



S.N.A.I.L. News

Sunnyvale Neighbors of Arbor, Including LaLinda

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April 2016

SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – April 7th

Location: Columbia Middle School Staff Lounge

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

Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:

- Guest Speaker: Rob Smiley, COO, Sunnyvale School District.
Topics: Maude Ave. changes and Bishop school renovations
- SNAIL Block Parties

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 2016!** All SNAIL area homeowners, residents and guests are invited. Children are welcome. Membership in SNAIL is always free.

🌸 SPRING OUTREACH 🌸

BLOCK REP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Neighbors on the following streets do not have a volunteer to deliver the newsletter on their street. Our OUTREACH TEAM is delivering them to you this month. If you would like to continue receiving the SNAIL newsletter and participate in SNAIL events, we need a volunteer from your block to deliver the newsletter once a month (approximately 15-20 minutes). If you would like to volunteer for your block, please call (408) 739-8490.

***Santa Barbara *Isla Vista *Santa Catalina *Fir Ave.**

***600 block Borregas**

***700 block Borregas (west side of street)**

***700 block Borregas (east side of street)**

***90 condos @ 785 Fair Oaks**

***Waddington Ave.**

OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The Outreach Team needs volunteers to deliver our outreach newsletters in April and May – approximately 15-20 minutes per block. Please schedule a few minutes to help your neighborhood and call (408) 739-8490 to see where you can help in this effort. Thank you for being a good neighbor.

SNAIL Will Help Pay for Your Block Party!



Get to know your neighbors! SNAIL will pay the \$25 block party permit fee and contribute \$4 for every home on your block to help pay for the common expenses. SNAIL will lend you our party boom box and help you organize, but you need to plan a few months ahead. Please email

BlockPartyInfo @ SNAIL.org for details, help and advice on how to organize a local block party.

SNAIL 2015 Event Calendar

Date	Event Name	Organizer
Sunday Apr 17	BBQ Potluck 810 Carolina Ave. 1-5pm	Jim and Connie Cook-Turner (408) 739-8490
Saturday June 11	SNAIL Dumpster Day 8am - ~2pm	Connie Cook-Turner (408) 739-8490
Sat & Sun June 11-12	SNAIL Annual Yard Sale 810 Carolina Ave. 8am – 4pm	Valérie Suarès (408) 390-3335 June Valenti (408) 739-8490

Brief Summary of March General Meeting Minutes

Homeless Shelter: The items that the homeless ask for the most are pencils, cough drops and blankets. The shelter is open late afternoon until early morning. It is closed from early morning to mid-afternoon.

City Report: Neighbors were encouraged to attend the meeting at 6:30pm on 3/8/16 at Bishop Elementary School for information regarding the City's plan for Maude Ave. This opened up a discussion of the membership about Maude changes, traffic and air quality concerns.

SNAIL Liaison: A motion to vacate the last meeting's vote for a representative was raised and seconded. The motion was discussed and a vote was taken. Twelve were for, five were opposed and four abstained. A second vote was taken for whether or not a SNAIL representative could speak for SNAIL. Nine were for, three were opposed and four abstained.

For full minutes, please visit the SNAILorg Yahoo Group website:

<http://tinyurl.com/SNAILorg>

-June Valenti, SNAIL Secretary



SNAIL BBQ / POTLUCK
Sunday, April 17th, 1-5pm
Jim & Connie's Big Backyard, 810 Carolina Ave.

Jim's famous barbequed Ribs, Chicken, Sausage and potluck dishes from all those good cooks in the neighborhood.

We look forward to seeing you all there. This is a good event to bring any new neighbors on your block and introduce them to the big neighborhood family.

If we have at least 10 kids, we'll have a jump house. Please call me by April 10th because it takes a week's notice to get the jump house.
Connie Cook-Turner (408) 739-8490.

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

Columbia Middle School Upcoming Events

Spring Carnival

Columbia Neighborhood Carnival

Saturday, May 14th, 11am – 3pm

Columbia Middle School



The CMS PTSA is busy planning our very first fun spring event for our community!



We are in need of volunteers to help with this event. We would love to have our SNAIL community volunteer to help make this a great event. If you can help us that day, anytime between 7am and 3pm, to set-up or collect tickets or serve food or help with games, or clean up, please email us at Columbiapta@yahoo.com or phone (408) 522-8247 and leave a message for Jerry Higgs, PTSA President.

-Jennifer Aufang, CMS PTSA

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>.

Free Immigration Clinic: Thursday, April 28, 2 - 6pm, get a free 20 minute individual, confidential consultation on any immigration related questions/issues from immigration experts, offered by SIREN (Services, Immigration Rights & Education Network), non-profit organization based in San Jose. No appointment necessary; first come, first served.



2016 Fit & Fun Fair: Saturday, April 30, 11am - 3pm, join us for this free annual event. This is a fun-filled event that promotes health, wellness and safety with over 50+

exhibitors, free health screenings, children's activities, fitness demonstrations and a bike rodeo. All are welcome.

-Angela Chan, CNC Manager

Earth Day History

Earth Day seeks to bring attention to and promote efforts dedicated to the protection of the environment. This day started as a US observance in 1970 as a way to bring about awareness of ecological problems. Today, it is celebrated by billions of people around the world and is observed in over 190 countries. In 2009, the United Nations gave their approval and support to this observance. Worldwide, Earth Day celebrations utilize educational programs to inform people of ways they can help protect the environment and our natural resources. It is observed on April 22nd and is celebrated as International Earth Day.

<http://www.earthday.org>



Facts about Earth Day

- ❖ Energy Star rated LED light bulbs use at least 75% less energy, and last 25 times longer, than incandescent lighting. Switching entirely to LED lights over the next two decades could save the U.S. \$250 billion in energy costs, reduce electricity consumption for lighting by nearly 50 percent and avoid 1,800 million metric tons of carbon emissions.
- ❖ In 2012, existing power plants in the US emitted 4.8 trillion pounds of carbon dioxide 'Greenhouse Gas'.
- ❖ The US produces more than 4 million tons of junk mail each year - that is more than 8 billion pounds of paper.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER YARD SALE

June 11-12, 2016



Save those items from your Spring clean-up, in all categories: furniture, clothing, household items, books, children's items, tools, you name it! We have someone looking for just that item. We'll keep those reusable items that you no longer need out of the landfills and put them to good use, while raising funds for the next year of SNAIL activities.

Also, mark the date on your calendar and save a few hours to help with this really fun event. Call Valérie (408) 390-3335 or June (408) 497-0827 for additional information.

TAX DAY 15 APRIL



SNAIL neighbors celebrated Chinese New Year at Chef Yu Restaurant, February 20, 2016.

Urban Forestry Talk: "Is It Worth the Effort?"



Sunnyvale Urban Forest Advocates will sponsor a talk at the Sunnyvale library on Wednesday, April 20th at 7pm. We all love the look of a tree-lined city street! In our own communities though, we often question whether it's really worth the time, money and effort to help the trees get

planted and grow to a healthy maturity.

Walter Passmore, Urban Forester of Palo Alto, and respected authority on the subject, will deliver the pros and cons of supporting the urban forest in an informative and entertaining talk. Come and learn more. Questions will be welcomed.

-Deborah Marks, SUFA

Free Air in Your Car Tires

Did you know that California gas stations are required by state law to provide air at no cost if you purchase fuel? Although there is supposed to be a sign on the air pump, very few gas stations post it. Instead, they just allow people to keep dumping quarters into the air pump until their tires are pressurized. After buying gas at our local World Gas Station, I pull my car up to the air pump. Then I walk over to the attendant's office, tap on the glass, smile, and point at the air pump. The attendant will turn on the air with his radio control unit. (Sometimes the radio link doesn't work and you need to ask him to try again.) If you run out of time and can't fill all of your tires before the air pump timer runs out, don't be shy about asking the attendant to restart the pump.

-Jim Quaderer of Beechnut Ave.

Maude Avenue Plans

The removal of Maude Ave. parking and center turn lane (from Mathilda to Fair Oaks) will be a topic on the agenda at a meeting on April 21st at 6:30pm at City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave. Go to the West Conference Room, across from the city council chambers. The Sunnyvale Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission will hear about the project and give input.

Pat Meyering

May 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, April 16th. Send an email to SNAILeditor@snail.org

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	Tuesday, Apr. 12, 26
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wednesday, Apr. 13, 27



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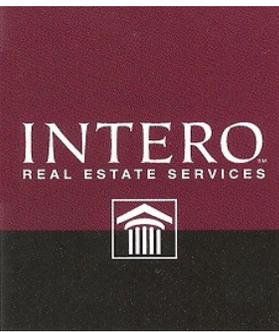
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