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First Annual Freecycle/Dumpster Day

by Virginia Shea (vgshea@comcast.net)



Some of the many "freecycle" treasures found on Cranberry Drive

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in our first annual Freecycle/Dumpster Day on May 21st! The city of Sunnyvale hauled away FOUR dumpsters worth of trash. Countless treasures changed hands on Cranberry and Maraschino Drives (remaining items were donated to Goodwill and the Salvation Army). The Maraschino Drive bake sale, organized by Tasha Mendelsohn, earned \$172 for the Red Cross. Great work, everyone!

2011 Block Party

by Amy McFarland and Doris Tan, Co-Chairs

Thanks to everyone who came out on June 4th for our rain-soaked Cherryhill Neighborhood Block Party. It was quite a success in spite of the weather! In case you missed it, here's what happened:

Robert Locke from SNAP attended and made us more aware of how to be better prepared for a disaster.

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Chairperson's Message

by Kyle Welch (kyle_welch@comcast.net)

Welcome to the fifth edition of the Cherryhill Neighborhood Association (CNA) newsletter. I hope you are all enjoying the great weather we've been having of late.

We have many exciting plans for the association this year and next! We are calling this our "Reaching In and Reaching Out" project. In a nutshell, CNA will focus more on broadening our reach to constituents living within the bounds of the association, and connecting more with what is going on outside the association within the city of Sunnyvale.

Our proposed "reaching in" activities include bi-monthly (morning) coffee get togethers for seniors (everyone invited), a scrapbook project documenting the history of the neighborhood, creating a Cherryhill Neighborhood Association "welcome" basket for new families moving into the area with information about our neighborhood, the city of Sunnyvale, local merchants, our association, and may include contributions from neighbors. The basket itself will be a reusable cloth bag with a Cherryhill Neighborhood Association logo on one side and logos from local merchants on the other.

The "reaching in" initiative will also include celebrating the diversity of our neighborhood via ethnic food items at social events, incorporating cultural activities (e.g. games) at our block parties, and notification about local cultural events in our new family welcome baskets. We have also established a Cherryhill Neighborhood Association **Facebook** page to encourage interaction among members comfortable using these tools to communicate and interact.

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Everyone enjoyed delicious hamburgers, hotdogs, and sausages grilled by Master Chef, Sherman Tan, in addition to amazing potluck items from attendees. A big hit was the fire pit for warmth and marshmallow roasting! Special thanks to the Sturtevant Family for providing it. The kids played in the rain and LOVED it.



"Pop-up City" aka Cherryhill Neighborhood's Block Party 2011

Many thanks to those who provided raffle prizes: Beth Erickson, Joann Rieke and Cindy Spencer, McFarland Family, Tan Family.

One of the best things was co-judging the Bake-Off! There was an array of items that were just amazing in terms of presentation, effort, and taste:

- Shelley Thesing - a heavenly Banana Creme Pie with Chocolate and Caramel (she actually made two pies - one for the contest and one for the potluck!)
- Louise Murphy - Light, airy, Meringue Puffs (yum!)
- Paul Krukar - Blueberry Cobbler (but the special effect was that it was made in an actual dutch oven over a fire pit)! Wow, way to go Paul!
- Joann Rieke - Rum Bundt Cake - a golden yellow Bundt cake that was sheer perfection!

Deciding a winner was darn near impossible. After much deliberation, **Shelley Thesing** was selected as the winner!

The first ever Kids Art Contest was also a tremendous success! We had 10 entrants and all were awarded gift certificates for free ice cream at Baskin Robbins. Many thanks to Terry Sturtevant for organizing, and Jane & Hendrick Lee for the prizes.

In case you missed the party, these great art pieces will be on display at future CNA events.

First Annual Garden Tour

by Kathy Besser (khb@graystar.com)

Did you attend our Garden Tour? If so, can you guess which garden belongs to each host? One featured elegant grasses native to New Zealand, enormous clumps of bamboo that formed a curtain around the backyard, stoneware pots filled with goldfish and mini fountains, and beautifully weathered teak furniture with batik-style cushions. Another was a "live off the land" home garden (with month-old chickens!) perfect for a growing family. A third featured a park-like setting and drop-dead gorgeous arbor FILLED with wisteria; the fourth was a Mediterranean-style space featuring koi ponds, jacuzzi, raising dining areas and chimineas. Attendees came away inspired and amazed by the diversity in our small neighborhood.

An extra, non-garden stop was a floral memorial to our neighbor, Julie Johnson, who recently passed away. It also helped welcome Julie's daughter and her family to Cherryhill. The finale was held at Idylwood Care Center. Once again, the staff and residents outdid themselves. We are so grateful they want to participate in our events. It makes our community that much better!

Fritz Stawitke: "Distinguished Resident"

by Kathy Besser (khb@graystar.com)



Photo courtesy of Shonda Ranson

The City of Sunnyvale hosted a "State of the City" celebration in Washington Park on July 4, 2011 with the Mayor's State of the City Address, live music, a BBQ and community award presentations. A highlight was the posthumous award given to Fritz Stawitcke as "Distinguished Resident of the Year". Councilman Jim Griffith presented the award to Fritz's family (wife, Andrea, and daughters, Meghan and Darian). Congratulations, Stawitcke family, on a well-deserved honor for Fritz. He is terribly missed by all.

The "reaching out" initiative will connect us more to what is going on with the city of Sunnyvale as well as promote city events. New family welcome baskets will include information on city events, activities and resources – including local farmer's markets, cultural events, arts & entertainment, city council events, neighborhood association events, etc. We are in the early stages of planning a neighborhood "C.J. Olson Day" to align with the larger annual C.J. Olson Cherry Festival at the end of May. Some of the planned activities on this day will include an organized bike ride to the historic C.J. Olson Sunnyvale Stand on El Camino Real, tours of the orchard, a group picnic and a bike decorating contest for children with fun cherry-themed prizes!

I am looking forward to another term as Chairperson of our great neighborhood association and to meeting more neighbors. Have a wonderful summer! Kyle

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 (**Tuesday, August 2nd, 6pm** at DeAnza Park)... hope to see you there!

Next SNAP Training... September 22nd!

by Jennifer Lung (jenniferdragon@gmail.com)

Where were you during the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake? Where will you be when the next one strikes? According to a Uniform California Earthquake Rupture Forecast study, California has more than a 99% chance of having a magnitude 6.7 or larger earthquake within the next 30 years and the probability of it happening in the Bay Area is 63%. It's never a bad idea to be prepared for an earthquake!

Sunnyvale Department of Safety offers a FREE emergency preparedness program, SNAP (Sunnyvale Neighborhoods Actively Prepared); the next session starts Thursday, September 22nd. I recently finished the 7-week program in May and highly recommend it to our neighbors. It covers a wide range of information from how to put together a "Go" Bag, safe water storage and filtration, utilities safety, and what public resources are available during and after a disaster. Did you know PG&E will come out to lubricate your gas valve for free and teach you how to turn it off? Do you have an emergency plan for your pets, since Red Cross disaster shelters do not accept them? SNAP also offers hands-on practice in first aid and fire suppression, including learning how to use a fire extinguisher. The best part is meeting other Sunnyvale residents and, on graduation day, getting to team up for a full day's exercise using all the skills you've learned.

To register, call 408-730-7190 or visit the SNAP webpage at snap.insunnyvale.com and click on the **Register for SNAP On-line NOW link** at the bottom of the page.

Bay Area Older Adults

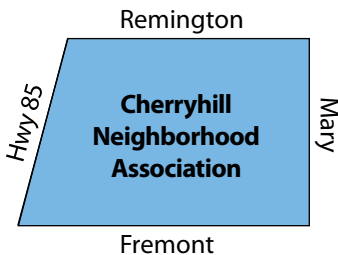
Bay Area Older Adults is a local non-profit whose vision is to promote an active and healthy lifestyle for older adults in the Bay Area. One of their first projects was to build a free and easy-to-use website (www.bayareaolderadults.org) that offers detailed information about the outdoors, fitness, social and cultural activities for seniors. The association has learned that older adults prefer to participate in activities with other people in their community and some have challenges with transportation. In response to this important need, Bay Area Older Adults is planning a new program in Sunnyvale called BRSC that includes a listing of fun and healthy group activities offered by other non-profits serving seniors and an online ride sharing community. Before they embark on building the program, they would like to get feedback from Sunnyvale seniors via an online survey Questions? Please contact:

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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. Please volunteer for open slots! Contact Wayne Amacher (wamacher@wamacher.com) to volunteer.

Bernardo Avenue, *Volunteer needed*
Blackberry Terrace, *Volunteer needed*
Cranberry Drive, Nina Swendig
Elderberry Drive, *Volunteer needed*
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, Michelle Eugeni
Remington Dr – Lime to Mary, *Volunteer needed*
Robin Way, Michelle Eugeni
Rockefeller Dr – Bernardo to Crandano, Nina McQueen
Rockefeller Dr – 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



Web Page/Yahoo Group

The most current and up-to-date information is on our website (<http://www.cherryhillna.org>). Additionally, please join our Yahoo Group for the latest goings-on — you won't regret it! http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cherryhill_neighbors/. Our association also maintains a moderated mailing list, members@cherryhillna.org which is used sparingly by the officers of the association for important announcements such as meetings and block parties.

CherryHill NA Officers

Officers (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*
Jennifer Lung, *Member at Large*
Derek Wagner, *Member at Large*
Kathy Besser, *Newsletter Editor*
Meghan Stawitke, *Friends of Stevens Creek Trail*



Our Cherryhill Neighborhood Association is now on Facebook! Find us by searching "Cherryhill Neighborhood Association" in Facebook or visit the direct link at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Cherryhill-Neighborhood-Association/254984687860627>

Full Circle Farm: Like Minds Think Alike!

by Kathy Besser (khb@graystar.com)

I attended the first Sunnyvale Local Garden Share at Full Circle Farm on Sunday, July 24th (11am-noon) and am happy to report it was as much fun as last year's Harvest Walkabout! I came home with ingredients for a Greek salad (tomato, cucumber, green pepper) plus some terrific herbs and flowers. Join our Sunnyvale neighbors in coming together to share the bounty of home-grown harvests (bring what you have to offer, take home something you don't have).

The best news is that they are planning to make this a **regular event** in Sunnyvale on the fourth Sunday of each month. Here's your chance to participate in a fun, community-building event on a regular basis! Questions? Please contact organizer Michelle Philips (michelle_philips@yahoo.com).

And, mark your calendars! The **amazing** Full Harvest Feast benefitting Full Circle Farm is August 13, 2011, 5:30pm. For details or to purchase tickets, go to: <http://www.fullcirclesunnyvale.org/>