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SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – May 5

Location: Columbia School • Time: 7:00 p.m.
 The meeting will be held in the Staff Lounge.

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The speaker will be Sarah Smith of the Santa Clara County Home Composting Education Program. She will be talking not just about composting – but also bay friendly practices, which is a more holistic approach to gardening.

Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:

Sunnyvale grant application due by May 20.

Publish meeting minutes summary?

Should the bylaws be changed?

Should SNAIL host another City Council candidate forum this fall?

Proposed SNAIL Cookbook fundraiser.

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.



Composting and bay-friendly practices will be the topic of our next speaker. Come to our meeting on Thursday for the details!

Message from the Chair

I've been a proponent of our SNAIL Yahoo groups since SNAIL set them up in 2004. They're another way for people who don't attend our general meetings to find out a little more of what is going on in SNAIL. I say "a little more" because you can't get a good understanding of what our organization is doing just by reading some meeting minutes on-line or from articles in the newsletter. A vast majority of the information is passed neighbor-to-neighbor at the general meetings.

We have two Yahoo groups: *SNAILorg* and *SNAILChitChat*. They are private groups -- open only to SNAIL members. While no privacy is absolute, at least your personal stuff is not spread all over the internet as a *default* as on some other social networking

sites.

I google my own name pretty regularly to check this, and I have never found any of my SNAIL Yahoo groups postings anywhere. For those who attend the general meetings and the organizers, I'd like to use SNAILorg more often as another tool to discuss SNAIL agendas, issues, event organization, and to share files. But it's not working out that way because most of the organizers of SNAIL are not registered in SNAILorg. Some have said to me, "I don't do that kind of thing" (whatever that means).

SNAILChitChat is a great resource for things pertaining especially to "just our neighborhood". Neighbors have written in about their experiences at the Sunnyvale Café, Gombei Bento, and Taqueria Latina on Maude, Seto and Ruby's Taqueria on Borregas, Elephant Thai on Fair Oaks, and the new Dish 'n' Dash on Mathilda. Neighbors have recommended local plumbers, chimney & fireplace repair, and exterior door installers. Neighbors have shared real-time information about water main breaks, lost cats, police/fire activity, and strange noises in the neighborhood. Some people have told me that their email in-boxes are too full to join SNAIL's Yahoo groups. Here are some numbers... The average number of postings per month on SNAILOrg for the past 12 months = 5. The average number of monthly postings on SNAILChitChat during the same time = 19. You can always set your delivery settings to "no email" if there ever gets to be too much traffic on these newsgroups.

We now have 81 neighbors registered in each of our two groups. If you're interested in registering, send your name and address to SNAILgroups@snail.org.

Jim Quaderer

SNAIL 2011 Event Calendar

Date	Event Name	Organizer
May 5	General Meeting	
June 2	General Meeting	
June	Dinner Nite Out	<i>Still needed</i>
June 11	Dumpster Day	Barry Boole 739-1420
June 11/12	Yard Sale	Samantha Donovan 734-8334 sam_stone@hotmail.com
Jul 7	General Meeting	
July	Dinner Nite Out	<i>Still needed</i>
Aug 2	National Nite Out	<i>Michael Rose 736-4811</i> gastropod557@att.net
Aug 4	General Meeting	
Aug 14	Marie Callender's Brunch	Connie Cook-Turner 739-8490
Sep 1	General Meeting	
Sep	Dinner Nite Out	<i>Still needed</i>
Oct 6	General Meeting	
Oct	Dinner Nite Out	<i>Still needed</i>
Oct	Factory tour bus trip	<i>Still needed</i>
Nov 3	General Meeting	
Nov	Dinner Nite Out	<i>Still needed</i>
Nov	Homeless @ Armory	Malcolm Lloyd 747-1949
Dec 1	General Meeting	
Dec	Homeless @ Armory	Malcolm Lloyd
Dec 3	Red Bow Distribution	Connie Cook-Turner
Dec	Holiday party	Georgina & Mark Aubin

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.



Thomas Leibold and Tarik Peterson at SNAIL's April 16th Progressive Dinner.



SNAILs enjoying dinner in Connie Cook-Turner's back yard during the Progressive Dinner.

SNAIL Progressive Dinner A Success

Several Snails were seen heading for the appetizers at Jen and Tim's back yard where even more Snails were eating the fresh salads -- garden salad, stuffed fig leaves and potato salad -- to name a few. The hot meatballs in the crockpot were a favorite appetizer too.

Slowly the Snails walked or drove to the main dinner site where Jim and Connie had umbrella tables set up in the back yard. There were foods of all kinds displayed in front of the BBQ area where Jim was busy BBQing ribs and hot links! Several colorful dishes of corn, broccoli and cauliflower and another homemade potato salad and carrots along with two kinds of macaroni and cheese and Southern Fried Chicken were set up for all Snails to pass by and fill their plates. I think she had her good china out!!!

After about an hour of eating out in the sunny California sunshine Snails slowly put on their sweaters and sneaked next door to top off the dinner with fresh strawberry shortcake on buttermilk biscuits topped with Cool Whip! There were chocolate covered almonds among the various treats at Russ and Julie's front yard table. As the Snails left -- their silvery trails of smiles could be seen for miles!

Bonnie Lloyd



If you haven't done so already, quickly mail in your vote regarding the parcel tax on Measure B!

SNAIL 2011 Yard Sale

Our yard sale will be held on June 11 and 12 this year. Please save good stuff until June. Our yard sale coordinator will be Samantha Donovan. Samantha may be contacted by calling 734-8334; messages shall be returned during the evening.

You may also email: sam_stone @ hotmail.com



Dr. Benjamin Picard, Superintendent of Schools, at the April 7th SNAIL meeting discussing the need to vote in favor of Measure B on the May 3rd ballot.

Some of what was posted on SNAIL Yahoo Groups last month:

Yahoo SNAILorg

- Posted the general meeting minutes for January, February, and March (sorry they were so late).
- There are now 1425 photos from SNAIL events.

Yahoo SNAILChitChat

- Discussion on keeping roosters and hens in Sunnyvale.
- Recommendations for local landscapers and gardeners.

To join these Yahoo groups, send your name and address to: SNAILgroups @ snail . org .

You're invited to participate in Sunnyvale's clean up event
Sites are filling up quickly! To sign-up for a location or for further information, call Environmental Outreach at (408) 730-7717.

Kristy McCumby and Jackie Besoyan

National Night Out Celebration

It is four months from SNAILs Annual BBQ and National Night Out Celebration, August 2, 2011. In the past we have had live music to dance to, a jumping house for the children, and plenty of BBQ and other treats to eat. In some years we have had close to 200 neighbors attend, and we hope to reach or beat this number. Interested in helping bring this event to fruition? Call Michael Rose 736-4811, or e-mail gastropod557 @ att . net. Looking for a good dance band who would volunteer to play a couple of hours. Looking for neighbors who will lend in a hand in setting up and taking down the tables, chairs, etc. And, looking for anyone who will assist SNAIL in this rewarding and fun event. Thanks

Michael

Pet of the Month



Craig and Wendy's Beau of Carolina Avenue.

Email your pet's portrait with you name, the name of your pet, your street name, and anything you would like to say about your pet to the editor at: SNAILeditor @ snail.org.



What's Happening To The Trees

I have an apricot tree which was cut to death. It was planted 58 years ago and now the power lines are being added and residents are requested (demanded) to cut the trees to ten feet below the lines...the trees were ten feet from the original power lines now the big black ones are cutting our trees in half. A lot of our fruit trees grow to ten/twelve feet - and our right to grow fruit is being taken away. California is fertile...let's keep it that way. Case in point were the palm trees in San Francisco that were cut down because of the added lines. Time constraints made it imperative to cut the trees. No historical value left. No trees left.

Bonnie Lloyd

Columbia Neighborhood Center CAC Has An Opening

Columbia Neighborhood Center's Community Advisory Committee Needs a Parent! The committee currently has an opening for a parent residing in the CNC service area to serve a one year term. Committee members help evaluate the Center's services, identify community needs, assist with community projects, and serve as community representatives of the CNC. The time commitment for a committee member is approximately fourteen hours per year. For more information and/or an application form, please call (408) 523-8150 or email clutticken@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us with your name, address and phone number. City Councilmember, David Whittum, whittum@gmail.com

SNAIL Lost Someone They Loved

Nilo P. Alverado died on April 8th at the age of 90. Nilo and his wife Mannie were SNAIL members of good standing for a long, long time. They were elves at Christmas time, hanging bows on the trees near their house. Every clean up day they protected the dumpster SNAIL put in front of their home from people who would put cement, electronic waste and other disallowed materials in it. Nilo was an Elk and lived the Elk philosophy of helping people, honesty and warm friendship towards all. Nilo's wife was the SNAIL vice chair for 2005. Together they parented twins, triplets and a solo birth; they were married 67 years. He loved to fish, golf and be a good "Tio" to the children from the families of both he and his wife. We shall miss him.

At The Sunnyvale Public Library

The Sunnyvale Art Club will be at the Sunnyvale Public Library on June 11 and 12 from 12 Noon to 5:00pm both days. The reception will be from 12:00-2:00pm on Saturday.
Bonnie Luthy Lloyd

Relay for Life/Sunnyvale

Hi, I am a volunteer for the Relay of Life Sunnyvale-American Cancer Society. I am writing you to make you aware of the walk to fight against cancer on June 25-June 26, 2011 at Sunnyvale Middle School. The walk is a family-oriented event where teams can walk or run a track relay for 24 hours. If you think anyone from your neighborhood association would be interested direct them to the website www.Relayforlife.org/sunnyvaleca.

You can also contact Jess Herrera at jess.herrera@cancer.org. You can also call (408) 688-0108. Thank you.

Lisa Selan

Bay-Friendly Garden Tour

Sign up for the 8th annual Bay-Friendly Garden Tour and visit a variety of gardens. Tour Highlights: - Backyard orchards and kitchen gardens - Urban habitats for butterflies, birds and bees - Drought tolerant replacements for water thirsty lawns. Cost: \$10 per guidebook, FREE with new membership. Register at www.bayfriendlycoalition.org or by calling (707) 353-0143. Registrants will receive a guidebook with directions and garden descriptions. Registration deadline is May 6, 2011.

Photographers Needed

Please bring your camera to SNAIL meetings and events and send you digital pictures to SNAILeditor@snail.org by the 20th of the month to be in time for the next newsletter.

SNAIL Cookbook Fundraiser?

Our wonderful neighborhood has so many cultures residing in it's houses and apartments yet we see very little of each other. I have a neighbor who goes inside every time I start to approach his yard. I am thinking, "What will he do when he needs to borrow a phone or jumper cable?" I won't know who he is so won't open the door. I have a plan to get our cultures together, have fun in so doing and make some money while that is happening.

At the May 5th SNAIL's meeting I will ask for a vote on whether we can make an International Cookbook and use it as a fund raiser. The USA will be included as well as all other countries. Please help us. If you wish join the committee and meet SNAIL friends fine. Perhaps your only involvement will be to help by sending something you know is different and good.

If you don't want to work on this project but think it is a great idea you could quickly send me a delicious recipe so I can tell those present at the May 5th meeting some of the exotic dishes they can expect to find in the book. I would think some very simple and some very difficult will satisfy all chefs. Elaine Rowan suggested when the book is finished we have a cook-off with some of the unusual dishes and taste the quality. Elaine is always ready for fun. We need one or two recipes from you to get things moving. Start with the ingredients and have the directions follow. The name of the country needs to be in the title and your name or the name of the person that told you how to make the dish listed. It will be a fun gift for children and relatives to see their parent or grandparents name in print; also it preserves family traditions for future generations.

Easiest is an email Jeni00@earthlink.net. A phone call will work just as well, as I am home most of the time. (408) 734-0739. At this time I expect the books to sell for \$10 or less. Please help get this project going.

Jeannie Biddle

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