

**June, 2003**

**Neighborhood  
Garage Sale:**

**June 21, 2003**

**Location: Your  
Home**

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**REMINDER:  
Please, for our  
children's safety,  
obey the posted  
speed limit. Also,  
to avoid vehicle  
vandalism, make  
an effort to park  
in your driveway,  
especially at  
night.**



**SAN GABRIEL AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

## **Message from SGANA President**

Our neighborhood is in the midst of that time of year where our sense of community can be enhanced and reinforced. We are having our Annual Garage Sale on June 21 and on August 2 we are conducting our Ice Cream Social. These two events were greatly credited for bringing the neighborhood together as a cohesive community, hence our theme this year is "It is fun to build a community."

Our goal of building and developing a community will be significantly assisted by your participation in these two events. You will be pleasantly surprised to discover how much fun the communal act to selling your old junk can be. Take a little initiative and you will meet some new neighbors or get to know better old acquaintances.

Many do not subscribe to the idea that we are our brother's keepers but we all can relate to the concept of enlightened self-interest.

Being a responsible and considerate neighbor, a protector of the community, observant of suspicious activity and calling attention to such activity will pay dividends for you and your family in the future.

Don't make the choice of living among strangers. We, as an association, are attempting to give you the opportunity to break the ice with your neighbors. The warm weather is the perfect time in which to do this.

I want to thank each of you that made your monetary contribution to the neighborhood by paying your dues. Your actions have helped to alleviate the depletion of the Association's funds. I also would like to thank those who took the time to respond to our survey. We learned a great deal from the results that can be found within this newsletter.

The neighborhood's progress has been good.

The responses within the survey have given us great confidence in our direction. We have also observed that the neighborhood's upkeep and overall appearance has improved considerably. Your neighbors greatly appreciate your efforts in taking care of your space.

We were not able to adequately advertise the Great America Cleanup on April 26. We had only Board members Mark Webb, Joan Reynolds and Jean Chavez to cleanup the neighborhood's common areas. They did a remarkable job. It appears that the neighborhood has been very good about cleaning itself up. The Board (and their backs) thanks you.

There is a new feature in this newsletter. The youth will have their own section called the Youth Corner. Have your kids read this and perhaps they too can make their own valuable contribution to the community.

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NEWSLETTER

## Neighborhood Events: Events Committee

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale

It's time again to clean out your garage or get a treasure for pennies. SGANA will sponsor a neighborhood garage sale on Saturday, June 21, 2003. SGANA will provide

the advertising through the newspaper, newsletter, web site and signs. We hope to attract large numbers of buyers for your items.

Together, we can make what is normally a chore, an enjoyable activity.

### Ice Cream Social

Our Ice Cream Social is coming Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you would like to volunteer for any job, small or large, call or e-mail Debbie Chavira.

### National Night Out

We encourage everyone to take a walk around the neighborhood to meet your neighbors on Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> for the National Night Out starting at 7:00 PM. We hope by doing so we can build a sense of community and reduce crime. The Events Committee will see to it that tables will be set up in various places in the neighborhood with water and fruit for your enjoyment and convenience. If you wish to volunteer or have a table set up by your house call Debbie Chavira.

### Committee News

#### Beautification Committee

The Youth Committee and the Beautification Committee will together have a contest for the best looking yard in the neighborhood. We plan on giving two gift certificates from local restaurants or retail stores to the two best looking yards. It will be judged by the youth on July 1 so get your yards ready.

#### Welcoming Committee

The Welcoming Committee has recently welcomed five new families to the neighborhood. If you see your new neighbors at the following addresses, please add your own welcome: 3903 Inca; 4101 Pitt St.; 9800 Coda Pl.; 10319 Theresa Pl.; 3845 Pitt St.; 10012 Hendrix Ct.

We would also like to welcome a new member to the Welcoming Committee. We are glad to have Mary Snyder helping us.

We will be sending out e-mails to neighbors to remind them of the up-coming neighborhood garage sale on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Joan Reynolds, Committee Chairman

#### Traffic Committee

Dan Jones is the chairperson and he needs a couple of volunteers to help him with this committee. There are plenty of traffic issues that need to be addressed like obtaining speed bumps or "No U Turn" signs. Dan is planning on getting the city to place car counters on Pitt Street to get a handle on the number of cars that are traveling on the street. The traffic there has been a concern for the residents due to rush hour traffic from Eubank cutting through Pitt Street. Contact Dan Jones for more information.

### Board of Directors

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Crime Committee  
Chairperson needed.

## Youth Corner

We are pleased to introduce our new column "Youth Corner." We will focus on the vision of youth contributing to our neighborhood as well as our community. The goal of the youth committee is to involve young people. If you are of high school age or younger, you are invited to help instill positive attitudes by adults toward the youth as well as to give the youth a positive attitude toward themselves. We do this with the realization that our young people are full of energy, idealism and intelligence. We hope to find an outlet for these valuable qualities.

Tell us who you are, what you like, what you can do (yard care, pet care, house sitting), what your challenges are and your solutions to those challenges. Anyone interested in joining our committee and/or contributing to this article, please e-mail us at [Jeanchavez@cs.com](mailto:Jeanchavez@cs.com) or [VeRoNiCaAnGeL13@msn.com](mailto:VeRoNiCaAnGeL13@msn.com).

Our current volunteers are adult members Jean Chavez, Carol Driscoll and Debbie Chavira and youth members Veronica Correa and Jessica Pollock.

There will be a youth sponsored lemonade stand at 3733 Mary Ellen NE on June 21 during the Neighborhood Garage Sale. Please come and support our group.

Congratulations to all graduates and good luck in all your future endeavors.

## Newsletter Sponsorships

If you would like to help pay for this newsletter in the future, please contact Carl Chavez. Your name and business will be mentioned. Consider that this newsletter is distributed to approximately 500 families. For advertising, it is hard to beat.

## Survey Results

Here are some of the comments that accompanied the survey followed by the survey results. We appreciate the time you took to respond to our survey as well as for your comments.

Several people mentioned that the neighborhood was better, cleaner and safer because the house on San Gabriel has been cleaned up and renovated. Irresponsible pet owners were a problem for many: "Big problem is cats dumping in our back yard and killing birds"; "Noise is a big problem due to dogs barking all day"; "Dogs and cats running loose (is a big problem)"; "Way too many dogs barking".

Traffic issues were also raised. "(Traffic is a problem) due to increased traffic on Pitt Street by cars cutting off the Eubank/Montgomery intersection"; "High speed traffic on residential streets (is a problem)"; "Cars are too fast on San Gabriel". People were also concerned about trash and cigarette butts being thrown into their yards.

The Board was also commended by many for their work: "You are doing a great job, keep up the good work"; "I think you are doing a great job"; "The Board is commended on the superb job that they are doing. Thanks"; "We like the newsletter and commend people on the Board and the committees for trying to keep us informed".

## Membership Dues

Membership dues are voluntary. Dues are \$10 per household per year. Donations of more than \$10 are gratefully accepted. Mail to: Carl Chavez, 4109 Pitt NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111. Make checks out to SGANA.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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looks great on college  
applications

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Please send us your e-mail addresses. Send to [carlcbowls@cs.com](mailto:carlcbowls@cs.com). We will then be able to keep you informed of neighborhood events and other information in a timely manner.

1. In general, would you say that this neighborhood has become a better or worse place to live in the last year?  
 BETTER 29% WORSE 3% SAME 68%

2. Listed here are some problems that are often mentioned about neighborhoods. Can you say whether any of these are a big problem, something of a problem or little or no problem in our neighborhood?

	BIG	SOME	LITTLE/NO PROBLEM
CRIME	6%	41%	53%
NOISE	11%	39%	50%
TRASH		17%	83%
TRAFFIC	21%	47%	32%
RUNDOWN/ABANDONED HOMES		33%	67%
VANDALISM/GRAFFITI		35%	65%

OTHER? SPECIFY \_\_\_\_\_

3. Would you agree or disagree with this statement: "There is little my neighbors and I can do to solve problems in this neighborhood."

AGREE 5% DISAGREE 65% NOT SURE 30%

4. Do you and your neighbors get together for social events?

OFTEN 0% SOMETIMES 4% OCCASIONALLY 48% NEVER 48%

What about getting together for discussions about community or neighborhood needs?

OFTEN 0% SOMETIMES 4% OCCASIONALLY 24% NEVER 72%

5. Here are some contrasting ways to describe this neighborhood. Please pick the one that is closer to how you feel.

A REAL HOME 100% OR JUST A PLACE TO LIVE 0%

PEOPLE HELP EACH OTHER 74% OR PEOPLE GO THEIR OWN WAY 26%

EASY TO TELL A STRANGER OR HARD TO KNOW WHO'S A STRANGER

FROM THOSE WHO BELONG 63% OR HERE VERSUS WHO BELONGS 37%

6. Would you be willing to volunteer for any of these committees?

WELCOME/HOSPITALITY 14% EVENTS 9%

YOUTH \_\_\_\_\_ BEAUTIFICATION 4% TRAFFIC 9% CRIME 4%

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_ SPECIFY \_\_\_\_\_

7. Would you be willing to join the neighborhood in decorating your home with farolitos (luminarios) for the Christmas season? YES 63% NO 37%

8. Give us your suggestions regarding what you think can be done to improve this Association.

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