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**November 2014**

## SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – November 6<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** Columbia Middle School Staff Lounge

**Time:** 7:00 pm; Look for the **SNAIL** sign

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

- Guest Speaker: Joe Gonzales, Sunnyvale Arborist will talk about the street tree planting drive in SNAIL
- SNAIL officers election
- Future events planning

SNAIL typically 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.



## SNAIL NEWSLETTER – FALL OUTREACH

We will be continuing our Annual Fall Outreach in November to blocks within the SNAIL neighborhood that are not currently receiving the newsletter. We are looking for volunteers to deliver the newsletter to these blocks. Each block takes 15-20 minutes once a month. (Another nice way to meet your neighbors.)

We will be outreaching to the following blocks and would appreciate any help in delivering on these blocks in November:

Waddington Ave.

500 Blk. Borregas

700 Blk. Borregas (West Side)

Please call (408) 739-8490 to assist with Outreach or to volunteer for your block. Thank you.

*Connie Cook-Turner, Newsletter Distribution Coordinator*

## Sunnyvale Community Services Annual Holiday Auction

**Date:** Thursday, November 20, 2014

**Time:** 5:00-7:30 pm

**Location:** Elks Lodge

375 North Pastoria Avenue

(between Central Expressway and Maude)

The Sunnyvale Community Services Annual Holiday Auction has become a cherished Sunnyvale tradition. A festive holiday atmosphere along with an opportunity to bid on unique gift items and adventures add up to a wonderful event that benefits the important work of Sunnyvale Community Services. Auction items in 2014 will include sports tickets, spa packages, restaurant gift certificates, trips, and items in every price range. Delicious appetizers, desserts, wine, and beverages are all donated.

**100%** of auction proceeds support food and holiday toys for needy families in our community.

**Admission:** While admission is free, we do ask attendees to bring what we need most:

- jars of tuna or peanut butter
- “meals in a can” with pop-top lids
- an unwrapped gift for a child ages 7-12
- or a gift card for a teen

*Elaine Rowan, SNAIL Vice Chair*

## SNAIL Elections

SNAIL will hold nominations at the November General Meeting for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The new offices will commence in January 2015. SNAIL bylaws require that you have attended at least two of the past four SNAIL meetings or have served as a block rep for at least two months to be eligible to vote or run for office. Are you interested in helping? Join us at the meeting and we will discuss other areas where we could use your assistance to help SNAIL remain a viable organization.

*Elaine Rowan, SNAIL Vice Chair, SNAILvicechair @ snail .org*

## 300 Trees for SNAIL!

The city of Sunnyvale wants to help us make SNAIL more beautiful and do something good for our environment by providing FREE street trees. They want to get 300 more trees planted in SNAIL right-of-ways, but they will not plant them unless a homeowner first contacts them. Please help make this possible by visiting [trees.insunnyvale.com](http://trees.insunnyvale.com) or call (408) 730-7506.

*Jim Quaderer of Beechnut*

## Street Tree Planting Volunteers Needed

Sunnyvale has more than 4,500 spots where street trees could be planted – and a severe shortage of people to do the work. If you or your organization would like to become an Urban Forestry Advocate, you can visit [Volunteer.inSunnyvale.com](http://Volunteer.inSunnyvale.com) and fill out the online application or call (408) 730-7533.



## ATTENTION BLOCK REPS AND RED BOW ELVES



It's that time again! All of you who have your bow packages at home, we need to get them out to see what our needs might be; Bow replacements? Tape? Ribbon? or hopefully, just ready to go.



Saturday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> is Red Bow Day in SNAIL country and we all get together to decorate our street trees and create that wonderful holiday spirit. If you haven't had red bows in the past and would like them this year, just count your trees and let us know you'd like a bow package.

2013 was Connie and Jim's last year as coordinators for the Red Bow Project and we need a cheerful, holiday-spirited neighbor to step up to take this spot. You'll enjoy it! So just come out to the November General Meeting or call John Cordes at (650) 288-9645 to volunteer.

*Connie-Cook Turner*

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



*Scott Morton, Superintendent of Parks, showing slides of proposed design features for the Fair Oaks Park project at the SNAIL October General Meeting.*

### Summary of SNAIL October General Meeting

- Guest Speaker:** Scott Morton from the Sunnyvale Parks Department discussed the Fair Oaks Park project; design project 2014/2015, construction 2015/2016. Scope of work: replace auxiliary restroom with modular fabricated restrooms, renovate parking lot, athletic field (looking into synthetic grass), water play area, picnic area, replace lighting with LED lights, renovate landscape with an irrigation and pump system, possible dog park and recreating the path. The new Seven Seas nautical theme park is an example of what is being done to renovate parks, e.g. woodchips and rubberized surfacing, play elements throughout the park, use of covers for shade instead of trees which have the possibility of falling. There is an Adopt-a-Park Program to help beautify a park; no financial requirement, any group can do it. After 150 hours of service the City will place a sign with adopted group's name.
- SNAIL Elections for 2015:** John Cordes mentioned elections are coming up for all SNAIL Officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Phyllis Freeman volunteered to run for Treasurer.
- Thanksgiving Dinner:** Connie Cook-Turner and her husband will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner at Marie Callender's for the neighbors in SNAIL on Sunday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 pm.
- Bylaws:** Working on addendums to bylaws. The next meeting is tentatively set for the third week in November. All SNAIL members are welcome to participate. Contact Elaine Rowan at SNAILvicechair@snail.org
- T-Shirts/Vests/Name Tags:** Sharon reported that they have three designs which were voted on; the design with SNAIL's full name along the SNAIL logo has been approved. Aleecia McDonald volunteered to find vendors and prices; she will report back.
- Sunnyvale Street Trees:** John Cordes discussed the street trees that residents of SNAIL can request to be planted. Residents will need to water, but the City will take care of sidewalks. Contact the City of Sunnyvale for a list of trees.
- SNAIL Speakers:** Jim Quaderer suggested an arborist. John Cordes mentioned a Planning Officer for the December meeting.
- Sunnyvale Growth Discussion:** Discussion on the new buildings in Perry Park and the balance growth profile.
- Cookbooks:** Still have some available for sale.
- New Business:** Discussion on SNAIL being a 501(c)(4) non-profit. Connie Cook-Turner mentioned next year will be SNAIL's 20th Anniversary and we should start planning an event; most likely to take place in the middle of summer.

*Sarah Cain, SNAIL Secretary*

### Water Conservation Information

Go to <http://valleywater.org/> for information on conservation and rebates.

*Carolyn Lutticken*



**SNAIL THANKSGIVING DINNER**  
**Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1:00 p.m.**  
**Marie Callender's, 751 E. El Camino Real**

Traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings, plus soup, salad, dessert bars and their terrific regular brunch spread.  
 Adults: \$15.99, Kids: 4-12: \$7.99, 3 yrs. & under: \$1 per year  
 Please join us for this special day.  
*Hosted by: Jim and Connie Cook-Turner*  
*RSVP: (408) 739-8490*



### Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC) News

**Yoga:** Tuesdays, 6-6:50 pm in the CNC gym. Free for adults and children aged 9 and up (with a parent or guardian). Bring a mat or towel and wear loose fitting clothes.

**Zumba:** Wednesdays, 7-8 pm; Fridays, 6-7 pm. Cost is \$1.00 per person. Children aged 10 and up can attend with a parent. No childcare available.

**Fitness Room Survey Results:** Many thanks to those who filled out a Fitness Room survey. The results are being analyzed and will be posted soon on the CNC website.

**Drop-in Fitness Room:** Mondays and Thursdays, 6:30-8 pm; Tuesdays, 7:30-9 pm; Saturdays, 8-10 am and 10:30 am to noon. Cost is \$1.00 per person. Middle school students can attend with a parent or guardian, high school students attend with a signed waiver from a parent.

**Drop-in Gym:** For middle and high school students. Indoor soccer, Mondays (7-9 pm) and Saturdays (7-10 pm); Basketball, Fridays (7-10 pm) in the CNC gym. Cost is only 50¢ per visit for Sunnyvale residents and \$1 for non-Sunnyvale residents.

**Family Harvest Program:** Free monthly food distribution for families with a child under 18 living at home and meeting certain income guidelines: maximum household gross monthly income \$2,622 (2 people); \$3,298 (3 people); \$3,975 (4 people). For more information or to complete an application, bring photo ID, proof of monthly income and proof of all children living in the home to CNC.

**Children's Health Insurance Enrollment Assistance:** Now located at the San Miguel Family Resource Center at San Miguel School, Tuesdays to Fridays, 9 am to 4 pm. Call (408) 464-7144 for more information.

**Story Time:** Thursdays in the Columbia School Library, 4-5 pm. Reading, fun and games with one of Sunnyvale's librarians.

**Library Lending Machine:** In the CNC lobby, with books for small children through middle school. You only need a Sunnyvale Library card to use it and CNC staff can provide you with one. Bring identification and proof of residency. Any SV Library book can be returned in the green bin in the lobby.

**Free Legal Clinics:** First Saturday of each month. Get a free 20-30 minute consultation on a variety of legal matters. Next sessions: Nov 1<sup>st</sup> and Dec 6<sup>th</sup>.

**For current information on CNC programs:** call (408) 730-7800 or go to <http://tinyurl.com/CNCinSunnyvale>

*Carolyn Lutticken, Program Coordinator CNC*

### Water Wise House Calls

Find out how efficient your home water use is by scheduling a visit with the Santa Clara Water District, (800) 548-1882. Have your water bill account number available.

*Carolyn Lutticken*





### Leaf Blowing Etiquette

Many of you have leaf blowing equipment and this is a friendly reminder regarding leaf blowing etiquette.

1. Leaf blowing is allowed between the hours of 8am and 8pm per Sunnyvale Municipal Code 19.42.030(d).
2. Know your leaf blower's limitations. A leaf blower is not going to move a large amount of leaves quickly, particularly if they are wet. Once you have created a pile of leaves of moderate proportions, turn the leaf blower off and finish by using a yard rake.
3. The leaves that blow into your yard are your responsibility, no matter where the leaves came from. Please dispose of them properly in your yard trimming bin.
4. Do not blow your leaves into the street. It clogs up the sewers and they get wet and slimy and pose a hazard on the street. You could potentially be held responsible 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.

I just wanted to bring this topic up to remind everyone to please be considerate when operating your leaf blowing equipment.

Thanks all!!

Michelle Ress

### SNAIL on the Internet

SNAIL moderates a Yahoo newsgroup <http://tinyurl.com/SNAILorg> which is for SNAIL business and events, meeting details, announcements from the City, etc. There are two social websites for the neighborhood: Yahoo <http://tinyurl.com/SNAILchitchat> is moderated by SNAIL and is for socializing, referrals, lost pets, etc.; also, many neighbors enjoy using <https://nextdoor.com/> which is not moderated by SNAIL.

### December Newsletter Deadline

All SNAIL neighbors are invited to submit articles of interest to be published in our monthly newsletter. The deadline for submitting articles and photos for the next SNAIL monthly newsletter is Saturday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. Simply email to [SNAILeditor@snail.org](mailto:SNAILeditor@snail.org)

### Editor's Note

Many thanks to our SNAIL neighbors who submit articles for our monthly newsletter; I enjoy creating the newsletter each month and look forward to your continued participation. Sometimes, due to space and/or schedule constraints, some items may not make it into the next edition of the newsletter. Please remember to submit your items on or before the deadline noted in the current newsletter. I appreciate your understanding.

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### The Peninsula Chorus Proudly Presents: As Time Goes By

**When:** November 15, 2014

**Where:** Saint Elizabeth Seton Hall at Saint Albert the Great Catholic Church, 1095 Channing Ave., Palo Alto

**Matinee Ice Cream Show:** 2:00 pm; Doors open @ 1:30 pm  
Under 6 Free; Youth 6-12 \$10/person; Adults \$15/person

**Dinner Cabaret Show:** 6:30 pm; Doors open @ 6 pm  
\$25/person (No youth pricing for dinner show)

### Special Guest Quartet – Brannigan

2014 Far Western District – Norcal  
Novice Quarter Champions



Order tickets at [www.barbershop-harmony.org](http://www.barbershop-harmony.org)

or call (408) 464-2271



### Neighborhood Street Sweeping Schedule

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

East SNAIL Neighborhood	Tues., Nov. 11 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup>
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wed., Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup>

### SNAIL 2014 Event Calendar

Date	Event Name	Organizer
November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Special SNAIL Thanksgiving Dinner Marie Callender's (Please read article in this newsletter for details)	Jim and Connie Cook-Turner (408) 739-8490
December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday Potluck Party Mark & Georgina's Home 5-8pm; 763 San Diego Ave.	Mark and Georgina Aubin RSVP (408) 745-7693
December	Red Bows	Organizer Needed

### Remember to VOTE

Local and Statewide elections are Nov 4<sup>th</sup>. If you want to join other residents across Sunnyvale in discussing the elections and other issues online, you can join them at:

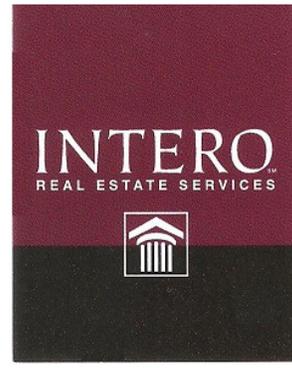
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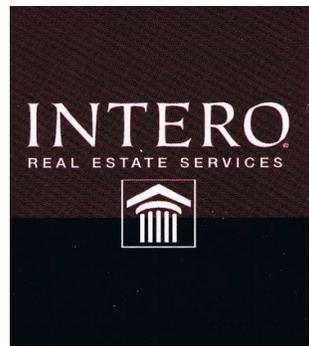
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