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April 2014

SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – April 3rd

*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:

- Report on Jeannie Biddle Estate Sale
- Event Planning: Cinco De Mayo May 3rd at Columbia Park
- Event Planning: June 14-15 Yard Sale & Dumpster Day

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

Hello everyone, It's Spring! There is a lot of going on, as usual, in SNAIL and we want you to be involved. April 21-27 is Earth week so there will be plenty of opportunities to do something good for the planet. The Fun and Fit Fair is April 26th. The SNAIL Cinco de Mayo party is May 3rd in Columbia Park. It will be a fun party with a Mariachi band and a lunchtime BBQ. Please Join Us.

Our next big event this spring is our annual SNAIL Yard Sale and dumpster day on June 14th and 15th. This has traditionally been our biggest fundraiser each year. We want a volunteer to be in charge of the Yard Sale and other volunteers to help. Please come to the April meeting to help us organize this event.

We are looking for Dinner-night out hosts for May and June. These are great opportunities to get to know your neighbors better and support local restaurants. Contact Bonnie Lloyd, our social secretary, if you are willing to organize one of these events.

We will be discussing future neighbor outings at the April SNAIL meeting as well. If you have ideas for local trips you would like to take with your neighbors, please contact me. As always, we need a volunteer to organize events.

Looking forward to a bright tomorrow,

John Cordes *Snailchair @ Snail . org*

Newsletter Distribution Alert

In May and June we will be Outreaching to blocks that do not have a Block Rep and are not receiving the Newsletter. This Outreach project is an effort to find volunteers on these blocks to deliver the Newsletter each month. Each block takes 15-20 minutes.

Blocks we will be outreaching are: 500 block Borregas, 700 block Borregas, Worley, Waddington, and Gresham.

We need volunteers to deliver to these Outreach Blocks in May and June. Any adult or school child who would be willing to help with this Outreach effort will be deeply appreciated. Any of you Columbia Scholl students who need a Community Service Project might like to help your neighborhood in this way. Please call Connie 408-739-8490. Thank You.

Dinner Night Out

Wednesday - April 16th - 6:45 p.m.

All SNAILS welcome to join us at the Armenian Gourmet on Duane Avenue (cross street is San Rafael). Their menu includes kebabs, sandwiches, and salads. To see their menu and prices, go to: thearmeniangourmet.com. Advanced reservations would be appreciated. For reservations, please contact Elaine at 408-749-1846 or Bonnie at 408-747-1949.

Fun and Fit Fair

Saturday - April 26th - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SNAIL residents of all ages are welcome to the City of Sunnyvale's Fun and Fit Fair at Columbia Neighborhood Center. Plenty of exhibits, free health screenings, and activities for both adults and children. Be sure to stop by SNAIL's booth and receive a surprise! If you would like to work in SNAIL's booth, please contact Elaine at 408-749-1846.



Bishop School News

There is a lot going on at Bishop this month. Our students have been hard at work practicing for 2 live performances of School House Rock on April 2nd and 3rd in the Bishop Auditorium. Please mark your calendar to come out and watch a great show and support our students.

Our Family Engagement series will continue on April 5th from 6-8 p.m. in the Teachers' Lounge and a tour of the school for new families will be held on April 24th at 8:15 a.m. starting at the front office. We also have a family dine out night scheduled in the evening at Hobee's on April 24th and our monthly PTO meeting on April 28th at 6 p.m. in the Teachers' Lounge. Finally, the students are on Spring Break from April 14-18th and school will be closed. Thank you for supporting Bishop School.

Jennifer Aufang

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

SNAIL 2014 Event Calendar

Date	Event Name	Organizer
April 16 th 7 PM	Dinner Night Out @ Armenian Gourmet Duane Ave & San Rafael	Elaine Rowan RSVP to Bonnie Lloyd 408-747-1949
April 27 th 9AM-3PM	CNC School information booth	Elaine Rowan 408-749-1846
May 3 rd	Cinco de Mayo observed at Columbia Park	Coleen Daeley
June 14/15	Dumpster Day/Yard Sale	Barry Boyle

Keep Your Guard Up

Security breached on East Duane Ave. The bad guys are out there so it's your responsibility to make it as difficult for them as possible. Per Sunnyvale PD, many of the break-ins occur during waking hours when we're away at work or on vacation and not during the night as many people are led to believe. Be on the lookout for folks dressed in uniform, people going from door to door disguised as sales folks or suspicious individuals meandering around the neighborhood as they may be checking to see if any one's home. Crime is on the rise. Crooks are very good at what they do and may work as a team so everyone needs to be vigilant in order to keep their risk to a minimum. Below are lessons learned and a few suggestions on how to make your home more secure.

1. Entry was made through the side gate, as it wasn't securely latched. Many gates have a string or wire connected to the latch and anyone can get in by pulling on it. To secure, lock the latch and install a sliding bolt on the bottom of the gate.
2. A tempered glass window on a door leading into the garage was shattered allowing them to open the dead bolt. A dead bolt keyed on both sides would have been a better option.
3. From the garage they kicked in the door to the kitchen. A more robust door fitted with dead bolts and longer screws would have slowed them down.
4. It is harder to take a flat screen TV that's bolted to a wall or mounted on a stand. Desktops, laptops and electronics are prime targets and difficult to secure unless one devises a way to bolt them down or lock them up
5. Take your car keys with you when going out of town or let your neighbor or best friend hold on to them. Keep your spares in a safe place and lock your garage door, disable your garage door opener and disconnect your car battery.
6. Valuables may be safer in a safety deposit box than at home.
7. Let your neighbors know that you're going out of town or find a house sitter.
8. Use motion detector lights in the front and back yard.
9. Home surveillance with an alarm system is an excellent way to deter theft.

Finally, be mindful of what's going on in and around our neighborhood, stay vigilant and above all... "Keep Your Guard Up".

Wendell Shak

SNAIL Trip to MBARI, July 19th

The Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute (MBARI) in Moss Landing is going to host an open house on July 19th. Their staff, scientists, and engineers will share their knowledge and enthusiasm about oceanographic research at this special event. Highlights include science exhibits, technology demonstrations, deep-sea videos, presentations about their research, robotic submarines, and children's activities. This free event is fun for the whole family! For a schedule of the day's events, visit: www.mbari.org/about/openhouse.html. We are taking a poll to see if we have enough interest from SNAIL residents to hire a coach so that nobody has to drive. If you are interested, please send an email to: FunTrip@snail.org and tell us how many would be in your group.

Jim Quaderer & Toni Damberger

Peery Park Development Update

To soften the visual impact of LinkedIn, the City has agreed to begin a campaign to plant new trees in the neighborhood. The target area is East of N. Mathilda, North of W. Maude, West of Borregas, and South of W. Ferndale Ave. The outreach will be to property owners that have a vacant space located in the right-of-way adjacent to their property. However, I would encourage you to contact the city if you believe the tree is dead, malformed, or stunted. The trees should be good looking. For more information visit Trees.inSunnyvale.com. A tree in front of each house will help out everyone.

LinkedIn has agreed to have no signage visible from the SNAIL neighborhood. They have also agreed to have automatic shades that come down when the sun sets to reduce the light in the neighborhood. Details continue to be worked out with Sunnyvale Residents for Preserving and Enhancing Quality Neighborhoods (SRPEQN).

Kilroy, the owner of LinkedIn buildings, is also working with SRPEQN. Kilroy is willing to pay for landscaping on private property at targeted houses to reduce the impact of the buildings. Details are still being worked out.

New Development

Standard Pacific Homes is planning on 18 duets and 78 townhouses on San Aleso Ave. This new development will affect people living near West Ferndale Ave. and Madrone Ave. The new homes will be 39 feet tall. If you want to be involved with the development process, contact Standard Pacific Homes and watch for Planning Commission Meetings.

Dwight Davis, Pine Ave.

DwightADavis @ earthlink .net

Proposed San Aleso Development

A conceptual plan (subject to change -- not final) of a proposed residential development on San Aleso Ave. has been uploaded to the "files" section of the SNAIL Yahoo newsgroup. Look for 3 PDFs.



Craig Champion of Standard Pacific Homes explaining preliminary concepts for a proposed residential development on San Aleso Ave. at our Mar. 6th General Meeting.

FREE Advance Health Care Planning Workshop

Thursday, April 17th, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Protect your loved ones from the pain of indecision or conflicts over your medical care by learning what you can do to prepare for unexpected events. This hands-on workshop will give you all the tools you need to understand and complete an Advance Directive form. Anyone who does not have an advance directive or has one that has not been updated in years should attend. Breakfast will be served. The workshop is presented by Karen Storey, a certified Respecting Choices instructor and facilitator who has helped hundreds of people gain peace of mind by having conversations with their loved ones and completing advance directives. Space is limited so registration is required by email at share@bayareaolderadults.org or phone 408-774-0593 and leave your full name and phone number. You will receive detailed directions after you register. Sponsored by a Sunnyvale-based nonprofit organization.

www.bayareaolderadults.org

Dr. Anne Ferguson

Brief Summary of March Meeting Minutes

- Standard Pacific Homes: Craig Champion, Kerri Watt and Steven Hoang were the guest speakers. They have come to the neighbors before going to the City to talk about their proposed homes along San Aleso to hear neighbors' concerns. The proposed plan at this time is 72 3-story townhouses and 18 2-story duet homes, each home will have 2 enclosed parking spots. The 2-story homes will be the ones that backup against the homes on Madrone and W. Ferndale. Proposing building a park, 90 guest parking spots and a walkway to Ferndale. Neighbors' concerns were: walkway (Kerri Watt mentioned using key fob), added traffic, the 2-story homes looking in the backyards of homes on Ferndale and potential for more robberies.
- Jeannie Biddle Estate Sale March 8 & 9: Sharon McKnight, Mariany Ramli, Elaine Rowan and Bonnie and Malcolm Lloyd volunteered to help. SNAIL voted to provide money for change (which will be paid back after the sale) and money for breakfast & lunch for the volunteers.
- Cinco de Mayo May 3rd at Columbia: Organizer Coleen Daeley reported on tentative activities: story of Cinco de Mayo read, crayons & butcher paper for kids to draw pictures of the story, Mariachi Band (SNAIL voted & passed money for band). Food: Bagels, Donuts, BBQ and a Piñata. Volunteers needed.
- Dumpster Day/Yard Sale Discussion: Dumpster Day, June 14. Yard sale, June 14 & 15, organizer needed.
- Elkhorn Slough Safari Tour: Jim Quaderer read information June Valenti sent. The 1½ -2 hours tour prices: \$35-adults, \$32-seniors \$26-kids. Organizer needed.
- SNAIL Trip to MBARI, July 19: See separate article.
- Dinner Night out April 16: See separate article.
- What's in your garage event: Sharon McKnight suggested and offered to organize having a day where people share types of projects they do in their garages.
- SNAIL Booth at Columbia Fun & Fit Fair: See separate article.
- Armory Volunteers: Malcolm Lloyd reported that this was the last month for the homeless shelter and it went well this year. Had 8 volunteers show this last time.
- Discussion on SNAIL being Non-Profit: Bonnie Lloyd voiced concern over SNAIL being a non-profit. John Cordes said we were – we have a State Number just waiting on the Federal Number.

SNAIL Yard Sale 2014

The most fun annual activity for many in the neighborhood is the SNAIL Yard Sale (June 14-15). This activity is also how SNAIL raises most of its funding. We will have volunteers to help out with various aspects of this event but we need an organizer. If you are able to volunteer to organize this very important event, please contact John Cordes or come to our next general meeting.

Next Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles and photos for the SNAIL May monthly newsletter is Saturday, April 12th. Simply email to SNAILeditor@snail.org

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:

East SNAIL Neighborhood	Tues., Apr. 1 st , 15 th , 29 th
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wed., Apr. 2 nd , 16 th , 30 th

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



When the SNAIL Estate Sale organizer, June Valenti, suffered a death in her family just a few days before the event, Valerie Suarez (L) and Barbara Williams (R) volunteered to step in as organizers.

The event was held on March 8th-9th and was a great success!

Condolences from SNAIL to June Valenti, whose mother passed away in Michigan this March.

Loss of TV Reception?

Are you using a TV antenna? Have you noticed bad or intermittent TV reception since the steel framework for the LinkedIn buildings was constructed in June of 2013? If so, your reception problems could be caused by the LinkedIn buildings. In my case, a LinkedIn building is between my house and Sutro Tower (Twin Peaks, San Francisco). This has been one of the grievances which Sunnyvale Residents for Preserving and Enhancing Quality Neighborhoods (SRPEQN) has made to the City, Kilroy Realty Corp., and LinkedIn.

Kilroy Realty Corp. believes that there are probably solutions to solve any reception problems. They are looking to tailor individual solutions for each homeowner with TV reception problems and they are looking for the contact information for everyone who is affected. If your TV reception has been affected, please send: your full name, address, phone number, and email to: SRPEQN@gmail.com or call 408-737-9479.

Jim Quaderer, Beechnut Ave.

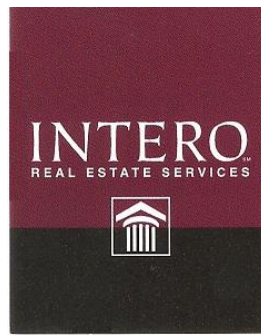
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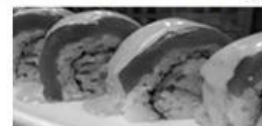


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