



S.N.A.I.L. News

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Representing over 1200 households Established in 1995

OCTOBER 2009

SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – October 1st

Location: Columbia School.
Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.

Our usual meeting place is gone. We will meet nearby in Room 33. Look for the signs. Our speakers will be representatives from Nexcycle (recyclers at Lucky Store) and Michael Ridgway of the Lowlanders Neighborhood Association.

All SNAIL area homeowners, residents and guests are invited. Children are welcome.



The crowd at National Night Out, 4 August 2009.

SNAIL Elections Coming Soon

We will hold our annual elections on November 5th meeting. We are accepting nominations for Chairman, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Candidates' Forum Saturday – October 3rd

In support of the upcoming City Council election, SNAIL will host a forum in the Fair Oaks Park building, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Candidates will deliver a short address, and respond to questions from the public.

SNAIL Dinner Night Out Wednesday – October 21st

Location: Lion and Compass
1023 North Fair Oaks Ave.
(408) 745-1260
Time: 6:45 p.m.

This restaurant is on the Entertainment Card. We encourage people to borrow if they don't have one. Call Jeannie at 734-0739 for reservations.

Bylaws Meetings

The date will be set at the October General Meeting, and will be reported on Yahoo SNAIL.org. If you have questions, call Jim Quaderer at 737-9479.

Art and Craft Faire Thanks

Thank you to the Grand Hotel for donating to the Art and Craft Faire raffle, a free night, with breakfast and happy hour as a bonus! Even more thanks to the many SNAIL volunteers that made the Faire such a rewarding event.

Message from the Chair

In our country we hold the right to vote as a sacred privilege, guaranteed by our Constitution. We can read in our history how, over the passage of time, others were brought into this fold. We can read of thousands of our brave soldiers dying to bring to, or protect, this right in far away lands. Right here in our neighborhood, I recall Joe Baza, Jim Birard, and Ron Loveland who died in Viet Nam. And, regardless of how you feel about that war, these young men each died a hero's death for another's freedom.

In this "Age of Information" when we get news 24/7 we have all witnessed people in other countries "Walk" many miles, then "Wait," many hours, in very long lines, just to vote. Often they must dip their fingers in ink before they cast their ballot. Sometimes they vote in spite of violent opposition. And, recently, the world heard stories of those who have opposed an election threatened to chop off the ink-stained fingers of those who had voted.

Yet, when an election is held here, a strange phenomena occurs: so many eligible voters do not vote. This baffles me. Of these non-voters, many complain. They do not see the correlation between not voting and how things turn out.

Sunnyvale is gearing up for a very important City Council election in November. You need only to look at our streets, sidewalks, parks, and services to know that Sunnyvale is suffering through hard times.

Those elected will serve for the next four years and will make decisions on the future of Sunnyvale.

Here is an opportunity to participate in true local Grassroots Democracy. Candidate forums are being held, and SNAIL will hold one next Saturday.

Then on November 3rd you can cast your ballot as an informed voter. You won't have to walk for miles, or wait in lines. And the best part, you won't get your finger chopped off.

In honor of those fallen, remember to Vote.

- Michael Rose

SNAIL Holiday Festivities

December is not far off, and we need to be prepared. SNAIL is looking for volunteers to inventory the red bows, ribbon, and tape; to distribute these to elves in the neighborhood; to organize the Christmas party; and to create a flyer for the newsletter. Interested? Call the Chairman to volunteer.

Block Reps Needed

During the last year several of our block reps moved away, and now over 150 newsletters are being delivered by others. If you live on or near these streets, please consider volunteering.

Hemlock	200 block
Borregas	500 & 600 blocks
Waite	500 block
Ferndale	200 block
Eaglewood	300 block

Most block reps distribute between one and three dozen newsletters, and spend between ten and thirty minutes walking around their immediate neighborhood.

Newsletter Crisis on the Horizon

It is three months from the end of the year, and there is no replacement for our retiring Editor. We are looking for someone (or more than one) willing to devote about twelve hours a month, to begin training soon, and take over in January. Traditionally, the Secretary has been the Editor, but job may be (and once was) delegated. This means that the new Editor need not assume the other duties of that office. Advertisers, be assured that your payments will be refunded if this newsletter suffers an extended interruption in publication.

Founders' Corner

"Government is the great fiction, through which everybody endeavors to live at the expense of everybody else."

Frederic Bastiat, French Economist, 1848

"The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of the blessings. The inherent blessing of socialism is the equal sharing of misery."

Winston Churchill

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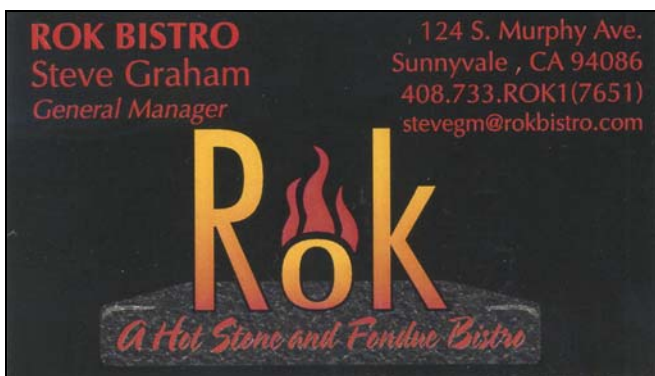


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