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May 2017

SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – May 4th



**Start the Celebration Early! A Special Buffet
Will Be Available Beginning at 6:45 p.m.**

Location: Columbia Middle School Staff Lounge

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

Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:

- *Guest Speakers: Kim Walter of SUFA*

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.

Brief Summary of April General Meeting Minutes

New Business: We spoke at length with Abigail Rosa of the Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association (LVNA) and her many plans for her neighborhood. These include: implementing Nextdoor.com for her neighborhood, starting a Farmers' Market, a July 15th Dumpster Day, emergency preparedness, and perhaps participating with SNAIL in some activities. She is very interested in linking the neighborhood associations in Sunnyvale.

City Report: The Planning Commission is to approve a four-story high density housing project on Ahwanee on April 11th at 7:00 pm. Two parcels are already zoned for this type of project while three remaining properties need zonal approval for residential.

Announcements: A prior City Council Meeting drew several speakers requesting help from the Council concerning the prevalence of wage theft in Sunnyvale. Neighboring towns pull the permits of those businesses practicing wage theft, so Sunnyvale was urged to do so also. Sunnyvale has the highest incident of wage theft in the South Bay and the Peninsula.

It was suggested the meeting agenda be published one month in advance before the next meeting.

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

<http://tinyurl.com/SNAILorg>

-June Valenti, SNAIL Secretary

SNAIL 2017 Event Calendar

Date/Time	Event Name	Organizer
Wed, May 24 7:00 p.m.	Tia Juana Mexican Grill 901 E Duane Ave.	RSVP Bonnie Lloyd (408) 747-1949
Sat, June 10 8 a.m. – ~2 p.m.	SNAIL Dumpster Day (Check newsletter flyer for dumpster locations)	Barry Boole (408) 505-5670
Sat-Sun, Jun 10-11 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.	SNAIL Annual Yard Sale 810 Carolina Ave.	Valérie Suarès (408) 390-3335
Tues, Aug 1 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.	National Night Out E. Arbor between Morse/Bayview	Diane Gleason (650) 353-1575

Annual Fundraiser Yard Sale – June 10-11



Save those reusable items from your Spring clean-up: furniture, books, clothing, household items, children's items, tools, you name it! We have someone looking for just that item and we'll keep those items that you no longer need, out of the landfills. We will put them to good use and raise funds for the next year of SNAIL activities.

Please bring small items to 810 Carolina Ave. anytime. Call Connie at 408-739-8490 or Valérie at 408-390-3335 regarding large items. Bring items June 10th between 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.

We are also looking for helpers to: (a) set up on Friday, June 9th from 6 – 8 p.m.; (b) greet and help with the sales on Saturday and Sunday (various shifts available) and; (c) to clean up at the end of the day on Sunday. Call Valérie if you can help us with this really fun event. Thank you.

-Valérie Suarès, (408) 390-3335

Dumpster Time – June 10th

On June 10th only, 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 contaminants 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.

-Barry Boole, Dumpster Czar

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>.

Better Choices, Better Health (Spanish): The Health Trust will be offering this free program in Spanish on Tuesdays, May 2nd through June 6th, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., at Columbia Neighborhood Center, 785 Morse Ave. This is a self-management program with two trained leaders to help people living with challenging, ongoing health conditions such as diabetes, asthma, heart disease, high cholesterol or other condition-specific issues. Participants learn how to manage stress, deal with pain and fatigue, weight management and decision making.

To register or for more information, call (408) 730-7800 or visit <http://CNC.inSunnyvale.com>.

Day of the Book – Day of the Child: Wednesday, May 3rd, 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Columbia Neighborhood Center Gym, 785 Morse Ave. Columbia Neighborhood Center, in partnership with the Sunnyvale Public Library will be hosting a special event to celebrate Day of the Book - Day of the Child. This free community event will feature storytelling, song and dance with a special guest performance by Cascada de Flores. Each child receives a free book. For more information, call (408) 730-7800.

Applications to be Pre-Approved for Reduced Fee for Drop-In Recreation Program Available Now: Full day, drop-in recreation program, called Dog House at CNC, for youth ages 6-13 will be open from June 12th to August 4th, 2017. The Dog House summer camp will feature group activities, arts and crafts, outdoor sports, swimming and more! Youth participants have three options to drop-in: all day (8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., morning only (8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.), or afternoon only (1:30 – 5:30 p.m.). This camp has a reduced fee option that requires families to be pre-approved. Pre-approval is based on household income. Applications are available at Columbia Neighborhood Center and will be accepted from April 17th through July 23rd. Families who are not approved for the reduced price will pay the daily regular price. Camp's reduced fees are \$3 for half-day and \$6 for full day; regular fees are \$22 for half-day and \$44 for full day.

-Angela Chan, CNC Manager



Columbia Middle School (CMS) Choir



CMS's Band, Orchestra and Choir that performed at Disneyland

Columbia Middle School's Music Department took to the stage this past Saturday, April 8th to participate in the annual World Strides Heritage Music Festival at Fullerton College. CMS was one of over 30 participating schools, comprised of over 40 directors and almost 2,000 students.

Members of Columbia's Concert Band, String Orchestra and Concert Choir gave performances that were adjudicated by three highly qualified judges. The judges offered critiques of the students' performances and then offered an on-stage clinic. Each performing group also received rating based their average score from the three judges. The ratings range (from lowest to highest) Festival, Merit, Bronze, Silver, and Gold.

Columbia's Concert Choir and String Orchestra *both* received a Gold rating, while the Concert Band received a Silver rating, narrowly missing gold by only a few points!

The trip was capped off by a full day in both Disneyland Park and California Adventure. Directors Warren Scott and Kerri Eikenberg are both proud of the students' performances and dedication to their craft. Both were extremely pleased with students' conduct and representation of Columbia Middle School and Sunnyvale.

-Linda Garcia

Wage Theft

Wage theft is most common in the service industries (restaurants, home help, and hourly wage employees in blue collar positions).

All workers in California are protected by State Labor Laws, regardless of immigration status. You do not need a photo ID or a Social Security number in order to file a claim. Even if you have been paid in cash you can make a claim.

For detailed steps on how to proceed, access:

<http://www.stopwagetheftca.org>

-Submitted by June Valenti



(From L-R) Randy, John, Barbara, Craig, Valérie, Jeff, Tina, Wendy, Melody, Annie

2016-2017 Cold Weather Shelter SNAIL Volunteers

A BIG thank you to the SNAIL volunteers who were able to help out during the month of April as the shelter kept its doors open for one more month this year.

The Sunnyvale Cold Weather Shelter was open until the morning of Sunday, April 30th due to the Office of Supportive Housing, staff at HomeFirst, Rose, (an RN at one of the local hospitals), and some outspoken volunteers who were all able to convince the County and District 5 County Supervisor Joe Simitian to extend the program. This had never been done in my 15+ years of volunteering at the shelter.

-Valérie Suarès, SNAIL Vice-chair



Mother...

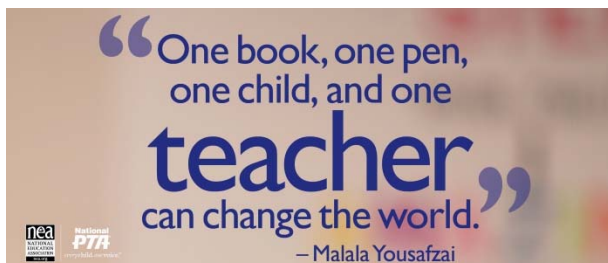
You filled my days with rainbow lights,
 Fairytales and sweet dream nights,
 A kiss to wipe away my tears,
 Gingerbread to ease my fears.
 You gave the gift of life to me
 And then in love, you set me free.
 I thank you for your tender care,
 For deep warm hugs and being there.
 I hope that when you think of me,
 A part of you, you'll always see.

-Author Unknown



Armed Forces Day History – May 20th

Armed Forces Day is a day to recognize members of the Armed Forces that are currently serving. In 1947, the Armed Forces of the U.S. were united under one department which was renamed the Department of Defense in 1949. President Harry S. Truman supported the creation of a day for the nation to unite in support and recognition of our military members and their families. On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced that Armed Forces Day would take the place of other individual branch celebrations, and all branches of the military would be honored this single day. Armed Forces Day takes place on the third Saturday in May.



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 9, 23
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wednesday, May 10, 24

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 13th. Send an email to SNAILeditor@snail.org



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