

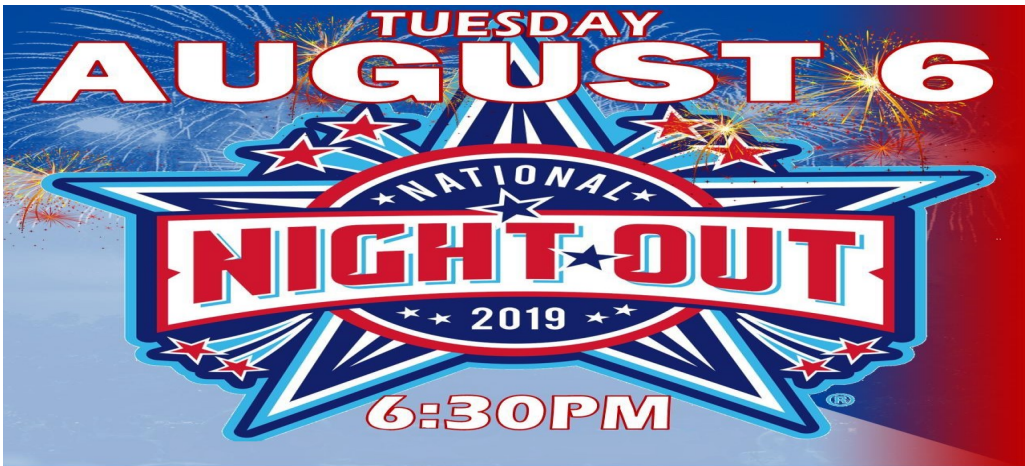


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**2019 Calendar of WENA Events**  
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**Board Meetings:**  
 10 Jan  
 16 April  
 20 June  
 15 August  
 7 Nov  
**Events:**  
 28 February – Annual Meeting  
 18 May – Chili Cook-off  
 6 Aug – National Night Out  
 15 Sept – Block Party  
 7 Dec – Holiday Party



### National Night Out and Growing Connections

By Sue Dizon, Glenn Dizon, Richard Cunningham

On Tuesday August 6, 2019, WENA invites you to participate in National Night Out. Join us in welcoming new neighbors and catching up with those you haven't seen in awhile!

This year WENA will have one location for National Night Out, in the front lawn at the; **San Rafael First United Methodist Church, 9 Ross Valley Drive, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.**

Members of the San Rafael Police and Fire Departments will come by to answer questions about preventing fires and reducing crime in our neighborhood and city.

PLUS...

**Growing Connections:** Many of us enjoy growing fruit, veggies and herbs in our yards. If you'd like to share your harvest, bring what you would like to share or trade. Bring your own bags so you can take home goodies grown right here in the West End! Even if you're not growing any food, please come to enjoy meeting your neighbors and learn more about how you can start your garden for next year. Let us know if you'd like help getting your bounty to the church lot.

This evening is a way to "grow" your connections and share what makes life in the West End special, such as favorite places to shop, eat, hike, adventure and where to find the best [fill in the blank].

Here's to a fun evening with our WENA neighbors!

For more information about the National Night Out program, check out <https://natw.org/about>

# Presidents Message

By Chris Leinbach

Through my work, I had firsthand experience with the Santa Rosa fires. Seeing the devastation there made me think about our community and what steps I can take to prevent this from happening to us. Recently, San Rafael created the Wildfire Protection and Prevention Plan to try to prevent that type of catastrophe. WENA wants to educate our community about this plan and help provide action steps to put it in place.

Juniper is one of the plants that need to be removed. With the help of a friendly neighbor we cut down the juniper on our property. The fire department, has a service where they will come to your property, bring a chipper and dispose of the unwanted trees at no cost to you.

I'm sharing this experience with you because we need our community to work together to keep our families and community as safe as possible, to prevent fires as best we can.

WENA is about creating a connection with your community. Please visit [www.cityofsanrafael.org/prepare-for-wildfire/](http://www.cityofsanrafael.org/prepare-for-wildfire/). If you need any assistance please don't hesitate to contact the WENA Board.

Before and after pics of my juniper removal project:



## 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 2019**

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.