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**October 2013**

## SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – October 3<sup>rd</sup>

*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:*

- Oct. Speaker: Maggie Parkhurst, Rebuilding Together
- Report on Sept 25th candidate forum
- Discussion on possible officers for 2014

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

The Sunnyvale City Council elections are coming. Our Sept 25<sup>th</sup> candidate forum is over by the time you read this. Thanks to Michael Rose and Elaine Rowan for organizing the event. Hopefully many of you attended and learned which candidates you will be voting for on Nov 5<sup>th</sup>. I am sure which candidates I will be voting for. Ask me if you want to know.

There are still a few opportunities to learn more about the Sunnyvale election and candidates if you missed the SNAIL forum. The League of Women Voters will be holding a Sunnyvale Ballot measure discussion on Oct 8<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. at the Library. They will be hosting a candidate forum on Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. in the city hall chambers.

Our Guest Speaker for October will be Maggie Parkhurst, from Rebuilding Together. Rebuilding Together provides FREE services to help qualified homeowners improve and take care of their homes. Please attend to learn more about this wonderful program. Handouts will be available. They are also looking for volunteers to help with local rebuilding projects.

Sunnyvale is developing the "Area Specific Plan" for the redevelopment requirements for all of Peery Park. Peery Park includes the area North of Maude to South of US101, East from 237 to Mathilda. If you are interested, please contact the Sunnyvale planning department to get involved with the Peery Park Plan. You can find out more at [peerypark.insunnyvale.com](http://peerypark.insunnyvale.com)

It is time to consider if you are willing to **be a SNAIL officer next year, 2014**. You have to attend 2 SNAIL meetings or be a block rep to be a member of SNAIL. Only members can run for our 4 elected positions; Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. If you are interesting in keeping SNAIL a dynamic and active neighborhood association, please come to the Oct meeting. Hopefully you will hear about one that interests you and you will decide to run.

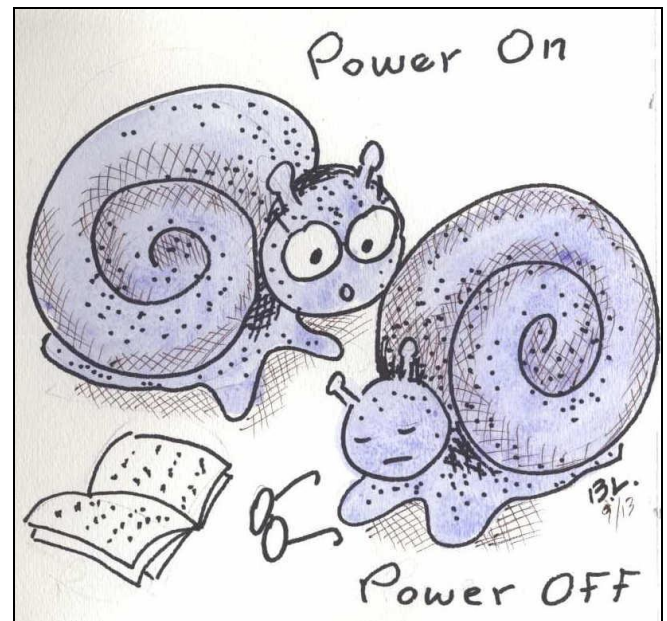
Looking forward to fall,  
John Cordes  
Snailchair @ Snail . org

### Attention all SNAP trainees

On October 26<sup>th</sup> the City of Sunnyvale is conducting a citywide drill of SNAP and SARES emergency services. For organizations like SNAIL, the drill consists of SNAP members setting up the Incident Command System that will process simulated events within the neighborhood and reporting them to the City EOC using SARES. The event will probably take place from 9 – 11 a.m. Please contact SNAP @ [snail.org](http://snail.org) for more details as they become available. Even if you are not yet SNAP trained you are welcome to participate or observe the drill.  
*Thomas Leibold*

### Community Energy Program

The County of Santa Clara - Office of Sustainability is promoting the following program:  
New programs and rebates are now available for single family homeowners in the Santa Clara County who make energy-efficient home improvements. Eligible improvements include air sealing; duct sealing; attic insulation; high-efficiency furnaces, cooling systems, and water systems; wall insulation; and more. Homeowners can be eligible for incentives from \$1,000 to \$2,500 with an Energy Upgrade California™ Home Upgrade and incentives from \$1,500 to \$4,500, plus a \$300 home energy assessment rebate, with an Advanced Home Upgrade. In addition, a free Home Upgrade Advisor can provide direct one-to-one assistance to help homeowners through every step of the upgrade. Homeowners can contact a Home Upgrade Advisor by calling 866-878-6008.  
*Elaine Rowan*



*Can you see? Fall is coming!*

*The publication of our newsletter and SNAIL Neighborhood Association sponsored activities are supported through our annual yard sale, newsletter sponsors, and donations.*

**Peery Park Development Update**

A group of SNAIL residents from *Sunnyvale Residents for Preserving and Enhancing Quality Neighborhoods* went to the planning commission meeting on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013. They voiced their opinions on future developments at Peery Park. After hearing their concerns, it will be recommended to the city council that all future developments should have a 2,000 feet notification around Peery Park, instead of 300 feet. This would be a huge improvement if approved by the City Council, compared to the notification for the LinkedIn project. However, the city is still planning on allowing development of Peery Park, even though the Environmental Impact Report will not be ready for 9 to 18 months.

On Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013, a group of developers from J.P. DiNapoli and city planners came to our monthly SNAIL meeting. Peter Larko presented plans for two more buildings near LinkedIn. The buildings will both be near the curb, like LinkedIn. One building will be 70 feet tall right behind Pine Ave and the one closer to the 600 block of Madrone will be 96 feet tall. McDonalds will be moved across the street to San Aleso. The developers have heard the concerns of Sunnyvale Residents for Preserving and Enhancing Quality Neighborhoods and are planning on using software so we can see the street view from your address BEFORE the buildings go up.

I am very concerned about the cumulative effect of all four buildings, not just visually, but the traffic. Not one of the buildings is occupied and the traffic is already bad. In addition, Mountain View is planning on adding one million square feet of office space at Maude and 237. Mountain View extends to the Sunnyvale side of 237 and this office space would be on the Sunnyvale side of 237. To my knowledge, this development is not being considered in the traffic reports.

The next hearing is at city council on Tuesday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 7 p.m. This is a good place to voice your concerns about the 2000 foot notification distance, the traffic, or the visual impact.  
*Dwight Davis, Pine Ave.*  
*DwightADavis @ earthlink . net*

**Neighborhood October 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:

East SNAIL Neighborhood	Tues., Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup>
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wed., Oct. 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup>

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

**Officers Needed for 2014**

I will not be volunteering for a SNAIL office at our November elections. My present job as Secretary will become vacant and in need of a volunteer. If this is something you think you might be able to take on in 2014, please attend Thursday's SNAIL meeting and speak to me about it, or call me. We can discuss what the job is and how much of your time it should take. If you wish, I can begin training you by slowly easing you in to the job this year. Please note that we will need a Vice Chair and Treasurer as well. (Thankfully, John Cordes will accept a nomination as Chair for 2014). If we don't get at least 3 officer volunteers, SNAIL cannot continue in 2014. Volunteers should be at the October general meeting.

*Jim Quaderer*

**Brief Summary of September Meeting Minutes**

- 23 Neighbors were in attendance including Councilman Pat Meyering, Councilman Jim Davis, Planning Commission member (and City Council candidate) Glen Hendricks, Planning Officer Trudi Ryan, and 5 representatives from JP DiNapoli Company were in attendance. City Council candidate Tap Merrick was in attendance. SNAIL officers John Cordes, Jessica McDole, and Jim Quaderer were in attendance.
- JP Di Napoli presented aerial view maps with superimposed site plans of the two office buildings proposed for the west side of N. Mathilda between Del Rey Ave (McDonalds) and Almanor Ave (Burger King). They are looking for input from neighbors.
- SNAIL Mathilda Development Committee: There are six 8-story buildings planned for Moffett Park. For details, go to [moffettplace.insunnyvale.com](http://moffettplace.insunnyvale.com). It was suggested that City notices sent to homes could be improved if they included illustrations of the proposed development as viewed from the address of mailing.
- Discussion: City-wide emergency preparedness drill coming up in October.
- SNAIL Candidate Forum, Sep. 25<sup>th</sup>. Planned for the event.
- November elections for 2014 SNAIL officers: Still no volunteers for 2014 Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer positions. SNAIL cannot continue in 2014 unless three neighbors volunteer.
- National Night Out and Beechnut Block Party reports: These events were very successful.
- 2013-14 Grant Report: Report on NNO is in process.
- Non-Profit Status Committee: We received confirmation back from the State but are still working with the IRS.
- It was decided that SNAIL will promote [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com) in the newsletter.

**Jeannie Biddle Memorial Service**

Jeannie Biddle, an influential SNAIL leader, passed away June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Her memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3151 Union Avenue, San Jose. Come and meet other SNAIL members saying goodbye to Jeannie.

**Bishop Elementary School News**

The Bishop Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) has three main goals for this school year, to cultivate a strong and vibrant community among Bishop families, to help raise funds for the school, and to promote the positive aspects of Bishop to our local community. Please get involved by attending PTO meetings and coming to one of our many events and activities. The PTO is also accepting direct donations at this time. Please consider making a donation to the PTO (checks payable to Bishop PTO or cash is welcomed). One hundred percent of your donation will go directly to help fund student field trips, student assemblies, and supplies for students and teachers. Mail donations to: Bishop PTO, 450 N. Sunnyvale Ave, Sunnyvale, CA 94085 attn: Debbi Headley To contact the PTO, email [bishop.elementary@gmail.com](mailto:bishop.elementary@gmail.com)

October PTO Events:

- October 18 - Walk-a-Thon at Bishop School 8am – 2:15pm
- October 24 - Dine Out Night at Pizza My Heart and Pinkberry on El Camino Real in Sunnyvale
- October 25 – Box Tops Due
- October 28 – PTO Meeting at Bishop School at 2:15pm

*Jennifer Aufang*

**Next Newsletter Deadline**

The deadline for submitting articles and photos for the SNAIL November monthly newsletter is Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Simply email to [SNAILeditor @ snail . org](mailto:SNAILeditor @ snail . org)

**SNAIL 2013 Event Calendar**

Date	Event Name	Organizer
Oct. 19 7 p.m.	Dinner Night Out @ DishDash on Murphy Ave	Melody & Derick RSVP to Bonnie: 408-747-1949 by 10/17
Nov. 18 7 p.m.	Dinner Night Out @ TBD	Eric Keener

### Columbia Neighborhood Center Events & Activities

#### COVERED CALIFORNIA – AFFORDABLE CARE ACT INFORMATION

The CNC is providing monthly information sessions on Covered California, the state's marketplace where Californians can access high quality health care at an affordable cost through the federal Affordable Care Act. Individuals and families with income between 139% and 400% of the Federal Poverty Level should qualify for assistance for insurance premiums or out of pocket expenses, depending on specific requirements and income level.

The program provides changes to all health insurance starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, and citizens will be required to have health insurance starting on that date. Open enrollment in Covered California starts on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, and ends on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014. Attendees at information sessions will be informed on ways to sign up, including referrals to certified enrollment counselors.

#### Covered California Information sessions at CNC

**Evening sessions:** third Tuesday of the month, 6 – 7 p.m.

Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, Nov 19<sup>th</sup>

**Morning sessions:** fourth Wednesday of the month, 10 – 11 a.m.

Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>, Nov 27<sup>th</sup>

**IMPORTANT: Enrollment in Covered California is FREE and residents should report to Public Safety any phone calls, email or letters from organizations that claim to help with eligibility and registration for a fee. Scammers have already started taking advantage of people who are not informed about this program.**

#### RETURN BOOK BIN

The CNC lobby has a Library return book bin, where any SV Library book can be returned. Save yourself a trip across town and drop your books off at CNC during regular business hours (weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or when the lobby is open for evening programs. The return book bin is next to the Library Lending Machine, stocked with books for children up to five years old. A Sunnyvale library card is required to take out a book. CNC staff can issue these during regular business hours.

#### FALLS PREVENTION: MYTHS & REALITIES FOR ADULTS & SENIOR CITIZENS

Fall-related injuries are of a significant concern as we age. One in 3 community-dwelling people 65 and older will experience a fall and for those aged 80 and up, it is 1 in 2.

The Silicon Valley Healthy Aging Partnership (SVHAP) will present a program on Wednesday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10-11 a.m., at the CNC. Learn the myths and realities of aging in relation to falls, and simple strategies to make your environment safer by preventing risks for falls. For more information, call CNC or see [www.svhap.org](http://www.svhap.org)

#### BILINGUAL STORY TIME

Thursdays, 4 – 5 p.m., in the Columbia Middle School Library, 739 Morse Ave. Stories, songs and games in English & Spanish. Children who participate can borrow books. A free book is given away every week. Free snacks for children.

#### FAMILY FUN NIGHT 2013

You're invited to the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Family Fun Night at CNC on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. This free family event focuses on Halloween fun and safety, with many interactive games, activities & prizes for youth of all ages. Department of Public Safety staff will provide tips and reminders on how to have a safe and fun Halloween. Columbia Middle School will also offer Haunted House tours (\$3 entry fee) and snacks as a school leadership program fundraiser.

This event is a collaborative effort between the Departments of Library / Community Services and Public Safety, and is also supported by several community partners. Volunteers are needed and must register as a City of Sunnyvale Volunteer at [Volunteering.inSunnyvale.com](http://Volunteering.inSunnyvale.com) by October 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### RECREATION PROGRAMS

See the CNC website for further information on these programs  
**Monday:** Drop in gym, indoor soccer, middle and high school students. 7 – 9 p.m.

**Tuesday:** Yoga, ages 9 and up, 6 – 7 p.m.

Karate, ages 8 and up, 7 – 9 p.m. New class registration the first 2 weeks in October.

**Wednesday:** Zumba, ages 10 and up, 7 – 8 p.m. No childcare available.

**Thursday:** Fitness Room, middle school and up, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Karate (intermediate and advanced), 7 – 9 p.m.

**Friday:** Drop in Gym, basketball, middle and high school students. 7 – 10 p.m.

**Saturday:** Karate, 8 -10 a.m. (advanced), 10 a.m. to noon (all levels)

#### FOR MORE PROGRAM INFORMATION:

CNC, (408) 730-7800 or [CNC.inSunnyvale.com](http://CNC.inSunnyvale.com).

Child Care Resources, (408) 730-7800 or see

[ChildCareResources.inSunnyvale.com](http://ChildCareResources.inSunnyvale.com)

*Carolyn Lutticken*

#### Thank You

To our very caring SNAIL neighbors and friends for the outpouring of loving kindness and support shown to us following the loss of our beloved grandson, Hunter Royce Cook. He had given so much to so many in his brief twenty-seven years.

*Jim and Connie*

#### Opinion

Remember when SNAIL had individuals on the board? For the past year we have had leadership by committee – four officers as a group deciding what to present at the monthly meeting. Let's get back to the old days when a person could volunteer to do something without being a committee. Let's participate on the spot with spontaneous voting by the active members. We have undoubtedly lost attendance because the minutes are published instead of read at the next meeting and approved or corrected. Is it really important to broadcast our affairs on the internet? SNAIL Country should be private – not bragging fodder. We only have two meetings – October and November – to determine our new officers. Please come prepared to participate.

*Bonnie Lloyd*

#### SNAIL BOARD and CITY of SUNNYVALE SUPPORT STAFF

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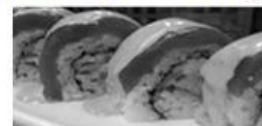
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