



SGANA

San Gabriel Area Neighborhood Association July 2014

Change Update:

In the April issue we wrote about changes your Board has been implementing to help make our great neighborhood a safer and more enjoyable place. We hinted at transforming the traditional Ice Cream Social into a **Block Party and Movie Night**. Now we are bringing you more details.

First mark your calendar - date is **Saturday, August 23rd beginning at 6:30 p.m.** Location is Mitchell Park on Comanche. SGANA, Passage Community Church, Mitchell Elementary School, The Cycle Cave and possibly some local businesses are collaborating to offer games, refreshments, a bicycle clinic, information about the Annual Meeting and perhaps a Trivia Quiz.. The family-friendly movie **Wreck-It Ralph** will be shown beginning at about 8:00 p.m. We will have access to indoor restrooms.

Some game options will be volley ball, Frisbee, basketball and corn hole. The Cycle Cave will offer instruction in basic bike maintenance such as tire and chain care and replacement. Circumstances permitting our neighborhood Fire Station will make an appearance to answer questions about services they provide. One aspect of partnership with Mitchell is an invitation to you to bring something to help out in the classrooms. Some suggestions are boxed facial tissue, disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer, #2 pencils, 24-count box crayons, bottled white glue, glue sticks, scissors (rounded, pointed or sharp), pocket folders (with brads), pink erasers, boxed colored pencils, boxed watercolors, wide-lined spiral notebooks, packages of 3-hole wide-lined paper, zipper bag or school box, quart or gallon Zip Lock baggies, red pens, package of water-based markers, erasable pens (black or blue), ruler, protractor, compass.

We also promised you the results of an interview with Joe Sommers, General Manager of **Scarpas**. The first thing we learned is that change is part of the history of the corner of Montgomery and Eubank. A vacant building, formerly a Shoney's, on the market, high traffic and visibility, easy access from I25 and I40, near a strong residential community and no eateries offering Italian cuisine - sounds good. Add to that locally owned, no out-of-state corporate office, a pre-existing strong connection to the community, a commitment to using local products whenever possible, unprocessed, homemade even down to the dressings - could be a recipe for success.

After 15 years it all seems to be working even in changing economic times. The delicious menu is both stable and responsive to the tastes of a cliental that is 70% regional, a strong community comprised of families who find the menu affordable and in line with nearby corporate franchises. Longevity of service is also a hallmark of Scarpas; Joe has been General Manager for 13 years, some of the servers have been there for as much as 10 years - "regulars" ask for them by name. And many local charities and agencies, including schools, have benefited from the service mind-set of the management either through direct contributions or by catered fund-raising events.

So where did the name Scarpas come from? Well, the owners name is Jim Schumacher whom many of you will recognize as a long-standing and active member of the community. In Italian the word for shoe is Scarpa - and there you have it.

But rest assured **nothing** on the menu tastes like a shoe - or boot. Bon Apetite

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Calendar of Neighborhood Events

April 25, 2015 - Keep America Beautiful Day
June 13, 2015 - Neighborhood Yard Sale
August 23 6:30 p.m. - Block Party & Movie Night
Co-sponsored by SGANA, Passage Community Church,
Mitchell Elementary School & local businesses.
October 20, 7 p.m. - Mitchell Elementary Cafeteria
Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

Other Contact Information

Police, Fire, Medical Emergency **911**
Police Non-Emergency (242-COPS) 242-2677
Fire Non-Emergency 798-7000
Poison Control 800-222-1222
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City Information Line **311 ***
* This number can be called for just about anything; it
is the number to report weed, noise and litter
complaints, for large item pickup, Animal Control*, etc.
**Ask the operator for a ticket number when making a
complaint or a request.**
Animal Control for missing pets 311 or 768-2000
City Government Website ** www.cabq.gov

SGANA <http://www.swcp.com/sgana>

SGANA MISSION STATEMENT:

**To promote and protect the interests of the
neighborhood residents. We do this by providing
a link to city government activities, maximizing
property values, and helping make the
neighborhood a safe and enjoyable place.**



Emergency Bulletins:

Send your email address to contact Carol Driscoll at
caroldriscoll01@comcast.net to be part of the
secure distribution list of emergency and
informational bulletins. Your email address is held in
strictest privacy and shared with no one.

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your neighbors and your community. It's the
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online and make all of your lives better in the real
world. And it's free. Thousands of neighborhoods
(58 San Gabriel residents) are already using
Nextdoor to build happier, safer places to call
home. Some uses are:

- Quickly get the word out about a break-in
- Organize a Neighborhood Watch Group
- Track down a trustworthy babysitter
- Find out who does the best paint job in town
- Ask for help keeping an eye out for a lost dog
- Find a new home for an outgrown bike
- Finally call that nice man down the street by his first name

For more information go to:
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