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July 2012

SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – July 5th

NOTE CHANGE IN OUR MEETING LOCATION:

*Location: The backyard of Rachel Congress,
398 North Fernwood Circle • Time: 7:00 p.m.*

Please bring something to sit on if possible and dress for the cool evening air.

Look for the SNAIL Sign.

There shall be no guest speaker at the July meeting.

Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:

- Vote on budget for National Night Out party.
- Vote on budget for Sunnyvale Centennial parade.
- Vote on budget for red bows.

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.

Centennial Parade



August 25th is the BIG DATE! Mark your calendars. Save the date. Our parade entry has grown. Beside one float, we will have a group of happy neighbors marching behind the float. If you can walk a mere mile and a half comfortably, and are at least 8 years of age, please plan to join the fun.

Another goody – we have a SNAIL neighbor who is the proud owner of two antique and one older fire engine which he is generously allowing us to enter to represent the neighborhood.

We will soon be ready to start putting together the pieces of our float and welcome all volunteers. Please call Connie at 739-8490 for more information on how you can help, or participate in the walking group. Thank you.

Message from the Chair

We organize parties, LOTS of parties! Some are simple monthly dinners at a local restaurant, others are giant street parties. We

decorate our street trees with red bows for the holidays. We publish a monthly newsletter. We maintain a web site and two Yahoo newsgroups. We have a program for helping neighbors in need. We organize an annual dumpster day for the convenience of our neighbors. We transform unwanted stuff into wanted stuff at our annual yard sale. We have had several successful fundraisers including a cookbook! We have never skipped a monthly meeting or newsletter since we got started in 1995.

All of this takes organization, planning, money, and execution. We come together to make these things happen and it happens every time neighbors step up to the task. The immediate benefit is that neighbors get to know neighbors. The organizers get to know neighbors by working together toward a common goal. The participants get to know other neighbors who attend the event. We've had neighbors thank us for running the dumpster day not only because they get to easily toss out large, unwieldy items, but because it has become an annual tradition to meet up with their neighbors from down the street!

The long-term benefit is that we are organized. If ever an important issue were to be of strong concern to the neighborhood, we already have the structure in place to address it. We have the newsletter to communicate broadly. We have our *SNAILorg* Yahoo group to communicate quickly. Over the years, we have built relationships with members of the City Council and City staff. Some of these relationships span over a decade. The channels to City Hall are open to us.

In addition to communications, we have a network of volunteers who are each good at something. Our diversity is our strength because it brings a large potpourri of skills within our reach. Because of our incessant party, event, and fundraising planning, we have become a well-oiled machine. Our diversity also means that there are almost always differences in opinion regarding what we should do and how we should do it. But in the end we do pull together because we all know that the end goal is so much more important than differences we encounter along the way.

Jim Quaderer, Beechnut 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.

National Night Out



Dance to *The Sound Effect* at NNO!

Our favorite annual block party, SNAIL's National Night Out, will be back on Tuesday August 7, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Same location as last year: E Arbor Ave at Morse Ave. Free BBQ hot dogs and sausages, live entertainment, jump house, and fire engines! Come meet neighbors and our city safety officers!

The origins of National Night Out go back to 1984, when an organization called The National Association of Town Watch (NATW) introduced the first National Night Out. The purpose was to unite people in communities nationwide to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood camaraderie. NATW is a nonprofit, crime prevention organization which works in cooperation with thousands of crime watch groups and law enforcement agencies throughout the country. NNO activities vary all over the country, and include block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from police, festivals, neighborhood walks, safety fairs, contests, rallies and meetings.

We're lining-up volunteers to help with SNAIL's National Night Out planning, food shopping, setup, etc. If you can volunteer, please contact Diane Gleason, gleasondiane@yahoo.com, 650-353-1575. Please contact Diane soon to help relieve the "lack of volunteer" anxiety.

"What is a Volunteer?," You Say!

A volunteer is someone who gives freely of their time and energy, and sometimes financially, to make good things happen. They do this without thought of reward or personal gain. That is what makes them special people. We are blessed to find so many of these folks among our neighbors.

And, as we knew they would, they came out again this year to make our Annual Yard Sale Fundraiser a huge success. Our heartfelt thanks go out to all who worked the event, contributed items to the sale, and those who came to shop. We could not have done it without you. Thank you!

Connie Cook-Turner, Carolina Avenue

SNAIL Yard Sale Time Lapse Video

There is a time lapse video of the end of the 2012 yard sale on YouTube. Go to www.YouTube.com and search on "SNAIL yard sale". The full name of the video is, "SNAIL yard sale clean up, time lapse". This video compresses 2 hours into 8 minutes.



The SNAIL yard sale at the north end of Carolina Ave., June 9th.

A Job Well Done

Many thanks go out to Samantha Donovan, of East Eaglewood Ave., for coordinating the donations and volunteers for the yard sale. Samantha was already working weeks beforehand accumulating donations at her home. She supervised the yard sale throughout

the entire weekend – all the way through till the very last table was taken away. And of course, none of this would have been possible without all the hard working neighbors who volunteered before and during the yard sale! They did the hard work that made the yard sale a success.

Hail to Our Dumpster Czar!

Barry Boole, of West Duane Ave., organized another successful dumpster day for our neighborhood. He recruited the dumpster monitors, made sure they knew what to do, and monitored the dumpster pick up activity all of June 9th. Thank you, Barry!



Dumpster being returned to San Diego Avenue, June 9th.

Dinner Nite Out

Bonnie & Malcolm invite you to join them at 6:45 p.m. on Friday, July 20 at the Dish 'n Dash Cafe on North Mathilda Ave. -- we can eat outside on the picnic tables -- bring a wrap because it can get cold after dark!

Brief Summary of SNAIL Meeting Minutes – June 7th Meeting

1. Report: Cinco de Mayo party, May 5th, John Cordes & Diane Gleason.
2. Treasurer's report, Bonnie Lloyd.
3. July meeting to be held on Thursday, July 5 (July 4th holiday week) Survey of attendance
4. National Night Out party, Aug. 7, - Diane Gleason to organize event.
5. Sunnyvale Centennial Celebration Aug. 25, parade committee report, Connie Cook-Turner.
 - Committee agreed to a float and 3 antique fire engines. No budget submitted yet. Volunteers needed.
 - Evelyn distributed postcard sized advertisements for the Centennial. Encouraging all to attend.
6. Dumpster Day, June 9, Barry Boole.
 - Reported that all is ready to go for the event.
7. Yard Sale, June 9-10, Vote to approve funds.
8. SNAIL letterhead bought. Motion to approve fees to pay for the 100 sheets of SNAIL letterhead. A vote was in favor of motion (13yes, 2 abstain)
 - Some feel that this "stationary" does not follow "stationary" standards. It is simply a colored letterhead copied on typical printer paper. Discussion tabled until July meeting.
9. July Dinner Nite Out, need an organizer, publish article in July newsletter.
 - Organizer needed.
10. Report: 2012/13 City applied for City grant in May. Elaine Rowan.
 - City grant application covers \$500 for newsletter and \$500 for red bows for 2012/2013.
 - Grant info is online for all neighborhood organizations.
11. 2011/12 grant, "Reimbursements are only authorized for stationery and two-months' printing of black-and-white newsletters"; Maximum \$450 is authorized. Elaine Rowan.
 - Elaine has receipts for newsletter ready to present to city for reimbursement from 2011/2012 grant.
12. Discussion: Street sweeping, parked cars blocking access, monthly schedule in newsletter.
 - One letter writer wants "No Parking" signs for street sweeper within certain time periods. Discussion thread followed. Conclude that at this point we will publish street sweeper schedule in newsletter.

13. Beautiful Day, Eric Wiles. Neighbor Helping Neighbor, Connie Cook-Turner.
- The focus is to help homeowners clean up blight or help people who aren't able. First event was Easter Egg Hunt at Bishop. Connie runs our Neighbor Helping Neighbor, which helps with meals or plumbing or rides for those who request it.
14. Low Income Housing on Armory site, any updates?
- More information can be found at www.armory.insunnyvale.com
 - Discussion of a second site for proposed below-market rate housing, across 101 near Fair Oaks.

-Bishop Elementary PTO

Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC)

FREE LUNCH PROGRAM

Offered by the Sunnyvale School District, Child Nutrition Services
For children ages 1 – 18 years
Monday to Friday, July 2 to 27, 10:45 to 11:30 at Bishop School
Monday to Friday, July 2 to August 17, 10:30 to 11:30 at Columbia Neighborhood Center

DROP IN PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

*Parents must complete an emergency card/waiver prior to the first day of the program

***The Chill Spot**

Ages 10 – 14 Cost: \$2 per day
Monday to Friday, June 18 to August 10, 1:00 to 4:30 pm
In the CNC Gym

Shoot hoops, battle on the Wii, or just chill with your friends

***Club Fantastic!**

Ages 6 – 9 Cost: \$2 per day
Monday to Friday, June 18 to August 10, 1:00 to 4:30 pm
In the Morse Room, CNC

Games, crafts, sports, swimming and more . . .

Drop In Gym

For youth 11 – 18 years old
**School ID's required for entry!
Sunnyvale residents, \$0.50 per visit
Nonresidents, \$1.00 per visit

Indoor soccer on Mondays and Wednesdays, 7:00 – 9:00 pm and Saturdays, 7:00 – 10:00 pm
Basketball on Fridays, 7:00 – 10:00 pm

Summer Bilingual Reading Program

July 5 – August 9, Thursday from 4:00 – 5:00 pm
Columbia Middle School Library
Children and their grown-ups can hear stories, sing songs, and participate in Spanish and English games.

COLUMBIA POOL RECREATION SWIM

Cost: Youth under 18, \$0.50 resident & \$3 non-resident
Adults, \$1.50 resident & \$4 non-resident
Open June 18 – August 12 (closed 7/4)

Monday – Friday, 2:00 – 3:30 pm
Saturday & Sunday, 1:30 – 4:00 pm
Extended hours 1:30 – 4:00: 6/29, 7/13, 7/27, 8/10

Link to CNC newsletter and information: CNC.inSunnyvale.com
Carolyn Luticken - CNC Program Coordinator



SNAIL Dinner Nite Out on June 4th at Gombei Bento

SNAIL 2012 Event Calendar

Date	Event Name	Organizer
Aug 7	National Night Out	Diane Gleason
Aug 25	Sunnyvale Centennial Parade	Connie Cook-Turner
Sep 16	Barbeque	Jim and Connie Cook-Turner
Oct	Dinner Nite Out	Organizer needed!
Nov	Dinner Nite Out	Organizer needed!
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

Bishop Elementary

We would like to congratulate our outgoing 5th graders and wish them the best in middle school, while also welcoming into the school our new Interim Principal Ms. Cicala. We are excited to have her and look forward to working with her at Bishop.

The 2012-2013 Bishop PTO Executive Board was recently elected. Members are as follows: Kris Ahmed – President, Debbi Headley – Vice President, Dan McClure – Vice President of Development, Annette McClure – Secretary, David Lee – Treasurer, Candance Elings – Director of School Support, Esmeralda Robles – Events Coordinator, Eugenia Stocks – Volunteer Coordinator, Paulette Fernandez – Co-Communication Coordinator, Shanin Kreis – Co-Communication Coordinator, Suzanne Cicala – Principal and Jessica Prettol – Teacher Representative. Stay tuned for the date of our first PTO meeting after school begins.

Stay connected with the Bishop PTO. Join our Facebook page: facebook.com/bishop elementary and receive our E-blast communications by signing up on the Bishop website: sesd.org/bishop

We hope that everyone has a safe, fun and healthy summer and look forward to seeing all of the students back on August 22nd, 2012.

SNAIL BOARD and CITY of SUNNYVALE SUPPORT STAFF

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Lose a Blue Cushion?

If you purchased a blue couch from the SNAIL yard sale, you did not lose a cushion on the way home. You left it at the yard -sale, and we still have it for you. Please call (408) 739-8490.

Connie Cook-Turner,
Carolina Avenue

Neighborhood June Street Sweeping Schedule

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

East SNAIL Neighborhood	July 10 th and July 24 th
West SNAIL Neighborhood	July 11 th and July 25 th

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

Next Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles and photos for the SNAIL August monthly newsletter is Saturday, July 21st. Submit your input to the Editor.

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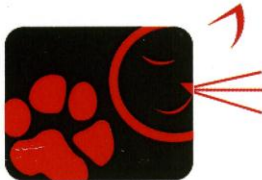
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