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**Candidates for WENA Board 2018**  
 Chris Leinback, President  
 Ben Negrete, Treasurer  
 Vicki Fernandez, Secretary  
**Directors:**  
 Dave Borton,  
 Greg Reel  
 Richard Cunningham  
 Emily Weissenberger  
 Brian Walsh  
 Daniel Alm

**2018 Calendar of WENA Events**  
 email:  
[wena.sanrafael@gmail.com](mailto:wena.sanrafael@gmail.com)  
**Board Meetings:**  
 11 Jan  
 26 April  
 28 June  
 8 Nov  
**Events:**  
 1 March – Annual Meeting  
 19 May – Chili Cook-off  
 7 Aug – National Night Out  
 16 Sept – Block Party  
 1 Dec – Holiday Party

**WENA Annual Meeting-Thursday, March 1**  
**Special Guest Speaker**  
**San Rafael Vice Mayor & Councilman;**  
**Hon. John Gamblin**  
**6:30 pm reception - 7:00 pm meeting**  
**First United Methodist Church, 9 Ross Valley Dr.**

By Daniel Alm, *Director*

San Rafael City Council will be transitioning from an at-large citywide system to district representative seats. In less than 90 days boundaries will be drawn demarking San Rafael into four council districts. The expedited action is in response to potential litigation respective to alleged violations of the California Voting Rights Act.

The WENA Board extended an invitation to San Rafael City Representatives to address the impending change that will impact the next council election in 2020. Mr. Gamblin has willingly accepted to share insights on the districting process. Many San Rafael residents are unaware of the change in our City’s representative system, we encourage you to learn more by attending the WENA annual meeting or participate in the 5 public hearings San Rafael will be conducting for input.

Public Hearing Timetable:

<b>1st Public Hearing:</b> Consider composition of districts	February 5, 2018
<b>2nd Public Hearing:</b> Consider composition of districts	February 20, 2018
Publication of draft maps and proposed election sequence	By February 26, 2018
<b>3rd Public Hearing:</b> Consider draft maps and election sequence	March 5, 2018
Publication of any new or revised draft maps and/or proposed election sequences	By March 12, 2018
<b>4th Public Hearing:</b> Consider draft maps election sequence, and introduce ordinance establishing district elections	March 19, 2018
Publication of any new or revised draft maps and/or proposed election sequences	By April 9, 2018
<b>5th Public Hearing:</b> Adopt ordinance establishing district	April 16, 2018

# 2017 WENA Accomplishments Presidents Message

By Brian Walsh, *Director*

Your board members working to improve the quality of life and infrastructure in the West End.

1. Volunteers landscaped the traffic circle at the 6 way intersection located at the end of Santa Margarita Dr. This required laying down weed block and spreading over 4 yards of mulch provided by Mark Wright from city of San Rafael dept Public works. This area is conducive to ongoing West End events.
2. Volunteers weeded the median at West End Ave.
3. Board members met with the director of public works, Bill Guerin, and assistant director Kevin McGowan to promote regularly scheduled comprehensive street sweeping in the West End, red curb painting, street repair Scenic Ave.
4. Board members met with Sergeant Aguilar, SR police dept Traffic supervisor, who agreed to and has assigned a police officer to enforce speeding on 4 th Street and enforce red light violations.

By Chris Leinback, *President*

Our neighborhood came together in multiple ways in 2017. Last fall, our biggest event of year, the annual picnic, was a huge success. Hosting over 150 neighbors we ate, played, talked and top it off with great raffle at the end. Thank you to all the neighbors who brought delicious food to share and all of our local businesses that donated to the raffle. Aside from the picnic, we have been very busy with other projects and events for the neighborhood throughout the year. We look forward to another great year of building relationships and working together to make improvements for our community. I hope to see you at our annual meeting.



Max, the Traffic Circle Crew Chief demonstrating proper mulching depth.

## Not a Member yet? Please support your Neighborhood Association & Join!

*Join over 100 of your neighborhood households in contributing to keep events i.e. the annual block party going. Be a part of your community.*

### **Membership Form - January to December 2018**

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.**

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.