

HOLIDAY GREETINGS!

WJCNA MEETING AND HOLIDAY GET-TOGETHER:

Wednesday, December 15, 2005 at 7PM in the
DAY TRIPPING CLUBHOUSE
759 Mendocino Ave.

Holiday Egg Nog and Punch will be served so

**BRING YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS COOKIES OR FINGER FOODS TO
SHARE!**

Our Association will host its last meeting of the year
to briefly review the following topics and agenda items:

ST. ROSE HISTORIC DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Our neighbors to the South and invited guests to our upcoming meeting have ‘been there and done that.’

According to their website: <http://www.strosedistrict.org/>, public buildings and residences in this historic preservation neighborhood date back to 1872. As the City continues to grow around them (and us) in accordance to the guidelines of the General Plan, they have been beset by traffic and parking problems, homeless shelters as well as a litany of similar issues facing our neighborhood. Traffic diverters and restricted parking have been just some of their proposed solutions submitted to a City Council whose coffers have been depleted by budget woes. In spite of those same woes which were cited to deter our pursuit of similar parking issues, through mitigation, their neighborhood will soon have the benefits---and perhaps a few inconveniences---of restricted parking. Once implemented, our West Junior College neighborhood will be the only neighborhood in a corridor from the Santa Rosa Plaza to Steel Lane, flanked by Highway 101 and Mendocino Ave., which will not have restricted parking. You are left to draw your own conclusions as to the ramifications of that.

Not only would it be just plane neighborly to come by and meet our nearest neighbors to the South, but also beneficial to hear from them first-hand of their triumphs, trials and tribulations. Perhaps an alliance with them and other associations in the pursuit of similar issues facing downtown residents may be a consideration. As our neighborhood continues to consider the viability of historic district designation, it would be beneficial for us to hear from representatives of one of the oldest Historic Districts in Santa Rosa. It is befitting that we host them in one of our neighborhoods’ historic jewels, a circa late 1800 farmhouse which is an example of the assimilation of mixed-use development into the neighborhood.

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TRAFFIC-CALMING DEVICES

When will Santa install the long-awaited measures which have been on our WJCNA wish list to protect neighborhood children, pets and the rest of us?

Just like good Santa's helpers, WJCNA neighbors have met with Rob Sprinkle in the City's Traffic Engineering Department who walked neighborhood streets with Traffic Committee members during peak traffic periods to discern problems and collectively identify acceptable solutions. City Council, along with the impacted departments, commissions and committees rubber-stamped those solutions and even during this period of severe belt-tightening, a source of funding has been identified! Rob tells us that the design phase began a week ago and the implementation of the final designs depends upon whether the projects are completed in-house or farmed out to bid. Rob has requested that neighbors whose residences are in immediate proximity to the traffic circles and who would like to provide input on the landscaping to be installed, please provide their names to him at our December 15th meeting. It won't be in time for Christmas, but some time soon after the first of the year, it looks like Santa will be bringing a gift of improved traffic safety to our neighborhood.

NATIONAL GUARD HOMELESS SHELTER OPENS

The onset of overnight freezing temperatures has resulted in the opening of the doors of the armory as a shelter for the homeless in our community

To forestall the onset of any subsequent issues impacting the WJCNA, a representative has requested and will be present at our upcoming meeting. Please bring your past experiences and concerns so they may be addressed. In the Spirit of the Season, you may want to consider volunteering as servers for an evening as a group of us did last year. When the 'issue' has a face and a story, we become far more sensitive to the challenges our City and non-profit agencies face in providing food, clothing, shelter and services to the homeless geared to eventually stop the cycle of events which got them where they are in first place.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Agenda of the first WJNA meeting of the New Year will include the election of three co-chairs.

For more than a year ago now, a majority of neighbors decided that in lieu of electing a president to direct the administrative responsibilities of the WJCNA, that the election of three co-chairs would diversify and expand the interests to include the entire neighborhood.

That decision has not only proven successful, the residual effect has been the spreading of the responsibilities so they do not land on the shoulders of just one individual. The issues facing this current slate of co-chairs were addressed by a grassroots movement of neighbors which began long before we took office. Some were resolved, others will be turned over to the leadership of others to whom the torch will be passed. In the interim, the Association has been formalized to include bylaws and an election of officers. The actions of the WJCNA have identified it as a viable force which has garnered favorable

comments from Vice Mayor, Jane Bender, Council member, Mike Martinni and retired Police Chief, Mike Dunbaugh, among others. The safety and quality of life of our neighborhood could benefit from new and different perspectives like yours. Won't you consider nominating yourself as an officer to continue the legacy and keep the momentum going?

Agenda:

Comments from St. Rose Historic District Representatives

Comments from Homeless Shelter Representative

Reports:

Traffic Committee

SRJC Parking Structure Committee

Historic District Designation Consideration Committee

Distribution of WJCNA Bylaws

(To meet babysitting requirements, previous commitments, etc., the meeting will begin promptly at 7Pm so we may end on time)

Holiday social hour to follow for those who wish to stay

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