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April 2015

SNAIL General Meeting

Thursday – April 2nd

Location: Columbia Middle School Staff Lounge

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

Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:

- Guest Speaker: Trudy Ryan, Sunnyvale Planning Officer, will talk about the Duane Development projects
- Cinco de Mayo party plan and budget approval
- Work on June Yard Sale Fundraiser and Dumpster Day plans

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

Hello everyone, it's Spring! There is a lot going on, as usual, in SNAIL and we want you to be involved. April 20-26 is Earth week. There will be plenty of opportunities to do something good for the planet so please check with your favorite environmental organization.

The drought continues. The Santa Clara Valley Water district is offering \$2/sq. ft. to neighbors for replacing their lawns with more drought tolerant landscaping until June. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/LandscapeRebate> for more information. Now is a great time to remove some or all of your lawn.

The city-wide "Fit & Fun Earth Day Fair" is April 25th at Columbia Neighborhood Center. SNAIL will have a booth to get the word out about us to our neighbors. Please consider volunteering to help by being in the booth for an hour or two.

The SNAIL Cinco de Mayo party is Saturday, May 2nd in Columbia Park. It will be a fun party. Check out the flyer for more details.

Our next big event this spring is our annual SNAIL Yard Sale on June 13th and 14th. This is our biggest fundraiser each year. Valerie has volunteered to be in charge of the Yard Sale again this year. Please contact her if you are willing to help. Please come to the April meeting to help us organize this event.

We are looking for Dinner Night Out hosts for June and July. 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 host one of these events.

Looking forward to a bright tomorrow,

John Cordes, SNAIL Chair
SNAILchair@snail.org

SPRING OUTREACH

BLOCK REP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Neighbors on the following streets do not have a volunteer to deliver the newsletter on their street. Our OUTREACH TEAM is delivering this month. If you would like to continue receiving the SNAIL newsletter and participating in SNAIL events, we need a volunteer from your block to deliver the newsletter once a month (approximately 15-20 minutes) on your block. If you would like to volunteer for your block, please call (408) 739-8490.

- *500 Block Borregas *W. Duane Ave. *Santa Christina Ct.
- *700 Block Borregas (west side of street)
- *700 Block Borregas (east side of street)
- *500 Block Madrone *East Hemlock *Waddington Ave.

OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The Outreach Team needs volunteers to deliver our outreach newsletters in April and May – approximately 15-20 minutes per block. Please schedule a few minutes to help your neighborhood and call (408) 739-8490 to see where you can help in this effort. Thank you for being a good neighbor.

SNAIL 2015 Event Calendar

| Date | Event Name | Organizer |
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| Mar 31 Apr 28 | SNAIL Bylaws Meeting 810 Carolina Ave. | Elaine Rowan |
| Apr 12 | SNAIL 20 th Anniversary Party Planning Meeting | Elaine Rowan |
| Apr 15 | Dinner Night Out Pho Lovers Restaurant (Vietnamese) 253 E. Maude Ave. | Greg and Barbara RSVP To Bonnie Lloyd by Apr 13 th (408) 747-1949 |
| Apr 25 | Fit & Fun Earth Day Fair 10am-3pm at CNC 785 Morse Ave. | City of Sunnyvale |
| May 2 | Cinco de Mayo Party Columbia Park 789 Morse Ave. | Eric Wiles (408) 569-6609 |
| June 13-14 | SNAIL Annual Yard Sale 810 Carolina Ave. | Valérie Suarès (408) 390-3335 Connie Cook-Turner (408) 739-8490 |

Committee for Addendums to SNAIL Bylaws

We are looking to identify addendums to the SNAIL Bylaws and could use your input. There are two Tuesday committee meetings scheduled – Mar 31st and Apr 28th, 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

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 sessions: 4/4, 5/2.

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

Free Parent Workshop: 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>.

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

Spring Break Camp: For grades 1-8, from April 13-17 on the CNC/CMS campus. There is a tech camp for Columbia students, teaching 3D technology. For grades 1-5, camp will be provided by the YMCA from 8:30am to 3pm and there will be a session on Junior Giants Baseball. For grades 3-4, there is a special Introduction to Computers camp in the mornings. For complete information, see flyers at each school or check the CNC website. Registration for camps starts on Tuesday, March 31st at 8:30am – spaces fill up fast.

Free Puppet Show for Day of the Child/Day of the Book: Thursday, April 30th at 3:30pm in the CNC Gym.

Fit & 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 75 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>.

Junior Giants Baseball Needs Coaches: If you have patience, a sense of humor and like working with kids, you could be a coach for the Junior Giants program. No previous coaching experience is needed. The Giants provide great support in the way of coaching clinics and on-site staff for practices and games, in addition to excellent instructional materials. The players learn about the four bases of character development: Confidence, Integrity, Leadership and Teamwork, and everyone is required to read during the season, participate in healthy living (food and exercise) and anti-bullying behavior. Teams can earn prizes and game tickets throughout the 8-week season. Starting in June, each team has one practice during the week, usually in the early evening, and one game on Saturday. Online registration for players starts April 22nd and ends May 20th. Walk-in registration and information on the program will be at the Fit & Fun Earth Day Fair on April 25th. For information on the program and on coaching, go to <http://SunnyvalePAL.com> and click on Programs > Junior Giants or email JrGiants@SunnyvalePAL.com

Carolyn Lutticken, Program Coordinator CNC

SNAIL Booth at Fit & Fun Earth Day Fair

SNAIL will be hosting a booth at this Apr 25th event. We could use volunteers to help craft a picture board of SNAIL activities and man the booth. Please contact Elaine to help.

Elaine Rowan, SNAIL Vice-chair, SNAILvicechair@snail.org



Greg Pensinger of the Downtown Streets Team spoke at the SNAIL General Meeting on March 5, 2015.

Brief Summary of March Meeting Minutes

Guest Speaker: Greg Pensinger, Downtown Streets Team. This group helps the homeless get off the streets and be part of a larger team to transition back into the workforce. The local neighborhoods benefit from DST's work with cleaner areas and members also organize community service projects.

SNAIL Secretary Election: Ali Stephens was unanimously elected as Secretary.

New Block Representative: Steven Moore is the new block rep for the condos on N. Fair Oaks Ave.

Cinco de Mayo Party: Saturday, May 2nd at Columbia Park. Eric is the Leader. Funding was approved.

SNAIL Yard Sale Update: Valérie suggested switching to a more permanent sign for neighborhood activities. She, Tarik and Kirsten designed a demo A-frame sign made from PVC pipe with donated fabric and cut-out lettering that can be used for a variety of events. Costs were discussed.

SNAIL Yard Sale Newsletter Advertising: Color vs. black and white was discussed for the advertising. Final decision will be made in April.

SNAIL's 20th Anniversary Event: Nathan reserved Columbia Park August 30th. Elaine will coordinate a planning get together group.

Events: The Chinese New Year Dinner had about 20 people in attendance. March 10th Dinner Night out is at Gumba's.

Bylaws Committee: Next meeting: March 31st at 810 Carolina Ave. Ali will write up procedures for the Secretary position.

Newsletter Advertiser Policy: Group discussed advertising and pricing for the newsletter. Monthly vs. multiple months were discussed. There is no current written policy on advertising yet.

SRPEQN Report: <http://tinyurl.com/SRPEQN> Jim shared information from a meeting with the City Manager regarding issues since the LinkedIn buildings went up. (TV signal interference and the ability to see into certain homes from the higher floors of the building.)

Treasurer's Report: A tax expert will handle the filing of SNAIL taxes.

Ali Stephens, SNAIL Secretary



TV Reception Status



On Feb. 23rd, five neighbors from the streets around Pine Ave. (SRPEQN), met with the City Manager and staff regarding many issues related to the buildings at 505 N. Mathilda Ave. (“LinkedIn” or now “Apple” buildings).

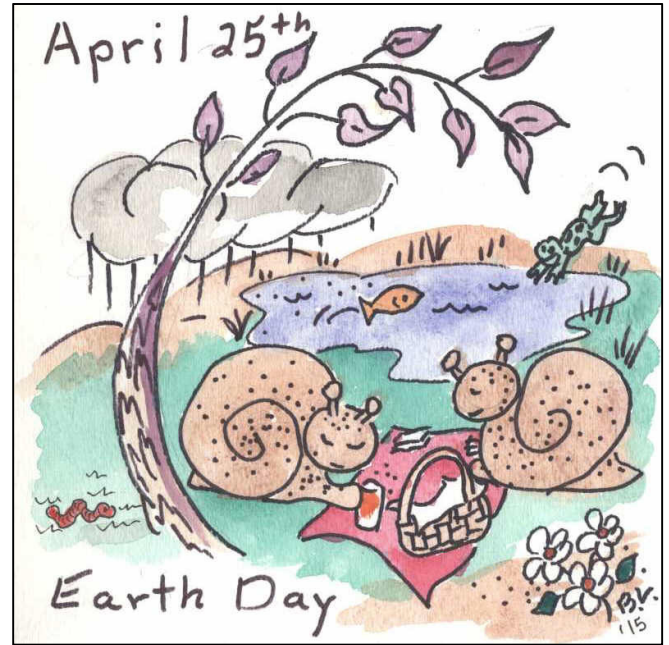
One of the issues was the loss of reliable over-the-air TV reception since the steel frames of these buildings were erected in June of 2013. We had asked the City to investigate if our over-the-air TV reception could be restored to the way it was before and, if not, for restoration of basic service via cable TV or similar service. The City explored the interference issue with radio frequency engineering experts who found it was very difficult to remedy the situation (and could create additional problems). The City declined our request to provide reimbursement for cable services to restore our TV programming to what it was before. This means that the City expects affected residents to either accept bad TV reception or pay for services like cable. As of this writing, SRPEQN has not yet met to decide how to respond to the City’s latest response. If you would like to contact us about TV reception, please send an email to:

SRPEQN @ gmail .com
 Jim Quaderer, Beechnut Ave.

SNAIL’s 20th Anniversary Party

Save the Date – Sunday, August 30th – All SNAILs are invited to our 20th Anniversary party. Children’s activities, music, good food... and more! Join us for a party planning meeting on Sunday, April 12th, 6:30pm, 810 Carolina Ave. We could use a few helping hands to make our party a success.

Elaine Rowan, SNAILvicechair @ snail .org



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:

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| East SNAIL Neighborhood | Tues., Apr. 14 th and 28 th |
| West SNAIL Neighborhood | Wed., Apr. 1 st , 15 th and 29 th |

**ANNUAL FUNDRAISER YARD SALE
 June 13-14, 2015**



Save those items from your Spring clean-up, in all categories: furniture, clothing, household items, books, children’s items, tools, you name it! We have someone looking for just that item. We’ll keep those reusable items that you no longer need, out of the landfills. We’ll put them to good use and raise funds for the next year of SNAIL activities.

Also, mark the date (June 13-14) on your calendar and save a few hours to help with this really fun event.
 Call Connie (408) 739-8490 for additional information.

Pet of the Month



This is Jak-Jak being held by Alex on Santa Barbara Terrace. He loves belly rubs!

May 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, Apr. 11th. Simply email to SNAILeditor @ snail .org

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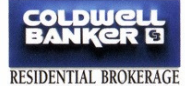
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