



S.N.A.I.L. News

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July 2016

SNAIL General Meeting

Thursday – July 7th

Location (July and August only):

April Flowers' Home: 726 Morse Ave.

(Please bring a chair, if possible, and a jacket)

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

Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:

- Discussion regarding forming a committee to review proposed standing rules

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.

2016 Schedule: 8/4, 9/1, 10/6, 11/3, 12/1

Brief Summary of June General Meeting Minutes

Announcements: John Cordes mentioned Saturday and Sunday, June 4th and 5th, is the Sunnyvale Art and Wine Festival. He will have a booth with information regarding his candidacy in the upcoming City Council election. Also, John stated our grant is completed and has been submitted for approval.

Jim Griffith said the City Council will review the 2016-17 fiscal budget at the June 14th City Council Meeting.

National Night Out: Diane Gleason discussed various costs associated with NNO. She motioned that we take a vote. Valerie seconded the motion. Twelve were for having the budget at no greater than \$2,000, one was opposed and three abstained. It was discussed whether to have National Night Out at Columbia Park or on Arbor. There was some discussion about whether or not we should have the jump house since last time it malfunctioned.

Standing Rules: There was some discussion regarding proposed standing rules. Tarik suggested that a committee be formed to review standing rules because not everyone is interested in them and, a lot of times, the discussions come off as bickering. Connie said the more people involved in the committee, the better. Eight people or more would be ideal.

Opening the Wall Petition: Dave King spoke about the petition circulating regarding the Peery Park plans to open the wall at Duane and Ferndale Avenues, accessing the neighborhood to Mathilda Avenue. The neighbors there feel this would bring undesirable outcomes. Among them, increased foot and bicycle traffic and increased parking. Small children would have access to Mathilda. Jim Griffith stated that it is the EIR meeting on June 13th that counts. Public feedback must be included in that report and public feedback can be given at that meeting.

Candidate Night: Connie stated that on October 12th, LinkedIn is giving us access to their largest meeting room and providing coffee, decaf, tea and cookies as well.

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

-June Valenti, SNAIL Secretary

SNAIL 2015 Event Calendar

Date	Event Name	Organizer
Aug 2	National Night Out E. Arbor between Morse/Bayview	Diane Gleason (650) 353-1575

National Night Out Street Party - August 2nd

SNAIL continues the tradition of hosting the largest National Night Out (NNO) party in Sunnyvale. NNO is on Tuesday, August 2nd, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This summer SNAIL's party will be located on E. Arbor Ave. between Morse and Bayview Avenues.

This is a great way to meet your neighbors or reconnect with neighbors you haven't seen in a while or to simply fulfill that desire to dance in the street! Free BBQ hot dogs and sausages, potluck salads and desserts, children's activities, fire engines, and our own local band, The Sound Effect! Come and meet neighbors and our city safety officers!

The origins of National Night Out go 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 to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention and neighborhood camaraderie.

-Diane Gleason, NNO Organizer



NNO Volunteer Opportunities!

If you are too busy to volunteer regularly but would like to "give back" to the neighborhood, I have a few volunteer opportunities that only require an hour or two, or even just a half hour, of time! We need a few people to help set up tables and chairs (light-weight plastic) before the NNO party, and a few people to help take them down (requires about a half hour of time). Would you prefer to organize the potluck table? Or perhaps sign people in? Please contact Diane Gleason, gleasondiane@yahoo.com, or call (650) 353-1575.



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



Independence Day History

Independence Day commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Independence Day is the most important secular holiday held in the United States. Americans take this day to celebrate all that is American, remembering the great sacrifices of our forefathers as they fought and won our independence from Great Britain. The holiday is also referred to as the 4th of July, named after the date on which it is celebrated each year.

Facts about Independence Day

- ❖ In July 1776, there were approximately 2.5 million people living in the new nation.
- ❖ The first public reading of the Declaration of Independence didn't occur until July 8, 1776. It was sent to the printers on July 4th.
- ❖ The original Declaration of Independence can be viewed by visiting the National Archives, Washington D.C. The original copy is severely faded and sits under special glass in the Rotunda for the Chambers of Freedom.
- ❖ The Statue of Liberty is a great symbol of American Freedom. It was given to the US by France in 1886. It was delivered in 214 crates and assembled on what is known as Liberty Island, in New York Harbor.
- ❖ "Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and success of liberty." - John F. Kennedy

Independence Day References and Related Sites

- ❖ <https://www.usa.gov/life-in-the-us>: Government of the USA: Life in the US
- ❖ <http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/declaration.html>: US Government Archives: Declaration

Letters to the Editor

THINGS ARE GETTING BETTER!

I took a drive past the new site for the Homeless Shelter – it is more inviting with trees and buildings in a cul-de-sac and still has the light rail close by. It seems the building may be open more hours and maybe year-round. I am so happy Sunnyvale and the county are doing this for our community.

I also attended a meeting of the Planning Commission and was so happy that a new developer is going to work on the Sunnyvale Shopping Center! The first project called for property owned apartments only – but the new project will be for ownership as well as rental apartments. The condition of the existing structures has some weather considerations and incomplete wiring so they will require some renewal. I was not able to stay for the second half of the meeting so I do not know any more!

-Submitted by Bonnie Lloyd for SNAIL

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>.



Bilingual Story-Time: Wednesday, July 6th and 20th at 3:30 p.m. in the outside area at Columbia Middle School Library, 739 Morse Ave. Sunnyvale Public Library's bilingual librarian, Karina Bermudez-Yepey will host a bilingual story-time (Spanish and English) with stories and songs. All families welcome.

New Evening Session for Drop-in Fitness Room: Come and work out in the Columbia Neighborhood Center's (CNC) Fitness Room, now open on Wednesday evenings from 7:30–9 p.m. through Sept. 28th with additional funding from El Camino Healthcare District. The fitness room has over 15 fitness machines and free weights. Open to adults, high school students with a signed parent consent form, and middle school students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian; \$1 per session per person. Weekly schedule is: Mondays and Thursdays from 6:30–8:00 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 7:30–9:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00–9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. to noon. Bring a towel, water and wear athletic shoes.

Twilight Pool & Play: Friday, July 22, 6–8 p.m. at Columbia Park and Pool. Free community event with recreation swim in Columbia Pool, games and fun with Fun on the Run truck, and hot dogs and snacks while supplies last. All are welcome.

-Angela Chan, CNC Manager

Pet(s) of the Month



This is Rory and Romy; two rescue kitties who like to get into mischief – like climbing in the garage rafters and getting into empty grocery bags.



Oh yes, they also have a big brother who protects them – he's a 146 lb. Bullmastiff named Harley and they all live together on Manzanita Ave. with their mom, Denise, aka your SNAIL Newsletter Editor. ©



Shoppers at SNAIL yard sale on Carolina Ave.



Dumpster being delivered on W. Fernwood Circle, June 11, 2016.

Thank You S.N.A.I.L.

Thank you to all the many volunteers who contributed time, energy, goods, use of their vehicles, food for our working staff and their cheerful goodwill to making our annual fundraiser-yard sale such a tremendous success.

Thank you to all the neighbors and friends in the city who came and shopped with us.

This is our biggest event of the year and brings out more neighbors and friends than any other. It continues to be my pleasure to work with this wonderful group.

Sincerely, *Connie Cook-Turner*

SNAIL 2016 Fundraiser Yard Sale

To everyone who contributed to the success of the 2016 SNAIL annual yard sale, let me extend my warmest gratitude. We had another great year.

Despite the facts that we had a slower start, fewer donations, and far fewer volunteers than the previous years, we were able to raise funds for future SNAIL events.

This event takes numerous hours collecting articles a couple of weeks prior to the set up day, posting signs throughout the neighborhood, setting up on Friday, selling on Saturday and Sunday, and cleaning up by 4 p.m. on Sunday afternoon.

The goals for this event include raising funds to use for future SNAIL events as well as allowing everyone to clean out unused items; and it is a great way to meet your neighbors. We welcome all our SNAIL neighbors to participate in this activity. If you have any ideas/suggestions on how to improve this event, please let us know. I would like to invite members of the SNAIL Community to mark their calendar for the second weekend of June next year. Think about giving us a few hours to assist us next year. The success of this community event can only be possible if everyone contributes. Reach out to me to see how you can make a difference with next year's yard sale.

-*Valérie Suarès, SNAIL Vice-chair*

Dumpster Monitors

Thank you Bob Cheney, Chuck Leath, Steve Papier, Elaine Rowan, Jim Turner and Matthew Weaver for your service to the neighborhood. This is a special job requiring a good deal of patience and goodwill toward your neighbors. We sincerely thank you for your contribution to this day's success.

-*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	Tuesday, Jul. 5, 19
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wednesday, Jul. 6, 20

August 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 16th. Send an email to SNAILeditor@snail.org



**National
ICE CREAM
Day**

Sunday, July 17th

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