

# Samarkand Neighborhood Association

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## YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first issue of the *Samarkand Neighborhood Association Newsletter*, which we plan to publish every two months to keep our members informed about Association activities and events.

The *Newsletter* will provide our members with

updates on recent association events and is targeted for members without Internet access. For the most current up-to-date information please bookmark our web site (address is noted below).

You can expect to see past meeting summaries, notices of upcoming

neighborhood activities and future meetings of your neighborhood association, which you are encouraged to attend!

We welcome your feedback. If you have any suggestions, changes or additions, please contact John Calder at [john@thecalders.org](mailto:john@thecalders.org) or 687-6910.

We are on the web! <http://www.samarkandneighborhoodassociation.org>

## MEETING SUMMARIES

### Future Meeting Dates:

- April 20, 2006
- May 18, 2006
- June 15, 2006

All meetings are on the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm.

Location: Samarkand Retirement Community (Mountain Room)

### January 19, 2006

#### Guest Speaker:

Anita Chamberlain, Santa Barbara Area 5 Beat Coordinator (897-3703). A "beat coordinator" is a senior officer responsible for a particular area. Anita describes this as similar to a "complaint department". She refers issues to appropriate personnel.

#### CONCERNS:

*Graffiti:* Call the Graffiti Hotline: 897-2513.

*Homeless in Oak Park:* No one is permitted in the park after dark. In addition, a "camp" must be warned" before it is cleaned out by authorities. Main Police Department Number: 897-2300

#### QUESTIONS:

*Is a permit required to sell door to door?* Yes.

Also, there is an ordinance against solicitation after dark.

#### TIPS:

Identity Theft: Beware of checks in mailboxes and shred any personal information.

For beat updates, check out Channel 17 where beat officers discuss each beat's crime trends.

### February 23, 2006

Guest Speaker: (None)

#### Discussion Topics

- 1) Fiesta Neighborhood Issues (Mercado Del Norte): Concerns about noise and other disruptions as a result of the addition of the

"carnival" and use of generators that has increased in the past few years. Plan is to invite a member of Old Spanish Days Planning to come next month to discuss these issues.

- 2) Future Speaker Suggestions include: Parks and Recreation Representative and Community Development. (Updates will be posted on the SNA website).

### March 16, 2006

#### Guest speakers:

Representatives of Old Spanish Days and City of Santa Barbara Parks &

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks to the support of all of you, we have a re-activated and renamed Samarkand Neighborhood Association! Reactivation was launched last May with a neighborhood meeting; we elected a board in August; and by September we were up and running.

Special thanks go to several people who are not presently on our board: to Joe Guzzardi, who tended the flame of the association during eight years of relative inactivity, attended innumerable meetings related to planning and zoning with the needs of our neighborhood in mind, and faithfully paid the Association's post office box fee each year; and to Blanche and Don Archer, who served as communication conduits and sounding boards on organizational issues last summer, organized ballot counting, and were in-

strumental in organizing the City Council candidate forum.

We have around 350 members and an enthusiastic, talented, and hard-working board. We have a web site with agendas and minutes posted and links to City and other web pages of interest and have issued a membership directory. Board members represent us at Allied Neighborhoods Association meetings and city planning meetings. In addition, we have co-hosted a City Council candidates forum and had presentations and Q&A sessions with representatives of Cottage Hospital, the City Transportation Department, the Samarkand Retirement Community, our Santa Barbara Police Department Beat Coordinator, and Old Spanish Days (Fiesta) and the City Parks and Recreation Department.

These events offer an opportunity to exchange information and voice neighborhood concerns with entities whose policies and decisions affect our neighborhood.

Possible future activities include a forum for Second District County Supervisor candidates, presentations by the City Community Development Department and Earl Warren Showgrounds, and work on Neighborhood Watch and emergency preparedness.

Please attend our meetings, offer your ideas and support, and/or volunteer to chair or help with a project. Or consider running for the board of directors. The more active you are, the more we can do!



*“Special thanks go to Joe Guzzardi ... and Blanche and Don Archer”*

### Neighborhood Watch

If you would like to organize your block to participate in a neighborhood Watch Program, please contact Anna DeVore: 687-3026; devore@cox.net

### Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

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Recreation Dept. to hear concerns about Fiesta impacts on Mackenzie Park neighbors.

They will return with their response at our next meeting, **April 20, 2006.**

### Sidewalks

Samarkand is a great neighborhood for walking. Please help your neighbors who walk, including those with strollers, by ensuring that your shrubbery doesn't block your sidewalk.

Thanks!

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The people we talk to, the travels we make, the homes and apartments we maintain, and the cooperation we display, are all part of the story that makes this neighborhood valuable. We invest in our neighborhood a spirit of goodwill and contribution. We invite all neighbors to join us. If you received this newsletter you are already a member. Please give this application to a neighborhood non-member and urge them to join.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail (lowers communication costs) \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose \$5.00 annual dues for each member.  
 ( Checks payable to: SNA )

Mail to: SNA P.O. Box 3612, Santa Barbara, CA 93130-3612

<p><b>Speaker/Program Interests</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SB Police Beat Coordinator</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SB Streets Department</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Adams School</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SB Traffic Engineer</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Earl Warren Showgrounds</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Political Candidate Forums</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Old Spanish Days "Fiesta"</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>	<p><b>Member Directory Info</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> All</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Address</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Phone number</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Email address</p>
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*"Keeping Our  
 Neighborhood a Great  
 Place to Live"*

**Virtual Interests:**  
<http://www.zillow.com>: appraises the value of your property. It features a satellite view of the neighborhood and comparable home prices.

<http://www.pandora.com>: This is a radio-like site that suggests music based upon user input. It is neat for discovering new artists.

<http://ocw.mit.edu/index.html>: Take courses at MIT for free.

The Association's mission is to provide a community voice to advise city officials, staff, school personnel and the community at large about community needs, events and concerns.



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## BOARD ELECTIONS IN MAY

### Call for Nominations

SNA members are invited to submit nominations (which may include self-nominations) for board of directors positions open for election this spring. We are a working board and welcome your involvement.

The Association's membership and board year runs from July 1 to June 30. Board members serve staggered two-year terms. There are five open positions this spring.

### Timeline for nominations, the Spring 2006 election, and board transition:

- Deadline for receipt of nominations: Thursday, April 20
- Ballots mailed: Monday, May 1
- Deadline for receipt of ballots: May 31
- Old board/new board meeting: Thursday, June 15

Candidates must be members of the Association and may submit a statement of fifty words or fewer summarizing their qualifications and interests to accompany the ballot. We reserve the right to edit statements to fifty words, if necessary.

Please submit your name, phone and/or email contact information, and statement of

Mail to: Samarkand Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 3612, Santa Barbara, CA 93130-3612

Email to: devore@cox.net with "SNA Board nomination" in the subject line

Deliver to mail slot at 429 Stanley Drive