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July 2015

SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – July 9th

Location: April Flowers' Home
726 Morse Avenue (directly across the street from CMS)
Time: 7:00 pm – Look for the **SNAIL** sign
Refreshments will be served and there will be time to socialize.

Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:

- This will be a planning meeting for our National Night Out and 20th Anniversary celebrations.
- Final wrap up of the garage sale and dumpster weekend.

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 Vice-chair

Summer is here and it is a good time to walk through the neighborhood to meet and greet new neighbors. We have many new residents who have moved into the SNAIL neighborhood during the past year. We are encouraging you to introduce yourself and bring them to a SNAIL activity. We have two of our most popular activities in August: National Night Out and our 20th Anniversary celebration. More details on these activities are included in separate articles. Join us; I hope to meet you soon!
Elaine Rowan, SNAIL Vice-chair, SNAILvicechair @ snail .org

Thank You!!!

We had our annual SNAIL yard sale/Dumpster Day on June 13th and 14th. A special thanks to Barry Boole for taking charge and coordinating the "Dumpster Day" with the City of Sunnyvale; and to Valerie Suarez who managed the yard sale this year. And... we couldn't have done this without our SNAIL neighbor helpers who contributed time, energy and a BIG smile that helped make this weekend very successful.
Elaine Rowan, SNAIL Vice-chair

Tree Walk/Evening Stroll at the Civic Center

On Thursday, July 16th SUFA (Sunnyvale Urban Forest Advocates) will sponsor a Tree Walk/Evening Stroll at the Civic Center starting at 7pm at the library entrance; 665 W. Olive Ave. Retired City Arborist Steve Sukke will lead the walk. He will point out at least 22 different types of trees and explain interesting facts about each one. Sturdy shoes, a hat and sunscreen are advisable. Children are welcome accompanied by parents. Please come and join us for an enjoyable and informative evening.
<http://www.sunnyvaleurbanforestadvocates.org/>

Deborah Marks



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
Jul 28	SNAIL 20 th Anniversary Party Planning Meeting 7:00pm, 810 Carolina Ave.	Elaine Rowan
Aug 4	National Night Out 6:30 to 9:00 PM Columbia Park (Picnic Area)	Sharon McKnight Griselda Morales (see article)
Aug 30	SNAIL 20 th Anniversary Party 1:00 to 5:00pm Columbia Neighborhood Center – Multipurpose Room	Elaine Rowan (see article)

National Night Out Party – August 4th

It's time for our annual NNO Party for all 1400 homes in SNAIL! Enjoy free hot dogs, sausages, nachos and water. You are welcome to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

The origin of NNO goes back to 1984, when an organization called The National Association of Town Watch (NATW) introduced the first National Night Out. The purpose was to unite people in communities nationwide, promote police community partnership, crime prevention and neighborhood camaraderie. In the spirit of community, we are asking you to look to your own street for any senior or person that might need assistance to attend this event and bring them with you. We will also be collecting toilet paper, diapers (prefer large children sizes) condiments (mustard, mayonnaise, jam and jelly) for the Sunnyvale Community Services; and old eyeglasses for the Lions Club.

SNAIL's NNO party is the largest in Sunnyvale! It is a great way to meet your neighbors. We are looking for assistance to make this the best party ever. If you have a suggestion for an activity to add to this event, let us know. Volunteers are needed to work at the sign in table, set-up, manage food and take-down/clean-up. Please contact Sharon McKnight at sharon_mcknight @ comcast .net and/or Griselda Morales at minina35fu @ gmail .com
Sharon McKnight and Griselda Morales, NNO Organizers



ATTENTION ALL ENTERTAINERS

As part of the NNO, we would like to find those talented people living in the SNAIL area and give you the stage to entertain the rest of us by putting on a Talent Show. If you can sing a song, tell a joke or do a little dance and would be willing to share with your fellow SNAIL members, please let us know. We also need a volunteer to manage this activity. Contact Griselda or Sharon to let us know that you can help us out.

Sharon McKnight and Griselda Morales, NNO Organizers

SNAIL Bylaws – Proposed Revisions

The SNAIL Bylaws Committee has completed their review and revision of the SNAIL Bylaws. They are now posted on the SNAIL website <http://www.snail.org/>. We will vote on the proposed changes for approval at the September meeting.
Elaine Rowan, SNAIL Vice-chair



Janice, Supervisor Dave Cortese's Communication Manager, discussed next winter's homeless shelter plans – SNAIL General Meeting, 6/4/15

Brief Summary of June Meeting Minutes

Guest Speaker: Janice, Supervisor Dave Cortese's Communication Mgr. gave an update on homelessness in Santa Clara County. There are 104,000 homeless in the area with the top 5% spending 60% of the funds available to them. At the other end (about 19%) many just need rent or a car to get back on their feet.

Secretary Election: June Valenti and Tarik Peterson were nominated for Secretary. Tarik declined and June was elected.

20th Anniversary Party: Aug. 30th inside CNC Gym. Budget decided for food, entertainment and decorations. It was suggested free raffle tickets be offered to encourage early reservations.

SNAIL Grants: The grant amount decided upon is \$1,000. Jim Quaderer and Elaine Rowan are doing the paperwork. National Night Out is the focus of the grant.

Proposed Bylaws: The proposed by-laws changes fueled an intense discussion of procedures and authority. The proposed changes will be reviewed by the membership before being finalized.

Advertising: Valerie has the input list of ideas for handling SNAIL Newsletter advertising.

Block Rep for Hemlock: Bonnie Lloyd found a Hemlock block rep.
June Valenti, SNAIL Secretary

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 Library Programs/Performances: Thursdays from 3-4pm in the Multi-Purpose Room:

*July 9th: Music and Magic Show.

*July 30th: Magic and Comedy – all families are welcome.

*July 23rd: Lego Challenge, ages 6+ in [Morse Conference Room](#).

Free Legal Clinics: First Sat. of each month, get a free 20-30 min. consultation on a variety of legal matters. Next session: 7/11.

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.

Invitation to Twilight Pool and Play Event: Friday, July 24th, from 6-8pm at Columbia Pool and BBQ area of Columbia Park, hosted by CNC. This free family event celebrates the community and the end of summer school. It includes free recreation swim and games in the pool, games and activities for all ages with Community Services staff and a community BBQ. Come out and join us.

Angela Chan, CNC Manager

SNAIL's 20th Anniversary Party A Red, White and Blue All-Star Family Affair

Sunday, August 30th – 1:00-5:00 pm

Columbia Neighborhood Center - Multipurpose Room
Mark your calendar now for a fun filled, family-friendly afternoon with SNAIL neighbors, old and new. There will be plenty of children's activities, entertainment, special guests, raffles and more... and it's free!! The party will be held inside, but some games/activities for children may be outside. We will have a BBQ Chicken lunch, picnic-buffet style, with hot dogs available for children. **Lunch will be available from 1:30-3:00pm.**

Look for more details and a flyer in the August newsletter. Also - We could use a few helping hands before, during, and after the party. Can you assist? Your small time commitment with handling simple jobs would help make our party a success!

Elaine Rowan, SNAIL 20th Anniversary Party Organizer

2015 Annual SNAIL Neighborhood Yard Sale

Thank you all for your contributions to the success of our 2015 Annual SNAIL Neighborhood Yard Sale. Our sales surpassed those of last year which were, until now, our most successful. A special thanks to all volunteers: greeters, monitors, drivers, A-frame sign builders, those who placed the signs throughout the neighborhood, those who picked them up, setup and cleanup crew, our wonderful host and of course, the entire community for dropping off your unwanted items. Well done everyone!

Valérie Suarès, SNAIL Yard Sale Organizer

Congratulations Scott!!

Just four years ago, we nominated our neighbor, Scott Sarsfield, for Sunnyvale's High School Student of the Year award. Then, a senior at Fremont High, Scott earned this prestigious award. We were all so proud of him then and we are even more proud now! On Saturday, June 13th, 2015, Scott graduated from Santa Clara University with a BS in Computer Science and Engineering and a minor in Math and Electrical Engineering, magna cum laude.

Scott served a two-year internship with Zebra Technologies, which transitioned into a full-time job as Senior Associate Design and Development Engineer. Scott will continue his studies in September toward graduation with his Master's degree in June 2016. He continues his service hours each spring, helping with his brother's Challenger baseball team, the Sunnyvale Southern Purple Rockies.

Submitted by Connie Cook-Turner



June 13-14

What a great weekend it was! Our annual fundraiser yard sale this year was the biggest, the friendliest, best staffed and best inventory we've ever had. We started a month ahead of sale date to accept large items from neighbors who couldn't keep them until the sale, giving us a bigger and better inventory. We sent out our flyers a month earlier and again in June to remind people of the event and our need for volunteer helpers. IT WORKED! We had more volunteers than ever before. We increased our "free" advertising possibilities, plus our annual Mercury News ad. Our neighbors donated reusable items for the sale at a greater than usual rate. The shopper turnouts exceeded all previous sales... and guess what happened? We broke the record for funds raised in any previous fundraiser, by a huge percentage and we owe that to all of you who helped in any way. We are a neighborhood to be proud of. "Anything worth having is worth working for." We worked and we achieved the means to support our next year's activities. Thank You Everyone ☺

Connie Cook-Turner

Sunnyvale Plans to Worsen Traffic

City government plans to significantly increase future building in Sunnyvale and the vehicle traffic that results. The number of homes, beyond what's already approved, increases another 24%, mostly in high-density condo towers. Sunnyvale's population grows by another 30,000 to 35,000 people. Office/commercial space increases 26% beyond what's already authorized. The additional 12.3 million sq. ft. will be in blocks of office towers.

City government's plan is to allow vehicle flow to deteriorate across Sunnyvale. Traffic congestion on a street is measured by its "Level Of Service" or LOS. The LOS ranges from traffic flowing smoothly at LOS "A", to conditions getting progressively more congested from LOS "B" through "E" until vehicles reach gridlock at LOS "F". Currently, seven of the city's 60 major intersections are at LOS "E" or "F". Vehicles average speeds of 9 to 14 miles per hour. The City Council majority plans to more than triple the number of poorly functioning intersections to 25 of Sunnyvale's 60 major intersections. This plan is known as a 'Land Use and Transportation' update. Many roads around SNAIL will be severely impacted. City government seeks to sidestep public opposition to the plan by directing residents to fill out a survey. The questionnaire tells respondents to rank vague terms like 'Complete Community', 'Attractive Design' and 'Environmental Sustainability'. The survey avoids asking "Do you agree with more building of office and condo towers in the city?" and "Do you support dramatically increasing traffic congestion in the city?" However, you can write your answers to these important questions.

Send by email to: council @ Sunnyvale .ca .gov or by U.S. mail to: Sunnyvale City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086.

Pat Meyering

SNAIL Annual Yard Sale/Dumpster Day



Customers find treasures at the SNAIL Annual Yard Sale fundraiser.



Neighbors congregate on Fernwood at the SNAIL Annual Dumpster Day.

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., July 7 th and 21 st
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wed., July 8 th and 22 nd

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, July 18th. Simply email to SNAILeditor @ snail .org

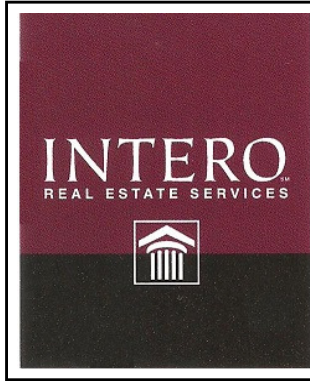
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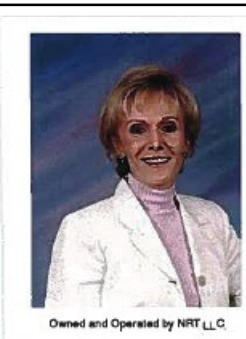
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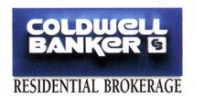
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