



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

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**FEBRUARY 2009**

### **SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – February 5th**

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

Our speaker will be Heba El-Guendy, from the Sunnyvale Transportation/Traffic Division.

All SNAIL area homeowners, residents and guests are invited. Children are welcome. Refreshments will be served. But wait, there's more! There will be a limited supply of new printed material from Neighborhood Preservation, code violations illustrated. Also an opportunity for one free lunch at Golden Gate Fields, and more coupons for 10% off at The Rok restaurant. Be there to win.

### **Neighbor Helping Neighbor**

In our past two meetings we have discussed the possibility of organizing a network of volunteer neighbors to help those neighbors with unique needs. An example might be someone who needs a quart of milk once a week being connected to someone who can drop by the supermarket on their way home from work. If you would like to get involved, please attend our next meeting.

### **SNAIL Dinner Night Out Thursday – February 26th**

In your entertainment book, and really close to our homes, February's honored restaurant will be Hobee's.

*Location:* Hobee's Restaurant  
800 West Ahwahnee Ave.  
(408) 524-3580  
*Time:* 6:45 p.m.

Call Jeannie at 734-0739 for reservations.

### **Yard Sale and Dumpster Day**

SNAIL is looking for one or two organizers for the 2009 yard sale and dumpster day, which will be held in May or June. Call Jeannie to volunteer.

### **Chinese New Year Dinner**

So delicious and jolly an occasion, no photographs were taken! It was the best yet. Many thanks to the proprietors of the Shanghai Restaurant. The new Honey Sesame Fish and the Green Beans are excellent additions to the menu.

### **Message from the Chair**

“Each of us can make a difference, and all of us must try.” Often quoted by the Kennedy Family; this quote, in today’s uncertainty and turmoil, is an important phrase to remember. Remember who we are, what we are, and how we are in relationship(s) to our community and neighbors.

I do believe that these difficult times, which we are enduring, will surely become more difficult, long before they become better. It is in these times that we as individuals, neighborhoods, and communities can realize the true measure of our strength, and will, to succeed and prosper. But, I believe that to accomplish this success we do need one another. That our true security is in the strength of a people moving in concerted effort to “Make things better.”

I remember when it was common for a neighbor to come by to borrow a cup of sugar, flour, an egg or two; my mother did it, our neighbors/friends did it, and even today, I do it. When neighbors went on vacation we watched their homes. We knew and watched out for children and elders in our neighborhood. We shared what grew in our gardens. Simply put, we needed each other.

If there is any “Silver lining” to this national/global upheaval, I hope it is that as neighbors, as citizens, we become more connected, more helpful, more compassionate.

*NOTE:* In October I walked a great deal of the SNAIL neighborhood and met quite a few neighbors. I often asked two questions; 1) what do you see as a major issue in our neighborhood, and 2) what could be done to improve everyday life. I was amazed that the responses were almost always the same: traffic (speeding, ignoring of stop signs, etc), and sidewalk (corner) curb cuts (which are re-designed sloping corners for seniors and the disabled).

On Thursday February 5, 2009 our General Meeting will deal specifically with the issue of traffic. A City representative will be present to answer many of the neighbors' questions. You, the SNAIL neighborhood, asked for this, I hope to see you at the meeting.

- Michael Rose



Having fun at the SNAIL Red Bow Distribution at Columbia School, Dec. 6, 2008. L-R: Tarik Peterson, Thomas Liebold, Chuck Leath, Michael Rose.

**Recently in SNAILChitChat**

Downed power wires in someone's backyard, and a local restaurant review. To join, send e-mail to: groups @ SNAIL.org .

**Neighborhood Association Meeting**

*Monday -- February 2nd*

Representatives from Sunnyvale Neighborhood Associations in will meet at the Senior Center, starting at 7:00 p.m.. On the agenda this quarter are the following: Q&A session with Gary Lubbers, the new City Manager, Onizuka closure update, U.S. Census opportunities, and the upcoming "walkability" workshop on March 7th.

**Founders' Corner**

"Character is like a tree and reputation like its shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing."

"And in the end it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."

Abraham Lincoln

"One loyal friend is worth ten thousand relatives."

Euripides

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