



S.N.A.I.L. News

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MAY 2006

SNAIL General Meeting

Thursday – May 4th

There will be no speaker this month.

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.



James Craig (L) and Val Concet from the Sunnyvale Water Department discussing the recent water main breaks.

Message from the Chair

At our April meeting Val Concet, our Public Works Supervisor, and James Craig, Dept. of Public Works Field Services Superintendent, spoke to us about the upcoming water pipe replacements in the neighborhood.

Many of us have experienced water main breaks on our streets during this rainy season. As Val explained, our houses were built on farmland at a time when builders didn't use soil compaction. This means that native soils were used around the pipes instead of sand, rock and asphalt. The native soils are corroding the cast iron pipes that were used those many years ago.

Val went on to explain the good news that the leaders in the industry for this type of repair submitted the lowest bid and will be replacing our broken water mains. The new pipes will be made of PVC, non-corrosive and more earthquake-proof. These pipes will be laid beside the old, and houses switched over one by one. Val also mentioned that there may be some noisy nights as the pipe is curing due to heaters running, and some inconvenience with partial driveway obstruction. All in all, the work is expected to begin soon, and to finish quickly.

James added that budgeting for pipe replacement has been moved up, and there will be additional replacements in 2007. James also spoke about the Hetch Hetchy aqueduct, allocating state funds for its repair, and the possibility of 60 days without water if it breaks. This is another reminder that we must be prepared for that next earthquake! Maps of the Borregas water mains will be available at the May meeting.

In addition, we were pleased to meet our new Neighborhood Resource Officer, Jenny Anton. Jenny is a seasoned police officer who is very familiar with our area, streets, and schools. Jenny plans to attend our meetings, so I hope many of you will attend and meet her for yourself.

Our dinner night out at Marie Callender's was very successful, with almost twenty neighbors attending. Our two door prizes were won by Frances Stahl (an original framed floral print by the artist, Danhui Nai) and David Strain (a \$10 gift certificate to Blockbuster Video).

Also, if you wish to volunteer for the S.N.A.I.L. booth at the Health and Safety Fair at Columbia Park, Saturday, May 6th, please call Connie Cook-Turner at 739-8490.

June Valenti, Chair

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SNAIL Dumpster Day

Saturday -- June 10th

SNAIL Yard Sale Weekend

Saturday and Sunday -- June 10th - 11th

Thought by many to be their favorite SNAIL event of the year, the annual Dumpster Day shall be Saturday, June 10. However, this cannot be done without dumpster monitor volunteers. Dumpster monitors watch their dumpsters from 8 am to 3 pm, keeping them free of hazardous waste and valuable items. (The valuable items are brought to the SNAIL yard sale on the same day.) WE NEED DUMPSTER MONITORS. We also need people to drive around and move good stuff from the dumpsters to the yard sale. Please call Bob Cheney at 734-5869 or send email to dumpster@snail.org. If you tried calling Bob last month but couldn't get through, it's because he had trouble with his phone lines -- so please call again, before the May 8th DEADLINE, so that the Dumpster Czar can prepare documents for the City.

On the same weekend, we will be holding our fifth annual yard-sale fund-raiser. Every year it gets bigger and bigger, earning more funds for our neighborhood events. It has also become a social event, where you may meet many neighbors whom you don't ordinarily see. We also need 20 volunteers for this event. Call Connie at 739-8490, before May 15th, please.

SNAIL Dinner Night Out

Wednesday – May 17th

May dinner will be at El Caminito.

Location: El Caminito
150 East El Camino Real
(408) 730-1191

Time: 6:45 p.m.

There is a coupon in your Entertainment book. RSVP Jeannie at 734-0739. While making your reservations, tell Jeannie of your intentions to go to the races on June 10th. The time to order extra tickets is now. Only \$28 per person (\$50 for couples) a really fun night and great food.

Upcoming SNAIL Dinner Nights Out

You can plan ahead with this tentative list of restaurants and dates for the remainder of 2006. These restaurants were chosen with downtown Sunnyvale, music on the street, and the use of our Entertainment books in mind.

Hardy's	June 28th
Del Monte	July 12th
Il Postal	August 23rd
Nicolino's	September 21st

Call in or email your suggestions for September, through December to any executive board member. Help us put dates on your calendar and enjoy the fun.

**Third Annual Parkinson's Walk
Saturday – May 13th**

This is a great event for a noble cause. Prizes will be awarded to top fund-raisers. In addition, there will be a raffle ticket drawing immediately after the walk. (Donated prizes total \$2000!) Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. at the corner of

Washington and Pastoria. The 4.2 mile walk begins at 9:30 a.m. and the 1.8 mile walk begins at 10:00 a.m. For a walker registration form call Donna Kos at 718-3660 or go to www.ppsg.org.

Founders' Corner

"You can fool some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you cannot fool all of the people all of the time."

"The ballot is stronger than the bullet."

"Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves, and under a just God cannot long retain it."

"Labor is prior to, and independent of, capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, and could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves the much higher consideration."

Abraham Lincoln

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Average home square footage: 1175
Average Asking Price: \$646,600
Average **Final** Sales Price: \$649,633
Average Days on Market: 7

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