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February 2017



SNAIL General Meeting

Thursday, February 2nd

Location: Columbia Middle School Staff Lounge

Time: 7:00 p.m. – Look for the **SNAIL** sign

Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:

- Discussion of possible web notices and outreach – John C
- TV Reception Committee status – Jim Q
- Guest Speaker: Dustyn Bindel, Community Services Coordinator, Columbia Neighborhood Center

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 2017!

3/2, 4/6, 5/4, 6/1, 7/6, 8/3, 9/7, 10/5, 11/2, 12/7

SNAIL 2017 Event Calendar

Date	Event Name	Organizer
Sun, Feb 5 7:00 p.m.	Chinese New Year Dinner Party (See article for details)	Jim and Connie-Cook Turner (408) 739-8490
Feb 1, 8, 15, 22	SNAIL to Volunteer at the Cold Winter Shelter 6 – 8 p.m.	Valérie Suarès (408) 390-3335
Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29		

Brief Summary of January General Meeting Minutes

Announcements: Bonnie Lloyd mentioned there will be a meeting on Wednesday, January 11th at the Columbia Neighborhood Center about the development on Ahwanee on the site of the old car repair business.

City Report (John Cordes): On Tuesday, January 10th, the new council members will be sworn in and vice mayor will be selected. (Gustav Larsson was re-elected to vice mayor.) The council will be taking input on 2017 study issues. To learn more about them visit: <http://studyissues.insunnyvale.com/>.

On January 26th and 27th, council will have all day strategic planning meetings. January 26th will focus on operations and January 27th will focus on policy and priorities.

TV Reception (Jim Quaderer): This issue dates back to November of 2016. The Council heard SNAIL about funding a study issue, but they didn't have to do anything. Pat Meyering called the City Manager asking them to include this; however it was not listed on the web page as a study issue, lacking sponsorship of at least two council members. The ending date for sponsorship is January 27th. Tara got no support from other council members. When asking for feedback, she was told "just too many things could be the problem; the issue is just too complicated."

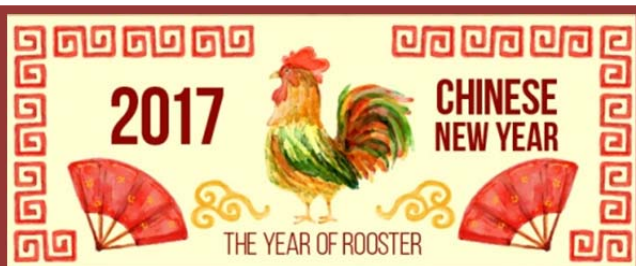
Planning Events for the Coming Year:

- We will reinstate the holiday decorating contest. Kirstin will be the coordinator.
- Linda would like the choir to perform at the Christmas Party.
- Georgina stated the Christmas Party and the Decorating Contest should be separate.
- Connie wants the judging done mid-week before the party. Tarik also believes the contest should be held before the party.
- Cinco de Mayo, the yard sale, NNO red bows, and a party for Barry and Linda Boole's return will be discussed at upcoming meetings.

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

<http://tinyurl.com/SNAILorg>

-June Valenti, SNAIL Secretary



CHINESE NEW YEAR DINNER PARTY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH, 7:00 P.M.

LOCATION: 763 SAN DIEGO AT THE
AUBIN RESIDENCE

HOSTED BY JIM AND CONNIE COOK-TURNER
(CATERED BY GINGER CAFÉ)

MENU INCLUDES:

ORANGE CHICKEN, KUNG PAO CHICKEN, SWEET AND SOUR PORK, PORK STEAMED BUNS, PECAN PRAWNS, BEEF BROCCOLI, BEEF CHOW MEIN, CHICKEN FRIED RICE, CHINESE CHICKEN SALAD, WONTON SOUP

BEVERAGES: WATER, TEA, SPARKLING APPLE CIDER, BYOB

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RSVP CONNIE (408) 739-8490

(RAFFLE TICKET FOR RSVP'S BY THURS., FEB. 2ND)



Happy Valentines Day



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 Events

Columbia Middle School would like to Thank the SNAIL neighborhood for their generous donation to the music department making us that much closer to the competition in Southern California.

CMS annual Carnival is just a month away on Saturday, March 4th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Games, Food, and Fun for all ages!

We will also have a Goodwill donation station on the same day Saturday, March 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please bring your donations. **No furniture please.**

-Linda Garcia



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>.

Sunnyvale Community Baby Shower: Saturday, Feb. 4th, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Sunnyvale Public Library, 665 W. Olive Ave. This free community event, sponsored by the City of Sunnyvale and local community partners will honor new and expecting parents. The event will include baby shower games, light refreshments, prize drawings, parenting resources, information on local child care and the opportunity to meet other new parents. No registration required.

Parent Education: Pathways to College, a program from Family Engagement Institute and Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC), aims to help families learn how middle and high school students can prepare for college now. The free program is geared toward parents/guardians who are unfamiliar with higher education and how to get started. The program will take place on two Saturdays, Feb. 4th and 11th, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in English and Spanish at Columbia Middle School, 739 Morse Ave., and will include a free breakfast. The program ends with a field trip for the entire family on Saturday, March 11th, to Foothill College for College Day. Registration required.

Free Tax Preparation Assistance for Low and Moderate-Income Families: Tax Aid, a non-profit organization, will provide free tax preparation assistance to families with an annual income of \$54,000 or below. They will provide free tax preparation assistance over four Saturdays: February 25th, March 4th, 11th and 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the CNC Morse Conference Room. No appointment necessary; bring photo ID and all tax and income related documents.

-Angela Chan, CNC Manager

TV Committee Advocates Study Issue



The SNAIL TV Reception committee met on Jan. 7th. We started off the meeting with each of us explaining why we were there. I'd say that half of us don't want to lose our high quality television picture and the other half hates the cable companies! Whatever the reason, we don't want to give up our over-the-air (OTA) TV reception.

Our first order of business is to get the City to study what happens to TV reception near tall buildings in Sunnyvale. Also, we'd like the City to form a policy regarding the restoration of lost or degraded OTA TV reception or compensation for those for which nothing can be done. Several of us wrote letters to Council and spoke at the Jan. 10th Council meeting. We are thankful to those who are not on our committee who wrote letters of support! We have developed some solutions for this difficult issue. Now we need to educate the Council. We'll be working on that through the time the Council ranks the study issues.

-Jim Quaderer, SNAIL TV Reception Committee Chair

Cold Weather Shelter Donations

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for donating items for the clients residing at the homeless shelter. Your generosity is really appreciated. Items that clients could use are: individual size toiletries, wash clothes, flip flops to be used in the shower and individual laundry soap detergent in single packs such as "Wash 'n Go Singles". Thank you.

Valérie Suarès (408) 390-3335

Did You Know...?

When mercury-containing products are disposed of improperly, the small amount of mercury in them can enter the environment through the air or ground and contaminate waterways.

You can join the effort to contain, reduce and eventually eliminate mercury in the environment by continuing to properly dispose of mercury-containing products.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- ✓ Never dispose of mercury-containing products down your drains, in the trash or into the storm drains.
- ✓ Properly dispose of mercury-containing products such as fluorescent bulbs, tubes and coils, button batteries, glass thermometers and thermostats.
- ✓ Mercury-added bulbs manufactured after November 30, 2003 are labeled to read "Contains Mercury" or "Hg" within a circle on the lamp to signify that they must be handled with caution.



- ✓ Replace your mercury fever thermometers with digital or solar thermometers.
- ✓ For proper disposal methods, visit: <http://recycling.insunnyvale.com>



Punxsutawney Phil has been making predictions for over 131 years. (Phil's winter predictions have been correct only 39% of the time.)

Groundhog Day History

Groundhog Day marks the midway point between the winter solstice and the vernal equinox. It is a derivative from the early Christian holiday of Candlemas Day. The holiday is commemorated when a famous groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, emerges from his burrow and looks for his shadow. The tradition goes that this day is used to help determine how many weeks of winter might be left. It is observed every year on February 2nd and was established in 1887.

Groundhog Day Facts and Quotes

- In 2016 Pennsylvania's groundhog Punxsutawney Phil, failed to see his shadow, meaning he predicted an early spring.
- The Groundhog emerges from his hole after a long winter's sleep to look for his shadow. If it is sunny and he sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter and he returns to his hole. If it is cloudy and he does not see his shadow, he will stay above ground as spring is on its way.
- The first Groundhog Day was celebrated on February 2, 1887 in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. A local newspaper editor, Clymer Freas, convinced his friends (known as the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club, for their love of hunting groundhogs) to visit Gobbler's Knob. After observing a groundhog emerge from his hole, they determined that seeing his shadow was a bad omen and meant there were at least six more weeks of winter.
- Groundhogs, also known as woodchucks, are rodents. They hibernate throughout the winter.
- "Turn your face to the sun and the shadows fall behind you." - Maori Proverb.

Groundhog Day Top Events and Things to Do

- Watch the movie *Groundhog Day*.
- Host a Groundhog Day party. Record the emergence of Phil from his hole and play it back at the party. Several days before the party, have all of the attendees send in their prediction regarding whether Phil will see his shadow. Have small prizes for the winners.
- Watch Phil emerge at 7:25 a.m. (EST) live via telecast provided by: <http://www.visitpa.com/groundhog-day-live-stream/>
- <http://www.groundhog.org>

Letter to the Editor

Hello,

I'm Norma at 205 West Duane Avenue, Sunnyvale. Just to inform our neighbors that, unfortunately, burglars broke into our home, Saturday, December 25th at 12:30 a.m.

Norma and family

Editor's Note: From DPS Blotter

"Residential Burglary – 200 Blk. W. Duane

Time: 12/24 1200 – 12/25 0030

An unknown suspect entered the residence by prying open a rear door and ransacked the house. At the time of the report it was unknown what was stolen."



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, Feb. 14, 28
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wednesday, Feb. 1, 15

March 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, Feb. 11th. Send an email to SNAILeditor@snail.org



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