



S.N.A.I.L. News

Sunnyvale Neighbors of Arbor, Including La Linda
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Representing over 1200 households Established in 1995

JUNE 2010

SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – June 3

Location: Columbia School • Time: 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the Staff Lounge. Look for the SNAIL sign.

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.

SNAIL Progressive Dinner Party Review

THANK YOU LeBoulangier for the huge bag of delicious bread; some of it will be featured as refreshments at our June 3rd meeting.

Donations didn't stop with our favorite neighborhood bakery. The set up crews, clean up crews, entertainment and international chefs were beyond magnificent.

Thirteen nation's culinary creations were offered by households that were expected to make one dish but showed up with entire meals. Surprises on every table some cooked fresh outside the house that was participating.

The feeling was one of, "I am so glad to live in the SNAIL neighborhood and be able to honor all other SNAILS with edible tokens of respect."

As Mrs. Parks kept saying, "Let's do this again!"

Having a child's party? Hire Kay Coen and her adult/child interactive puppet show. Thank you, noted artist, Shelly Capovilla for giving us your expertise at no cost. Thank you everyone who made this day so special.

Jeannie Biddle



The Barbershop Harmony Quartet.



Beatrice Levine satisfied with the unicorn.



Shelly Capovilla is getting ready for face painting.

Summer Camps

Summer is around the corner. What will your kids be doing? The City of Sunnyvale has more than 35 camps from which to choose, including general recreation, performing and visual arts, science and engineering, sports and field trips. To view the new summer camps, visit Recreation.inSunnyvale.com.

SNAIL Dinner Night Out - Tuesday – June 8th

Join us as for a friendly dinner.

*Location: Pho Vy Vietnamese Restaurant
913 East Duane Avenue
(same mall as Pizza Depo)*

Time: 6:45 p.m.

Call Tarik Peterson for more info (408) 745-1241.

The publication of our newsletter and SNAIL Neighborhood Association sponsored activities are supported through our annual yard sale, newsletter advertisements, a grant from the City of Sunnyvale, coupon book sales, and donations.

More SNAIL Progressive Dinner Party Images Review



The sound of the accordion filled the street.



Connie wearing her favorite banner

From the Chair

We enjoyed a very special event this month with our International Progressive Dinner. Good company, good food (what a variety!) and special entertainment by Barbershop Harmony Quartet, "Daves and Confused", and accordionist Gianfranco Paolozzi. Kay Coen gave a wonderful program for the children including songs, interaction, and many puppets. Thank you for our wonderful entertainment, and to all our neighbors who shared this great day with us. Coming soon - our Annual Dumpster Day and Yard Sale Fundraiser to raise the funds for our great neighborhood events for the coming year. June 12, we will have our big dumpster day to help you with your home and yard clean-up. This is a free service offered by the City. Save the reusable items from your clean-up for the SNAIL Yard Sale June 12/13th, and put the rest in the big dumpsters in the neighborhood. You may bring your items to the Yard Sale Site (810 Carolina) or if you can't bring them, call 739-8490 for pickup. We still need helpers Friday June 11 6-8pm to setup tables and put out sale goods. Also Saturday 6:30-9:30am to complete set up. This help is essential to the success of our event. Please give a few minutes of your time for this setup for our major fundraiser. Looking forward to seeing you at our General Meeting Thursday, June 3rd at Columbia Middle School Staff Lounge. Come enjoy a visit and good refreshments with your neighbors. In neighborly friendship,
Connie Cook-Turner

Block Reps Volunteers Needed

Neighbors on the following streets do not have a volunteer to deliver the monthly Newsletter on their block. If you would like to continue receiving the SNAIL Newsletter and participating in SNAIL events, we need a volunteer to deliver newsletters once a month (approximately 15-20 minutes) on your block. If you would like to volunteer for your block, please call 739-8490.

200 Block East Ferndale 500 Block Borregas

500 Block E. Duane

We have 2 new block representatives this month for 500 block E. Cypress and 200 block E. Hemlock. We are currently outreaching the 200 block E. Ferndale, the 500 block E. Duane, and the 500 block Borregas. Any help with these outreach efforts would be sincerely appreciated, Please call 739-8490.

Website Committee

Now that our website, www.snail.org, has been updated and is live, we are considering some additions and changes. If you would like to serve on the Website Committee please join us at the General Meeting, June 3rd, at Columbia School 7pm.



Barbara and Sue after a hard day in the kitchen



I am not putting my coat on no matter how cold it gets

One More SNAIL Progressive Dinner Party Images Review



SNAIL's tiger has Irish roots

Keep Conserving Water

It may be raining, but that doesn't mean we should stop conserving water. The City of Sunnyvale, in cooperation with the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD), continues to encourage business and residents to reduce their water consumption. Sunnyvale residents and businesses are eligible for a free Water-Wise water use survey from the SCVWD that helps identify opportunities where you can conserve. For more information or to schedule your Water-Wise survey, call (800) 548-1882 or visit www.valleywater.org.

Dumpster Day/Yard Sale

City of Sunnyvale will be providing us with 6 dumpsters again this year on Saturday, June 12th from 8am to 2pm. Plan ahead for your garage and yard clean-up. Save those good, re-usable items for the Annual Fundraiser Yard Sale on Saturday/Sunday June 12-13. Locations of dumpsters are: (1) 284 West Eaglewood Ave.; (2) 782 Madrone; (3) 646 San Diego; (4) 574 N. Bayview; (5) 377 N. Fernwood on West side of 382 North Fernwood; (6) 810 Carolina.

For further information or to volunteer for these events, call Barry 739-1420 re:dumpsters, or Connie 739-8490 re:yardsale.

PG&E's SmartMeter™ Question & Answers

Q1 – How many Relays/Access Points and Data Collection Units are there in the City of Sunnyvale?

A1– The current plan is to install 12 Access Points, 39 Relays and 16 Data Collection Units in Sunnyvale.

Q2 – Does PG&E have a State of California Certificate of Compliance for the SmartMeters™?

A2 – The CPUC sets our requirements and audits us directly so we do not need a Certificate of Compliance for our meters. Also, our internal standards are more stringent than the State Certification requirement.

Q3 – Are the SmartMeters™ calibrated and isn't there a calibration sticker on the meter?

A3- PG&E's SmartMeter™ devices are tested and certified for accuracy and reliability prior to installation as part of PG&E's quality assurance process. One hundred percent of the meters are tested for accuracy at the factory before shipping. Additionally, the devices are spot-tested at the factory by an independent auditor, following up on the factory's original testing. There are no calibration adjustments after the unit is built. PG&E gets a report of the accuracy test results for each unit built and shipped. PG&E tests an additional random sample of devices as part of its quality management process when the meters arrive at PG&E. After installation, PG&E again conducts additional random meter testing to see how the meters are performing over time. PG&E performs detailed data analysis on the information it gathers from the meters to ensure the meters are reporting accurately. PG&E also conducts data monitoring and analysis after installation to look for any unusual signs from the meter which may indicate any issues. It is not normal for the utility industry to put stickers on the meters. For example, no legacy meters have calibration stickers. However, PG&E test equipment does display a calibration sticker.

Q4 – Why is my electric and gas bill split in two dates?

A4 – PG&E's gas rates reflect monthly fluctuations in gas market prices and gas rates are normally revised on the 1st of each month. The CPUC authorizes PG&E to change gas rates on the first of each month based upon market fluctuations. Bills are prorated based on the number of days in the billing period that fall before and after the rate change date. The gas charges are split on the bill in order to reflect the two gas procurement costs.

Q5 – What is the Website where I can find the antennas and electric towers in my neighborhood?

A5 – www.antennasearach.com

Q6 – If I have a question regarding the solar program who should I call?

A6 – Solar questions should be directed to the PG&E Solar Hotline – 415-973-3480.

Sincerely, Denise Alexander Customer Outreach, Supervisor

Get a FREE Home Energy Audit!

Schedule a HouseCall. Green@Home is offering HouseCalls in Sunnyvale. The Green@Home program is a Free service offered by Acterra, in partnership with the City of Sunnyvale.

To schedule a convenient 2.5 hour appointment for your HouseCall, contact Liz Muir at (650) 962-9876 x 350 or at greenathome@acterra.org.

For more info visit www.acterra.org/greenathome.

From the Editor

On the home page of the revised SNAIL website we have a section, left side, for images that can be replaced every week. The images should be about something in the Sunnyvale Neighbors of Arbor, including LaLinda (SNAIL), like the images about corner curbs all around us being upgraded for handicap access. Email your image to Gianfranco.

Gianfranco Paolozzi

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