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## December 2018



### Red Bows Day

Sunday,  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>



### SNAIL General Meeting Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** Columbia Middle School Staff Lounge

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

**Upcoming Guest Speaker:**

- **Jan. 2019: Kent Steffens, Sunnyvale City Manager**

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 or our usual meeting venue is not available. All SNAIL area homeowners, residents and guests are invited. Children are welcome. Membership in SNAIL is always free.

**Mark Your Calendar Now: 1/10, 2/7, 3/7**



### Highlights of SNAIL General Meeting – NOVEMBER

**City Report (John Cordes):** Two law firms are suing California because of an issue regarding minority voters and access to voting. This could cost California >4 million dollars in legal fees. So far, everyone complies with the law if an attempt is made to sue. There is time to put this issue on the ballot in the March 2020 election. California State overrules our City charter.

**Summit School:** The fourth round of public review will be held around December 10<sup>th</sup>. A decision may be made at this time.

**Social Secretary's Report:** The SNAIL Holiday Potluck Party will be Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at the home of Mark and Georgina Aubin.

**Standing Rule for Block Parties:** A new standing rule was voted in on October 4, 2018 regarding the reimbursement policy. It will be added to the standing rules document and kept by the secretary. It will also be posted on the SNAIL.org website.

**2019 SNAIL Officer Election Results:**

- ✓ **Chair:** Valérie Suarès
- ✓ **Vice-chair:** Diane Gleason
- ✓ **Secretary:** June Valenti
- ✓ **Treasurer:** Sharon McKnight

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

<http://tinyurl.com/SNAILorg>

*-Minutes taken by June Valenti, SNAIL Secretary*

### SNAIL 2018 Event Calendar

Date/Time	Event Name	Organizer
Sun, Dec. 2	Red Bows Day Red Bow Elves Meet at Saurabh Singh's Home at 9:00 a.m.	Saurabh Singh (408) 228-7613
Wed Dec 5, 12	Homeless Shelter Please call Valérie to Volunteer to serve dinner; two-hour shift, two Wednesdays a month	Valérie Suarès (408) 390-3335
Fri, Dec 21 6 – 9 p.m.	SNAIL Holiday Potluck Party Hosted by the Aubin's 763 San Diego Ave.	Mark/Georgina Aubin RSVP (408) 745-7693
Fri, Jan 18 7:00 p.m.	Dinner Night Out with our New 2019 SNAIL Officers Seto (Japanese) 511 Borregas Ave.	Bonnie Lloyd (408) 747-1949 RSVP by 11/14

### Coaches Needed at Columbia Middle School!

Want to show your Bulldog Pride by being one of our 2018/2019 coaches?

**Season Three: Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>**

- ❖ **Boys Soccer:** 4 coaches needed
- ❖ **Girls Volleyball:** 6 coaches needed



Check out our available positions on our NEW CMS Athletics webpage: <http://columbiaptsa.org/athletics>.

NO experience necessary. You must be 18 years of age and complete a background check and fingerprinting with the City of Sunnyvale or the Sunnyvale School District. (This can take up to a month to complete, so get started early). Compensation: \$1000.00 STIPEND, coach's uniform, and training. Practice and games are Monday-Thursday, generally from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. If you have any interest, please contact: [info@columbiaptsa.org](mailto:info@columbiaptsa.org).

*-Troy Obrero, CMS Co-Athletic Director*

**SNAIL HOLIDAY POTLUCK PARTY**  
**Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:00-9:00 p.m.**  
**763 San Diego Ave.**

RSVP Georgina Aubin (408) 745-7693 or email [georgina.aubin@gmail.com](mailto:georgina.aubin@gmail.com) with the number of people and what dish you're planning to bring. Children are encouraged to come!

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

Come join your neighbors for some neighborhood holiday fun! This annual event has proven to be a cozy time to enjoy good company and share good food. There will be crafts and play space for children, as well as plenty of conversation for the adults.

*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](mailto:CNC@sunnyvale.ca.gov) or visit our new webpage at: <http://tinyurl.com/SVCNC>.

**Free Legal Clinic at CNC:** Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 10 a.m. – noon. Receive a 20-minute consultation on legal matters by licensed attorneys offered by South Asian Bar Association of Northern California (SABA-NC). No appointments. Customers are attended to on a first come, first served basis.

**Weekly Columbia Neighborhood Storytime:** Every Wednesday, 3 to 4 p.m. at Columbia Middle School Library (739 Morse Ave.) Stories, songs and activities for children are provided by volunteer story time leaders. Snacks for children will be provided at the end of the program.

**Free Event – Girlstart DeSTEMber Extravaganza:** Saturday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Columbia Middle School Multipurpose Room (739 Morse Ave.) This free family event will feature STEM activities for kids.

**Free Kindergarten Readiness Workshop (Spanish):** Wednesday, Dec. 5, 6-8 p.m. at California Young World, 1110 Fairwood Ave. (Lakewood). Family Resource Center staff will present on the emotional and social support children need in preparation for transition to kindergarten in Spanish. Child care and dinner will be provided. Registration required, call (408) 245-7285.

**Free Kindergarten Readiness Workshop (English):** Monday, Dec. 10, 6-8 p.m. at the Sunnyvale Library, Program Room. Family Resource Center staff will present on the emotional and social support children need in preparation for transition to kindergarten. Representatives from the Cupertino, Santa Clara and Sunnyvale school districts have been invited for a Question and Answer session.

**Free Youth Activities:** January 2-4, 2019, two free coding workshops will be offered during the 3-day holiday in January. MathandCoding.org will offer Arduino workshops for youth ages 8-12 and Code It Bay Area will offer Scratch workshops for youth ages 6-9. All workshops will be facilitated by high school volunteers and registration is required. Registration is available beginning on **Monday, Dec. 10** and must be completed in-person at CNC.

**CNC December Closures:** CNC will be closed from Saturday, Dec. 22 through Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019. All programs/services resume on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019.

-Angela Chan, CNC Manager



**Little Free Libraries in the SNAIL and Lowlanders Neighborhoods**

Did you know there are six Little Free Libraries book exchange in the SNAIL neighborhood?

In case you missed them, here is how to find them:

- ✚ On 101 W. Ferndale Avenue, like a beacon, it stands straight at the corner of Borregas and West Ferndale; I am sure you will see it from far away.
- ✚ On 595 E. Arbor Avenue, look carefully, this red railroad car is surrounded by beautiful trees and plants.
- ✚ On 633 Pine Avenue, you should not miss this bright red repurposed newspaper box.
- ✚ On 738 Georgia Avenue, this beautiful Acadia style library is painted in the same colors as the home and decorated by our very own SNAIL artist, Shelly Capovilla who hand painted these amazing murals on all three of its sides. Sit on the white bench or the tree stump to read your book.
- ✚ On 256 E. Eaglewood Avenue, the first things you will see are two tree stumps and beautiful log bench made by Mark Aubin, host of our holiday party this year. Look carefully for the green roofed library, it is surrounded by plants.
- ✚ And finally, on 656 San Diego Avenue, be amazed by this amazing “Fairy Themed” library built by the Bishop School Girl Scouts Troop.

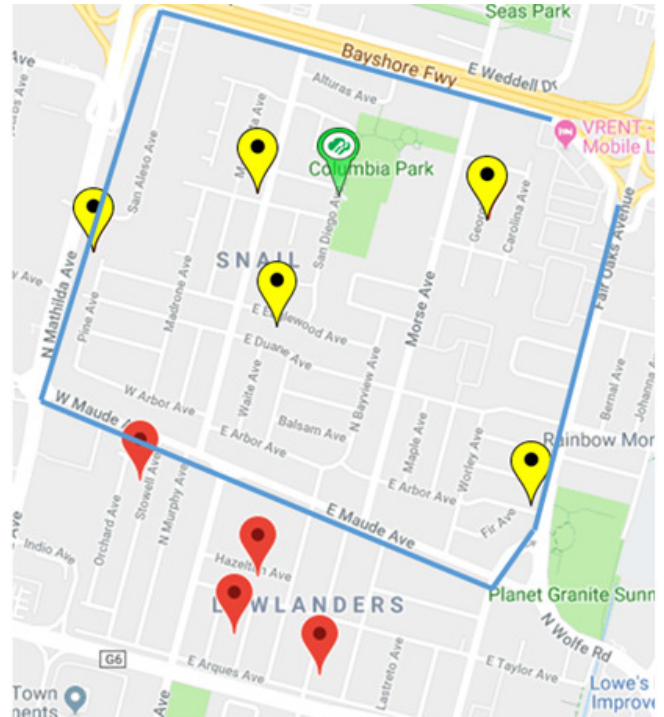
So why don't you visit one of these libraries over the winter break?

If you wish to explore the adjacent neighborhood, the Lowlanders Neighborhood has four little free libraries:

One on 270 Hazelton Avenue, a second one on 317 Jackson Street, a third one on 16 Morse avenue and the fourth one on 383 Stowell Avenue.

**Happy Reading everyone!**

And remember... **TAKE A BOOK OR LEAVE A BOOK**



101 W. Ferndale Ave 738 Georgia Ave	595 E. Arbor Ave 256 E. Eaglewood Ave	633 Pine Avenue 656 San Diego Ave
LFL in SNAIL Neighborhood	Girl Scouts LFL in SNAIL Community	LFL in Lowlanders Neighborhood

-Valérie Suarès



**Items from the City Manager’s Newsletter**

**Launch of Sunnyvale’s Top 30 Projects Webpage:** At the request of City Council, a system to provide quarterly updates on the top 30 City projects was launched earlier this month. The launch of the Projects Update System provides a one-stop-shop to see the various projects underway and reinforces the City’s commitment to transparency and efforts to enhance communication. The top 30 projects range from high profile projects to internal operational projects that will be updated at least once every quarter. The system retains a history of all updates to provide context and chronological progression for each project. While many larger City projects have dedicated sites and/or pages that contain detailed information, the Projects Update System’s purpose is provide easy and searchable tool to deliver project updates to City Council and Sunnyvale residents.

<https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/about/summaries.htm>

**Homeowner Education and Protection:** Wednesday, December 5, 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Sunnyvale Senior Center, 550 E. Remington Drive. Senior Adults and Legal Assistance will be presenting a free seminar on Homeowner Education and Protection. Topics included are Reverse Mortgages, Transfer on Death Deeds, Medi-Cal Recovery and Scams, and Undue Influence. For additional information contact the Senior Center at 408-730-7360.

**The Exchange Zone:** If in need of doing business with individuals you do not know, Sunnyvale residents are encourage to use the Exchange Zone located at Sunnyvale DPS headquarters. The Exchange Zone is a specific space in our public parking lot for community members to conduct private party transactions and custody exchanges at the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety (DPS). DPS is one of several law enforcement agencies offering an Exchange Zone as an alternative to other meeting locations, such as a private residence or retail center parking lot. For more information contact Captain Shawn Ahearn at phone (408) 730-7158 or [sahearn@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:sahearn@sunnyvale.ca.gov).

**Neighborhood Outreach Meeting:** for proposed Small Cell Telecommunications Facility in the City Right-of-Way Thursday, November 29, 7 to 8 p.m. at Braly Park in the Braly Park Building, 704 Daffodil Ct., (near the project site). The meeting, hosted by Verizon Wireless (The CBR Group), will provide the community an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed project to install a small cell telecommunications facility in the right-of-way on Iris Ave. near 701 Jackpine Ct. The project includes: a 4’ 0” canister antenna mounted at the top of a 45’ replacement utility pole resulting in a pole height of 49’4” (11’4” height increase from the exiting wooden pole); two remote radio units (RRUs) and associated equipment mounted (stacked RRU design) on the replacement pole between 7’ 0” and 18’ above ground level; and no new overhead service to the facility. For information contact Teresa Zarrin, Associate Planner at (408) 730-7429 or [tzarrin@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:tzarrin@sunnyvale.ca.gov).



Once a month, SNAIL meets at a local restaurant for good food and conversation. In October about ten of us gathered at Hardy’s Bavaria and spent a couple of hours! In November we met at Tia Juana Mexican Grill in the shopping center near Fair Oaks and Duane. There was only a group of six of us due to the bad air quality outside from the Paradise fire. We had such a good time eating and catching up with everyone’s activities.

In December, we will not have our usual Dinner Night Out so that we can all meet at the Aubin Family’s home for our annual SNAIL HOLIDAY POTLUCK PARTY on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> (see article). This is such a festive holiday gathering with good food and lots of neighbors, including children who enjoy the playroom.

In January, we will celebrate our new SNAIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS with dinner at Seto. Everyone pays for their own food and drinks at Dinner Night Out and some people come just for the dessert! We meet at 7:00 p.m., usually on a Friday night for the commuting crowd.

As your Social Secretary, I call and make the reservations and can offer directions and encourage people to carpool if they need a ride. Please join us for these monthly crowd pleasers... you will be happy that you did!

*-Bonnie Lloyd, SNAIL Social Secretary*

**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, Dec. 4, 18
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wednesday, Dec. 5, 19

**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. 15<sup>th</sup>**. Send an email to [SNAILeditor@snail.org](mailto:SNAILeditor@snail.org).

**SNAIL BOARD and CITY of SUNNYVALE SUPPORT STAFF**

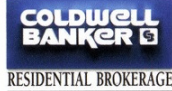
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