



## S.N.A.I.L. News

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**APRIL 2006**

### **SNAIL General Meeting**

**Thursday – April 6th**

This month our speakers will be Val Concet and Jim Craig from the Sunnyvale Water Department. They will discuss the recent water main breaks.

*Location:* Columbia Middle School  
Staff Room

*Time:* 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

All SNAIL area homeowners, residents and guests are invited. Children are welcome.



Loren Wisner, City Arborist, discussing tree varieties, growth and care; demonstrating his points using wood samples. June Valenti (L) and Fran Stahl looking on.

### **SNAIL Dinner Night Out**

**Thursday – April 20th**

Each month, we pick a different restaurant in Sunnyvale. This month we have chosen Marie Callender's. Our get-togethers are fun! Socialize with neighbors, both new and old.

*Location:* Marie Callender's  
751 East El Camino Real  
(408) 245-2210

*Time:* 6:45 p.m.

RSVP Jeannie at 734-0739.

### **Off to the Races**

Jeannie Biddle now accepting cash to cover our deposit on the Friday, June 2nd fund raiser at Bay Meadows. We always have a fun group as it is such a delightful evening. Three course dinner, parking, entrance, program, finish line view all for \$28 per person. \$50 per couple. Get in touch with Jeannie at 734-0739.

### **Lakewood Fund Raiser**

**Saturday -- April 29<sup>th</sup>**

The Parent Teacher Organization at Lakewood Elementary School in Sunnyvale would like to invite you to their First Annual Lakewood Multicultural Carnival between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.. The carnival will feature music, dance, food, and activities. Contact Tracy Nakagawa, Media Coordinator, at (408) 857-2992.

### **Shopping Carts**

Plagued by unsightly abandoned shopping carts? Report the location and owner (usually either Albertson's or Target) to Sunnyvale Public Works at: 730-7510. They will arrange for the owner to recover their stolen carts.

### **Message from the Chair**

Last meeting we enjoyed having Loren Wisner, one of our three City of Sunnyvale arborists, speak. As the pruning / scheduling arborist, he imparted to us a thorough knowledge of the trees growing in our neighborhood. Simply by hearing a street name, he was able to recall the trees on that street, and the concerns and problems related to them. I was interested to learn that the elm look-alikes on Ahwanee are actually evergreen ash, and that the flowering trees are cape myrtles

Loren also brought an interesting and pertinent array of brochures and educational materials that will be available to those that want them at the next S.N.A.I.L. meeting. These include copies of city ordinances pertaining to trees, and treatment options for sycamore scale, powdery mildew, and fungal antracnose: The optimal time to treat these conditions is now, and I know several neighbors have expressed concerns about sycamore trees shedding leaves.

One bit of information passed on by Loren is the happy news that all of the Oak trees on East Eaglewood Avenue will be trimmed this spring before the acorns fall.

In addition, there is information on arborist web sites, pruning, choosing an arborist, and obtaining permits to remove liquid-amber street trees. Also a University of California Agricultural Publications catalog. I know that at previous meetings, there have been concerns about liquid-amber trees and questions about pruning. We have those pamphlets!

June Valenti, Chair

**Lost Cat Back Home**

In mid February one of our newly adopted indoor cats, Miss Brown, got outside and got lost in the wilds of the SNAIL neighborhood. Some of you may have seen the flyers I posted and put into mailboxes. We have a cat door set up for in only, and thought that maybe since she had seen our indoor/outdoor cat come in so many times, she might come in that way too. When she didn't come back by the next morning, we began searching the neighborhood. The only sign of her was when we found her break away collar and ID tag by our side fence. I started leaving food out at night, and *someone* was eating it, although we never saw who it was. No sign of Miss Brown. Then I learned that I could rent a trap from the Santa Clara Valley Humane Society for \$1.50 per day. They instructed me to cover the bottom with newspaper, bait it with "stinky food," and cover it with a tarp. I put the trap out, and the very first morning I discovered someone was in it. It was our beloved Miss Brown. The Humane Society also recommends a collar called a "Beastie Band." It is soft stretchy foam and closes with Velcro. It will stretch and come off if the pet hooks it on something. Miss Brown is back safe and warm in our home sporting her new pink Beastie Band collar and gold ID tag. Don't you love happy endings?

Donna Lang, Madrone Ave.

**SNAIL Dumpster Day**  
*Saturday -- June 10th*

For those unfamiliar with this popular annual event, SNAIL works with the City to have dumpsters placed throughout the neighborhood for one day, so that residents may freely dispose of non-hazardous waste. Dumpsters are mostly located near the houses of the dumpster monitors, volunteers who agree to actively watch their dumpster from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., and to divert items that can be sold at the SNAIL yard sale from going into the dumpster. If you are interested in being a dumpster monitor, contact Bob Cheney at 734-5869 or [dumpster@snail.org](mailto:dumpster@snail.org).

**Founders' Corner**

"Constitutions should consist only of general provisions; the reason is that they must necessarily be permanent, and that they cannot calculate for the possible change of things."

Alexander Hamilton

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Average Days on Market: 30

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