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April 2017



## SNAIL General Meeting

Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** Columbia Middle School Staff Lounge

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

### Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:

- Update on 2017 City grant proposal for SNAIL – Kirstin

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!**

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



### SNAIL 2017 Event Calendar

Date/Time	Event Name	Organizer
Fri, Apr 27 7:00 p.m.	Dinner Night Out Hardy's Bavaria (German) 111 W Evelyn Ave.	RSVP Bonnie Lloyd (408) 747-1949
Sat, May 6 TBD	Cinco de Mayo Party	TBD
Sat, June 10 TBD	SNAIL Dumpster Day	Barry Boole (408) 505-5670
Sat-Sun, Jun 10-11 TBD	SNAIL Annual Yard Sale	Valérie Suarès (408) 390-3335
Tues, Aug 1 TBD	National Night Out	TBD

### Brief Summary of March General Meeting Minutes

**Announcements:** A neighborhood robbery was discussed, both the afternoon timing and the items taken. Barry Boole's long-awaited return is pending closure on permits and gas hookup. We will speak with the Boole's on how best to celebrate their return. We now have a new neighborhood resource officer. We will contact him/her and invite him/her to speak at our meeting.

**City Report (John Cordes):** The City Council approved single-story zoning in an Eichler neighborhood at the February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Everyone in the neighborhood paid part of the fee and submitted forms. It takes six months for this process. A reminder, two blocks of Ahwanee is zoned for four-stories. On February 27<sup>th</sup> a study session for the area between Charles and Mathilda agreed to build 66 units of affordable housing for seniors and developmentally challenged individuals. The City is accepting plans and bids for this project. On March 7<sup>th</sup> the City council will host a study session on the LUTE (Land Use and Transportation Element of Sunnyvale's General plan.) This plan sets Sunnyvale's expected growth for the next 20 years.

**Book Boxes:** Also called 'Little Free Library,' there is an example of one at the corner of Borregas and Ferndale. John supports this idea; he used to build these with the Boy Scouts. They cost \$200 to \$250 to build; maybe less if someone wants to donate materials and time. Kirstin proposes we submit this idea in a grant proposal.

**TV Reception Committee Report:** TV reception is not on the 2017 City Council study list. Nothing new has happened so far.

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

<http://tinyurl.com/SNAILorg>

-June Valenti, SNAIL Secretary

### St. Patrick's Day Dinner Night Out (DNO)

There were 11 SNAIL's who attended last month's Dinner Night Out at Marie Callender's on St. Patrick's Day, including two new young families. We enjoyed our meals – from shrimp to corned beef – and pie for the hearty ones!

Discussions led to a suggestion for DNO at Hardy's Bavarian restaurant at Murphy Square on April 27<sup>th</sup>. See you there!

-Bonnie Lloyd



Our annual SNAIL Cinco de Mayo party has been scheduled for **Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**. We need a coordinator to plan this event, including the selection of the venue and time. Volunteers will be available to help. Please contact Connie at (408) 739-8490 if you would like to plan this fun event.

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](mailto:CNC@sunnyvale.ca.gov) or go to the CNC web page at <http://CNC.inSunnyvale.com>.

**Free Parent Workshop:** "Digital Preschool - Screen Time and the Young Child" on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Sunnyvale Community Center, Neighborhood Room, 550 E. Remington Dr. In this free workshop presented by Parent's Place, parents and caregivers will learn about the impact of screen time on young children. Participants will receive guidelines for establishing a healthy media diet and determine how educational programs can enhance your child's learning. RSVPs are appreciated, but not required.

**Free Parent Education-Pathways to College:** Family Engagement Institute is equipping parents of middle and high school students with the tools needed to prepare their children for college. The program will be offered in English and Spanish and geared toward families with no prior experience with college. This program will be offered on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> at Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC). Dinner will be included and the program is free, thanks to a generous grant from Advanced Micro Devices. All classes are mandatory. The program will end with a College Day at Foothill College on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, with a free lunch and transportation. Registration is required. Call (408) 730-7800 or email [cnc@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:cnc@sunnyvale.ca.gov) to register or for more information.

-Angela Chan, CNC Manager

### Little Free Library

Have a love of reading? Have a few extra books to share? SNAIL is interested in putting up a few Little Free Libraries throughout the SNAIL boundaries.



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A Little Free Library is small sturdy structure that is placed on a home owner's property. The structure is used as a library for every one – stop

by to take, give or exchange a book. If you are interested in hosting a library at your home, please let me know by sending an email to [SNAILtreasurer@snail.org](mailto:SNAILtreasurer@snail.org)  
-Kirstin Sims, Madrone Avenue



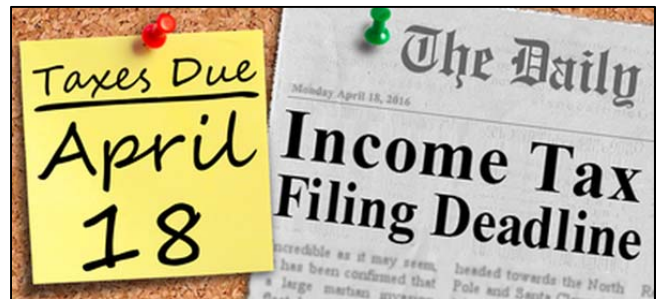
### SNAIL Volunteers at the Cold Weather Shelter

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of our SNAIL community volunteers, for their involvement to serve hot meals once a week this season, deliver warm articles of clothing, baked cookies, and contributed their time to make a difference. This year, from November 2016 through March 2017, SNAIL members volunteered 212 hours, baked over 2,250 homemade cookies, poured 48 gallons of milk and juice, offered 500 tea bags and canisters of hot chocolate mix, provided 155 wool beanies for the cold and rainy days, provided ten bottles of shampoo for the showers, approximately 160 travel-size toiletries including toothbrushes, lip balm and deodorant; five down comforters were given out to the families, over 60 warm coats, shirts and pants were handed out along with 30 pairs of socks, new underwear, shower skippers, bath and hand towels; children's and adult books and games were provided; weekly condiments to accompany the meals, six-32 oz. bottles of hot sauce (yes, that was a lot of hot sauce!); three pot holders to pull hot trays out of the ovens; one gallon of dish washing liquid and sponges to clean the aluminum pans; and we recycled 48 gallon-size jugs and over 200 rectangular deep full-size foil pan and lids. Truly remarkable, don't you think?

I would like to extend my warmest gratitude to this year's contributors: Angela, Annie, Barbara, Chris, Craig, Elaine, Jeanette, Jeff, Jill, John, Mardi, Marty, Melody, Patty, Randy, Roberto, Rosie, Sharon, Sue, Terri, Tina, Tom, Valerie, Wendy, and to everyone else who dropped off items to be taken to the shelter.

Thank you for your time, your commitment and your generosity. Let's do this again next year, shall we?

-Valérie Suarès, SNAIL Vice-chair



### Storage Space Available for SNAIL Items



We have some storage space available for SNAIL items currently being stored by neighbors at their homes. If you would like to take advantage of this storage and free up some space in your home, please send an email to [snaileditor@snail.org](mailto:snaileditor@snail.org) and include a list of SNAIL items you are storing and the quantities.



**When:** Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>  
**Hours:** 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Columbia Neighborhood Center,  
 785 Morse Ave.

- Free family event with over 65 exhibitors with nutrition and health information.
- Children's Activity Zone with fun games and activities.
- Free health screenings: diabetes, cholesterol, blood pressure, body mass index (BMI) and vision.
- Live fitness demonstrations and entertainment.
- Live BMX stunt show presented by Perfection on Wheels.
- Explore a fire rig, squad car and meet K-9 officers from the Department of Public Safety.
- Bring or ride your bike and check out the bike rodeo with free bike inspections.
- Car seat safety inspections by appointment. Call 408-730-7179.
- Safe City Bike Skills Course funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety.

Be part of the fun! For questions about the Fit and Fun Fair, call René Huerta, Community Services Coordinator at (408) 730-7355 or email [fitandfunfair@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:fitandfunfair@sunnyvale.ca.gov).



**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, Apr. 11, 25
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wednesday, Apr. 12, 26

**May 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, Apr. 15<sup>th</sup>. Send an email to [SNAILeditor@snail.org](mailto:SNAILeditor@snail.org)

**ANNUAL FUNDRAISER YARD SALE**  
**June 10-11, 2017**

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. Email Valérie with any questions at [vsuares@gmail.com](mailto:vsuares@gmail.com) and include "Yard Sale" in the subject line or call June (408) 497-0827 for additional information.



**Arbor Day History**

Arbor Day is a celebration of trees and their importance to providing shelter, stabilization for the ground, and beauty to the beholder. While Arbor Day is a US holiday, several other countries have adopted similar observances including Japan, Australia, Korea and Yugoslavia. In 1970, President Richard Nixon declared Arbor Day a federal holiday and it is observed the last Friday in April each year.

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