



# S.N.A.I.L. News

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**August 2016**

## SNAIL General Meeting

**Thursday – August 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Location (August only):**

April Flowers' Home: 726 Morse Ave.

*(Please bring a chair, if possible, and a jacket)*

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

### Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:

- Discussion regarding forming a committee to review proposed standing rules

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

**Mark your calendar now for 2016!**

**9/1, 10/6, 11/3, 12/1**

## Brief Summary of July General Meeting Minutes

**Announcements:** Jim Quaderer sent an email to Tarik requesting the October Candidate Night be in the August Newsletter. We need volunteers.

**National Night Out:** Diane Gleason sent word there is good news; everything is on track for NNO. There will be a jump house and a van. The membership briefly discussed NNO.

**Dumpster and Yard Sale Report (Valérie Suarès):** While we had fewer customers, less items and fewer volunteers this year, we made more money than other years. Valérie mentioned in the future the dumpsters would be smaller and there would be fewer pick-ups. The membership discussed training monitors to tightly load these dumpsters next year.

**Social Secretary Report:** Bonnie would like a list of names and phone numbers so she can call people to sign up for dinner nights out. Tarik said at the next meeting we can have a list to acquire this information.

**Standing Rules:** Tarik summarized there were two views of Standing Rules. One is a collection of 'How to Do It' resources for event planning. Another is 'Rules & Why They Make Sense'. An example of this would be 'no loaning SNAIL property out'.

**City Report (John Cordes):** Upcoming dates for the special election candidate forums: July 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Sunnyvale Heritage Museum and July 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. Sunnyvale Council Chambers. Plaza Del Rey mobile home park has been sold. There will be an 8% rent increase for new people. In Sunnyvale, 400 acres are allowed for mobile home parks. The City is deadlocked on plans for the Wolfe Rd/Fair Oaks intersections on El Camino. This will be a study issue in 2017.

**New Old Business (Connie Cook-Turner):** Connie states SNAIL needs a historian. Connie motioned we take a vote. Don seconded the motion. Nine were for, one abstained, the motion passed.

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

-June Valenti, SNAIL Secretary

## SNAIL 2015 Event Calendar

Date	Event Name	Organizer
Aug 2 6:30-9:00pm	National Night Out E. Arbor between Morse/Bayview	Diane Gleason (650) 353-1575
Aug 25 7:00pm	Dinner Night Out Seto Restaurant (Japanese) 511 Borregas Ave.	Craig & Wendy Black RSVP to Bonnie Lloyd (408) 747-1949



## National Night Out Street Party

Our favorite annual street party, SNAIL's National Night Out, is back on Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This summer SNAIL's party will be located on E. Arbor Ave. between Morse and Bayview Avenues.

This is a great way to meet your neighbors or reconnect with neighbors you haven't seen in a while or to simply fulfill that desire to dance in the street! Free BBQ hot dogs and sausages, potluck salads and desserts, children's activities, fire engines, and our own local band, The Sound Effect! Come and meet neighbors and our city safety officers!

-Diane Gleason, NNO Organizer

## SNAIL on the Internet

SNAIL's presence on the Internet is in three locations, the first two are moderated by SNAIL members:

1. Yahoo newsgroup, <http://tinyurl.com/SNAILorg> for SNAIL Business and events, meeting dates, announcement from the City, etc.
2. Yahoo newsgroup, <http://tinyurl.com/SNAILchitchat> for SNAIL socializing, referrals, lost pets, etc.
3. SNAIL and Nearby Sunnyvale Neighborhoods, <http://www.snail.nextdoor.com>, with advertising, alerts, and announcements.

To subscribe, send an email to Jim at [SNAILgroups@snail.org](mailto:SNAILgroups@snail.org) for the first two and Valérie at [vsuares@gmail.com](mailto:vsuares@gmail.com) for the third.

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

## 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>.



**Bilingual Story-Time at CNC:** Wednesdays, August 3, 17 & 21 at 3:30 pm in the outside area at Columbia Middle School Library, 739 Morse Ave. Sunnyvale Public Library's bilingual librarian, will host a bilingual story-time (Spanish and English) with stories, songs and activities. All families welcome.

**Free Legal Clinic:** Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. to noon, get a free 20 to 30 minute individual, confidential consultation on a variety of legal matters from licensed attorneys. No appointment necessary, first come, first served.

**Accepting New Families for Family Harvest Program (On-Going):** Family Harvest Program is a free, monthly food distribution program for families with children (under age 18) who meet the income guidelines. Families will pick up over 100 pounds of food which includes canned goods, dry items, and fresh produce and fruits on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 2–5 p.m. at Columbia Middle School. The program currently serves about 110 families. Income guidelines are on the CNC website and families apply for the program at CNC during regular business hours.  
-Angela Chan, CNC Manager

### Pets of the Month



This is Emma Woodhouse and her mother, Jane Austen. These two beautiful ladies are inseparable and extremely affectionate. They live on Morse Ave. with April who rescued the Siamese, Jane, when she was pregnant. April, an English Literature teacher, named Emma Woodhouse after the main character in Jane Austen's famous novel, "Emma", first published in 1815.



### National Dog Day History

National Dog Day serves to raise awareness of the thousands of dogs that need to be rescued and encourages appreciation for family dogs and working dogs, such as bomb dogs, service dogs, rescue dogs and law enforcement dogs. Dogs are owned by many families in the US, however many other dogs are homeless and or have been abandoned. Every year, these dogs are taken into shelters, where millions of them are euthanized. In the US, approximately 3.9 million dogs enter animal shelters every year, of these, 1.2 million are euthanized. Only 35% of shelter dogs are adopted, 26% are returned to their owners and 31% are euthanized. In 2005, National Dog Day was conceived and promoted by Colleen Paige, a pet lover and advocate.

### National Dog Day Facts and Quotes

- At one time, Iraq and Afghanistan had about 1,200 dog teams in action. When war dogs are involved, the bomb detection rate can be as high as 80%.
- It is estimated that there are 13,600 animal shelters in the United States.
- According to the American Humane Association, the most common reason (29%) for giving up a dog is because their place of residence does not allow them.
- Only 10% of animals that enter shelters have been spayed or neutered.
- "It's not the size of the dog in the fight; it's the size of the fight in the dog." - Mark Twain

### National Dog Day Top Events and Things to Do

- Adopt a dog. Local shelters in most counties pick up strays or take in animals that have been given up or abandoned. Visit your local shelter to pick up a new companion.
- Donate to one of many organizations such as the Humane Society or the ASPCA that help animals in need. You can also donate blankets, pet food and toys to your local animal shelter.
- Volunteer your time at your local animal rescue shelter. Most shelters operate with volunteers. There is always a need for help walking, feeding, playing with and cleaning up after the animals.
- Sign your dog up for dog training classes. There are many options from confirmation, obedience, rally, hunting, agility and utility, amongst others.
- Watch a movie about dogs from all walks of life:
  - Air Bud (1996)
  - 101 Dalmatians (1996)
  - Beethoven (1992)
  - Marley and Me (2008)



### Organize a Block Party!

Why organize a block party? It's fun getting to know your neighbors! And it feels good to know who lives nearby; this results in an informal "neighborhood watch". Your neighbors are more likely to call 911 if they think something strange is occurring. Also,

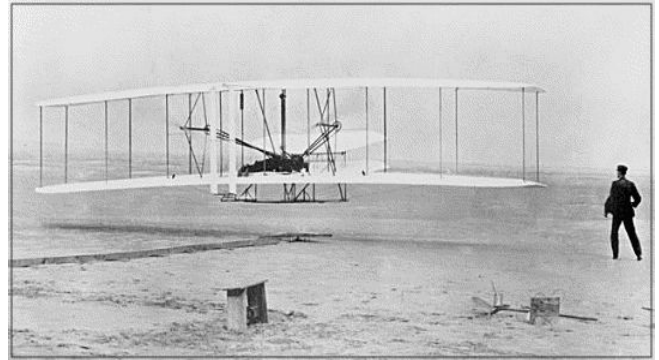
you'll be better able to assist your neighbors if there is a major emergency such as an earthquake.

Here are some suggestions/guidelines:

- 1. Three months before the party date:** Determine which houses make up your "block". Typically it's 20 or 30 homes, but it may be smaller or larger depending upon your unique street or apartment layout. Call the SNAIL Chair in advance to request information, party supplies and funding approval (we need to budget).
- 2. Two months before:** Walk your block and hand out a half-page flyer which announces the party and proposes a few party dates. Ask for a reply about the best dates.
- 3. Six weeks before:** Choose the best date and get a block party permit (one month deadline): <http://blockparty.insunnyvale.com>. The permit is free (fully refundable deposit). Your barricades can be picked up at the nearby Sunnyvale Corporation Yard, 221 Commercial St. (1½ miles from SNAIL on the street behind Lowe's) or optional delivery service is available for a fee. It is not necessary to barricade your entire street. It is best to block off the street just in front of two or four homes to keep everyone together. Plus, that's less neighbors you need to ask permission to block their driveways.
- 4. Five weeks before:** Hand out a pot luck party invitation to all homes. Ask for RSVPs and volunteers. In the invitation, describe what food and party supplies you will provide, such as hot dogs, chicken, paper plates, etc. Make it clear that you will need neighbors to bring outdoor tables and chairs.
- 5. SNAIL can lend you our party boom box.** SNAIL may pay for certain food and equipment expenses (not potluck food or alcohol). Save all receipts!
- 6. Consider name tags for everyone at your party.** Ask everyone to write their name and house or apartment number on their tag.
- 7. Example flyers and party invitations are on the Yahoo SNAILorg newsgroup,** in the "Files" section.



### National Aviation Day – August 19<sup>th</sup>



National Aviation Day commemorates the development of aviation all while seeking to promote and support the industry. In 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed that National Aviation Day would be observed annually on August 19<sup>th</sup>, the birthday of Orville Wright. Orville Wright, the younger of the two legendary Wright Brothers, was an American inventor and pioneer in aviation. Orville and his older brother, Wilbur, invented the world's first successful airplane in 1903. In addition to National Aviation Day, in 1959, President Eisenhower declared December 17<sup>th</sup> as the Wright Brothers' Day to commemorate the first flight of the Wright Brothers in a mechanically-propelled plane.

*"The stars seemed near enough to touch and never before have I seen so many."* - Amelia Earhart, first female aviator to fly across the Atlantic Ocean.



### 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, Aug. 2, 16, 30
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wednesday, Aug. 3, 17, 31


### September 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, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Send an email to [SNAILeditor@snail.org](mailto:SNAILeditor@snail.org)

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