



# S.N.A.I.L. News

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**August 2013**

## SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – August 1<sup>st</sup>

*Location: April Flowers' Home, 726 Morse Avenue  
(directly across the street from CMS) • Time: 7:00 p.m.*

*This is a backyard meeting.*

*Please bring a lawn chair and dress very warmly.*

*Look for the SNAIL Sign.*

### *Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:*

- Aug Speakers: Ryan Kuchenig, Sunnyvale Planning Dept; & Richard Gutierrez, Sunnyvale Community Dev and Housing Dept
- Update Planning for Aug 6<sup>th</sup> NNO
- Planning for Sept 25<sup>th</sup> Sunnyvale City Council candidate forum
- Update on bylaw changes
- Update on Non-profit status

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.

### Message from the Chair

I hope you are having a wonderful summer. I have been gone for a month and it is great to be home again. There is a lot of interest in the new Linked-in HQ being built on the corner of Mathilda and Maude Ave. The 6-story buildings are quite visible to SNAIL residents on Pine Ave and other nearby streets. There was discussion about the impact these buildings, and others planned for Peery Park, will have on SNAIL members at the July meeting. At the August meeting, we will be discussing changes we would like in the approval process for tall buildings with our guest speaker, Ryan Kuchenig. If you want to get more involved, SNAIL formed a new committee to work on how these buildings got approved without more neighborhood involvement. The chair is Dwight Davis.

Our other guest speaker will be Richard Gutierrez. Richard will be talking about home rehabilitation support provided by the city for low income homeowners in SNAIL and the Sunnyvale Housing Element Survey. For more info about the housing survey, go to <http://housingelement.insunnyvale.com>

Longer term, the city is working on an "Area Specific Plan" for the redevelopment requirements for all of Peery Park commercial buildings. Peery Park includes the area North of Maude to South of US101, East from 237 to Mathilda. If you are interested, please contact the Sunnyvale planning department to get involved with the Peery Park Plan.

Please put a note on your calendar to attend our SNAIL "National Night Out" BBQ on Tuesday night Aug 6<sup>th</sup>. See the "NNO" article for more information. Also add a note to your calendar to attend

the SNAIL "Sunnyvale city council candidate" forum on Sept 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Fair Oaks Park building.

*Hope to see you at NNO BBQ,*

*John Cordes*

*Snailchair @ Snail . org*

## NNO Street Party Soon!

Our Annual Street Party for all 1200 homes in SNAIL! Free BBQ hotdogs, sausages, and hot links! Meet your neighbors! The local fun danceable band, The Sound Effect, will be playing! Greet our local public safety officers and your enthusiastic SNAP volunteer neighbors! Fire engines and a jump house! (Drinking water will be provided and a port-a-potty will be available too). You are welcome to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Come and bring the whole family!

The official name of the event is National Night Out (NNO), and it is Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 pm to 9 pm. The location is the section of Arbor Avenue between Morse and Bayview.



### NNO volunteer opportunities!

If you are too busy to volunteer regularly but would like to "give back" to the neighborhood, I have a few volunteer opportunities that only require an hour or two, or even just a half hour, of time! We need a few people to help set up tables and chairs (light-weight plastic) before the NNO party, and a few people to help take them down (requires about a half hour of time). Would you prefer to "man" the barbeque for an hour? Organize the potluck table? Or perhaps sign people in? Please contact Diane Gleason, [gleasondiane @ yahoo . com](mailto:gleasondiane@yahoo.com), or 650-353-1575.

*The publication of our newsletter and SNAIL Neighborhood Association sponsored activities are supported through our annual yard sale, newsletter sponsors, and donations.*

## Tall LinkedIn Buildings

Facts:

- NO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT WAS DONE.
- Notices were sent to homes within only 300 feet of the LinkedIn project. That is, most of the west side of Pine Ave. The notices went to at most 13 homes in our area and looked like junk mail.
- City of Sunnyvale discarded the city plan and zoning to allow this project ... all in one meeting. The meeting was on June 19, 2012. The video of the meeting is at this location: [http://sunnyvaleca.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=4&clip\\_id=924](http://sunnyvaleca.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=4&clip_id=924)
  - Fast forward to 1 hr. 48 min to see the beginning of the discussion
  - Councilman David Whittum states our neighborhood probably would not see the buildings around 1 hr 49 min
  - Long recess ends at 2 hr 19 min 56 sec
- After viewing the video, you will see all it takes for the city council to waive the city plan is a flashy building.
- 4,500 cars per day are projected. City is only planning on restriping turn lanes to accommodate the traffic.
- Our neighborhood of single family homes starts within 230 feet of the project and **will be** impacted with traffic going through our neighborhood streets to avoid Mathilda and Maude. We will have more pollution from the heavy traffic. I am particularly concerned about extra traffic around the elementary school at Maude and Sunnyvale Ave.
- This industrial area is called "Peery Park". The LinkedIn buildings is only the beginning of this development along Mathilda all the way to 101.

Dwight Davis, Pine Ave.  
DwightADavis @ earthlink . net



LinkedIn building construction as seen from Pine Ave.

## SNAIL 2013 Event Calendar

Date	Event Name	Organizer
Aug 6	National Night Out	Diane Gleason
Aug 25	Carolina Ave. Family BBQ Potluck	Jim & Connie
Sept	Dinner Night Out @ TBD	Toni Damberger

## SNAIL Yahoo Groups

SNAIL has two Yahoo neighborhood newsgroups. "SNAILorg" is for organizational announcements, etc. "SNAILChitChat" is for socializing, referrals, lost pets, etc. To become a member of these groups, send an email to Jim at: SNAILgroups @ snail .org . State your name and address.

## Bylaw Changes

During SNAIL's general meeting in April, an ad-hoc committee was formed to consider how SNAIL might incorporate information about on-going committees into the SNAIL bylaws. We came up with some additions to Articles IV and V, which were available at the May general meeting. Then later in May, the same committee met to consider how to add wording to the bylaws to meet the State of California nonprofit recommendations. We incorporated wording suggested by the State of California into Articles II and VII, so that our non-profit status is clear. Copies of the proposed changes were available at the June general meeting, with a vote planned for the July meeting. During the July meeting the proposal was sent back to the committee with some possible revisions, but we have not had time to meet due to vacations. The committee will be meeting to review the suggestions from the July meeting and will bring it back to the September SNAIL meeting for a vote. The proposal will be posted on SNAIL.org after we meet.

Diane Gleason

650-353-1575 or [gleasondiane @ yahoo . com](mailto:gleasondiane@yahoo.com)

## Neighborhood August Street Sweeping Schedule

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

East SNAIL Neighborhood	Tues., August 6 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup>
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wed., August 7 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup>

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

## Brief Summary of June Meeting Minutes

1. A total of 12 neighbors were in attendance (one of them Councilman Pat Meyering). City Council Candidates Tap Merrick (for seat 3) and Andy Frazer (for seat 1) were in attendance.
2. There was no speaker.
3. Discussion on Jeannie Biddle memorial service: No news; it is difficult to get information.
4. Other death announcements: Josie Flannery on July 4th. Robert Hinds on June 11th. Robert Hinds used to be the block rep and red bow elf for Pine Ave.
5. June 8<sup>th</sup> Yard sale report: It was a "happy event". There was a fantastic crew of neighbors helping out. Income was over \$1700.
6. Nonprofit committee report: Applications are still being processed.
7. National Night Out event is being planned for August.
8. City grant status: The City Council approved SNAIL's application for \$1000 for National Night Out expenses this August.
9. New LinkedIn headquarters discussion: Several neighbors were quite surprised by how large the buildings are and how close the buildings appear to the homes on Pine Ave. There were discussions on the lack of notice, the rezoning approved by City Council, the placement of the tallest buildings nearest to Mathilda, increased traffic, and other issues. A committee was formed to study details of why this happened and report back at a SNAIL general meeting.
10. Changes to Bylaws: Article V, Section 5 sent back to committee for revision.

## Josie Flanery

January 28, 1925 – July 4, 2013

Josie and her late husband, Charley, purchased their home on Georgia Avenue in 1964, and have been long-time SNAIL neighbors.

Josie was a hard-working woman who was happiest when she could cook a big meal for her family and friends. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew her.

### Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Who are we? Just neighbors with time, talent, or skills we are willing to share with other SNAIL neighbors who are in need of them. If you qualify for any of the above, please call 408-739-8490 to get on the Helpers List. If you are in need of help please call and see if we can be of assistance to you. Another nice way to get to know your neighbors.

In July we received one call from an elderly neighbor requesting assistance with trimming tree limbs, replacing sprinkler heads, and a truck to deliver an item to the home. In checking around, we found a next door neighbor willing and able to accommodate these requests. Thank you, good neighbor!!

*Connie Cook-Turner*

### Free Singer's Clinic in Sunnyvale

The Peninsulares a cappella chorus (a non-profit music education organization) is sponsoring The Singer's Voice clinic – a free vocal training program specifically for the male voice.

This six-week clinic begins Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. and runs weekly through Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Each 90-minute session will deliver hands-on training in the fundamentals of singing. The location is at First United Methodist Church at 535 Old San Francisco Road, Sunnyvale. For additional information and to register, visit [www.freevoicelessons.net](http://www.freevoicelessons.net) or call John Hinkle 408-896-0444.

Paul Eastman, a renowned vocal coach and member of the Peninsulares, leads the weekly sessions. He has competed in several quartets and choruses at the international level of the Barbershop Harmony Society. Paul works closely with Peninsulares director Steve Sammonds in the chorus' weekly practice sessions.

The Peninsulares perform year-round and their musical arrangements vary from classics to jazz, patriotic to sacred, rounded out with standards and Broadway pops.

### Bishop Elementary School News

Bishop School PTO would like to welcome back our students, families, and staff and invite you to our first PTO Event on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m. on the Bishop playground and field. This will be a POTLUCK. Please bring your favorite dish to share. The PTO will share upcoming events and plans for the coming school year. Look out for new PTO meeting dates, dine-out nights, movie nights, and a lot of new fun events we are working on for this school year!

Check for your students' classroom assignments on Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, at Bishop School.

First Day of school for Bishop students is Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>.

*Jennifer Aufang*

*Bishop School PTO board secretary*

### Pet of the Month

Email your pet's portrait with your 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).

### Columbia Neighborhood Center Events & Activities

#### Yoga

Tuesday evenings, 6 – 7 p.m. Free. Will start again August 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### Zumba

Wednesday evenings, 7 – 8 p.m. \$1 per person per session. No children under 10 allowed in the facility during Zumba. Youth 10 and up must participate in the class.

#### Fitness Room

Thursdays, 6:30 – 8 p.m. \$2 per person per session. See the CNC website for ages and other details.

#### Free Legal Clinics

The first Saturday of each month, from 10 a.m. to noon. Free 20 – 30 minute private consultation with a licensed attorney on any legal matter.

#### 3D Printer demonstration

The Library now has a 3D printer for people to use. There will be a demonstration at the CNC in mid-August. Check the CNC website for details.

#### Covered California

The CNC is partnering with the California School Health Centers Association to provide information on Covered California, the state's plan to help people sign up for the Affordable Care Act. CNC staff will do outreach to local high schools and will provide information sessions at the CNC starting in September. Enrollment begins on October 1<sup>st</sup> and moderate income families should qualify for subsidies on premiums. The program's goal is to assist residents in making informed decisions about their health care insurance.

For further information on CNC programs, call 408-730-7800 or see [CNC.inSunnyvale.com](http://CNC.inSunnyvale.com)

For information on Child Care Resources, email [childcareresources@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:childcareresources@sunnyvale.ca.gov) or see

[ChildCareResources.inSunnyvale.com](http://ChildCareResources.inSunnyvale.com)

### Dinner Night Out

EACH MONTH we like to host a "Dinner Night Out" with our neighboring restaurants near SNAIL businesses. This is great fun eating different foods and joining in the conversation of neighbors and other SNAIL neighbors. The only expense is your own meal/snack/dessert. I'll be happy to list it in the newsletter and accept phone calls if you are at work or not available to answer questions or take reservations! We have an opening in August or October. If you want to plan a party, I'll help you with that, too! Give me your name and phone number -- let's make plans!!!

*Bonnie Lloyd, Social Secretary 408-747-1949.*

### Next Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles and photos for the SNAIL September monthly newsletter is Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Simply email to [SNAILeditor@snail.org](mailto:SNAILeditor@snail.org)

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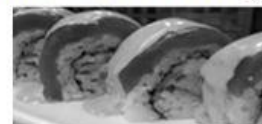
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