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June 2012

SNAIL General Meeting

Thursday – June 7th

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

The meeting will be held in the Staff Lounge.

Look for the SNAIL Sign.

There shall be no guest speaker at the June meeting.

Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:

Planning for Dumpster Day, June 9th.

Planning for Yard Sale, June 9-10.

Street sweeping in the neighborhood.

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.

Please Host July or Aug SNAIL meetings

SNAIL monthly meetings are at the Columbia Middle School most of the year, but we can't meet there during July or Aug. We need one of our members to volunteer to host our July 5th and Aug 2nd monthly SNAIL meetings. The meeting normally runs from 7-9 PM and we need room for up to 20 people to sit. Meeting in a backyard is fine. SNAIL will provide snacks and drinks. If you would like to volunteer to host either July 5th or Aug 2nd monthly SNAIL meetings, please contact John Cordes, SNAIL vice-chair @ 650-288-9645

Message from the Vice Chair

This is a guest 'message from the chair' from your new Vice Chair, John Cordes (Arbor ave). I have lived in SNAIL since 2007, with my wife Diane Gleason and in or near Sunnyvale since 1981. In 2011, I decided to get more involved with our neighborhood association because I wanted to be better integrated with my local community. Before that, my involvement with SNAIL was limited to attending the SNAIL National Night Out Barbecues and reading the SNAIL newsletter. I attended a couple of the SNAIL monthly meetings and liked what I saw the volunteers working to accomplish, so I volunteered to be Vice-Chair in 2012. I encourage you to come to a SNAIL meeting or two and get better connected and informed about what we are doing to make SNAIL the most neighborly neighborhood in Sunnyvale.

In May, Diane and I hosted the SNAIL Cinco de Mayo party. Thanks to all who attended. It was a fun party and a good opportunity for neighbors to get to know neighbors better. The weather was perfect. About 30 adults and 6 children attended. Diane made horchata, tacos, & enchiladas, paid for by SNAIL. Other neighbors brought salad, tamales, chips and salsa. We had the world's toughest Piñata as the guest of honor. Initially we had the kids wear blindfolds while they swung at the piñata with a stick. After each of them had a turn, the piñata was still whole so we let start hitting it without the blindfolds. It took the kids and one adult about 30 minutes of hitting before the piñata finally broke open and spilled the candy out. That was one tough cardboard piñata.

Also in May, thanks to the efforts of SNAIL officers and Elaine Rowan, we submitted our annual grant request to the City. There were 2 major expenses we were asking the City of Sunnyvale to help fund; the SNAIL newsletter and updating the holiday red

bows we put on the trees in December. We'll know next month if Sunnyvale has agreed to help fund these activities.

June is a busy month in SNAIL. We have our annual SNAIL yard sale and 'dumpster day' coming up quickly on June 9th and 10th. The SNAIL yard sale is our biggest fundraiser so please donate anything you no longer need for us to re-sell. We always need volunteers to help with the Yard sale. See the announcement of the yard sale for more details. See the special flyer for more about where the dumpsters will be located.

Sunnyvale is having its 100th anniversary party on Aug 25-26th this summer. It should be fun. SNAIL has decided to send a float to represent our neighborhood. If you would like to help plan and build it, please contact Connie Cook-Turner 408-739-8490. Enjoy your summer.

Hope to see you in the neighborhood,

John Cordes

Yard Sale – June 9th – 10th

"Hello Neighbors! It is garage sale time once again. Time to clean out your old unwanted items and make room for the new. The sale will be held at 810 Carolina Avenue on June 9 & 10 from 8 am to 4 pm. We are accepting most everything in usable condition. Please contact Samantha Donovan at 408-313-1834 or samfn@gmail.com. Thank you for your support and hope to see you shopping!"

Samantha Donovan



Dinner Nite Out at Gombei Bento

Our June Dine Out Nite will be Monday, June 4th at 6:00 p.m. at Gombei Bento 155 E. Maude Avenue here in SNAIL. Gombei Bento serves Japanese style food at reasonable prices. We always have a good time -- won't you come and join in the good fellowship and good food! Please call John Cordes, 650-288-9645 by June 2nd if you plan to attend so I can make reservation.

Let's Eat!!!

John Cordes

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.

Everyone Welcome - A "Must" See Event

June 9 and 10, 2012, the Sunnyvale Art Club is holding a show of original art works in the Sunnyvale Library downtown. Noon on Saturday beginning with reception to 6 p.m. and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. No charge!!! Come and meet your neighbors!!!
Bonnie Luthy Lloyd, member artist

Parents and Kids

Response to April and May's Parents and Kids letter

I am so pleased Cindy P. started the dialogue about our local schools. The test scores definitely do NOT reflect the quality of education happening at Bishop and Columbia. I am pleased that Kris Ahmed wrote last month about Bishop. I agree completely with Kris. The teachers are excellent and your child will be appropriately challenged. The school has a very warm and friendly atmosphere. I am very familiar with Bishop. I have a 3rd and a 1st grader there now and my 7th grader went kindergarten through 5th at Bishop.

Since Kris covered Bishop so well, I want to focus my letter on Columbia. My 7th grader is finishing up her second year at Columbia. She absolutely loves it at Columbia! I hesitated sending her to Columbia out of concern for her personal safety. I laugh now to think that ever was even a concern of mine. Personal safety is not a problem at Columbia.

My other concern was my daughter academically back sliding at Columbia. I was worried my quiet child would get lost in the system- instead she blossomed. The teachers are excellent and caring at Columbia. I have enjoyed attending the annual literature fairs. I have been amazed at the challenging books the students are reading. I thoroughly enjoyed judging the science fair this year. I am a scientist and I was impressed with the students' projects and the enthusiasm of the teachers. The music program is superb as seen by all the trophies. The band just got back from a competition in Disneyland and earned 3rd place out of 39 schools. I have loved all the numerous opportunities that have come along with being in the band, such as marching in the Sunnyvale Centennial Celebration this coming August.

There are many other opportunities at Columbia such as Geometry class for those gifted in math, after school sports, and classes in art, computer, and Lego robotics. I cannot begin to list all the various opportunities. I have been very pleased with Bishop and Columbia. We also like meeting our neighbors, hearing wood peckers, and seeing little roly pollies or pill bugs as we walk to school. Thanks for asking about our schools Cindy P!
Ann Davis, Pine Ave.

Pet of the Month



This is Murphy, a young lab/chow mix that lives on Ferndale Ave. with Lori and Troy. He loves fetch and skritchies and would love to be the pet of the month!

Neighborhood June Street Sweeping Schedule

Our streets are generally swept every two weeks on the day following your trash pick-up. In June, the street sweeping schedule is:

East SNAIL Neighborhood	Tues., June 12	Tues., June 26
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wed., June 13	Wed., June 27

If possible, please move your car off the street on street sweeping days.



Carolyn Lutticken, Columbia Neighborhood Center Program Coordinator (standing), at May 3rd General Meeting.

SNAIL 2012 Event Calendar

Date	Event Name	Organizer
Jun 4	Dinner Nite Out	John Cordes
Jun 9	Dumpster Day, 8am to 2pm	Barry Boole
Jun 9 & 10	Yard Sale	Samantha Donovan
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 16	Barbeque	Jim and Connie Cook-Turner
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

A Great Cinco de Mayo Party

Many thanks go out to John Cordes and Diane Gleason for hosting a great neighborhood party on May 5th. Adults enjoyed time spent with their neighbors and the kids (including one grown kid) enjoyed hitting the piñata with a stick. Everyone enjoyed the food!



Even with the piñightiest ones swinging the stick, it took quite a while to break the piñata open, May 5th.

Parade Committee Report

Committee members Connie Cook-Turner, John Cordes, Cindy Enright and Diane Gleason met on May 16th to discuss parade ideas offered at the May 3rd meeting. All 7 ideas included a SNAIL, 6 included a float, 4 were ideas including children, 5 included a walking group of neighbors. Diane served as facilitator, and together we selected the float titled "S.N.A.I.L. Neighborhood – International Community." That includes the SNAIL, American-International decorating, and cut-outs of children on play equipment. We will need volun-

teers to help create the float. We have a volunteer wood-worker and a volunteer artist who will paint and supervise volunteer painters. We need anyone who would enjoy assembling things or participating in any way to make this happen.

We will be asking you to budget for this event at the June 7th General Meeting. Please join us then and mark your calendar for Saturday, August 25th to join the "marching" group following the float. All adults welcome. Children are required to be 8 years of age to participate.

Connie Cook-Turner, Carolina Avenue, 408 739-8490

Rezone Public Hearing

City Council

Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at 7 PM

City Hall Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

The city is considering rezone a large plot of land at Maude and Mathilda to allow a maximum height of 100 feet!! The plan is to have two new six story office buildings and one four story building. The plan also includes a new five level parking structure! This is an addition to the existing 3 story building. This would be a huge R&D campus in our SNAIL back yard.

I am very concerned such a large campus within a couple hundred feet of our SNAIL neighborhood would negatively affect our property values. I am concerned the tall buildings would fish bowl our houses and back yards. I am also concerned the tall buildings would cast such a large shadow on our yards, that it might be difficult to grow a garden or turn my sunroom into a shadow room. This is in addition to the obvious concern of traffic, noise, and our neighborhood view.

Please join me on Tuesday, June 19th at the public hearing to express our concern and help protect our neighborhood.

Thank you,

Ann Davis - Pine Ave.

Ordering New Red Bows for Our Streets

Let's face it. Most of the old red bows we have been using to decorate trees in the neighborhood for the holidays are looking pretty lame. RED is a Christmas color, not orange! SNAIL shall be ordering shiny, new, red bows this summer. There will be about twenty 32x18x11 boxes, which need to be stored throughout the neighborhood until December. Do you have the space to store one or two of these boxes? You can imagine that I cannot have 20 boxes of bows delivered to my home without a plan to put them someplace. We need the bows because we completely ran out in 2011. The boxes are very, very light so it is easy to climb a ladder and store them way up high. Please contact me now if you would like SNAIL to order some replacement red bows.

Jim Quaderer, Beechnut Ave.

Brief Summary of SNAIL Meeting Minutes – May 3rd Meeting

1. Speaker: Carolyn Lutticken, Columbia Neighborhood Center, Program Coordinator
 - A main focus of the center is on literacy and healthy lifestyles
 - Discussed Sunnyvale community resource guide and newsletters
 - Discussed services offered
 - The Mayview clinic open and functional
 - The building is designated a green building
 - The building will have has a library vending machine to check out books
 - Discussed the many summer programs they offer, which include the summer lunch program, Club Fantastic and Chill Spot, summer reading, sports camps, swim lessons, and twilight pool and play for the neighborhood on July 27.
 - Successful programs have been the grant from Target from Families Read Together, Vision Literacy Program, Community Kids Camp and childcare workshops.

- The center plans to add a free legal aid
 - See CNC information and the latest newsletter at CNC.inSunnyvale.com
2. Low Income Housing on Armory site.
 3. Sunnyvale Centennial Celebration, parade application due May 31, Connie Cook-Turner.
 - Brainstorm on ideas: list of ideas include rose bowl parade snail; carry a banner; wear t-shirts and banner; fire engine; children carrying wagons; SNAIL international float; giant slime SNAIL
 4. Sunnyvale Neighborhood Association quarterly meeting by John Cordes; Meeting was a Q&A with the police chief
 5. 2011/12 grant discussion.
 6. Red bows to be ordered this summer. Need storage for up to 20(?) boxes. Need a "Storage Meister"
 7. Discussion: Street sweeping, parked cars blocking access, monthly schedule in newsletter. Dumpster update - Need 6 volunteers. He has 3. Continuing to recruit.

Bishop Elementary May Events

Date	Topic	Location
Fri Jun 1	Coffee with Principal	Teacher's Lounge 8:15 – 9:00 am
Fri Jun 1	Family Game Night	Cafeteria 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Thurs Jun 7	PTO Meeting	Teacher's Lounge 6:00 – 7:00 pm Volunteer Appreciation Party! Food, drinks, giveaways for our hard working volunteers! Join us as we celebrate Bobcat Spirit. Thank you!
Thurs Jun 14	Last Day of School	Early Release – All Grades – At 11:20

We are happy to announce the Family Game Night has been re-scheduled, so please mark your calendars! Come spend an evening with your family and your classmates playing games. We will have everything from board games and computer games to sports and other physical activities. Food from Subway and Jamba Juice will be provided for purchase.

OUR GRADE LEVEL CELEBRATIONS COMING UP:

Our kindergarteners will celebrate their commencement on Friday, June 8 at 10:00 in the auditorium. After a fun and fantastic year we look forward to our kinders moving on to first grade.

Our fourth graders will be celebrating Gold Rush Day on Thursday, June 7. Teachers and students will dress as a miner or pioneer and enjoy a day of activities in the late 1840's.

Our fifth grade science camp will be June 4 - 8 at Walden West. They will spend the week studying nature and astronomy. Our students will have outdoor adventures and experiences. We are really excited for them.

Our fifth graders will be promoted on Thursday, June 14 at 8:30 in the auditorium. Please come and celebrate this important milestone as our oldest bobcats leave elementary school behind to welcome a whole new and exciting chapter in their young lives. CONGRATULATIONS to our class of 2012!

We had a great year together. Have a fun summer vacation. We look forward to seeing everyone again on first day of school: Wednesday August 22, 2012.

Sincerely, Bishop Elementary PTO
Sue Johnson - Manzanita Avenue

Next Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles and photos for the SNAIL July monthly newsletter is Saturday, June 16th. Submit your input to the Editor.

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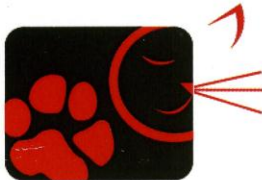
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