



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

Sunnyvale Neighbors of Arbor, Including La Linda  
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**JANUARY 2007**

### **SNAIL General Meeting Thursday –December 7th**

This month, Dennis Ng, Senior Traffic Engineer, will discuss the design of traffic controls in our neighborhood.

*Location:* Columbia Middle School  
Staff Room  
*Social Time:* 6:45 - 7:00 p.m.  
*Meeting Time:* 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

All SNAIL area homeowners, residents and guests are invited. Children are welcome.



Larry Disque and Val Conzet of the Sunnyvale water department, Dec. 7th, 2006.

### **SNAIL Decorating Contest Results**

Thanks go out to our preliminary judges, Donna Lang, Theresa Garoupa, Carol Szilasie, and Barry Boole, for narrowing down the playing field to 12 finalists. Our final judges were Ron Swegles, Councilmember, Jim Davis, our Neighborhood Resource Officer, and Chris Koelbel, Sunnyvale Neighborhood Preservation Specialist. The winners and prizes are:

1st Prize, 620 Santa Catalina: one night in a deluxe room at the Sunnyvale Grand Hotel  
2nd Prize, 594 Maple Avenue: a \$50 gift certificate at Leigh's Favorite Books on Murphy Avenue  
3rd Prize, 580 Borregas Avenue: an Entertainment Book

We did not judge homes that won prizes in last year's Holiday Decorating Contest.

### **SNAIL Dinner Night Out Wednesday – January 20th**

Each month, we pick a different restaurant in Sunnyvale. Our get-togethers are fun! Socialize with neighbors, both new and old.

*Location:* Marie Callender's  
751 East El Camino  
(408) 245-3710  
*Time:* 6:45 p.m.

RSVP Jeannie at 734-0739.

### **Time to Store Bows**

Volunteer elves, remember to remove your bows by January 7th. Please clean the bows and store them flat so they won't look crumpled next year.



(L-R) Chris Koelbel, Ron Swegles, and Jim Davis announce the winners of the SNAIL Holiday Decoration Contest.

### **Message from the Chair**

Happy New Year!

2006 was another great year for SNAIL and I thank my predecessor, June Valenti, for her hard work and the smiles she has brought to our meetings and events.

2007 presents SNAIL with more challenges as we plan what will probably be the biggest neighborhood event that we've ever done -- the "Taste of Sunnyvale" event in the spring. We'll also be hosting a yard sale in June in order to sustain our funds for the year. We need volunteers to organize both events.

As some of you know, I'm no stranger to SNAIL. I've been with our organization from the very beginning. Most of that time, I have preferred to not run for an office. But I must have attended over 100 meetings and countless events. Over the years, some of the key issues affecting our neighborhood have been neighborhood preservation, the proposal to convert Moffett Field into a commercial aviation airport, the proposal to cut Madrone and Manzanita straight through the former (Ferndale) trailer park, speeding on Borregas, and teenagers driving "donuts" on Arbor.

We mainly run social events now with the aim of getting neighbors to know their neighbors. But if there's a particular neighborhood issue that concerns you, our monthly meetings, newsletter, and Yahoo newsgroups are forums for discussion.

-Jim Quaderer

**Officer at CNC**

Come meet our neighborhood resource officer, Jim Davis, at the Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC). Officer Davis is parked in front of CNC in a Sunnyvale Public Safety patrol car every Wednesday between 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM. Stop by and say hello to Officer Jim and if you have any public safety issues, see if he can help you.

**SNAIL Proposal Approved**

Nathan Truitt, the Sunnyvale Community Outreach Coordinator, attended the December SNAIL General Meeting to announce a grant of \$1000 to SNAIL. The grant funds SNAIL's proposal to host a "Taste of Sunnyvale" event in the neighborhood this spring. Many thanks go to Elaine Rowan for leading the application writing effort. Volunteers will be needed to help run this event; please attend a meeting or contact any of the officers.

**Free Alfalfa for Bunny Treats**

Call Jim at 737-9479.

**Letter to the Editor**

Today I almost ran into (over) a flock of kids coming out of the bushes, obviously going from the Fair Oaks Park across Wolfe to get to the skateboard store. It took the Holiday spirit from me for several hours. If I had hit them, I can't imagine how my life would have changed, not to mention all of theirs. The repercussions from making such a stupid decision as to break laws by jaywalking are not measurable. Jaywalking is quite prevalent in Sunnyvale, so drive defensively, SNAILS.

Sincerely, Jeannie Biddle

**Founders' Corner**

"The farther backward you look, the farther forward you can see."

Winston Churchill

"The only secret is the history you don't know."

Harry S. Truman

"If decade after decade the truth cannot be told, each person's mind begins to roam irretrievably."

Alexander Solzhenitsyn

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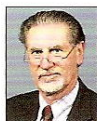
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Average home square footage: 1170

Average Asking Price: \$691,875

Average **Final** Sales Price: \$677,875

Average Days on Market: 39

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