

S.N.A.I.L. News

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Representing over 1200 households Established in 1995

April 2013

SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – April 4th

Location: Columbia School • Time: 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Staff Lounge. Look for the SNAIL Sign.

Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:

- Snail Non-profit status
- Creating new positions process
- Event planning updates SNAIL garage sale
- Speaker Carolyn Luttickens, Columbia Center 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.

SNAIL Hendy Iron Works Tour – April 27 Now Open to Non-US Citizens

Founded in 1856, the Joshua Hendy Iron Works produced mining equipment, heavy machinery, metal castings, and a variety of industrial products. The company, now owned by Northrup Grumman Marine Systems, is located at 401 E. Hendy Ave., Sunnyvale. SNAIL has a museum tour reservation for Saturday, April 27th. Due to the defense work now occurring at this location, individuals need to be pre-screened by the Northrup Grumman security office. The details are:

- The tour begins at 10am.
- For those who enjoy walking, we will meet at the flag pole at the entrance to Bishop School on Sunnyvale Ave. at 9:30am. We will walk 0.9 mile to the Hendy Museum entrance.
- Everyone must have a government photo ID.
- Green card holders must bring their green cards.
- Only those who submit their complete information by the <u>deadline</u>, <u>April 14th</u> will be eligible to enter the facility.

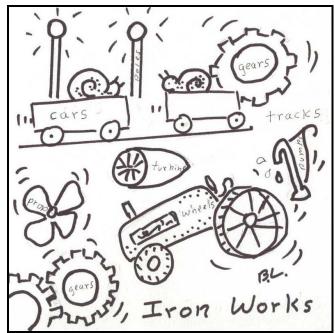
After the tour, we will go downtown for a lunch party.

If you are interested, please reply to Jim at SNAILsecretary @ snail. org or 408-737-9479, by April 14th. I need ALL of the following:

- a) Full names of everyone in your group.
- b) Your contact info.
- c) Confirm that everyone is a US citizen.
- d) Green card holders: Provide your green card number, country of origin, and birth date.
- e) Tell me if you are interested in the lunch party.



Eves Tall Chief receiving a Certificate of Recognition from Sunnyvale DPS Chief Frank Grgurina for **calling 911** when he suspected a burglary in process on Beechnut Ave. His call resulted in the arrest of the three burglars, prevented the burglary of another home on Kirk Ave., and lead to the breakup of a San Jose crime ring.



Don't miss the SNAIL tour of Hendy Iron Works on April 27th!

URGENT NOTICE

For the past two months, I have put in a notice that SNAIL needs 2 new distributors for newsletter routes in the neighborhood by April. Each route takes about 30 minutes once a month. To date we have had no volunteer response. Result of lack of response: If we haven't replaced these 2 distributors that we are losing by the end of April, ½ of the SNAIL neighborhood will not receive newsletters in May or the following months until 2 volunteers are found. To volunteer, please call 408-739-8490. 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, and donations.

Brief Summary of February Meeting Minutes

- 1. 13 neighbors in attendance.
- Speaker #1: Affordable Housing proposal for present Armory site. Guest speakers: Charities Housing and MidPen Housing. Planned development for present Armory site is 120 units. 156 parking spaces. Prospective tenants are screened. Rents will be based upon 3 income brackets, starting at \$255/month up to \$1200/month. Speaker #2: Guest speaker: Raintree Partners. There are plans for a luxury housing community on Fairoaks Ave. north of Highway 101 at East Weddell Drive. This is to be a market rate development with some 4-story and 3story buildings. The rents are expected to be about \$2000 – 3000/month.
- 3. SNAIL Chinese New Year Report, Bonnie Lloyd: 17 neighbors attended and had a great time.
- 4. Bonnie Lloyd requested that she be "Social Secretary", approved.
- 5. The Lawrence Station Area Plan, the development will take 10-20 years to build out. There will be some new roads built. There will be 3-4 story buildings.
- 6. Speeding vehicles on Morse Ave.
- Block rep found for the 500 block of Morse. John Cordes and Joan deCesare volunteered to do March outreach on the 500 block of Borregas and Waddington, Santa Barbara, Santa Catalina, Isla Vista.



SNAIL Chinese New Year Dinner, Feb 19th. (L-R) Malcolm & Bonnie Lloyd, John Cordes, Toni Damberger, Diane Gleason, and Thomas Leibold.



Chuck & Janette Leath, John McDole, Wendy Damberger, Jessica McDole, Evelyn White, Patsy Duke, Galen White, and Jim Quaderer.

Charles Street Garden Spring Plant Sale

Earth Day Festival and Plant Sale

Presented by: Charles Street Garden Located at: 433 W. Charles Street, Sunnyvale, CA 94086 Date and time: Saturday, April 20th, 2013 at 9:00-3:00pm Speakers, Children's Librarian, Tours of the Garden, Crafters, Musicians, Bake Sale, Artists, children's craft, and ALL KINDS OF PLANTS!

Home Surveillance Systems

Did you know that Fry's has some professional grade home surveillance systems starting from \$330? When on sale, you can save \$150 per system. In light of all of the recent burglaries, even if you know nothing about these kinds of systems, which let you keep eyes on your home 24/7 from your smartphone or the Internet, go to the Sunnyvale store on weekends: there is a kid in there who really knows his stuff. His name is Chris(topher) and works only on weekends to support his studies. Call him at 408-910-0478, I found him to be extremely patient and willing to answer every question you might have. A real Godsend. -A SNAIL Neighbor

Letter To The Editor

I'm sad to report that there was another burglary on Gresham Ave. My house was broken into via the kitchen window (it was slightly ajar). Our bedroom was ransacked, and small electronics and a fair amount of jewelry was taken. We're still taking stock of what we lost, but it was limited to what could fit in a backpack. Many relatively low value pieces of jewelry were taken, but they held high sentimental value. The burglar went UNDER the gate on the side of the house. It must have been a skinny and nimble person to fit under the gate. The burglar attempted to come in through other windows on the side of our house, as well as the doors (as evidenced by the removal of screens and the slightly ajar sliding screens). He hit pay dirt when pried the kitchen window screen off to find that we'd left the window slightly cracked. It looked like he was in and out in under 10 minutes, and he didn't look in the kids rooms.

We all feel very shaken by this. My daughter asked if he'd taken our food or her stuffed animals. No, he had not. That's all that's important to her, and in reality, all that really matters. I admit I felt safer after they caught the burglars a few weeks ago trying to take Jim's stuff, thinking it was an isolated incident. Nope. I'm not certain if the burglar would have resorted to smashing windows to get in if I had all the windows shuttered, but it would have definitely made our house less of a target.

The police recommended to me an alarm system and a video camera. We will be eliminating the gap in the gate as well as replacing the flimsy aluminum kitchen window. Thank you for the other tips and words of support. I still think this is an awesome neighborhood and it is so nice to have supportive neighbors! *Tammy and Vincent, Gresham Ave.*

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

- Complete meeting minutes
- Armory conversion to low cost housing
- Mary Ave Street Space Study
- Looking for SNAIL Outreach volunteers
- Unknown girl jumped fence into back yard
- SNAIL Seto dinner night out
- Burglary on Gresham Ave
- Links to studies on effects of Affordable Housing Developments on property values and schools.

Yahoo SNAILChitChat

- Found dog on W. Arbor Ave
- Power outage in neighborhood
- Party planned; late night noise ordinance
- Looking for lemons
- Agape Grill
- Dark smoke near Mathilda Ave
- Sunday night solicitor
- Looking for a post pounder

To join these Yahoo groups, send your name and address to: SNAILgroups @ snail . org .

Chris Munson, East Arbor Avenue

Newsletter Update

SNAIL needs volunteer Block Reps to deliver newsletters on their own block for the 500 block of Borregas and the 700 block of Borregas, Santa Barbara, Santa Catalina, and Isla Vista. We will be continuing outreach to these blocks only one more month. We need volunteers to deliver these Outreach issues in May to gain new volunteers on these blocks. To help with this Outreach program, please call 408-739-8490. Thank you. *Connie Cook-Turner*

Welcome Back, 500 Block of Morse!

We are happy to welcome the 500 block of Morse Ave back after having lost their block representative last year. Julietta & Jose Gonzales of 554 Morse have kindly volunteered to hand out the monthly newsletter on their street.

Neighborhood April Street Sweeping Schedule Our streets are generally swept every two weeks on the day following your trash pickup. This month, the street sweeping schedule is:

	Tues., Apr 2 nd and Apr 16 th
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wed., Apr 3 rd and Apr 17 th

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

Date	Event Name	Organizer
Apr 13	Dinner Night Out at Pizza	Bonnie Lloyd
6:30pm	Depot (on Duane)	"no host"
Apr 20	Great America Litter	wpcp @
	Pickup	sunnyvale.ca.gov
Apr 27	Hendy Iron Works tour	Jim Quaderer
Apr 27	Sunnyvale's Water Pollu-	wpcp @
	tion Control Plant Tour	sunnyvale.ca.gov
May 5	Cinco de Mayo Party	Eric Keene
June 8	Dumpster Day	Barry Boole
June 8-9	Yard Sale	Need organizer
July	Independence Day BBQ	Need organizer
Aug 6	National Night Out	Diane Gleason
Aug	Backyard movie night	Need organizer

SNAIL 2013 Event Calendar

CNC News

<u>Child Care Fair</u> Get help finding the right licensed child care in Sunnyvale for your family at two fairs, presented at the Sunnyvale Library Program Room, 665 West Olive Ave. Child care centers will be showcased on April 13th from 11 am to 1 pm. Family home-based child care sites will provide information on April 20th from 11 am to 1 pm and 2 pm to 4 pm. For further information, contact the Youth & Family Resources Office, (408) 730-7807 or <u>childcareresources</u> @ sunnyvale. ca. goy

Youth Drop-In Gym in the Columbia Gym

For Middle and High School students – school ID required for entry.

Indoor Soccer: Mondays, 7 - 9 pm; Saturdays, 7 - 10 pm Basketball: Fridays, 7 - 10 pm

Cost: 50¢ per visit for Sunnyvale Youth, \$1 for non-Sunnyvale youth

Yoga

For adults and children (aged 9 and up, accompanied by a parent or adult). Tuesday, 6 - 7 pm, Columbia Gym, Free

Come 10 minutes before your first class to fill out a registration form and to sign in.

Junior Giants in Sunnyvale!

A free, non-competitive Junior Giants baseball league for children aged 5 - 10 is being organized for this summer. This program focuses on character development through the game of baseball. They are currently looking for coaches. No prior coaching experience is needed! The Junior Giants will train you and help you organize practices and character development lessons for each week. If you are interested, send your name in an email titled 'Volunteer Coach' to info @ sunnyvalepal . com. For further information on coaching and the Junior Giants program, go to www.JrGiants.com.

CNC Fitness Room Now Open!

The CNC fitness room is now open to Sunnyvale residents, with proof of residency, on Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 8 pm through June 13th. The cost is \$2 per visit, cash only. Middle school youth must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. High school youth must have a signed waiver/consent from parent to participate. Bring water and a towel. All participants must complete a registration/waiver form at the first visit. New fitness classes start soon for all ages – see CNC.inSunnyvale.com for information, or call Columbia Neighborhood Center at (408) 730-7800. Spring Break Camp

Spring Break camp will be held April 15 – 19 at CNC, with a different format than previous years. Camp will be for 1st through 8th graders attending Bishop, San Miguel, Fairwood, Lakewood and Columbia schools, or who reside in the CNC service area. Flyers will be distributed to the schools in the next week or two – keep an eye out for further information.

Information for CNC and Youth and Family Resources Columbia Neighborhood Center: (408) 730-7800 or <u>CNC @</u> <u>sunnyvale.ca.gov</u>. Further information listed at CNC.inSunnyvale.com

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SNAIL - What's It All About?

Community participation is what it's all about. We like to frequent local businesses with our Dinner Night Out once a month organized by you, the reader! Other opportunities are for special holidays -- any time you would like to volunteer, please call me and I will offer assistance. *Bonnie Lloyd*, 408-747-1949

Cinco de Mayo Party

Please save time for our Cinco de Mayo pot luck on May 5th. Time: 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon at Eric's, 540 Pine Avenue. For information or to sign up for the pot luck please call Bonnie Lloyd: 408-747-1949.

Next Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles and photos for the SNAIL May monthly newsletter is Saturday, April 13th.

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