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SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – August 7th

Location: John Cordes' House, 550 East Arbor Avenue
• Time: 7:00 p.m.
Look for the SNAIL Sign.

Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:

- Speaker: Karen Koppett from Santa Clara Valley Water District will talk to us about water conservation, landscape and grey water waste rebate plans.
- Recap of National Night Out (NNO)
- Upcoming activities

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 Vice Chair

John is on a short break this month, so I will fill in for the Chairperson's message. In the past few months, we have had some activities in the SNAIL neighborhood, such as the garage sale and dumpster day that have demonstrated true community spirit. Many thanks to our volunteers and supporters who made these activities very successful.

Our next **BIG** activity is our National Night Out celebration on Tuesday, August 5th. All SNAIL residents are invited to this free casual family event. We especially welcome our newest SNAIL residents to participate. There will be plenty of food and activities for all ages! See the enclosed flyer for more details.

We have other activities coming up in August, such as our General Meeting and Dinner Night Out. We hope to see you at some of these activities, as well.

Happy summer!
Elaine Rowan, SNAIL Vice Chair
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NEWSLETTER DELIVERY ALERT

We will be losing our block rep on Waite Avenue on August 1st. If you wish to continue receiving the newsletter on Waite Avenue, we need a volunteer to deliver the newsletter once a month on your street. It takes 15-20 minutes at the end of each month. Please call (408) 739-8490 to volunteer. Thank You.

Connie Cook-Turner, Newsletter Distribution Coordinator

National Night Out Street Party Tuesday, August 5th

Our Annual Street Party for all 1200 homes in SNAIL! Even more activities for kids this year: jump house, face painting, balloon twisting and glitter tattoos! Fire engines! Free BBQ hotdogs, sausages, and hot links! Meet your neighbors! The local fun danceable band, The Sound Effect, will be playing! Greet our local public safety officers and your enthusiastic SNAP volunteer neighbors!

You are welcome to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Come and bring the whole family! (Drinking water will be provided and a port-a-potty will be available too).

The official name of the event is National Night Out (NNO) and it is Tuesday, August 5th, from 6:30 pm to 9 pm. The location is the same as last year, the section of Arbor Avenue between Morse and Bayview.

We can use volunteer help to set up tables and chairs (light-weight plastic) before the NNO party and a few people to help take them down (requires about a half hour of time). Would you prefer to organize the potluck table? Or perhaps sign people in?

Please contact Diane Gleason, gleasondiane@yahoo.com, or (650) 353-1575.

Last Chance to Share Your Passion

I'm still looking for people willing to volunteer to share their crafts/hobbies with their SNAIL neighbors at the National Night Out street party. If you are interested in presenting your skills or projects please let me know. Take this opportunity to get to know your friends and neighbors. If you need assistance getting to the party on Tuesday, August 5th, I can help.

Sharon McKnight, Sharon_mcknight@Comcast.net
(408) 745-0373

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



Officers Craig Anderson (L) and Dave Pitts discussing neighborhood public safety issues at the July 10, 2014 SNAIL General Meeting.

Dinner Night Out Tuesday, August 19th

This month Craig and Wendy will host our monthly dinner night out at Gumba's Restaurant on August 19th. It will be at 7:00 p.m. -- everyone is welcome. Please RSVP by Sunday, August 17th. Last month's dinner was hosted by Diana Williams and prior to that it was hosted by Greg and Barbara. It is wonderful to see you folks coming to these community dinners. Anyone wanting to host a Dinner Night Out can call me and we'll get it going. Enjoy summer!
Bonnie Lloyd, SNAIL Social Secretary
(408) 747-1949

Thank You Diana...

For hosting the July Dinner Night Out at Sunnyvale Café. Good food, good conversation, in an outdoor setting on a warm summer night. What more could one ask for!?! "SNAIL Dinner Night Out" is one of the really nice, special events we neighbors enjoy on a regular basis. Looking forward to seeing our friendly neighbors with Craig and Wendy hosting @ Gumba's Italian Ristorante on Historic Murphy Avenue on August 19th. See you all there.
Jim Turner

City Council Meeting

On Tuesday, August 12th at 7 p.m., a real estate developer is requesting the city council to consider rezoning the commercial property in SNAIL, at 210 W. Ahwanee Ave. [near Borregas] to dense Residential. The meeting will take place at city hall. SNAIL is a neighborhood of eight single-family homes per acre of land. The property at 210 W. Ahwanee Ave. consists of .41 acre [approx. four-tenths of an acre]. Maintaining the SNAIL level of density would allow about three homes on the land. The developer seeks to tear down the commercial buildings and construct ten luxury townhomes. This is part of a pattern in Sunnyvale of converting commercial space into dense residential development. Feel free to come to the August 12th city council meeting at 7:00 p.m. [at City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave.] and express your opinion about this project.
Pat Meyering, Sunnyvale Councilmember

Brief Summary of July Meeting Minutes

- Announcements:** Diane Gleason reported that she had left a message with the City regarding the Fire Truck and Police at NNO.
- Guest Speakers:** Dave Pitts and Craig Anderson from the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety. Dave Pitts passed out two flyers – "Sunnyvale 2013 Year End Summary Report – AMENDED" and "SNAIL Crime Reports July 2013 Thru June 2014." Dave Pitts said these reports are given to the FBI. One more homicide and rape; residential burglaries and auto theft had the biggest jumps. No specific hot crime spots in Sunnyvale. A lot of burglaries are in cars where people leave phones & laptops in plain sight. Gang activity - there are always gangs but it has been quiet. Fireworks – a lot this year; best help in catching them is neighbors calling. Columbia Parking lot on Hemlock – seems to be a lot of people there late at night – if there are curfew signs, call the police. There were still bicycle patrols. John Cordes passed along the public safety website: Nixle.com
- Yard Sale:** John Cordes reported the Yard Sale total. Valérie Suarès feels it's a good community event & offered to organize next year (2015). Also discussed how nice it was that Connie Cook-Turner donated her yard & food.
- National Night Out (8/5/2014):** Have the permit, band, tables, chairs and food. Was discussed and approved having a face painter, glitter painter & balloon artist for 2 hours each. Also Sharon McKnight reported that two neighbors have signed up to show the projects they do at home.
- Bylaws:** Elaine Rowan will bring this up at the August meeting.
- City Grant:** Thanks to Elaine Rowan & Jim Quaderer – the City approved \$1000 towards SNAIL's proposals for the NNO and the Red Bows.
- T-Shirts for Volunteers:** Sharon McKnight and Valérie Suarès offered to look into this and report back at the September meeting.
- Treasurer Report:** Patsy Duke reported on the Wells Fargo account balance.
- Book Exchange:** John Cordes mentioned he saw book exchanges on Morse & Central Expressway.
- August/September SNAIL Meetings:** Diane Gleason offered to have the August meeting at her house. Elaine will check with June Valenti regarding snacks. Elaine will also confirm with Columbia regarding meeting there in September.
- Neighborhood Building Noise:** Barry Boole mentioned the building noise starting early & ends late. John Cordes mentioned they should call the police as this would be a permit issue & a crime if they are not following it.
- SNAIL Cookbooks:** Jim Quaderer said we still have about 25-30 to sell & they will be available at NNO.
- Red Bows:** Jim Quaderer reported we will need about 600 bows and was voted on and approved unanimously to buy more bows.
- Storage:** Discussion on where to store the bows along with other SNAIL items. Also mentioned, most of the SNAIL items are worth a lot less than what the storage fees would be.
Sarah Cain, SNAIL Secretary

Committee for Addendums to SNAIL Bylaws

We are looking to make some addendums to the SNAIL Bylaws and could use your input. There will be a small committee meeting on Thursday, August 14th at 7 p.m. Meeting location to be determined later this month. Please let me know if you are interested in participating. Contact me at: snailvicechair @ snail . org
Elaine Rowan, SNAIL Vice Chair

All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten

By Robert Fulghum

All I really need to know about how to live and what to do and how to be I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate-school mountain, but there in the sandpile at Sunday School. These are the things I learned:

1. Share everything.
2. Play fair.
3. Don't hit people.
4. Put things back where you found them.
5. Clean up your own mess.
6. Don't take things that aren't yours.
7. Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.
8. Wash your hands before you eat.
9. Flush.
10. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.
11. Live a balanced life - learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.
12. Take a nap every afternoon.
13. When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together.
14. Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup: The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.
15. Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the Styrofoam cup - they all die. So do we.
16. And then remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned - the biggest word of all - LOOK.

Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and equality and sane living.

Take any one of those items and extrapolate it into sophisticated adult terms and apply it to your family life or your work or your government or your world and it holds true and clear and firm. Think what a better world it would be if we all - the whole world - had cookies and milk about three o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankies for a nap. Or if all governments had a basic policy to always put things back where they found them and to clean up their own mess.

And it is still true, no matter how old you are - when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.

Submitted by Connie Cook-Turner

Neighborhood August 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., Aug. 5 th and 19 th
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wed., Aug. 6 th and 20 th

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

Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC) News Summer Programs in Your Neighborhood

Books from SNAIL Garage Sale

A big 'Thank you!' from CNC's Community Advisory Committee for all the children's books donated from the SNAIL garage sale. Over 200 books were collected and are being distributed to the following programs: Junior Giants summer reading, apartment laundry room Leave One/Take One boxes, Child Care Resources book bags for child care providers, and Sunnyvale Community Services. Books were sorted on June 30th with the help of the City's newest official volunteer, Zachary Aubin, who applied to be a volunteer as soon as he was eligible on his 13th birthday. He joined older brother Jesse to help put the books in appropriate age categories.

Fitness Room

Now open on Saturday for two sessions: 8 to 9:30 a.m., and 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Also open Monday and Thursday from 6:30 to 8 p.m., and Tuesday from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Each session is \$1 for Sunnyvale residents with proof of residency. Middle school students may attend with a parent or guardian, and high school students can attend once a waiver is signed by their parent.

Free Summer Library Programs

All programs are Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 July 31st: Arts Day (ages 6+), Morse Conference Room.
 August 7th: Magic and Juggling with Captain Spareribs (all ages), Columbia Multipurpose Room.

Free Legal Clinic

On the first Saturday of the month, get free legal advice on almost any issue. Come to the CNC lobby from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on August 2nd or September 6th.

CNC information

See CNC.inSunnyvale.com or call (408) 730-7800.

SNAIL 2014 Event Calendar

Date	Event Name	Organizer
August 5	2014 National Night Out street party BBQ, big event	Diane Gleason (650) 353-1575
August 19	Dinner Night Out @ Gumba's Restaurant (176 S. Murphy Ave) Italian Cuisine 7:00 p.m.	Craig and Wendy (408) 542-9555 or Bonnie Lloyd (408) 747-1949 RSVP by Aug. 17 th
November	Dinner Night Out	Jim and Connie Cook-Turner (408) 739-8490

September Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles and photos for the next SNAIL monthly newsletter is Saturday, August 16th. Simply email to SNAILeditor@snail.org

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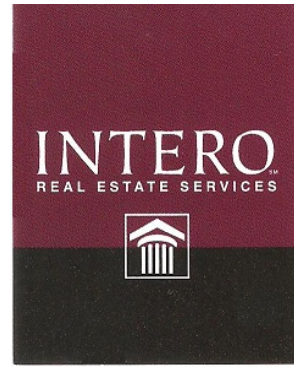
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