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December 2015

SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – December 3rd

Location: Columbia Middle School Staff Lounge

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

Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:

- Guest Speaker: Bailey Hall, Environmental Programs Fellow will talk about the Energize Sunnyvale Program
- Election of Treasurer

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.



SNAIL 2015 Event Calendar

Date	Event Name	Organizer
Dec 5	Red Bows Day	Saurabh Singh (408) 228-7613
Dec 6	Holiday Potluck Party Diane Gleason and John Cordes' Home 5-8pm; 550 E. Arbor Ave.	Diane Gleason RSVP (650) 353-1575
Dec 2, 9, 23, 30	SNAIL to Volunteer at the Cold Winter Shelter	Valérie Suarès (408) 390-3335

Message from the Chair

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you all. SNAIL will have some new officers starting in January. Tarik Peterson will be the Chair; Valérie Suarès will be Vice-chair and June Valenti will continue as Secretary. We were not able to elect a treasurer as Kirstin Sims is not eligible for election until the December meeting. Everyone should thank Elaine Rowan for being our Vice-chair and Phyllis Freeman for being our treasurer in 2015. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your SNAIL chair for the past three years. You will still be hearing from me on occasion as I am running for Sunnyvale City Council, Seat 4 in 2016. Hopefully SNAIL will continue its tradition of hosting candidate forums before the election and I will see many of you there.

Our speaker this month is Bailey Hall; she will tell us about the Energize Sunnyvale program. See the announcement for more details. Starting Saturday, Red Bows will be going up across SNAIL as we put on our holiday decorations. And Sunday Dec 6th, Diane and I are hosting the SNAIL Holiday Potluck. We hope many of you choose to join us.

Best wishes,

John Cordes, SNAIL Chair, SNAILchair@snail.org



The SNAIL Annual Holiday Party will be on Sunday Dec 6th, from 5:00-8:00pm. This year Diane Gleason and John Cordes will be

hosting the party at their home at 550 E. Arbor (corner of Worley and Arbor). We will continue the tradition of a potluck, but everyone is welcome whether or not you bring food. Anybody have a holiday reading or music to share? Join us to begin the holiday season and get into the spirit with good food and company. You don't need to RSVP, but if you have any questions, please email Diane at gleasondiane@yahoo.com or call her at (650) 353-1575.

John Cordes

Red Bows Day



Block Reps and Elf Helpers will meet Saturday, Dec. 5th at 9:00am at my home for breakfast goodies, coffee, tea, hot chocolate and friendship before heading out to decorate our neighborhood for the Holiday Season. This is one of the nicest things we do all year and we all feel happier for it! It's time to get those bows out of storage, check them over and let me know what supplies you will need so they can be ready for you. Anyone who hasn't had red bows on your street in the past and wants them this year, just count the trees on your street and call (408) 228-7613 or email saurabh2180@gmail.com to get your bow package. Also, anyone who wants to be a helper, please call. We need to hear from everyone who has bows, whether you need supplies or not, to know that you will be active this year or if you might need a helper. I look forward to seeing you on Red Bows Day. Thank you.



Saurabh Singh, Red Bows Coordinator

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY – URGENT NOTICE

SNAIL newsletter delivery has a system that works like this:

The Distribution Coordinator delivers a Bag of Block Bundles to four Distributors each month. Each Distributor delivers the Block Bundles to the Block Reps in one-quarter of the SNAIL neighborhood. Each Distributor makes about 12 stops at Block Reps' homes to drop off their Bundle of newsletters. Each Block Rep then delivers one newsletter to each home on their block. Each Distributor route takes about ½ hour, once a month.

In January we will no longer have a Distributor for Route 2 in our delivery system. This is a very important ½ hour each month – making sure that one-quarter of the SNAIL neighborhood gets their newsletter.

We need a volunteer who can give ½ hour per month to SNAIL neighborhood for this very important task.

Please call Connie (408) 739-8490 for more information. Thank you.

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>.

Free DIY Home Energy Saving Kits: Do you want to save money on your energy bill while adding comfort and value to your home? CNC is lending out DIY (Do-It-Yourself) Home Energy Saving Kits to help you easily reduce your energy and water use. The kits contain tools to evaluate your energy use and free items you get to keep, including CFL light bulbs, weather stripping and a low-flow shower head. Stop by the CNC and borrow one for free today!

Read to a Dog, Register for Reading Buddie: Kids ages 6 and up can register to read to a friendly therapy pet at CNC. This free program is scheduled on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 3:30-4:30pm and offered in partnership with Sunnyvale Library and Furry Friends. Each child will read to a pet for 15 minutes with the goal of building up his/her reading skills and confidence. Next program date is Thursday, December 17th. To register, call (408) 730-7800.

Angela Chan, CNC Manager

ATTENTION: Volunteers Storing Items for SNAIL

Some SNAIL volunteers have garages full of SNAIL items used for various events throughout the year. We want to help unclutter your garages by moving most of these items to one central location. SNAIL is in the process of shopping for space at nearby storage facilities. We need to assess the volume of stuff we have in order to choose the correct size storage unit. If you are currently storing SNAIL stuff and would like to move it out, please contact Valérie at vsuares@gmail.com. Let us know what you have, describe the content, the container (box, bag, crate, etc.), the dimensions of the container(s) or the space required to store your SNAIL items. Give us your street address and the phone number to contact you.

If anyone happens to know the owner of a storage facility to assist SNAIL in getting a non-profit rate or have a large storage area you don't mind letting SNAIL use, please contact us as well. Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

Valérie Suarès



Five Million and More Reasons to Save Energy



Want to save money on your energy bill while adding value and comfort to your home? Interested in helping Sunnyvale win a \$5 million prize? Join City staff at the SNAIL neighborhood meeting on December 3rd to learn about our free energy saving kit rentals and more ways to save energy! Read more at:

<http://Energize.InSunnyvale.com>

John Cordes



Brief Summary of November General Meeting Minutes

2016 SNAIL Officer Elections: There was a prolonged discussion re the election process with a lot of input from the membership. Following the discussion, the elections were held via secret ballot. The 2016 SNAIL officers were elected as follows:

- **Chair:** Tarik Peterson
- **Vice-chair:** Valérie Suarès
- **Secretary:** June Valenti
- **Treasurer:** (vote deferred until December meeting when candidate Kirstin Sims is eligible)

SNAIL Bylaws Changes: There were many comments and much frustration expressed re the time it is taking to rewrite the bylaws. The new "Standing Rules" being introduced were explained and discussed. Other issues discussed were:

- What does an 'active member' mean?
- Feedback loop takes 60 days every time the bylaws are rewritten.
- Membership directed the bylaws committee to review input and post a final draft as soon as possible.

Storage Units: Many SNAIL neighbors are storing holiday, event and party supplies. Kirstin has been pricing storage units. There is a wide range of prices and sizes available. Jim Quaderer shared that Nathan Truitt suggested SNAIL buy a storage shed and keep it in someone's yard. Valérie suggested looking into shelving for the storage unit and posting on our neighborhood websites for more ideas. Connie Cook-Turner stated that we need more information and suggested that Valérie chair a committee for this purpose. The motion was passed. Kirstin, Jim and Don Breitbarth volunteered to be on the committee.

Holiday Party: John and Diane Cordes volunteered to host the Holiday Party at their house. It will be Sunday, December 6th from 5:00 to 8:00pm.

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

<http://tinyurl.com/SNAILorg>

June Valenti, SNAIL Secretary





Boxing Day History

Boxing Day is a holiday traditionally celebrated the day following Christmas Day, when servants and tradesmen would receive gifts, known as a "Christmas box", from their bosses or employers, in the United Kingdom, Barbados, Canada, Hong Kong, Australia, Bermuda, New Zealand, Kenya, South Africa, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica and other former British colonies. Today, Boxing Day is the bank holiday that generally takes place on December 26th. In the United States, Boxing Day is celebrated as a public holiday in some, mainly southern, states: Kansas, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina and Texas.

(Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boxing_Day)

Boxing Day Events and Things to Do

- Clean out your closets and donate to a local charity.
- Donate to a local food bank.
- Prepare a Christmas box for a charitable organization.
- Donate money to a church or other community group which cares for the poor and elderly.

Submitted by Denise Perez

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., Dec. 8 th and 22 nd
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wed., Dec. 9 th and 23 rd



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>. All SNAIL members are welcome to comment on the changes by December 12th, prior to final approval. These changes will be posted for review and final vote will be at the January 2016 SNAIL meeting. Hard copies of the recommended changes will be available at the December SNAIL monthly meeting.

Elaine Rowan, SNAIL Vice-chair and Bylaws Committee Leader

Columbia Middle School Upcoming Events

- Dec 9: Winter Band Concert at 6pm
- Dec 10: Winter Orchestra / Choir Concert at 6pm
- Dec 15: Nightmare on Puberty Street presentation
- Dec 16: ELAC/PTSA at 6pm/6:30pm
- Dec 21 – Jan 1: NO SCHOOL (Holiday Recess)

Coaches Wanted!

We are looking for coaches for the upcoming sports season. The following sports teams are in need of coaches:

- 6th Grade Boys Volleyball
- 7th Grade Boys Volleyball
- 8th Grade Boys Volleyball

Details:

- The season begins with tryouts from Dec 7-10, 3-5pm
- Practice Schedule: Mondays and Wednesdays, typically from 3-4:30/5pm
- Matches: Tuesdays and Thursdays starting Dec 15th
- Stipend: \$1000
- Must be at least 18 years old to apply

Please contact Gabriel Perez email: gabriel.perez@sesd.org or JoAnna Gistand email: joanna.gistand@sesd.org

We hope you have a safe and happy holiday.

Jennifer Aufang, CMS PTSA

Pet of the Month

If you would like to submit your pet for Pet of the Month, send an email to the editor with a photo and include your name, the name of your pet, your street name and anything you would like to say about your pet to SNAILeditor@snail.org

January 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, Dec 19th. Send an email to SNAILeditor@snail.org



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