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March 2016

SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – March 3rd

Location: Columbia Middle School Staff Lounge

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

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 2016!** All SNAIL area homeowners, residents and guests are invited. Children are welcome. Membership in SNAIL is always free.

DUMPSTER MONITOR NEEDED

We are still in need of a volunteer to monitor a dumpster on the 200 block of West Eaglewood, Saturday, June 11, 2016 from 8am-2pm to sub for Barry Boole who will return to the job in June 2017. It is important to keep our dumpsters as close to the same locations as possible for an even spread in the neighborhood. This is a very important clean-up day for SNAIL. If you can help on this one day only, please call (408) 739-8490. Thank you.
Connie Cook-Turner

FREE SHED?

SNAIL has stuff -- lots of stuff. We've got new Christmas bows and supplies, a large coffee pot, party and yard sale supplies, a boom box, and more. We even have special timer lights for Candidate Forums which is used only every two years. We've relied upon volunteers to store this stuff for us and to dig it out for special events; however it is extremely difficult to find neighbors who can store stuff at home. We would like to give some of these kind volunteers some relief by renting in a storage facility -- but that would cost about \$2,400 per year!

We have a proposal. Would you accept a free new shed (of your choice) in your backyard in exchange for giving SNAIL the right to use most of the shed for a few years? There would be a limited term where SNAIL has the right to use your shed, but forever afterwards the shed would be 100% for your own use. This will be a win-win arrangement for both you and SNAIL. If interested, please email Jim Quaderer at storage@snail.org or call (408) 737-9479. Please make contact before the March 3rd meeting when the storage issue will be decided.



SNAIL 2015 Event Calendar

Date	Event Name	Organizer
Mar 2, 9, 23, 30	SNAIL to Volunteer at the Cold Winter Shelter	Valérie Suarès (408) 390-3335
Tuesday Mar 15	Dinner Night Out Pho Lover's Restaurant 253 E Maude Ave., 7:00pm	Craig and Wendy RSVP by Mar 13 th to Bonnie Lloyd (408) 747-1949
Sunday Apr 17	BBQ Potluck 810 Carolina Ave. 1-5pm	Jim and Connie Cook-Turner (408) 739-8490

Brief Summary of February General Meeting Minutes

Guest Speaker: Courtney Hornsby of Reading Partners discussed this volunteer program designed to help students improve their reading proficiency. Four out of five fourth-graders do not read at proficiency levels and, without intervention, these students are four times more likely to drop out of high school. With this program, 90% of the students improved their reading skills. Volunteers are needed to work one-on-one with a student throughout the school year, one hour per week, in a classroom setting Monday-Friday between the hours of 9am-5pm. For more information, please visit: <http://readingpartners.org>.

SNAIL Bylaws: The proposed bylaws were passed by a unanimous vote of the membership with fifteen in favor.

Standing Rules: Kirstin Sims and Valérie Suarès are gathering information to put into our standing rules. These are resources and procedures from prior SNAIL events that will be documented for future use.

Newsletter Advertising: Costs of printing and supplies have increased and we are looking at increasing the cost of advertising in the newsletter. Kirstin prepared a comprehensive document with several approaches to obtaining more funds from advertisers. There was quite a bit of discussion around the various options. The membership voted to charge \$200 for six months and \$390 for twelve months with nine voting in favor, three were opposed and three abstained. This vote affects new advertisers and renewals of current advertisers.

Storage Units: Kirstin investigated the cost of renting storage space for SNAIL event items. It could cost around \$2,400 per year. Jim Quaderer will write an article for the next newsletter to see if anyone is interested in keeping a SNAIL shed in their backyard.

City Grant: John Cordes volunteered to work on the 2016 grant. **For full minutes, please visit the SNAILorg Yahoo Group website:**

<http://tinyurl.com/SNAILorg>

June Valenti, SNAIL Secretary



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>.



Cesar Chavez Youth Action Day: Saturday, March 19th from 9:30am to 3:00pm at Columbia Park. The City of Sunnyvale is providing an opportunity for middle and high school age youth, ages 13-18, to learn about Chavez's civil rights leadership and how youth can get involved in local community service initiatives. The day will include fun, eco-friendly service projects, park beautification activities, and leadership skill-building workshops. This is a free event and a light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Registration is required. To register, complete the Community Services Volunteer Application form at:

<http://Volunteering.inSunnyvale.com>

3rd Annual Child Care Fair: Saturday, March 12th from 11:00am to 2:00pm at the Sunnyvale Public Library, 665 W. Olive. The Department of Library and Community Services, Youth and Family Resources will host this event to bring together licensed home and center-based child care providers with families who are searching for child care in Sunnyvale. Event is free to attend and participate. All families wanting more information about child care are welcome. For more information, visit:

<http://childcare.inSunnyvale.com>

Free Tax Preparation Assistance: Saturdays, Mar 5th, 12th and 26th from 10am to 4pm. Families with a maximum gross income of \$54,000 annually can get free tax preparation assistance from Tax Aid volunteers. No appointment necessary; come to CNC's Morse Conference Room. Bring the following documents: Social Security card or ITIN for each family member, W-2 forms for all jobs held in 2015 and all 1099 or 1098 forms, child care provider information, landlord's name, address and phone number, voided check for direct deposit, last year's tax return (if you have it) and health insurance statement form 1095-A, 1095-B or 1095-C (if you have it).

Angela Chan, CNC Manager



Columbia Middle School Upcoming Events

Mar 6: 4-8pm, Dine Out Night at High Tech Burrito, 1191 E. Arques Ave. Phone (408) 737-7337.

Mar 8: Fremont High School Course Selection, 7pm at FHS Shannon Theatre (8th graders only) REQUIRED

Mar 9: School Site Council CMS staff lounge at 6pm

Mar 10: "The Wiz" Musical at 7pm, CMS

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Mar 16: ELAC/PTSA CMS staff lounge@ 6-6:30pm

Mar 21: AVID Interviews (8th grade only)

Mar 21: Shadow Days at FHS (8th grade only)*

Mar 24: FHS Spanish Placement Testing at 1pm

Mar 25: Tri 2 Awards Assembly

*Registration is open for the March 21st Shadow Day. There is limited space, so the sooner you register, the better chance you have of getting a spot! You may register and find out more about FHS and Shadow Day at the following link:

<http://tinyurl.com/FHS-ShadowDay>

CMS PTSA is busy planning a fun spring 'event' for our community. The event will be held on a Saturday in May. More details to follow soon. We need your help with this event. Some of the committees forming are: Food, Events/Activities, Games, Logistics, and Raffle Auction. If you would like to help our PTSA make this a memorable event for all, please contact us at:

Columbiapta @ yahoo .com or leave a message at the school by calling (408) 522-8247.

Jennifer Aufang, CMS PTSA

Neighborhood Preservation – Did You Know...



Recyclable waste oil which is placed in a designated recycling collection location for collection under the city's waste oil collection program shall be placed in containers not exceeding one gallon in capacity with a screw top lid. Containers shall be maintained so that recyclable waste oil may be contained without leakage.



Recyclable waste oil which is placed in a designated recycling collection location for collection under the city's waste oil collection program shall remain the property of the waste oil generator until such waste oil is collected by the city or city licensed disposal service operator.



Upon the collection of recyclable waste oil, the recyclable waste oil shall become the property of the city licensed disposal service operator, as set forth in the agreement for collection of waste oil between the city and the licensed disposal service operator.

For more information, visit:

<http://tinyurl.com/SunnyvaleRecyclableWasteOil>

SNAIL on the Internet

SNAIL moderates a Yahoo newsgroup <http://tinyurl.com/SNAILorg> which is for SNAIL business and events, meeting details, announcements from the City, etc. There are two social websites for the neighborhood: Yahoo <http://tinyurl.com/SNAILchitchat> is moderated by SNAIL and is for socializing, referrals, lost pets, etc.; also, many neighbors enjoy using <https://nextdoor.com/> which is not moderated by SNAIL.

“Open Your Mind, Open Your Life”

A Book of Eastern Wisdom by Taro Gold

True happiness exists within us all; we have only to reveal it. “OPEN YOUR MIND, OPEN YOUR LIFE” illuminates the path with more than three-hundred inspiring guideposts based on the timeless wisdom of Eastern thought. In this beautifully illustrated volume, author Taro Gold encourages us along the path of joy and enlightenment.

- Turn your face to the sun and shadows will only fall behind you.
- As water carves through stone, those who persevere will win.
- Instead of putting others in their place, put yourself in theirs.
- True happiness in life is found always within.

Great Buddhist and Eastern thinkers such as Nichiren, Lao Tzu, Confucius, and Mahatma Gandhi are also profiled.

A Book Pocket Review

Submitted by Connie Cook-Turner

Spring Begins March 20th

Spring traditionally marks the end of Winter and the beginning of a season that signifies longer days and warmer temperatures. The first day of Spring is also known as the Vernal Equinox. This marks the day that the sun’s path is directly over the equator. This day also contains equal amounts of day time and night time. This day typically occurs each year on March 20th, and on March 21st in some years.

Facts about Spring

- In 2016, Spring begins on March 20th.
- The First Day of Spring is also called the Vernal Equinox.
- An equinox is an astronomical event in which the plane of Earth’s equator passes through the center of the Sun, making night and day of approximately equal length all over the planet. On the vernal equinox, the Sun crosses the equator into the Northern Hemisphere. This has the effect of making the days longer in the Northern Hemisphere until the Summer Solstice occurs.
- The Egyptian Great Sphinx of Giza points directly at the Sun on this day.

Celebrate the Spring Equinox

To celebrate the Spring Equinox (also known as the Vernal Equinox), we will host a plant exchange at Columbia Park on Saturday, March 26th from 10am to 12pm. Bring seedlings, rooted cuttings, or young potted plants to exchange. Find other plants you might like to try growing. Please label the plants with the name of the plant. Those who have no plants to contribute are also welcome to participate. Celebrating the Spring Equinox is a practice that began many thousands of years ago, long before there were religious groups that established holidays close to the Spring Equinox. If you have questions, please contact Patricia Collins at collins.patricia_@ gmail .com.

Letter from the Editor

Dear SNAIL Newsletter Readers,

I really enjoy putting together the monthly newsletter for you and I hope that you enjoy reading it as well. I would love to hear from you and encourage your feedback, thoughts and suggestions on how we’re doing and what we could do better.

- ✚ Do you and your family read the monthly newsletter that is delivered to your home?
- ✚ Do you read the electronic version posted online at <http://www.snail.org/docs/newsletterarchive.shtml>?
- ✚ What articles or features interest you the most? The least?
- ✚ Do you have suggestions for future articles or features that you would like to see?

Please send me an email at snaileditor@snail.org with your input. Thank you in advance!

Denise Perez, SNAIL Newsletter Editor

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	Tuesday, Mar. 1, 15, 29
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wednesday, Mar. 2, 16, 30

April Newsletter Deadline

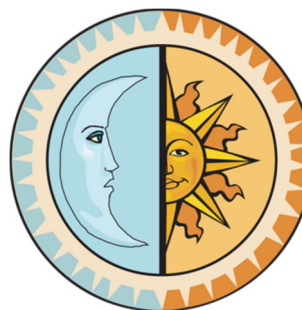
All SNAIL neighbors are invited to submit articles of interest to be published in our monthly newsletter. The deadline for submitting articles and photos for the next SNAIL monthly newsletter is Saturday, Mar 19th. Send an email to SNAILeditor@snail.org

Proposed Plans that Affect SNAIL Neighborhood

City government is considering:

- Removing parking on Maude Ave. between Mathilda and Fair Oaks,
- Removing the center turn lane on Maude Ave., and
- Putting a median barrier down the center of Maude to block turns into driveways. There will be a meeting to discuss these plans on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 from 6:30–8:00pm in the Auditorium at Bishop Elementary School, 450 N. Sunnyvale Ave., Sunnyvale.

Pat Meyering



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