by 2020.
-  **Shop local, eat healthier, waste less.** Support local farmers so that food travels shorter distances. Buy food in bulk to reduce packaging trash.
-  **Understand your carbon impact.** Download the free iGreenSunnyvale app on your smart phone and track the environmental impact of your sustainable actions.
-  **Get the latest sustainability news and event information.** Follow Sunnyvale Environmental Services on Facebook or subscribe to the Sustainable Sunnyvale e-newsletter (bit.ly/sunnyvalesubscribe).

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Get started with some simple climate actions you can take today!

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT AB1276 IN CA?

AB 1276 : Single-Use Foodware Accessories and Standard Condiments

California Assembly Bill 1276 (AB 1276) was chaptered in October 2021 to reduce waste from single-use items that are commonly provided by food facilities to customers with their ready-to-eat food. AB 1276 went into effect on January 1, 2022 and adds "single-use foodware accessories" and "standard condiments" to the restrictions already in place with single-use straws (AB 1884).

This new legislation prohibits food facilities, as defined in the regulation, from providing any single-use foodware accessories or standard condiments to a customer **unless it is requested**. In addition, the same items may not be bundled or packaged in ways that prevent the consumer from taking only the item wanted.

YOU CAN DO YOUR PART BY REFUSING SINGLE-USE FOOD ACCESSORIES WHEN YOU GET TAKEOUT!

UPDATE: Bring Back the B's (Bees & Butterflies)

Our 2022 grant project is entering **Year Two**! When walking in Cherryhill, be on the lookout for our mini pollinator gardens—identified by a small acrylic sign shown below. Find the pollinator garden map on our website and go for a self-guided spring tour!



This year's mini pollinator garden display should be exceptional due to recent rains.

CNA Wins 2023 Community Award!

At Sunnyvale's 2023 "State of the City" event, Cherryhill Neighborhood Association received the Environmental Achievement Award for several of our grant efforts (Water Conservation Works!—2015, Cherryhill Neighbors Grow Together—2016, Everyday Sustainability—2020 and Bring Back the B's—2022). The award influenced the focus of our 2024 grant application **Ready, Set, (Climate) Action!**...mainly, what can the neighborhood do as a follow up? We hope you will get involved in our 2024 effort—see the inside of this newsletter for more details about this year's project.



Councilmember Linda Sell presents Cherryhill with the Environmental Award.

BOARD COMMITTEES

We are always looking for neighbors interested in participating on committees.

Neighborhood Safety Committees

- For **Emergency Preparedness & Response**, email Emergency-prep-response@cherryhillna.org
- For **Crime & Traffic**, email Crime-traffic@cherryhillna.org

Did you know we have extensive information about safety on our Cherryhill website? Click on the **Public Safety** tab on the Cherryhill website Home Page.

Events Committee

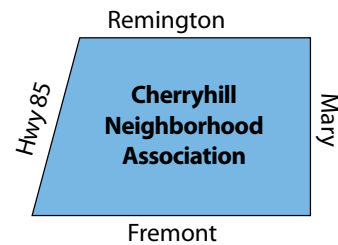
We offer many neighborhood events each year. These events require planning and operational help. If you are interested in helping with a particular event, please contact a Board member to connect with the event team lead.

Grants Committee

Each year, we try to design a special community project and seek Block Grant funding from Sunnyvale. Often, projects relate to City Action Plans or City Advisory Committee activities as a way to further Cherryhill contributions to City projects. If you have a project idea and would possibly like to lead it, please contact Kathy Besser (khb@graystar.com).

WHO WE ARE

Cherryhill Neighborhood Association (CNA) was established with the City of Sunnyvale in 2008 as a way to improve our neighborhood experience and facilitate communication with the City. Our registered neighborhood association consists of 541 homes and 300+ apartments.



CHERRYHILL ORGANIZATION

Cherryhill Neighborhood Association is guided by an annually-elected Board of Directors. Elections occur each year during the 4th quarter (October—December). Officers serve a one-year term from January—December.

2024 Board of Directors

Chairperson—Cindy Spencer
Vice Chairperson—Kyle Welch
Secretary—Madhura Nataraju
Treasurer—Jim Sturtevant
Past Chairperson—Derek Wagner

Board member emails are listed on our website.

If you are interested in serving as a Board Officer, please email vice-chairperson@cherryhillna.org.

2024 MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

In addition to our Board Officers, we offer opportunities to become Members-at-Large for neighbors possibly interested in future participation as a Board Officer. Members-at-Large join in on board meetings and actively help plan and carry out our many neighborhood events and activities. If you are interested in volunteering as a Member-at-Large, please email vice-chairperson@cherryhillna.org.

BLOCK REPRESENTATIVES

We have divided CNA into 26 sections (blocks) to foster easy communication. Our aim is to help neighbors get to know each other as well as welcome new residents.

If you are interested in volunteering to be a Block Representative, please contact our Block Rep Coordinator at blockreps@cherryhillna.org

To contact your Block Representative with ideas or questions find your Block Rep at:
<https://cherryhillna.org/about-us/block-reps/>