

S.N.A.I.L. News

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July 2019



GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, July 11th

Location: <u>July meeting will be hosted by Jenny and Peter Purushotma, 390 E. Eaglewood.</u>

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

No guest speaker for July

SNAIL typically meets on the first Thursday of the month. The rare exception is when the first Thursday is also the same date as a big holiday or our usual meeting venue is not available. All SNAIL area homeowners, residents and guests are invited. Children are welcome. Membership in SNAIL is always free.

Mark Your Calendar Now: 8/1, 9/5, 10/3, 11/7, 12/5

SNAIL 2019 EVENT CALENDAR

Date/Time	Event Name	Organizer
Tues, Aug 6 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.	National Night Out BBQ Street Party E. Arbor Ave. at Morse Ave.	Diane Gleason (650) 353-1575

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT BBQ POTLUCK STREET PARTY

This summer's National Night Out party will be Tuesday, August 6th. For those of you who are new to the neighborhood, this is an open street party with food, a live band and children's activities. For those of you who have attended in previous years, we are hoping to add a few more children's activities, which means that we need more volunteers. Would you like to help out at a table making various crafts? Assist with managing chalk painting? If you have ideas and/or time to help out during the event, please email me at:

gleasondiane @ yahoo .com and put 'NNO' in the subject line or you can text me at (650) 353-1575.

-Diane Gleason, NNO Organizer

SNAIL YARD SALE 2019

A <u>BIG</u> 'Thank You' and 'Well Done' to all who were involved in the yard sale. I know that it has been moved around for the past two years, but many loyal participators found us both to volunteer and to purchases items. For me, the most important parts of this process are to recycle items and keep them from the landfill, allow everyone to find a bargain on something they can use, to meet your neighbors and to generate funds for other SNAIL activities. It takes a lot of people to make this work; thank you again to all that shared in the fun.

-Sharon McKnight

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



The speakers' series ended with a great informational presentation on district elections faced by the City of Sunnyvale.

Thanks to our guest speaker Linda Davis for answering the many questions generated by our SNAIL participants until 8 p.m.

I hope you found some treasures at our annual SNAIL yard sale on June 8th and 9th. A special thank you to Sharon McKnight for hosting and managing the yard sale this year and also to June and Tarik for their help and for transporting items to the site. A big thank you to Barry Boole, our Dumpster Czar, and everyone who helped out. The events were a big success.

Please put a note on your calendar to attend our next big event on August 6th, our annual "National Night Out BBQ and Potluck Street Party". SNAIL's street party is the largest NNO event in Sunnyvale! If you are new to the area, this is a great way to meet your neighbors. If you would like to volunteer to help at the sign-in table or with set-up or take-down, please contact Diane Gleason (see NNO article).

Our July and August monthly meeting will be hosted by Jenny and Peter on 390 E Eaglewood Avenue outside in their garden. Bring a sweater. Jenny will give us a tour of her herb, fruit and vegetable gardens. Bring strong plastic bottles to prepare NNO's Children's Succulent Planting activity. If you can spare some succulent plants, bring them also.

No guest speaker for July or August. We will resume on September 5th with Travis Duncan, Development Project Manager, from SARES | REGIS who will update us on the Sunnyvale downtown redevelopment.

Remember, membership in SNAIL is always free! How many organizations or activities can say that? We are funded by the advertisements in this newsletter, our yard sale, and a grant from the City, various fund raisers and donations. Getting involved in SNAIL is a great way to make friends who live within walking distance of your home. Probably the easiest way to make new friends is just show up at our monthly meetings or by welcoming a new family who moved in on your block.

-Valérie Suarès, SNAIL Chair

COLUMBIA NEIGHBORHOD CENTER (CNC) NEWS

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

http://tinyurl.com/SVCNC.

Free Breakfast and Lunch for Youth: June 10^{th} to August 9^{th} . Breakfast served from 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. and lunch from 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. at Columbia Middle School cafeteria. (Closed on July 4^{th} and 5^{th} .) Any youth under age 18 can get a free breakfast and lunch as part of the Community Feed Program offered by Sunnyvale School District. All youth are welcome; no registration or paperwork needed.

The same program is also offered at Lakewood School and San Miguel with different lunch times;

Lakewood School: 10:45 - 11:30 a.m. San Miguel School: 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Free Legal Clinic at CNC: Saturday, July 13th from 10 a.m. to 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 STEM Summer Camp for Girls Entering Grades $4^{th} - 8^{th}$: Camp runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. Girlstart, a non-profit organization, is offering free STEM summer camp at Lakewood School. Girls entering grades $4^{th} - 8^{th}$ can register for camp the week of July 29^{th} — August 2^{nd} . Registration required, first-come, first served; bring proof of current grade (i.e. current report card).

Flick and Float at Columbia Pool: Saturday, July 13th, 7:30 – 10 p.m. Come swim and watch **Coco.** \$1 residents/\$4 non-residents.

Sunset Movie Series at Columbia Park: *Friday, July 26th, arrive at7:45 p.m.; free movie starts at sunset. Movie: Incredibles 2.* All are welcome. Bring your own blanket, chair and snacks/drinks.

Summer Salsa Nights in the Plaza - Fridays, July 12th, 19th and 26th, 6-8:30 p.m. at Plaza del Sol (200 W. Evelyn Ave.). Free community event. Columbia Neighborhood Center will be hosting "pop-up" Salsa lessons for beginners and intermediate students who want to learn the basics from 6-7 p.m. Then, the floor will be open with music and DJ until 8:30 p.m. All levels welcome.

Sunnyvale Community Services at CNC: Every Wednesday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Room 9. Sunnyvale residents may be eligible to receive assistance with Public Benefits, Food Programs and Emergency Financial Assistance. Stop by, say "hello" to learn more and ask questions.

-Angela Chan, CNC Manager

SHELTER UPDATE



SNAIL members will be taking a break from serving at the shelter during the months of July and August. We will be resuming activities in the fall.

If you wish to volunteer without the SNAIL group, feel free to sign up directly on the organization's website here:

https://www.homefirstscc.org/volunteer.

Look for the "Click here to begin!" link just above the Volunteer Forms

Thank you all for a wonderful year at the shelter. Hope to see you all at our next big event, the National Night Out BBQ Potluck event on Tue., August 6th (see article in this newsletter).

-Valérie Suarès

PET OF THE MONTH



This beautiful young lady is California Poppy Flower and she lives on Beechnut with her family. "Flower" is a one-year old Chow Chow and she is very shy around people and dogs.

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH'S SNAIL GENERAL MEETING

Guest Speaker, Linda Davis: Topic- "Application of California Voting Rights Law". The California Voting Rights Act of 2001 (CVRA) expands on the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, making it easier for minority groups in California to prove that their votes are being diluted in "at-large" elections.

During the meeting, Linda spoke about:

- ✓ Standard 7 District Elections (some advantages & some concerns
 of district elections)
- ✓ A proposed 4+3 District Elections (how it differs from the standard way of doing districts)
- ✓ Should the Mayor be elected by citizens or nominated within the council? (how to adapt the two systems above)

District-based system:

- ✓ Voters living in a district elect one council rep for a 4-year term
- ✓ Candidates for a district would have to live in the district National Night Out: National Night Out is coming together quite well. We will have a balloon twister, as well as a face painter and a band "The Joint Chiefs" will be returning this year. They will also be playing on Wed. August 14th downtown Sunnyvale. The succulent activity for children is well planned and expected to be a great success.

City Updates (Larry Klein):

Council Meetings:

- June 18th: 6 p.m. study session on Master Art Plan 7 p.m. Items include CVRA decision returns to Council (for ballot measure in March 2020).
- June 25th: 7 p.m. meeting includes approving 2019/2020
 Budget. Set rates for 2019/2020 (note that proposed garbage rates are going down; this is partially tied to FoodCycle program success).

Upcoming events in Sunnyvale:

- Summer Movie Series
 Friday, Aug 23rd, Plaza del Sol, How to Train Your Dragon 3
- Jazz & Beyond
 Saturdays, Jul 6th thru Aug. 24th, 5:30 8:30 p.m., Murphy St.

For full minutes, please visit:

http://tinyurl.com/SNAILorg; https://nextdoor.com/login
-Minutes taken by June Valenti, SNAIL Secretary

A Message from Bonnie Lloyd

For your information, I will be unable to continue as SNAIL Social Secretary. I love my SNAIL Neighbors, but am now living in the City of Santa Clara. I hope you can continue a cartoon and pet picture each month. I will keep getting copies of the newsletter. I am learning watercolor and participating in the Sunnyvale Art Club. June has my address and you can contact her for my address and any questions if you would like to come for a visit!

Update for Bike Lanes on Maude Avenue

The existing bike lane from North Mathilda to Sunnyvale Ave. will become permanent and a test pilot bike lane will be installed from Sunnyvale Ave. to Fair Oaks Ave. Parking will be restricted for bike lanes to fit within the roadway. This test pilot will be monitored for six months. The intersection at Sunnyvale Ave will be upgraded for safer pedestrian crossing, which will include removal of the islands at the south side of the intersection and the pedestrian signal poles will be upgraded. Other improvements will include slurry seal and updated curb ramps along the west side of Sunnyvale Ave. Construction is expected to occur this summer through the end of 2019. Contact Public Works at (408) 730-7605 or email for questions related to the project.

-Sharon McKnight





It's summer time! Think about all the fresh produce! We have so much access to local tomatoes. Tomatoes are rich in an antioxidant called lycopene, which can aid in heart health. Lycopene is more available in cooked tomatoes, however eating both cooked and raw tomatoes are recommended.

Here is an easy summer recipe to use up those summer tomatoes:

- 5 large tomatoes (diced)
- ½ cup basil leaves (washed and chopped)
- 4 cloves of fresh pressed garlic
- 1 teaspoon balsamic vinegar (optional)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil (optional)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Mix all the ingredients together. You can add it to grilled meat or pasta.

-Leah Groppo, RD, MS, CDE





A Taste of Home Wanted for National Night Out

One of the many attractions to our successful National Night Out is our famous Potluck.

SNAIL's residents make the most varied dishes. We have tasted family dishes that were kept warm in a crock pot for a few hours and enjoyed items picked up after a quick trip to your favorite store for an easy selection of fabulous items that can feed a crowd.

Main dishes, side dishes, appetizers and desserts are all welcome. Gluten-free, nut-free or vegan are also welcome and, if so, make sure you make the mention of it on a small card displayed in front of your dish.

Whether you want to bring a small bite, a main dish or a sweet ending, any of these will be the star of the spread.

See you on August 6th on East Arbor between Bayview and Morse Avenues.

-Valérie Suarès

SNAIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

All SNAIL neighbors are encouraged 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, July 13th*. Send an email to <u>SNAILeditor @ snail.org</u>.

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