



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

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**July 2013**

## **SNAIL General Meeting**

**Thursday – July 11<sup>th</sup>**

NOTICE: WE WILL NOT BE MEETING ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH. WE WILL MEET ON THE SECOND THURSDAY.

*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:*

- July Speaker: TBD
- June Yard Sale and Dumpster Day report

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**

We had our annual SNAIL yard sale on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to Kirsten Sims, who managed the Yard Sale this year, and Barry Boole for being in charge of the “Dumpster Day” and all those who helped out. The event was a big success. Come to the July meeting to get a report on how much we raised and how many people helped out.

Our June guest speaker was our Sunnyvale neighbor resource officer, Brian Gantt. Brian gave advice on how to reduce the likelihood of having your home burglarized. He handed out a flyer of tips and answered questions. If you see any suspicious behavior in our neighborhood, don't hesitate to call the Sunnyvale police dept. We need to be alert and watchful of each other's homes. We have stopped some of these crimes because neighbors have called the police when they see suspicious behavior. We can continue stopping these burglaries and catching the thieves by staying alert.

As a reminder, please put a note on your calendar to attend our SNAIL “National Night Out” BBQ on Tuesday night Aug 6<sup>th</sup>. Contact Diane Gleason, Gleasondiane@yahoo.com if you want to help plan this party.

Remember, membership in SNAIL is always free! How many organizations or activities can say that? We are funded by the advertisements in this newsletter, our yard sale, grants from the City, various fund raisers, and donations. We're not serious all the time. We are also a social club. Getting involved in SNAIL is a great way to make friends who live within walking distance of home. Probably the easiest way to make new friends is just show up at our monthly meetings. We won't ask you to do anything but sign in. We have a consistent group of people who attend every month. Not right away, but over time, you will get to know all of us and most likely make good friends with a few.

*Sincerely,*

*John Cordes*

*Snailchair @ Snail . org*

## **National Night Out**

Our favorite annual block party, SNAIL's National Night Out, is back on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Same location as last year: E Arbor Ave at Morse Ave. Free BBQ hot dogs and sausages, jump house, fire engines, and our own local band, The Sound Effect! Come meet neighbors and our city safety officers! The origins of National Night Out go back to 1984, when an organization called The National Association of Town Watch (NATW) introduced the first National Night Out. The purpose was to unite people in communities nationwide to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood camaraderie. NATW is a nonprofit, crime prevention organization which works in cooperation with thousands of crime watch groups and law enforcement agencies throughout the country. NNO activities vary all over the country, and include block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from police, festivals, neighborhood walks, safety fairs, contests, rallies and meetings.

## **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.

*Connie Cook-Turner*



### **Sad News**

Jeannie Biddle passed away on June 23<sup>rd</sup> after a brief illness. At the time of printing, there was no information regarding funeral arrangements. More information will be announced at the July 11<sup>th</sup> General Meeting, on the Yahoo SNAILorg newsgroup, and in the August SNAIL newsletter.

### **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 was 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. Our current bylaws state that any vote to make a change to the bylaws must occur twice at consecutive meetings. We will first vote in July. If you would like a copy of the bylaws with proposed changes noted, you can get them at the July general meeting, or contact Diane Gleason (650-353-1575, or gleasondiane @ yahoo . com) and she will forward them to you. Also check the SNAIL.org website.

### **Fair Oaks Mobile Home Lodge Association in Sunnyvale**

Thank you S.N.A.I.L. for inviting us to join your group. Here is some background about Fair Oaks.

My family has lived in Fair Oaks for 22 years. Although we own the mobile home, we rent the Space Lot underneath our mobile home from the Park Owner. I have a mortgage as well as my space rent.

Last August 2012 our Park Owner increased our space rent an outrageous amount as he has been doing ever since he bought the park in 2007. That year alone he increased our rent 15%! This is an ongoing struggle that all of us have to deal with every day. That was when we decided to form a core group to discuss how we can fight for our rights against a Park owner that Mayor Spitaleri called a "slum lord".

Now more than ever Sunnyvale needs a Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) for *mobile home parks*. Hopefully by August 2013 we can start our campaign for November 2014 general election and would encourage all Sunnyvale registered voters to sign our petition. If you would like to help circulate the petitions in your neighborhoods please post your message on our yahoo group: fairoaksFOMHLA @ yahoogroups . com.

We are a nonprofit volunteer group that disseminates information, as it becomes known, regarding quality of life within the park, via park-wide meetings, door-to-door, email, and phone.

Our objective is to help keep the homeowners informed of their individual responsibilities in the park, in an effort to prevent the homeowners from being cited for any Park Rules and Regulation violations. To help the homeowner's become aware of their Rights through the Mobilehome Residency Law (MRL) and by reactivating our membership with the Golden State Manufactured-Home Owners League (GSMOL). We are chapter #0034.

Fair Oaks Mobile Home Association (FOMHLA) Goal Statement:

1. To save our homes
2. To save and improve the quality and safety of our park
3. To foster improvement in the community life within the park

A movement expands as quickly as its leadership is developed!  
*Peggy Kitting*

### **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.

### **Neighborhood July 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., July 9 <sup>th</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> |
| West SNAIL Neighborhood | Wed., July 10 <sup>th</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> |

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

### **SNAIL 2013 Event Calendar**

| Date             | Event Name                 | Organizer                  |
|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| July             | Independence Day BBQ       | <i>Need organizer</i>      |
| July 9<br>7 p.m. | Dinner Night Out @ Gumba's | Craig & Wendy 408-250-6588 |
| Aug 6            | National Night Out         | Diane Gleason              |
| Aug              | Backyard movie night       | <i>Need organizer</i>      |



Officer Brian Gant was guest speaker at the June 6<sup>th</sup> general meeting. He discussed the recent crime in the neighborhood and burglary prevention tips.



### **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.

#### **Next Newsletter Deadline**

The deadline for submitting articles and photos for the SNAIL August monthly newsletter is Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. Simply email to SNAILEDitor @ snail . org

#### **Tall Buildings in Neighborhood and Potential Remedies**

If you are displeased with the tall buildings towering over our neighborhood, I am seeking support from my neighbors. I am referring to the tall buildings behind Pine Ave that are being built on Mathilda at Maude. I am planning on writing Sunnyvale City Council and Sunnyvale City Manager stating my displeasure and how it disrupts our neighborhood and invades our privacy. I will also state my concern about the morning sun glaring off the glass and how it will affect our neighborhood. Finally, the developers projected 4,500 additional cars at Maude and Mathilda a day. I am seeking:

- signatures with addresses from neighbors (addresses to show the scope of the problem)
  - statements from neighbors stating how it affects your view from your front yard, back yard, living room, kitchen, etc.
  - statements regarding lack of notification
  - photographs to visually show the problem- inside and out
  - legal expertise
  - technical expertise to measure the time our houses sit in the shadow of the building. It is illegal for our houses to be in the buildings shadow for more than 10% of the daylight hours.
- The shadows are the shortest at this time of year. It will only get worse.

Thank you for your support.

Dwight Davis

521 Pine Ave - DwightADavis @ earthlink . net

#### **Columbia Neighborhood Center Events & Activities**

##### SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH

###### **Sports Camps:**

There are limited spaces left in a couple of the Skyhawks sports camps, open to youth who attend school at Bishop, San Miguel, Lakewood, Fairwood and Columbia:

Kids Love Soccer, August 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2-5 p.m. Ages 6-12, \$15/week. Skyhawks Basketball camp, July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Ages 6-12, \$15 for the week.

**Drop-In Programs** @ CNC, from 1 to 4:30 pm, \$2 fee per day. In session until August 9<sup>th</sup> (not open July 4<sup>th</sup>):

The Chill Spot, for ages 10 – 14. Lots of fun activities while hanging out with your friends and the cool Recreation staff. Club Fantastic, for ages 6 – 9. Games, crafts, sports, swimming and lots more fun!

###### **Free Summer Lunch Program**

For children ages 1 – 18. Closed July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Columbia Middle School, June 13<sup>th</sup> – August 16<sup>th</sup>

- Breakfast, 8 – 8:30 a.m.
- Lunch, 10:45 – 11:30 a.m.

Bishop Elementary School, June 18<sup>th</sup> – July 26<sup>th</sup>

- Breakfast, 8 – 8:30 a.m.
- Lunch, 10:45 – 11:30 a.m.

**Youth Drop In Gym** for middle and high school students in the Columbia Gym:

- Indoor soccer, Mondays 7 – 9 p.m. and Saturdays 7 – 10 p.m.
- Basketball, Fridays, 7 – 10 p.m.
- Fifty cents per visit for Sunnyvale youth, \$1 for non-Sunnyvale youth. School ID required for entry.

##### RECREATION ACTIVITIES

###### **Twilight Pool & Play, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 - 8 p.m.**

Free. Enjoy fun in the pool, games & activities for the whole family with Fun on the Run, and free hot dogs & snacks as long as they last. At Columbia Park.

###### **Zumba, Wednesdays from 7 – 8 p.m.**

For adults and children ages 10 and up and accompanied by a parent or guardian. Due to the nature of the class, NO CHILDREN ARE ALLOWED to wait in the CNC lobby or outside area – they must fully participate in the class. Fee is \$1 per person.

###### **Fitness Room, Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 8 p.m.**

Closed for renovation through July 5<sup>th</sup>, opening again on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Middle school youth may participate with a parent or guardian in attendance. High school students may participate with a signed parent authorization. Cost: \$2 per person, per session. Bring water and a towel.

###### **Karate Classes**

Ongoing traditional Shotokan karate classes are held on the following days in the CNC Gym or Multi-purpose room:  
Tuesdays, CNC Gym, 7–8 p.m. (all levels); 8–9 p.m. (advanced)  
Thursdays, Multi-Purpose room, 7–9 p.m. (intermediate/advanced)  
Saturdays, CNC Gym, 8–10 a.m. (advanced); 10 a.m. to noon (all levels)

Open to ages 8 and up. Fees: \$15 for Sunnyvale residents. New participants may register the first week of July by attending one of the classes.

##### FREE LEGAL CLINICS

Provided by the South Asian Bar Association of Northern California on the first Saturday of each month. Next session: July 6<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. First come, first served for a 20 to 30 minute consultation on a legal matter.

##### LIBRARY VENDING MACHINE

The CNC Lobby is now home to a new Library vending machine! It is stocked with books for children (mostly up to age 5 reading level) and parenting books. All you need is a Sunnyvale Library card and you can check out a book! There is also a book return bin in the lobby, where you may drop off any Library book for return. If you don't have a library card, the CNC staff can issue you one.

##### SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

**Bilingual Story Time:** Thursdays from June 20<sup>th</sup> to July 25<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 5 p.m. (no program July 4<sup>th</sup>), in the Bishop School Staff Room.

**Summer reading for children of all ages.** Earn a free book by reading this summer! Thursdays at 12:45 from June 20<sup>th</sup> to August 8<sup>th</sup> (no program July 4<sup>th</sup>) in the Columbia Middle School Library.

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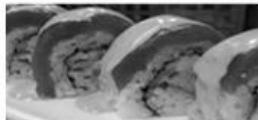
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