



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

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**July 2014**

## SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – July 10<sup>th</sup> (NOT the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday this month)

Location: April Flower's Home, 726 Morse Avenue (directly across the street from CMS) • Time: 7:00 p.m.

This is a backyard meeting. Please bring a lawn chair and dress very warmly.

Look for the SNAIL Sign.

Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:

- Sunnyvale PD – Crime Prevention
- June Yard Sale & Dumpster Day Report

SNAIL typically 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

We had our annual SNAIL yard sale on June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to Valérie Suarès, who managed the yard sale this year, and Barry Boole, our Dumpster Czar, and everyone who helped out. The event was a big success. I think SNAIL raised a record amount for our NNO party this year. Come to the July meeting to get a report on how much we raised and how many people helped out.

Our June guest speaker was Tony Giles, City of Sunnyvale's Risk Manager/Insurance. Tony explained a lot about why SNAIL should have insurance for our different types of event, what event insurance is, and related topics. See the minutes for more details. Our July speaker will be from Sunnyvale Public Safety talking about the latest crime trends in SNAIL and nearby neighborhoods. We need to be alert and watchful of each other's home.

We are still in a severe drought so please remember to conserve water. Sunnyvale City Council is voting on adopting drought restrictions at its June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting so we should be able to tell you what they are at the July meeting.

Please put a note on your calendar to attend our SNAIL "National Night Out" BBQ on Tuesday night Aug 5<sup>th</sup>. Contact Diane Gleason, Gleasondiane @ yahoo . com if you want to help plan this party.

Remember, membership in SNAIL is always free! How many organizations or activities can say that? We are funded by the advertisements in this newsletter, our yard sale and grants from the City, various fund raisers, and donations. We are not serious all the time; we are also a social club. Getting involved in SNAIL is a great way to make friends who live within walking distance of home. Probably the easiest way to make new friends is just show up at our monthly meetings. We won't ask you to do anything but sign in. We have a consistent group of people who attend every month. Not right away, but over time, you will get to know all of us and most likely make good friends with a few.

Have a Happy Independence Day,  
 John Cordes, Snailchair @ Snail . org

### SNAIL 2014 Event Calendar

Date	Event Name	Organizer
July 18	Dinner Night Out @ Sunnyvale Café (223 E. Maude Ave) Lebanese Cuisine	Diana Williams 408-921-0109 RSVP by July 15 <sup>th</sup> to Bonnie: 408-747-1949
August 5	2014 National Night Out BBQ, big event	Diane Gleason 650-353-1575

### Neighborhood July 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., July 8 <sup>th</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup>
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wed., July 9 <sup>th</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup>

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

### National Night Out Street Party

Our favorite annual street party, SNAIL's National Night Out, is back on Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Same location as the last few years: E Arbor Ave at Morse Ave.

Free BBQ hot dogs and sausages, potluck salads and desserts, children's activities, fire engines, and our own local band, The Sound Effect! Come meet neighbors and our city safety officers! The origins of National Night Out go back to 1984, when an organization called The National Association of Town Watch (NATW) introduced the first National Night Out. The purpose was to unite people in communities nationwide to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood camaraderie.

SNAIL's block party is the largest NNO event in Sunnyvale! If you are new to the area, this is a great way to meet your neighbors. If you would like to volunteer to help at the sign-in table or help with set-up or take-down, please contact Diane Gleason (gleasondiane @ yahoo . com; 650-353-1575).

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

## Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC) News

### Summer Programs in your neighborhood

Summer school will be held at Bishop and Columbia from June 30 to July 25.

YMCA Camp is at Bishop from June 16 to July 25.

Swim classes and recreation swim start June 16 at Columbia Pool.

Drop in programs: Club Fantastic (ages 6-9) and The Chill Spot (ages 10-14) are from June 16 to August 8, 1 – 4:45 daily at CNC for \$2.25 per day.

A variety of summer sports camps will be at CNC from June 23 to August 7.

Summer Library programs will be every Thursday, 11:30 to 12:30 in the CNC Morse Conference Room or CMS Multi-purpose room.

Topics include Lego Challenge; Arts & Crafts; Magical Puppets, Balloons & Juggling; and Wearable Art.

### Free Summer Breakfast and Brunch

Free meals for children ages 1 – 18, Monday to Friday

Bishop, June 16 – July 25: Breakfast, 8-8:30 a.m.; Brunch, 10:45 – 11:30 a.m.

Columbia, June 16 – August 8: Breakfast, 8-8:30 a.m.; Brunch, 10:45 – 11:30 a.m.

### Twilight Pool & Play Friday, July 25

Annual BBQ and party for the neighborhood. The pool opens at 6 p.m. & the BBQ will open at 6:15 p.m. Enjoy pool activities, fun & games with your family & neighbors in Columbia Park.

### Fitness Room Focus Groups

Feedback from participants is being tabulated. Check the CNC website for schedule changes coming this summer.

### Legal Clinic

No Legal Clinics in July. Next clinics: August 2, September 6.

For further information, stop by the CNC lobby and pick up a newsletter. Or see CNC.inSunnyvale.com or call (408) 730-7800.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Columbia Neighborhood Center, (408) 730-7800

CNC.inSunnyvale.com, CNC @ sunnyvale. ca. gov

Childcare Resources, Youth & Family Resources Office, (408)730-7800, Childcare.inSunnyvale.com, childcareresources @ sunnyvale. ca. gov

### 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 how to promote this activity are welcome.

Thanks,

Sharon McKnight, Sharon\_mcknight @ Comcast . net  
Madrone Avenue

### Tour de Coop

Do you have a backyard chicken coop or beehive? Many neighbors are interested in coops and beehives but have not yet taken the plunge. It is helpful, and simply fun and interesting, to see backyard coops in person. Tour de Coop is a highly organized way to share your coop with visitors, or to tour backyard coops yourself. This year, the Tour de Coop will occur on Sunday September 21. See [www.tourdecoop.org](http://www.tourdecoop.org) for more information. Last year I opened my coop to visitors, but I was one of the few participants in Sunnyvale. I am hoping many Sunnyvale neighbors will participate in this fun and informative event.

Diane Gleason

## Brief Summary of May Meeting Minutes

•**Announcements:** John Cordes passed out postcards the Sierra Club supplied to send to Gov. Brown to stop fracking.

•**Guest Speaker Tony Giles, Sunnyvale Risk Manager:** Tony Giles spoke on City Permits and Insurance. The City has no rule re insurance until a permit is needed such as for a Special Event. Special Event being an event that would usually have an impact on Sunnyvale such as closing streets or a large crowd expected that would cause a traffic issue. The City makes sure when they sponsor a Special Event that the vendor is insured and the City is added to the vendor's insurance policy. Also spoke re Umbrella Ins. vs. Liability Ins. Liability Ins. is bodily harm insurance. Umbrella Ins. – covers variety such as property, compensation, general liability and workers comp. Usually insurance for garage sales is not needed unless it crosses over to a Special Event. Organizations are not required to carry insurance except for Special Events but some do buy through a larger organization.

•**Newsletter Editor needed for 2 months:** SNAIL's newsletter is taking a 2 month break and temporary Editor is needed.

•**Yard Sale:** Sign-up sheet passed around. Jim Quaderer mentioned help is needed with picking up large items. Sharon McKnight offered to take care of the signs. Discussion re Goodwill paying for filled up 30' dumpsters and this might be an alternative to the yard sale next year.

•**Dumpster Day:** Barry Boole announced the City was ready to drop off the dumpsters on 6/14/2014 – will be available until 2pm that day. The one by Connie Cook-Turner will be there until Sunday. Also the boxes for the children's books are set to be put by each dumpster.

•**Book Sharing:** Diane Gleason suggested SNAIL have a book sharing program.

•**237/101 Interchange:** Bonnie Lloyd announced there would be a study session 6/10/2014 from 6pm-7pm. Jim Griffith said it will most likely be in w/the Counsel.

•**NNO:** Discussions on the Jump House, balloons, clowns, face painter and food. Voted on, and unanimously passed, budget of 900 for food and supplies and 400 for the kids' entertainment.

•**Treasurer Report:** Patsy Duke reported on the SNAIL account. Discussion on how to pay back SNAIL members that up-front money for events - will be further discussion next meeting.

•**Dinner Night Out:** June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Rok in tribute to Jeannie Biddle.

•**Meeting in July:** Will be at April Flowers – bring chairs. April is also supplying the snacks for this meeting.

•**City Grant:** Elaine Rowan & Jim Quaderer put in request for red bows & NNO.

•**T-Shirts for Volunteers:** Discussion on giving SNAIL volunteers t-shirts & selling SNAIL hats. Also vests and name tags may be options. No one volunteered for this.

•**Bicycle Committee:** John Cordes was appointed to Sunnyvale's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (aka BPAC).



Tony Giles, Sunnyvale's Risk Manager/Insurance, speaking at the June 5<sup>th</sup> SNAIL meeting.

### 2014 Yard Sale

To everyone in the SNAIL Community who contributed to the success of our Annual SNAIL community Yard Sale, THANK YOU. Like Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz, I can truly muse about the loyal friendship and familiarity of my fellow neighbors. YOU went through your homes, room by room and selected items to donate. YOU let us use your trucks, no question asked. YOU gave us a hand multiple times to move large items from one side of the neighborhood to the other. YOU drove your trucks for the scheduled pickups and deliveries. YOU let us use your front yard and driveway two weeks prior to the Day and YOU fed the volunteers. YOU posted signs to advertise for this great event. YOU monitored the dumpsters generously donated by the City of Sunnyvale for the 18<sup>th</sup> year. YOU made sure only the appropriate items would go in the dumpster. YOU let us use your tarps and sheets to cover the sales items overnight. YOU gave us a coat rack to hang some of the most beautiful clothes we received. YOU helped with set up on Friday and helped with Sunday clean up. YOU helped out throughout the weekend. YOU greeted your neighbors and even found a few treasured items. The success of the yard sale depended on everyone's contribution, and TRULY, you ALL contributed. YOU ALL are the reasons why I love to live in the SNAIL Community. Let us do it again next year, shall we?!

Valérie Suarès

### SNAIL Yard Sale 2014

This was the most productive fundraiser yard sale that SNAIL has had in all the years I have been involved with it (2002). Saturday's sales were the highest ever for a Saturday; in some cases, more than the total 2-day events.

I believe one of the reasons for this success was the amazing prep job done by Coordinator Valérie Suarès. Getting the trucks and drivers for the week prior to the sale and getting the word out that we would be picking up all week, created a great inventory to start with Saturday morning – rather than waiting for things to be brought in on Dumpster Day.

Also, our SNAIL yard sale team is outstanding! Everyone who helped with this event, in any way, deserves a big hug and lots of appreciation.

The proceeds from this event will enable SNAIL to fund several "good neighbor" activities in the coming year.

Thank you everyone!  
Connie Cook-Turner



Two exercise machines in perfect working conditions were our largest items this year, as seen tested by volunteers at the SNAIL Yard Sale on June 14<sup>th</sup>.



2014 SNAIL Yard Sale, June 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

### 237/101 Overpass Interchange

A further study on three proposed traffic configurations is expected in the coming months. August speaker will clarify.  
Bonnie Lloyd

### August Newsletter Deadline

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

### Landscape Rebate Program

Did you know that two water wells in the Santa Clara County have already run out of water? Severe drought means we all have to do our part. Do your part, conserve water and receive money for your action because on April 22, 2014, the Landscape Conversion Rebate increased to \$2.00 per square foot of converted high water using landscape to low water using landscape. The rebate amount within a cost-sharing partner area increased to \$3.00 - \$4.00 per square foot. For more information, please call the Water Conservation Hotline at (408) 630-2554. These increases are temporary, through September 30, 2014, and certain restrictions apply.

<http://www.valleywater.org/Programs/LandscapeRebateProgram.aspx>

Valérie Suarès

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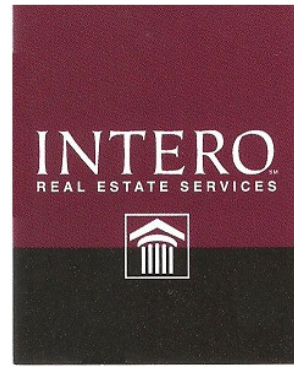
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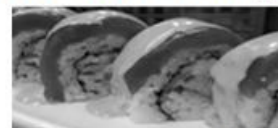


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