



# S.N.A.I.L. News

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**May 2014**

## SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – May 1<sup>st</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:*

- Guest Speaker: none. Send me your requests.
- Approving Cinco de Mayo Party plan and budget
- Working on 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, I hope everyone had a great earth month in April and you are ready for warmer weather. Hopefully a lot of you attended the 'Fun and Fit Fair' on April 26<sup>th</sup> in Columbia Park. SNAIL continues to be one of the most active neighborhood associations in Sunnyvale and we want you to be involved. The SNAIL 'Cinco de Mayo' party is coming up quick on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> in Columbia Park. Coleen Daeley (cdaeley @ gmail .com) is the leader for the Cinco de Mayo party so contact her to help out or if you have questions. It will be a fun party with lunchtime BBQ/potluck and lots of games for the kids. Please join us and enjoy the food and fellowship. See the flyer for more details. Our next big event this spring is our annual SNAIL Yard Sale and Dumpster Day on June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. This has traditionally been our biggest fundraiser each year. Valérie Suarès is in charge of the Yard Sale and we need other volunteers to help. Please contact Valérie (vsuares @ gmail .com) to help us organize this event. We are looking for a Dinner Night Out host for July. 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. Remember we are in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of drought and we're asked to cut our water usage by 20%. There are plenty of suggestions on how to save water online <http://www.save20gallons.org>. The Santa Clara Valley Water District has many different rebate programs, including one to help pay for taking out your lawn or switching to drip irrigation.

We will be discussing future neighbor outings at the May SNAIL meeting. 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.

You will notice we don't have a guest speaker again this month. If you have topics you want to hear about, let me know so I can make arrangements for a speaker.

Looking forward to a bright tomorrow,

John Cordes Snailchair @ Snail . org

## It's Cinco de Mayo Time

Hi, S.N.A.I.L. residents!

Come join us Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, at the CNC Park in Sunnyvale from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

Free Continental Breakfast and a BBQ Lunch will be provided with pot luck. Piñatas for the children will be available after lunch. Storytelling about the significance of the Cinco de Mayo Celebration will be ongoing for children. We hope to encourage young adults in sports-related games. Bring your own equipment.

Cinco de Mayo related music will be playing all afternoon. If you have any appropriate CDs, please feel free to bring it along to share.

We will have a nice space taped off for our activities. Please come join us!

You can RSVP to: Bonnie @ 1-408-474-1949 or Coleen @ 1-512-554-2444 before May 1<sup>st</sup>

We need to know how much food to prepare. Coolers with ice needed for perishables.



## SNAIL Recipe of the Month

Milpitas Apricot Sweet and Sour Chicken

Page 26 of the SNAIL cookbook. Call if you need to buy a cookbook (\$10 – Great Buy!!!): Jim Quaderer, 408-737-9479

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

**Bishop School News**

I wanted to highlight some of the Bishop PTO's contributions to Bishop so that you have a sense of all that we, as a group of parents and teachers, have been able to accomplish. We have had a series of free family events, such as the fall family potluck, a wonderful Holiday Party and three free family movie nights. We had a magical dance for Bishop girls and an awesome Lego Building Night for our boys. In addition to these community building events, we have put on monthly PTO meetings with a wide variety of guest speakers and even a free Zumba exercise class! Through our fundraising efforts of the Walk-A-Thon, monthly dine out nights, e-script and box tops, we have been able to provide every Bishop student with the funds to go on a variety of educational field trips. The PTO has also been able to generously support campus activities such as the Bishop Buds Garden, School House Rock production, Project Cornerstone, KLAS, and Science Camp with financial contributions. Together we can all have an amazing effect on our children's school experience.

Some upcoming events to mark on your calendar:  
 May 5-9<sup>th</sup> is Teacher Appreciation week  
 May 6<sup>th</sup> is Teacher Learning Day-12:30 dismissal for all students  
 May 19<sup>th</sup> is PTO Meeting at 2:30 p.m.  
 May 22<sup>nd</sup> is dine out night at Boudin in Sunnyvale  
 Thank you for supporting Bishop School.  
*Jennifer Aufang*

**SNAIL 2014 Event Calendar**

Date	Event Name	Organizer
April 26 <sup>th</sup> 9AM-3PM	CNC School information booth @ Fit & Fun Fair	Elaine Rowan 408-749-1846
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cinco de Mayo observed at Columbia Park	Coleen Daeley (or Bonnie Lloyd)
June 11 <sup>th</sup> 7 PM	Dinner Nite Out @ Rok RSVP to Bonnie by June 9 408-747-1949	Barbara & Greg Williams of Eaglewood
June 14	Dumpster Day	Barry Boyle
June 14/15	Yard Sale	Valerie Soares
July	Dinner Nite Out	Host needed
July 19	Trip to MBARI at Moss Landing	Toni Damberger Jim Quaderer
August 5	2014 National Night Out BBQ, big event	Diane Gleason 650-353-1575

**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. 29 <sup>th</sup> and May 13 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup>
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wed., Apr. 30 <sup>th</sup> and May 14 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>

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

**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 our 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.

**Columbia Neighborhood Center News**

For information on programs: CNC.inSunnyvale.com, (408) 730-7800, CNC @ sunnyvale .ca .gov

**FITNESS ROOM**

The room is being used well by the local community. This is open to SV residents for \$1 per visit on these days:  
 Monday, 6:30 – 8 p.m.  
 Tuesday, 7:30 – 9 p.m.  
 Thursday, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

CNC is currently conducting a survey of community needs pertaining to fitness programs. To fill one out, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3N86GW6>. We would appreciate your input! You can also fill out a paper copy, available at CNC or the Fit & Fun Fair, and completed surveys will receive a re-usable bag while supplies last. CNC is also looking for people to take part in a focus group. Call CNC for more information.

**FIT & FUN FAIR**

Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Over 60 exhibitors will be there, including health screenings and healthy lifestyle information. There will be a special appearance by Gigantes, the San Jose Giants mascot, who will encourage kids to join the Junior Giants program.

**JUNIOR GIANTS COACHES NEEDED**

The Jr Giants is a free, non-competitive baseball league for children aged 5 to 13. Along with baseball skills, they teach the 4 bases of character development: Confidence, Integrity, Teamwork and Leadership. Participants are required to read during the summer, practice a healthy life style, and sign a Peace Pledge to strike out bullying. Coaches are needed. You don't need to know a lot about baseball, but you do need to have a desire to work with kids and have a lot of fun. The Giants provide excellent training.

ZUMBA - \$1 per visit  
 Wednesdays, 7 – 8 p.m.  
 Fridays, 6 – 7 p.m.

**PROJECT SENTINEL**

For advice on housing, tenant disputes and information referral. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month, 8:30 to 12:30, first come, first served.

**FREE LEGAL CLINIC**

Free 15 – 20 minute consultations on legal matters, the first Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to noon, first come, first served.

**CITY OF SUNNYVALE CHILD CARE FAIR**

Showcasing licensed home and center-based child care providers in the City, who will provide information to families seeking child care. Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunnyvale Library.

**July SNAIL Trip to MBARI – Enough Interest?**

We received only one reply to our newsletter poll last month. We need a significant number of neighbors to express interest in this outing or planning will be discontinued. Please reply soon if you might be interested in going.

The Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute (MBARI) in Moss Landing is going to host an open house on July 19<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.mbari.org/about/openhouse.html). If you want us to continue planning this trip, please send an email to: FunTrip @ snail .org and tell us how many might be in your group.  
*Jim Quaderer & Toni Damberger*

### Brief Summary of April Meeting Minutes

- **Announcements:** Georgina Aubin: 1) Hydro organics will drop off for \$22 per week non-GMO locally grown food 2) an advisor with Columbia Neighborhood Center & looking for more members, 3) Junior Giants Baseball Team looking for coaches in June & July. Needs donated children's books (pre-school to high school level) for project to increase literacy at Treading Patterns. Proposed book collection by dumpsters on dumpster day and/or yard sale. Bonnie Lloyd: Overpass configuration meeting w/Traffic Engineer on 4/21/2014 at City Hall re possible impact on Denny's, Hobee's and Shell station.
- **Jeannie Biddle Estate Sale Report:** Jim Quaderer reported they had enough volunteers and it was busy both days. Sale was a success, thanks to all volunteers.
- **Cinco de Mayo, May 3 at Columbia Park:** Organizer Coleen Daely gave an update. Coolers & ice needed. Sign-in sheet & names tags are suggested. A budget was passed for the Newsletter Flyer and party expenses. Volunteers needed.
- **Dumpster Day/Yard sale, June 14 and 15:** The City is giving us 6 dumpsters. Organizer Barry Boole has contacted 5 out of 6 dumpster monitors.
- **Fit & Fun Fair, April 26:** Organizer Elaine Rowan reported SNAIL has a booth, 2 chairs, stickers for the kids & Newsletters/Flyers to pass out. Discussion on having the Flyer in English & Spanish.
- **Treasurer Report:** John Cordes read the report from Patsy Duke (not in attendance).
- **Discussion on Block Parties:** Jim Quaderer agreed to write a tip sheet on how to organize block parties and get barricades from the City. Discussion on SNAIL reimbursing \$3-\$4 per house.
- **Bylaw Committee:** John Cordes mentioned adding standing rules.
- **Grant Application:** Elaine Rowan and Jim Quaderer are working on it.
- **Discussion on SNAIL Meeting Sign-In Sheets Privacy Policy:** A proposal to come.
- **Discussion on Newsletter:** Voted on and passed that 2 officers can approve (Chair/Vice Chair/Secretary) Newsletters up from 4 to 6 pages on a month-to-month basis.
- **Outreach Flyers:** A budget was proposed & passed to print SNAIL Flyers.
- **New Business:** Jim Quaderer reported SRPEQN outreach regarding TV reception. Working with city on address list & paid mailing. Would like to use the SNAIL PO Box May & June for replies (voted & passed on). SRPEQN @ gmail .com
- **SNAIL Yahoo Group:** 2 groups set up (Yahoo SNAILorg and Yahoo SNAILChitChat). Decided not to allow more than two for sale postings per month on SNAILChitChat.

### Loss of TV Reception?

As mentioned in our April newsletter (which can be found at <http://www.snail.org/archive/2014/2014-Apr.pdf>), if you have had trouble with your antenna TV reception since June of 2013, please send an email to: SRPEQN @ gmail.com

Jim Quaderer

### Next Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles and photos for the SNAIL May monthly newsletter is Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Simply email to SNAILeditor @ snail . org

### SNAIL Yard Sale 2014

June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>

SNAIL will be having its annual yard sale/fundraiser/dumpster weekend at 881 Carolina Avenue. This event is an "encore" for many of us, as we have done this for many years before.

I am asking for volunteers for the following shifts. The success of the yard sale depends on everyone's contribution. If you can spare a few hours, please call or email me and let me know your preferred shift(s). There will be a 30 minute briefing session for all volunteers the week prior to the yard sale.

### Help needed:

- Shift 1:** Fri. 6:30-8 p.m. - 6 to 10 crew members for yard sale setup and to post signs in and around the neighborhood
- Shift 2:** Sat. 7-8 a.m. - 4 to 5 crew members for setup
- Shift 3:** Sat. 8-12 noon - 4 to 5 greeters and helpers
- Shift 4:** Sat. 12-4 p.m. - 4 to 5 greeters and helpers
- Shift 5:** Sun. 8-12 noon - 4 to 5 greeters and helpers
- Shift 6:** Sun. 12-4 p.m. - 4 to 5 greeters and helpers
- Shift 7:** Sun. 4-6:30 p.m. - 6 to 10 for clean-up and to remove signs
- Shifts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6** - Drivers with trucks to assist SNAIL neighbors with pick up of heavy items and delivery to Carolina Avenue (as needed)

### Items Needed:

- Tables to setup items (write your name on or under table)
- Tarps, sheets, or plastic sheeting to cover set tables overnight
- Pricing labels, blue tape and markers for pricing
- Drop off gently used small items by Friday 6:30 p.m. at 810 Carolina Ave.
- Need help to pick up large items? Call Valérie to arrange pickup

Contact: Valérie @ 408-7 4 4 - 0 3 0 7 or vsuares @ gmail .com

Subject line: [SNAIL Yard Sale]

Email body: indicate the shifts you are able to help with

Come and give us a hand, meet your neighbors, and who knows, find a little something for yourself.

I will look forward to hearing from you. Thank you!

- Valérie Suarès

### April Dinner Night Out

Nine SNAILs participated in April's dinner night out at the Armenian Gourmet restaurant. The food was delicious, portions were plentiful and was enjoyed by all.

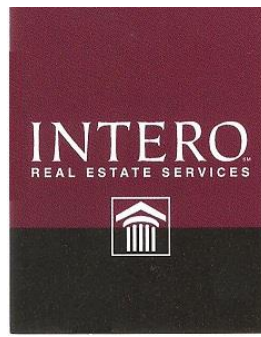
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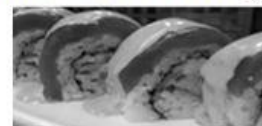


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