



S.N.A.I.L. News

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SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – September 4th

This month, we return to our usual meeting place. Officer Jim Davis will speak on household fire safety.

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.

Oktoberfest

Happening Oct. 11th, Sat. from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., food, live music, prizes and fun. You will need to bring your own beverages and chairs. In order to avoid standing in line a computer generated name tag will be made in advance. For those RSVPing, SNAIL will purchase raffle prizes. If you wish to have more than one raffle ticket per address, volunteer to make a side dish, assist with activities for the event, or donate a raffle prize.

SNAIL will provide tri-tips, sausage, beans, potato salad and dessert for \$5. This covers a household of four, there will be an additional charge for more than four at the same address and of course an extra raffle ticket. Households not RSVPing in advance are most welcome, they will pay the \$5 but not be eligible for the raffle.

Please give the ages of children when you RSVP, because at the October meeting we may vote to include a jumping house.

Email your information to [Vsuares @ hotmail.com](mailto:Vsuares@hotmail.com) or leave it on the recorder at 734-0739. Please do this ASAP.

Message from the Chair

I want to thank those who went out of their way to make SNAIL's 2008 National Night Out a spectacular event. I know Silvia has detailed them in her piece regarding NNO.

As I noted in last month's Message from the Chair, the topic this month is "Household Fire Prevention." We are approaching the winter months where those with fireplaces have warm and cozy fires, many folks have auxiliary/space heaters to help warm their homes, and also with the holidays many homes are decorated with lights, inside and out. Sadly, there are occasions when these items create a major fire hazard. Jim Davis, our Neighborhood Resource Officer, will explain how to better protect our homes and families. This is a highly important topic that will surely benefit those who attend.

October's General Meeting will be quite interesting. Mr. Jack Witthaus, Sunnyvale's Transportation/Traffic Manager, will be providing an update on the proposed Mary Avenue Extension Project. Representatives from Sunnyvale West Neighborhood Association will be in attendance to present their (opposing) views. This meeting is vitally important and I hope that many will attend. This is an opportunity to have your voices heard. The matter will be voted on, by the City Council, October 28, 2008 (in the Council Chamber); the Council meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in this matter be sure to attend!

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming General Meetings, and our Oktoberfest BBQ.

Michael Rose

Pictures from National Night Out

Last August 5th we had our neighborhood National Night Out. For those that don't know, National Night Out is an annual event designed to strengthen our neighborhood through police-community partnerships. It's the perfect opportunity to meet our neighbors and take back our streets.

This year our National Night Out was outstanding, almost 200 neighbors attended it, making our event one of the largest NNO in Sunnyvale. We closed Arbor St, between Morse and Bayview Ave and we hosted the event in the middle of the street. Folks driving by could see the festivities going on; it was impossible to miss the gigantic inflatable jumper from Melissa's Jumpers that we rented for the kids and the delicious smell of hot dogs and polishes being barbecued. All that fun and more, FREE of charge for all the folks in the SNAIL neighborhood that joined us that night!



The food was prepared by capable hands and enjoyed by a large and festive crowd.



The jump house was a big hit with the kids.

Local businesses really embraced the event and we received several donations from them that allowed us to raffle some exciting prizes during the event. Among the neighborhood stores that donated to the event were: Zee Kitchen Ice Cream Parlor, Nancy's Beauty Salon, and Save 'N' Go Store. We also received two delicious pies from the fellows at 911. On behalf of our local Target, Xan Owens, an Asset Protection Manager at the store took our neighborhood under her wing and donations flooded the party. Not only did Target donate \$100.00 dollars in gift cards to be raffled during the party, but they also donated all the drinks, bike blinkers and crayons. Target employees volunteered their time and came to our event to help out, contributing even more to its success.



Xan Owens (on the right) and her team of volunteers.



Silvia and Michael raffling the prizes.

In addition, every year, as part of the NNO event we receive a visit from the firefighters or police department.



They usually bring a fire truck so kids can check it out. Officer Jim Davis promised us that this year would be no different and we would have at least one police car or fire truck visiting our event. However, instead of just sending those, he also sent the Canine and SWAT units! It was a demonstration of the power of our Sunnyvale police and fire departments. Everybody was amazed with the Canine and SWAT units, a special treat for the kids.



Our corporate sponsor provided their own security.

Finally, to top it off, we had a double rainbow in the sky that colored the night and brought smiles to everyone's face. I truly hope that everyone that came to the NNO this year had a great time and will be looking forward to next year's. I also certainly hope that if you missed this event you will join us next time.



Can you see the rainbow?

We hope to see you at our next neighborhood event!

Best,

Silvia Silveira
Vice Chair SNAIL

SNAIL Dinner Night Out
Tuesday – September 16th

Meet SNAIL members for dinner at Tia Juana, 901 E. Duane Avenue, 730-8578. The usual 6:45 time. Bring your entertainment book coupons.

Editor's Note

This is our first attempt to create a new format for this newsletter. Please let us know how you feel about it.

Parenting Class

Beginning Sept. 28th, Sunnyvale Public Safety is offering a 12 week course to assist parents in dealing with difficult school age children. There is a fee, but dinner is served by Firehouse Grill. Contact Jim Davis at 730-7145

Entertainment Books

Entertainment Books for 2009 can be viewed and purchased at SNAIL meetings or by contacting Jeannie Biddle at 734-0739

Founders' Corner

"One of the greatest delusions in the world is the hope that the evils in this world can be cured by legislation."

Thomas Reed, Speaker of the House, 1890

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