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SNAIL General Meeting **Thursday – October 2nd**

Location: Columbia School
Staff Room
Social Time: 6:45 - 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

All SNAIL area homeowners, residents and guests are invited. Children are welcome. Refreshments will be served, bring you own beverage.

Mary Avenue Extension Meeting **Wednesday -- October 1st**

7:00 p.m., Neighborhood Room, Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive.

Oktoberfest Barbeque **Saturday -- October 11th** **2:00 -- 7:00 p.m.**

Join the SNAIL neighborhood in a block party barbeque on Madrone Ave. between Eaglewood and Duane. We will be serving a variety of delicious barbeque foods guaranteed to please everyone.

SNAIL requests \$5 for a family of four, \$10 for larger families.

To ensure that we have enough food, please make a reservation by e-mail to vsuares @ hotmail.com or by calling Jeannie at 734-0739. Let us know the number in your party and the ages of your children.

We will raffle off gift cards and many other items valued between \$10 and \$25. Each family that makes a reservation will receive one raffle ticket. Each person that brings a raffle prize, a bag of ice, or a side dish to share will receive an extra ticket.

Please bring your own chairs and drinks.

Family Fun Night **Wednesday -- October 29th**

6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Columbia Neighborhood Center, 785 Morse Ave. FREE admission. Contests, games, arts and crafts, prizes and refreshments. For more information, call (408) 523-8150.

We have a lot of new advertisers. If you happen to use their services, please tell them you read about them in the SNAIL newsletter.

Message from the Chair

Last month's meeting was one to remember. SNAIL thanks Officer Jim Davis from public Safety, our long-time Neighborhood Resource Officer, for sharing his knowledge and experience as a firefighter and for instructing our members on how to prevent fires in the home.

October's meeting should prove to be very interesting, a discussion of the controversial Mary Avenue Extension Project. Jim Whittaus from the City of Sunnyvale will present the final EIR on this project, and an executive member of Sunnyvale West neighborhood will present their objections to this project.

I will not be at the October meeting. Vice Chair Sylvia Campos-Silveira will preside.

It is your neighborhood! Get involved! It is easy, come to a meeting now and then, have your voice heard. We are approaching the national, state, and county elections -- don't forget to vote. And definitely make your reservation for Oktoberfest. Be there or be square!

- Michael Rose

Dinner Night Out

Thursday -- October 30th

Fondue at the Rok, \$5 apiece, 6:45 p.m. See the new ad for details. RSVP to Jeannie at 734-0739.

Free Vehicle Removal

Sunnyvale residents may have a vehicle disposed of at no cost between October 1 and October 31. Call Public Safety and request an appointment.

Letters to the Editor

This month, we have two letters on the subject of neighborhood crime.

A few months ago, my wife and son's bikes were stolen off of our front porch. We replaced both bikes and bought our son a nice solid cable bike lock. He used the lock religiously at first, but after a few months had to be reminded. His new bike was stolen a few days ago with the cable lock tied through the handlebars - it can't be easily removed without the combination. If you happen to have found a bright green 20" bike with a cable-lock (requires a 4 letter combo) around the handlebars, please let me know - you'll make an 8 year old very happy. We've got the combo to the lock to verify that it's his. Friends of ours have given him an old bike, but he'd really like to get his bike back.

Ian Epperson

More Letters to the Editor

I am writing this letter about a particularly hurtful act of vandalism in our neighborhood; hurtful because it took the fruit of their summer's labor from 2 1/2 to 5 year old children who planted, loved, and watered their garden all summer long.

The "children's garden" of Victoria Garden Daycare and Preschool is right up front at the street for all to see. We harvest every day, and veggies go home with the children and their families. On the weekends we share with neighbors and friends.

We planted two pumpkin plants, each of which had one large pumpkin and several small ones. We watched them grow, tending them daily, for our halloween.

On Thursday, Sept. 4th, about 5 p.m., two school-age boys rode up on their bicycles, grabbed the two big pumpkins, tore out one of the pumpkin plants, and escaped on their bicycles. My husband ran out, calling to them to stop and "come back here," but they sped away as quickly as they could, one throwing his pumpkin down to smash on the street.

This not only hurt our little children who could not even think of someone doing that, but our pumpkins are gone, and "we grew them," said one.

But there is more to this than just the little children; it is painful to think that those two boys were not taught by their families or schools, that you don't steal the fruit of another person's labor, or anything else for that matter. If they don't know by this age that "anything worth having is worth working for," we are definitely failing our children.

Parents, when you read this, find out if your son was one of these boys and if so, please teach him what he needs to know to be a success in this world. Don't let him continue on this path.

Constance Cook-Turner

Founders' Corner


"If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issuance of their currencies, first by inflation and then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around them will deprive the people of all their prosperity until their children will wake up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered."

Thomas Jefferson, third President

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