

S.N.A.I.L. News

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Representing over 1200 households Established in 1995

May 2013

SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – May 2nd

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

Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:

- May Speaker: none
- Update on non-profit status
- Update planning for Cinco de Mayo
- Update planning for June SNAIL yard sale

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

The rash of home burglaries in SNAIL continued in April. Please practice extra caution and security. There were burglaries on Waite, Santa Catalina, & Georgia according to Crimereports.com. The burglars are getting more aggressive. They have started kicking in back door to garages to quickly get out of sight so they then have more time to break into the houses. This type of crime is up ~50% in many cities in the Bay Area, including Sunnyvale. The police report that for most of these crimes the thieves are gaining easy access to homeowner's backyard because homeowners are not locking our gates. Locking your gates is the simplest change you can make to reduce the likelihood your house will be robbed.

We formed a non-profit committee at the last meeting to decide what type of non-profit SNAIL is and to file the proper paperwork and fees. It was agreed at the meeting in April that SNAIL will file as an 'unincorporated non-profit' with the state of California and as 501 (C4) tax exempt civic organization with the IRS. All the necessary papers and checks have been mailed. We will discuss this in detail at the May meeting so come if you have questions. Thanks to everyone who pitched in to work on this.

Thanks to Elaine Rowan and Jim Quaderer for filing our grant report with Sunnyvale for 2011-12 and working on our next grant application due May 15th. If you have ideas of ways SNAIL can improve relationships within our neighborhood or within the city that SNAIL can implement, please send them to Jim Quaderer so we can consider applying for a grant to work on them in the upcoming year. We are still looking for volunteers to help out with our June 9th SNAIL yard sale. Please contact Kirstin Sims (SNAILtreasurer @ snail . org) if you want to help out.

Sincerely, John Cordes Snailchair @ Snail . org



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, and donations.

Brief Summary of April Meeting Minutes

- 1. 17 neighbors in attendance, Councilmember Jim Griffith in attendance.
- 2. Speaker: Carolyn Lutticken, Columbia Neighborhood Center. Carolyn spoke about: zumba, yoga, and karate classes, bilingual story time, ESL class, conversational English class, free legal clinic, and child care services. She spoke about YMCA summer recreation camp, sports camp, summer reading program, swim lessons, Twilight Pool and Play, Chill Spot, and Club Fantastic. The Fit and Fun fair will be at Fairoaks Park (not Columbia) May 4th. She spoke about the Sunnyvale PAL Junior Giants program and the Fitness room at CNC with classes for kids and strength and balance training for seniors. The next CNC newsletter will describe all summer programs. CNC has a newsletter web site containing details of activities: CNC.inSunnyvale.com.
- 3. Discussion about creating new roles in SNAIL. Should new roles be discussed in 2 meetings and published in the newsletter so that other interested neighbors can volunteer? How does a role start and end? Discussed standing rules, and standing and ad hoc committees. Created "Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee" with Diane Gleason as Chair.
- 4. Yard Sale discussion. Confirmed location will be at the north end of Carolina Ave.
- Cinco de Mayo planning. Date will be May 5th. Eric Keener and Jolanda deLange have started working on publicity and budgeting. Approved budget for publicity.
- 6. Created a committee to work on SNAIL's unincorporated nonprofit status filing effort with John Cordes as Chair of the committee. Approved budget for filing fees.
- 2013-14 City of Sunnyvale Grant application: Ideas are needed for grant projects to improve the neighborhood. Created committee for 2013-14 grant application with Jim Quaderer as Chair.
- 8. Hendy Tour, April 27th. More details.

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.



"Snow" is white leghorn chicken who was born in March. She joins the rest of our flock of chickens, Bunny, Charlotte, Angel. *Diane Gleason of E. Arbor Ave*



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SNAIL ANNUAL FUNDRAISER YARD SALE Sat-Sunday, June 8-9th, 8-4 p.m.

Coming Soon! Start saving those un-needed items for our annual fundraiser.

Check your calendar and save the dates. We need your help. Volunteers needed for setup Friday 6pm and Saturday 7am, Greeters for Saturday 8am-1pm, and 1-4pm. Volunteers needed for takedown at 4pm Sunday.

Volunteers are essential to the success of this major event. It is our main fundraiser for the year as well as a fun social event. You'll see more neighbors than you've seen all year and really enjoy the excitement of the day. Our coordinator this year is Kirstin Sims, our past secretary and current treasurer.

Please volunteer ASAP so we can get our plans together. To volunteer, call Connie 408-739-8490. Thank you!

Neighborhood May 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:

	Tues., April 30 th , May 14 th and May 28 th
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wed., May 1 st , 15 th , and 29 th

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

	SNAIL	2013	Event	Calendar
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Date	Event Name	Organizer
May 5	Cinco de Mayo Party	Eric Keener
June 8	Dumpster Day	Barry Boole
June 8-9	Yard Sale	Kirstin Sims
July	Independence Day BBQ	Need organizer
Aug 6	National Night Out	Diane Gleason
Aug	Backyard movie night	Need organizer

CNC News

FREE LEGAL CLINICS

CNC provides a free legal clinic the second Saturday of each month, from 10 a.m. to noon. Volunteer attorneys provide a free 20 - 30 minute consultation to answer questions on a variety of legal issues. No appointments are necessary - the program is on a first-come, first-served basis with sign-ups in the CNC lobby. The next session is May 11.

FIT & FUN FAIR

The annual Fit & Fun Fair will be held on May 4th at Fair Oaks Park from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Over 60 exhibitors will provide information on health and wellness resources for adults and children. Free health screenings available: diabetes, cholesterol, blood pressure, oral health checks for children, car safety seat inspections, and more. Family fun includes a rock wall, carnival games, obstacle course, food and prizes. Summer league information and registration for Junior Giants will also be available. For more information, see fitandfunfair.inSunnyvale.com

CNC FITNESS ROOM

The fitness room is open for community use on Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for \$2 per visit, cash only. Participants must bring proof of Sunnyvale residency. Middle school students can attend if accompanied by a parent/guardian. High school students must have a signed parent/guardian waiver. Bring water and a towel.

NEW: Fitness classes for all ages! Starting Saturday, May 4th, strength training classes will be provided for parents and children (ages 6 - 12 and 13 - 17) for six weeks for \$25 for the series for one child and one parent. One-hour balance and fitness classes for seniors, 55+ will be held during the week for 6 weeks for \$25. For information or to sign up, call CNC at (408) 730-7800.

ZUMBA CLASSES

Wednesday evenings, 7 – 8 p.m. in the CNC gym, \$1 per participant. Children aged 10 and over can participate if accompanied by a parent. No children will be allowed in the gym or CNC lobby during class if they are not participating.

YOGA CLASSES

Free yoga is provided in the CNC gym on Tuesdays from 6 - 7 p.m. On your first visit, come 5 minutes early to fill out a registration form.

FOR CNC INFORMATION CNC.inSunnyvale.com

ChildCareResources.inSunnyvale.com (408) 730-7800

JUNIOR GIANTS IN SUNNVALE

The Sunnyvale PAL is starting a new FREE, noncompetitive baseball league for children ages 5 to 10. The league places a high value on character development, with programs in education, health and violence prevention. The Junior Giants provide equipment and uniforms to participants. Online registration begins May 3rd at JrGiants.org or come in person to the Gateway Center on May 11th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Coaches are also needed, and no coaching experience is required - training is provided. For further information, see SunnyvalePAL.com and click on PAL Programs.

Sunnvvale Art Club Exhibit

The Sunnyvale Art Club will be exhibiting original works of art at the Sunnyvale Library on Olive Street on Saturday, June 8th, noon (reception begins) until 6 p.m. and Sunday, June 9th, noon to 5:00 p.m. Everyone welcome! Bonnie Lloyd

Silicon Valley Open Studios

The month of May is the 27th Annual Silicon Valley Open Studios event. All original art works will be shown throughout various cities from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the first three weekends in May. See www.svos.org for more info. Bonnie Lloyd

SNAIL – What's It All About?

Community participation is what it's all about. We like to frequent local businesses with our Dinner Night Out once a month organized by you, the reader! Other opportunities are for special holidays -- any time you would like to volunteer, please call me and I will offer assistance. Bonnie Lloyd, 408-747-1949

Next Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles and photos for the SNAIL May monthly newsletter is Saturday, May 18th.

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