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**June 2014**

## SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – June 5<sup>th</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: Tony Giles, City of Sunnyvale Risk Manager
- Working on June 14-15 Yard Sale & Dumpster Day
- Planning for National Night Out on August 5<sup>th</sup>

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 enjoyed seeing many of you at our Cinco de Mayo Party at Columbia Park. Thanks to Coleen Daeley and all the other volunteers who made it a fun event. Hopefully more SNAIL residents will join us next year.

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. Valerie Soares is in charge of the Yard Sale and we need other volunteers to help. Please contact Valerie, [vsuares@gmail.com](mailto:vsuares@gmail.com) to help us organize this event. Remember we are in the 3rd year of drought and were asked to cut our water usage by 20%. There are plenty of suggestions on how to save water online at [www.save20gallons.org](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. They have double the value of these rebates this year because of the drought.

Currently we don't have any neighborhood or block 4<sup>th</sup> of July parties planned. If you would like to organize one with your neighbors, please contact Bonnie Lloyd, our Social Secretary. SNAIL is all about promoting community and neighborliness so we will help fund parties that promote these values within SNAIL. As always, we need a volunteer to organize events. Looking forward to a glorious summer,  
*John Cordes    [Snailchair@Snail.org](mailto:Snailchair@Snail.org)*

## Bishop School News

Bishop School PTO would like to thank all students, parents, and Bishop staff for supporting our school this year. We will continue to strive to make Bishop School a welcoming, safe, thriving learning environment by supporting our teachers, staff, and students. Our summer break starts on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014, and school will resume August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014. We hope our students & families enjoy their summer!  
*Jennifer Aufang*

## 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 810 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).

### 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

### Items Needed:

- 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.
- Call Valérie if you need help to pickup large items.

Contact: Valérie @ 408-390-3335 or [vsuares@gmail.com](mailto: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



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

### 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, and Waddington. 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 School students who need a Community Service Project might like to help your neighborhood in this way. Please call Connie 408-739-8490. Thank You.

### CINCO DE MAYO, May 3rd, Columbia Park

SNAIL Neighborhood association celebrated its 3rd annual Cinco de Mayo celebration this year.

About 55 people were in attendance throughout the day. Events included games for kids, story time, Latin American Music, and piñatas to end the day. A continental breakfast graciously donated by some of our supporters, Martin's Donuts, Mi Ranchito, Starbucks, and LinkedIn was enjoyed by all.

A BBQ lunch featuring Southwestern flavors including brisket, carne asada, and pulled pork was enjoyed by all. Our lunch was provided by the SNAIL organization, and enhanced by donations from Jones Real Estate and our neighborhood Taqueria and many of our friends and neighbors.

Good company, good food, and fun-filled laughter of children graced the day. Thanks to everyone who came out and participated. We hope to see you again next year!

*Coleen Daeley*



### Notice of Public Hearings

**Mathilda Overpass – Residents Speak Up**  
June 10<sup>th</sup> 6-7 p.m. city hall, council chambers, Study Session for Mathilda Overpass. Come support your local businesses – Denny's, Hobee's, and Shell. What will the roads look like? This is our time for input.

*Bonnie Lloyd*

The Sunnyvale City council will hold a public hearing regarding proposed increases to Utility Rates for City-provided water, wastewater, solid waste, and recycling on Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 456 W. Olive Avenue. (from a letter from the City)

*Connie Cook-Turner*

### July Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles and photos for the next SNAIL monthly newsletter is Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Simply email to [SNAILeditor@snail.org](mailto:SNAILeditor@snail.org)

### SNAIL 2014 Event Calendar

Date	Event Name	Organizer
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 Boole
June 14/15	Yard Sale	Valerie Suarès
July 18	Dinner Nite Out @ Sunnyvale Café (223 E. Maude Ave) Lebanese Cuisine	Diana Williams 921-0109 RSVP by July 15 to Bonnie: 747-1949
July 19	Trip to MBARI	<i>cancelled</i>
August 5	2014 National Night Out BBQ, big event	Diane Gleason 650-353-1575

### Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC) News SUMMER PROGRAMS

Summer programs will be available to students at Bishop, San Miguel, Lakewood, Fairwood, & Columbia schools, or in the CNC service area. Pick up the latest CNC newsletter in the lobby or go to [CNC.inSunnyvale.com](http://CNC.inSunnyvale.com) for further information.

### FITNESS ROOM

Open to Sunnyvale residents (bring proof of residency) Mon. and Thurs., 6:30 to 8 p.m., & Tuesday, 7:30 to 9 p.m., \$1 per visit. Middle school students can attend with a parent. HS students must have a signed authorization from a parent or guardian.

Some SNAIL residents filled out a survey about the CNC Fitness Room to look at additional services. Focus groups start soon to gather more information. Thank you if you participated.

### FREE LEGAL CLINIC

First Saturday of the month, the next clinic is June 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to noon, first come-first served. Sign up in the CNC lobby.

### PROJECT SENTINEL HOUSING RESOURCES

Free info on housing resources, tenant/landlord disputes, and other housing-related issues. The 4th Friday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The next dates are May 23<sup>rd</sup> and June 27<sup>th</sup>.

### CHILD CARE RESOURCES

Child Care Fair: Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Sunnyvale Library. Meet with over 20 Sunnyvale licensed child care providers to find the right child care for your child.

FREE WORKSHOPS for parents and child care providers (child care not available). *Advance registration required:*

**Motion, Music & Movement:** Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at CNC. Learn fun, interesting, and creative ways to keep your children moving using developmentally appropriate activities to promote health and fitness.

**Birds & the Bees - Talking to Your Kids About Sex:** Tues., June 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the SV Library. Learn effective ways to provide your kids with age appropriate answers to uncomfortable questions about their bodies & sex, how to prepare for 'the talk', and why this kind of open communication is beneficial.

**To register:** Contact Youth & Family Resources at CNC, (408) 730-7800, or [childcareresources@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:childcareresources@sunnyvale.ca.gov). Provide name, phone number, & email address.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Columbia Neighborhood Center, (408) 730-7800  
[CNC.inSunnyvale.com](http://CNC.inSunnyvale.com), [CNC@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:CNC@sunnyvale.ca.gov)

Childcare Resources, Youth & Family Resources Office,  
(408)730-7800, [Childcare.inSunnyvale.com](http://Childcare.inSunnyvale.com), [childcareresources@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:childcareresources@sunnyvale.ca.gov)

### Organize A Block Party!

Why organize a block party? It's fun getting to know your neighbors! And it feels good to know who lives nearby. This results in an informal "neighborhood watch". Your neighbors are more likely to call 911 if they think something strange is occurring. Also, you'll be better able to assist your neighbors if there is a major emergency such as an earthquake.

Here's how you do it:

1. 3 months before the party date: Determine which houses make up your "block". Typically it's 20 or 30 homes, but it may be smaller or larger depending upon your unique street or apartment layout. Call the SNAIL Chair in advance to request information, party supplies, and funding approval (we need to budget).
2. 2 months before: Walk your block and hand out a half-page flyer which announces the party and proposes a few party dates. Ask for a reply about the best dates.
3. 6 weeks before: Choose the best date and get a block party permit (1 month deadline): [blockparty.insunnyvale.com](http://blockparty.insunnyvale.com). The permit is free (\$25 fully refundable deposit). Your barricades can be picked up at the nearby Sunnyvale Corporation Yard, 221 Commercial St. (1½ miles from SNAIL on the street behind Lowe's). Optional delivery service for the barricades is \$25. It is not necessary to barricade your entire street. It is best to block off the street just in front of two or four homes to keep everyone together. Plus, that's less neighbors you need to ask permission to block their driveways.
4. 5 weeks before: Hand out a pot luck party invitation to all homes. Ask for RSVPs and volunteers. In the invitation, describe what food and party supplies you will provide, such as hot dogs, chicken, paper plates, etc. Make it clear that you will need neighbors to bring outdoor tables and chairs.
5. SNAIL will lend you our party boom box. SNAIL will reimburse party expense receipts for "expensive" food such as BBQ meats that the organizer provides, condiments, party supplies, and the City barricade delivery service up to the amount of \$25 plus \$4 for each home on your block. Save all receipts! SNAIL will not reimburse alcohol or pot luck food.
6. Have name tags for everyone at your party. Ask everyone to write their name and house or apartment number on their name tag.
7. Example flyers and party invitations are on the Yahoo SNAILorg newsgroup in the Files section.

*Jim Quaderer*

### Sunnyvale Art Club

The Sunnyvale Art Club is exhibiting fine art at the Sunnyvale Public Library on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 12-6 p.m (reception); Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 12-5 p.m. All ages welcome – free of charge.

*Bonnie Lloyd, exhibiting artist*

### 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., June 10 <sup>th</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup>
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wed., June 11 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup>

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

### SNAIL BOARD and CITY of SUNNYVALE SUPPORT STAFF

<b>Chair</b>	John Cordes	550 E. Arbor Ave.	650-288-9645
<b>Email</b>	SNAILchair @ snail . org		
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<b>Neighborhood Resource Officer</b>	Todd Fekete	TFekete @ sunnyvale. ca. gov	408-730-7153

### Attention All Craftsmen and Hobbyists

Are you a quilter? A model ship builder? An antique clock restorer? A watercolor artist? There is curiosity among our SNAIL neighbors on the different types of hobbies/crafts that are present in our neighborhood. As a way to get to know one another, we are looking to see if there are SNAIL members that might want to share their expertise with others. Who knows? You might find someone just around the corner with the same interests or skills.

Are you interested in presenting your skills or projects with a "show and tell" session? I would like to add this to the National Night Out event in August. If you would be willing to share please let me know. This would be a great benefit to share with our children.

Any thoughts, suggestions and comments on how to promote this activity are welcome. Thanks,

*Sharon McKnight*

Sharon\_mcknight @ comcast .net

### Brief Summary of May Meeting Minutes

- Announcements: San Miguel Neighborhood Festival on May 17<sup>th</sup> at Fair Oaks Plaza. Monterey Bay Research Institute trip has been cancelled – not enough signups. Cinco de Mayo: John Cordes gave an update (Coleen Daeley was at work) – what was still needed & putting an announcement on snail.org.
- Yard Sale June 14 & 15: Voted and approved the budget for the Yard Sale.
- Dumpster Day June 14: Barry Boole announced all 6 people are allocated and the City is ready for that day. Boxes for the book collection will be by the dumpsters.
- Interchange 101/237: Bonnie Lloyd - 101/237 overpass exchange - a meeting in June, date unknown.
- Block Parties: Jim Quaderer reported on SNAIL assistance with block parties.
- Speaker for Next Meeting: Elaine Rowan asked if ok to have Insurance Manager of City of Sunnyvale come next meeting – yes.
- Other Neighborhood Organizations: John Cordes said we are most organized.
- July Speaker Suggestion: Bonnie Lloyd - Traffic Manuel?
- Neighborhood Night Out: Diane Gleason, organizer, discussion on budget, jump house, a magician, clown and ice cream bar. Diane confirmed the band – helps make the party.
- Bylaws Discussion: Elaine passed out info. & put on Calendar for next meeting.
- Standing Rules: John Cordes standing rules – qualifications - Elaine something to be looked at.
- Grant Discussion: Elaine Rowan & Jim Quaderer - decided to request for Red Bows & Neighborhood Night Out.
- Treasurer Report: John Cordes read the report (Patsy Duke was not in attendance).
- New Housing Discussion: Townhouses, Apartments & Armory property.
- Airplane Late Night Noise: June Valenti was wondering about plane waking her up at midnight & felt it was illegal.

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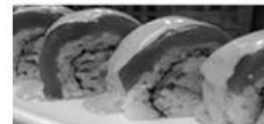
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