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# West End News

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## Nighborhood Events—Plan Ahead!

*By Dave Borton, WENA President*

Your West End Neighborhood Association is sponsoring two events in the next two months. Put them in your plans. Make contact with your neighbors. Have fun!

### National Night Out

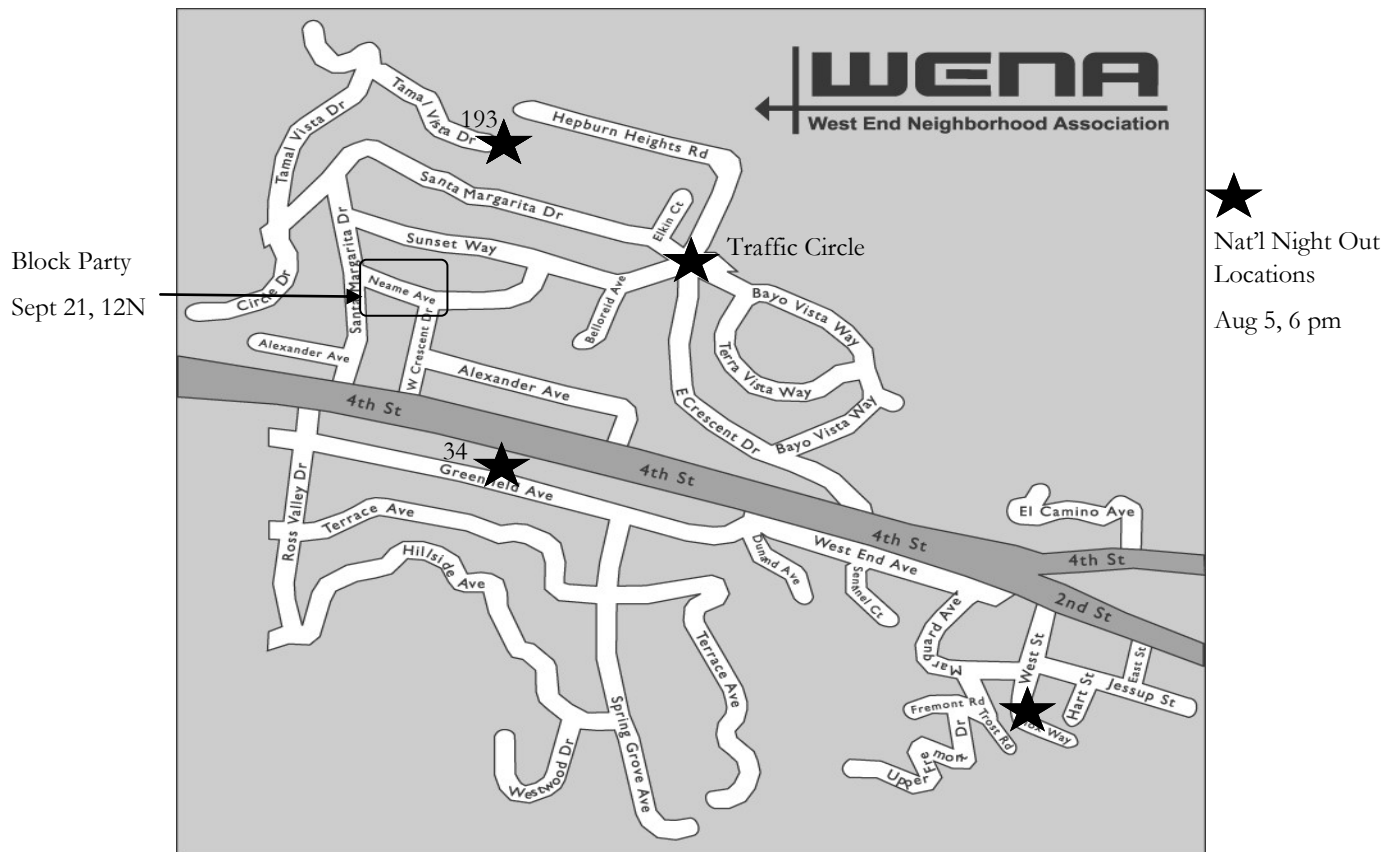
**Tues. Aug 5th, 6—8:30 pm**

This is the 31st annual national event to promote safety in a partnership between neighborhoods and the police and fire departments. This is WENA's 2nd year of support. Join neighborhood locations for ice cream socials.

### Block Party / Picnic

**Sat Sept 21, Noon to 3 pm**

The annual WENA block party and picnic will be held on Neame Street just north of 4th Street again this year. A BBQ with entertainment and a raffle will again be held. Put this on your calendar so you don't forget!



## National Night Out—Tues Aug 5th, 6 to 8:30 pm

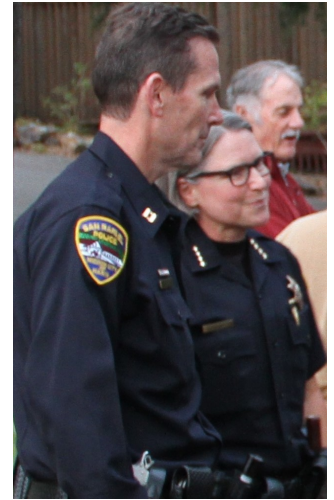
The introduction of National Night Out, “America’s Night Out Against Crime”, in 1984 began an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. National Association of Town Watch’s National Night Out program culminates annually, on the first Tuesday of August.

NATW’s Executive Director, Matt Peskin introduced National Night Out in

1984. The first National Night Out took place on Tuesday, August 7th 1984. That first year, 2.5 million Americans took part across 400 communities in 23 states.

National Night Out now involves over 37.8 million people and 16,124 communities from all fifty states, U.S. Territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide. San Rafael joined NNO three years ago; WENA joined last year.

WENA’s neighborhoods will celebrate with Ice Cream Socials from 6 to 8:30 pm on Tuesday August 5th. Join In!



## Annual Block Party / Picnic—Sat Sept 21st, 12N to 3 pm



The WENA “Block Party / Picnic” is held annually on Neame Street. They have been roaring successes. There were in excess of 100 attendees at all picnics - approaching 200 attendees last year. Neame Street is located on the north side of Fourth Street and is convenient to all West End residents. The residents on Neame Street will not park their cars on the street that day plus the leaf shaded street makes for an ideal picnic location.

There is no cost to attendees and the neighborhood association provides most of the food and beverages. Residents may bring side dishes to share. Beer and wine will be available. There will be entertainment for children and a generous raffle for adults. Clearly, this is an excellent opportunity to meet and greet West End neighbors.

The West End Neighborhood Association (WENA) is a non-profit, non-partisan association dedicated to fostering community and to enhancing the quality of life for our residents, both homeowners and renters. WENA provides a forum for voicing issues between residents and our local government. Our mission is to keep neighbors informed and connected so we can work together to solve problems, to safeguard our community, and to promote activities which beautify and respect our environment.