



# S.N.A.I.L. News

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**May 2012**

## SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – May 3

*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 Carolyn Lutticken, Columbia Neighborhood Center Program Coordinator. Carolyn will tell us about the new construction at the CNC, new and existing programs, and the Fit and Fun Fair.

*Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:*  
Cinco de Mayo party.

SNAIL float for Sunnyvale Centennial parade.  
Continuation of discussion: Low Income Housing at Armory site.  
Planning for Dumpster Day, June 9th.  
Planning for Yard Sale, June 9-10.  
Grant application to City.

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

Now that spring is here, we have a lot of activities coming up fast. We have a Cinco de Mayo party in just a few days. We've got a grant application due in May and a grant report due in June. We have Sunnyvale Centennial Parade Committee meetings and an application to submit in May. We have a Dumpster Day and a Colossal Yard Sale in June. It's going to be quite busy for some of us – less busy if we get some new helpers. Please call or email me or any officers listed on page three of this newsletter if you'd like to become involved in any of these activities.

*Jim Quaderer, Beechnut*

## SNAIL Cinco de Mayo Party May 5<sup>th</sup>

SNAIL's Cinco De Mayo party is from 4-8 PM on Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> at 550 E Arbor Ave, on the corner of Worley Ave. Children are welcome. SNAIL will provide tacos, enchiladas, Horcata, ice tea, & soft drinks. Neighbors are invited to bring food as well (see list below). Come take a swing at a Piñata and play an exciting round of Loteria (essentially, Bingo). It would help us if you RSVP ([gleasondiane@yahoo.com](mailto:gleasondiane@yahoo.com), or 650 353 1575), but if you forget, come on over anyway!

### Can you:

Bring a Mexican Flag or other Mexican decorations?  
Provide live Mexican music or provide CD's of Mexican Music?  
Bring a couple of folding chairs?  
Bring food? We are looking for salads, rice, beans, dip, chips, salsa, tamales, and desserts.

*By John Cordes & Diane Gleason*

## Keep Saving-Up Stuff!

Just one month to go to the annual SNAIL Yard Sale. Now is the time to start accumulating all goodies you're going to donate to SNAIL in June. Be looking for the item you donated being put to good use at your neighbor's house in July!



**RSVP NOW for SNAIL's Cinco de Mayo party this Saturday!**

## Sunnyvale Armory

We want to send a special thanks to all people who spent time and effort serving the homeless dinner at the Sunnyvale armory. The core of the group was: Craig Black, Wendy Hediger, Valerie Suarez, Charles Thompson and myself. Chuck Leath was one person we could count on when he was needed, when illness, job requirements or other charitable work drew off part of the core group. Other volunteers included Rafael Sedillo, Patsy Duke and Mark Aubin. The volunteers served fourteen days from November 29 to March 29, 2012. It was a pleasure working with all of you.

*Malcolm Lloyd, Borregas Avenue*

## Centennial Parade

To date we have only one response to our request for volunteers to help plan our entry in the Sunnyvale Centennial Parade. Without further participation we will not be able to proceed with our plan to enter the parade

If you would like to see SNAIL place an entry to the parade, and are willing to help with the planning and preparation, please call Connie at 739-8490. Applications, including a photo, sketch, or rendering of the float, preferably in color, must be in by May 31<sup>st</sup> so we don't have much time. Please call NOW if you would like to participate.

Please bring your ideas for a Parade entry to the general meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a prize for selected entry.  
*Connie Cook-Turner, Carolina Avenue*

*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, Cookbook sales, and donations.*

## Parents and Kids

### Response to April's Parents and Kids letter

I am so happy to see this dialogue starting and I hope others will also speak up. I too am a parent in the neighborhood and struggled with where to send my children to school. All parents want the best for their children, and its difficult choosing a school, especially when all you have to go by are meaningless test scores and "talk" around town, often by people who do not attend or even know the schools.

My husband and I decided to send our children to Bishop Elementary after speaking to the principal, touring the school, talking with teachers there and other parents. And we are SO very pleased with our decision.

Our daughter (now a 1st grader) is absolutely thriving. She is already reading at a 2nd grade level and is at or above grade level in every subject. Above all, she loves school. I admit I had concerns her English language learning peers may receive more attention and guidance than her and possibly slow down her progress, but that has absolutely not been the case. The classes are broken up into groups based on ability for each subject and each group gets plenty of assistance.

The technology at the school is fantastic and makes learning even more fun for the kids. Bishop has four Nationally Board Certified teachers (which is very difficult to get) and two more are in the process of getting certified. I believe we have more nationally board certified teachers than any school in the entire district. I can't say enough about the teachers and they are the biggest reason we love the school so much.

The school isn't perfect, none are. So instead of complaining about the things I didn't like, I decided to get more involved and help make it better. I joined the PTO board last year and am very proud of all of the improvements we have made this year. Such as after school Spanish classes, a Daddy Daughter Dance, a Family Game Night, raising twice as much money this year as last year, better ways to communicate with families, etc.

If people are interested in Bishop, I encourage you to stop by the Open House on May 22nd. There will be a special meeting for incoming parents just before 5:30p in the auditorium. I also encourage parents to join the PTO board. Elections for next year are May 3rd and nominations forms are in the office. Parents or potential parents can also sign up for the Bishop E-blasts at <http://www.sesd.org/bishop>

We also hope more kids from our neighborhood will attend our local school. We love our community and know this will only make it stronger. Plus, walking to school is lovely and I am happy my kids aren't stuck in a car to and from school every day.

Thanks for getting this conversation started Cindy.

*Kris Ahmed, West Arbor*



### Ideas for Projects or Events in the Neighborhood

Do you have an idea for a project or event in our neighborhood? The City of Sunnyvale will be awarding funding for qualifying applications which are filed in May. If you have an idea, please submit your idea by our May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.



Tamon Norimoto (seated, left) of PG&E and Leonard Dunn (standing) of Sunnyvale Street Tree Services answering questions about trees and power lines in the neighborhood at the April 5th SNAIL meeting.

### SNAIL 2012 Event Calendar

Date	Event Name	Organizer
May 5	Cinco de Mayo party	John Cordes
Jun 9	Dumpster Day, 8am to 2pm	Barry Boole
Jun 9 & 10	Yard Sale	Samantha Donovan
Jun	Dinner Nite Out	<i>Organizer needed!</i>
Jul	Dinner Nite Out	<i>Organizer needed!</i>
Aug 7	National Night Out	<i>Organizer needed!</i>
Aug 25	Sunnyvale Centennial Parade	Connie Cook-Turner
Sep	Barbeque?	<i>Organizer needed!</i>
Oct	Dinner Nite Out	<i>Organizer needed!</i>
Nov	Dinner Nite Out	<i>Organizer needed!</i>
Nov	Feeding Homeless at the Armory	Malcolm Lloyd
Dec	Feeding Homeless at the Armory	Malcolm Lloyd
Dec	Red Bow Distribution	Connie Cook-Turner
Dec	Holiday Party	Georgina Aubin

### Brief Summary of SNAIL Meeting Minutes – April 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting

1. Speaker: Leonard Dunn from Public Works City of Sunnyvale. Leonard discussed trees and tree trimming in the neighborhood, Our City Forest and pruning practices
2. Speaker: Tamon Norimoto from PG&E Vegetation Management discussed the proactive and reactive roles PG&E has with regard to the trees in the neighborhood. Vegetation Management employees are certified arborists who work closely with Sunnyvale and Our City Forest
3. Report on the low income housing project on the Armory site. It was reported that 660 South Fair Oaks units are similar to the ones to be placed at the Armory site. These will be studios and 1 bedrooms. This will be a high density project, with about 45 units per acre. City has approved construction building. Discuss concerns around increased population, impact on local traffic, schools and neighboring environment
4. The Rok, dinner night out had a small attendance. However, the food was reported to be good.
5. Sunnyvale Centennial Celebration – Remind people about the planning meeting at Connie's house on April 18<sup>th</sup>.
6. Cinco de Mayo party, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Budget voted on and approved for the party.
7. May newsletter deadline is 14<sup>th</sup>, Kirstin Sims.
8. Discuss treasurer's report.
9. Armory Recognition discussion by Malcolm Lloyd.
10. City grant application due May 18. Discuss requirements and restrictions for the grant.
11. Dumpster update - Need 6 volunteers. He has 3. Continuing to recruit.

### Free Singer's Clinic in Sunnyvale

Sunnyvale, CA – 9 April 2012 – The Peninsulaires a cappella chorus (a non-profit music education organization) is sponsoring The Singer's Voice Clinic – a free vocal training program specifically for the male voice.

This six-week clinic begins Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. and runs weekly through Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Each 90-minute session will deliver hands on training in the fundamentals of singing. The location is at First United Methodist Church at 535 Old San Francisco Road, Sunnyvale. For additional information and to register visit [www.freevoicelessons.net](http://www.freevoicelessons.net) or call John Hinkle 408-896-0444.

Paul Eastman, a renowned vocal coach and member of the Peninsulaires, leads the weekly sessions. He has competed in several quartets and choruses at the international level of the Barbershop Harmony Society. Paul works closely with Peninsulaires director, Steve Sammonds in the chorus' weekly practice sessions.

The Peninsulaires perform year round and their musical arrangements vary from classics to jazz, patriotic to sacred, rounded out with standards and Broadway pops.

John Hinkle, The Peninsulaires Barbershop Harmony Chorus

### Bishop Elementary May Events

Date	Topic	Location
Tues May 1	Teacher Learning Day	<i>Early Release – All Grades – At 12:30</i>
Thurs May 3	PTO Meeting	<i>Teacher's Lounge 6:00 – 7:00 pm</i>
Fri May 4	Coffee with Principal	<i>Teacher's Lounge 8:15 – 9:00 am</i>
Thurs May 10	Dine Out Nite Fund-raiser	<i>Armadillo Willy's BBQ 5:00 – 9:00 pm 161 E. El Camino Real, Sunnyvale (408) 247-1100</i>
Thurs May 22	Open House	<i>Your child's classroom 6:00 – 7:00 pm</i>
Tues May 28	Memorial Day	<i>NO SCHOOL today for students</i>

Open Enrollment and New Student Registration continues all month for Sunnyvale School District. New families can check with Bishop's front office for New Student Registration forms until June 1. Please come Monday – Thursday 9:00 – 2:00. Thank You.

May 7 – 18 are STAR TESTING Weeks. Be sure you come to school with a nutritious breakfast in your tummy, well rested, and a smile. Please come to school **on time** every day during test days.

May 7 – 11 is Teacher Appreciation Week. Bishop PTO will be honoring our teachers that week with special treats & events. Please take a minute that week to write a thank you note or express your gratitude for our fantastic teachers.

Tuesday May 22 is Open House. Come visit our elementary school and classrooms. It's a wonderful opportunity to see the best of our Bishop Bobcat students.

Sue Johnson - Manzanita Avenue

### Columbia Neighborhood Center Updates

**Columbia Neighborhood Center Fair and Grand Reopening May 5!** Celebrate wellness and bring the family to the **2012 City of Sunnyvale Fit & Fun Fair** on Saturday, May 5 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for fun, entertainment & valuable health and wellness information. Admission is free and takes place on the grounds of Columbia Middle School and the newly expanded Columbia Neighborhood Center, 739 and 785 Morse Ave. Some of the planned activities include:

- 5 K Fun Run/Walk (Starting at 8:00 a.m.)
- Rock wall, obstacle course, jousting
- Columbia Neighborhood Center Grand Reopening Celebration & self-guided tours (starting at 10:30 a.m.)
- Fun on the Run, carnival games & prizes
- Free bike inspections & tune ups
- Health Screenings: diabetes, cholesterol, vision, BMI, blood pressure, oral health check for kids

### SNAIL BOARD and CITY of SUNNYVALE SUPPORT STAFF

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- 65+ exhibitors showcasing health & family resources
- Nutrition information for the entire family
- Kids tours of emergency evacuation helicopter, fire rigs, squad cars & meet our K-9 officer
- Car seat safety inspections (by appointment only, call 408-730-7179)

For more information including downloadable exhibitor registration forms, visit [FitandFunFair.inSunnyvale.com](http://FitandFunFair.inSunnyvale.com) or contact Alicia Gonzales, Youth & Family Resources Program Coordinator, at 408-523-8150 ext. 19 or [agonzales@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](mailto:agonzales@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us)

### Volunteers Needed!

Help your community as we celebrate wellness and the Grand Reopening of the expanded Columbia Neighborhood Center at the Sunnyvale Fun and Fitness Fair on May 5. A variety of volunteer shifts are available, from set-up starting at 8 am, to clean-up ending around 4:30 pm. Volunteers are needed for the fair itself, and to welcome visitors to the new center as they go through a self-guided tour. Volunteers should apply no later than April 20, and those volunteering during the fair who are over 18 are required to be fingerprinted. For more information, see [Volunteering.inSunnyvale.com](http://Volunteering.inSunnyvale.com) and click on the 'Featured Volunteer Opportunities' link, then go to Fit and Fun Fair. Or call Carolyn Luticken at the CNC, (408) 523-8150 ext 14.

### CNC Newsletter

Keep up with the activities and services at the CNC by reading the newsletter online at [CNC.inSunnyvale.com](http://CNC.inSunnyvale.com).  
Carolyn Luticken - CNC Program Coordinator

### Pet of the Month

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](mailto:SNAILeditor @ snail.org).

### Some of what was posted on SNAIL Yahoo Groups last month:

#### Yahoo SNAILorg

- Sunnyvale Centennial Parade – need a trailer.
- Speaker for SNAIL meeting.

#### Yahoo SNAILChitChat

- City Council meeting regarding Dispatcher's salaries.
- April 15 police activity on Borregas Ave.
- Sunnyvale Boards and Commissions recruitment.
- Genetically altered vegetables.
- Charges at free dump weekend.
- Great American Litter Pick Up around Columbia School.
- Bishop Elementary principal and teachers, open house May 22.

To join these Yahoo groups, send your name and address to: [SNAILgroups @ snail.org](mailto:SNAILgroups @ snail.org).

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### Next Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles and photos for the SNAIL June monthly newsletter is Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Submit your input to the Editor.

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