



S.N.A.I.L. News

Sunnyvale Neighbors of Arbor, Including La Linda
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Representing over 1200 households Established in 1995

DECEMBER 2009

SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – December 3rd

Location: Columbia School.
Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.

Our usual meeting place is gone. We will meet nearby in Room 33. Look for the signs. We will hold our **ELECTIONS** for Chairman, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. [We normally hold elections in November, but due to lack of a quorum, voting was postponed.]

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

Sunnyvale Community Services Fundraiser Thursday – December 3rd

5:30- 7 p.m. Something for everyone's taste and wallet! Admission: one bag of groceries, a new gift for a child or teenager, or a new household item. Light dinner included. Call SCS at: 738-4321 for more information. (But be sure to come to the SNAIL meeting and vote right afterwards!)

Bishop Elementary Holiday Fair Friday – December 4th, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Come and do your holiday shopping among dozens of art and craft vendors while supporting your local children. Listen to the wonderful harmony of The Peninsulaires Barbershop Harmony Men's Chorus (at 6:00 p.m.) and get your picture taken with Santa Claus (at 4:45 p.m.)

Red Bow Distribution Saturday – December 5th

SNAIL will distribute bows from the front porch of the Epperson Residence, at 640 San Diego Ave, between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Elves, pick up the bows, ribbon, and trimmings you need to decorate the City trees on your street. Elves are not necessarily block reps. If you are interested in decorating the trees on your street, you too can become an elf! Call Ian at (510) 520-5095.

SNAIL Dinner Night Out Wednesday – December 9th

Location: Tao Tao restaurant
175 S. Murphy St.
(408) 736-3731
Time: 6:45 p.m. (6:00 for early bird special)

Call Jeannie at 734-0739 for reservations.



San Diego Avenue gets a new water main.

Editor's Farewell Address

Involvement in SNAIL begins with one small step. I became the editor by happenstance, never suspecting that it would culminate in my becoming an officer. The work has been enjoyable, and I will always treasure the connections to the neighborhood that went along with the job. But after seven years, I no longer have the energy to do it every month. My thanks go to all of you for your trust and support, which I hope you will extend to our new editor, Gianfranco Paolozzi, who has generously agreed take over in January.

It is a tradition that a departing officer should speak of the changes seen during his tenure. When I began the editor job, our meetings were informal, unstructured, and well attended. Over the last few years, that has changed. Now the meetings are more formal and structured, but all too often, not well attended. The problem is serious. We are failing to muster quorums for our own elections.

The reasons for this decline are unclear. We could point to forces beyond our control, like the financial problems that are weighing people down. It's hard to think about new involvements when the wolf is at the door. But there are things that we can change, and the way that we conduct our meetings is one of them. The old ways were better. Let's have a restoration. We don't need to have a speaker every month. We don't need a forced march through a pre-arranged agenda, with five minutes for new business. Give the meeting back to the members, and they will come. -- Tarik

SNAIL Christmas Party Saturday – December 19th

Get festive with your neighbors at the annual SNAIL Christmas party. As in previous years, Georgina and Mark Aubin have gracefully offered their home for this pot luck celebration, 763 San Diego Avenue, at 5:00 p.m. Please bring your favorite dinner dish or dessert. Contact Georgina to find out what others are bringing. There will be activities for the children. RSVP to Georgina at 745-7693 or HolidayParty@snail.org.

Neighbor Helping Neighbor

Brownie points and gold stars to Bob Milkovich on North Fernwood Circle for giving me four hours of unconditional help and assisting me when I needed an extra hand. Driving on the street, he saw me struggle; he pulled over, and assisted me. Thank you Bob, you are a true gem, I could have not done it without you!

Valérie S.

Entertainment Books

Entertainment Books are available to give for Christmas gifts. The cost is \$30. You may purchase one, or ten, at the bow distribution on Dec. 5th, or from Jeannie Biddle. (408) 734-0739.

Charity Drive

One of our neighbors is helping collect toys, art supplies, and household appliances for The Support Network to distribute to victims of domestic violence. Contact Valérie at 744-0307 or at vsuares @ gmail.com to get a complete list of needed items, or to arrange for a pick up.

Block Reps Needed

We have two new block rep, but three streets are still without reps. If you live on or near these streets, please consider volunteering.

W. Hemlock	200 block
E. Ferndale	200 block
E. Eaglewood	300 block

Most block reps distribute between one and three dozen newsletters, and spend between ten and thirty minutes walking around their immediate neighborhood.

Founders' Corner

"No man will ever bring out of the Presidency the reputation which carries him into it."

"Nothing can now be believed which is seen in a newspaper. Truth itself becomes suspicious by being put into that polluted vehicle."

"Congress has not unlimited powers to provide for the general welfare, but only those specifically enumerated."

Thomas Jefferson

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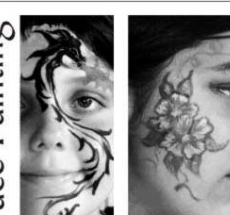


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