

## Did You Know?

You do not have to be a peace officer to make an arrest. If you witnessed a crime, you have the right to make a private person's arrest, which is also commonly known as a citizen's arrest. Simply put, you can accomplish a citizen's arrest by doing the following:

- (1) Notify the police upon observing a crime.
- (2) Provide the police with information to assist them in identifying the violator.
- (3) Sign a citizen's arrest form (after this, most cases are usually concluded without your further involvement.)
- (4) Appear in court if and when requested by the District Attorney's Office.

If you want to learn more about citizen's arrests and all aspects of what your police department does, enroll in the San Rafael Citizen Police Academy. For further information call 485-3114.

## Your Neighbors Are My References!!

323 Bayview St	shingle style Arts/Crafts
322 Bayview St	English Tudor bungalow
231 Bayview St	shingle style Art/Crafts
153/155 Clark St	70's style duplex
523 C St	Victorian duplex
112 San Rafael Ave.	shingle style Arts/Crafts
200 Marin St.	shingle style Arts/Crafts
51 Clorinda	Victorian remodel
134 Clorinda	shingle style Arts/Crafts
362 Clorinda	contemporary style
365 Clorinda	contemporary style
2 Antonette	Spanish Style

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## 2002 Calendar of Events

March 30	Spring Fling
May 4	Neighborhood Clean-up
June 22	Garage Sale
September 16	Annual Picnic
October 23	Annual Meeting
October 31	Halloween Contest Judging

## Open Space

Have you noticed the large amounts of French broom that has been removed in the open space above Gerstle Park? This work is being done by volunteers Rene Mouly and Hugo Landecker. We are always looking for new volunteers for this project, which has been in progress for at least 12 years. Before we started, the area wasn't accessible due to heavy growth. Volunteers are rewarded by seeing more and more people make use of the wooded trails in this Gerstle Park Neighborhood prize. To volunteer, call Hugo Landecker at 456-0221 or email [clandecker@saber.net](mailto:clandecker@saber.net)



## GPNA Monthly Meetings

Remember, You're Invited!

GPNA meetings are now held at 7:30 p.m at Trinity Lutheran Church, 333 Woodland Avenue, San Rafael.

Upcoming dates are: Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

## Any Traffic, Drainage Problems?

The GPNA Neighborhood Plan Committee is currently at work addressing many issues to make our neighborhood a better place to live. The committee needs some help from the membership on the issues of traffic and drainage. If you have any suggestions or ideas on these items please call Hugo Landecker at 456-0221 or email [clandecker@saber.net](mailto:clandecker@saber.net).



# Quarterly Newsletter Spring 2002

## Gerstle Park Neighborhood Association

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## Spring Fling on March 30

This year's Spring Fling will be held on Saturday, March 30 at 11:00 a.m. The egg hunt (always a high point for the kids) will begin promptly at 11 so make sure you arrive a few minutes early. We will also have a visit from the Bunny, a raffle, and exciting activities to celebrate the arrival of warm weather and sunshine. Don't forget baskets for the kids and a smile for everybody!

Like all GPNA events, the Spring Fling happens as a result of donated time and resources. We always need help! Donations of colorful eggs, candy, and cupcakes, and Bunny assistants (to help hide literally hundreds of eggs), are much needed. Call Ken or Eve at 482-8391 if you can help or have ideas to make Spring Fling even more rewarding!

## Spring Clean Up Day on May 4

It's that time of year again! GPNA is sponsoring the Gerstle Park Neighborhood Clean Up Day with three dumpsters generously provided by Marin County Supervisor Hal Brown. We invite you to take advantage of this great opportunity to beautify your yard and the neighborhood. So sharpen your saws and shears and we'll see you with your yard debris at the dumpster locations. For your convenience, one will be located near the Bocce Courts on B Street and two will be at Short School. This event will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **YARD DEBRIS ONLY and PLEASE, NO PLASTIC BAGS OR HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE OF ANY KIND!** Please contact Krystyna at 382-1929 if you would like to volunteer to help.

## GPNA Focus for 2002

To keep residents informed of the activities of the GPNA Board, we would like to briefly review for you some of our major areas of focus for 2002. As always, we need and welcome your input into what's important to you and your neighbors as we continuously strive to keep Gerstle Park such a great place to live. The GPNA invites you to come to the monthly meetings and to volunteer to help on any item that is of interest to you.

### 2020 General Plan:

The GPNA Board is working closely with City officials to understand, plan and respond to their policy recommendations for the City 2020 Plan, especially in areas that may significantly affect Gerstle Park. Residents should be aware that current proposals involve encouraging increased housing density and allowable building heights as well as relaxed parking requirements and increased levels of traffic. Call the San Rafael Community Development Department (485-3085) to obtain a copy of their latest General Plan Policy Recommendations. (Web address: <http://www.cityofsanrafael.org/generalplan>)

### Safety Issues:

- SR Police Department Neighborhood Meetings/Updates.
- "Hot Spot" identification & action.
- Emergency Response Team being explored.

### Parking/Traffic:

- Community Survey and collaboration with transit officials.
- Exploration of Golden Gate Ferry shuttle, traffic flow issues.

### Quality of Life:

- Noise Ordinance Revision.
- Ongoing review of construction plans in neighborhood.
- Gerstle Park Tiny Tots Play Area Revamp.
- Seasonal/Holiday events.
- Issues concerning housing density.

### GPNA Neighborhood Plan:

- Planning and documentation of long-term needs and goals.
- Ongoing interaction with City officials to incorporate our long-term needs and goals as part of the General Plan 2020.

### Short School:

- Continuous interaction between San Rafael City Schools and the neighborhood concerning the site's upcoming use as a transitional school.
- Construction, traffic, parking, maintenance and occupancy collaboration.
- Tracking discussions and ideas concerning the eventual long-range use of the site.

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### Holiday Decorating Contest Winners

Many thanks to all you neighbors who helped to make our neighborhood a warm and beautiful place with your decorations during the holiday season. This year, since there were so many outstanding houses, we changed things a little by making of list of categories to recognize very special decorations, as follows:

- Best Outdoor Tree: 149 Greenwood.
- Most Candy Caney: 134 Clorinda.
- Most Totally Spectacular Lights: 350 Clorinda.
- Most Spiritual: 350 Clorinda.
- Most Patriotic: 342 Bayview.
- Most Wonderful in Daytime, As Well As Night: 112 San Rafael Ave.
- Decorations Most Becoming to a Historic House: 117 San Rafael Ave. and 332 D St.

We know there were a lot of other wonderful decorations out there! A gift of \$100 in the names of our winners was presented to our local Red Cross chapter in honor of September 11 victims.

### Police Meet With Gerstle Park Neighbors

On Feb. 2, GPNA co-sponsored with the San Rafael Police Department a community meeting to address crime and citizen/police interaction in our neighborhood. There were 12 police representatives, each from a different part of the Department. Also present were City Council members Cyr Miller and Barbara Heller. Some interesting crime statistics were presented for our neighborhood:

- Vandalism: 63 in 1995, 35 in 2001, current trend is upward.
- Theft from an auto: 70 in 1995, 35 in 2001, current trend is upward.
- Peace disturbance: 610 in 1995, 450 in 2001, current trend is upward.
- Assault: 43 in 1995, 37 in 2001, current trend is down.
- Traffic collision: 110 in 1995, 123 in 2001, current trend is upward
- Suspicious Circumstance: 760 in 1995, 750 in 2001
- Burglary: 72 in 1995, 37 in 2001, with the number tripling in the last two years.

Generally, the upward trends reflect nationwide trends. The great increase in burglaries is partially attributed to thefts that take place at construction sites.

Neighbors were reminded to program their cell phones with the SRPD emergency number. If you need to reach the SRPD quickly from a cell phone, calling 911 will simply delay your call.

There are two big deterrents to crime that only YOU can put in place. One is to know your neighbors. The second is to call the police regardless of how minor the crime might be. A number of residents reported that they had witnessed crimes in the neighborhood but never called the SRPD. The officers say, "Please call, so that we can do our job of working for you!"

Neighbors identified to the police two areas of the neighborhood considered to have particular problems. They are First Street between B & C Streets and the area surrounding Gerstle Park. We are planning to have a follow-up meeting for residents living in those specific areas.

### “Survey Says. . . “

Approximately 45 people responded to our last newsletter’s survey of Gerstle Park residents. Here are the results:

#### GG TRANSIT

• Do You Want GG Transit Ferry Service?  
YES 68% NO 12/% DON’T CARE 20%

- Option A = 31%  
Eastbound: 4th to B to Woodland to Bellam to Andersen  
Westbound: Woodland to B to 1st to C to 4th
- Option B = 21%  
Eastbound: 4th to A to Andersen  
Westbound: Andersen to A to 4th
- Option C = 48%  
Eastbound: 4th to D to Taylor to Woodland to Bellam to Andersen  
Westbound: Woodland to B to 1st to C to 4th

#### PARKING

- Restrict parking (related comments received):
- On street cleaning days YES 59% NO 41%  
(Clean during day when most at work)  
(Clean alternate sides on different days)
  - To residents and guests YES 40% NO 60%
  - No overnight street pkg YES 24% NO 76%  
(No overnight RV Parking)

#### NOISE

- Construction noise start time?  
6-8 am = 35% 8-9 am = 59% No Answer = 6%

- Construction noise end time?  
4-7 pm = 70% 7-10 pm = 24% No Answer = 6%
- Garbage collection  
5-7 am = 50% 7-9 am = 50%
- City Exempt from Noise Ordinance  
YES = 17% NO = 74% No Answer = 9%

#### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

(mentioned in more than one or two survey submissions)

- No construction noise should be allowed on Sundays
- Airplane noise should be addressed in the new ordinance
- Leaf blowers should be banned

With these survey results in mind, the GPNA Board has responded to the City of San Rafael’s proposed noise ordinance with comments which we believe reflect the neighborhood’s overall consensus. If your response to the newly proposed Noise Ordinance is not represented by the above survey results, you may wish to address the City in an individual letter. Also watch for the City’s announcement of a “public comment presentation” which will include demonstration of decibel ratings.

Thank you for taking part in our survey. We can only represent your views if you are willing to share them.

**The newsletter is delivered to some 1200 households in the Gerstle Park neighborhood, regardless of whether membership has been paid. If you or a neighbor missed receiving a newsletter at home, call Cynthia at 456-0221 to let us know. We also have a newsletter box at the Gerstle Park Kiosk.**

### Gerstle Park Neighborhood Association (GPNA) Membership Application

Please complete the information below and return with your check to:  
GPNA, P.O. Box 150644, San Rafael, CA 94915-0644

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Would you like to be included on our mailing list?  Yes  No

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Amount Enclosed\*: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \*Annual donation: \$10.00 per household (\$5.00 seniors) - 1 voting member

Payment Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Term of membership is from November 1<sup>st</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>

How did you hear about GPNA?  Friend  Newsletter  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Welcome to GPNA!