



S.N.A.I.L. News

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October 2011

SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – October 6th

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

The meeting will be held in the Staff Lounge.

Look for the "Neighborhood Meeting" sign.

There shall be no speaker this month.

Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:

- Traffic Safety: Cars parked on corners obstructing view.
- Vote to change bylaws.
- SNAIL survey.
- SNAIL election planning.
- SNAIL holiday planning.

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

We brought in our newsletter deadline this month so that your block representative could (hopefully) deliver this newsletter to you before October 1st. We usually distribute our newsletters to the block reps about 6 days before the general meeting and ask them to deliver on their street at least a day before the Thursday meeting. (We strongly prefer that the block reps distribute the newsletters the weekend before the general meeting so that people have better notice.)

But the weekend of October 1, 2011 is different. If the block reps hand out their newsletters according to their usual schedule, most of our neighbors won't receive their reminder about our Candidate Forum which is on October 1st. It is important that we get a good showing at the Candidate Forum so that the candidates know that our neighborhood cares about how our City is run. We're hoping that, this time, the block reps can hand out their newsletters a few days before our Saturday, October 1 Candidate Forum.

Hopefully, you've received this newsletter during the week of September 26th, ahead of the usual schedule. Please attend our Candidate Forum. If you cannot attend, please submit your candidate questions to Michael Rose.

If you have any questions about newsletter delivery at anytime, please contact the "Newsletter Distribution Coordinator" who is listed in the "SNAIL Board and City of Sunnyvale Support Staff" section of every newsletter. You can get this same contact information from our web site www.snail.org

Jim Quaderer

Newsletter Distribution

Volunteers are needed for Santa Barbara, Santa Catalina, and Isla Vista newsletter deliveries.

One distributor is needed to deliver bundles of newsletters to 12 Block Reps for delivery to neighbors on their streets, on the West side of Morse to Pine, and Arbor to Hemlock.

Any one of these volunteer positions takes about 20 minutes once per month. Please find a few minutes to help.

Call Connie, 739-8490.

Candidate Forum Saturday October 1st

CANDIDATE FORUM

SNAIL / San Miguel Neighborhood Associations are holding a forum for the 9 candidates for Sunnyvale City Council. There are four seats on the Council open for election this November. Come and hear the candidates answer questions from you, the SNAIL neighbors.

DATE: Saturday October 1st LOCATION: Fair Oaks Park Building (N. Wolfe Rd. @ N. Fair Oaks Ave.) TIME: Doors open to neighbors at 4:30 p.m., have a refreshment and write out a question. FORUM BEGINS: 5:30 p.m. and ends at 7:00 p.m. Neighbors, unable to attend, can still send questions either by phone: 408-736-4811, or e-mail CandidateForum @ snail.org

Michael Rose



Watch Out for the Great Pumpkin!

Dinner Night Out

October DINNER NIGHT OUT will be Oct. 14, 2011 Friday, at the DEL MONTE RESTAURANT, 100 So. Murphy. 6:45 p.m.

Let Bonnie know if you are coming: 747-1949 call by Oct. 12th.

If you have not already used your coupon book for this one -- it'll work!

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.

Feeding the Homeless - Sunnyvale Armory

I hope that you will consider serving the homeless this year. It is another way to give back to the community. To serve the homeless you will need a current T.B. test. If you took your test last year it will still be good this year. Bring a copy of the test results at the time of your service. Please let me know if you can serve this year. I will need to contact you regarding dates and times of service as this information becomes available around the middle of October. Call Malcolm Lloyd at (408) 747-1949.

SNAIL International Cookbook

At our October 6 meeting you will be able to sign up for your copy of the cookbook for \$10.00 -- after that date the price goes up to \$12.00 per book. These will make great gifts and will introduce you to other cultures food! Great for those special dinner guests. Good food, good friends!

SNAIL 2011 Event Calendar

Date	Event Name	Organizer
Oct 1	Candidate Forum	Patsy Duke, Michael Rose
Oct 6	General Meeting	
Oct 14	Dinner Nite Out	Bonnie Lloyd 747-1949
Nov 3	General Meeting	
Nov	Dinner Nite Out	<i>Still needed</i>
Nov	Homeless @ Armory	Malcolm Lloyd 747-1949
Dec 1	General Meeting	
Dec	Homeless @ Armory	Malcolm Lloyd 747-1949
Dec 3	Red Bow Distribution	Connie Cook-Turner 739-8490
Dec	Holiday party	Georgina & Mark Aubin

Some postings on SNAIL Yahoo Groups last month

Yahoo SNAILorg

- Full agenda before the general meeting.
- Candidate Forum.
- Proposed bylaws, version 04, posted in the "files" section.

Yahoo SNAILChitChat

- Free museum tickets.
- Recent residential burglaries in Sunnyvale.
- League of Women Voters Candidate Forum.
- El Camino Rapid Transit Project.

If you would like to join these groups, send an email to SNAILgroups @ snail . org.

Bishop Elementary's October Events

- Thu Oct 6
PTO Meeting
Teacher's Lounge 6:00 - 7:00pm
- Fri Oct 7
Coffee with Principal
Teacher's Lounge 8:15 - 9:00 am
- Thu Oct 13
Dine Out Nite Fundraiser
La Taqueria 4:00 – 8:00. Say "Bishop" = 25%!
- Mon Oct 17
Staff Development Day
NO SCHOOL today for students
- Tues Oct 25
Teacher Learning Day
Early Release – All Grades – At 12:30
- Fri Oct 28
Walk-a-Thon Fundraiser
School Track and Field
- Mon Oct 31
Halloween Parade
Black Top for a morning parade

Our major fundraiser for all School Field Trips for the year!
Friday October 28: Walk-a-Thon.
support our students by sponsoring a child either per-lap or flat donation.
Come view our updated website, calendar of events, and sign up for our e-mail messages! at www.sesd.org/bishop
We look forward to seeing you!

Sue Johnson

Brief Summary of September General Meeting

1. Jo Ann Rees, Teen Librarian at the Sunnyvale Public Library, described the amazing number of resources and services, all free, available at the library.
2. We discussed contacting our new Neighborhood Officer, inviting him to the meeting, and getting his phone number for the newsletter.
3. October Dinner Night Out will be organized by Bonnie & Malcolm Lloyd.
4. Plans & ideas for the next NNO were discussed.
5. Details of the upcoming Candidate Forum were finalized.
6. Possible changes to By-Laws spending limits were discussed.

Alert for Thieves

In September, many neighbors in our SNAIL Columbia neighborhood reported that thieves had broken into their cars, or had access through doors that were left unlocked. This is happening after dark, although one Honda was being pried into in broad daylight. Thieves are looking for valuables like GPS systems, computers and even car registration forms. If doors are left unlocked, they have no problem accessing your vehicle. If it's locked, they may pop open the lock. Take valuables out of your autos. Other "priority items" for thieves, are the catalytic converters on Toyota's, which have been removed overnight, and bikes. A good security system (alarm) may help deter some of these guys. At least it's a start.

Rosie Cooke

Pet of the Month.

Email your pet's portrait and info to the editor at: [SNAILeditor @ snail.org](mailto:SNAILeditor@snail.org).

Traffic Safety - E. Arbor & Morse

Dear Neighbors, recently a safety hazard at the intersection of E. Arbor and Morse became disturbingly clear. So disturbing was this event that I wanted share my concern in the SNAIL newsletter and have contacted Sunnyvale city officials. Generally turning on to Morse from E. Arbor is a nuisance due to the complete lack of visibility of oncoming cars. One cannot really see cross traffic until well into the intersection. Typically the result is an awkward inconvenience as an oncoming car has time to stop. However, recently on the way to the grocery store I found myself in the middle of the intersection confronted with the headlights of an oncoming car rapidly approaching. I had slowly inched my way out as normal straining to see beyond the commercial trucks typically parked on the corner. As best I could tell, there was no one coming. And yet, as I moved a few feet into the intersection, there was the oncoming car directly upon me. It was an extremely close call. For the sake of the neighborhood and motorists in general, this is a clear hazard worth fixing. As stated above, I've begun contacting the city and hope to have either a four-way stop sign at this intersection, or at least no-parking red zones painted for a distance that will allow for proper visibility. If you want to share a similar story, comments, or are willing to sign a petition if the city process requires this, please feel free to contact me via email ([dw.boles @ gmail.com](mailto:daniel.boles@gmail.com)). Thanks.
Daniel Boles

Traffic Safety - San Diego & Hemlock

There will be a discussion about traffic safety at the corner of San Diego and Hemlock at our next general meeting, Oct. 6. We will be discussing how to make it less dangerous for children to cross the street between the parked cars at that corner.

Columbia Neighborhood Center

FREE YOGA for area residents – new class starting soon!
There are now TWO free yoga classes available for residents in the Columbia Neighborhood Center service area!
Traditional yoga classes are held on Tuesday evenings from 6 – 6:50 pm in the Columbia School Gym. Classes will continue until December 6, and participants are welcome to start attending at any time.

Korean style yoga (Dahn-hak) combines several types of movement including tai chi. A new six class session runs from Monday, October 3 through Monday, November 14, with no class on October 31 (Halloween), from 7 – 7:50 pm in the Columbia Middle School Multipurpose Room.

If you are new to either of these programs, please call CNC at (408) 523-8150 to sign up, and plan to come to class 10 minutes early to fill out a registration form.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT is coming!

The community is invited to attend the 13th Annual Family Fun Night (FFN) at Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC). This is a free family event taking place in the CNC gym on Wednesday, October 26th from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

There will be many interactive games and activities for youth of all ages. The theme of this event is Halloween and safety. Participants can earn prizes while gaining tips and reminders from Dept. of Public Safety staff on how to have a safe and fun Halloween. Costumes are optional but welcome. A free light snack will be provided to children. Columbia Middle School will offer Haunted House tours and snacks (for a nominal fee) as a school leadership program fundraiser.

The event is made possible through collaboration between the Department of Library and Community Services and the Department of Public Safety. It is also supported by several community partners that include Columbia Middle School, First 5 Santa Clara County and the Health Trust.

For more information about FFN, please contact Columbia Neighborhood Center at 408-523-8150 or visit: CNC.inSunnyvale.com.

SUPPORTING YOUR TWEEN AND TEEN

A new free support group for caregivers of children attending Columbia Middle School will start on Monday, October 10, from 6:30 – 8 pm, for eight sessions (no group on 10/31) until December 5. The group uses the STEP curriculum (Systematic Training for Effective Parenting) and will cover these topics:

- 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.

To sign up or for more information, contact Eve Sheffield, Marriage and Family Therapist Intern, (408) 523-8150 x28.

GIRLS FOR A CHANGE

LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER FACILITATOR

Girls for a Change is a national program for young women in middle and high schools, empowering them to create social change by

teaching the process of change in their lives. The girls identify and carry out a project that provides creative solutions to problems in their own community. The girls work in teams, with two women coaches to guide and support them through the project.

Besides completing the project in social transformation, the girls undergo their own personal transformations as they learn how to make changes in their world. The program inspires girls to have the voice, ability and problem solving capacity to speak up, be decision makers, create visionary changes, and realize their full potential. Find out more at <http://www.girlsforachange.org/> Columbia Middle School is hoping to start a group this Fall. They are in need of one more woman to facilitate the group. Following mandatory coach training, the time commitment is approximately 15 hours per month for 12 weeks. Adult facilitators follow a set curriculum, meeting with the girls weekly, and attend one 2-hour training a month.

If you are interested in the Columbia Girls for a Change program, or know someone else who is, please pass this information on to them. For questions or to sign up, contact Jessica Lenneman at Columbia Neighborhood Center, (408) 523-8150 ext.26.

SNAIL Bylaws Status

At the last general meeting, we discussed the changes and agreed to add a sentence to the section about how the bylaws can be modified in the future. We ran out of time while discussing the wording so we didn't vote on the bylaws. We decided to pick up the subject again at the October meeting where we will probably vote. A copy of the proposed bylaws has been uploaded to our Yahoo SNAILorg newsgroup. If you would like an electronic or paper copy before the meeting please contact Jim at SNAILchair@snail.org or call 737-9479.

SNAIL Elections in November

SNAIL's elections are to be held at the November general meeting. This newsletter, our web site, and our Yahoo newsgroups touch on only a small fraction of what is discussed at the general meetings. Please attend our general meetings so that you will be better informed of the issues and the people that work to make our neighborhood a great place to live!

Jim Quaderer

RED BOWS ALERT

We have a small inventory and may have to order supplies this year. If needed, order must be placed by November 1st to be received in time for our event.

All volunteers with Red Bows stored at your home, please check your package to see if you need extra bows, ribbon, or tape this year.

Any neighbors whose street did not have bows last year, but would like them this year, please count your street trees so I can figure in your needs.

Please call Connie, 739-8490 by October 22nd. Thank You.

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