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December 2014

SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – December 4th

Location: Columbia Middle School Staff Lounge

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Look for the **SNAIL** sign

Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:

- Peery Park review, Wednesday, December 3rd
- Red Bows distribution event, December 6th
- SNAIL Holiday Party, Thursday, December 13th

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

I wish everyone a Happy Holiday season. Thank you to Elaine, vice chair, Sarah, secretary and Patsy, treasurer for your dedication this past year as SNAIL officers. 2014 has been a good year for SNAIL thanks to your contributions.

At the November elections, I was voted in to serve a 3rd term starting in January, Elaine agreed to continue to serve as your SNAIL Vice-chair and Phyllis Freeman has volunteered to be our treasurer for 2014. We are still seeking a Secretary for 2015. If you are willing to help out by taking minutes and working with our newsletter editor and newsletter distribution volunteers, please contact me.

There is always a lot going on in SNAIL so please check out the SNAIL event calendar. There is the 2nd Peery Park Community Workshop on Wednesday, Dec 3rd from 6:30-9:30pm at the Washington Park Community Center. Peery Park is just across Mathilda from SNAIL so the plans for its redevelopment will have a big impact on SNAIL in the future. I encourage everyone to participate. You can check out the current plans online at <http://peerypark.insunnyvale.com>. Thursday, December 4th will be our regular SNAIL meeting. We will talk about what we learned at the Peery Park meeting on Wednesday. Saturday, December 6th is "RED BOW" day. Please contact your block leader to help put up Red Bows on your block or to help with a neighboring block. Help us show our holiday spirit.

SNAIL had a very successful year in 2014 and I want to thank all the volunteers who made it happen. We had a successful fundraiser helping with the Jeannie Biddle estate sale. Many neighbors attended our Cinco de Mayo party in Columbia Park. The annual yard sale in June was a success and we collected a lot of books for children as well. The National Night Out was another success with a jump house, face painter, glitter tattoos and balloon twister for the kids and great live music provided by "Sound Effects". Many of us enjoyed a rainy Halloween and hopefully many of you went to Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov 23rd. There is plenty to look forward to in December as well, so I wish you a joyous holiday season and may all your memories be bright.

Looking for a bright tomorrow,

John Cordes, SNAIL Chair, SNAILchair@snail.org



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

Red Bows Day – Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014

Block Reps and Elf Helpers will meet at 9:00am at my home for breakfast goodies, coffee, tea, hot chocolate and friendship before heading out to decorate our neighborhood for the Holiday Season. This is one of the nicest things we do all year and we all feel happier for it! It's time to get those bows out of storage, check them over and let me know what supplies you will need so they can be ready for you.

Anyone who hasn't had red bows on your street in the past and wants them this year, just count your street trees and call (408) 228-7613 to get your bow package. Also, anyone who wants to be a helper, please call.

We need to hear from everyone who has bows, whether you need supplies or not, to know that you will be active this year or might need a helper.

Looking forward to seeing you on Red Bows Day. Thank you.

Saurabh Singh, Red Bows Coordinator

SNAIL HOLIDAY POTLUCK PARTY

Saturday, December 13th

5:00-8:00 p.m.

RSVP to snailholidayparty@snail.org

or Georgina Aubin (408) 745-7693

Potluck dinner - please bring a dish to share.



Come join your neighbors for some neighborhood holiday fun! This annual event has proven to be a cozy time to enjoy good company and share good food. There will be crafts and play space for children, as well as plenty of conversation for the adults.

SNAIL 2014 Event Calendar

Date	Event Name	Organizer
December 3 rd	Peery Park #2 Community Workshop 6:30-9:30pm; Washington Park Community Room 840 W Washington Ave.	City of Sunnyvale
December 6 th	Red Bows Day	Saurabh Singh (408) 228-7613
December 13 th	Holiday Potluck Party Mark & Georgina's Home 5-8pm; 763 San Diego Ave.	Mark and Georgina Aubin RSVP (408) 745-7693

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

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Attention: 700 Block of Morse and Glendale

On Friday, December 12, 2014 at 6:30pm there will be a Las Posadas Holiday Celebration at Columbia Neighborhood Center. There will be a family procession on Morse. They are asking if they could stop in the driveway at selected houses starting at 7:30pm as part of the celebration. Can you assist? Contact Geraldo at Columbia Neighborhood Center for more details at (408) 730-7804.

Elaine Rowan, SNAIL Vice-chair

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 Tuesday, Dec. 9th, 7pm at Connie Cook-Turner's home. Please let me know if you are interested in participating. Contact me at snailvicechair @ snail .org

Elaine Rowan, SNAIL Vice-Chair



About 1,400 newsletters are counted out by street every month at a "newsletter counting party". The newsletters are placed into SPECIAL pouches to be delivered to "distributors" who then deliver newsletter bundles to over 50 block representatives. The block reps then deliver the newsletters to all of the homes on their street. These distribution bags were made by Valérie Suarès, because paper bags were no longer given for free at the grocery stores.

Neighborhood Street Sweeping Schedule

Our streets are generally swept every two weeks on the day following your trash pickup. If possible, please move your car off the street on street sweeping days. This month, the street sweeping schedule is:

East SNAIL Neighborhood	Tues., Dec. 9 th and 23 rd
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wed., Dec. 10 th , Mon., Dec 22 nd

January Newsletter Deadline

All SNAIL neighbors are invited to submit articles of interest to be published in our monthly newsletter. The deadline for submitting articles and photos for the next SNAIL monthly newsletter is Saturday, Dec 13th. Simply email to SNAILeditor @ snail .org

Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC) News

For current information on CNC programs, call (408) 730-7800 or go to <http://CNC.InSunnyvale.com>.

Some programs and classes will not be held in December due to the holiday closure of CNC. Check the information below.

Holiday hours: CNC will be closed 12/24, 12/25, 12/31 and 1/1.

Kindergarten Readiness: Tuesday, 1/20, 6:30-8:30pm in the Sunnyvale Library Program Room. Presented by First 5 Santa Clara County. Free, but registration is required. Learn how to improve a child's classroom success, socialization and adaptation to school using basic building blocks for kindergarten readiness. For information, email childcareresources@sunnyvale.ca.gov or call (408) 730-7800.

Yoga: Tuesdays, 6-6:50pm in the CNC gym. Free for adults and children aged 9 and up (with a parent or guardian). No class on 12/23 or 12/30 due to the holidays.

Zumba: Wednesdays, 7-8pm; Fridays, 6-7pm. \$1 per person. Children aged 10 and up can attend with a parent. No class on Dec 12, 24, 26, 31 or January 2.

Drop-in Fitness Room: Mondays and Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; Tuesdays, 7:30-9pm; Saturdays, 8-10am and 10:30am-noon. \$1 per person. Middle school students can attend with a parent or guardian, high school students attend with a signed waiver from a parent. Closed on 12/25, 12/27 and 1/1.

Fitness Room Orientations: Starting in January, a fitness coach will provide a one-hour orientation to the equipment, safety, rules and fitness room etiquette. Registration is required. See the CNC website for dates and times or call (408) 730-7800.

Youth Drop-in Gym: For middle and high school students. Indoor soccer: Mondays, 7-9pm and Saturdays, 7-10pm; Basketball: Fridays, 7-10pm in the CNC gym. Only 50¢ per visit for Sunnyvale residents and \$1 for non-Sunnyvale residents. Closed 12/22, 12/26, 12/27, 12/29 and 1/3.

Family Harvest Program: Free monthly food distribution for families with a child under 18 living at home and meeting certain income guidelines: maximum household gross monthly income \$2,622 (2 people); \$3,298 (3 people); \$3,975 (4 people). For more information or to complete an application, bring photo ID, proof of monthly income and proof of all children living in the home to CNC.

Children's Health Insurance Enrollment Assistance: Tuesdays to Fridays, 9am to 4pm. Located at the San Miguel Family Resource Center at San Miguel School. Call (408) 464-7144 for more information.

Library Lending Machine: Located in the CNC lobby, with books for young children through middle school. You need a Sunnyvale Library card to use it and CNC staff can provide you with one. Bring identification and proof of residency. Any SV Library book can be returned in the green bin in the lobby.

Free Legal Clinics: Held on the first Saturday of each month. Get a free 20-30 minute consultation on a variety of legal matters. Next sessions: 12/6 and 1/3.

Child Care Referrals: Free information packets are available for parents seeking child care, listings of child care providers and tips on evaluating them. Email childcareresources@sunnyvale.ca.gov or call (408) 730-7800.

Carolyn Lutticken, Program Coordinator CNC

Students: Need Service Credit for School?

SNAIL could use some helping hands for newsletter distribution and other upcoming projects, such as helping with holiday bows. Volunteers earn service credits for school and have fun at the same time! Commitment is flexible and we can work with your school schedule. Contact Connie Cook-Turner at (408) 739-8490.

Elaine Rowan, SNAIL Vice-chair



Leonard Dunn, Sunnyvale Urban Landscape Manager, talks about the Street Tree Program in Sunnyvale at the Nov. 6th SNAIL meeting.

Summary of November Meeting Minutes

Guest Speaker: Leonard Dunn, Sunnyvale Urban Landscape Manager. The City has 300 trees available for the SNAIL Neighborhood. The LinkedIn developer is funding an upgrade in the SNAIL neighborhood and will put in trees to assist in blocking the view of their buildings. They will also pay to have the City water the trees for up to 3 years. Sunnyvale takes care of the trees, sidewalks and curbs. The City is looking into Mediterranean climate trees, no known bug infestation and drought resistant. There may be up to three choices, but looking at easier maintenance and uniform look. Leonard said they are no longer planting large trees that cause gutter issues and are removing liquid ambers. There are now 28 requests for trees. The City has not directly addressed rentals. Suggested that SNAIL have a campaign and try to have neighbors contact the owners.

Holiday Bows: Distribution coordinator needed along with getting bows from Patsy Duke and April Flowers. Saurabh Singh volunteered. Also need to purchase 300 more for replacement and adding more streets – Elaine Rowan volunteered.

SNAIL Newsletters: Discussion on distribution and areas that need a volunteer block representative. Elaine Rowan mentioned trying to outreach to the kids in the neighborhood again.

SNAIL Funds: Connie Cook-Turner brought up what would happen with SNAIL's funds if it disbanded. Suggest adding something to the Bylaws.

Curb Painting: Discussion on the red curb painting. Three corners of Arbor/Morse done, but one was missed.

New Business: Connie Cook-Turner brought up SNAIL's 20th anniversary next year and suggested an event for next summer. Thomas Leibold mentioned that cars were being broken into at the Sunnyvale Costco parking lot.

Sarah Cain, SNAIL Secretary



RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION

As we come to the end of another spectacular SNAIL year, we would like to recognize and express our appreciation to all of our SNAIL neighborhood volunteers who help with our many events throughout the year; especially those who keep our newsletters arriving at our doorstep every month, year after year, notifying us of coming events and activities and the first Thursday General Meeting the following week. The newsletter is the thread that binds the neighborhood together.

And so we give thanks for all our caring neighborhood volunteers who help with the many SNAIL events and outreach into city events representing SNAIL.

We give thanks for our editors and for our neighbors who come out every month to count out newsletters for each block, all our block representatives who deliver the newsletters on their block, for the many volunteers who do outreach and substitute deliveries.

We are blessed to have good neighbors all around us. Thank you one and all.

Connie Cook-Turner

Happy Anniversary SNAIL!

SNAIL will be celebrating our 20th Anniversary in 2015 and we would like to do something very special to honor this milestone. And, of course, every special event needs a SPECIAL EVENT PLANNER! So now is your chance to coordinate what will probably be the biggest social event of 2015. Remember, the coordinator of each event gets to select the theme, the place and the date. A great opportunity to serve your neighborhood, show what you can do and there will be volunteers a plenty to help you put it all together. To volunteer to coordinate this event, contact John Cordes, (650) 288-9645.



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