



S.N.A.I.L. News

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

When school is out, our usual meeting place is unavailable. We will meet *al fresco* at the picnic area in Columbia Park. Refreshments will be served.

Location: Picnic area (near pool)
Columbia Park
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.

National Night Out

National Night Out is Tuesday, August 4th, and once again SNAIL will hold its annual BBQ and Social gathering on E. Arbor Avenue between Morse and N. Bayview Avenues. The street will be closed for this event.

Last year over 175 neighbors attended. We had a Jumping House for the children, and raffled off over \$150.00 worth of prizes. Public Safety brought a fire truck for all to see.

This year will be the same. We will serve hot dogs. Some of this year's prizes are gift cards to local businesses, gift cards to grocery stores, tickets to the Monterey Bay Aquarium. And it's all free to SNAIL neighbors!

Please register now -- call Valerie Soares at 744-0307 and leave your name, address, and the number of adults and children. To volunteer your welcomed services, call Cyndee Bower at 730-9271.

Message from the Chair

What does it mean to be a neighbor? In the simplest of definitions it would be living near or next door to another person or family. But the definition also includes "Fellow man." I guess, no, I *know* that the description that I most identify with is that of being a "Fellow man."

I recall during the summers of my youth spending time on my grandparent's ranch, and having my grandmother ask me to "run by" the neighbor's and borrow some flour, sugar, or this and that. My dear granny did not really expect me to run, that was only an expression. The neighbors lived a quarter mile away, and when it was hot, a skinny kid like me would have evaporated. And you can forget running back, because my grandmother baked her own bread, so it was not a cup of anything, it was five pounds of flour, sugar, or this and that!

I would return with what I was asked to borrow, plus a jar of recently "put up" pickles, tomatoes, and again, or this and that.

My grandparents lived very close to the railroad tracks, and when the train would pass I could look inside the open boxcars and sometimes catch a glimpse of a "Hobo." I liked to carry whatever I was sent for, and the treasures that were extra, home in a gunnysack, carefully wrapping the jars in old paper. My walks home were filled with daydreams of a romanticized life of a hobo.

I treasure those times and memories and have tried to practice what I saw and learned from those experiences over 50 years ago. I learned that the world is bigger than me, or you; that when we help another it is not only to accomplish a task, it is being a part of something bigger; and that, after you have helped someone, you walk away with a feeling that you are an important part of this world we call life. I never became that hobo I so often dreamed of, but those days with my grandparents, and their neighbors, have made me mindful of my responsibilities.

Michael Rose

Dumpster Day Report

Last month's dumpster day / yard sale was a great success. Here are some of pictures. If you would like to see more, check out the Photos section of our SNAILorg Yahoo newsgroup. If you are not yet registered, send e-mail to groups@snail.org.



The mob at the yard sale.



There was so much stuff, at times the buyers seemed dazzled.

SNAIL Bylaws

At our July meeting, we will be discussing proposed changes to the SNAIL bylaws. The Secretary will present a report on the history of the bylaws and the probable effects of the proposals.

There is a draft copy of the proposed SNAIL bylaws posted in the files section of the "SNAILorg" Yahoo newsgroup. If you would like a copy sent to you by email, please contact Jim at vicechair@snail.ORG. If you would like a paper copy delivered to your house, please call 737-9479 and leave your name and address.

Questions and comments are encouraged, via email, phone, or at our next meeting.

SNAIL Dinner Night Out

Wednesday – July 15th

Join us as we dine to the sound of street music.

*Location: Dish Dash Mediterranean Cuisine
190 S. Murphy Avenue
(408) 774-1889*

Time: 6:45 p.m.

Call Jeannie at 734-0739 for reservations.



In support of our local restaurants, a group of nine SNAILs dined at Seto on June 17th.. Fine food and lively conversation was enjoyed by all.

Remember Deep Thoughts with Jack Handy?

I was just thinking...

In May, someone said, "You should put birth announcements in the newsletter." Someone else said, "You should have a school beat, tell what's coming up, and what just happened."

This year, out of SNAIL's four officers, three are single, and none have children. Wouldn't it be wiser to elect young, married people with children to get these things in the newsletter? Get your friends to run for office in November.

Upcoming Events at the Library

Kepler Mission and NASA Updates

Tuesday, July 7th, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Yarn Days

Monday, July 13th & 27th, 3:00 p.m.

Who Killed the Electric Car?

Thursday, July 16th, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Forensic Facts, a real-life story

Monday, July 20th, 7:00 p.m.

All About Bats

Saturday, July 25th, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

SNAIL Community Arts and Crafts Faire
Saturday – September 26th
Applications Now Available

As mentioned in Shelly Capovilla's Letter to the Editor in the June Newsletter, SNAIL has agreed to host the first SNAIL Community Arts and Crafts Faire. This is a wonderful opportunity for local artists and crafters to show and sell their creations, advertise classes, share talents and make new friends. No business license is required to participate in this one-day event, to be held Saturday, September 26th, at the Bishop Elementary School lawn area located at the intersection of Maude and Sunnyvale Avenues.

Arts and Crafts Faire applications can be obtained at <http://www.shelleys-style.com>. If you are unable to download an application form, you may request one be mailed to you by contacting Shelly Capovilla at scapovilla@prodigy.net, or Cyndee Bower at cyndee.bower@comcast.net or call 730-9271.

Artists living in the SNAIL area, please fill out and mail or drop off an application. Your artist friends who wish to display and sell their creations but do not live in the neighborhood are also cordially invited to join us in this event. Please feel free to contact them and share this invitation. Applications can be mailed to Jeannie Biddle, 245 E. Eaglewood Ave. SV, CA 94085. The deadline is August 28, 2009.

Fees for out-of-area participants are \$20 for each space requested. Most artists will be required to supply their own table(s) and canopies; SNAIL has a few available.

All participating artists will be asked to donate one piece of their beautiful art to a raffle. Raffle tickets can, and should be, purchased in advance in order to assist SNAIL in paying for extensive event advertising. Raffle tickets may be purchased by contacting Jeannie Biddle at (408) 734-0739.

Watch for updates on the SNAIL Community Arts and Crafts Faire in the August newsletter. IT'S GREAT TO BE SNAIL!

Our Wonderful Neighborhood

Nothing fills me with joy like volunteering to be the cashier at the annual SNAIL garage sale. All weekend long, people donate items, skilled pricers reduce merchandise to a fraction of its true worth, then children and adults take it away to other garage sales, empty homes, or smaller babies.

I hear, "It was nothing but junk" from those that wonder how we make so much money. From folk who glance at what is happening, but don't really get interested, I hear, "Sometimes I glance at the newsletter." They are obviously not there for the constant incoming treasures from the folks that may live almost next door to them, and most likely are also not aware that ours is the only neighborhood association in Sunnyvale whose newsletter comes out EVERY month.

Comments I enjoyed this year were as follows: "I should be out job-hunting but this is making me feel better than I have felt in three months." "I am sitting and watching the children so thrilled to take away toys they could never have had in any other way."

More than once people took the time to say, "Bless you", as if I, sitting comfortably in a chair, had done anything to get them these treasures compared to the untiring workers that brought, unloaded, priced, and cleaned up. (Not to mention volunteered their front yards).

Mothers took the time to teach their children good values. When a child would ask, "How much?" and I said, "It is free or you can make a small donation." Invariably the child came back with some money.

It is an experience like no other. It makes me so proud every year to be a SNAIL and live in a place where neighbors get to know each other by taking the time to help each other.

GET INVOLVED, it is the thrill you have been looking for.

Jeannie Biddle

Summer Music Downtown

Join the fun as we kick off summer. Wednesday evenings, 5:00 - 8:30 p.m. On July 22, the music happens at the Evelyn end of Murphy.

July 8	The Vintage Band (R&B, pop & jazz)
July 15	Silicon Valley House Rockers (R&B)
July 22	Sage (70's old school)
July 29	Too Smooth (pop, dance, soul)

Founders' Corner

"Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not. Nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not. Unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not. The world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence, determination, and hard work make the difference."

Calvin Coolidge, 30th President

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