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December 2016

SNAIL General Meeting Thursday, December 1st

Location: Columbia Middle School Staff Lounge

Time: 7:00 p.m. – Look for the **SNAIL** sign

Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:

- Discussion: SNAIL's official position on lost TV reception
- Discussion: SNAIL funding to be used for lost TV reception legal advice

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 2017!

1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4, 6/1, 7/6, 8/3, 9/7, 10/5, 11/2, 12/7

SNAIL 2016 Event Calendar

Date	Event Name	Organizer
Sun, Jan 20 7:00 p.m.	Dinner Night Out with SNAIL Officers Seto Restaurant (Japanese) 511 Borregas Ave.	RSVP Bonnie Lloyd (408) 747-1949
Sun, Dec 18 5 – 8 p.m.	SNAIL Holiday Party 550 E. Arbor	John Cordes and Diane Gleason (650) 288-9645
Dec 7, 14, 21, 28	SNAIL to Volunteer at the Cold Winter Shelter 6 – 8 p.m.	Valérie Suarès (408) 390-3335
Jan 4, 11, 18, 25		
Feb 1, 8, 15, 22		
Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29		



Brief Summary of November General Meeting Minutes

New Peery Park Projects: Pat Meyering would like the new drive through at McDonald's (corner of San Aleso and Mathilda) to be enclosed so neighbors will not have to hear the speakers.

The PPSP approved the 'Land Use and Transportation Element' – LUTE. This would be 15,000 new homes and 40,000 new jobs. The new ratio being considered is 1:2. The vote for this will be January 17, 2017.

TV Reception: This went into a discussion led by Jim Quaderer. 505 and 555 N. Mathilda interferes with TV reception for Jim's area of SNAIL. Communicating on SNAIL.org and Nextdoor.com, 14 neighbors responded to a survey dealing with this issue. The findings were presented to the City Council. The City has no current policies on this. Connie suggested we bring this up so there will be a policy in the future. Jim said by standing on his roof and relocating his antenna he can now receive TV signals. Personal antennas can be elevated no more than ten feet over a roof. The FCC accepts complaints and gives tips online.

Jim Quaderer stated two four-story buildings are going up containing 4,000 square ft. office space at 615 N. Mathilda. Jim said that the new buildings will interfere with his TV reception and he won't be able to move his antenna to fix it this time. The timeline on this new project is not known. Compensation should be available to neighbors affected by this. Pat Meyering said the more people who know about this issue; the more likely we are to get a response.

Don B. did not know what Jim was talking about because the City did not notify him of this plan.

In addition, new projects are planned for Almanor (including a café), Pastoria, and Maude (restripping).

Election of Officers: The 2016 officers were voted in for 2017. There were no other nominations. All received 15 votes, no abstentions.

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

<http://tinyurl.com/SNAILorg>

-June Valenti, SNAIL Secretary



Red Bows Day
Saturday,
December 3rd



We will meet at 9.00 a.m. at my home for breakfast goodies before heading out to decorate our street trees with red bows. Anyone who wants to be a helper please call or email.
 -Saurabh Singh (408) 228-7613
saurabh2180@gmail.com

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

SNAIL HOLIDAY POTLUCK PARTY

Sunday, December 18th

5:00-8:00 p.m.

Diane and John's Home

550 E. Arbor (corner of Worley and Arbor)
Potluck dinner - please bring a dish to share.



Come join your neighbors for some neighborhood holiday fun! Be in the holiday spirit with good company and good food. Ham, turkey, pumpkin pie; help us complete the menu! Potluck dishes and RSVPs preferred, but come on over any way you are. RSVPs and questions, please email Diane at [gleasondiane @ yahoo .com](mailto:gleasondiane@yahoo.com) or call her at (650) 353-1575.

Cold Weather Shelter – Volunteers Needed

This year, the SNAIL Volunteers will be spending a couple of hours every Wednesday at the North County Cold Weather Shelter to serve food and distribute bed linen and blankets from 6 to 8 p.m.

We are confirmed on the following 2016 dates:

30-Nov; 7-Dec; 14-Dec; 21-Dec; and 28-Dec

The shelter is looking for additional volunteers throughout the season, between November and the end of March. So if you have some time available, please give me a call so that we can add you to the volunteer schedule.

The shelter is scheduled to open on November 28th and if you have a couple of hours to spare on the opening night, please let me know. Young adults 16 and older in need of community hours are encouraged to assist. A TB clearance will be required for everyone volunteering at the shelter.

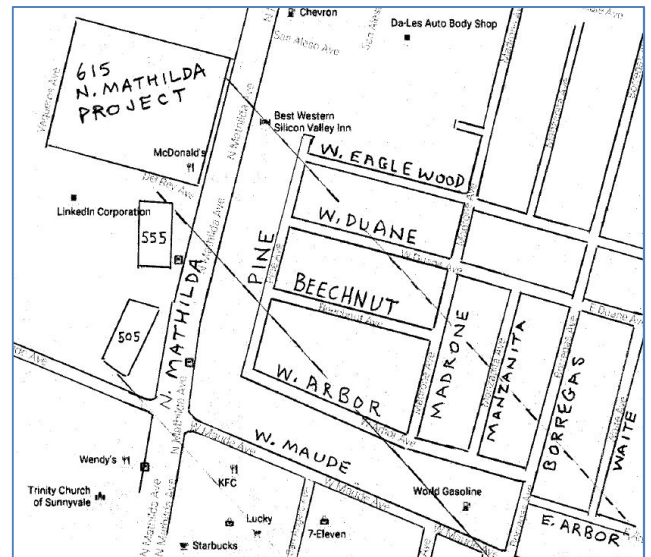
-Valérie Suarès, (408) 390-3335, [vsuares @ gmail .com](mailto:vsuares@gmail.com)

Columbia Music Boosters Holiday Concerts

The Columbia Music Boosters cordially invite the SNAIL neighborhood to the holiday concerts in the small gym at Columbia Middle School on December 14th (choir) and December 15th (band and orchestra). We will be raffling off gift baskets to raise money for our annual trip to the Heritage Music Festival Music competition. If you would like to donate products or services to include in the gift baskets or matching funds for kids who are fundraising, please contact Linda Garcia (408) 480-5544 or go to the [GoFundMe](https://www.gofundme.com) page and search for [Cms music](https://www.gofundme.com). We are also selling See's Candy Bars in milk chocolate, dark chocolate with almonds and milk chocolate with toffee for \$2.25/ea or \$54/box of 24.

Also, we have an upcoming event in February; a goodwill donation station set up in the front of the school. CMS music will receive a cash donation from Goodwill for this event. The exact date and more information will be provided soon. Happy Holidays from the Columbia Music Boosters.

-Linda Garcia, Music Booster Chair



Mathilda Office Buildings to Block TV Reception in SNAIL

More tall office buildings are likely to be approved at 615 N. Mathilda Ave. by the Planning Commission as early as Monday, December 5th. This could result in TV reception problems for additional SNAIL residents.

While it is very difficult to predict which homes will be hardest-hit; generally, the homes closer to the new office buildings are most at-risk. The "TV signal shadow" map attempts to illustrate the blocked signal path from the ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS and FOX transmitters through our neighborhood (FCC web site: <http://tinyurl.com/FCCTVMap>.) The homes which could be most affected are:

- 600 block of Pine and 555-589 Pine
- 322 W. Eaglewood
- All of Beechnut Ave.
- 244~342 W. Duane
- 140~216 W. Arbor and 245~285 W. Arbor

Perhaps less-affected will be:

- 560~588 Madrone
- 560~583 Manzanita
- 519 & 561 Borregas, 552~577 Borregas
- 206 E. Arbor

This is ~100 homes. The City currently has no policy on blocked TV reception and should be urged to approve a study issue on this topic in 2017. The City should not allow tall buildings to block residential TV reception without compensation to the homeowners who would become forced to pay for private services such as cable TV and satellite. In my case, this expense will be reoccurring for the next ~30 years. I want this issue to be taken seriously but my single voice will not be enough.

If you can help or just have questions, please send an email to:

[TV @ snail .org](mailto:TV@snail.org) or call me at (408) 737-9479.

-Jim Quaderer, 302 Beechnut Ave.

Planning Commission To Decide 615 N. Mathilda

The Planning Commission will decide on the office buildings at 615 N. Mathilda on either Dec. 5th, Jan. 9th, or a later date. You may address the council directly or you may send an email to: [PlanningCommission @ sunnyvale .ca .gov](mailto:PlanningCommission@sunnyvale.ca.gov) at least a few business days prior to their meeting. You need to regularly check the Planning Commission Calendar at: <http://tinyurl.com/PlanCommCalendar> for updates on their agenda.

-Jim Quaderer, 302 Beechnut Ave.

A Fond Farewell

Friends gathered at the home of Galen and Evelyn White on Friday evening, November 11th, to wish "Bon Voyage" to our dear friends and neighbors of 62 years on Georgia Ave. They will be moving to Visalia to be near their family. Active in our SNAIL community and docents for the Heritage Museum for many years, they will be sorely missed.

Evelyn and Galen were the last original owners in this tract of homes. When their house was built on Georgia, Carolina Avenue was still farmland. They will return to visit from time to time and try to keep in touch with this place that has been their home for so many years.

-Submitted by Connie Cook-Turner

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 Workshop: Marketing and Promoting Your Child Care Business – Thursday, Dec. 8th, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Sunnyvale Community Center, Neighborhood Room, 550 E. Remington Dr. City of Sunnyvale, Youth and Family Resources will be hosting a free marketing workshop for local child care providers. Participants will learn ways to advertise, make traditional marketing brochure and fliers more effective, and gain an understanding of social media as a marketing tool for their business. Presentation by Shonda Ranson, Communications Coordinator with the City of Mountain View. For more information or to register, please call (408) 730-7800 or email childcareresources@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

Holiday Closures: Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC) will be closed from Friday, Dec. 23rd through Monday, January 2, 2017. All programs/services will resume on Tuesday, January 3rd. Please note: MayView Community Health Clinic, located inside CNC, has a different holiday schedule; call MayView directly at (408) 746-0455 for more information.

-Angela Chan, CNC Manager

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. 17th. Send an email to SNAILeditor@snail.org



Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day History

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day seeks to honor the victims of Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor, an American Naval Station. The attack is often cited as the catalyst for American involvement in the Second World War, given that President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared war on Japan the following day.

At 8 a.m. on December 7th, 1941, without prior warning, the Imperial Japanese Navy Air Service attacked the Naval Station at Pearl Harbor, located on Oahu, Hawaii. The base was attacked by 353 Japanese fighter planes. In total, 2,403 people perished, another 1,178 were injured, four U.S. Navy battleships were sunk and 188 aircraft were destroyed. The aim of the attack was to immobilize the U.S. Pacific Fleet, which would allow Japan to advance into Malaya and Dutch East Indies. On August 23, 1994, the United States Congress passed Public Law 103-308 to designate December 7th of each year as National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Facts & Quotes

- ❖ Within hours of the attack, Canada was the first nation to declare war on Japan. The United States declared war the following day.
- ❖ The Pearl Harbor Commemorative Medal was established by the United States Congress on November 5, 1990. U.S. Armed Forces veterans and civilians who served, were injured or killed during the attack on Pearl Harbor were eligible to receive the medal to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the attack. (Public Law 101-510, 104 Stat. 1721 and Public Law. 104-201, 110 Stat. 2654).
- ❖ The USS Arizona Memorial was built in 1962 to mark the resting place of the 1,102 sailors and marines who died on the USS Arizona during the attack on Pearl Harbor.
- ❖ "...commemoration of the attack on Pearl Harbor will instill in all people of the United States a greater understanding and appreciation of the selfless sacrifice of the individuals who served in the armed forces of the United States during World War II..." -(Public Law 103-308)
- ❖ "Yesterday, December 7, 1941 - a date which will live in infamy - the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan."
-President Franklin D. Roosevelt. This speech by President Roosevelt is widely cited and referred to as the *Infamy Speech* or *Pearl Harbor Speech*.

[US Government Publishing Office: Pearl Harbor](#)

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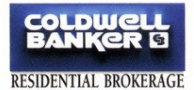
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