

Hello to the 23 of you receiving this update ~

We are officially a group, don't you think? With 23 of us from several neighborhoods I say yes! Here is the plan going forward:

1. Find a name for ourselves that can also be used effectively on a web site and maybe even a Facebook Page. Two have been suggested and I really like the second one best (just for the positive spin of it). They are:

-- Neighbors Opposed to Fireworks (**NO Fireworks!**)

-- **Freedom From Fireworks: *Protecting our Neighborhoods***

2. Create a web site (Michael, a webmaster of several other very effective web sites, will do this). On this web site we will have a *mission statement with goals and objectives*, lots of research documents about deleterious effects of fireworks, a separate web page about the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary with NOAA research on health impacts of fireworks, a Contact form so anyone can join us in our efforts, and any other goodies anyone can suggest.

3. Create a Google Groups discussion list that will allow us to interact with one another in an easier format than Next Door. We'll continue to update the Next Door

community and always invite anyone to join our group.

We will set up the discussion list tomorrow and let you know how to subscribe (its easy). We'll share the web site with everyone, including, eventually, the news media.

4. Find a day, time and place for a first face to face meeting. Not everyone will be able to make the meeting, not everyone will want to make the meeting. That's okay.

We are probably a diverse bunch of residents with a diversity of schedules. We do share one thing in common: we want this annual intolerable situation to end. We want to see it get better each year, not worse. Please let me know which is best for you, so we can narrow this down.

Here are the four potential dates to meet:

- a. Saturday, August 1 at 11:00 am **or** 1:00 pm
- b. Sunday, August 2 at 11:00 am **or** 1:00 pm
- c. Monday, August 3 at 6:30 pm
- d. Wednesday, August 5 at 6:30 pm

Now all we need is a place handy to every one. Any ideas?

Looking forward to hearing from as many of you as possible about the best date and time for you.

Jean