

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

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Representing over 1,400 households Established in 1995

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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 and put them to good use, while raising funds for the next year of SNAIL activities.

Also, mark the date on your calendar and save a few hours to help with this really fun event. Call Valérie (408) 390-3335 or June (408) 497-0827 for additional information.

SNAIL 2015 Event Calendar			
Date	Event Name	Organizer	
Saturday	SNAIL Dumpster Day	Connie Cook-Turner	
June 11	8am - ~2pm	(408) 739-8490	
Sat & Sun June 11-12	SNAIL Annual Yard Sale 810 Carolina Ave. 8am – 4pm	Valérie Suarès	
		(408) 390-3335	
		June Valenti	
		(408) 497-0827	

# 🗱 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 them to you this month. If you would like to continue receiving the SNAIL newsletter and participate in SNAIL events, we need a volunteer from your block to deliver the newsletter once a month (approximately 15-20 minutes). *If you would like to volunteer for your block, please call (408) 739-8490.* 

\*Santa Barbara \*Isla Vista \*Santa Catalina \*Fir Ave. \*600 block Borregas \*Waddington Ave. \*700 block Borregas (west side of street) \*700 block Borregas (east side of street)



### **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.

## Dumpster Time – June 11<sup>th</sup>

On June 11<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. -Connie Cook-Turner

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

#### **Columbia Middle School News**

We are very proud of our Columbia Bulldog Music and Choir Departments who won big down in Anaheim at a music competition in April. The band/orchestra came in 1<sup>st</sup> and Choir came in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations and great job on all your hard work! -Jennifer Aufang, CMS PTSA



#### 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.

Day of the Book, Day of the Child: Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 to 4:30pm at Columbia Neighborhood Center, 785 Morse Ave. The Department of Library and Community Services presents a free family event to celebrate the Day of the Book and Day of the Child. Children's musician and storyteller Mister Q will engage parents and children with music, song and dance. No registration is required.

Stranger Awareness Class for Parents: Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 to 7:30pm at the Sunnyvale Public Library, Program Room, 665 W. Olive Ave. City of Sunnyvale, Youth and Family Resources, in partnership with the Department of Public Safety will be hosting a free Stranger Awareness class to provide parents and caregivers helpful techniques to teach their children how to recognize who is a safe stranger and who is not. The class will also cover Internet safety and how to stay safe around people they already know. For more information or to register, please call (408) 730-7800 or email childcareresources @ sunnyvale .ca .gov.

-Angela Chan, CNC Manager



#### **Cold Weather Shelter**



Thanks to the combined efforts of countless community volunteers, Councilmember Jim Davis, the City of Sunnyvale Council members, and Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian, the Santa Clara North County shelter opened December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 and closed its doors on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Many SNAIL members have been involved serving meals once a week since 2001, delivering warm articles of clothing, cooking meals, baking cookies and contributing their time to make a difference.

This year, SNAIL members volunteered 212 hours, baked 1,800 homemade cookies and poured 75 gallons of milk and juices. During the cold and rainy days, they handed out 100 wool beanies, 200 toiletry kits, 26 fleece blankets, 100 toothbrushes, lip balms, roll on deodorant sticks and pairs of socks for comfort. Not to forget the countless warm little beds and blankets that were handed out to the accompanying pets.

Priceless were the warm smiles, the supporting shoulders, the listening ears and the hot meals offered to everybody walking through the doors. Some of our medically trained volunteers even provided medical assistance as first respondents while waiting for the fire department to arrive at the shelter.

I would like to extend my gratitude to this year's crew: Chris, Chuck, Craig, Dawn, Jeanette, Jordan, Linda, Michelle, Sharon, Terri, Tina, Tom, Valérie, Wen Mei, Wendy, and Zeng. Thank you for your time, commitment and generosity. -Submitted by Valérie Suarès

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

Guest Speaker: Rob Smiley, CEO of the Sunnyvale School District. The November 13<sup>th</sup> construction bond was passed, enabling many improvements in our Sunnyvale Schools. New housing developments and district capacity are taken into account when developing these school projects. Completed projects include Cherry Chase, Ellis, and Sunnyvale Middle School received technical upgrades comprised of more bands and fiber optic cables. Lakewood Elementary had 26 classrooms modernized. The 30-year old kitchen was replaced and new kindergarten classrooms added. The old portable classrooms have been removed and new storm drains and waste lines installed. Also, new water lines from the nearby Hetch Hetchy lines have replaced the old lines. This led into a discussion of how the school project will affect the three Maude proposals discussed at Bishop School and also, in prior meetings. Don wanted to know who establishes parking restrictions, since parking overflows into the neighborhood. The City does this, not the school. Rob Smiley stated to have truly adequate parking, you have to be land rich, and that is not the case in Sunnyvale.

Social Secretary Report: Tarik represented Bonnie, suggesting we celebrate Cinco de Mayo at the next SNAIL meeting, since it falls on that day. Connie and Denise volunteered to provide hospitality for this event.

For full minutes, please visit the SNAILorg Yahoo Group website: http://tinyurl.com/SNAILorg

-June Valenti, SNAIL Secretary



#### **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, May 10, 24
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wednesday, May 11, 25

#### 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 14<sup>th</sup>. Send an email to <u>SNAILeditor @ snail.org</u>

#### **SNAIL Neighbors Gather for Barbecue Potluck**

Sunny day, good food, good company – what more could you ask for? SNAIL neighbors gathered for a Sunday afternoon barbecue/potluck at Jim and Connie's home on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Of the 33 neighbors that attended, seven were neighbors who hadn't previously attended a SNAIL social event. It's so nice to meet new friends! We invite all of our SNAIL neighbors to attend our Socials and General Meetings.

By the way, our next General Meeting, May 5<sup>th</sup>, is our Cinco de Mayo Celebration with a Mexican Buffet. Please join us. -*Connie Cook-Turner* 





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# Jim's Famous Barbecue



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