

The Cabrillo-Centerville Connection

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The Cabrillo-Centerville Neighborhood Network Newsletter—Community Matters!

SUMMER CALENDAR

June 15 - July 1

Centerville's Depot Days

Depot Days kicks off on Father's Day with an exciting train ride to Jack London Square. (see story, page 3)

June 16

Cabrillo-Centerville

Neighborhood Network Meeting

Saint James Episcopal Church, 37051 Cabrillo Terrace, at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Pam Nelson at 510-727-8832

June 18

Last day of school for FUSD

June 28

Junior Giants Opening Day

Registration Going On Now! (see story, page 2)

June 30 - August 14

Summer Playground Program

Mon-Fri, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Cabrillo School, 36700 San Pedro Drive. For children entering 1st through 6th grade. Registration done by lottery. Please arrive at school on June 27th between 7 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. to place your children's name in the drawing. You may register all of your family's children, or two if your child and a friend's or relative's. Cost is \$25 (some additional fees for special events or field trips). For more information, please call 510-494-4386.

July 4th

Parade in Warm Springs

Support the CBA parade entry by turning out for the 4th of July Parade, held in Warm Springs this year!

July 26 & 27

Fremont Festival of the Arts

August 5 - National Night Out

(see story on page 3)

All Summer long!

Centerville Farmers Market

Saturdays, through November 7, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., near the Centerville Train Station, 37270 Fremont Blvd (near Bonde Way)

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, September 20th

Cabrillo-Centerville

Neighborhood Network Meeting

More information in next newsletter.

S.H. Cowell Foundation provides leadership development for neighborhood activists

On April 25 and 26, ten people working together to strengthen community in the Cabrillo-Centerville neighborhood traveled to Santa Rosa to participate the first of three leadership convenings hosted by the S.H. Cowell Foundation. In September 2002, the S.H. Cowell Foundation approved a three-year grant to the Fremont Family Resource Center (FRC) in support of its community building efforts in the Cabrillo neighborhood.

The Centerville-Neighborhood Network group that attended the leadership convening consisted of Cabrillo residents Ken Hardman, Carla Jeffries, Gaby Machuca, Ronda Terra and Ethel Smith; Patterson after-school program coordinator Robin Michel; FRC Community Organizer Patricia Garcia; FRC Administrator Judy Schwartz; and Congregations Organized for Renewal (COR) staff Gina Martinez and Pam Nelson.

The purpose of the Cowell leadership convenings is to support leadership development not only in Cabrillo, but in other neighborhoods where Cowell is making place-based grants for neighborhood improvement. Cabrillo and three other Northern California neighborhoods described their various projects, challenges, and successes; shared strategies; and brainstormed solutions—collectively and within their own neighborhoods. Participants had an opportunity to look at their own leadership styles and to assess their groups' collective strengths. The Cabrillo-Centerville Neighborhood Team developed an action plan that includes launching this newsletter, expanding the neighborhood list-serve, and involving more parents and community members in neighborhood activities.

"What I most enjoyed about the experience," said Cabrillo neighborhood activist Ken Hardman, "was

meeting others active in the neighborhood, and hearing their stories."

Carla Jeffries, a Cabrillo activist, businesswoman and full-time student at Ohlone found the retreat so inspiring and informative that she adapted one of the activities for a speech she needed to give for finals at Ohlone.

According to Susan Vandiver, Vice President of Grant Programs for the Cowell Foundation, effective leadership development supports people over time with consistent learning partners. All of those who attended were paired with a learning partner. Learning partners provided one another an important check-in from time to time, and will continue to do so through out the year as they gently remind each other of their individual and collective goals set during the convening.

"I found the experience life changing," said community organizer Patricia Garcia, "—a very profound experience."

As one of the convening facilitators said, developing trusting relationships that support and encourage one another in the community building process is essential.

If you would like to take a more active role in strengthening our community, please attend the next Cabrillo-Centerville Neighborhood Network meeting on Monday, June 16th, at Saint James Episcopal Church, 37051 Cabrillo Terrace, at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Pam Nelson at 510-727-8832.

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A thing is right when it supports the stability, integrity, and beauty of the community of life.

— Aldo Leopold

Bay Area Writing Project's Summer Youth Writing Camp for grades 3-8 offered at American High School this summer

The Bay Area Writing Project (BAWP), a collaborative program of UC Berkeley and Bay Area Schools, is dedicated to improving the teaching of writing from kindergarten through university. Through BAWP's Summer Youth Writing Camps, students have the opportunity to explore their writing interests, discover their strengths, and learn more about the craft of writing. The camps provide in-depth writing instruction, structured writing workshop time, and sharing with peers. Classes are from June 23 through July 18, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information, please call 510-642-0971 or visit www.bayareawritingproject.org.

FremontOnline: new youth Jobs category

Your summertime hiring solution is just a click away!

The City of Fremont Human Services Department, FremontOnline and the Alameda County Water District have partnered to help youth find summer jobs through www.fremontonline.org.

The Human Services Department met with the management team of FremontOnline to discuss the creation of a Youth Jobs category. The Human Services Department printed a flyer promoting this new Youth Jobs category on FremontOnline, and the Alameda County Water District agreed to promote the new online service for teens and employers by including the flyer in water bills that went out to more than 50,000 businesses and residents in Fremont in their last two billings.

Want to submit an article, calendar and/or news item? Or would you like information on advertising in the next issue of *The Connection*? Please call Robin at 510-574-2286.

Cabrillo neighborhood scores big hit with Junior Giants!

Junior Giants, the flagship program of the Giants Community Fund, is coming to the Cabrillo neighborhood this summer! This non-competitive summer baseball league will serve Cabrillo youth ages 5-13, providing an important recreational and character development opportunity for children who could not otherwise afford to play organized baseball.

The Family Resource Center has joined forces with the Giant's Community Fund to offer children a chance to learn the basics of baseball and—more importantly—to learn the importance of self-esteem and respect.

"Unique to the program," says board member Dick Cohn, "is the emphasis placed on building strong values and character." Self-esteem, teamwork, leadership, trustworthiness, sportsman-

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The Giants Community Fund will provide the Cabrillo Junior Giants League with balls, bats, pitching machines and all other necessary equipment needed for game and practice. In addition, each player and coach is given a Junior Giants T-shirt and Giants cap.



The Junior Giants Summer League begins June 28, 2003 and continues through August 7, 2003. Sign ups for players and coaches are going on now. Professional training by the Giants is provided to the volunteer coaches at a special Coaches Clinic held at Pacific Bell Park on June 21st at 9 a.m.

If you would like to more information on registering a child to play, or would like to volunteer, please contact Junior Giants Commissioner Ronda Terra at 510-449-1271 or by email at rterra@ci.fremont.ca.us.

If you or your company would like to sponsor a child so that he or she can become a Junior Giant this summer, please contact Robin Michel at 510-574-2286.

Let's Party on National Night Out!

Annual event strengthens neighborhoods, helps prevent crime

Cabrillo and Centerville, are you ready for National Night Out? The City of Fremont is inviting us to join our neighbors on National Night Out (NNO), Tuesday, August 5th. Designed to strengthen neighborhoods and raise crime prevention awareness by helping

neighbors get to know one another, NNO parties include block parties, barbecues, ice cream socials or any other activity held outside and involving one's neighbors. NNO parties happen in single-family neighborhoods, townhouse complexes, apartment buildings, or in nearby schools and parks.

"Last year, 101 parties were held in Fremont neighborhoods," said Claudia Albano, City of Fremont, Office of Neighborhoods. "The Cabrillo neighborhood, which did not participate the year before, hosted four parties in 2002. We would love to see the number of Cabrillo residents who participate double or triple."

"It's a fun event," said Lirio Gonzalez, a Cabrillo resident who hosted a party last year. "Neighbors met neighbors, and we all had a good time."

If your group would like to block off a street for your NNO party, contact Jackie Hall at the City of Fremont, Development Services Center at 510-494-4487. To block off your street, you will need a permit, which costs \$20. The permit deadline is Friday, July 18,

2003. You can download an event application at www.ci.fremont.ca.us/Permits/OtherPermits/SpecialEventsPermit.htm or pick up one up at 39550 Liberty Street.

To register your event with the City of Fremont's Office of Neighborhoods, contact Geneva Wheeler at 510-790-6957 or gwheeler@ci.fremont.ca.us. When registering, please include the following information:

- Name
- Your address
- Home and work phone numbers
- Event address or location
- Expected number of people

The *Block Party Guide* provides practical tips for organizing a successful event and is available from the Office of Neighborhoods. To receive a free copy, contact Eldred Nethercott at 510-790- 6740.

Do put it on your calendar to host or attend a National Night Out party on August 5th!

A block party is a great way to meet your neighbors, strengthen community, share information, socialize, and just plain have fun!

Do you have a Neighborhood Crime Watch Group on your Street?

A successful National Night Out celebration can generate interest and support for creating a Neighborhood Crime Watch (NCW) in your area. The NCW program provides residents with an opportunity to:

- Meet and get to know your neighbors
- Work as a team to make your neighborhood a better place
- Develop a neighborhood map and telephone roster to help you communicate
- Receive the latest crime statistics for your neighborhood
- Learn how crime occurs and what you can do to reduce your chances of becoming a victim
- Learn how to recognize and report suspicious activity without becoming physically involved

Establishing a crime watch takes a little effort, but can produce great results. If you are interested in starting a group—or finding out if one exists on your street—contact Geneva Wheeler at 790-6957.

Centerville's Depot Day – this Father's Day, run Dad out of town on a rail!

Climb aboard a roundtrip train excursion from Fremont's historic Centerville Train Depot to Jack London Square on Sunday, June 15th. Train departs at 1:13 p.m. (check in by 12 noon). Passengers receive a keepsake canvas bag, a "Passport to Centerville Businesses" game card, snack, juice, and more. \$12/Adults \$4/Age 15 and under (children must be accompanied by

"Passport to Centerville Businesses"
You can also pick up your Passport game card at local businesses or on the carton of a Round Table pizza box. The game is easy: visit area merchants before July 1st and get your passport stamped. The more stamps you collect, the more prizes you can win! All stamped passports must be returned to the Centerville Depot for entry into different prize drawing categories. Support your local business community and have fun at the same time!

an adult) Enjoy live jazz and activities for the whole family, including a caricature artist, model train display, hands on kid's craft tables, and kid's fingerprinting station, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sponsored by the Centerville Business Association. For more information and to purchase tickets, please call 510-793-3061 or visit www.cbafremont.com

Two great ways you can help your community schools

Mentors needed!

YOU can make a difference in the life of a child

Want to make a significant difference in the life of a child who needs help? By donating only 1 to 2 hours of your time a week you can change a life! Children at Patterson, Cabrillo and Oliveira Elementary Schools desperately need mentors to help them achieve academic success, boost their self-esteem, and learn positive interactions with caring adults.

Please contact one of the following after-school program coordinators if you would like to make an investment in the future of our children: Gaby Machuca, Oliveira, 510-574-2288; Robin Michel, Patterson, 510-574-2286; Ronda Terra, Cabrillo, 510-574-2283

Cabrillo Community Schools Collaborative raising money for Sports4Kids

During the 2002-2003 school year, students at Cabrillo, Oliveira, and Patterson Elementary Schools have enjoyed Sports 4 Kids, a non-competitive sports program that builds self-esteem, encourages teambuilding and cooperation, promotes greater health awareness, and reduces recess conflict. Ask parents, educators—and especially the kids—all will tell you: "We love Sports4Kids!"

Each school offers its student body recess activities; junior coach leadership training; classroom game time sessions; and an after-school program. Although the program is heavily subsidized by Sports4Kids, each school must come up with a local match.

The schools are asking your help to continue this program at your children's schools. If you would like more information about Sports4Kids, or would like to make a tax deductible contribution, please contact the principals at the following schools:

Cabrillo: 792-3232 • Oliveira: 797-1132 • Patterson: 793-0420

Read to your children this summer!
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Dream Big: Mini-Grants available to make your dream come true!

Have you ever wanted to teach a carpentry class for kids, start a neighborhood quilting bee or community garden? If so, funding may be available to help you make your dream come true!

The Cabrillo-Centerville Neighborhood Network is interested in funding projects from residents to benefit the neighborhood and/or Cabrillo, Oliveira and Patterson Elementary Schools. Mini-grants ranging from \$100 to \$2,000 are now available through the generosity of the S.H. Cowell Foundation, Evelyn and Walter Haas Jr. Fund, and United Way of the Bay Area.

Projects already funded include an after-school drama club, a crocheting class, a movies in the park event and a garden club. If you have an idea and would like more information on how to apply, please contact FRC community organizer Patricia Garcia at 510-574-2276 for assistance.

Centerville Business Association (CBA) strengthens community, promotes local businesses

The Centerville Business Association (CBA), a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the economic and social welfare of the Centerville Business District, is looking to increase its members! Be in the business of being part of your community. CBA is open to any business, person or organization with an interest in promoting Centerville and its adjoining neighbor, Cabrillo.

This fun, lively group meets every Wednesday at the Cabrillo Park Cafe, 4673 Thornton Ave., with a no host breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and meeting from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. A business membership is just \$50.

"Benefits include having your business and a link listed on our website," said President Bruce Young, "as well as being able to pass out literature at the Centerville Farmers Market, which attracts thousands during the summer."

These are only a few of the benefits, according to Young, who said that membership in CBA provides business leaders with a powerful community presence, providing a voice to the planning commission and city council, the opportunity to enjoy notable guest speakers, and to participate in CBA-sponsored events, such as political candidate forums, open houses, Depot Days and more. For more information on joining CBA, please call Bruce 510-795-6000.

Strong neighborhoods prepare for disaster

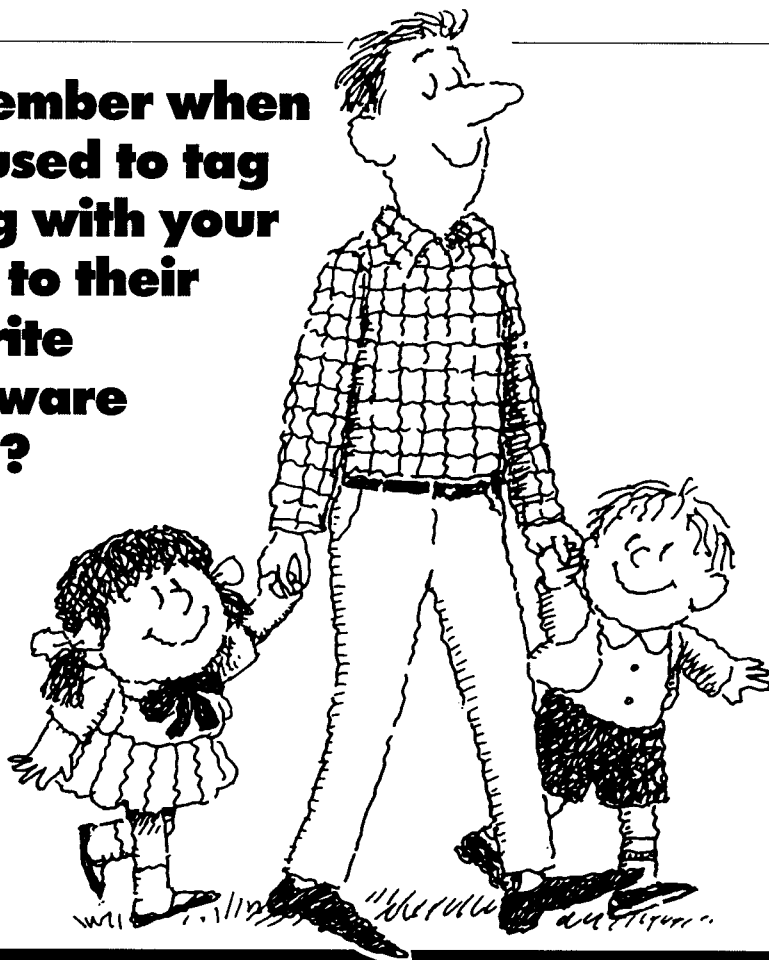
There are many things neighborhoods can do to prepare in case of a disaster, but nothing is better than neighbors encouraging each other to go through the City of Fremont Fire Department's free CERT training. The CERT program is designed to help residents become self-sufficient in a major disaster by developing multi-functional teams of volunteers. Volunteers are usually the first on the scene, but they will be ineffective or at personal risk if they do not have the proper disaster response training. The CERT course consists of 18 hours of training (6 different weekly 3-hour sessions) featuring both lecture and hands-on skills practice. After com-

pleting the CERT course, residents are able to function as a member of a trained team, armed with the knowledge and skills that allow them to help themselves, their families, and their community.

Anyone living in Fremont can become a CERT member. Neighborhood associations, church groups, community organizations, and business groups are also encouraged to participate.

If you're interested in becoming a CERT member, call the CERT hotline: 510-494-4726; fax: 510-494-4822; or e-mail: fremontfire@ci.fremont.ca.us. Include your name, phone number and the number of people in your neighborhood interested in participating.

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Call Bruce Young at 795-6000 for more information, or visit www.cbafremont.com

**Fremont Family
Resource Center**

**39155 Liberty Street
Fremont, CA 94538
510-574-2000**

The mission of the Fremont Family Resource Center (FRC) is to improve the quality of life and strengthen individuals, teens and families through services and activities. Over twenty different non-profit, state, county, and city agencies are co-located at the FRC to provide a host of integrated services, including:

adult and youth employment • cash aid • food stamps
child care information & referral • counseling
disability services • legal assistance referrals
public health & mental health services • housing info
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domestic violence prevention • workshops
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