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April 2011

SNAIL General Meeting

Thursday – April 7

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

The meeting will be held in the Staff Lounge.

Look for the SNAIL Sign.

Our speaker shall be Benjamin Picard, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools of the Sunnyvale School District. Dr. Picard will do a presentation on 'The State of Sunnyvale School District' which will include a discussion of the parcel tax measure on the May 3rd mail-in ballot -- Measure B.

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.

Message from the Chair

If a disaster were to strike in our area, would you be ready? Do you have a central out-of-state phone number for locating your family members? Do you know who your neighbors are and if they have any special needs?

The City has told us countless times that in the event of a major disaster, we should all be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 3 days. That could mean no electricity, no gas, no water, no food, and no medical supplies will be available for quite a long time. Take a moment to think about each of these things and how you would cope without them.

SNAP (Sunnyvale Neighborhoods Actively Prepare) is a free 7-week program offered quarterly by the City to train people to help themselves and their neighbors immediately after a disaster. Some of the subject matter is:

- Disaster Preparedness
- Fire Safety & Suppression
- Incident Command System
- Understanding Terrorism
- Disaster Medical Operations
- Critical Incident Stress Management & START Triage
- Safety Assessment & Light Search and Rescue
- Hands-on Disaster Exercise

The course is not only interesting, but it's fun! You can find out about SNAP by web searching, "Sunnyvale SNAP" or by calling 730-7190.

Jim Quaderer



SNAIL 2011 Event Calendar

Date	Event Name	Organizer
Apr 7	General Meeting	
Apr 16	Progressive Dinner	Connie Cook-Turner
May 5	General Meeting	
May 7	Cinco de Mayo Party	Michael Rose
June 2	General Meeting	
June	Dinner Nite Out	<i>Still needed</i>
June 11	Dumpster Day	Barry Boole
June 11/12	Yard Sale	Samantha Donovan
Jul 7	General Meeting	
July	Dinner Nite Out	<i>Still needed</i>
Aug 4	General Meeting	
Aug 14	Marie Callender's Brunch	Connie Cook-Turner
Sep 1	General Meeting	
Sep	Dinner Nite Out	<i>Still needed</i>
Oct 6	General Meeting	
Oct	Dinner Nite Out	<i>Still needed</i>
Oct	Factory tour bus trip	<i>Still needed</i>
Nov 3	General Meeting	
Nov	Dinner Nite Out	<i>Still needed</i>
Nov	Homeless @ Armory	Malcolm Lloyd
Dec 1	General Meeting	
Dec	Homeless @ Armory	Malcolm Lloyd
Dec 3	Red Bow Distribution	Connie Cook-Turner
Dec	Holiday party	Georgina & Mark Aubin

SNAIL Progressive Dinner - April 16, Saturday, 5:30pm

Three families on Carolina Avenue have offered to host the progressive dinner for SNAIL members and guests. Dinner starts at 5:30 and progresses on to completion at your own pace.

- 5:30pm - Salads and Appetizers
at Jen and Tim's home - 668 Carolina Avenue
- Next - Main Dinner
at Jim and Connie's home - 810 Carolina Avenue
- Next - Desserts
at Russ and Julie's home - 802 Carolina Avenue

We need RSVPs by April 10th to prepare enough food. Please call Connie @ 739-8490. If you would like to bring a dish, let us know that, too. Thank You.

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.

Switching from Cable to TV Antenna

I made the switch from Comcast Cable to an over-the-air TV antenna. I wrote about it on our Yahoo SNAILChitChat newsgroup (message #1019). I listed the antenna I used, the hardware, where to buy it, and what it all cost. In the files section of the newsgroup, I uploaded a file listing the >70 HDTV channels I received with my TV antenna as well as the >70 digital channels that came through the cable. The file name is "TVChannels-Antenna&Cable".

Jim Quaderer



Sunnyvale Sr. Planner, Steve Lynch, explaining the steps to be taken when studying the proposed San Aleso rezoning, March 3, 2011

Yahoo Groups

Documents related to SNAIL meetings will be posted on our Yahoo SNAILorg newsgroup. SNAILS wishing to gain access should send an email to SNAILgroups@snail.org.

You're invited to participate in Sunnyvale's next clean up event

Great American Litter Pick Up

Saturday, April 16, 2011, 9 a.m. - noon

Clean up locations: Fair Oaks Park, Raynor Park, Columbia Neighborhood Center and a portion of the John W. Christian Greenbelt. Gloves, pick-up sticks, safety vests, and bags will be available for our volunteers.

Sites are filling up quickly! To sign-up for a location or for further information, call Environmental Outreach at (408)730-7717.

Hold the Date!

Here are the dates for our other 2011 events:

Saturday, May 21 - National River Cleanup Day

Saturday, September 17 - California Coastal Cleanup Day

We want to thank you again for your help in the past and hope to see you at one or more of our events in 2011!

Kristy McCumby and Jackie Besoyan

SNAIL 2011 Yard Sale

Our yard sale will be held on June 11 and 12 this year. Please save good stuff until June. Our yard sale coordinator will be Samantha Donovan. Samantha may be contacted by calling 734-8334; messages shall be returned during the evening. You may also email: sam_stone@hotmail.com

20th Annual Evenings of Cultural Arts Season

April 16 - Vagabond Opera - Will perform Paris hot jazz, Klezmer, Balkan and classic opera in theatrical style. Tickets sale through the Sunnyvale Box Office at the Sunnyvale Theatre (408)733-6611.

Out And About

Bonnie's Boutique will participate in an art and craft fair at the Sunnyvale Elk's Club, Sat. April 9, 10am-3pm.
Bonnie Lloyd

Pet of the Month



Kody enjoys basking in the sun at Manzanita Ave, waiting for Kit Kershner to come home, and acting as the mascot for Goetz Brothers little league team on the weekends and game nights.

Email your pet's portrait with you name, the name of your pet, your street name, and anything you would like to say about your pet to the editor at: SNAILeditor@snail.org.

Document Shredding Events

Safely recycle your old paperwork

Shredding events will be held at the Sunnyvale Materials Recovery and Transfer (SMaRT) Station for residents from its partner cities: Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale. The SMaRT Station is located at 301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale, CA 94089.

2011 Shredding Events:

- Saturday, April 30 - Saturday, July 30 - Saturday, December 3
Shredding events are for residential customers only; proof of residency will be required.

How residents can participate in the shredding events:

- Gather and box up materials such as personal and financial documents that you want to shred.
- Bring up to 5 banker-sized boxes (or brown paper bags) to each shredding event.
- Remove documents from binders and binder clips (these can damage the shredding equipment); however, paperclips, staples, spiral notebooks and rubber bands are acceptable.
- Recycle all non-confidential documents and paper curbside in your recycling cart.

What to expect when you arrive at the event:

- Volunteers will direct traffic and assist with off-loading boxes.
- All collected materials will be shredded on site. (You may stay to watch your materials be shredded.)
- Shredded materials will be recycled into useful paper products.

Wendy Hediger

Bay-Friendly Landscaping & Gardening

Create Naturally Beautiful Gardens

The Bay-Friendly Gardening program was developed to help you create a beautiful, sustainable, healthy place for you, your family and the environment. It is not a particular style, but an approach that works with nature to reduce waste and protect the watersheds of the San Francisco Bay. It offers endless opportunities for garden designs, from backyard wildlife gardens to kitchen gardens to native plant communities, and more. Bay-Friendly gardening makes it easy for you to have a garden you can enjoy while reducing waste and conserving resources.

Check out one (or more) of the free upcoming workshops and/or the garden tour. You'll learn how to foster soil health, conserve water and other valuable resources while reducing waste and preventing pollution.

Upcoming Workshops & Garden Tour:

- Let Worms Eat Your Garbage (April 9)
- Bay-Friendly Gardening Basics (April 16)
- Gardening From the Ground Up (May 7)
- Bay-Friendly Garden Tour (May 15)

- Gardening to Manage Pests Naturally (May 21)
Please pre-register for both the tour and workshops – space is limited. You can register online at www.bayfriendlycoalition.org or by calling (408) 918-4640.
Wendy Hediger

Neighbors Concerned

On February 26th, a water pipe blew out in the 700 block of Borregas with such power it caused water pipe caps to pop up in 800 block of Borregas and Carolina Avenues. This is one block from the #132 gas transmission line that runs under our neighborhood and on up to San Bruno where it exploded a few months ago. The enclosed pictures tell the water pipe story, but it also brings to mind questions about the gas line.



Saturday, February 26, 2011. 700 Block of Borregas water pipe blew out.



Saturday, February 26, 2011. Water pipe cap popped up 800 Blocks of Borregas and Carolina Avenues.

Could the same conditions that caused wear of the water line also be causing wear on the gas line? Does anyone in authority in Sunnyvale even know where the gas line shut off valve(s) is for our neighborhood? A part of the magnitude of the San Bruno disaster was that they couldn't get the shut off valve closed for one and one-half hours allowing gas to continue feeding the fire. I want our neighbors and governing body to be aware of this situation and stay on top of it, getting as much information as we can to keep our neighborhood safe.

Connie Cook-Turner

Supporting Your Tween & Teen

A group for caregivers of children at CMS

Using the STEP curriculum (Systematic Training for Effective Parenting) we will explore:

- Building and maintaining a loving and caring relationship between you and your child.
- How to understand the meaning and goals of your child's behavior.
- Effective and helpful parenting skills to reduce stress in your home.
- How to listen and talk to your child.
- Creating a healthy and positive self image with your child.
- Effective discipline strategies that makes sense to you and your child.

Dates: Tuesdays (10 session commitment) March 15 - May 24

Time: 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Location: Columbia Middle School, PORTABLE F
739 Morse Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94085

Group Leaders: Jessica Lenneman, LCSW, (408) 523-8150 x26
Linda Sun, ACSW

Please call Jessica for more information OR to confirm your attendance. Childcare is not provided.

Carolyn Lutticken, Program Coordinator, City of Sunnyvale
408 523-8150 • clutticken@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us

Local Men's Chorus Offers Free Vocal Training Clinic

The Peninsula's Men's Chorus is offering a free vocal training program for men who would like to improve their singing skills. Most people who enjoy singing have never had formal voice training. This unique program is designed for those singers. It will be taught by instructors qualified in the a cappella style (without instrumental accompaniment). This style helps singers isolate their voices, learn how to tune them properly and use them correctly to create an enjoyable sound.

This complementary six-week clinic will run from Tuesday evening, March 29th through Tuesday, May 3rd. It will provide real world, hands on training in the use of that incredible instrument called the human voice. The program will address topics like: how to properly "warm up" the voice; the importance of posture; the use of the body's resonance chambers; preventing getting hoarse; the impact of pronunciation on audience enjoyment, and much more. Each lesson will be approximately 90 minutes in length, and students can attend any or all of the six lessons. A weekly agenda of lesson topics will be provided to each student upon registration. Training sessions will be conducted by the team of Steve Sammonds, Certified Chorus Director of The Peninsula's for the past 20 years, and Paul Eastman, Certified Vocal Coach and 41-year member of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

Interested men can register on-line at www.freevoicelessons.net.

Lessons will be held at The First United Methodist Church of Sunnyvale, located at 550 Old San Francisco Road (just west of Fair Oaks) in Sunnyvale. Sessions will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Peninsula's chorus is part of the Palo Alto-Mountain View Chapter of The Barbershop Harmony Society, a non-profit music education organization. The chorus has been active for over 60 years. The 40+ man chorus shares the joy of barbershop harmony through charity functions and community performances, including their annual cabaret show and theatrical production. They provide training in a cappella singing at local high schools and middle schools, and through periodic free voice training clinics. Their weekly rehearsals are open to the public. For more information visit their website www.thepeninsula.org, call 650-618-8600 or e-mail info @ thepeninsula.org.

John Heather

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