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JULY 2010

SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – July 1

Location: Columbia Neighborhood Center •Time: 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the Staff Lounge of Columbia Neighborhood Center (not in the school). SNAIL always 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.

Mark your calendar now for the rest of the year!

All SNAIL area homeowners, residents and guests are invited. Children are welcome. Membership in SNAIL is always free.

Grand Old SNAIL Yard Sale

Once again we had a great turnout at yearly yard sale. All the SNAIL volunteers were greatly appreciated for all their hard work and time. Thanks again Connie for taking control and making it fun. But most of all, opening your home for the SNAIL sale this year. The weather was perfect for the sale and the outcome from the neighborhood buyers was great. Everyone left happy with great prices and great finds! A special thanks to everyone who donated, shoes, purses, clothes, crafts, holiday items, plants, and all the other household items. If anyone has any ideas for next year's sale, feel free to let us know. Hope to see our wonderful volunteers and our supportive neighborhood next year.

Shandie Richardson



The yardsale took over the entire cul-de-sac section of Carolina Ave.

City of Sunnyvale - State of the City

Sunday, July 4 • 11am to 2am
Washington Park, Washington and Pastoria Avenues
Mayor's State of the City presentation, Community Awards
Food • Music • Kids' Activities
For more information:
408-730-7599 • TDD 408-730-7501 or
StateoftheCity.inSunnyvale.com

SNAIL Dinner Night Out - Wednesday – July 7th

Sit with SNAIL friends between musical sets.

Location: Rok Bistro

124 S. Murphy Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Time: 6:45 p.m.

Call Jeannie for more info (408) 734-0739.

From the Chair

Summer is upon us and our calendar is full of great activities. School is out which necessitates a change of meeting location for July and August. Columbia Neighborhood Center, right down the block, has opened their Staff Lounge to us for July, and Jim and Connie are opening their home at 810 Carolina for the August meeting. Check the General Meeting box for changes and join us there.

Our June activity, the Annual Dumpster Day/Yardsale Fundraiser is behind us and what a great event it was! So many willing, cheerful workers, and happy customers, some of which came back 3 or 4 times to see what new items had come in.

Looking ahead, we need a volunteer committee to coordinate the August 3rd National Night Out on Arbor Avenue. Any volunteer Music Maker out there who would like to play for us that night please call 739-8490.

Jeannie is coordinating a committee to work on the SNAIL 15th Anniversary and Volunteer Recognition Potluck on September 11th on the 500 Block of Madrone. Please call her at 734-0739 with ideas and how you can help.

Looking forward to seeing you at the General Meeting on July 1st. In neighborly friendship,

Connie Cook-Turner

Grand Old SNAIL Yard Sale



The yardsale items were sold in 11 different "departments" such as, furniture, electronics, tools, collectibles, and holiday.

The publication of our newsletter and SNAIL Neighborhood Association sponsored activities are supported through our annual yard sale, newsletter advertisements, a grant from the City of Sunnyvale, coupon book sales, and donations.

Block Reps Needed

Block Reps Needed on East Ferndale and the 500 block of East Duane, please call 739-8490. This is the last month we will deliver East Ferndale and 500 Block Duane if there is no volunteer. They will not receive another outreach newsletter until October for the Holiday Season.

Newsletter Distribution Update

Due to our outreach effort, we have 6 new Block Reps since March. Thank you to our outreach volunteers, Josie, Darlene, Craig and Wendy, the Sarsfield family, and Connie.

Factory Tour Information

See how it's made. Here's a vacation special-factory tours that are fun and often free. Unlock the mysteries of manufacturing for thousands of American products, from cookies to cars, by checking out Factory Tours USA (www.factorytoursusa.com). The site provides details on more than 500 tours listed by state or industry.

Sid Kirchheimer

National Night Out - Tuesday, Aug. 3rd

Mark your calendars now for SNAIL's National Night Out Event. We will decide the event budget at the next general meeting so please attend this Thursday to be a part of the planning for what has always been a great SNAIL annual party!

SNAIL Yahoo Newsgroups

SNAIL has two Yahoo newsgroups open to all SNAIL members. One is for organizing SNAIL events and SNAIL business, the other is for socializing within our own neighborhood. If you are interested in joining, please send an email to the moderator at groups@snail.org.

Neighborhood Enhancement Action Team (NEAT)

Off To A Great Start

NEAT brings together City staff, residents, business, property owners and neighborhood groups to identify and resolve issues in targeted neighborhoods.

The current NEAT target area is located in the northern SNAIL/Columbia neighborhood and was launched in the fall of 2009. Through public outreach, surveys and neighborhood meetings, several neighborhood problems and issues were identified. NEAT and the SNAIL/Columbia community are moving full speed ahead to address and resolve the following issues: inadequate street lighting; vehicles stored for long periods of time on the street; sidewalks and crosswalk safety; property maintenance (e.g. weeds, junk and debris stored in public view); safety in Columbia Park; vehicle violations; bicycle safety and litter. This spring, NEAT will launch its second improvement project. The project area will be in the Helen Avenue and Tamarack Lane area of the Ponderosa Park neighborhood. To report quality of life issues to NEAT or to request a visit to your neighborhood, please call: 408-245-NEAT (6328). For more information you may also contact Dale Huber, Senior Neighborhood Preservation Specialist, Department of Public Safety, at 408-730-7614 or email NEAT@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us

First Step to Close The Doughnut Hole

Starting June 15, the federal government will begin mailing one-time \$250 rebate checks to Medicare beneficiaries who have hit the drug plan's coverage gap known as the doughnut hole. The payment is part of the new health care reform law, and recipients do not have to apply to receive the rebate. Checks will be mailed roughly every six weeks until the end of the year. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services estimates a total of 4 million Medicare beneficiaries are expected to receive a rebate. In a letter to congressional leaders, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said that the government also will beef up efforts to prevent Medicare fraud and scams targeting check recipients. Help with drug costs will continue in 2011 when those on Medicare will receive a 50 percent discount on brand-name drugs if they reach the doughnut hole. Savings will continue

to increase over the years until the doughnut hole is closed in 2020.

For information, call 1-800-633-4227 or visit www.medicare.gov
Candy Sagon

More Images from the Grand Old SNAIL Yard Sale



Yardsale prices were even lower than last year!



Shelly Capovilla (left) volunteering as cashier.



Yardsale volunteers, Joni DeCesare (R) and Sia (L) in the clothes and children's area.

Summer Science Camp at Full Circle Farm in Sunnyvale

We are very excited to announce our first ever Full Circle Farm Science Camp in Sunnyvale! In partnership with Schmah! Science we will offer 3 one week summer camps featuring garden-based

learning through hands on exploration, taste testing, art projects, and scientific experiments. There will be daily themes focusing on important aspects of the natural world (seed starting, plant parts, secrets of soil, powerful pollinators, etc). Each day will begin with a combination of garden tasks and farm-fresh snacks, we will then "dig in" to investigatory activities, and we will wrap up the day with an arts and crafts project to take home. There will be 3 one weeklong sessions throughout the summer for students from ages 5 to 11.

Space is limited so don't miss out on this fun-filled, educational opportunity!

For more information, or to sign your child up please contact Anna Vinitzky, email: anna@fullcirclesunnyvale.org or phone (408) 394-1464.

A flyer for the camp can be found at:

<http://fullcirclesunnyvale.org/fcfwordpress/wp-content/uploads/2010/06/FCF-Summer-Science-Camp.pdf>

Sustainable Community Gardens

T: 408-910-2949 • F: 408-608-1962 • www.fullcirclesunnyvale.org

Rebecca Jepsen, Executive Director

Summer Series Music + Market

The Sunnyvale Summer Series Music + Market provides live music, great food and a market of arts and craft vendors every Wednesday!

Time: 5:00pm-8:30pm

Where: Murphy Avenue, Downtown Sunnyvale

July 07- Too Smooth (r&b, funk, top 40)

July 14- Night Fever (high energy dance band)

July 21- Touch of Class (high energy, r&b, funk)

July 28- Sage (old school r&b)

HORIZON 2035

Climate Action Plan - Community Workshop

Sunnyvale is seeking input on the City's first Climate Action Plan. An interactive discussion on land use planning and transportation issues related to climate change and strategies for energy efficiency will be held:

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Sunnyvale City Council Chambers

456 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale

For more information, call 408-730-7422, TDD 408-730-7501,

or email plord@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us

Writers Needed

SNAIL needs writers for our monthly newsletter. Report on events you've attended or local issues of concern to your neighbors. Got something on your mind? Write a "letter to the editor". Input is required to the editor before the last week of the month.

Keep Clean Without Antibacterial Products

More than 700 home products contain antibacterial chemicals and are found in everything from soaps, toothpaste, clothes and toys, to kitchenware, bedding and bath products.

The most common chemical used in antibacterial products is

Triclosan, a registered pesticide.

Human Health and Environmental Concerns - As a result of overuse, Triclosan and other antibacterial chemicals have been found in bodies of water including the San Francisco Bay. Studies show antibacterial products may be a cause for concern. Normal wastewater treatment cannot remove Triclosan, and large quantities are continuously discharged into waterways which may harm plants, fish and wildlife. Overexposure to Triclosan may allow bacterium to become resistant to antibacterial agents, making these drugs useless to hospitals as an important sanitary tool.

Alternative to Triclosan - What You Can Do - Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly. Regular soaps work well and are just as effective but without the side effects, Lather hands for at least 15 - 20 seconds and rinse in warm water. Wash children's hands and toys regularly. Read the label - if it contains Triclosan, use an alternative product.

Products that do not contain Triclosan include pure glycerin, castile or vegetable-based soap, and hand-sanitizing gels with an alcohol or peroxide base.

To learn more about how you can help prevent water pollution and how to find alternative products, visit wpcp.sunnyvale.ca.gov or call Environmental Outreach at 408-730-7717, TDD 408-730-7501.

New Fence Requirements For Residential Properties

New regulations are now in effect for residential fences. These changes came from common requests from residents, and are intended to streamline permitting and clarify requirements. Below is a brief summary of the new zoning regulations.

1) Fence Height; Many new fences are now allowed without having to obtain City approval. For example, back yard fences can be up to eight feet in height without needing a permit from Planning (fences over six feet still need a building permit) New fences above a certain height will still need a planning permit, and the requirements vary based on location in the front, side or rear yard.

2) Chain Link: New chain link fences are no longer allowed in the front yards of residential properties (note that properties on corner lots have two front yards). City staff completed a survey of all residential properties within the city and determined which properties have existing legal non-conforming chain link fences. Those chain link fences permitted and built prior to January 1, 2010, are allowed to remain. New front yard chain link fences, however, are prohibited.

As with any exterior property improvement, residents should discuss their plans with neighbors before constructing a new or replacement fence or, if required, before submitting plans to the City for a permit. For more information regarding existing fences, contact Neighborhood Preservation at 408-730-7610 or email np@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. For new fence permit requirements, contact the Planning Division at 408-730-7444 or email planning@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

Fences, and other planning and zoning information, can be found on the City's Website: www.SunnyvalePlanning.com

Lost and Found

Two big beautiful dish towels, one with veggies, the other hand done, left at Jeannie's after our Progressive Dinner. Call 734-0739.

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