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January 2015

SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – January 8th

Location: Columbia Middle School Staff Lounge

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:

- Guest Speaker: Mike Alba, Transportation Manager for LinkedIn
- Election of new SNAIL Secretary or disbanding
- 2015 event planning
- SNAIL's 20th anniversary celebration planning

SNAIL typically meets on the first Thursday of the month. The rare exceptions are when the first Thursday is also the same date as a big holiday. **Mark your calendar now for the rest of the year!** All SNAIL area homeowners, residents and guests are invited. Children are welcome. Membership in SNAIL is always free.

Happy New Year
2015



Message from the Chair

We had some challenges finding officers for 2015. We have two returning officers and one new SNAIL officer for 2015 so far. Elaine Rowan will be vice-chair again and I will continue as Chair. We have a new Treasurer, Phyllis Freeman. We have not elected a Secretary for 2015 yet. This is a serious problem. We have to disband the SNAIL organization if we can't find four officers each year. If you are willing to serve as our secretary, please contact me as soon as you can to discuss it. Please let us know if you would be willing to serve on this committee. Now, onto happier thoughts.

Welcome to 2015! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and is looking forward to 2015. Our neighborhood looks very festive with all the red bows on the trees. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped put up bows. Our January guest speaker is Mike Alba, the transportation manager from LinkedIn. He will talk about how companies like LinkedIn reduce the number of solo drivers going to work. This will be a good subject to learn about because on Jan 21st, the city is collecting input from the community on how transportation and other impacts are managed in Peery Park. The meeting is in the **Washington Park Community Room from 6:30 to 9pm on Wednesday, January 21, 2015.** Peery Park is the whole area in Sunnyvale from US101 south to the Caltrain track along the west side of Mathilda.

January is our main event planning meeting for each year. We will be looking for volunteers to run our most important events like our annual Cinco de Mayo party, yard sale, and National Night Out. We will plan our 20th anniversary party this summer as well. If you have ideas on how we can make SNAIL a friendlier neighborhood, please come to the January meeting and propose them.

Looking forward to a bright 2015,

John Cordes, SNAIL Chair

SNAILchair@snail.org

SNAIL 2015 Event Calendar

Date	Event Name	Organizer
Jan. 12 th	SNAIL Bylaws Meeting 810 Carolina Ave.	Elaine Rowan
Jan. 15 th	Dinner Night Out to Meet our New Officers Seto Japanese Cuisine 511 Borregas Ave., 7:00pm	Bonnie Lloyd RSVP to Bonnie Lloyd (408) 747-1949 by Jan. 13 th
Jan. 21 st	Peery Park Plan #3 Community Workshop 6:30-9:00pm; Washington Park Community Room 840 W. Washington Ave.	City of Sunnyvale
Feb. 26 th	Annual Chinese New Year's Celebration Chef Yu 163 S. Murphy Ave., 7:00pm	Bonnie Lloyd RSVP to Bonnie Lloyd (408) 747-1949 by Feb. 24 th

Red Bows Day



Another successful SNAIL event! Neighbors gathered at the home of Saurabh Singh on Worley Avenue for fellowship, food and the kick-off of the SNAIL holiday season.

Thirty plus neighbors came together to get their red bows and supplies, then off to decorate our street trees in holiday splendor- another great SNAIL tradition.

Thank you to Saurabh for hosting this annual event – and welcome to the neighborhood.

Connie Cook-Turner

The publication of our newsletter and SNAIL Neighborhood Association sponsored activities are supported through our annual yard sale, newsletter sponsors, and donations.

No Secretary = No SNAIL

SNAIL bylaws state that we must elect four officers each year, including a Secretary. If we can't, we need to disband SNAIL. Disbanding SNAIL means we stop organizing all the events and good works we do, stop distributing this newsletter and give away all our funds to a local charity. Reviving SNAIL or a new neighborhood organization would be extremely difficult. PLEASE contact our Chair, John Cordes, if you are willing to be Secretary. We absolutely need to have a secretary. We rely upon the minutes taken by the secretary to be an official record of our decisions and discussion. The secretary's primary duty is to attend most of our meetings in 2015 and record the minutes. We find temporary alternates when the elected secretary cannot make it. The time commitment to be Secretary is two hours per month for the meetings, plus some time to clean up and distribute the minutes. Please see our bylaws at <http://www.snail.org/> for full details or contact the Chair.



Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC) News

For current information on programs, call CNC at (408) 730-7800 or email CNC@sunnyvale.ca.gov or go to the CNC web page at <http://CNC.InSunnyvale.com>.

Fitness Room Orientations: Starting in January, people can sign up for a one-hour orientation to the CNC Fitness Room. Various times are available.

Kindergarten Readiness: Tuesday, 1/20, 6:30-8:30pm in the Sunnyvale Library Program Room. Activities to Prepare for School: Learn how to improve a child's classroom success, socialization and adaptation to school using basic building blocks for kindergarten readiness. Presented by First 5 Santa Clara County. Free, but registration is required. For information, email childcareresources@sunnyvale.ca.gov or call (408) 730-7800.

Yoga: Tuesdays from 6-6:50pm in the CNC gym. Free for adults and children aged 9 and up (with a parent or guardian).

Zumba: Wednesdays, 7-8pm; Fridays 6-7pm. \$1 per person. Children aged 10 and up can attend with a parent.

Library Lending Machine: In the CNC lobby, with books for young children through middle school. You need a Sunnyvale Library card to use it and CNC staff can provide you with one. Bring identification and proof of residency. Any Sunnyvale Library book can be returned in the green bin in the lobby.

Free Legal Clinics: The first Saturday of each month. Get a free 20 to 30 minute consultation on a variety of legal matters. Next sessions: 1/3 and 2/7.

Tax Aid: Starting in February, tax aid returns for families with annual incomes of \$52,000 or less. Dates: 2/21, 3/7, 3/14, 3/28 and 4/4 from 10am to 2pm. First come, first served. Visit <http://tax-aid.org/> or contact CNC to find out what documents are required.

Covered California: An enrollment counselor will be available the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 9am to 4pm in the Mayview Health Clinic. Call (408) 746-0455 for further information.

Carolyn Lutticken, Program Coordinator CNC



Brief Summary of December Meeting Minutes

- SNAIL Officer Elections:** Secretary still needed for 2015.
- Red Bow Prep Day:** Saurabh was not present; Connie provided an update. Event takes place Saturday, Dec. 6th at 569 Worley Ave. Call for youth volunteers. Phyllis will ask a neighbor who is involved with youth group and ask the school principal for help.
- SNAIL Holiday Party:** Saturday, Dec. 13th — Potluck at the Aubin's, 763 San Diego. Georgina took live RSVP's from attendees with the dish they will bring.
- 20th Anniversary Party:** John seeks a committee to plan an event for summer 2015. Connie Cook-Turner, Bonnie Lloyd and Phyllis Freeman volunteered to serve on the committee. We are still looking for a special event planner.
- Future Events Planning:** (1) Dinner Night out—Thursday, Jan 15th at Seto — John Cordes will make the reservation. (2) Chinese New Year—Bonnie will organize—will be held Feb 26th, if possible. (3) Yard Sale/Dumpster Day—Likely June 13th.
- Bylaws Committee:** Meeting to be held Dec 9th at Connie's house, 810 Carolina Ave.
- SNAIL T-Shirts and Vests or Hats for Volunteers at yard sale:** Aleecia McDonald presented a spreadsheet of three sources she explored. These include Big Frog (a Mountain View based store/company), Café Press and Zazzle. All have numerous options, different technology for printing, and pricing with different price breaks for quantity. Decision will be made in the January meeting. Aleecia volunteered to coordinate the purchase once a decision is made by the group.
- January Meeting Date:** Meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 8, 2015. Connie has volunteered to bring treats.
- Topics for January Speaker:** Suggestions being: land use, a presentation by the LinkedIn Transportation Manager on how traffic will be managed for LinkedIn employees, and an update from a city official regarding Peery Park Specific Plan Process. It was decided later in the meeting to prioritize scheduling the LinkedIn transportation speaker because the Peery Park Planning Process has a 3rd public workshop scheduled for Jan. 21, 6:30pm at the Washington Park Community Room.
- City-wide News:** Dec. 3rd Peery Park Specific Plan Community Workshop #2 was held at the Washington Park Community Room. Jim Quaderer recommended everyone who would like to express their opinions on the Peery Park Specific Plan should do so by contacting Amber El-Haji by calling 408-730-2723 or email her at ael-haji@sunnyvale.ca.gov. Jim also proposed that SNAIL form a consensus on the items everyone agrees on in order to craft a letter that would be submitted as part of this planning process as this would carry much more significance coming from the neighborhood association.

Sarah Cain, SNAIL Secretary – with thanks to acting secretary, Katie Ferrick





“Another fresh new year is here . . .
 Another year to live!
 To banish worry, doubt, and fear,
 To love and laugh and give!

This bright new year is given me
 To live each day with zest . . .
 To daily grow and try to be
 My highest and my best!

I have the opportunity
 Once more to right some wrongs,
 To pray for peace, to plant a tree,
 And sing more joyful songs!”
 — William Arthur Ward

Committee for Addendums to SNAIL Bylaws

We are looking to make some addendums to the SNAIL Bylaws and could use your input. There will be a small committee meeting on Monday, Jan. 12th, 7pm at Connie Cook-Turner’s home, 810 Carolina Ave. Please let me know if you are interested in participating. Contact me at snailvicechair@snail.org
 Elaine Rowan, SNAIL Vice-Chair

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 Connie Cook-Turner

Neighborhood Street Sweeping Schedule

Our streets are generally swept every two weeks on the day following your trash pickup. If possible, please move your car off the street on street sweeping days. This month, the street sweeping schedule is:

East SNAIL Neighborhood	Tues., Jan. 6 th and 20 th
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wed., Jan. 7 th and 21 st

February Newsletter Deadline

All SNAIL neighbors are invited to submit articles of interest to be published in our monthly newsletter. The deadline for submitting articles and photos for the next SNAIL monthly newsletter is Saturday, Jan. 17th. Simply email to SNAILeditor@snail.org

SNAIL Holiday Party Photos



SNAIL members were pleased that Mayor Jim Griffith (top, right of center) and Councilmember Dave Whittum (not shown) attended the annual SNAIL Holiday Party at the Aubin home on Dec. 13th.



Lucas Aubin (pictured playing cello) and two other Aubin boys provided musical entertainment at the SNAIL Holiday Party. Georgina (on the left) proudly watches her son perform.

Peery Park Community Workshop #2

The second community workshop on Peery Park was held on Dec. 3, 2014. I was surprised to see that only one basic concept was presented and that it is the same as before: 6-story buildings along Mathilda Ave. facing the SNAIL neighborhood with lower buildings to the west of the tall buildings. Why not swap them? Why only one basic concept? FTS consultants spoke much of ‘innovation’ but themselves were not very prolific with choices of concepts for the area. They acknowledged that tall buildings so close to residential areas could be a problem and then proposed that the view of the 6-story buildings could be blocked by 2-3 story buildings built close to the backyards of SNAIL neighbors! Check it out yourself at <http://peerypark.insunnyvale.com>. Workshop #3 will be on Jan. 21st at 6:30pm in Washington Park. It will focus on traffic and transportation issues.

Jim Quaderer, 302 Beechnut

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