



May 2017



West End Neighborhood 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, May 20th, 3 to 5 p.m.

6 Corners Traffic Circle



Helpful Hints for the Cook-Off

WENA will supply tables, bowls, cups, utensils and napkins.

Attendees will provide the chili and drinks.

Can't bring a chili dish? Come anyway; there will be enough for a taste. When it's gone, it's gone.

Reservations are not required. Just show up. But let Chris know if you want your chili judged!

Taste & Vote for your Favorite Chili & Meet your fellow West Enders!

NEW THIS YEAR - KIDS MAC & CHEESE COOK-OFF

Do Your Kids Love to Cook? Have Them Enter!

Prizes for the Winners



Highlights from WENA Annual Meeting.....by Vicki Fernandez

Board Election:

Neighbor, Kelly Gallo, expressed an interest in how the Board works, but was not ready to run for a Board position this year. She was invited to attend the next Board Meeting. With no new candidates, the existing Board members agreed to continue to service in 2017. See box below for the 2017 WENA Board.

Topics of Discussion:

Victoria Dewitt presented the Shell Service Station remodel proposal. Pothole and drainage issues on Ross Valley Drive and Spring Grove were a topic of discussion. Jeff Hickman pointed out that it was effective to email the City with photos of the areas in question. There is a new radar sensor on the Miracle Mile intended to slow the traffic down. Parking continues to be an issue on Ross Valley Drive and Greenfield when there are meetings at Wesley Hall. A participant in one of the groups that meets at Wesley Hall has offered to work on this issue to mitigate the impact on neighbors.

Speaker: Marin County Supervisor Katie Rice

Our speaker, Supervisor Katie Rice, whose territory borders our own and has many of the same issues with drainage, slides, transients, and crime. She discussed SMART and some of the traffic issues that it presents to downtown. She told us about break-ins closer to the highway, and a recent rash of tools taken from homes being remodeled. In addition, there may be an increase of transient camping in open space areas as the weather warms up. She encouraged us to be alert and report suspicious activity to the Police Department.

The county is addressing homeless issues, particularly with the chronically mentally ill, providing a Psychiatrist to work in the jail where many end up, or the Emergency Room. The County has been working with individuals to find homes and connect them to services. This "Hot Team" was able to find homes for 15 people last year.

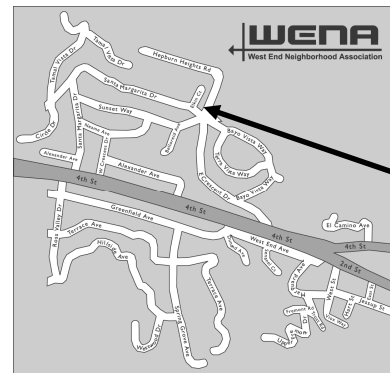
WENA Board 2017

Chris Leinbach, President
 Vicki Fernandez, Secretary
 Ben Negrete, Treasurer

Directors:
 Brian Walsh
 Richard Cunningham
 Dave Borton
 Greg Reel
 Emily Weissenberger
 Daniel Alm

2017 Dates to Remember

March 2nd Annual Meeting
 May 20th Chili Cook-off
 August 1st National Night Out
 September 17th Block Party
 December 2nd Holiday Party



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Membership Form - January to December 2017

WENA, 41 Greenfield Ave., San Rafael, CA 94901
 \$20.00 Per Household/Two Voting Members (\$10.00 Seniors Age 65+)
Homeowners & Renters are Invited to Participate & Join!

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I am interested in volunteering for: Annual Picnic Chipper Day Clear Open Space

Review Architect Plans Disaster Preparedness Beautification Projects

NEW Online membership at <https://squareup.com/market/west-end-neighborhood-association>

Or, Clip this form and mail to the above address with a check payable to WENA.