

BNC eNews, Issue 9

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Four Things You Need to Do if You Really Care About Living in a Pleasant and Safe Neighborhood

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1. **Inform yourself. Get the neighborhood news you won't find anywhere else by subscribing to BNC's eNEWS. It's easy and free!**

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2. **Spread the neighborhood news!**

Inform your neighbors and others by distributing the BNC eNEWS to as wide a readership as possible. We ask that you forward this to your own e-mail list, and include this same request regarding forwarding.

3. **Join in!**

BNC's mission is to unite neighborhoods so we will have a stronger voice in City decision-making. No matter what neighborhood you live in, we all need to help each other — write letters, show up at meetings, send e-mails. It won't take much of your time, but some day in some way your neighborhood will need help over some matter. Now, is the time to build a strong citywide neighborhood base that will result in a better city for all. It's a proven fact — a great city is built on strong neighborhoods.

4. **Attend the monthly BNC meetings!**

Regular meetings are held monthly on a Saturday morning. Dates and times are sent by e-mail to all neighborhood organizations and everyone is welcome to attend. It is here that BNC discusses and determines actions to take. You need to be a part of those decisions.

In this issue...

- **What We're Thinking About:**
 - **The Neighborhood Preservation Forum, will be held Saturday June 7, at the Art House Gallery, 2905 Shattuck Ave., 9:30 am for coffee, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm meeting.** See the program and participate in discussing: What actions would help your neighborhood cope with the

impacts of proposed City growth over the next few years? This is your chance to be a part of the solution instead of becoming a victim.

- Redistricting: Your chance to learn about why the judge chose the Council District boundaries that he selected. Is this the end of it?
- **Neighborhood News, Round and About:**
 - Residential neighborhoods near Telegraph Avenue, south of Dwight Way were thrown under the bus in the rush to increase density on Telegraph between Dwight and Bancroft.
 - Starbucks is coming to Ashby and Telegraph even though the Council denied them a permit. How is that possible?
- **Neighborhood Forum:**
 - A privately owned and operated parking structure that will incorporate the Maxwell Family Field on top is being constructed on UC land even though it is acknowledged to have a significant adverse impact.
 - Get the details about the really big-time soccer game between two European champion teams that will be held in July at Cal's Memorial Stadium.
 - News about how the City and "No on Walgreens" wants to prohibit big chain store pharmacies like CVS and Walgreens from locating too close to other existing pharmacies.
- **Featured Neighborhoods:**
 - Mini-Dorms are still with us. This time the Council acts on approving regulations for new ones. This issue affects every neighborhood — from single family to small multi-family (R1 through R3), so you need to know what is being done and what remains to be done.
- **Outside Agencies that Affect Berkeley:**
 - Proposed BNC amendments to the Open Government Ordinance move forward as a result of our complaint about the lack of information provided to the public about the "One Bay Area Plan."
- **The Cultural Corner:**
 - Is there life in outer space? Will we be able to communicate with life there? Meet the Berkeley resident who may well be able to provide the answers to these questions.
- **On the Neighborhood Food Prowl:**
 - What old restaurant in the South Campus area gets a fresh new chef, serves up great seafood, and also is named to the 10 Best Hamburgers list?
- **Let's Just Get It Fixed** (no section in this issue)
 - We're still waiting for answers to our last questions.
- **Letters:**
 - A comment about the number of items on Council agendas and how that affects those who attend. BNC plans to start working on suggestions to resolve this problem.

- Obtain further information about the issues in the April eNEWS: Your monthly garbage rates are going up, and whatever happened to the West Berkeley initiative.

We've said it once, and we will say it again and again. We really want to hear from you on how we can improve the eNEWS. Have we said something that is not correct? Are we missing a subject you want to hear about? Are our articles too long and involved? Would you like to know how to submit an article and have it published without being edited? Whatever you want to say, please send us an e-mail at newsletter@berkeleyneighborhoodscouncil.com.