



S.N.A.I.L. News

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September 2014

SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – September 4th

Location: Columbia Middle School Staff Lounge

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Look for the **SNAIL** sign

Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:

- Speaker: Kent Steffen, Sunnyvale Director of Public Works – Mathilda Maze update.
- 501(c) 4 status approved by the IRS.

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 National Night Out party on Aug 5th. It was a fun party as always. Special thanks to our organizer, Diane Gleason, and our volunteer cook, Thomas Leibold, and all the volunteers who helped out. The event was a big success for our neighborhood kids and us. See Diane Gleason's article to learn more.

Our September guest speaker is Kent Steffen, Director of Public Works. He will talk about the city's plans to tame the 'Mathilda Monster' (aka the intersection of 237 and Mathilda Ave).

Our August speaker was Karen Koppett from Santa Clara Valley Water District. She explained a lot about ways SNAIL members can reduce water use. See the minutes for more details. We are still in a severe drought so please remember to conserve water.

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, 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.

Happy summer!

John Cordes, SNAIL Chair
SNAILchair@snail.org



NNO a BIG Success!

In our 7th year on Arbor Avenue, National Night Out rocked this year with the addition of face painting, balloons and glitter tattoos for the kids. Two hundred people signed in, but over 260 plates were used; the crowd felt bigger than last year and everybody stayed longer. Our local band, The Sound Effect, [<http://www.thesoundeffect.com>] continues to rock every year with fun danceable music and there were quite a few people dancing in the street. A new addition to this year's event was the opportunity to share hobbies. There was a display of paintings, models of hand-carved wooden ships and homemade drums. The city mayor, several council members, our new city manager and the safety chief all attended. Along with a fire engine, public safety officers also brought police motorcycles.

Once again, the neighbors of SNAIL made it happen; setting up and taking down tables and chairs, providing food, taking the garbage, providing electricity, manning the registration table, organizing the food tables, barbecuing, transporting equipment, making flyers, etc. Thank you to all the volunteers and a special thank you to our neighborhood band, The Sound Effect.

Diane Gleason, NNO Organizer



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

Neighbors Enjoying Food & Fun at National Night Out



Lost and Found During National Night Out

A bracelet was found during cleanup.

A serving spoon from the potluck table disappeared.

If you are missing a bracelet or found a spoon, please contact Diane Gleason at gleasondiane@yahoo.com or call (650) 353-1575.

Sunnyvale Neighborhoods Actively Prepare (SNAP)

Following a disaster, emergency services personnel may be unavailable to meet the demands of its community. The 9-1-1 emergency services that you have come to expect at a moment's notice: police, fire, medical, etc. could be dispatched elsewhere. We have witnessed during previous disasters that, initially, people have to rely on each other for help in order to meet their immediate lifesaving and life sustaining needs. In an effort to prepare residents of Sunnyvale to protect family and property, the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety Office of Emergency Services developed the SNAP Training Program. The purpose of SNAP is to provide Sunnyvale residents with tools to be self-sufficient for a minimum of 72 hours following a disaster.

The training program is on a volunteer basis, taught for seven consecutive weeks. As a SNAP participant, you will learn about disaster preparedness empowering you to help save lives while working with the City of Sunnyvale to do "the greatest good for the greatest number of people."

For more information email: SNAP@sunnyvale.ca.gov

Classes are held in the classroom at the Department of Public Safety, located at 700 All America Way, except for the last class which will take place at Fire Station #2, located at the corner of Wolfe and Arques. A \$15.00 fee covers the cost of refreshments.

Register for SNAP online NOW or view the latest training schedule at:

<http://ecityhall.sunnyvale.ca.gov/contact/pssr.aspx> or call (408) 730-7190.

Fall session begins on September 11th from 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. and ends on October 25th with a full day filled with exercises, practice and graduation.

Valérie S.

One of your many friendly SNAP Captains

Committee for Addendums to SNAIL Bylaws

There will be a follow up committee meeting on Thursday, September 9th at 7 p.m. to make some addendums to the SNAIL Bylaws. Meeting location to be determined. Please let me know if you are interested in participating. You can contact me at SNAILvicechair@snail.org

Elaine Rowan, SNAIL Vice Chair

Do Your Part to Conserve Water

Remember the water district has a Landscape Conversion Rebate Program. The rebate amount within a cost-sharing partner area increased to \$3.00 - \$4.00 per square foot.

For more information, call the Water Conservation Hotline at (408) 630-2554 or check the following website for more information:

<http://www.valleywater.org/programs/landscapereplacementrebates.aspx>

Valérie S.

Brief Summary of August Meeting Minutes

•**Guest Speaker Karen Koppett from Santa Clara Valley Water District:** Karen mentioned that if we do get rain, it would still take a couple of years to get out of the drought. We have been dry and have had record highs. The Santa Clara Valley Water District has a few campaigns going on – “Brown is the New Green” – you can get the sign along with a bucket to catch shower water. You can also call and have a water consultant come out and check on your fixtures; they can see if the toilet is leaking, supply faucet aerators, toilet flappers and low-flow showerheads. There are rebates on low flush toilets and urinals. There is also a landscape program that offers a rebate for landscape conversion and the rebates were just raised.

•**Speaker Diane Gleason:** Diane spoke about hers and John Cordes’ two underground rainwater cisterns. They hold 1,700 gallons each – one in the front and one in the back. They have pipes on the outside of the house that catch the rain water and feed it into the cisterns (debris in these pipes is cleaned out before the rainy season starts.) An electric pump on each cistern moves the water to the irrigation system (irrigation system is setup to use either the cistern water or the city water). They also have a grey water line running underground from their clothes washer to an orange tree and from there the line is perforated where it runs by plants.

•**Bylaw Committee:** Elaine Rowan said they are planning on meeting 8/14/2014 at 7pm. Location to be determined.

•**Treasurer Report:** Patsy Duke reported on SNAIL’s account.

•**Christmas Bows:** Patsy Duke ordered 303 bows that have been shipped to her house. We will need to store them somewhere else before it rains as they are outside.

•**National Night Out (8/5/2014):** Diane Gleason reported that 200 name tags and 260 plates were used. The face painter and balloonist were kept busy. A neighbor mentioned that it would be good to have the fire engine closer to the event next year. Diane said they bought ten pounds of pasta and salad, but next year could probably buy less. Discussions about having drinks other than water, but tastes are too different. There were some left overs and it was voted on and approved unanimously to give them to St. Thomas. The chief of police, city manager, mayor and about half of the council members attended.

•**T-Shirts for Volunteers:** Two prior designs were discussed.

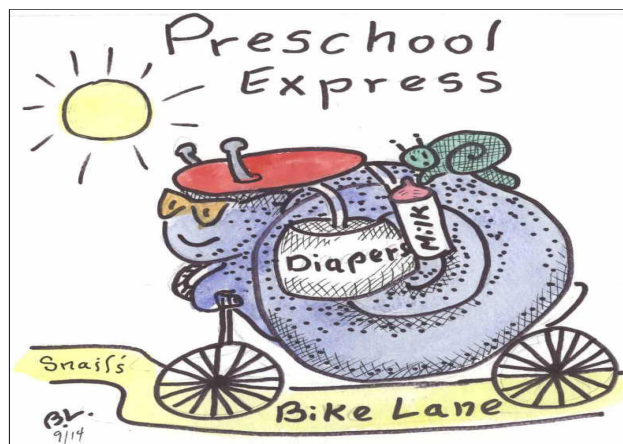
•**September SNAIL Meeting:** Elaine said we should be back at Columbia and she will check with June Valenti regarding snacks.

•**New Building Meeting:** New buildings on Ahwanee were discussed. One neighbor said there was a meeting next Tuesday to discuss this. John Cordes suggested checking the City’s website.

•**Cookbooks:** Jim Quaderer said there were 18 cookbooks left.

•**New Business:** Discussion on the traffic on Murphy and Maude as it seems to be getting heavy. Discussions on requesting a cross walk at Eaglewood/Borregas, but a study would need to be done locally. LinkedIn is going to use 97% to 99% light-reducing shades on the windows that will automatically come down before it gets dark.

Sarah Cain, SNAIL Secretary



Thank You Craig and Wendy...

...for the gathering of friends and neighbors for dinner at Gumba’s on August 19th. Another great SNAIL dinner night out! Good food, good company and it’s so nice to visit with neighbors we don’t see every day.

We really appreciate those of you who host these monthly events. Looking forward to seeing you all at the next dinner night out. ☺

Connie Cook-Turner

Neighborhood 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., Sep. 2 nd , 16 th and 30 th
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wed., Sep. 3 rd , 17 th and Oct 1 st

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

SNAIL 2014 Event Calendar

Date	Event Name	Organizer
September 16	Dinner Night Out @ <i>Shanghai Restaurant</i> 253 E. Maude Ave. 7:00 p.m.	Bonnie and Malcolm Lloyd (408) 747-1949 RSVP to Bonnie Lloyd by Sept. 14 th
October 21	Dinner Night Out @ <i>Asteria Grill</i> (Greek) 502 Ross Drive 7:00 p.m.	Chuck and Janet Leath RSVP to Bonnie Lloyd (408) 747-1949 by Oct. 19 th
November	Dinner Night Out	Jim and Connie Cook- Turner (408) 739-8490

October Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles and photos for the next SNAIL monthly newsletter is Saturday, September 20th. Simply email to SNAILeditor @ snail . org

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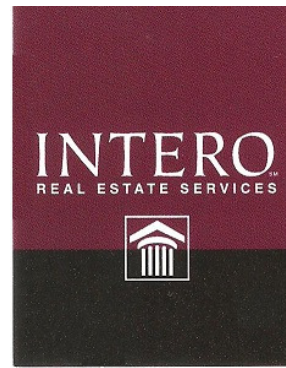
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