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September 2012

SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – August 2nd

NOTE CHANGE IN OUR MEETING LOCATION: RETURNING TO OUR USUAL MEETING LOCATION:

Location: Columbia School • Time: 7:00 p.m.
The meeting will be held in the Staff Lounge.
Look for the SNAIL Sign.

There will be no guest speaker at the September meeting.

Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:

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. Membership in SNAIL is always free.

Kay Aribas, June 8, 1916 – July 30, 2012

A number of Kay's friends, relatives, and neighbors gathered for Kay's memorial service, which included a bagpiper to celebrate Kay's Scottish roots. Kay was not only a valued neighbor, but a friend to many as well. And of all things many of us will miss about Kay, we'll miss her smile the most. Her smile would light up a room or gathering. Condolences to Bunny Aribas who stayed by Kay's side till the end. Bunny and Kay have attended many SNAIL events over the years.

National Night Out Party a Success

National Night Out had a great turnout this year! Even though it was a bit windy, 162 people signed in. Many hotdogs, hotlinks, chicken sausages and maple links were consumed. Tasty side dishes and some desserts too. The band *The Sound Effect* played until 9 pm, and it looked like everyone was having a good time. Mayor Tony Spitaleri and City Council members Tara Martin-Milius, Jim Griffith, Jim Davis and Dave Whittum came by after already visiting 4 or 5 other Sunnyvale neighborhood events. City Public Safety Officers also joined us, bringing along a big red fire engine. Special thanks to Diane Gleason for organizing this event, those who brought food for the potluck table, and to those who helped set up and take down the tables and chairs (particularly Lisa, Josh, Scott, Dave, John, Jim, and Jose); Thomas for manning the barbecue all evening, and Chiaki for helping him; Jim, Phyllis and Cheryl for signing people in; Chris and Valerie for the SNAP booth; Joan and Mike for transporting barbecue grills; Sylvia and Maja for providing electricity; Debbie for helping wile away the time while we waited for the toilet to arrive; Chris for taking all the garbage; Connie for donating the water and name tags; Bonnie for the flyer; and, everybody else that helped (Sorry we didn't get everybody's name!).

SNAIL Fall BBQ-Potluck

Sunday, Sept. 16, 1:00pm – 5:pm

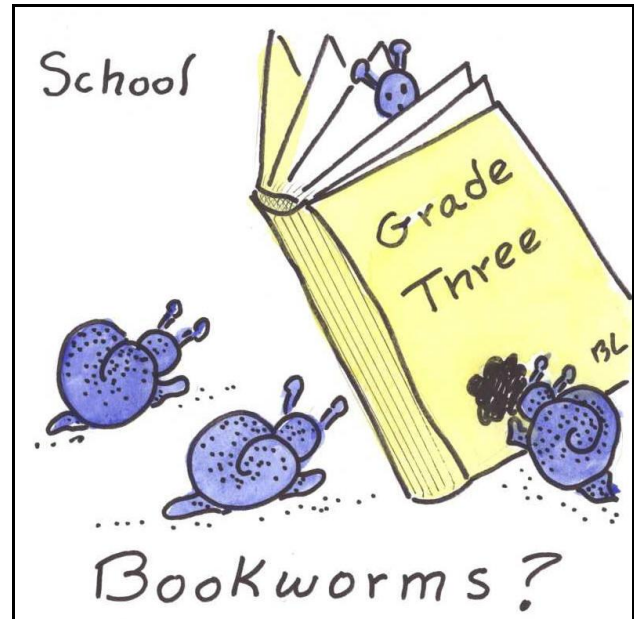
at Jim and Connie's – 810 Carolina Avenue.

Bring your favorite potluck dish and enjoy Good food, Good company and entertainment by the Peninsulaires.
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City Council Meeting in SNAIL Neighborhood, Sep. 25th

The Sunnyvale City Council will be having its Tuesday, September 25th council meeting at the Columbia Neighborhood Center, 785 Morse Ave. It's going to be a joint meeting with the Sunnyvale School District Board and starts at 7:00 p.m. This is a convenient opportunity for SNAIL neighbors to watch a city council meeting and a school board meeting and offer suggestions for improving the operation of their city government and schools.

Pat Meyering, West Duane Avenue



Catalytic Converter Theft within SNAIL Community

In the last month and a half there have been 11 catalytic converters stolen from residences in the northern area of Sunnyvale. Most of these vehicles have been Toyotas, in particular SUV's and pickups, because of the space available to get underneath the vehicle. Thieves use portable power saws to remove the converters in minutes.

Below is a list of ways to deter converter thieves;

- Park your vehicle in well-populated, well-lit areas
- Park your vehicle inside a closed, locked garage
- Install conspicuous video surveillance cameras
- Use motion sensor lights in your driveway
- Etching the car's VIN number on the converter will allow recycle centers and police agencies to track down the owners of stolen converters

We need the public's help to report suspicious vehicles and persons in a timely manner. Don't rationalize away your "gut" feelings. If something looks suspicious and doesn't look right, call Public Safety at 408-730-7180. If you see a crime in progress please call 911.

Tracy C. Hern, Lieutenant, Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety
Crime Prevention Unit

Noise concerns from around the neighborhood

This past summer there were lots of celebrations in the SNAIL community. But as the summer draws to a close and the fall BBQ season begins, please remember to be considerate of your neighbors. Everyone likes a good time, but not at someone else's expense. If your neighbor is throwing a party and it is too loud, here are some items to consider:

- If you know your neighbor, go over to the neighbor's house and ask them to turn down the music
- If you are uncomfortable for any reason, contact the non-emergency number for the Department of Public Safety at (408) 730-7110
- If it is an emergency, dial 911

The Sunnyvale website has more information on this topic:

<http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/Departments/PublicSafety/NeighborhoodPreservation/PropertyMaintenanceRequirements.aspx#Noise>

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, Cookbook sales, and donations.

SNAP class enrolling now

The City of Sunnyvale offers a free 8-session course in personal preparedness and community emergency response called "Sunnyvale Neighborhoods Actively Prepare, (SNAP.)" The next class is enrolling now and begins on September 13th 2012.

Many of us do not want to talk about or even contemplate disasters because it may seem "scary, negative, or depressing" to do so. Fair enough. I sympathize. The media coverage of last year's Japan earthquake is what finally pushed me to "do something" and enroll in the City's SNAP course. Learning what to expect in the event of a large scale disaster, such as a strong earthquake, was an eye-opening experience for me. Emergency services will not be available immediately following a major event – period. We really will need to look after ourselves and each other.

Far from doom and gloom, the SNAP instructors provided a fun and interactive learning environment. I finished the course feeling empowered with knowledge of how to prepare and respond, and had the positive experience of making new friends in my community. Also, we got to put on fireman's boots and take turns operating the hose at the fire station – very cool!

SNAP is a great program, and I encourage all SNAIL neighbors who have Thursday evenings available this fall to sign up for the next class.

For enrollment and further information:
<http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/Departments/PublicSafety/EmergencyPreparedness.aspx>

Gianine Figliozzi, SNAP Graduate

SNAIL 2012 Event Calendar

Date	Event Name	Organizer
Sep 16	Barbeque	Jim and Connie Cook-Turner
Sep 22	City Wide Garage Sale	City of Sunnyvale
Oct	Dinner Nite Out	Organizer needed!
Nov	Dinner Nite Out	Organizer needed!
Nov	Feeding Homeless at the Armory	Malcolm Lloyd
Dec	Feeding Homeless at the Armory	Malcolm Lloyd
Dec	Red Bow Distribution	Connie Cook-Turner
Dec	Holiday Party	Georgina Aubin

Photos From National Night Out, August 7th



The grill master, Thomas Leibold (on the left) with an appreciative neighbor.



SNAIL's NNO Party on Arbor Ave.



Nicholas Magana from Waite Avenue enjoying hanging out with our police officers.



The Sound Effect performing at the event.



Enjoying the music.

Photos From Centennial Parade Needed

If you walked behind the SNAIL float or if you stood in the sidelines, please send any photos you have of the SNAIL float, three antique fire trucks, or SNAILs walking in the parade to [SNAILeditor @ snail.org](mailto:SNAILeditor@snail.org) .

Brief Summary of SNAIL Meeting Minutes – August 2nd Meeting

1. 9 neighbors + Councilmember Jim Griffith were in attendance.
2. Treasurer’s report – Bonnie is home caring for Malcolm; report skipped this month
3. National Night Out party, Aug. 7. Announcers for SNAP and Centennial by Jim Quaderer
 - Logistics of the party planning discussed
4. Sunnyvale Centennial Celebration Aug. 25, parade committee report, Connie Cook-Turner.
 - Discuss float mechanics and need for volunteers
5. September BBQ, Connie Cook-Turner. Article into Sep. newsletter.
 - BBQ on Sept. 16th at Connie’s house
 - Budget to be discussed at September SNAIL meeting
6. Vote (9 yay, 0 no, 0 abstain): approved reimbursement to Patsy Duke for sample bows: \$83.50/72 bows (two boxes or 36 bows per box).
 - City approved grant for \$500 for red bow project.
 - Proposal to order 10 more boxes of new bows. The grand total for ALL of the bows will come to a little over \$500. A vote occurred and was approved (9 yay, 0 no, 0 abstain) Jim will ask Patsy Duke to order the additional 10 boxes of bows.
7. Announcement: Need a web master for www.snail.org . No one volunteered.
8. Continued discussion: Volunteer recognition tee shirts.
 - Discuss what items people would like to have (shirt, hat, etc). Does anyone wish to chair this committee? No one volunteered so this subject will be dropped.
9. NRO, Todd Fekete, noise complaints, etc., immediate non-emergency response, call dispatch at 730-7181. Not 911.
 - Discuss noise complaints in the neighborhood and who to call and when.
10. Discussion: SNAIL encouragement of single-block parties.
11. Discussion: SNAIL encouragement of neighborhood clubs (ex. knitting, jogging, gardening, book, cooking, etc).
12. Discussion: set up a SNAIL Facebook page
 - Discuss use of social media for SNAIL. Discussion to be continued.
13. New Business - Announcements
 - Councilmember Jim Griffith: City wide garage sale on September 22nd
 - Councilmember Jim Griffith: The City Council has voted to Public Safety Officers tasers
 - Councilmember Jim Griffith: City Council is looking at the future of the library and civic center
 - Councilmember Jim Griffith: Rebuild City Hall area

SNAIL Elections in November

SNAIL needs neighbors to volunteer to accept nominations for the offices of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. Brief descriptions of these positions are in the SNAIL Bylaws on www.snail.org . We will be taking nominations at the October and November meetings, with the election at the November meeting. If you are considering volunteering to accept a nomination, it is important that you attend at least the September 6th, October 4th, and November 1st meetings so that we can meet you and get to know you before the election. Attending our events in the remainder of this year would also be helpful!

Bishop News

Our kids are back to school and September 5th is our Back to School Night. At this time the teachers will go over the curriculum outline for the new school year. This is a great opportunity to visit your children’s classroom and get to know some of the other parents. Mark your calendars for the first big fundraiser of the year, the Walk A Thon that will be held on Friday, October 26th. Please support Bishop by donating to the kids that walk those laps. We are looking forward to a fun and exciting year. Go Bobcats!
Bishop Elementary PTO

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CNC News

Free Legal Clinics the second Saturday of each month from 10 am to noon. First come, first served, sign up in the CNC lobby to get a place for a 20 minute consultation. Provided by the South Asian Bar Association of Northern California.

Drop In Gym in the Columbia Gym for middle and high school students. Indoor soccer: Monday (7 – 9 pm) and Saturday (7 – 10 pm). Basketball, Friday 7 – 10 pm. Only 50 cents for residents, \$1 for non-residents. School ID required.

The Weight of The Nation: Children in Crisis, Confronting America’s Obesity Epidemic Free Film Screening

Tuesday, October 2, 6:30 to 8:30 PM, Sunnyvale Public Library, Community Program Room. An expert panel will provide post screening discussion.

Visions Literacy English Conversation Skills Class

Tuesdays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., (New Student Intake: 6:30 p.m.), September 4 - December 18, Columbia Middle School Library
 This is a free English language class to practice listening, speaking, reading, and writing in small groups with trained instructors. All levels are welcome.

Want To Have a Block Party on Your Street?

Getting to know your neighbors starts with the people on your own street. Are you interested in having a local party? Maybe a BBQ on the street or in someone’s back yard? SNAIL would like to support local parties but we’re not quite sure what we can do. If you have any suggestions of how SNAIL can help, please contact Jim at [SNAILchair @ snail .org](mailto:SNAILchair@snail.org) or call 737-9479.

Neighborhood September Street Sweeping Schedule

Our streets are generally swept every two weeks on the day following your trash pick-up. This month, the street sweeping schedule is:

East SNAIL Neighborhood	September 4 th and September 18 th
West SNAIL Neighborhood	September 5 th and September 19 th

If possible, please move your car off the street on street sweeping days.

Some of what was posted on SNAIL Yahoo Groups last month:

Yahoo SNAILorg

- Announcement of grant application approval for red bows.
- Preliminary general meeting agenda.
- National Night Out organizational details.
- 45 National Night Out photos were uploaded

Yahoo SNAILChitChat

- Details of Kay Aribas memorial service.
- News of Malcolm Lloyd going to the hospital.
- Day on the Bay Multicultural Festival, Oct 14th.
- Repaving El Camino Real.
- Several reports of catalytic converter thefts in the neighborhood.
- Future library discussions and plans.
- Handyman help.
- Bishop School information.

To join these Yahoo groups, send your name and address to: [SNAILgroups @ snail . org](mailto:SNAILgroups@snail.org) .


Pet of the Month

Interested in having your pet as Pet of the Month? Email your pet’s portrait with you name, the name of your pet, your street name, and anything you would like to say about your pet to the editor at: [SNAILeditor @ snail.org](mailto:SNAILeditor@snail.org)

Next Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles and photos for the SNAIL October newsletter is Saturday, September 15th. Submit your input to the Editor.

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