

**Editorial by Jim Strehlow**

Welcome to our first electronic mass mailing newsletter delivered by an Internet mail service. Thank you for signing up. **Last year** in order to notify homeowners about National Night Out, we printed about five hundred flyers and hand delivered them to each property address. We also sent over 200 individual e-mails to those who had provided to us an e-mail address. Sending that many individual e-mails took a lot of time; but we had not asked permission to provide those earlier e-mail addresses to a third-party vendor.

We will send newsletters on an as-needed basis.

Due to the growing popularity of National Night Out around the town, the Alameda Police Department (APD) set up a sign-up system so that they may best visit as many neighborhoods as possible. Please join your neighbors, some of our local police, and some of your board members at **6:30 PM this Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.**

**Additional Programs by Leslie Krongold, Ed.D.**

At last year's Fernside *National Night Out* celebration three community groups were featured – ***Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)***, ***Map Your Neighborhood (MYN)***, and Alameda Police Department's ***Dog Walker Watch***. Each organization offers citizens an opportunity to learn more about their local community and contribute to the community's welfare.

CERT is a national organization with a local Alameda chapter operated by the Alameda Fire Department (AFD). CERT invites those who live and/or work in Alameda who are 13 years or older to register <https://veoci.com/veoci/p/w/nuvqje5y9gsu?savedKey=NONE> for the free six class training. Interactive sessions cover personal preparedness, fire suppression, disaster medical, and search and rescue. No prior knowledge or experience is required. Fire fighters and medical professionals teach the classes.

Once you attend the training and participate in the final exercise, a CERT graduate can become a Disaster Service Worker (DSW) volunteer. CERT graduates and DSW workers are eligible to assist both the AFD and APD in several ways as well as access advanced training courses. Alameda has 300+ active CERT members and at least 240 DSW members.

Another program under the AFD's auspices is Map Your Neighborhood

<https://www.disasterservicesandsupplies.com/map-your-neighborhood.html> That program is open to

any citizen living in Alameda regardless of their participation in CERT. Materials are available to enable a neighborhood of about twenty (20) households to conduct a nine (9)-step process whose purpose <http://acgov.org/fire/documents/MYN%20Overview.pdf> is to familiarize neighbors with one another and work together in the event of a major disaster such as an earthquake.

MYN's local coordinator is Lynn Seng. Lynn is available to help a neighborhood start this process. She can be reached by phone (510-239-4002) or e-mail [lynnseng.global@gmail.com](mailto:lynnseng.global@gmail.com). Close to thirty (30) neighborhoods have conducted their MYN activities so far with good success. Lynn believes, "MYN block programs have contributed to developing a strong community among the neighbors that leads to trust and a willingness to ask for and give help, and an increased ability to prepare for, survive, and recover from an emergency such as an earthquake, fire, or flood."

Currently the Alameda Police Department does not have a formal *Dog Walker Watch* program in operation; but will work with Neighborhood Watch groups. Essentially dog walkers can serve as additional eyes and ears for officers. The APD can discuss this as part of a Neighborhood Watch Meeting presentation focused on efficiently reporting suspicious activity or individuals to APD dispatchers.





**JOIN your Fernside neighbors to CELEBRATE**

**National Association of Town Watch's**

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**



with a **neighborhood block party**

**When? Tuesday August 6, 2019**

**6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

**Where? On Northwood Dr** near the big intersection with Lincoln Ave

**Fun! Refreshments\*! Community!**

\* (e.g. cookies, cheese, crackers, fruit, flavored waters)

**Children are invited**

Meet with **Alameda Police** at 6:30 PM,  
**CERT** (Community Emergency Response Team), and others

Special thanks to **Ruben & Beverly Ramirez** for the event location.

See some photos from last year's event at

<https://www.fernsidehoa.com/national-night-out>

The Fernside Homeowners' Association Board  
organizes the event.

Please meet with us on August 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss  
our newsletter and what is happening around Alameda.

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