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SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – January 2nd

***** **NOTE NEW LOCATION** *****

Location: Fair Oaks Park Building • 540 N Fair Oaks Ave.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held where we held the Candidate's Night.

Look for the SNAIL Sign.

Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:

- Guest speaker: Amy Chavez from Acterra will talk about their Green@Home Program
- Election of new Secretary
- 2014 event planning

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

Welcome to 2014! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and is looking forward to 2014. It is wonderful that we will have 3 new SNAIL officers for 2014. Elaine Rowan will be vice-chair, Patsy Duke will be treasurer. We plan to elect Sarah Cain as our new secretary at the January meeting. Our guest speaker, Amy Chavez from Acterra, will talk about their 'green@home' program. This is a program to help homeowners lower their utilities costs by learning how to save energy. So please come and learn how to stay warm for less in 2014.

We had a challenge finding officers for 2014. It became apparent SNAIL could use clearer guidelines for what happens if we are missing officers so we will ask the bylaws committee to work on that issue in 2014. Please let us know if you would be willing to serve on this committee. January is our main event planning meeting for each year. We will be looking for volunteers to run our most important events like our annual Cinco de Mayo party, yard sale, and National Night Out. If you have ideas on how we can make SNAIL a friendlier neighborhood, please come to the January meeting and propose them.

Looking for a bright tomorrow,

John Cordes

Snailchair @ Snail . org

SNAIL On The Internet

SNAIL moderates a Yahoo newsgroup called, "SNAILorg" which is for SNAIL business and events, meeting details, announcements from the City, etc.

Additionally, there are two social web sites for the neighborhood. There is Yahoo "SNAILChitChat" which is moderated by SNAIL. Yahoo SNAILChitChat is for socializing, referrals, lost pets, etc. Also, many neighbors enjoy using NextDoor.com which is not moderated by SNAIL.

Looking for a helping hand?

Consider the Day Worker Center of Mountain View

The Day Worker Center is a nonprofit organization that connects workers and employers in a safe environment. The workers who come to the center can do all kinds of jobs, including housecleaning, childcare, gardening, painting, and moving. We also have handymen with skilled labor abilities such as construction, carpentry, plumbing, and electrical skills.

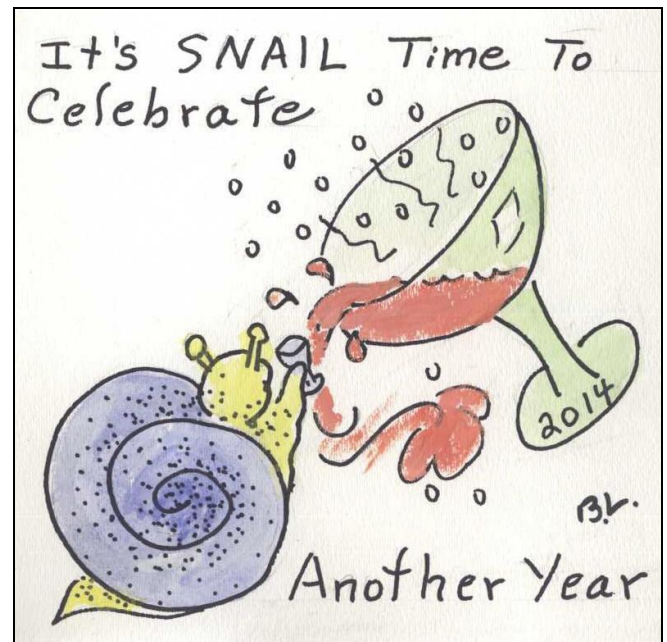
Employers are mostly residents in the Sunnyvale, Mountain View, Los Altos and Palo Alto areas, and they mostly come to the center to pick up a worker or two to give them a hand around the house, pay them in cash at the end of the job, and bring them back to the center. If they have them over the lunch hour, employers often provide lunch.

The pay rates are \$12/hour for light work, and \$15/hour for heavy work, such as digging or hauling. Any skilled labor is by estimate. The center is open Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. We are located at 113 Escuela Ave. in Mountain View. Our phone number is 650-903-4102 and our website is <http://dayworkercentermv.org/>

It's a wonderful center where day workers come, attend English classes while they wait for work, do community service in the neighborhood, take computer classes and jobs skills workshops. There is also a hot lunch prepared each day by the day workers, and for some it is their only hot meal of the day. There are many volunteer opportunities available as well.

If you have questions please contact: Robin Goka, 650-903-4102, Job Development Coordinator, Day Worker Center of Mountain View, robin@dayworkercentermv.org

John Cordes



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

Brief Summary of December Meeting Minutes

- Discussion about SNAIL running estate sale for Jeannie Biddle's family.
- Guest Speaker: Carolyn Luticken discussed Covered California health insurance.
- Postponed Elections: Elaine Rowan was elected Vice Chair. Patsy Duke was elected Treasurer. Jim Quaderer was elected interim Secretary until Sarah Cain is eligible to run for office in January.
- Discussed taking SNAIL on-line instead of having meetings. Will do further research.
- Mathilda Development Committee: Discussed new developments on Mathilda.
- Work on the bylaws will continue.
- Annual Chinese New Year dinner planning.



SNAIL neighbors at the Holiday Party hosted by Georgina & Mark Aubin on Dec. 7th, 2013

Peery Park Development Update

Christensen Holdings is proposing two buildings between Trinity Church and Kal's BBQ. The buildings will be between 60 and 70 feet tall. I received a line of sight study. We will not see it from Pine Avenue or West Arbor.

At the planning commission meeting, I learned that Hexagon is doing the traffic report for the Christensen buildings. Hexagon predicts these new buildings will increase traffic by 1.5%. The Christensen buildings are on the smaller size for what is planned and being built in Peery Park, Moffett Park, and bordering Mountain View near 237 at Maude. The Christensen buildings are increasing office space from 93,000 square feet to 219,000 square feet. Mathilda is currently rated an "F". This is the lowest grade a road can receive for traffic flow and none of the office spaces have been occupied yet. Each project is being considered separately, so nothing is planned to improve Mathilda, since each project increase is small. Many small increases becomes very significant considering the number of projects being planned. Mathilda's traffic will get worse. SNAIL is at risk for increased traffic to avoid the traffic jam on Mathilda. The increased traffic will negatively affect our quality of life.

It is very important for SNAIL to be involved with the Peery Park Specific Plan. The city is approving projects in Peery Park without a plan and until the plan is complete, there is no big picture.

*Dwight Davis, Pine Ave.
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Next Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles and photos for the SNAIL January monthly newsletter is Saturday, January 18th. Simply email to SNAILeditor @ snail . org

CNC News

Fitness Room expansion!

Now open 3 nights a week starting in January, for \$1 instead of the current fee of \$2: Monday, 6:30 – 8 p.m.; Tuesday 7:30 – 9 p.m.; Thursday 6:30 – 8 p.m., all \$1 per visit. Middle school students can attend with a parent or guardian, high school students with a signed permission slip.

Teen and Tween parent and caregiver support group

Wednesdays for 8 weeks starting January 29th. Building a caring relationship with your child, explore communication, effective discipline strategies, and help your child create a positive self-image while reducing stress in your home. Call CNC to sign up.

Las Posadas is on December 20th starting at 6:30 p.m. with a pot luck meal in the gym. Bring something to share, then join the music and procession around the neighborhood starting at 7:30.

Covered California presentations: Find out about the Affordable Care Act, and how it affects your family. Come to a presentation in the CNC Conference room: January 21st from 6 – 7 p.m.; January 22nd from 10 – 11 a.m.

Free Legal Clinics: The first Saturday of each month, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, you can get a 15-20 minute consultation on a legal issue. Sign up that morning in the CNC Lobby to be seen first come, first served. Next clinics on January 4th and February 1st.

Child Care in Sunnyvale: Free information packets for parents seeking child care, including current listings of license providers and tips on evaluation of childcare providers. To request a packet or to receive an electronic version, call 408-730-7800 or email childcareresources@sunnyvale.ca.gov

Kindergarten Readiness – Activities to Prepare for School

Free, in the Sunnyvale Library Program Room, January 22nd, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., learn ways to improve a child's classroom success, socialization and adaption to school. You will also hear about the basic building blocks for kindergarten readiness and activities to do at home to prepare for the transition. Participants will receive a copy of the First 5 Santa Clara County Parent / Teacher Handbook with tips for families to get ready for school. To register, email childcareresources@sunnyvale.ca.gov or call CNC.

Need to entertain your kids or grandkids over the holidays?

Use the CNC Library Lending machine to take out some books for them to enjoy! All you need is a SV Library card and CNC staff can issue one if you don't have one. The Library bin in the lobby is also available to return ANY Sunnyvale Library book.

CNC Closures Over the Holidays: City of Sunnyvale buildings will be closed on Dec 24, 25, 31, and January 1. On the other week days, CNC will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For information on other programs, go to CNC.inSunnyvale.com. If you don't have internet access, come to CNC and pick up a newsletter from the lobby.

Carolyn Luticken

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.

Thank you, Toni Damberger, for being a helpful neighbor.

Thank you, Eric Keener, for being a helpful neighbor.

Thank you, Jesse and Zachary Aubin, for being helpful neighbors.

Connie Cook-Turner

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.



This is Muffin a.k.a. my cat who eats too many treats.
- Alyssa of Santa Barbara Terrace

SNAIL 2014 Event Calendar

Date	Event Name	Organizer
Dec ~ Jan	SNAIL Tree Decorating	Connie Cook-Turner
Jan or Feb	Chinese New Year Dinner	Jim & Connie

Neighborhood January 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., Jan. 7 th and 21 st
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wed., Jan. 8 th and 22 nd

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

Newsletter Delivery Update

We need volunteers on the 700 block of Madrone, the 700 block of Borregas, Worley Ave., and the 200 block of East Ferndale to deliver SNAIL newsletters once a month. Each block takes about 15-20 minutes.

Please check your busy schedules and find a few minutes to help your neighborhood with this very important task. Our newsletter is how we keep in touch and share our coming events. Please call 408-739-8490 to volunteer a few minutes of your time.

Thank you, *Connie Cook-Turner*

Red Bow Elves

Thank You to all our SNAIL neighbors who turned into Red Bow Elves, and filled the neighborhood with a festive look, and holiday spirit, for the Season. We appreciate you all so much!

Remember Bows should be taken down, laid flat and stored for next year. Anyone who can't store yours, please return to 810 Carolina Ave.

Thank you,
Connie Cook-Turner

Leaf Blower Etiquette

1. Leaf blow at reasonable hours. Make sure you know your area's enforced "quiet hours". No leaf blowing before 8:00am -- especially on the weekends when they may be sleeping in! Give your neighbors some consideration as those machines can be loud.
2. Do not use the equipment for excessively long periods of time, that whiny noise drives people to distraction. Don't use it on High so you can go faster, it only has a higher pitched whine. You may have ear protection while using, but the neighborhood does NOT -- give them a break.
3. Do NOT dispose of your leaves by blowing them into your neighbor's yard. Essentially this is akin to dumping your garbage in their yard. The leaves that blow into your yard are yours to deal with, no matter where the leaves came from.
4. Do not blow your leaves into the streets -- unless your town says so. It clogs up the sewers, and they get wet and slimy and pose a hazard on the street. Many places this is prohibited anyway -- just like shoveling your snow into the street is. You could potentially be held liable if your debris, in the right of way, causes any accidents.
5. Be aware that the blowers can create a dust storm. Always observe the direction of the wind when operating the blower, and check for open doors and windows, including those of your neighbors. This could create problems for those with asthma and other breathing problems.
6. Dispose of the leaves properly according to your area's laws.

Michelle Ress

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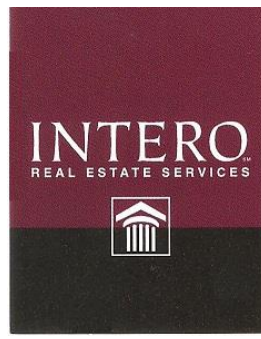
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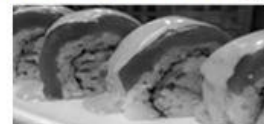


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