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ZOOM COMMUNITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2020 - 7:15 PM

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DON'T MISS OUR FIRST VIRTUAL COMMUNITY MEETING ON JULY 15

SOHA's inaugural virtual Zoom Community Meeting will be on Wednesday evening, July 15, (our normal 3rd Wednesday of the month) starting at 7:15 p.m. You can join our Zoom meeting by using any device – computer, iPad, tablet, or smartphone. The meeting is a webinar, so you can watch unseen from the comfort of your home, viewing only our Board members and guest speakers.

If you don't already have the free Zoom app on your device, visit www.zoom.us or your device's app store to install it. This takes a few minutes, so we suggest you do it a day or two before the meeting. You do not have to sign up for Zoom to join our meeting.

For those of you on SOHA's email list, we will send you a Zoom link a couple of days before the meeting and again on the day of the meeting. The Zoom link is the easiest way to join our meeting. If we do not have your email, please send it to SOHAZoomMtg@gmail.com now.

You simply click on the Zoom link a few minutes before the meeting starts at 7:15 pm. You will be connected to the waiting room until the meeting starts. If Zoom asks, "allow" your device to run the Zoom app and/or "allow" your video and audio to be activated.

If you do not receive SOHA emails and won't get the Zoom link, you can still join our meeting. Just open your Zoom app and enter the Meeting ID and Passcode below:

Meeting ID: 868 0766 4763

Passcode: 230707

If you would prefer to only listen to the meeting on your telephone, please call the telephone number below and enter the Meeting ID and Passcode when prompted:

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We encourage you to ask our guest speakers (see next page) questions. You can type your questions during the meeting using Zoom's Q&A feature. You can also email questions to us before the meeting at SOHAZoomMtg@gmail.com.

Until we can resume meetings at Notre Dame High School, we will have monthly Zoom meetings at our normal time of 7:15 pm on the third Wednesday of each month. We hope you can participate.

VIRTUAL MEETING - INFORMATIVE GUEST SPEAKERS

911/PARAMEDICS - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Our guest speaker will be Los Angeles Fire Department Captain Stacy Gerlich. She is in charge of all paramedic services for the San Fernando Valley. Captain Gerlich will discuss what you should explain if you need to call 911 for paramedic services. In addition, she will discuss what information you will need to provide them once the paramedics arrive at your location that might not be obvious to you.

Assistant City Attorney Andy Soliman will also be a speaker during our Zoom Meeting. He will discuss legal action being taken by him in Sherman Oaks and how he can help you if there is a problem in your neighborhood.

We also want to introduce you at the meeting to Los Angeles City Councilman David Ryu's Deputy Brad Fingard. He is now in charge of constituent services for Sherman Oaks. Have a problem – give him a call.

- ACTION NEEDED -

SINGLE-FAMILY NEIGHBORHOODS IN JEOPARDY

Maria Kalban, Chair of SOHA's Legislative Committee, reports that California's housing bills that allow apartments in single-family neighborhoods are being approved in the Senate and Assembly with shockingly the support of our State Senator Bob Hertzberg and Assemblyman Adrin Nazarian!! (Proof again that you need to judge elected officials by their actions – not their words.)

At a time when our public discourse centers around inequality and prejudice, our committee wants to state clearly that our fight is not with stopping people from moving into our communities. Our fight is against a legislature that punishes cities for not building enough affordable housing, which the State has legally prevented communities from doing, and insists that apartments must be allowed everywhere in single-family neighborhoods.

What the legislature fails to recognize is that communities can add needed housing within their existing commercial corridors without invading single-family neighborhoods. These commercial corridors were never fully developed because there was limited demand for additional housing.

SOHA supports bills that encourage building of housing in these corridors, including SB 1385, SB 1299 and AB 3308, and has sent letters of support for all of them.

We do not support SB 902, SB 1120, AB 725 and AB 3155. These bills unnecessarily attack single-family neighborhoods. There is no reason for opening up single-family neighborhoods for apartment construction, except to allow huge profits for developers.

If the fight was truly about affordable housing then these bills would mandate affordable units, but they don't. Allowing more building on each lot produces a huge income stream for deep pocketed developers. This is why developers support these bills and the legislators that introduce them.

Sherman Oaks already has a large percentage of apartments. No one is trying to stop apartments from being built. Sometimes our community fights for mitigation measures to make these apartment developments better living environments for all.

As long as we have locations to build more apartments, we should not be forced to build them in our single-family neighborhoods. SOHA will support well-planned affordable housing as a worthy goal while protecting the rights of every resident.

We encourage you to contact Senator Hertzberg and Assemblyman Nazarian – tell them they are on the wrong track. Demand that Hertzberg and Nazarian protect our neighborhoods – rather than benefiting developers who want to build market rate housing rather than affordable housing.

Email Senator.hertzberg@senate.ca.gov and Assemblymember.nazarian@assembly.ca.gov. Call Hertzberg at (818) 901-5588 and (916) 651-4018 and Nazarian at (818) 376-4246 and (916) 319-2046. Who do they really represent?

SUPPORT LOCAL RESTAURANTS - ENJOY SPECIAL OFFERS

Support our local restaurants and enjoy great food. See below for some special offers to SOHA members for 30 days from distribution of this newsletter. Support our community and help keep Sherman Oaks vibrant.

Mardi Gras Tuesday - 14543 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks 818-208-9838 A new creole restaurant (formerly known as Fat Tuesday) is serving great food and great fun! And, they're offering SOHA Members a 20% discount off food takeout orders (beverages excluded) - just mention promo code "SOHA" when ordering. The restaurant will offer dine-in as of July 14 - and every Tuesday beginning July 14 is Mardi Gras Tuesday, featuring Happy Hour all day! Monday through Thursday & Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Friday & Saturdays 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Valet or street parking.

Oliva Restaurant located at 4449 Van Nuys Blvd. at Moorpark a popular and authentic Italian restaurant is open for inside dining and offers many specials including for take-out, a free bottle of wine with an order of \$75.00 or more. Use the code Wine on your online or phone order.

Vitello's Restaurant located at 4349 Tujunga Ave in Studio City offers indoor dining and take out specials with many including a bottle of wine. This is a favorite for their great food and atmosphere.

Carnival Lebanese Restaurant located at 4356 Woodman Ave has just completed a major, beautiful remodel and is probably one of the most popular restaurant in Los Angeles. They will be offering outdoor dining.

VENTURA BLVD TO BE REFRESHED AS BUSINESSES REOPEN

Last month, Councilman David Ryu met with C.O.B.R.A (Coalition of Business/Residents Associations) of Sherman Oaks and Studio City to discuss revitalizing Ventura Boulevard as businesses reopen. Councilman Ryu recognized the significance of Ventura Boulevard to the vibrancy of Sherman Oaks and the San Fernando Valley. He has obtained funding for power washing the sidewalk along Ventura Boulevard, which hadn't happened in decades. Councilman Ryu is working with LA Sanitation to secure additional public trash receptacles along the Boulevard and has arranged for the Council District Four Clean & Green Team to service the Boulevard weekly to clean up litter on the sidewalk as well as replace overflowing trash bins.

FOLLOW SOHA'S NEW INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT

The Association now has an Instagram account. Follow at 914soha.

Also, remember to follow us on our Facebook account at www.facebook.com/soha914.

HELP PRESERVE OUR COMMUNITY

An important message from Membership Chair Nancy Sogoian: As we reflect on the many significant threats facing our community (and the wider world), we recognize the critical importance of not only maintaining well-being for ourselves and our family, but in preserving our community's quality of life.

In the wake of the significant economic toll caused by Covid-19, SOHA is working to support our local businesses, restaurants and retail: Imagine the grim possibility of one boarded up business or restaurant after another along Ventura Boulevard!

To help ensure our community remains vibrant, SOHA created a coalition of key local entities to work with our elected officials and City department managers to help keep our Boulevard alive with profitably-operating businesses to serve (and preserve) our community. This powerful coalition, named COBRA (Coalition of Business and Resident Associa-

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tions), consists of our Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association, the Sherman Oaks Chamber of Commerce, Sherman Oaks BID (business district), the Studio City Residents Association, the Studio City Chamber of Commerce, the Studio City Farmers Market and the Studio City BID, along with the Sherman Oaks and Studio City Neighborhood Councils.

Please also share this Newsletter with neighbors (request more copies to share via Contact Us at ShermanOaks914.com).

Very truly yours,



Richard H. Close, President

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