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SNAIL General Meeting **Thursday – October 7th**

This month we will have a planning meeting for our end-of-year events. The agenda will include:

1. Nominating Committee for our Board Election in November.
2. Discussion of a proposed SNAIL email news group through Yahoo groups.
3. Discussion of a new proposed solution to the shopping cart problem.
4. Serving food to the homeless at the Armory, December '04 through March 05.
5. Continued service to Bishop School, 2005.
6. Holiday plans, including bows for street trees.

Location: Columbia Middle School
Staff Room
Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served. All SNAIL area residents and guests are welcome. It is OK to bring children.

SNAIL Dinner Night Out **Il Postale**

Wednesday – October 20th

Each month, we enjoy a meal together at a different restaurant in Sunnyvale. Children are welcome. Join us! Feel free to bring a friend. For reservations, please call Connie at 739-8490.

Location: Il Postale Restaurant
127 West Washington Avenue
(across from Macy's)
Time: 6:45 p.m.

Advertising Update

Last January, we started running business-card advertisements in this newsletter. We also started distributing prepared flyers that met our criteria for a neighborhood newsletter. The business-card ads have been well accepted, but on occasion the flyers have provoked controversy, and some block representatives have refused to distribute them.

At our last meeting, our members voted to discontinue the inclusion of commercial flyers, starting in November.

We continue to welcome your business-card ads. To get your card in this newsletter, call Jeannie at 734-0739. Arrangements and payment must be made by the 20th of the previous month.



Jim Turner cooking up a storm at the SNAIL End-of-Summer BBQ, September 19, 2004.

From the Chair

Thank you to Kriss Costa of Santa Clara County Vector Control for the very informative coverage of West Nile virus at our September meeting.

This is really a serious health hazard and we urge everyone that has not become informed to do so. There are things that we can do to hinder this disease.

Vector control is offering free mosquito fish for ponds and bodies of standing water. They will even deliver them. Call Kriss at (408) 792-5010 or e-mail www.sccvector.org for more information.

And on a happier note, we closed September with our End of Summer BBQ with great food and friends and fun for the kids. Thank you to all the neighbors who came out and made this day so special.

Now on to the fall with elections, new challenges, and the holiday season. (See general meeting box) We need your input and ideas. Join us Thursday, October 7th.

We welcome your ideas for speakers, service opportunities, and family events.

In neighborly friendship,
Connie Cook-Turner

Entertainment Books

The 2004-05 Entertainment books will only be on sale until late November. You can view or obtain one by calling 734-0739 or email to entertainment@snail.ORG. Still just \$20.00.

**Make A difference Day
Saturday – October 23rd**

Volunteer Sunnyvale has organized a day of volunteer service at Baylands Park. Park staff will supervise the volunteers as they improve trails, restore native grass areas and burrowing owl habitats. Bring work clothes, closed-toed shoes or boots (no sandals), a sun hat, and sun screen. Also, if you wish, bring a lunch and join the after-work picnic with the other volunteers.

Registration begins at 8:00 AM, work begins 8:30 AM and continues until noon.

Only 100 volunteers will be admitted, so sign up early. Contact Claire Garcia at (408) 730-7533 or send email to cgarcia@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us

SNAIL KID'S ART

SNAIL needs artwork to liven up the newsletter. Art should be 8-1/2 x 11" or smaller, which will be reduced to about 3 x 3" black & white. Deliver by email to editor@snail.ORG or 302 Beechnut Ave. Some theme suggestions are: BBQ, Halloween, Autumn, dinners, entertainment books, and snails. Credit will be given to the artist in the newsletter. Please give the child's name and age.

Letter to the Editor

The SNAIL moves slowly but it succeeds. Because of the SNAIL organization, a bunya bunya tree that has been the bane of my existence is coming down. After damaging my car twice, dropping sap on it constantly, and messing up my yard with it's sharp branches, the City is finally removing the tree. I met the City arborist at a SNAIL meeting and have been in contact with him over the years about this tree that is native to New Zealand. Go to this website to see the partial removal of the tree: www.brianz.org/tree.html. By the time you read this, the rest of it should be sawdust.

Theresa Garoupa, Beechnut Ave.

Founders' Corner

Men are qualified for civil liberty in exact proportion to their disposition to put moral chains on their appetites.... Society cannot exist unless a controlling power upon will and appetite be placed somewhere, and the less of it there is within, the more there must be without. It is ordained in the eternal constitution of things, that men of intemperate minds cannot be free. Their passions forge their fetters.

Edmond Burke (1791)



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