



S.N.A.I.L. News

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APRIL 2009

SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – April 2nd

Location: Columbia School
Staff Room
Social Time: 6:45 - 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Our speaker will be Kristy McCumby, who will explain the City's Neighborhood Pride initiative and the "Great American Litter Pick-up."

All SNAIL area homeowners, residents and guests are invited. Children are welcome. Refreshments will be served.



Debbie Patterson, Senior Dispatcher for the City of Sunnyvale, explains what happens after you dial, "911", March 5, 2009.

SNAIL Dinner Night Out Wednesday – April 22nd

Each month, we pick a different restaurant in Sunnyvale. This month we have chosen Shalimar, an Indian / Pakistani restaurant.

Location: Shalimar Restaurant
1146 El Camino Real
(408) 530-0300
Time: 6:45 p.m.

Call Jeannie at 734-0739 for reservations.

Having Phone Troubles?

Please contact Jeannie Biddle if you are tired of having the wet phone cables fixed with a band-aid until the following rainy season and want some "let's fix this" action.

Traffic Calming

At our February general meeting, the City explained their traffic calming review process. If speeding is a problem on your street, just calling the traffic department at the City is unlikely to result in action. You must fill out a "Traffic Calming Request Form" and a "Neighborhood Petition Form". You can download these forms at: <http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/homeindex.htm>, or pick them up at City Hall. Or you can call Jim at 737-9479 for delivery of a traffic calming booklet and form to your house. If you submit the forms and don't get a satisfactory response from the City, please contact the SNAIL Chair.

Dumpster Day Coming

Donate your unwanted items for the SNAIL garage sale. Contact Cyndee Bower (730-9271) or Jeannie Biddle if you can volunteer to help at the garage sale. Movers and worker bees are still needed.

Message from the Chair

This month's message comes with both good news and activity, and with some frightening news. First, the good: SNAIL is partnering with the City of Sunnyvale and Santa Clara County as we approach April 25, 2009 for the "Great American Anti-Litter Pick-up." In our neighborhood we are going by the term "SNAIL Neighborhood Pride." We have all seen the abundant litter, predominately on the routes students take to and from school. Ice cream wrappers, cobs from corn-on-the-stick, and the ever-present Cheetos bags. I have picked this garbage up and I know that many have you done the same. This is an opportunity to join with other neighbors and help make our neighborhood a clean and litter free place. Our guest speaker is the city coordinator for this project.

Second, the frightening: Columbia Park is being visited by gang members, usually older boys, who are trying to recruit younger boys. Also, six arrests were made at Columbia Middle School, and a quantity of the drug "Ecstasy" was confiscated. So we now have this element in our neighborhood. It is important for all parents and neighbors who observe this activity to contact Public Safety and inform them of what you have seen: the activity, descriptions of those involved, etc. I am sure that you, our neighbors, do not want this sort of negative behavior in our neighborhood, and neither do I. Our new Neighborhood Resource Officer, David Falco, will be at our meeting to answer your questions and give you advice on dealing with these issues. I was born and raised in the same neighborhood in which we all live. Many of you have long time roots here as well. And, even if you are new to the neighborhood, I am sure that you do not want this behavior to continue.

I hope to see you at this very important meeting! We all, together, must keep our neighborhood safe.

Towards a strong and safe neighborhood,

- Michael Rose

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Neighbor Helping Neighbor

SNAIL is looking for a coordinator for our Neighbor Helping Neighbor project. We're looking for someone who would like to help their neighbors help their neighbors! This coordinator would take phone calls from SNAILS and try to match up people who need help with those who are willing to help. The coordinator needs to be a "people person", make and return phone calls on a timely basis, keep good notes, and be very well organized. The coordinator needs to be a good listener. If you would like to help many of your neighbors without even having to leave your house, this is the volunteer job for you! Please call Jim at 737-9479 or email at ViceChair @ SNAIL.org .

**Earth Day Panel Discussion
Wednesday – April 22nd**

City Hall Council Chambers, 6:30to 8:30 pm. Come hear local and regional business leaders on being green. For more information about this event, call Dustin Clark at (408) 730-2783.

**Litter Pick-Up Event
Saturday – April 25th**

Volunteers will clean up litter in neighborhoods and next to roadways around Fair Oaks Park, Lakewood Park, and the Columbia Neighborhood Center. Activities begin at 9 a.m. and end at noon. Gloves, pick-up sticks, safety vests, and bags will be available. To sign-up or ask any questions, call 730-7717 or send e-mail to WPCP@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

Founders' Corner

"The bank is trying to kill me, but I will kill it."

Andrew Jackson, seventh President

"A king's bodyguard is composed of citizens carrying arms; a tyrant's, of foreign mercenaries."

Aristotle

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