



S.N.A.I.L. News

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OCTOBER 2010

SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – October 7

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

The meeting will be held in the Staff Lounge.

Look for the SNAIL Sign.

Speaker of the Month: Jim Davis, our liaison with Sunnyvale's Crime Prevention Unit, will be giving our neighborhood an overview of problems and solutions as they are occurring at this time.

Don't Miss This Important Speaker!

SNAIL always 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.

At The Last General Meeting



Carolyn Lutticken, Program Coordinator, announcing activities available at the Columbia Neighborhood Center.

October Dinner Night Out - Tuesday, October 12

Please call Bonnie 408 747-1949 and let her know how many in your family will be joining us in the monthly night out on Oct. 12 beginning at 6:45 pm at Hobe's, Mathilda Ave & Awhanee Ave in Sunnyvale. Call no later than October 10, 2010!!!

Excess Fruit

If you have lots of excess fruit (any kind) Full Circle Farm in Sunnyvale will come harvest for you! Fruit will be used in their CSA program and in their weekly donations to local shelters. Call Rebecca on 408-910-2949

Art Exhibit

On November 6 and 7 I have the honor of the church to give me an oil painting exhibit of my original works. Sat. Nov. 6 at 5-7 pm I will have a reception. The exhibit will be from 5-9 pm Sat. and 11 am to 3 pm on Sun. at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 784 Mercy St., Mountain View. I would enjoy seeing you there!
Bonnie Lloyd

A Letter to the Graffiti Taggers

A message to the Taggers (and their parents): When you're tagging a school, you're hurting your kids, your younger brothers and

sisters, your cousins, your neighbors. All the money and time it takes to fix your tagging is money that's being taken away from fixing other things in the school.....maybe the heating, maybe the playground your kids have recess on, maybe it cancels the fieldtrip they were looking forward to.

Kids need a place that feels safe, that feels like it's theirs. Every time you tag their classroom, you're visually slapping them. Every time you put down paint, you're putting them down.

You know these kids. They're you many years ago. Don't punish them by taking away their feeling of security. Use your paint to do a project that screams your anger. I'll help you direct that anger into a political statement on a sanctioned place. But please don't destroy the kids' school and lose your argument before anyone else knows what you're angry about. (And, just so you know, I'm the artist that painted the flag mural you tagged at Bishop. If you're tagging or writing, you like using paint to make people get your point. I'll help you use your paint as your voice, not your fist). Please, guys, back off of our schools and let the kids feel safe. If you take me seriously, you can contact me at shelleycap @ prodigy.net.

Shelley

Neighborhood Alert

Many of you have noticed an increase in police activity and graffiti lately throughout the neighborhood. This is a time to be aware. Bishop was seriously tagged, Columbia was tagged, many of the small businesses were tagged. Crime has increased. All this is because of an increase in gang activity. Be aware that there was a shooting on Bayview, a gang fight on Roosevelt, Bishop was tagged severely and there are two gangs that are claiming Bishop as their territory. Please come to our meeting to find out what is happening and what steps you can take to protect yourself, your home and your peace of mind.

Shelley

15th Anniversary Celebration

What a grand day it was! Thank you to all the families and friends who came out to celebrate with us, and honor the stars that make our neighborhood shine. Volunteers are the backbone of any neighborhood, and SNAIL is privileged to have them on close to every block. From our founders who brought a few neighbors together to have a voice with the city, to these who have served on our Executive Board giving leadership over the years; those who have served faithfully month after month, year after year, delivering the Newsletter to neighbors on their block spreading the word of our events and community involvement, and all those who have coordinated and worked on our many events from Red Bows, Spring and Fall potlucks, Community service to the homeless, Dumpster Day, Annual Fundraiser Yard Sale, National Night Out each year, to Neighbor Helping Neighbor, and general outreach. We appreciate and honor you all.

Connie Cook-Turner

The publication of our newsletter and SNAIL Neighborhood Association sponsored activities are supported through our annual yard sale, newsletter advertisements, a grant from the City of Sunnyvale, coupon book sales, and donations.

SNAIL 15th Anniversary Celebration



SNAIL's "birthday cake".



L-R: Galen White, Colleen Peterson, Dorothy Bixby, and Evelyn White.



Connie Cook-Turner accepted congratulations from Mayor Melinda Hamilton, Councilmember Jim Griffith (back left), and Vice Mayor Chris Moylan (back right).



Chuck Leath with his usual wide smile!



Everyone enjoyed the day.

Nominating Committee Report

Election of SNAIL Board will take place at November meeting and new term will start January 1, 2011. Our by-laws state any member who has attended 2 of last 4 meetings (July-Aug-Sept-October), or has served as a current Block Rep. for at least 2 months (Sep-October) may run for office. At present, we have one candidate for chair, and one candidate for vice-chair. We welcome more, and we need volunteers or nominees for secretary and treasurer. If you cannot serve yourself, invite your eligible friends to serve. You must have their approval to nominate them. We will be taking volunteer names and nominations at the October meeting or you may call Connie at 739-8490 or Wendy at 250-6588. We need your help.
Connie Cook-Turner



The Peninsulaires' voices filled the air!



Newsletter Cartoons

The editor invites anyone to submit cartoon artwork or ideas for cartoons. Cartoons should be humorous and non-political. The cartoons should be related to our neighborhood but do not need to be based on fact. Send your artwork/suggestions to SNAILeditor@snail.org or call Gianfranco at 393-8014.

Grand Jury Criticizes Sunnyvale City Council / City Manager

The County Civil Grand Jury released a report of their investigation into the appointment of an interim member to the Sunnyvale City Council. Mr. Otto Lee was called for active military duty. Some remaining Council members appointed Mr. Dean Chu, one of their former colleagues to the salaried position. The Grand Jury found the City Council violated California's Open Meetings Law by failing to give proper notice to Sunnyvale residents. The report also states that Sunnyvale's City Council failed to open up a selection process to multiple candidates, and that the City Manager failed to properly investigate and disclose the full cost of appointing Mr. Chu, whose appointment qualified him for lifetime benefits, which will cost Sunnyvale taxpayers \$4,035 annually. The city also provided Otto Lee with an \$18,000 medical benefit, which is not available to other city employees. Otto Lee also failed to submit a copy of his military orders, violating Sunnyvale's Administrative Policy. The Grand Jury's report is at:

<http://www.scesuperiorcourt.org/jury/GJreports/2010/SunnyvaleCityCouncilActionsLackTransparency.pdf>

Pat Meyering

Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC) Expansion News

The CNC expansion is finally underway. Portable buildings for staff and the MayView Health Clinic have been set up in the parking lot, and services will be provided there. The expansion will provide more space for the clinic, and additional office space for staff and partners in CNC, including counselors who work with students at Columbia Middle School and their families. It will also include a large conference room that can be divided into two meeting spaces. Construction will take almost two years to complete.

CNC Family Fun Night

The annual free Halloween-themed neighborhood family event will be held in the Columbia Middle School Gym on Wednesday, October 27, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. There will be games and activities aimed at all ages of kids, and Public Safety staff will hand out information on having a safe Halloween. Columbia Middle School will also hold its annual Haunted House that night, for a small admission charge of \$1 per person. Light snacks will be provided to children, and other food will be available for purchase.

Free Yoga

The free yoga class continues on Tuesday nights from 6 - 7 pm. Bring a mat or towel, and wear loose-fitting clothing. On your first class night, please come a few minutes early to sign up. For questions on CNC activities, call 523-8150 and ask for Carolyn.

Letter To The Editor

Medical reasons prevent me from continuing to be the treasurer of SNAIL in 2011. I have totally enjoyed my tenure. I had the opportunity of meeting all the wonderful people, writing one or two checks a month, keeping up with guest speakers,

neighborhood news and making a report at monthly gatherings. It was a lot of fun and not much work. Please step up to the plate and run for the office of treasurer.

Jeannie Biddle



Bonnie Lloyd and Tarik Peterson.



Cindy Enright and Malcom Lloyd.



Craig Black and Wendy Hediger.

SNAIL BOARD and CITY of SUNNYVALE SUPPORT STAFF

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