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**September 2016**

## SNAIL General Meeting

**Thursday – September 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Location:** Columbia Middle School Staff Lounge

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

### **Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:**

- Discussion re: replacing the SNAILchitchat Yahoo Group with Nextdoor.com

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

**Mark your calendar now for 2016!**

**10/6, 11/3, 12/1**

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

**Announcements:** Dustyn Bindel, Community Services Coordinator for Columbia Neighborhood Center, would like to become more involved with SNAIL in regards to his work with Columbia School. He was not at the meeting, so this needs to be discussed with him.

**National Night Out:** There were about a hundred fewer SNAIL attendees this year than last. Other neighborhoods also experienced a reduced attendance this year. The band performed for free and it was suggested that they be reimbursed for their gas since they came from out of the area. Again, many felt the band played too loudly. Dave Cortese and Jim Davis were in attendance as well as a hook and ladder fire truck. Root beer floats were popular this year. It was suggested that the leftover food be donated to the Sunnyvale Community Services or Our Daily Bread. There were a large number of volunteers that made the event clean-up go faster and smoother.

**Standing Rules:** Tarik provided a commentary on the first proposed standing rule, i.e. that SNAIL shall not loan out equipment for use to support an event that is not sponsored by SNAIL.

**City Report:** Regarding the redevelopment of the Civic Center, polling predicted that a bond measure, to pay for remodeling the entire Civic Center at the same time, would fail. Therefore, the City Council directed staff to develop a phase approach instead. The first phase will probably be replacing City Hall. There are substantial design changes for Butcher's Corners. There will be no retail business and a park will be added. There is a new neighborhood association near us. The parameters include Bayview, Arques, Sunnyvale Avenue and Hazelton.

**Other Business:** Since so many people use "Nextdoor.com", it was suggested that we discontinue the SNAILchitchat Yahoo Group and switch to Nextdoor. Discussion at Sept. monthly meeting.

**For full minutes, please visit the SNAILorg Yahoo Group website:**

<http://tinyurl.com/SNAILorg>

*-June Valenti, SNAIL Secretary*

### **SNAIL 2016 Event Calendar**

Date	Event Name	Organizer
Nov 19	Dinner Night Out	Connie Cook-Turner (408) 739-8490

### **Thank You for a Great NNO Party!**

Our annual NNO block party was a lot of fun. Adults enjoyed conversation and food, children were entertained by the face painting, balloons, henna and glitter tattoos, and climbing aboard the fire engine. And both children and adults danced to the tunes of The Sound Effect. Santa Clara County Supervisor Dave Cortese and Sunnyvale City Council Member Jim Davis stopped by. Many people volunteered their time and efforts to make this event happen. Huge thank you's to Thomas, Randy, Joan, Chris, Jenny, Jose, Connie, Denise, Kristy, Terry, Jean, Cheryl, Diane, Scott and his band members, all those who brought food and those who helped set up and clean up. And of course, it wouldn't be an event without all those who attended! Thanks for a great party, and let's do it again next year!

*-Diane Gleason, NNO Organizer*

### **Sunnyvale Cold Weather Shelter Update**

The City of Sunnyvale and the Santa Clara County have identified a shelter location for this season. It will be located 999 Hamlin Ct. in Sunnyvale. As in previous years, the shelter will be opened from the Monday after Thanksgiving and will be closed at the end of March.

SNAIL will be assisting HomeFirst and the Downtown Streets team to serve meals during the week. No specific date has been set at the time of this article as to which day of the week SNAIL will be serving. Stay tuned for more details within the next few months.

If you wish to volunteer your time or contribute to supporting this great cause, please reach out to Valérie Suarès as she will be coordinating the volunteers with the Cold Weather Shelter administrators. Valérie can be contacted via email at: [vsuares@gmail.com](mailto:vsuares@gmail.com) or by leaving a message on her cell phone at (408) 390-3335.

You can choose to volunteer with Peninsula Food Runner to pick up food from donors and deliver food to the Cold Weather Shelter. For more information on this wonderful organization, please visit their web page at:

<http://www.peninsulafoodrunners.org>. Set up a profile and be alerted when donors submit online food pickup requests. Presently, Peninsula Food Runners is delivering 30,000 meals a week to families and individuals in need.

*-Submitted by Bonnie Lloyd and Valérie Suarès*

### **S.N.A.I.L. / L.V.N.A.**

**Candidate Forum: Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 p.m.**

We will need volunteers. If you can help with this event that will be held at the LinkedIn building on Maude Avenue, please call Connie at (408) 739-8490.

*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>.



**Free Program to Help with Managing Chronic Conditions:** Better Choices, Better Health is a 6-week, self-management program for people living with chronic conditions such as high cholesterol, arthritis, diabetics, asthma, depression, obesity, among others. This program also benefits individuals who care for someone living with chronic conditions. Participants will learn: techniques to deal with frustration, fatigue, pain and isolation, appropriate exercise, nutrition, appropriate use of medication and effectively communication skills with health professionals and loved ones. Workshops will be facilitated by trained volunteers from the Health Trust. CNC will be hosting an English series on Monday evenings, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. from September 19<sup>th</sup> through October 24<sup>th</sup> and a Spanish series on Tuesday evenings, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. from September 20<sup>th</sup> through October 25<sup>th</sup>. To register, call The Health Trust at (408) 961-9877.

**U-Jam Fitness Class:** On August 1<sup>st</sup>, a new group fitness program, U-Jam Fitness, was launched at CNC. It's a cardio dance fitness class that unites world beats, such as Bollywood, Latin and Korean Pop music, with urban Hip Hop flavor. It features easy to learn dance steps that help you sweat and tone. U-Jam Fitness will be offered on Monday nights at 6 p.m. for \$2 per class in the CNC Gym. Children ages 10 and up may participate if supervised by a parent/guardian. Child care is not available and younger children are not allowed in the gym or to wait in the lobby.

-Angela Chan, CNC Manager

### Sunnyvale City Council Candidate Forums

The League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale is sponsoring two evenings of forums for the candidates vying for four seats on the Sunnyvale City Council in the November 8<sup>th</sup> election. Candidates for two council seats will appear on each evening:

**Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.**

**Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7 p.m.**

**City Council Chambers • 456 W Olive Ave**

Do you have questions you'd like to hear the candidates answer? If so, please email your questions, in advance of the forums, to:

[CandidateQuestions@cs.ca.lwvnet.org](mailto:CandidateQuestions@cs.ca.lwvnet.org)

You can also mail your questions to:

**LWVCS • PO Box 2923 • Sunnyvale CA 94087**

Please indicate if a question is directed to a particular council seat or is intended for all Sunnyvale council candidates.

Check the calendar at <http://www.lwvcs.org> for candidate forums on other races and talks on ballot measures. Visit <http://www.votersedge.org> for information about everything on your ballot.

-Submitted by Valérie Suarès

## SNAIL's 2016 National Night Out Celebration



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**Food**



**Fun**



**Forever**

**SUFA (Sunnyvale Urban Forest Advocates)**

Sponsored 2016 Lecture Series #3

**When:** Saturday, September 24, 2016 at 3 p.m.

**Where:** Sunnyvale Public Library, 665 W. Olive Ave.

**“Sunnyvale’s Trees – State of the Urban Forest”  
and Candidate’s Forum**

**Leonard Dunn, Urban Landscape Manager  
Street Tree Services, Parks Division of Sunnyvale**

Leonard Dunn and the Sunnyvale Urban Forest Advocates invite you to come and learn about the state of the urban forest in Sunnyvale.

Maybe you’ve wondered about the trees in Sunnyvale. For example, how many trees do we have altogether in the city? How many street trees are there? What is the overall canopy cover in the city? Is it increasing or decreasing? What types of trees are being planted? Are we changing from the trees that were planted 60 years ago? Where is the oldest tree in the city? How do the trees cope with the drought? Does urban forest just mean trees? These and many other questions will be answered by Leonard Dunn. He will outline the study which was done 2008/2009 of the urban forest in Sunnyvale which resulted in the Urban Forest Management Plan. Many of the above questions are answered in this plan but suggestions were also made as to how to improve the urban forest. **Come and learn what you can do to help the urban forest in Sunnyvale!**

SUFA has also invited the candidates running for City Council in November to speak on their platform for the urban forest. They will be given equal time to present their ideas and then the audience will be allowed time to ask questions of the candidates.

-Deborah Marks, SUFA

<http://www.sunnyvaleurbanforestadvocates.org>

**Mobile Farmers’ Market at Columbia**

The Mobile Farmers’ Market brings farm-fresh, seasonal, and affordable fruits and veggies directly to our neighborhood! They are at Columbia Neighborhood Center on Saturdays from 9:30



a.m. to 12 p.m. They have a complete schedule which includes other Sunnyvale locations nearby: LinkedIn Building at 605 West Maude on Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. and the Valley Health Center at 660

South Fair Oaks on Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. They appear at our Sunnyvale library twice during the week: Wednesdays from noon to 2:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

-Diane Gleason



**VeggieRx at Columbia**

A free nutrition education and food assistance program begins at Columbia Neighborhood Center this fall. This is a 16-week program and includes eight interactive classes on cooking, nutrition, and exercise. Participants might be eligible for free farmers’ market vouchers.

**VeggieRx** Classes will be held every other Wednesday, 5:30 - 7 pm, starting September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Call: (925) 771-2990 or (800) 949-3276

Email: [veggierx@freshapproach.org](mailto:veggierx@freshapproach.org)

-Diane Gleason

**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, Sep. 13, 27
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wednesday, Sep. 14, 28

**October 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, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. Send an email to [SNAILeditor@snail.org](mailto:SNAILeditor@snail.org)



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