

# S.N.A.I.L. News

Sunnyvale Neighbors of Arbor, Including LaLinda PO Box 62072, Sunnyvale, CA 94088 http://www.snail.org/

Representing over 1,400 households Established in 1995

May 2015

# SNAIL General Meeting

Thursday – May 7<sup>th</sup>

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, Planning Officer, will give an update on Mathilda and San Aleso development projects
- Sunnyvale Public Lands Act Petition discussion
- Work on June Yard Sale and Dumpster Day plans
- Drafting feedback on the Peery Park Specific Plan

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,

Our May speaker will be Sunnyvale Planning Officer Trudi Ryan. She will talk about the current status of the development projects along North Mathilda and San Aleso. She should also have a quick summary of the planning commission and City Council decisions on the Perry Park Specific Plan. Please come to talk about what you want to see allowed there.

The drought has started its 4<sup>th</sup> year. In case you didn't hear, water conservation is now mandatory. Please cut back where you can. The Santa Clara Valley Water district is offering \$2/sq. ft. to neighbors for replacing lawns with more drought tolerant landscaping. Now is a great time to remove some or all of your lawn.

The city-wide "Fun and Fit Fair" was April 25<sup>th</sup> in Columbia Park. I hope you went and had a great time. The SNAIL Cinco de Mayo party is Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11am-4pm in Columbia Park. It will be a fun party. Check out <u>http://www.snail.org/</u> for details.

Our next big event this spring is our annual SNAIL Yard Sale and Dumpster Day on June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. This is our biggest fundraiser each year. Valérie has volunteered to be in charge of the Yard Sale again this year. Please contact her if you are willing to help and come to the May 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

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. \*Santa Catalina / Santa Barbara / Isla Vista \*Gresham

# **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	
May 2	Cinco de Mayo Party 11:00am-4:00pm Columbia Park, 789 Morse Ave.	Eric Wiles (408) 569-6609	
May 4	SNAIL 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party Planning Meeting 7:00pm, 810 Carolina Ave.	Elaine Rowan	
June 13	Dumpster Day 8am - ~2pm	Barry Boole (408) 739-1420	
June 13-14	SNAIL Annual Yard Sale 810 Carolina Ave. 8am – 4pm	Valérie Suarès (408) 390-3335 Connie Cook-Turner (408) 739-8490	

# SNAIL's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party

SNAIL's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration is Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-5:00pm. All SNAILs are invited to this Anniversary party – there will be children's activities, music, good food... and more!

We are still in the planning stages and could use your help. Our next planning meeting is on Monday, May  $4^{th}$ , 7:00pm at Connie's home, 810 Carolina Ave.

Please let me know if you will be joining us so that we have enough chairs.

Elaine Rowan, SNAILvicechair @ snail .org

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

## ANNUAL FUNDRAISER YARD SALE





Save those reusable items from your Spring clean-up: furniture, books, clothing, household items, children's items, tools, you name it! We have someone looking for just that item and we'll keep those items that you no longer need, out of the landfills. We will 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.



#### **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 <a href="http://CNC.InSunnyvale.com">http://CNC.InSunnyvale.com</a>.

**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: 5/2.

**Free Parent Workshop – Romance of Risk:** "Talking to your Teen about Risky Behavior and Wise Decisions", Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30pm. 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 <u>http://childcare.inSunnyvale.com</u>.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> and ends May 20<sup>th</sup>. For information on the program and on coaching, go to http://SunnyvalePAL.com and click on Programs > Junior Giants or email JrGiants @ SunnyvalePAL .com Angela Chan, CNC Manager

# Dumpster Time – June 13<sup>th</sup>

On June 13<sup>th</sup> <u>only</u>, there will be six dumpsters located throughout the SNAIL neighborhood during our annual Yard Sale/Dumpster Day weekend. They will be open from 8am to ~2pm (the closing of the dumpsters will be determined by Specialty Solid Waste and

Recycling, starting at 2pm.) So, if you have stuff that is piling up on you, this is the time to get rid of it. Oil up your wheel barrows and take your items to the big blue box in your neighborhood. The items you bring must not



have contaminates either on or in them, i.e. oil, electronics, tires, paint, refrigerators, freezers, contaminated car parts, etc.

If you have items that are slightly used, put them next to the dumpster and we will sell them at the SNAIL Yard Sale.

HAPPY DUMPSTER DAY! Barry Boole, Dumpster Czar



#### **Brief Summary of April Meeting Minutes**

**Guest Speaker:** Trudy Ryan, Sunnyvale Planning Officer, discussed the East Duane Development projects. She spoke about specific zones of the development, such as residential, commercial, and shared information on the Environmental Impact Report. Bicycle and pedestrian paths were presented along the surrounding areas and neighborhoods. Affordable housing will also be made available in the development. For more information visit:

# http://tinyurl.com/EastDuaneDevelopment

**Cinco de Mayo Party:** May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Columbia Park. Call Eric for more information. A budget was discussed and approved.

**SNAIL's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event:** The first planning meeting will be held on 4/12. The event is scheduled for Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. The type of event that we would like to have was discussed and members shared their ideas and preferences.

**SNAIL Yard Sale:** Will be held on June 13-14. Valerie is continuing to work on signs.

**Bylaws Committee:** Elaine will present a draft of the proposed changes/addendums at the SNAIL General Meeting in May. June inquired about getting another street light on Bayview.

Advertiser Policy: No update at this time.

T-Shirts/ID for SNAIL Volunteers: Lanyards were discussed along with cost. Jim volunteered to review the SNAIL T-shirts on the website where they may be available for purchase.

SNAIL Cookbooks: Still available, only 15 left!

For full minutes, please visit the SNAILorg Yahoo website:

http://tinyurl.com/SNAILorg

Ali Stephens, SNAIL Secretary

#### **SNAIL Bylaws – Proposed Revisions**

The SNAIL Bylaws Committee has completed their review and revision of the SNAIL Bylaws. The draft will be posted on the SNAIL website <u>http://www.snail.org/</u> and at the next two SNAIL meetings for member comments. We will vote on the proposed changes for approval at the July meeting. *Elaine Rowan, SNAIL Vice-chair* 



Cinco de Mayo + SNAIL Cookbook = \*Ceviche, pg. 59 / \*Mexican Rice, pg. 20 \*Huevos Rancheros, pg. 2 / \*Horchata, pg. 55 \*Mexican Chicken Soup, pg. 13 / \*Menudo, pg. 11 \*Albondigas, pg. 14 / \*Viva La Mexican Chicken, pg. 28 \*Mexican Zucchini, pg. 60 / \*Nopalitos con Pico de Gallo, pg. 57 There's still time to get your own SNAIL International Cookbook! Bonnie Lloyd

## **City Plans High-Density Development Adjacent to SNAIL**

Sunnyvale city government says the land between Mathilda Ave. and Mary Ave. is under-utilized. Residents say the number of people in existing buildings causes traffic gridlock on Maude Ave., Mathilda Ave. and Highway 101.

City Hall says additional, high-density commercial, industrial, and research and development towers must be built in this area. A process is under way to change height limits to permit buildings up to 115 feet tall. The LinkedIn buildings at Maude and Mathilda are approximately 99 feet tall.

From Mathilda over to Mary Ave. city hall describes a plan for a 47% increase in commercial buildings and a Seven Thousand Percent increase in housing units.

#### See documents labeled 'Peery Park Specific Plan' at:

https://sunnyvaleca.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx under 4/13/2015 Planning Commission > Agenda.

The city describes Mathilda Avenue as a "gateway" and seeks to have more monumental development to assert that character. On the east [SNAIL] side of Mathilda Ave. commercial development would be built to a height of 58 feet. The city will open a walkway for people to go from Mathilda and San Aleso Ave. directly to SNAIL homes.

The center turn lane on Maude Ave. will be removed and a median strip will be built. Page 5 of Attachment 4 to the document package shows parking being removed from local streets.

If the real estate developer claims they've built higher levels of green buildings, the city will reduce fees the developer would have had to pay for street and sidewalk improvements. Pat Meyering



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"The Federalist Papers" (10-Week Course) Written between October 1787 and August 1788, The Federalist Papers is a collection of newspaper essays written in defense of the Constitution.

## "A Proper Understanding of K-12 Education: Theory and Practice" (12-Week Course)

This course will consider the older understanding of the purpose of education, the more recent Progressive approach that has become dominant today, and some essential elements of K-12 education.



Hillsdale College offers free, not-for-credit online courses taught by its faculty. In addition to lectures, these online courses feature readings, study guides, quizzes, and discussion groups. There is also an opportunity to receive certificates of completion for each course.

Submitted by 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., May 12 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup>
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wed., May 13 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup>

#### June 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, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Simply email to SNAILeditor @ snail .org

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