



S.N.A.I.L. News

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SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – December 4th

Location: Columbia 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. Refreshments will be served, bring you own beverage.



Dinner at the Rok, October 30th.

Onizuka Redevelopment Coming Soon

The City Council, acting as the Onizuka Local Redevelopment Agency, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 2, following the 7 p.m. City Council meeting. The redevelopment plan is scheduled to be adopted at the LRA meeting on Tuesday, December 9, following the 7 p.m. City Council meeting.

Red Bow Distribution Saturday – December 6th

The spot, under the roof behind the construction at Columbia School, near the room where we meet. Elves, pick up the bows and trimmings you need to decorate the city trees on your street between 9:30 a.m. and 12 noon. Elves are not necessarily block reps. If you feel you want to be an elf this year, contact Tarik at 745-1241.

SNAIL Christmas Party Sunday – December 7th

Here is a good opportunity to hang out with your neighbors before the holidays get too busy. This year we will hold our potluck celebration at the home of Mark and Georgina Aubin, at 763 San Diego Avenue, starting at 5 p.m.. Please bring your favorite dish or dessert. Contact Georgina to find out what others are bringing. There will be activities for children. RSVP to Georgina at 745-7693 or HolidayParty@snail.org.

Christmas Shop with SNAIL

Buy your friends and family an Entertainment Book for Christmas. Your gift is tax deductible because the proceeds go to a non-profit organization. Lisa Sarsfield and Jeannie Biddle (734-0739) are selling them.

Message from the Chair

This month's message will be short.

For those who celebrate Hanukah, Christmas, or Kwanza, for those who celebrate all, and for those who observe none I send my wish for happiness to you as we leave 2008 and enter 2009.

The last few months have brought us a promise of change, and the need for each of us to become involved within our neighborhoods, cities, states, and nation. Without *us* there can be no *we*.

I will leave you with two quotes. The first is from Ghandi, "We are the change we wish to see in the world." The second is what I often heard my grandmother say, "Do something nice for someone, it makes you feel good and strong."

- Michael Rose

SNAIL Election Crisis

We normally hold our annual elections for the offices of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer at the November general meeting, but due to the lack of a quorum, voting was postponed until December. Last month in this newsletter, we called for members to accept nominations. If that intimidated anyone, we apologize. Please attend this month. You won't be pressured to accept an unwanted nomination. Most likely, the offices will fall to more or less the same folks, not because of their great popularity, and certainly not because they campaigned for their respective positions, but simply because no one else wants to do it. That is a cause for sadness, and also embarrassment, considering that our stated mission is to organize the neighborhood.

Time Line for Entertainment Fundraiser

All money for book sales is to be in the mail by December 15th. A phone call telling the company how many books will be returned should be made and the remaining books mailed. On December 31st, a phone call to company making sure the account is closed satisfactorily should be made. At this time SNAIL has earned \$80 through the sale of Entertainment books.

**Sunnyvale Community Services Auction
Thursday -- December 4th**

725 Kifer Rd., between Fair Oaks and Wolfe. Silent auction from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., oral auction begins at 6:15 p.m. The price of admission: a new toy or gift for a teenager, a household gift (towels, blanket, basic kitchen item), or bag of food. For information, or to donate an item, contact Nancy Tivol at 738-0121.

Hanna House Tour Cancelled

The SNAIL tour of this Frank Lloyd Wright house, planned for February 2009, has been cancelled due to lack of an organizer.

Block Rep Needed

Our block reps on Carolina Avenue and maybe other streets have indicated that they will not be able to continue delivering newsletters. Are you willing to deliver newsletters to thirty or so houses, once a month? Call Marilu at 733-6631 and volunteer now.

Christmas Contest Cancelled

No one volunteered to lead the judging of decorated homes for either the Halloween contest or the Christmas prizes. This year there will be no contest. The Christmas contest has taken place for the past 12 years, so it is well organized and set up for whomever will offer to head the event in 2009.

Founders' Corner


"A good conscience is a continual Christmas."

"The heart of a fool is in his mouth, but the mouth of a wise man is in his heart."

Benjamin Franklin

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