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**December 2012**

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

### WE'RE BACK TO OUR USUAL MEETING LOCATION:

*Location: Columbia School Time: 7:00 p.m.*  
The meeting will be held in the Staff Lounge.  
Look for the SNAIL Sign.

**SPEAKER:** David Park, Vice President of Products, Nextdoor.com. Mr. Park will explain how his web site can help the residents of SNAIL build a better sense of community.

*Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:*  
SNAIL's role in city-wide issues and politics  
Holiday bows and party planning.

SNAIL always 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.  
**Mark your calendar now for the rest of the year!**

## Message From The Chair

Happy holidays everyone!

Everyone in SNAIL brings different skills and chooses to get involved in different ways. Some help out by bringing snacks to meetings. Some organize National Night Out events for over 200 people. Some volunteer to be officers. Some hand out the monthly newsletter on their street every month. Some just attend meetings -- which is actually very important as we need a quorum of nine to vote. There are many jobs, large and small, simple and complex, as a leader or an individual contributor.

I've been involved with many different tasks during my 17 years in this organization. In my roles as an organizer and Chair, it often seemed that it would be easier to "just do it myself". That way I would know the job would get done. After all, it is often easier to just do a job than to teach someone else to do it. But I have many times stopped myself from taking this short cut because it is not healthy for the *organization*. There are several reasons for this. One reason is if one person handles all the details themself, the organization becomes reliant on that one person to accomplish that task whenever it reoccurs. If that person should become unavailable in the future, the organization is left with a big hole. Often prospective volunteers are hesitant to take over that task, not because they don't have the time, but because they don't have a clue of the nature and magnitude of the task. Another reason is that social events are not the only way we build a sense of community -- we also do so by collaborating on projects. Even if it is actually more efficient for a single person to complete a task rather than a group, getting the task completed is actually just one of the goals. Another goal is to build working relationships.

I'm glad to see that the four offices will be changing for 2013. It's healthy to rotate the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer around. It's not always possible to do this due to lack of volunteers. I'm grateful that John Cordes volunteered to take over the Chair in 2013. He is very capable and effective. I've been Chair for two years now and was looking for a change -- I'm glad to leave the Chair in good hands! I'm hoping that as Secretary, I'll be able to free up some time for other interesting projects which are still in need of an organizer.

It is important for enough neighbors to attend the meetings on a pretty regular basis as that is where the real business of SNAIL gets done and that is the pool from which we will draw our officers for 2014. Please become a "regular" with the rest of us at the general meetings in 2013!

-Jim Quaderer, SNAIL Chair

## SNAIL January Meeting To Be Shifted One Week

Because the first Thursday in January falls so close to New Year's Day, we decided to push the general meeting date back to January 10<sup>th</sup>. We will resume our usual "first Thursday of the month" schedule in February

## SNAIL Holiday Party

You are invited and encouraged to attend this annual event. A nice evening with neighbors, good food, and fun activities for the kids.  
Saturday, December 8

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Aubin's home: 763 San Diego Ave.  
408-745-7693

It's a potluck dinner, so bring some holiday food to share.  
RSVP to Georgina Aubin, [Holiday Party @ snail . org](mailto:HolidayParty@snail.org) .  
Please let us know that you're coming, and what you think you might bring.

## Red Bow Volunteers

Red Bow Breakfast will be Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 9am at Connie's, then out to put up our Bows. Come join this Happy Holiday Kickoff!!!  
Thank you,  
Connie Cook-Turner

## Red Bow Removal in January

Elves, please remove your bows by January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Store them flat in a box (not in a trash bag) so they will not look crumpled next year.



## Congratulations SNAIL 2013 Officers!

Elections were held at the November meeting. The new SNAIL officers shall begin their terms in January:

Chair: John Cordes  
Vice Chair: Jessica McDole  
Secretary: Jim Quaderer  
Treasurer: Kirstin Sims

## Christmas Bazaar

Bonnie Lloyd will be showing her Boutique on December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Sat. 9 am - 5 pm and Sun. 10 am - 2 pm. Location is St. Justin's Church in Santa Clara. Great gifts!  
Come one, come all!!!  
-Bonnie Lloyd

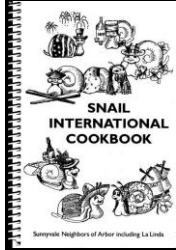
*The publication of our newsletter and SNAIL Neighborhood Association sponsored activities are supported through our annual yard sale, newsletter advertisements, a grant from the City of Sunnyvale, coupon book sales, and donations.*

### Sunnyvale Art Club Exhibit

December 1 to 27, Monday through Saturday, 11 am to 5 pm. Support your local artists! Reception on Dec. 8, 2-5 pm: Sunnyvale Art Gallery, 251 W. El Camino Real  
This is my personal invitation to you all!  
Bonnie Luthy Lloyd

### SNAIL Cookbooks!

It may be a little too big to fit into a stocking over the fireplace, but it will certainly fit under the Christmas tree! You don't want to miss out on your chance to purchase a neighborhood cookbook before it's too late. They are only \$10 each. Contact Connie Cook-Turner at 408-739-8490 or pick up a copy at the next SNAIL meeting, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, or at our Holiday Party, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>.



### Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Our neighbor, Alondra Ramirez, was lost to us tragically in an automobile accident on Morse Avenue. Alondra, a fifteen year old student at Fremont High School, was described by her mother, Awilda Ramirez, as "loved by a lot of people, funny, always smiling – people loved her smile."

The Ramirez Family would appreciate any financial assistance toward final expenses. Contributions may be made at Wells Fargo Bank where an account has been opened in her name. Contact Connie (408-739-8490) for more information.

Thank you, Connie Cook-Turner



Hello SNAILs,  
My cat Miss Brown, or "Missy" has been missing since October 3rd from 564 Madrone. She is a long hair, and looks black or very dark brown in the sun. She is wearing a collar with an ID tag and is also micro-chipped. She has disappeared for a few days before, but never this long. She has spent most of her time on the roof of the shed in the neighbor's yard directly behind me on Manzanita. Please call if you have seen her. I miss her. Donna [408-390-4387](tel:408-390-4387).

Thanks, Donna Lang

### Expanding the role of SNAIL neighborhood association?

Neighborhood associations need to make choices about what we do and what we don't do. What do we want SNAIL to be and do? Do we want to be solely a social organization promoting community and fellowship? Do we want to try to make our neighborhood a nicer place to live? What purposes and activities should be pursued by our neighborhood association? If you are interested in this discussion about the role of SNAIL, please come to our Dec 6th monthly meeting @ 7PM @ Columbia middle school in the teacher lounge.

SNAIL has traditionally focused on promoting a sense of community within our neighborhood. We publish a monthly newsletter, organize monthly 'night out' dinners, National Night out BBQ, annual yard sale fundraiser, Cinco De Mayo, and other holiday parties for our neighbors to promote a sense of community and make SNAIL a better place to live. This is wonderful and true and we expect to continue these types of programs in the future. The question is whether **this is all we do or do we play a bigger role in our community?** Should SNAIL continue to focus only on these types of activities or should SNAIL expand into exercising more of our civic responsibilities and duties? For example, some SNAIL

members want SNAIL to get more involved in local governance by providing input to our city council by stating our positions on various topics that affect life in Sunnyvale. Some neighbors argue against 'getting involved in politics' because they believe it detrimental to our goal of promoting a sense of community. That is one of the questions we will discuss at the Dec 6th meeting.

John Cordes, SNAIL vice-chair

### November Dinner Out

SNAIL filled more than a table at the Peninsulares' Dinner Show on November 10. We enjoyed dinner together and some fabulous music. The finale included a Veteran's Day tribute to all of the armed forces, including our own SNAIL member: Galen White. Many thanks to Connie for organizing SNAIL's participation.



Connie Cook-Turner, Zachary Aubin, Jesse Aubin



Thomas Leibold, Mark Aubin, Gabriel Aubin, Kirstin Sims

### Parents and Kids ~ Safe Driving Concerns

Thanks to Kris and Ann for their feedback earlier this year on our local public schools. It was great to hear their positive experiences with Bishop and Columbia! Does anyone have feedback on our local public high schools?

Switching to another topic that not only affects our neighborhood kids, but everyone traveling through it: safe driving, biking and walking. I'm motivated to discuss this after seeing a certain high end sports car driving through our neighborhood several different times at alarming speeds; and after seeing cars getting passed on Borregas because they were driving the speed limit.

Now that it gets dark earlier, weather is more of an issue (rain, foggy car windows), and the holiday season is here, this is a good time to remind ourselves about safe driving, biking and walking. Driving much faster than the speed limit and/or tailing the car in front of you might only save a little bit of time, while increasing the risk of an accident.

For example, someone turning into their driveway might need to stop unexpectedly for a pedestrian he/she didn't see until the last second. It would be best for the car behind to have left a safe distance between cars to help avoid an accident. In general, routinely using blinkers can be very helpful. Also, remember anytime it is raining hard enough where you need to turn on windshield wipers, it's the law that you turn your car's headlights on.

It is best to avoid distractions (cell phones, etc.) whether you're driving, biking or walking. Unexpected things can happen in a split second and being able to react in time requires awareness. Use of bike lights when it is dark (also the law) or visibility is low will also help reduce accident risks. Although bike helmets are not required by law for adults, they are highly recommended.

If you notice street lamp outages, please report them to Sunnyvale's Public Works office, (408) 730-7415. The lamps on metal poles are maintained by the city. Ones on wooden poles are maintained by PG&E, and the Public Works office can provide you the number to call.

We can all help make our neighborhood and community safer. Thanks for your time and wishing you safe and happy holidays!  
Cindy Padilla, Waite Ave.

**Pet of the Month**



Jane Austen is a rescued pure-bred Siamese who thinks a cat should be very vocal and affectionate. She lives on Morse Avenue with April Flowers.

Email your pet's portrait with you name, the name of your pet, your street name, and anything you would like to say about your pet to the editor at: [SNAILeditor@snail.org](mailto:SNAILeditor@snail.org).

**Some of what was posted on SNAIL Yahoo Groups last month:**

*Yahoo SNAILorg*

- Preliminary meeting agenda.
- Complete meeting minutes.

*Yahoo SNAILChitChat*

- Missing long haired black cat.
- Looking for kitchen fan installer.
- CNC programs.
- Burglary information and flyer.
- Link to US census information.

To join these Yahoo groups, send your name and address to: [SNAILgroups@snail.org](mailto:SNAILgroups@snail.org).

**Brief Summary of November Meeting Minutes**

1. Treasurer's report.
2. To change names on bank account, Favian Chavez at Wells Fargo requested meeting minutes.
3. SNAIL officer nominations and elections held
4. Report on Oct. 20, Dinner Nite Out, organizers were Melody & Derrick. 6 or 8 people attended Dinner Nite Out at Seto Restaurant. Food was great. All had a good time.
5. Continuing discussion: SNAIL donations to local charities? Giving Tree. Scholarship fund.
  - a. Jim read an email from John C. regarding Family Giving Tree program. The program will use money donated by SNAIL for children at the local school. John C. recommends donating \$500.
  - b. Scholarship Fund – led by Jessica McDole. Idea is for a graduating senior who lives in SNAIL who has intent to go to

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college to be rewarded a monetary scholarship based on merit and need.

6. Red bow count: Nov 3, is cancelled; Bow Breakfast, Sat. Dec 1, 9am. Connie Cook-Turner.
7. Holiday party, Sat. Dec. 8, 6-8pm, organizer is Georgina Aubin.
8. Burglary Email
  - a. Read email from Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety
  - b. Discussion – there has been a noted increase by neighbors in door to door activity; crimereports.com shows monthly statistics; should there be a speaker?
9. Tutors at Bishop School Needed – Dean
  - a. Dean volunteered after hearing about the program in the SNAIL newsletter. He found that it was a good program which uses 1 tutor per child. It has been a very positive experience. Program needs more volunteers.
10. Feeding the homeless at the Armory – Starts Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>. If interested in volunteering, contact Malcolm.
11. Jessica McDole volunteered to set up Facebook account.
12. PG&E discussion – Discuss clearing of easements along peninsula and within SNAIL boundaries.

**Neighborhood November Street Sweeping Schedule**

Our streets are generally swept every two weeks on the day following your trash pick-up. This month, the street sweeping schedule is:

East SNAIL Neighborhood	Tues., December 11 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup>
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wed., December 12 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup>

If possible, please move your car off the street on street sweeping days.

**Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC) News**

**Free Legal Clinics**

The Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC) provides free legal clinics the second Saturday of each month, in partnership with the South Asian Bar Association of Northern California (SABA-NC). Clinics are from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the CNC, 785 Morse Ave., Sunnyvale. No appointments are necessary at these first come, first served legal clinics. People are seen in the order that they arrive in the CNC lobby during clinic hours.

Volunteer attorneys provide free 20 – 30 minute legal consultations to answer questions on various legal matters. Examples: immigration questions, advice on foreclosures, debt collection and credit issues, small claims, fraud and consumer rights, information on small business incorporation and other business related issues, etc.

**Youth Drop In Gym**

For youth in middle and high schools who are interested in indoor soccer or basketball. Meet in the Columbia Middle School Gym during these times:

Indoor Soccer: Mondays 7 – 9 pm, Saturdays 7 – 10 pm  
Basketball: Fridays 7 – 10 pm

School ID's are required for admittance. Cost: 50¢ for Sunnyvale residents, \$1.00 for non-residents.

For information: (408) 730-7800 or [CNC@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](mailto:CNC@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us)

**Bishop School News**

Happy Holidays to our Bishop Elementary community! Mark your calendars for our Community Coffee coming up on December 7th at 8:15am. December's Dine out for Bishop is on December 11th at Panda Express. We are still collecting Fresh and Easy receipts over \$20 until December 31st. Please drop them the front office. Have a safe and happy New Year!

- Annette McClure

**SNAIL 2012 Event Calendar**

Date	Event Name	Organizer
Dec 1	Red Bow Distribution	Connie Cook-Turner
Dec 8	Holiday Party	Georgina Aubin

**Next Newsletter Deadline**

The deadline for articles and photos for the SNAIL January monthly newsletter is Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.



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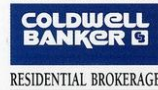
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