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February 2015



SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – February 5th

Location: Columbia Middle School Staff Lounge

Time: 7:00 pm – Look for the **SNAIL** sign

Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:

- Guest Speakers: Neighborhood Officer Brian Gantt and Lt. Ryan Yin on Sunnyvale's Neighborhood Watch program
- SNAIL's 20th Anniversary celebration planning
- SNAP Emergency Preparedness

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.



Message from the Chair

We have a Secretary! Ali Stephens will be our secretary for 2015. Please welcome her to the team if you see her. Elaine Rowan will be Vice-chair again, and I will continue as Chair. We have a new Treasurer, Phyllis Freeman. Thank you to our volunteer officers.

I care a lot about Sunnyvale so I pay attention to what the city is working on. Each year Sunnyvale decides which new ideas or changes city staff will work on. These investigations are called 'study issues'. You can learn more about study issues in general study issues at <http://studyissues.insunnyvale.com>.

Here is the link to specific lists of 2015 study issues: <http://tinyurl.com/StudyIssuesList>.

I wanted to let you know that in January and February, the city holds workshops on the study issues so you can become familiar with them. Then, in late February the city council makes its final cut on which ideas to drop, defer or do in 2015. Influencing which issues our city studies is the first step in making changes. Please look at the list and let your city council members know which ones you think are important and which ones to drop or defer. You can provide feedback directly to the mayor via a survey he has on his website: <http://tinyurl.com/StudyIssuesSurvey>.

Our February guest speakers are Neighborhood Officer Brian Gantt and Lt. Ryan Yin. They will be explaining the neighborhood watch program to us.

Another meeting of note: on Feb 24th, the Sunnyvale city council will be making its recommendations to VTA about VTA's proposal to add Bus Rapid Transit to El Camino Real all the way from San Jose to San Francisco. There are seven different alternatives to choose from. Putting dedicated bus lanes through Sunnyvale is included in a couple of those alternatives and would be the most important change to El Camino Real since it was paved. You can learn more here: <http://tinyurl.com/VTA-BRT-Project>.

Looking forward to a bright 2015,

John Cordes, SNAIL Chair, SNAILchair@snail.org

SNAIL 2015 Event Calendar

Date	Event Name	Organizer
Feb. 24 th	Peery Park Presentation Study Sessions 7:00pm, City Hall	Sunnyvale City Council
Feb. 26 th	Annual Chinese New Year Celebration Dinner at Chef Yu 163 S. Murphy Ave., 7:00pm	Bonnie Lloyd RSVP to Bonnie Lloyd (408) 747-1949 by Feb. 23 rd
Mar. 10 th	Dinner Night Out Gumba's Restaurant (Italian) 176 S. Murphy Ave., 7:00pm	Craig and Wendy RSVP by Mar. 7 th to Bonnie Lloyd (408) 747-1949



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SNAIL Chinese New Year Dinner

Thursday, February 26th, 7:00pm at **Chef Yu**
163 S. Murphy Ave. (parking in rear)

Adults: \$25/person - Kids under 12 years: \$10
(Tax & Tip included)

Menu

Egg Rolls – Won Ton Soup – Chicken (two styles)
Honey Pecan Prawns – Sweet & Sour Pork
Snow Peas with Water Chestnuts – Curry Beef
Vegetable Chow Mein – BBQ Chow Mein – Steamed Rice
Tapioca Dessert – Tea – Water

Please RSVP to Bonnie Lloyd by February 23rd
(408) 747-1949



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





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: Sign up for a one-hour orientation to the CNC Fitness Room. Various times are available.

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: 2/7, 3/7.

Tax Aid: Program returns, starting February 21st for families with annual incomes of \$52,000 or less. Dates: 2/21, 3/7, 3/14, 3/28 and 4/4 from 10 am to 2 pm. First come, first served. Visit www.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 9 am to 4 pm in the Mayview Health Clinic. Call (408) 746-0455 for further information.

Free Parent Workshops: Sponsored by the Sunnyvale School District. RSVP to yareli.damico@sesd.org. Food and childcare provided.

Recognizing Signs of Depression and Preventing Youth Suicide Using the Question, Persuade and Refer Model: February 10th, 6:30-8 pm, Sunnyvale Middle School Staff Room. RSVP by January 28th.

Helping Your Child with Learning and School: February 12th, 6:00-7:30 pm, Bishop Elementary Auditorium.

The Power of Positive Parenting (Spanish only): March 17th, 6-8 pm, Vargas School.

Contact Child Care Resources at: childcareresources@sunnyvale.ca.gov or call (408) 730-7800 for information on these programs:

Vision Literacy English Conversation Skills Class: Practice listening, speaking, reading and writing in small groups with trained instructors, for all levels, Tuesdays, 7-9 pm in the CMS Library. Next new student enrollment is March 3rd only.

Encouraging Co-operative Behavior: "Turning No into Yes" Tuesday, March 3rd 1-3 pm, Sunnyvale Public Library. Learn how to use positive redirection, limit-setting and creativity to effectively and consistently turn your child's 'no' into 'yes'. Presenter Heidi Emberling, MA, has expertly helped parents manage challenging behaviors and develop strategies for positive discipline. Workshop is free, but registration is required. Register online at Childcare.inSunnyvale.com

Carolyn Lutticken, Program Coordinator CNC

Neighbors on Ahwanee

FYI, the property owner has two years to request a zoning change and they have not filed as yet.

Bonnie Lloyd



Michael Alba, LinkedIn Global Transportation Manager, explaining plans to mitigate traffic around Mathilda and Maude. SNAIL General Meeting, January 8, 2015.

Brief Summary of January Meeting Minutes

•**Guest Speaker:** Michael Alba, LinkedIn Global Transportation Manager. Michael discussed LinkedIn's transportation methods and ways that they are working to help with the flow of traffic in the Maude and Mathilda intersection. They are cutting down the number of cars employees are using by providing incentives for bikes, trains and carpooling.

•**SNAIL Secretary Elections:** Nominations opened for Secretary - Ali Stephens volunteered to fill the position. Voted on and unanimously approved. Sarah has agreed to continue as acting Secretary until Ali has met her eligibility requirement which is expected to be in March.

•**Red Bow Removal Day:** Bows will come down on the second Saturday of January.

•**SNAIL's 20th Anniversary Party:** 2015 is SNAIL's 20th anniversary. A committee was formed with Elaine Rowan as the leader with Bonnie Lloyd, Connie Cook-Turner and Phyllis Freeman.

•**Cinco de Mayo Party:** Looking for a committee leader.

•**Bylaws Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, Jan. 13th, 7pm at Connie's house. Processes/procedures will be updated in the bylaws.

•**Splitting Secretary Duties:** Discussed separating the newsletter duties from the Secretary's list of responsibilities.

•**Topics for February Meeting:** Suggestions: Leaf blowers, noisy Comcast hardware, Moffett flyovers in the middle of the night (Thomas stated that Moffett is a federal airfield allowing 24 hour flyovers. Jim mentioned there is a hotline you can call), invite someone from the Public Works committee to discuss crime (this is usually a summer discussion), and SNAP training for block-by-block/sub housing leader. It was decided to move forward with SNAP training as the topic for the Feb. 5th meeting.

•**City-wide News and Updates:** Member comments on Ahwanee rezoning area. It's currently zoned as industrial; there is a proposal to change to residential.

•**Reminders:** We still have SNAIL cookbooks to sell at \$10 each.

Sarah Cain, SNAIL Secretary; minutes taken by Ali Stephens

Cinco de Mayo Organizer Needed

SNAIL had a great Cinco de Mayo party last year! We're looking to have another party this year but we need an organizer. You will have a good budget and even better volunteers to help you. If you might be able to organize this event in May, please contact John Cordes, email SNAILchair@snail.org or call (650) 288-9645.

Congratulations Jim!

Our neighbor, Jim Turner, just received the “Barbershopper of the Year” award from the Peninsulaires Barbershop Harmony Chorus for 2014! We have enjoyed the Peninsulaires Chorus at several SNAIL events.

Denise Perez

IF WE HAD AN EARTHQUAKE TODAY, WOULD YOU BE PREPARED?

Would you know how to help yourself and your neighbors? How long would it be before you could expect help from emergency services? Come to the February SNAIL General Meeting to find out how you can get prepared.

Pauline Lewis

Sunnyvale's Downtown Streets Team

Sunnyvale's Downtown Streets Team (<http://streetsteam.org>) is cleaning litter from Fair Oaks and Ahwanee Avenues now, contributing their time to keep the neighborhood clean. You can do your part by putting litter in its place and giving them a wave or friendly honk when you see them de-littering the streets in their yellow shirts.

Carolyn Lutticken

SNAIL on the Internet

SNAIL moderates a Yahoo newsgroup <http://tinyurl.com/SNAILorg> which is for SNAIL business and events, meeting details, announcements from the City, etc. There are two social websites for the neighborhood: Yahoo <http://tinyurl.com/SNAILchitchat> is moderated by SNAIL and is for socializing, referrals, lost pets, etc.; also, many neighbors enjoy using <https://nextdoor.com/> which is not moderated by SNAIL.

REMEMBER...

- ✓ No one can ruin your day without YOUR permission.
- ✓ We can be about as happy as we decide to be.
- ✓ Others can stop you temporarily, but only YOU can do it permanently.
- ✓ Whatever you are willing to put up with... is exactly what you will have to.
- ✓ The best way to escape your problem... is to solve it.
- ✓ The largest lie on earth is, “When I get what I want – I will be happy”.
- ✓ If you don’t start, it’s for sure you won’t arrive.
- ✓ Those who laugh – Last.
- ✓ Look for opportunities... not guarantees.
- ✓ You will never “have it all together”.
- ✓ Success is getting up one-more-time.
- ✓ When things go wrong – don’t go with them.
- ✓ Now is the most interesting time of all.
- ✓ Life is a journey, not a destination – Enjoy the whole trip!

Submitted by Connie Cook-Turner



How Do I Love Thee?

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.
 I love thee to the depth and breadth and height
 My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight
 For the ends of Being and ideal Grace.
 I love thee to the level of every day's
 Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light.
 I love thee freely, as men strive for Right;
 I love thee purely, as they turn from Praise.
 I love thee with the passion put to use
 In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.
 I love thee with a love I seemed to lose
 With my lost saints – I love thee with the breath,
 Smiles, tears, of all my life! – and, if God choose,
 I shall but love thee better after death.
 Elizabeth Barrett Browning (1806-1861)

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., Feb. 3 th and 17 th
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wed., Feb. 4 th and 18 st

March 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, Feb. 14th. Simply email to SNAILeditor@snail.org



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