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November 2018



SNAIL General Meeting Thursday, November 1st

Location: Columbia Middle School Staff Lounge

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

Partial list of agenda items:

- 2019 SNAIL Board Elections

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: 12/6, 1/10, 2/7



Highlights of SNAIL General Meeting – OCTOBER

Summit School: The project is currently under a 4th round of Planning and Public Works review. If the project can be deemed complete soon, a Planning Commission public hearing would be scheduled in November/December timeframe.

Social Secretary's Report: November's Dinner Night Out will be Friday, November 16th, 7:00 pm at the Tia Juana.

Candidate Forum Report/Expenses (Valerie): Four out of six candidates attended our forum. There is a rule if one of two candidates for the same seat cannot attend, the second cannot sit on a panel. Valerie's costs came to \$130. The motion to pay Valerie passed with eleven votes. Adobe Wells, the largest mobile home park in California, also held a candidate forum with Lakewood Village and two other mobile home parks. 135 attended their event. Two candidates for each chair came on stage at a time and answered questions.

Proposition 10 (Valerie): Prop 10 deals with affordable housing for seniors. If passed, the City will be able to bring in a rent ceiling for seniors. The City will have the power to do what it wants. However, a few of the candidates have taken builders' money to fund their campaign.

Standing Rule for Block Parties: A new standing rule was voted in unanimously: "Reimbursement shall be up to \$25 + \$4 per resident, their children and guests who attend. Reimbursement cannot be higher than amount shown on receipts submitted with the reimbursement request."

Block Rep vs. Distributor: Some new people have the impression a block rep gets feedback from the block and speaks for that block at the SNAIL meeting along with distributing newsletters. So, it was suggested 'distributor' was a better label. The vote did not pass, with four in favor, five against, and one abstention.

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

<http://tinyurl.com/SNAILorg>

-Minutes taken by June Valenti, SNAIL Secretary

SNAIL 2018 Event Calendar

Date/Time	Event Name	Organizer
Wed, Nov 7, 14 Wed, Dec 5, 12	Homeless Shelter Please call Valérie to Volunteer to serve dinner; two-hour shift, two Wednesdays a month	Valérie Suarès (408) 390-3335
Fri, Nov 16 7:00 p.m.	Dinner Night Out Tia Juana Mexican Grill 901 E Duane Ave.	Bonnie Lloyd (408) 747-1949 RSVP by 11/14



Sunnyvale Community Services

Preventing Homelessness and Hunger in Our Local Community

Rides for Toys

Saturday, November 24th

10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Macy's Parking Lot (downtown,
between Macy's and Target)

Your kids can go for a spin on a real Sunnyvale fire engine when you bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to Sunnyvale Community Services. Suggested retail value of the toys is \$25 or greater. Toys for kids 7 – 11 are needed most.

Join Our Online Toy Drive!

Sunnyvale children in need are hoping for a happy holiday this year and you can make that happen by joining our ONLINE TOY DRIVE today! <https://tinyurl.com/OnlineToyDrive>

We are very short on toys this year for our young clients so please be generous and share the Online Toy Drive link with your friends. All donations made online will be delivered directly to us in time for the Community Holiday Center in December. This year we anticipate providing over 2,000 children, ages 0 - 18, with toys and gifts. If you prefer to donate a new toy or gift in person, please come to the donation desk at Sunnyvale Community Services Mon-Fri from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.



SNAIL will hold elections for our 2019 officers at the SNAIL General Meeting on November 1st. If you have attended at least two SNAIL meetings within the last six months or served as an active volunteer within the last 12 months, you may nominate, and/or run for any of our four elected positions. Come join us to nominate a SNAIL member and/or cast your vote for our 2019 SNAIL officers.

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

Free Legal Clinic at CNC: Saturday, November 3rd 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.

Free Event - Weekly Columbia Neighborhood Storytime: Every Wednesday, Oct. 31st through Dec. 19th*, 3 to 4 p.m. at Columbia Middle School Library (739 Morse Ave.) Stories, songs and activities for children are provided by volunteer story time leaders. Snacks for children will be provided at the end of the program.

*Our first session will be on Oct. 31 (Halloween). Costumes encouraged. No program on Nov. 21st. All children and families welcome.

Youth Drop-in Gym at Columbia Neighborhood Center Gym: Improve your game. Affordable prices (\$0.50 residents, \$1 non-residents) and convenient times: basketball on Mondays, 7 to 9 p.m., and Fridays, 7 to 10 p.m. Middle school and high school students only. Bring school ID.

Free Event – Girlstart DeSTEMber Extravaganza: Dec. 1st from 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Columbia Middle School Multipurpose Room (739 Morse Ave.) This free family event will feature STEM activities for kids.

-Angela Chan, CNC Manager

Red Bows Day
Sunday,
December 2nd

It's That Time Again! The holiday season is here and on Sunday, December 2nd we will meet at 9:00 a.m. at my home for breakfast goodies, coffee and tea before heading out to decorate our street trees and creating the wonderful holiday spirit. It's time to get those bows out of storage, check them over and let me know what supplies you need so they can be ready for you. Anyone who hasn't had red bows on your street in the past and wants them this year, just count your street trees and contact me to get your bow packages. Also, anyone who wants to be a helper, please call. We also would like to hear from everyone who has bows, whether you need supplies or not and to know that you will be active this year or if you might need a helper. I am looking forward to seeing you on Red Bows Day. Thank you!

Saurabh Singh (408) 228-7613
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 -Saurabh Singh, Red Bows Coordinator

Daylight Savings Time Ends



Turn your clocks back
 one hour on
Sunday, November 4th
 2:00 a.m.



November 6, 2018

Remember this date. That is the date on which
 33 Senate seats,
 all 435 seats in the House of Representatives,
 and 14 Governorships will be up for re-election.

Sunnyvale to Change its Voting System

The City of Sunnyvale was given notice that they need to change how City Council members are elected or risk getting sued under the California Voting Rights Act. This means that the city will have to change from seats elected at large, to districts. San Jose has had district voting for a long time. Santa Clara, Menlo Park, Fremont and many other cities in California are changing to district elections. There have been a few cities that have challenged this in court, none have won.

The idea is that district seats allow underrepresented groups to have a city council member from their own community and, therefore, are better represented on the council. One of the benefits of creating districts in Sunnyvale is that developer money will have less influence, because grassroots candidates would only need to market to the residents in their district instead of the entire city. Some people claim that districts create parochialism in that city council members would only care about what is best for their district. Others claim that in our current system, only particular pockets of residents are represented by the city council members anyway.

Regardless of the pros and cons, the city must do this or face a lawsuit that would cost millions and lose anyway. The city is planning to have public input sessions on how best to create the districts – stay tuned!

-Diane Gleason

SNAIL Newsletter on the Internet

Hello SNAIL Neighbors and Newsletter Readers,



We have been discussing the idea of going electronic with our monthly newsletter and would like to get your thoughts about it.

The current newsletter has always been available on the HOME page of the SNAIL website here: <http://www.snail.org/>. The full newsletter archive where you can read all previous newsletters is also maintained on the SNAIL website here:

<http://www.snail.org/docs/newsletterarchive.shtml>.

Recently, I have posted the color version of the newsletter on Nextdoor.com to the SNAIL neighborhood. I will also post it on our SNAIL.org Yahoo group.

Some of the advantages of switching to an electronic newsletter are:

- ❖ Saving monthly printing costs, leaving more \$\$\$ for SNAIL activities/events (~\$3,200/yr.)
- ❖ More environmentally friendly - Saving trees!
- ❖ Many blocks do not have a volunteer and therefore do not get a monthly newsletter.
- ❖ There would be no limit to the size of the newsletter so everyone will be able to get their articles in each month.
- ❖ We can offer more and larger advertisement spaces to support our neighborhood association events/activities.
- ❖ The newsletter will contain more current information because the newsletter deadline will be a week later as we won't have to get it ready so early in the month due to the week-and-a-half time it takes for the printing, distribution and delivering to be completed (and 60 SNAIL volunteers!). It will be posted at the beginning of each month.
- ❖ There will be BIGGER and MORE photos of SNAIL events, and...
- ❖ It will be in color!

If you are a SNAIL neighbor who enjoys reading the monthly newsletter, but you do not have the internet, please contact me so that we can make sure that you receive a copy.

Please email snaileditor@snail.org or leave a message at (408) 738-3252 if you would like to share your thoughts about going electronic with our monthly newsletter. Thank you in advance for your input!

-Denise Perez, Snail Newsletter Editor

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, Nov. 6, 20
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wednesday, Nov. 7, 21

SNAIL BOARD and CITY of SUNNYVALE SUPPORT STAFF

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Sunnyvale Year Round Homeless Shelter

If you are traveling, remember to gather the individual size shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap, hand/body lotion, shaving cream, dental floss, toothpaste, toothbrush, alcohol-free mouthwash for the homeless shelter in Sunnyvale. When you return with a goody bag, send me an email vicechair@snail.org and I will let you know where to drop them off. Thank you.

The following items are always welcome: The shelter can use products for both volunteers and residents. Nothing will go to waste. Last year, my dentist 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. Last year, SNAIL donated over 2,500 home-baked goods; 52 gallons of milk and juices; the year before, 100 wool beanies were donated, 200 toiletry kits were handed out, condiments, hot sauces and salad dressing always brought to us with our dinner when we dine out.

Time to volunteer: To let other community groups volunteer at the shelter, SNAIL will only spend two (2) evenings a month this year. SNAIL as a group will be at the first and second Wednesdays. Spending a couple of hours, two nights a month to serve meals at the shelter makes a huge difference in the lives of the residents. No prior experience necessary: all you need is a smile, willingness to help a few hours, a TB test, and a couple of signatures on the volunteer forms. So please consider helping us and getting to know your SNAIL neighbors. You will be amazed how gratifying these two hours will be in your week. Teens 13+ and young adults welcome and can count towards their community hours. Refer to the SNAIL event calendar on page one to view the dates SNAIL will be at the shelter. Contact me with your interest to join our crew: vsuares@gmail.com (408) 390-3335.

If you have more time to give, you are always welcome to volunteer on other nights. Visit this page to sign up: <https://www.homefirstscc.org/volunteer>.

I look forward to hearing from you and your help at the shelter. Thank you.

-Valérie Suarès


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, Nov. 17th**. Send an email to SNAILeditor@snail.org.



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