

S.N.A.I.L. News

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Representing over 1200 households Established in 1995

October 2012

SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – October 4th

NOTE CHANGE IN OUR MEETING LOCATION: USUAL LOCATION; DIFFERENT ROOM:

Location: Columbia School • Time: 7:00 p.m. Instead of the Staff Lounge., we will be meeting in **CLASSROOM 2** (not preschool room 2). It is on the south side of the school, opposite end from the CNC. Look for the SNAIL Sign.

Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:

-Nominations for SNAIL November elections.
-SNAIL financial donation to a local charity such as Giving Tree.

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.

Message from the Chair

Last time I was in a parade, I was a kid. I certainly didn't have any memories of it being very exciting. So I only had moderate expectations for my participation as a walker behind SNAIL's float in the Sunnyvale Centennial Parade last month. Of course it was great to be meeting up with neighbors in the staging area before our float entered the parade, but after I got out on Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road with the rest of my neighbors, my mood heightened. The streets were lined with hundreds of Sunnyvale residents -- most cheering and clapping and some yelling out things like, "Go SNAIL!!", or, "Nice Float!" All were smiling and happy -- it was infectious. As the people on the sidelines got all rallied up, so did I. I waved back to them and yelled my thanks back to them. And then the support came back from them even louder. The people of Sunnyvale were more than supportive – they were exuberant! I felt a little bit like a celebrity. I know my fellow SNAIL walkers had a great time as well. Thanks to the neighbors who participated in the parade and the people of Sunnyvale, the Centennial parade will always be a fine memory for me. Jim Quaderer

Centennial Parade Time Lapse Video

We installed a time lapse camera on the front of Galvin Wolfe's truck which was pulling our float on August 25th. This movie captures the parade route as seen ahead of our float. The movie is posted at: http://youtube/ADQSPnA1ffy or go to Youtube.com and search on, "Sunnyvale Centennial Parade Time Lapse".

October Dinner Night Out

Melody and Darrel Bast request your presence at the SETO RESTAURANT, 511 Borregas Ave., Sunnyvale (735-8280), for Japanese cuisine, held on Saturday evening, October 20, 2012, at 6:45 p.m. Melody is a music teacher and would like you to RSVP to me by the 19th @ 747-1949 - Bonnie. Please come and meet our neighbors!



New Media Volunteers

SNAIL welcomes Rachel Adams of West Arbor Avenue as our new Newsletter Editor. Having just moved to Georgia Avenue, SNAIL is also pleased to welcome Roshan Baliga as our new webmaster for www.snail.org.

SNAIL on Facebook...

SNAIL needs a volunteer to set up and maintain a SNAIL Face-book page. If you can help, please contact Jim at <u>SNAIL chair @ snail.org</u>.

Social Groups

The subject of neighborhood Social Groups has come up several times at the General Meetings.

We are a neighborhood of over 1200 homes. (That's amazing, isn't it!?!) There are certain to be a lot of common interests with that many people. I know I spend many hours reading, and it would be nice to discuss some of those books with others. Jim hasn't had a domino partner since Homer and Alice moved out of the area!

I'm sure there are many neighbors with interests they would like to share with others. If you have an interest you would like to share in a small group, please call Connie @ 739-8490, or Jim Q. @ 737-9479, and let's talk about it.

Abandoned Shopping Carts

If you see an abandoned shopping cart, please report it to the Department of Public Works at 730-7680. It is helpful if you can tell them the name of the supermarket it was taken from.

Sunnyvale Centennial Parade



This was truly a joyful day! Community response to the Parade was tremendous – applause and cheerful waving and calling out to the parade entrants created a great atmosphere. We were so pleased with our neighbor-made float, and the reception it received along the way. Even at the end, when it was parked at the Community Center for viewing, families came up and let their children play on the float and have their pictures taken.



Our three antique Fire Engines, generously donated by our neighbor, Leonard Williams, added a distinct, historical flavor to the Centennial theme and were well appreciated by all.



And our very special neighbors, who came out and walked and wheeled and waved their way from beginning to end, showed who we really are – a very proud SNAIL NEIGHBORHOOD!!

Connie Cook-Turner

RED BOW ALERT!

Our new red bows have arrived. We want to have all faded and damaged or missing bows replaced before Red Bow Day.

Neighbors with your package at home need to evaluate your bows and call with number of replacement bows needed by Nov. 1st. We need Volunteers on Saturday, November 3rd to count out the packages at Connie's (810 Carolina; 739-8490). Red Bow Holiday Season is very important in our neighborhood.

Thank you, *Connie*

SNAIL Elections in November

SNAIL needs neighbors to volunteer to accept nominations for the offices of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. Nominees should be able to attend most general meetings in 2013. Brief descriptions of these positions are in the SNAIL Bylaws on www.snail.org. We will be taking nominations at the October and November meetings, with the election at the November meeting. If you are considering volunteering to accept a nomination, it is important that you attend at least the October 4th and November 1st meetings so that we can meet you and get to know you before the election. Attending our events in the remainder of this year would also be helpful.

Neighborhood October Street Sweeping Schedule

Our streets are generally swept every two weeks on the day following your trash pick up. This month, the street sweeping schedule is:

East SNAIL Neighborhood	Tues., October 2 nd , 16 th , and 30 th
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wed., October 3 rd , 17 th , and 31 st

If possible, please move your car off the street on street sweeping days.

Bishop News

The school is in fundraising mode and we wanted to let you know of a couple quick and easy ways in which the community can get involved. If you shop at Fresh and Easy the school can get \$1 for every \$20 you spend. Just drop your receipts by the Bishop office and we collect until 12/31/12! The eScrip program registers your credit, debit or Safeway card. Its free to register and takes only 5 minutes. Go to www.escrip.com and register your card under Bishop PTO (ID#6475817). (eScript does not sell your information). This is a great and easy way for Bishop to earn thousands of dollars. Don't forget to invite friends and family and help support our school. Lastly in regards to fundraising, "Swing by the Bishop office and pick up a Lucky's Share card. Every time you shop at Lucky's and use this card, Bishop gets 3% of what you spent!" Mark your calendars for our events in October October 2nd -Weight of the Nation screening at Sunnyvale Public Library 6:30 -8:30pm; October 5th community coffee at 8:15am; October 11th PTO meeting 6pm and our October 26th Walk A Thon. Annette McClure, Bishop School PTO

Bishop Volunteer Tutors Needed

Here is a wonderful opportunity to get more involved in your community and make a lasting difference with a commitment of 45 minutes per week or more if you are able. No prior experience needed. Reading Partners is a non-profit literacy organization that offers one-on-one tutoring for grade school children struggling to read. Bishop Elementary School is currently seeking volunteers to tutor 3rd and 4th graders. For more information and to sign-up as a Tutor, please visit www.readingpartners.org/volunteer. For specific questions about the reading program at Bishop Elementary, please email Emily Lazar (Site Coordinator) at elazar @ readingpartners . org. Thanks, Ann Davis, Pine Ave.

Columbia Middle School Volunteer Needs

Here are some wonderful ways to get involved in your local school from a simple, one-time commitment to an ongoing commitment.

Monthly/Weekly Commitments:

Tutors/Classroom help: Work in literacy or math classes to help build reading fluency and math literacy.

Webpage: manage/update school website and assist teachers with websites

Transportation to Athletic Events: help transport students from school to games. (Adopt a team!)

Science Fair: work with students to help them complete projects Office Assistance: help with photocopying, laminating, etc.

One-Time Events

Book Fair: help organize inventory, create displays, advertise, sell. **Science Fair:** help with set up and coordination of judges, awards. **Field Trip Chaperones:** assist in monitoring students.

Field Trip Organizers: assist teachers in setting up field trips including contacting locations, organizing permission slips and communicating with parents.

Please contact Gloria Diaz: gloria.diaz @ sesd . org. or 522-8247, if you are interested.

CNC news

Family Fun Night October 24th!

The CNC is holding the annual Family Fun Night on Wednesday, October 24 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm in the Columbia Gym. This free event for the family will have a Halloween theme with interactive games, prizes, and snacks for children under 18. Columbia Middle School will hold a Haunted House (\$2 admission) as a fund raiser for the CMS Leadership Program. Costumes are optional but recommended, and participants need to bring a reusable Halloween bag for goodies and prizes.

Volunteers needed for Family Fun Night

If you'd like to volunteer for Family Fun Night, contact CNC @ ci.sunnyvale . ca . us . Volunteers must be pre-registered for this event, and anyone over 18 must be fingerprinted through the Department of Public Safety by October 12. Volunteer shifts are 5 - 6:30 pm or 5 - 9 pm.

Free Legal Clinics - Next Session October 13

Free legal advice is provided on the second Saturday of each month, from 10 am to noon at the CNC. First come, first served, with a check-in in the CNC lobby. The volunteer legal advisors provide 20-30 minutes of advice on any legal matters, including tenant/landlord, credit, workplace, family law (custody, divorce), starting a new business, etc.

Drop in Gym

Middle and high school students can attend Drop-In Gym for only \$.50 for Sunnyvale residents, and \$1.00 for non-residents. Indoor soccer is Monday (7-9 pm) and Saturday (7-10 pm), and basketball is on Friday (7-10 pm). School ID's required for entry. CNC. inSunnyvale. com

Next Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles and photos for the SNAIL November monthly newsletter is **Saturday, October 13**th.

505 North Mathilda Building Update

I attended the public hearing about rezoning the land at Maude and Mathilda to allow two very tall buildings – 100 feet tall. Plans are being made for two very tall buildings in addition to a very tall parking garage and a shorter buildings on a 14 acre plot of land at Maude and Mathilda. I learned 4,500 more cars will be coming to our area without ANY plans for the added traffic, under the current plans. The city council requested a shadow report from the developers, after I expressed concern about the very tall building, soclose to our neighborhood. I learned that if you are on PINE AVE and live in house number 575 and higher, you might want to check with the city to see if your house will be shadowed by the very tall buildings. The shadow casts down PINE AVE.

Dwight Davis, Pine Ave.

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

Yahoo SNAILorg

- Link to Youtube Centennial Parade time lapse movie.
- 246 new photos from the past 12 months including National Night Out and the Centennial Parade.
- Meeting preliminary agenda and complete minutes.
- Radio read technology in Sunnyvale water meters. *Yahoo SNAILChitChat*
- Residential water pressure.
- Planning commission vacancy.
- Coastal Creek Cleanup Day.
- Lawrence Station Area development plans.
- Space shuttle fly-over at Moffett Field.

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

Summary of September Meeting Minutes

12 neighbors + Councilmember Jim Griffith were in attendance.

- -Treasurer's report. Bonnie Lloyd.
- -Discussed July 2011 to July 2012 report.
- -Sunnyvale Centennial Celebration Aug. 25, parade report.
- -September BBQ. Connie Cook-Turner. Budget approved.
- -Discussed distribution of red Christmas bows.
- -Discussion: Storage of SNAIL stuff between events.
- -Spoke about rising cost of water.
- -Discussed cost of garbage/different bin sizes.
- -Snail elections on November 1st.
- -SNAIL encouragement of neighborhood clubs.
- -Jan. meeting moved from Jan. 3, 2013 to Jan. 10, 2013.
- -Voted to have a SNAIL Facebook page.
- -Announcement: Reminder: Buy your cookbook!
- -Announcement: SNAP training to begin on September 13
- -Scholarship fund idea by Bonnie L.

SNAIL 2012 Event Calendar

Date	Event Name	Organizer		
Oct 20	Dinner Nite Out,	Melody & Darrel Bast		
	SETO Restaurant			
Nov	Dinner Nite Out	Organizer needed!		
Nov	Feeding Homeless at	Malcolm Lloyd		
	the Armory			
Dec	Red Bow Distribution	Connie Cook-Turner		
Dec	Holiday Party	Georgina Aubin		

SNAIL BOARD and CITY of SUNNYVALE SUPPORT STAFF

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