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## May 2018



### SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – May 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Location:** Columbia Middle School Staff Lounge  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m. – Look for the **SNAIL** sign

**Partial list of agenda items:**

- Speakers:** Kevin Bock, Executive Director of Summit Denali Public School and Norman Lopatin, Sr. Director of Real Estate (See article at the top of page 2, column 2 for details)

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



### SNAIL 2018 Event Calendar

Date/Time	Event Name	Organizer
Sat, May 19 7:00 p.m.	Dinner Night Out Dish n' Dash 736 N. Mathilda Ave.	Bonnie Lloyd (408) 747-1949 RSVP by May 16

### Brief Summary of April General Meeting Minutes

**SNAIL Business:** The homeless shelter will now be open all year. After the year a report will be done on the effectiveness of this. Home First, the agency in charge of the shelter, is much more organized this year. Those wishing to volunteer must have a TB test.

Vice Mayor Larry Klein attended the meeting. Valerie asked him when the proposed Summit High School on San Aleso will go before the Planning Commission. A representative of this school offered to speak at a SNAIL meeting, but we want to know more about this project first. This charter school serving 500 students would be on the site of the former ceramic building. A previous proposed site was a former industrial building which was deemed unacceptable.

The Vice Mayor mentioned that Vision Zero Sunnyvale is trying to eliminate bicycle fatalities. There is an online survey we are invited to take to help with this endeavor. Barry has been waiting ten years for a blinking traffic crosswalk at Borregas and Eaglewood. He would rather have a four-way stop instead. Larry suggested he write a letter to the City Council.

**Candidate Forum:** Candidate Forum will be Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> in the Fair Oaks Park Building. Valerie was able to get the building rent free. The Lowlanders, Hazelheads, San Miguel and Plaza Del Rey neighborhood associations are interested in participating. Linda Davis from the League of Women Voters will assist us with organizing the event. Also, the League of Women Voters may record the event and provide us with a moderator as well. June may pick up the key to the building. We need to confirm how many candidates will be participating. Also, we need snacks without crumbs and to borrow a California flag.

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

<http://tinyurl.com/SNAILorg>

-Minutes taken by June Valenti, SNAIL Secretary

**SNAIL Annual Yard Sale – Call for Volunteers**

Our Annual Yard Sale/Dumpster Day will be held the weekend of June 9-10, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. We need lots of people to help gather donations and run the sale. We also need a few people to help set up Friday evening. If you can help at any of those times, please call Bonnie Lloyd at (408) 747-1949.

### Full-Time Bicycle Lanes Coming to Maude Ave.

Sunnyvale is taking bids for the project to add full-time dedicated bicycle lanes and some pedestrian improvements on Maude Ave. from Borregas Ave. to Fair Oaks Ave. These changes will make Maude Ave. safer and more pleasant for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers by improving visibility and it will create a dedicated space for the cyclists and others. The new bicycle lanes will replace all the on-street parking along in this portion of Maude. The bid number is *IFB-PW18-06-0-2018/LV* and the budget estimate is \$1,135,000. It should be completed before the end of 2018.

-John Cordes

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

## LIVING A LOW CARBON LIFE



Like many of our neighbors, we have been trying to minimize our impact on our environment while maximizing the joy we get out of living on this planet and in SNAIL. It might seem hard to shrink your carbon footprint, but there are many resources out there to support all of us as we make changes. Here are just a few of our personal favorites we've encountered in our journey:

- ❖ [www.CoolCalifornia.org](http://www.CoolCalifornia.org) – Lots of resources, including an easy personal carbon footprint calculator. Knowing your footprint allows you to focus on the changes that will have the most impact for you.
- ❖ [www.Terracycle.com](http://www.Terracycle.com) – Offers a range of free programs that are funded by companies, as well as recycling solutions available for purchase for almost every form of waste.
- ❖ **Freecycle Network** ([www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org)) – A grassroots and entirely nonprofit movement of people who are giving (and getting) stuff for free in their own towns and keeping good stuff out of landfills. Today it has 5,000+ groups with over 9 million members across the globe.
- ❖ **The Story of Stuff videos** ([www.storyofstuff.org](http://www.storyofstuff.org)) – These engaging, short videos help people understand how things get made, used and disposed, and the impact of those processes on our planet.
- ❖ **Three Numbers that Matter by Bill McKibben** – Do a quick internet search and many articles will pop up, but try to watch his video. It was an eye-opener for us and fueled us with urgency. (Teaser: 2° Celsius, 565 Gigatons, 2,795 Gigatons.)
- ❖ **Stanford's evening class "Climate Change: What You Can Do to Live a Low-Carbon Life"** – We attended this 3-session class together in February and it has jumpstarted our progress. It introduces participants to skills such as how to "green" transportation at their own pace, save energy at home, recycle better, green finances, make dietary changes, impact policy, and more. Their next class starts on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. For more details, contact [healthimprovement@stanford.edu](mailto:healthimprovement@stanford.edu).

And here are a few tweaks to our routine that were easy to adopt. Hopefully, they inspire some of your own ideas.

- ♣ Leaving food containers in our cars and bike bags so that we can use them for leftovers when we eat out.
- ♣ Keeping a clean spoon and fork in our bags, so we don't have to take plastic ones at eateries.
- ♣ Frequenting merchants who allow us to bring our own containers. (There are many in Sunnyvale!)
- ♣ Buying in bulk, concentrated form whenever possible.
- ♣ Refusing random freebies, e.g., pens, fidget spinners, etc. that we know will get tossed out eventually.
- ♣ Using newspaper, instead of plastic bags, to pick up after the dog. (Actually, we got this idea from a neighbor.)

Neighbors, what are your favorite resources for going low carbon? We'd love to see them shared on Nextdoor.com.

-Nenuca Syquia and Roshan Baliga

## Summit Denali Public School Project

Summit Denali applied for a "use permit to construct" their new **400 student Charter high school campus** at 824 San Aleso Ave. Plans are currently being reviewed and available at the city planning department. Some concerns about this project are:

- It is right against the backyard of some of the folks on Madrone and West Hemlock,
- It calls for wrap-around parking against property line on the East side of the property,
- They plan to build a 3-level mechanical parking structure at the NE corner of the back of the property against the apartment complex and the single-family homes on the SNAIL side,
- Even with this 3-level mechanical parking structure, they would still be short 12 parking spaces from the required parking for their requested occupancy.

Join us to hear more about this project, express interests, share concerns and/or voice opinions.

-Valérie Suarès, SNAIL Vice-chair

**Cinco de Mayo**  
SNAIL MEETING POTLUCK

Join us at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> SNAIL Meeting for a  
Cinco de Mayo Potluck!

Please contact Bonnie Lloyd (408) 747-1949  
by May 1<sup>st</sup> to sign up for the item you would  
like to bring:

**MENU**

Tacos, Bean Burritos, Enchiladas, Salad & Dressing,  
Guacamole & Chips, Salsa & Chips, Chili, Tamales,  
Corn w/green chili peppers, Rice & Beans, Iced Tea

## New DPS Initiative: "Walk with the Chief"

Sunnyvale Public Safety is committed to building and maintaining a safe and strong community for our residents. Chief Ngo is pleased to announce a new initiative, "Walk with the Chief", aimed at building stronger relationships and stronger communities – TOGETHER. Walk with the Chief will allow Sunnyvale residents the opportunity to have meaningful and open dialogue with Chief Ngo regarding public safety issues. The Walk with the Chief will enhance the collaboration that exists currently between Public Safety and the community. Keeping Sunnyvale as one of the safest cities in the country takes teamwork and we are fortunate to have such a wonderful and supportive community. For more information or to sign up, contact Rosalie Brooks at [rbrooks@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:rbrooks@sunnyvale.ca.gov) or at (408) 730-7161.

-John Cordes (adapted from 4/5/18 City Manager's Update)

**DID YOU KNOW?**



The Sunnyvale Residential Food Scraps Program has a small size countertop size bin. Much smaller than the pail, it measures only 6 inches high and 4 inches deep; this small bin fits well on the shelf in your refrigerator. In it you will be able to put: meat, bones, shellfish, dairy, and pits/peels/skins from produce.



Did you know that you do not need to buy or use compostable bags? You can reuse a bread bag, produce bag, any clear bag, or wrap the food scrap in newspaper. Place the tied bag into the yellow food side of the split-cart. Call (408) 730-7400 to order your very own countertop bin.

The Sunnyvale Residential Food Scraps also has a "Sunnyvale Recycles Right" App to learn how to get rid of anything, create your own garbage service calendar, schedule on-call service and to get recycling event alerts. You can download it from your favorite app store or use the online tool at <https://sunnyvale.ca.gov> by searching for Recycling. Thank you.

-Valérie Suarès, SNAIL Vice-chair

**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 visit our new webpage at: <http://tinyurl.com/SVCNC>

**CNC's Drop-In Fitness Room:** - Columbia Neighborhood Center Fitness Room, is now open for early morning hours. Come work out with over 15 fitness machines and free weights. Open to adults, high school students with a signed parent consent form, and middle school students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. \$1 per session per person. Early morning hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 – 7:30 a.m. and Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8:00 a.m. Existing hours are: Mondays and Thursdays from 6:30 -8:00 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. to noon. Bring a towel, water and wear athletic shoes.

**Freshest Cargo Mobile Farmers' Market:** Every Thursday, 2:00-3:30 p.m. in the CNC parking lot - stop by the mobile food truck and pick up fresh fruits and vegetables from local California Farmers. Cash, credit and CalFresh EBT accepted. Customers who receive CalFresh, WIC, SSI, SSDI or Medi-Cal can get up to \$20 in FREE fruits and vegetables.

**Wanted – Story Time Volunteers:** CNC is looking for volunteers to lead fun and engaging story times with kids. Leading story times will include reading picture books, singing finger plays and songs, and when applicable, leading small hands-on activities and crafts that reinforce the theme of the story time. For more information, visit: [bit.ly/StoryVolunteer](http://bit.ly/StoryVolunteer).

**New! Honor Back Book Collection:** Check out our new honor back books in the lobby. Library cards are no longer required (but you can still sign up for a library card there). Just take one home, read it and return it. No check-out required and no due date.

-Angela Chan, CNC Manager

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**I LOVE YOU BOOKS**

**You're invited to the Grand Opening of the third Little Free Library in SNAIL!!!**

Girl Scout troop 62093 built the little free library. In their tradition of using recycled materials, almost all of their supplies were upcycled in some form.

The girls designed and built the library with the help of two of their troop leaders (and an Uncle) who cut the pieces out. The girls did the sanding, gluing, nailing, screwing, digging, hauling and staining themselves.

They decided to have a fairy garden theme and only host children's books and young adult books in their library. They have also built a 2nd library for another leader's house in Mtn. View.

**Our launch event will be at our troop meeting on:**  
**Date:** June 5<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 6-7:30 p.m.  
**Where:** 656 San Diego Ave.  
 We will have games and books for our guests. Maybe even a Girl Scout cookie or two!

**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 8, 22
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wednesday, May 9, 23

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



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