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June 2015

SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – June 4th

Location: Columbia Middle School Staff Lounge

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

Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:

- Election of new SNAIL Secretary
- Work on June Yard Sale and Dumpster Day plans
- Planning for Aug 4th National Night Out

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 new SNAIL Secretary resigned in April, but our good neighbor, June Valenti, has volunteered to be our secretary. The election will be held at our next meeting on June 4th. June has previously held this office and we are happy to have her back!

Our next big event this spring is our annual SNAIL Dumpster Day on June 13th and Yard Sale on June 13th and 14th. This has traditionally been our biggest fundraiser each year. Valérie Suarès is in charge of the Yard Sale and we need other volunteers to help. Please contact Valérie, vsuares @ hotmail .com to volunteer to help on Friday with picking up items or on Saturday and Sunday to help sell them.

Remember, we are in the 4th year of drought and are expected to cut our water usage by 20%. There are plenty of suggestions on how to save water online <http://www.save20gallons.org>. The Santa Clara Valley Water District has many different rebate programs, including one to help pay for taking out your lawn or switching to drip irrigation. They have double the value of these rebates this year because of the drought.

Currently we don't have any summer block parties planned. If you would like to organize one with your neighbors, please contact Bonnie Lloyd, our Social Secretary. SNAIL is all about promoting community and neighborliness so we will help fund your block parties. Please contact Bonnie or come to a meeting to learn about hosting a summer block party.

Looking forward to a glorious summer,

John Cordes, SNAIL Chair, SNAILchair @ snail .org

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 <http://www.snail.org/> by June 1st. We will vote on the proposed changes for approval at the August meeting.

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.

SNAIL 2015 Event Calendar

Date	Event Name	Organizer
June 10	SNAIL 20 th Anniversary Party Planning Meeting 7:00pm, 810 Carolina Ave.	Elaine Rowan
June 13	SNAIL 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 ANNUAL FUNDRAISER YARD SALE

June 13-14, 2015



There's still time to donate those reusable items from your Spring clean-up to the Yard Sale. Help keep the useful items that you no longer need out of the landfills by bringing them to 810 Carolina Ave. We will put them to good use and raise funds for the next year of SNAIL activities.

Call Connie (408) 739-8490 for additional information.

SNAIL Dumpster Day – June 13th

On June 13th only, 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.) 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.

Barry Boole, Dumpster Czar

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED RATE INCREASES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016 – WATER, WASTEWATER, SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES

The Sunnyvale City Council will hold a hearing regarding proposed increases in the utility rates for City provided services on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 7pm in the City Council Chambers located at 456 W. Olive Ave. in Sunnyvale.

All water customers are billed a flat service charge based on the size of their water meter; and ALSO for the volume of water consumed according to the rate table.*

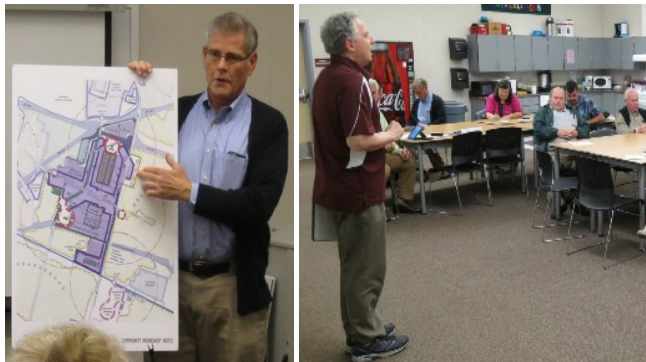
*(*from a letter sent by City of Sunnyvale to residents in the city – mailed 4/28/2015)*

Submitted by Connie Cook-Turner

SNAIL General Meeting – May 7, 2015



Amber El-Hajj and Trudi Ryan from the Sunnyvale Planning Commission department discussed recent Peery Park development applications.



Left: Craig Champion of Standard Pacific Homes showed a conceptual map for homes to be built between San Aleso Ave. and Madrone.

Right: Michael Goldman discussed the Sunnyvale Public Lands Act Petition.

Brief Summary of May Meeting Minutes

Guest Speakers:

***Trudi Ryan & Amber El-Hajj, Sunnyvale Planning Commission:** Distributed an updated Peery Park Development Applications map and discussed the various proposed projects and answered questions from SNAIL neighbors.

***Craig Champion & Brett Leon, Standard Pacific Homes; San Aleso Project "G":** Discussed the proposed project to convert the east side of San Aleso from Industrial to Residential that includes two-story duplexes and three-story townhouses for a total of 160 units and over 300 parking spaces. Visit Yahoo SNAILorg for a copy of the site plan in a May 8th post by John Cordes.

***Michael Goldman & Deborah Marks, Sunnyvale Public Lands for Public Use Act:** Speakers discussed the SPLA initiative for a ballot measure that will require public approval for the sale, lease, swap or transfer of public parks and community service amenities. Mayor Jim Griffith presented his personal opposing opinion. SPLA website: <http://sunnyvalepubliclandsact.com/>

Secretary Nominations: Bonnie nominated Tarik (not present); Jim nominated Valerie – she declined.

SNAIL Yard Sale: Valerie showed an example of the A-frame signs that she, Tarik and Kirstin have made. She also sent around a sign-up sheet for volunteers needed for four shifts, Sat. and Sun.

Dinner Night Out: Need volunteers to host DNO in June and July.

SNAIL Grants: There is limited time to submit a grant application for SNAIL activities. Suggestions: National Night Out, Library Book Boxes (like the one on Morse Ave.) and 20th Anniversary Party.

July General Meeting Date: A motion to move the July meeting to the 9th due to the July 4th weekend was proposed and approved.

National Night Out 2015: Sharon McKnight and Griselda Morales volunteered to host this event scheduled for Aug. 4th.

For full minutes, please visit the Yahoo SNAILorg website

Minutes taken by Denise Perez

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: 6/6.

Free Yoga: Tuesday evenings from 6:00-6:50pm; bring a towel or mat. Adults and children, age 9 and above with a parent. Join us before this program takes a summer break - no yoga classes in July.

Free Summer Meals for Youth, ages 0-18: Free breakfast and lunch at Columbia Middle School from June 15th - August 7th; breakfast from 8:15-8:45am; lunch from 10:40-11:30am. Any youth can come and enjoy a free meal.

Drop In Fitness Room: Come work out in our fitness room with over 15 fitness machines and free weights. Open to adults, high school students with parent consent form, and middle school students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. \$1 per session per person. Hours open: Mondays and Thursdays from 6:30-8:00pm, Tuesdays from 7:30-9:00pm and Saturdays from 8:00-9:30am and 10:30am to noon. Bring a towel, water and wear athletic shoes.

"Sweet Revenge" Screening and Panel Discussion: Friday, June 19th, 6:30-8:30pm at the Sunnyvale Community Center, Recreation Building, Ballroom, 550 East Remington Drive. This documentary will discuss the impact of processed food on individuals and healthy eating habits. A panel of medical experts will be available after the screening to answer audience questions. Free child care, refreshments and prizes will be provided. Registration required only if childcare is needed. For more information, contact CNC at (408) 730-7800.

Angela Chan, CNC Manager

FUN SNAIL NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS



Elaine Rowan hosting the SNAIL table at the Fit and Fun Fair on April 25, 2015.



The kids and a piñata provided entertainment for everyone at the SNAIL Cinco de Mayo party on May 2, 2015.



SUFA (Sunnyvale Urban Forest Advocates)

Are you interested in the urban forest in Sunnyvale? If yes, then please join us at the monthly meetings of SUFA. They are held at the Community Center at 550 E. Remington Drive in Sunnyvale. SUFA's goal is to protect, care for and expand the urban forest in Sunnyvale. Between Arbor Day on March 7th of this year and Earth Day on April 25th, SUFA volunteers together with the City of Sunnyvale, Boy and Girl Scout Troops and Synopsys planted 50 trees in parks and in neighborhood areas. On May 9th a Tree Walk took place at the Civic Center with retired city arborist Steve Sukke. Twenty-two species were noted and described in their care and characteristics. The walk will be repeated in July as an Evening Stroll at the Civic Center. SUFA works together with the City in planting street trees. These trees are free of cost to the residents. Trees for planting on private properties are available through OCF (Our City Forest) <http://www.ourcityforest.org/> in San Jose. The cost of these trees and their planting is about \$120. We invite you to become an active member of SUFA and support the urban forest. Our next meeting is on June 25th at 7 pm. Please visit our website at: <http://www.sunnyvaleurbanforestadvocates.org>. If you have any questions, please write us an e-mail at: info @ sunnyvaleurbanforestadvocates .org or call (408) 465-9465. Deborah Marks, SUFA

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., June 9 th and 23 rd
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wed., June 10 th and 24 th

July 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, June 20th. Simply email to SNAILeditor @ snail .org

Organize a Block Party!

Why organize a block party? It's fun getting to know your neighbors! And it feels good to know who lives nearby; this results in an informal "neighborhood watch". Your neighbors are more likely to call 911 if they think something strange is occurring. Also, you'll be better able to assist your neighbors if there is a major emergency such as an earthquake. Here's how you do it:

- 1. Three months before the party date:** Determine which houses make up your "block". Typically it's 20 or 30 homes, but it may be smaller or larger depending upon your unique street or apartment layout. Call the SNAIL Chair in advance to request information, party supplies and funding approval (we need to budget).
- 2. Two months before:** Walk your block and hand out a half-page flyer which announces the party and proposes a few party dates. Ask for a reply about the best dates.
- 3. Six weeks before:** Choose the best date and get a block party permit (one month deadline): <http://blockparty.insunnyvale.com>. The permit is free (\$25 fully refundable deposit). Your barricades can be picked up at the nearby Sunnyvale Corporation Yard, 221 Commercial St. (1½ miles from SNAIL on the street behind Lowe's). Optional delivery service for the barricades is \$25. It is not necessary to barricade your entire street. It is best to block off the street just in front of two or four homes to keep everyone together. Plus, that's less neighbors you need to ask permission to block their driveways.
- 4. Five weeks before:** Hand out a pot luck party invitation to all homes. Ask for RSVPs and volunteers. In the invitation, describe what food and party supplies you will provide, such as hot dogs, chicken, paper plates, etc. Make it clear that you will need neighbors to bring outdoor tables and chairs.
- 5. SNAIL will lend you our party boom box.** SNAIL will reimburse party expense receipts for "expensive" food such as BBQ meats that the organizer provides, condiments, party supplies and the City barricade delivery service up to the amount of \$25 plus \$4 for each home on your block. Save all receipts! SNAIL will not reimburse alcohol or pot luck food.
- 6. Have name tags for everyone at your party.** Ask everyone to write their name and house or apartment number on their tag.
- 7. Example flyers and party invitations are on the Yahoo SNAILorg newsgroup, in the "Files" section.**

Jim Quaderer



Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the U.S. flag on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress.

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