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Representing over 1,400 households Established in 1995

November 2015

SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – November 5th

Location: Columbia Middle School Staff Lounge

Time: 7:00pm – Look for the SNAIL sign

Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:

- Elect SNAIL officers for 2016
- Holiday Event 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.

Message from the Chair

Welcome to Fall. Hopefully rain is not far off or may have already fallen. The SNAIL elections are the primary focus of our November 5th meeting. For the first time in years, we have neighbors who have already volunteered to run for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. It is great to see neighbors willing to lead our organization. Please read about the candidates later in this newsletter. To see if you are qualified to vote for our officers, check the requirements in our Bylaws on <http://www.snail.org>. We will still be accepting nominations immediately prior to the elections at our November meeting. We encourage neighbors to nominate themselves as well as others.

In addition to the officer elections, we will be reviewing the recommended bylaws changes drafted by the bylaws committee. One of the bigger changes will be to create a new level of documents about how we operate in SNAIL called Standing Rules. Standing rules need to be created to better define duties and procedures, like elections, in more detail than in our bylaws. Standing rules are easier to change than our bylaws, but will help us document and agree on how we normally do things like elections, newsletter editor duties and other important responsibilities that are not in our bylaws.

If you are interested in keeping SNAIL a dynamic and active neighborhood association, please come to the November meeting.

Giving thanks for Thanksgiving,

John Cordes, SNAIL Chair, SNAILchair@snail.org

SNAIL Bylaws

The SNAIL Bylaws Committee has finished their review and has proposed recommended changes to the SNAIL bylaws. A copy of the recommendations is posted on the SNAIL website <http://www.snail.org>. These changes will be posted for two months for review and final vote will be at the January 2016 SNAIL meeting. Hard copies of the recommended changes will be available at the Nov and Dec SNAIL business meetings.

Elaine Rowan, SNAIL Vice-chair and Bylaws Committee Leader



SNAIL 2015 Event Calendar

Date	Event Name	Organizer
Nov 14	Dinner Night Out Peninsulaires Barbershop Harmony Chorus Cabaret Show/Lasagna Dinner Methodist Church Auditorium 535 Old San Francisco Road	Jim & Connie Cook-Turner – RSVP Connie (408) 739-8490 [See Article]
Dec 2, 9, 23,30	SNAIL to Volunteer at the Cold Winter Shelter	Valérie Suarès (408) 390-3335 [See Article]

2016 SNAIL Officers Election – Nominees

Secretary: June Valenti is serving on our current Board and has served well in the past, as well as being an active volunteer for many events in past years and a long time Block Rep.

Treasurer: Kirstin Sims is an active volunteer, who has served on our Board in the past, coordinated a fundraiser Yard Sale, served as a Block Rep and is currently helping our Treasurer from the sidelines.

Chair: Tarik Peterson has also served in Board positions in the past; he served seven years as newsletter Editor and has been an active volunteer with SNAIL since 1997.

Submitted by Connie Cook-Turner

Chair: John Cordes has been a SNAIL resident since 2007. He has been the SNAIL chair since 2012. John has a continued interest in supporting his Sunnyvale community; this has been shown by his service to SNAIL as well as being the vice-chair of Sunnyvale's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

Vice-chair: Valérie Suarès purchased her home in 1996 and immediately started assisting SNAIL. She has been a longtime volunteer: dumpster monitor, Newsletter Distributor, Red Bow Elf and organizer of the SNAIL Yard Sales. These are just a few ways she helps the community.

Submitted by Kirstin Sims

Newsletter Outreach

Each October and November, we outreach by delivering our newsletter to the neighborhood streets that do not currently have a Block Representative. If you live on any of the streets listed below, please enjoy your outreach newsletter and if you would like to continue to receive your newsletter, give us a call at (408) 739-8490 to volunteer to deliver the newsletter on your block. It only takes 15-20 minutes, once a month. Thank you.

The following outreach blocks need a volunteer Block Rep:

Waddington Ave -- Fir Ave – (500 block) Cypress -- East Hemlock

Santa Catalina -- Santa Barbara -- Isla Vista

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

**SNAIL November Dinner Night Out
CABARET SHOW / LASAGNA DINNER**

Hosted by Jim and Connie Cook-Turner



When: Saturday, November 14, 2015

Where: Methodist Church Auditorium,
535 Old San Francisco Road

Dinner Cabaret Show: 6:45pm; Doors open at 6:15pm



RSVP Connie for tickets (408) 739-8490
\$25/person [Cash or check to Connie]

Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC) News

For current information on programs, call CNC at (408) 730-7800 or email CNC @ sunnyvale .ca .gov or go to the CNC web page at <http://CNC.InSunnyvale.com>.

Mandated Reporter Training for Child Care Workers: Tuesday, November 10, 2015, 7-9pm at the Sunnyvale Senior Center, Laurel Room, 550 E. Remington Drive. Trainer Jane Smithson, J.D, will provide a free two-hour training for mandated child abuse reporters. All child care workers, social workers, mental health professionals and school educators are welcome to attend. For more information or to register, visit <http://Childcare.inSunnyvale.com> or call (408) 730-7800.

Drop In Fitness Room: Come work out in our fitness room with over 15 fitness machines and free weights. Open to adults, high school students with parent consent form and middle school students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. \$1 per session, per person. Hours open: Mondays and Thursdays from 6:30-8:00pm, Tuesdays from 7:30-9:00pm and Saturdays from 8:00-9:30am and 10:30am to noon. Bring a towel, water and wear athletic shoes.

Angela Chan, CNC Manager

ATTENTION BLOCK REPS AND RED BOW ELVES

The holiday season is here and on Saturday, Dec 5th, we will meet at 9.00am at my home for breakfast goodies, beverages and friendship before heading out to decorate our street trees and create the wonderful holiday spirit.

It's time to get those bows out of storage and check them over. Let me know what supplies you need so they can be ready for you. Please confirm that you will be active this year and let me know if you need a helper. Also, anyone who wants to be a helper, please call (408) 228-7613.

I am looking forward to seeing you on Red Bows Day. Thank you!
Saurabh Singh, email: saurabh2180 @ gmail .com

Boole House Fire on W. Eaglewood



Barry & Linda Boole's house at 284 W. Eaglewood caught fire on Oct. 6th. Fortunately, there were no injuries. Barry and Linda are adjusting and working through this challenge together with their family.

Barry and Linda love the neighborhood and will miss it while they are away. Both Barry and Linda have been active in the SNAIL neighborhood. Linda was one of SNAIL's earliest Block Reps. Barry has been SNAIL's Dumpster Czar for over five years. They would appreciate hearing from their neighbors, either by email (bboole @ aol .com) or postal mail (284 West Eaglewood Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94085 – mail is forwarded to current address). We encourage the neighborhood to reach out and show their support to the Boole's during this difficult time.

Kirstin Sims

Cold Winter Shelter Call for SNAIL Volunteers

I'm excited to announce that there will be a Sunnyvale shelter in place this winter season! The new modular buildings will be located at the old Onizuka site at 237 and Mathilda, near the Fire Station. The capacity will be 100-125 people per night. As in past seasons, the Cold Winter Shelter will open the Monday following Thanksgiving through March 31st. In the past, 8-10 SNAIL volunteers have served food and distributed bedding linen and blankets from 6 to 8pm, once a week. The schedule is set for SNAIL to help on the following evenings:

- December 2nd, 9th, 23rd and 30th
- January 6th, 13th and 27th
- February 3rd, 10th and 24th
- March 2nd, 9th, 23rd and 30th

If you can help a couple of hours a week, please contact me as soon as possible at (408) 390-3335 or vsuares @ gmail .com. I hope to hear from you soon as this is a very heartwarming experience.

Valérie Suarès

Sunnyvale Senior Nutrition Program

Are you 60 years or older? Looking for a place to have a nutritious lunch with other seniors? Look no further; come join us for lunch every weekday. Along with great food, you'll be entertained with live music, work on some puzzles or just sit and talk with friends.

Time: Sign in for lunch starts at 9:00am with lunch served from 11:00am to 11:30am, Monday through Friday
Cost: Seniors are asked to pay a \$3 donation, but no one is turned away for inability to pay. Guests under the age of 60 are required to pay \$8.
Where: First United Methodist Church
535 Old San Francisco
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

For more information about the program or a copy of the menu, please contact: Debbie Witt at snp.Sunnyvale @ gmail .com or call (408) 739-0833.

Submitted by Georgia Graf

Pet of the Month



This is our cat, Rocky. He is upset with us – the last thing Rocky said before he rolled over and went to sleep was, "I come home after a hard night in the alley and you give me light beer? Have you ever TASTED light beer?" Rocky lives on Pine Ave. with Ron and Georgia Graf.

Brief Summary of October General Meeting Minutes

SNAIL Business: Connie Cook-Turner gave an update on the events that have transpired recently regarding the planned development at 423 E. Maude Ave.

Elaine Rowan gave an update on the proposed changes to the SNAIL Bylaws. The last committee meeting was held on Sep. 29th and the agreed-upon changes are being put together and will be ready for general review and discussion at the next meeting.

SNAIL Elections: Nominations for all offices were taken. Kirstin Sims suggested that we should have a bio of the candidates in the next newsletter so that people have a chance to get to know them better and hopefully encourage more SNAIL members to attend the November meeting and participate in the elections.

Energize Sunnyvale: The City is reaching out to neighborhood associations to brainstorm ways to get the word out about ways to save energy. They are looking for a group of volunteers from our SNAIL neighborhood association to be Energize Sunnyvale committee members. The time commitment is expected to be a couple of hours a month.

For full minutes, please visit the SNAILorg Yahoo Group website: <http://tinyurl.com/SNAILorg>

Denise Perez for June Valenti, SNAIL Secretary

Columbia Middle School PTSA

Did you know? CMS was awarded the Hoffmann Award from Santa Clara County in 2014, and most recently, the California Gold Ribbon Award (previously known as Distinguished School) in May of 2015! We are extremely proud of our students, staff, and community and hope that you can be a part of it! Special thanks go out to our principal, Marybeth Allmann and her staff, for their constant dedication, passion and leadership. They are truly making a difference in our children's education.

Support Columbia Middle School!

❖ **Dine Out Night**

Our next Dine Out Night is on Tuesday, Nov 17th from 5-8pm at Armadillo Willy's, 161 E. El Camino Real, Sunnyvale. Show your support of our Sunnyvale schools - bring friends and co-workers. Here are a few easy ways to earn money for CMS without doing anything but registering.

❖ **Amazon Smile**

Do you purchase from Amazon.com? Use the link below, and Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchase to CMS!
<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-2906049>

❖ **eScrip**

Register your VISA, Safeway or other cards with eScrip and up to 5% of the money you spend will go to CMS! Simply click on the link, register your cards and choose Columbia Middle School PTSA as the group you are supporting.

<http://www.escrip.com>

Please contact Columbia Middle School at (408) 522-8247 if you have any questions about our PTSA activities or Columbia Middle School.

Jennifer Aufang, Columbia PTSA

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 on street sweeping days. This month, the street sweeping schedule is:

East SNAIL Neighborhood	Tues., Nov. 10 th and 24 th
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wed., Nov. 11 th and 25 th

November 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 14th. Send an email to SNAILeditor@snail.org



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