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**SEPTEMBER 2010**

## **SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – September 2**

*Location: Columbia School • Time: 7:00 p.m.*

The meeting will be held in the Staff Lounge. Look for the SNAIL Sign.

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.

### **Attend SNAIL Meetings!**

SNAIL needs people to run for office every November. But it doesn't make much sense to elect people who don't show up to meetings. Our general meetings are where we meet face-to-face to discuss upcoming events and how SNAIL will get the tasks done. This is the best place to learn how SNAIL operates and meet some of the people who make things happen. Please attend meetings. If you don't ever intend to become an officer that's ok, but at least you would be contributing an informed vote at the November meeting for those who volunteer to run for office.

*Jim Quaderer*

### **At The Last General Meeting**



*Jose Colome of Vector Control at Aug. SNAIL mtg.*

### **What Is Snail Dinner Night Out All About?**

Snail members are committed to spending in Sunnyvale during this poor economic time. Each month we choose a

restaurant we want to support. A date is chosen, the name, address and phone number given to the newsletter editor. We would like to visit the restaurant you want to see stay in action. All you need to do is give the information to the editor along with your phone number so folks can call and make a reservation at the SNAIL table. Tell the restaurant how many are coming and invite a few of your friends to join in.

### **September Dinner Night Out - Wednesday, September 22**

*Location: Valle Sol 168 South Murphy Avenue*

*Time: 5:30pm*

Valle Sol is a family run restaurant with a varied menu full of Mexican-American standards plus a few South American dishes. Call 221-9974 for reservations

### **National Night Out, August 3rd, 7:00-9:00pm Was A Success**



*Mary and Steve are all smiles after dessert.*

### **National Night Out -- What Happened to the Band?**

We announced in last month's newsletter that party-goers would be entertained by professional musicians, "The Sound Effect", at the Aug. 3 National Night Out event. There was no live band there and many people asked, "Where's the band?" We are sorry to say that the lead singer suffered a death in the family and had to fly out of town. SNAIL found out about the unfortunate cancellation just the day before and only had time to set up pre-recorded music for the event. SNAIL sends it's condolences to the lead singer and her family.

*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.*



*Foreground: side dishes donated by SNAIL members. Next table: Desserts. Background: Jump house for the kids.*

**From the Chair**

**SNAIL 15th Anniversary Celebration and Volunteer Recognition**

**Saturday, September 11, 2010, 2:00pm**

- Peninsulaires Barbershop Harmony Chorus
  - Mayor Melinda Hamilton recognizes SNAIL's 15th Anniversary
  - Volunteer recognition
  - BBQ/Potluck dinner
- (appetizers and good fellowship all afternoon)**

Many thanks to all the neighbors and friends who made our National Night Out such a great event, and special family night. It is always a pleasure to meet with our law enforcement and crime prevention officers, and firefighters. It's amazing that these ladies and gentlemen are all cross-trained and share each others jobs to keep Sunnyvale safe, and a great place to live. And to top it all off, what has become a SNAIL tradition, great food and fellowship - which just keeps us looking forward to the next event. In this instance - Our 15th Anniversary Party on September 11th, 2pm on 500 Block of Madrone.

November General Meeting will be our annual election for the coming year. Nominating Committee is now taking suggestions, nominations, and volunteer names for the ballot, Call 739-8490 for more information. If you haven't been attending our General Meetings on the first Thursday of the month, you should come out and see us and what we do. We could use your good ideas, and you might like to serve on future SNAIL boards. Next meeting is September 2nd, and we will be back at our regular location in Columbia School Staff Lounge. We look forward to seeing you there.

In neighborly friendship,  
*Connie Cook-Turner*

**SNAIL 15-Year Celebration**

SNAIL will celebrate 15 years of volunteers working to blend the relationships of their residents and city officials into a comfortable safe neighborhood. The recognition of these years and hard working individuals will be

SEPT. 11th (save afternoon and evening)

***We need more of those hard workers to make this happen.***

Committee plans include free Tri-tips. It will include appetizers by Bonnie, birthday cakes, potluck dishes and awards, a raffle done by (YOU! all those things that were too good to donate to the garage sale can be donated to the raffle for those citizens who are willing to respond that they will be in attendance BEFORE September 5th).

From the entertainment committee Melissa's jumping house will be there, Shelley's face painting and what ever else you help us think of before the event.

We are looking for a head of the committee of worker bees. Those people that handle name tags, set up, clean up, signs, more ideas for entertainment. We need an appetizer and side dish committee leader. Just fun jobs. Call Connie 739-8490.



*Vroom! Vroom! 4 of Sunnyvale's finest arrived on motorcycles.*



*The fire truck on display seems so much BIGGER up close!*



*Hot Dog Eating Club.*



*Is it time for another dog or dessert?*

**Summer Series Music + Market**

This is going to be the last Wednesday!  
Time: 5:00pm-8:30pm  
Where: Murphy Avenue, Downtown Sunnyvale  
Sept. 1: The Hitmen (rhythm & blues)

**Sunnyvale Jazz & Beyond Series**

The last Saturday!  
Aug. 28 – Jeff Bordes & The Jazz Desperados (jazz-funk)

**Entertainment Books**

SNAIL is not selling Entertainment Books in the normal fashion this year. They will be available for one month only on a pre order basis.  
Call 734-0739 and tell Jeanie you want the 2011 book for \$22.50 and they will be ordered for pick up in September. Entertainment Books are under chapter 11; that is a form of bankruptcy that allows business to proceed as usual.



*The party was a great way to make new friends.*

**Grand Jury Criticizes Sunnyvale City Council / City Manager**

The Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury recently released a report of their investigation into the appointment of an interim member to the Sunnyvale City Council. To read the Grand Jury's 8-page report go to its website:

<http://www.sccsuperiorcourt.org/jury/GJreports/2010/SunnyvaleCityCouncilActionsLackTransparency.pdf>

*Pat Meyering*

**Sunnyvale Agrees City Must Rein In Salaries**

A Santa Clara civil grand jury thinks city employee costs are out of control, and for the most part, Sunnyvale agrees. The Sunnyvale City Council voted Aug. 10 to approve a staff response to a May 26 report from the grand jury, mostly agreeing with the jury's findings that cities must rein in unsustainable employee costs. The grand jury report laid out 12 findings and a number of recommendations for all 15 Santa Clara County cities to review. The council applauded Sunnyvale staff for its effort in crafting the response, which was made public Aug.5. The council passed the response by a vote of 6-1. The council was amenable to forming a subcommittee to discuss another upcoming response to a civil grand jury report, this one specific to Sunnyvale. On Aug. 31 the council will vote on a response to the June 18 grand jury report that criticized Sunnyvale for lack of transparency and fiscal irresponsibility in an interim council appointee process last year. California law requires that governing bodies addressed in civil grand jury reports responded to those reports.

*Excerpt from Sunnyvale Sun Article  
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*The party went on late into the evening.*



*BBQ table and BBQ Chef, Thomas Leibold, on right.*

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