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SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – October 5th

Location: Columbia Middle School Staff Lounge

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

Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:

- Discussion about upcoming election for 2018 SNAIL Board Members

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 the rest of 2017!
11/2, 12/7



2018 SNAIL Officer Elections



SNAIL will hold elections for 2018 officers in November. If you have attended at least two SNAIL meetings within the last six months or served as an active volunteer within the last

twelve months, you may run for any of our four elected positions. You can also nominate members of our current Board for re-election.

Please come to the October meeting to help keep SNAIL an energetic and influential neighborhood association.

Little Free Library

It's time to identify the families who have expressed interest in having a Little Free Library in the front of their home.

We would appreciate it if you could send an email with the name of your street, its intersection and a daytime phone number to Valerie at vsuares@gmail.com, so that we can plan our initial meeting during which we will talk about the Little Free Library project, the purchase of Little Library kits and identify a "build" day(s) to assemble the kits. Thank you.

- Valérie Suarès

Founded in 2009, the Little Free Library movement seeks to:

♥ Promote literacy and the love of reading by building free book exchanges worldwide.

♥ Build a sense of community as people share skills, creativity and wisdom across generations.

For more information about the project, visit:

<https://littlefreelibrary.org/>

SNAIL 2017 Event Calendar

Date/Time	Event Name	Organizer
Wed, Oct 18 7 p.m.	Dinner Night Out Celebrate Oktoberfest Hardy's Bavaria 111 W. Evelyn Ave.	Bonnie Lloyd RSVP by Oct 16 th (408) 747-1949
Wed, Oct 25 6-8 p.m.	Serve Dinner at the Cold Weather Shelter	Valérie Suarès (408) 390-3335

Brief Summary of September General Meeting Minutes

Guest Speaker – Cynthia Bojorquez, City of Sunnyvale Library and Community Services Director: Since the northern part of Sunnyvale has been described as under-served with respect to the library and community services, bringing a library to the Lakewood area is now being planned. Besides describing places being considered for the library, also discussed were ideas and uses for the library building. The pool at Lakewood will be filled in, so that is a possible site as well as part of the adjoining park. We were asked for our feedback and ideas for library use as libraries uses are constantly changing. This new building will serve adults, teens, and children with space for a digital studio, training rooms, a maker space and rooms available for nonprofits. Ideas submitted were a drive-through book drop, a local book drop and an adjoining community garden.

City Report: Today, 9/7, the City held a community information session to gather input for the planned Senior and Disabled Housing Project next to Denny's on Mathilda in downtown.

Outstanding SNAIL Member: Connie Cook-Turner was honored by the membership for her outstanding contributions to SNAIL. She has backed SNAIL in every capacity: forming committees and working on them, serving on the board, being in charge of newsletter distribution for 15 years, offering her home for events, community outreach, and more than can be described here. A plaque of appreciation was presented to her.

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

<http://tinyurl.com/SNAILorg>

-Minutes taken by June Valenti, SNAIL Secretary

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

What You Should Know about SSCD and Why

Single Story Combining Districts, or S.S.C.D. are a trend happening right now where neighborhoods are designating themselves as not allowing any future conversions from one-story to two-story homes.

It's mostly happening south of Remington, primarily Eichler neighborhoods. These neighborhoods want to be single story to protect their privacy (a lot of glass on the back of their houses) and also to maintain character.

Sunnyvale's building code already ensures that all 2nd story additions have windows that are frosted or high enough as to not allow views into the next door neighbor's yards and homes so there is no need to form a SSCD to protect your privacy.

Here's what neighbors need to do to rezone their homes as SSCD:

- ✓ Contact the Sunnyvale planning department to learn more about the requirements and how to create a SSCD,
- ✓ Talk to your neighbors and see who is interested,
- ✓ Complete an application and have a reasonable boundary (highly recommend that you talk to a planner early in the process to go over proposed boundaries) 20 lots minimum,
- ✓ Pay a \$147 per lot in the boundary/district to pay for the review,
- ✓ Collect signatures approving the conversion from a minimum of 55% of the affected property owners,
- ✓ Go through the hearing process.

If approved, zoning would be changed to add an "S" to the zoning that would apply to ALL homes in the proposed district regardless whether they agree to be in it or not. Currently about 50% of our Eichlers are in these Single Story Combining Districts.

For more information contact: Gerri Caruso, Principal Planner, City of Sunnyvale gcaruso@sunnyvale.ca.gov

-John Cordes

Accessory Dwelling Unit Development

On 9/11/2017, following staff recommendations, the City of Sunnyvale Planning Commission voted on agenda item #2, the study of Accessory Dwelling Unit Development (ADU) Standards, also known as granny units or second unit, a small dwelling unit accessory to a single family home.

The following motions were passed:

- Introduce an ordinance to reduce the minimum lot size for ADUs to 8,000 square feet in the R-1 zone and to 7,000 square feet in the R-0 zone.
- Making permanent the owner occupancy requirement and deed restriction, (meaning that the home owner must live in one of the two units, and the owner must record a deed restriction that requires either the main home or the ADU to be owner-occupied for a term of 20 years.
- Adopt a resolution amending the Master Fee Schedule to establish the TIP for ADUs to be the same as the multi-family rate.
- Modify the requirement that the entry door of ADU not face the public street.
- They also approved the California Environmental Quality Act, (CEQA) items 11 and 14.

These recommendations will be presented to the City Council on October 17, 2017. For the complete staff report of the 9/11/2017 Planning Commission download the PDF full agenda packet <https://tinyurl.com/ADUSunnyvaleReport>, agenda item #2 on pages 25 through 166.

-Valérie Suarès



Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC) News

For current information on programs, call CNC at (408) 730-7800 or email CNC@sunnyvale.ca.gov or visit our new webpage at: <http://tinyurl.com/SVCNC>

Story Time: Oct. 4th and 18th at 3:30 p.m. A Sunnyvale Public Library children's librarian will host a story time with stories and songs for children. All families welcome. Location: Columbia Middle School (CMS) Library, 739 Morse Ave.

Free Legal Clinic at CNC: Saturday, Oct. 7th, from 10 a.m. – noon. Receive a 20-minute consultation on legal matters by licensed attorneys offered by South Asian Bar Association of Northern California (SABA-NC). No appointments. Customers are attended to on a first come, first served basis.

Family Fun Day: Saturday, Oct. 28th from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Bring the whole family! Enjoy children's activities and games, explore our pumpkin patch and get Halloween safety tips. Costumes and treat bags are encouraged. This is a candy-free event so children will get other goodies in their treat bags.

Day of the Dead Celebration: Wednesday, Nov. 1st from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Columbia Middle School Library, 739 Morse Ave. This special extended Storytime event celebrates Dia de los Muertos and will feature special guest artist Elizabeth Jiménez Montelongo. No registration required. All families welcome.

-Angela Chan, CNC Manager

Pet of the Month



Buster and his humans are often out for a morning run on Borregas but will stop to say 'Hi' as he is quite friendly – he may try to kiss you. He is a Good Boy, especially if he thinks he will get a treat.



Call for SNAIL Volunteers for the 2017-2018 Santa Clara County Cold Weather Shelter Season

As we have done since 2001, members of the SNAIL Community will be helping out once again this year.

About the Shelter

Last year the County of Santa Clara identified 999 Hamlin Court, Sunnyvale, CA 94089 as the location for the seasonal cold weather shelter for homeless individuals, families and children. Last winter the capacity 100-125 people per night and Shelter was open the Monday following Thanksgiving through April 30th. This year the season will run from Oct. 15th through April 15th and will have a capacity of 175 beds.

<http://tinyurl.com/ColdWeatherShelterServices>

Important information to all past and future volunteers

Everyone is welcome, including older teens who want to fulfil their community hours. There is always plenty to do: Passing out the blankets, distributing toiletry items, helping to set up and decorate the facility (especially the first month and around the holiday), and keeping the young children occupied with games or craft activities.

For those of you who wish to serve food, the County requires a TB test. TB test results are valid for two years, so if you had a TB test done within the past year, make a copy of your results and email them to me. (If you were on the crew last year, and your TB is still current, email me, as I should have a copy of your results.)

If you need a TB test, you have three options:

- A skin test. This test requires two visits to your medical provider. You will be given a result slip on the second visit that you will need to send me.
- A chest X-ray. Your doctor will send you a result letter and that you will need to send me. *Note that this is the fastest of all three options.*
- A blood test. This test takes the longest as the TB blood test is rather complex and needs five days.

When will SNAIL be Volunteering?

Some SNAIL families have been volunteering for years on other days than the days we have gone as a group. If you wish to do this, reach out to me, and I will put you in contact with the shelter coordinator. For those of you who wish to volunteer and get to know your neighbors, SNAIL will be volunteering from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays again this year.

Volunteering Tasks

We have served food and distributed bedding linen and blankets.

How to Dress

Dress comfortably; there is heat in the facility.

What to Bring

Keep your belongings in your car and out of sight. There are no obligations to bring anything but your smiles and helping hands.

-Valérie Suarès

INSIDE A CARE PACKAGE FOR THE HOMELESS



The following items are always welcome especially for the first month:

Pouches of sugar, salt, pepper, creamer, salad dressing, condiments, sauces, individual size packs of butter and toiletries. Last year, SNAIL donated over 2,500 home-baked goods; 52 gallons of milk and juices; 100 wool beanies, 200 toiletry kits were handed out, condiments, hot sauces and salad dressing always available at the meals we served. Toothbrushes, lip balms, roll on deodorant sticks, shampoos and other hair products were donated. New women's, men's and children's underwear and pairs of socks. Pet food, beds, blankets for pets and residents. Comforter covers for families and children. Shower skippers, laundry detergent and so much more.

The shelter can use products for the volunteers and for the residents. Nothing will go to waste. My dentist just donated a few boxes of gloves. Your janitorial company may have a surplus of products. If you wish to donate items, know someone with supplies, or work for a company that has a surplus of items, by all means... it won't go to waste; the shelter will always be able to use your generous gifts.

If you wish to volunteer this year, reach out to me with any questions you might have. I can be reached by phone/text (408) 390-3335 or email vsuares@gmail.com.

-Valérie Suarès

Letter to the Editor

At a recent board meeting, SARES (Sunnyvale Amateur Radio Emergency Service) said that "... everyone should know, if 911 doesn't work, contact your local Fire Station...".

-Jordan Makower, SARES member

November 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, Oct 14th. Send an email to SNAILeditor@snail.org

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