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SNAIL General Meeting

Thursday – March 5th

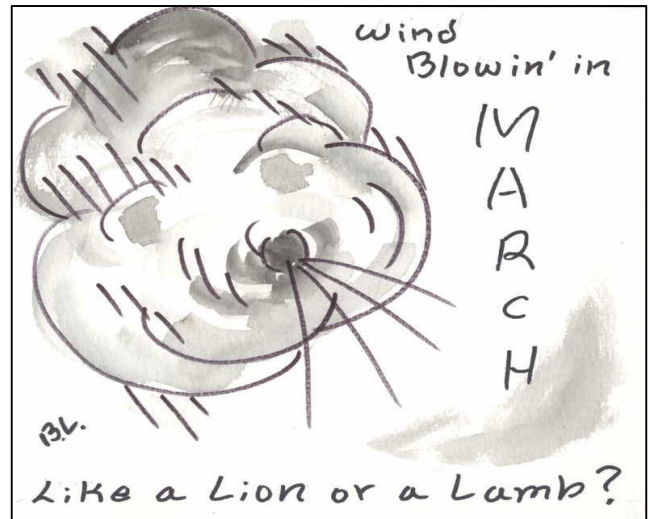
Location: Columbia Middle School Staff Lounge

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

Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:

- Guest Speaker: Greg Pensinger, Downtown Street Team
- Cinco de Mayo party planning
- Secretary election

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

Welcome to March everyone. Let's hope we have some March showers to bring May flowers. There is a lot going on, as usual, in SNAIL and we want you to be involved. I hope you joined us for our Chinese New Year dinner at Chef Yu on February 26th.

Our guest speaker this month is Greg from Downtown Streets Team. Downtown Streets Team helps the homeless escape homelessness by helping them get jobs. They have been a key player in helping to find housing for many of the homeless in Fair Oaks Park. They have started having the homeless clean up the streets in SNAIL. Greg will tell us more about this program and how SNAIL members can help.

Eric Wiles has volunteered again to be the leader for our Cinco de Mayo event. Please come to the March meeting if you want to help or have input on this fun event. We are looking for Dinner Night Out hosts for April and May. These are great opportunities to get to know your neighbors better and support local restaurants. Contact Bonnie Lloyd, our social secretary, if you are willing to organize one of these events.

Our next big event this spring is our annual SNAIL Yard Sale and Dumpster Day. This has traditionally been our biggest fundraiser each year. We are holding it on June 13th and 14th. Please come to the March meeting to help us organize this event or to volunteer. The Yard Sale will be on Carolina again this year.

In case you didn't notice, the construction of the new apartment buildings on both sides of Weddell and Fair Oaks, just north of US 101, has started. It looks like we'll have a lot more neighbors in early 2016. Also, Apple has leased the two new buildings on the corner of Maude and Mathilda from LinkedIn so they will be moving in later this year.

Looking forward to a bright tomorrow,
John Cordes, SNAIL Chair, SNAILchair@snail.org

SNAIL 2015 Event Calendar

Date	Event Name	Organizer
Mar. 4 th	Tip-A-Cop Fundraiser An event benefiting the Special Olympics of Northern California PF Chang's, 5-9pm 390 West El Camino Real	Sunnyvale DPS PF Chang's
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
Mar. 31 th	SNAIL Bylaws Meeting 810 Carolina Ave.	Elaine Rowan

Tip-A-Cop Fundraiser

Support Sunnyvale's Department of Public Safety Personnel as they volunteer as celebrity wait staff, helping to deliver food and refill drinks - all for "tips" for Special Olympics. This event raises money to help provide local athletes with free year-round training and competition in 12 sports.

Elaine Rowan, SNAIL Vice-Chair

Committee for Addendums to SNAIL Bylaws

We are looking to identify addendums to the SNAIL Bylaws and could use your input. There will be a small committee meeting on Tuesday, March 31st, 7pm at Connie Cook-Turner's home, 810 Carolina Ave. Please let me know if you are interested in participating. Contact Elaine at SNAILvicechair@snail.org

Elaine Rowan, SNAIL Vice-Chair

Spring Cleaning? Plan Ahead

Where is this year going? It's March already and our big SNAIL fundraiser yard sale is scheduled for June. As you clean out those closets, garages, sheds, etc., think about our big annual yard sale fundraiser and set aside reusable items for this neighborhood event. Look for additional information in upcoming newsletters.

Valérie Suarès

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>.

Free Legal Clinics: The first Saturday of each month, get a free 20 to 30 minute consultation on a variety of legal matters. Next session: 3/7.

Tax Aid: Will be at CNC to help families with annual incomes of \$52,000 or less. Dates: 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.

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

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

Free Parent Workshops: Sponsored by Child Care Resources, located at CNC. For more information and program descriptions, contact: by email to childcareresources@sunnyvale.ca.gov or call (408) 730-7800 or go to <http://childcare.inSunnyvale.com>.

***Encouraging Co-operative Behavior:** "Turning No Into Yes", Tuesday, March 3rd, 6:30 to 8:30pm at the Sunnyvale Library.

***Child Care and Provider Administrator Roundtable:** Tuesday, March 3rd, 1-3pm at Columbia Neighborhood Center.

***Serving Children with Special Needs and Their Families:** Saturday, March 14th, 9am to 2:30pm at Columbia Neighborhood Center.

***Romance of Risk:** "Talking to your Teen about Risky Behavior and Wise Decisions", Tuesday May 26th, 6:30-8:30pm.

Vision Literacy English Conversation Skills Class: Tuesdays, 7-9pm in the CMS Library. Practice listening, speaking, reading and writing in small groups with trained instructors, for all levels. Next new student enrollment is March 3rd only, starting at 6pm.

Fit and Fun Earth Day Fair: Saturday, April 25th, 10am to 3pm at CNC. This year, the Fit & Fun Fair joins forces with Sunnyvale's Environmental Services Department for an added celebration of Earth Day. Over 65 exhibitors will provide a free, fun-filled family event with information and resources on health and safety for individuals and our planet. Volunteers are needed from 7am to 4:30pm for various tasks and shifts including set-up and clean-up, assistance with free health assessments, entertainment, healthy living demonstrations, recycling and water saving tips, games and food. For information, go to:

<http://FitAndFunFair.inSunnyvale.com>.

Carolyn Lutticken, Program Coordinator CNC

Brief Summary of February Meeting Minutes

New SNAIL Restaurant: Pho Lovers restaurant is now open, 253 E. Maude.

Guest Speaker: Neighborhood Watch Officer Lt. Ryan Lin. Sunnyvale statistics for crime were reported for this past year and strategies and tips were shared to help prevent burglaries. The city is connecting the community through social media such as Nixle (<http://nixle.com>), a website that allows the city to notify the public with quick critical alerts.

Non-Emergency Number for Sunnyvale DPS: (408) 730-7180.

SNAP (Sunnyvale Neighbors Actively Prepare):

<http://tinyurl.com/SNAP-Course>

This is an 8-week training course to help community members feel more comfortable and prepared in case of a disaster. The course repeats three times a year; fall, winter and spring. PEP (Personal Emergency Preparedness) also helps prepare community members with supplies, handle utilities and techniques.

SNAIL's 20th Anniversary Event: Still a work in progress.

Future Events: Columbia's fair on April 25th will include a SNAIL booth. We need pictures or something to represent the group. Valérie and Tarik are making a SNAIL sandwich board prototype. The intent is to have permanent SNAIL signs for future events. They will present the prototype at the next monthly meeting. Dinner Night Out will be hosted by Craig and Wendy in March.

Bylaws Committee: Still a work in progress.

Advertiser Policy: The ads in the back of the newsletter were discussed and how to manage those waiting to be added. Different rotation schedules were also discussed and format size. This will be discussed further at a later date.

SNAIL T-Shirts/Vests for Volunteers: Nothing was decided at this time for clothing.

SNAIL Cookbooks: Still available!
Ali Stephens, SNAIL Secretary



Sunnyvale DPS Lt. Ryan Lin discussed Neighborhood Watch at the February 5th SNAIL meeting.



Herb Lewis and Alice Freund demonstrate safety equipment that is given to all SNAP course graduates at the February 5th SNAIL meeting.

2015 SNAIL Officers

Chair John Cordes: John Cordes has been the SNAIL Chair for the past 2 years and held the position of vice chair for a year before that. He and his wife Diane moved to East Arbor in the SNAIL neighborhood in 2007. John is the director for the Loma Prieta Chapter of the Sierra Club. Diane is a high school math teacher in Palo Alto. John started serving on the Sunnyvale Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) in 2014. Both John and Diane are very engaged with environmental causes. They enjoy cross-country skiing and backpacking. They have converted their front yard from a grass lawn to a garden with California-native and vegetable plants.

Vice-Chair Elaine Rowan: Elaine Rowan moved to Fernwood Circle in the SNAIL neighborhood in 1996. Before that, she lived in Baltimore, Maryland. She currently works for the County of Santa Clara and also consults to human resource organizations. Elaine is active in community volunteer roles, especially with SNAIL. Her hobbies include cooking and water-wise gardening.

Secretary Ali Stephens: Ali and her husband Evan Stephens moved to Beechnut in the SNAIL neighborhood a little over two years ago. This is Ali's first year as secretary. She is a special education teacher in San Carlos and has been teaching for six years. Both Ali and her husband are originally from the Central Coast, a small town called Santa Maria. They enjoy taking their Maltipoo, Zoe, to the park to run around and walking to the farmers market on Saturdays. They also keep busy by gardening, riding their bikes around town and hanging out with friends in the Bay Area. Ali looks forward to meeting new people at SNAIL events.

Treasurer Phyllis Freeman: Phyllis arrived in the SNAIL neighborhood on E. Duane in 1966 and raised five children here. When they arrived, Sunnyvale still had many orchards, a dairy, a chicken ranch and other agricultural areas. Phyllis holds degrees in physiology from UCB and UCSF. She worked in medical research, then software, then.... She is now retired and enjoys mahjongg, reading, gardening, groups, church and some travel. She considers herself a progressive. She enjoys having 11 grandchildren and six grand-dogs.

Patricia Collins

Traffic Study for Peery Park Development

The Peery Park Workshop was on January 21, 2015. The focus of the workshop was the traffic impact of all the recent and planned developments along Mathilda Ave. and Maude Ave. The firm hired by the city did all the traffic analysis assuming a Mary Ave. bridge overpass existed. Last I read in the newspaper, the Mary bridge overpass was stopped in the courts. Clearly all the new developments will be done long before the Mary bridge overpass is completed, if it is ever completed. I am very concerned about the impact of the traffic in our neighborhood once these buildings are occupied. Please contact the city if you are, too.

Ann Davis, Pine Ave.



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., Mar. 3 rd , 17 th and 31 st
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wed., Mar. 4 th and 18 th

April 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, Mar. 14th. Simply email to SNAILeditor@snail.org



Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a SNAIL Cookbook!

* Irish Coffee, page 55

* Irish Soda Bread, page 56

* Irish Potato Peanut Butter Candy, page 40

Don't miss out – get your SNAIL International Cookbook today!

Bonnie Lloyd



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