

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

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## February 2013

## SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – February 7<sup>th</sup>

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

Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:

- Feb Speaker: Columbia Principal Mary Beth Allman
- Planning for Chinese New Year Dinner
- Planning for St. Patrick's Day party

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!** All SNAIL area homeowners, residents and guests are invited. Children are welcome. Membership in SNAIL is always free.

## Snail February Dinner Night Out Chinese New Year

Tuesday, February 19th, 2013, 6:30 p.m.

This is always a fun dinner. All Snail neighbors and friends are invited to join us for the Chinese New Year.

We will be meeting at Shanghai Restaurant, 253 E. Maude Ave. Dinner is \$22.00 per adult, tax & tip included. Children 13 and under are free

Please RSVP by Feb.  $16^{\rm th}$  to Bonnie Lloyd at 408-747-1949. *Toni Damberger* 

## Work Out at the Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC)

Two great opportunities open up this month for the community:

- A pilot program from Jan 17<sup>th</sup> to March 21<sup>st</sup> (closed on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>). Use of the NEW GYM FACILITIES from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings. \$2.00 each time. Staffed with a professional physical fitness teacher.
- A WEEKLY ZUMBA CLASS starting on Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> through June 2013, from 7 – 8 p.m. in the Columbia gym. \$1.00 each time. The Zumba class is provided by the Health Trust of Silicon Valley. Elda Ponce, a certified Zumba instructor, will teach the class each week.

Both activities are open to adults; the **Gym** will accept Middle School youth accompanied by a parent/guardian; the **Zumba** class, children 10 years of age and older may participate if accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please note CHILD CARE will NOT be provided during the Zumba class. Registration: Participants should come 10 minutes early to the first class to sign a Health Trust and CHAC waiver. Bring water and a towel.

**For more information or questions**, call the CNC at 408-730-7800. If you want more Gym hours, let the CNC staff know, so that they can extend the pilot program. *Valerie Suares and Jennifer* 

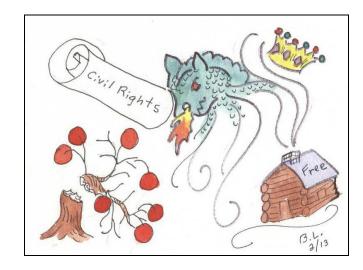
#### Message from the Chair

Our speaker for Feb will be Mary Beth Allmann < Marybeth . allmann @ sesd . org>, principal of Columbia Middle School. She will be talking about opportunities for SNAIL neighbors to engage with the Columbia Middle School kids. If you like helping with kids, please plan to attend.

We worked on planning the general calendar of activities for 2013 at our last general meeting. We have quite a few opportunities for members to help plan parties throughout the year. We're still looking for ideas which will bring neighbors together to share a common interest. The City of Sunnyvale encourages us to get to know our neighbors. Snail members are encouraged to throw 'block' parties in addition to the SNAIL-wide event. Please consider hosting a block party to get to know your neighbors better. Snail can help with the funding.

There has been an increase in burglaries in the neighborhood in recent months. Everyone is reminded to report suspicious behavior to the Sunnyvale Police by calling 911. There has also been an increase in raccoon activity in December and January. Everyone is reminded not to leave small pets or pet food outside during the evenings when raccoons are active. Please remember to lock your pet doors or you may have unexpected company during the night.

Sunnyvale is deep into deciding on its study issues for 2013. These are the changes that the City Council picks to have the city staff evaluate during 2013. If you want to learn more about the changes being studied, you can find out more on the study issue website. http://studyissues.insunnyvale.com. The "2013 Study Issues" Workshop will take place on Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Council Chambers. *John Cordes, SNAIL Chair* 



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.

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

## Yahoo SNAILorg

- Complete meeting minutes
- Message from DPS: non-emergency number is 408-730-7180. Please report suspicious activity.
- Message from DPS about burglaries
- Feeding homeless dates for January-March
- "Neighborhoods for every generation"
- "Why Girls Love Science", Dr. Sigrid
- Theft of car left unattended for warm-up
- Sunnyvale 2013 study issues
- Sunnyvale City Manager blog

#### Yahoo SNAILChitChat

- Report to Council: Condition of Civic Center
- Missing stepping stones on Carolina Ave
- Roofer recommendations
- Fremont High E-waste free disposal
- Sewing/tailor recommendations
- Bay Area Older Adults, 2013 Educational Lecture Series
- Unleashed dogs messing up lawns
- Safety record of porch-delivered packages in our neighborhood

To join these Yahoo groups, send your name and address to: SNAILgroups @ snail . org .

#### **Brief Summary of January Meeting Minutes**

- 1. Thirteen neighbors in attendance.
- 2. December holiday party: The event was a lot of fun. In addition to neighbors, Councilmembers Dave Whittum, Jim Griffith, and Jim Davis attended as well as Gary Luebbers, City Manager.
- 3. February Dinner Nite Out: Will be SNAIL's annual Chinese New Year's dinner. Discussion of organizers and event date.
- 4. Red bow report: Connie Cook-Turner. It appears there was a decrease in bows being torn down after action taken by Columbia School Principal and staff. School community service groups want to get involved by putting up bows next year. Order more bows if needed this summer.
- 2013 SNAIL Activity Calendar: Ideas for the year were suggested. (See calendar in this newsletter.) Other suggestions which can happen any month: Progressive Dinner, Sunnyvale Wastewater Treatment Plant tour.
- 6. Newsletter Counting Organizer needed: The job is to coordinate the meeting time and location. There were no volunteers.
- 7. Newsletter Advertising Coordinator needed: Jessica McDole volunteered.
- 8. Treasurer's report: Postponed until next month.
- SNAIL Bank Account: Discussed changing type of account to make it possible to change signers.
- Break at 7:57 p.m. Special delicacy: Sausage balls from Jessica!
- 11. John C. gave details of the upcoming City Study Issues selection process.

- 12. Some suggestions for speakers at our 2013 meetings: Columbia School Principal, SNAP, California energy upgrade, Full Circle Farm chicken class, residential solar power, Perry Park development, mobile home park in the neighborhood, missing sidewalk at 210-214 Ahwanee.
- 13. It was asked why the Sunnyvale Sun is not delivered within SNAIL. Jim Q told of the contact he made with The Sun years ago regarding newspaper dispensers at both ends of Borregas. This never resulted in action. No one volunteered to follow up on this issue.
- 14. Sunnyvale Adopt-a-Park: Should SNAIL volunteer to adopt Columbia Park? Several neighbors wondered why this was even necessary and where our taxes were going.
- 15. It was commented that Columbia Park should really be called "Columbia Stadium" due to all the noisy out-of-town-player team sports which occur there.
- 16. It was asked whatever happened after PG&E spoke to us at a meeting with regards to high pressure gas transmission line safety. And what about right of ways? Jim Q: One or two people seemed interested in transmission line safety but never followed up. On the subject of right of ways, some people did have some interest, but again no follow up.
- 17. Feeding the homeless at the armory: Malcolm Lloyd said it was going well and that he was satisfied with the number of neighborhood volunteers (6-8 people) each time.
- 18. Jessica M volunteered to bring treats to the Feb meeting. There is a reimbursement of up to \$40 for meeting snacks.
- Suggestions for next month's agenda: Starting a neighborhood development committee: sidewalk cuts, red curbs, and safety of children trying to cross the street between parked cars.

#### Pet of the Month

Email your pet's portrait with your 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.



This is Zoe, who lives with a brother named Mugsy and Kai Deering on Borregas Avenue.

"I work from home with my LegalShield home-based business and she is the perfect office mate!"

Kai Deering

#### **Bishop News**

Our students returned back to school on January 7<sup>th</sup> and we are gearing up for a busy winter and spring at Bishop Elementary. A couple of dates for you to mark down on your calendars: February 1<sup>st</sup> is the Community Coffee with Principal Cicala in the Teachers Lounge at the school at 8:15 a.m. This is a great opportunity to come visit the school, meet other parents, and ask questions. February 8<sup>th</sup> is our Parent-Daughter Dance and on March 14<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting a Special PTO meeting on Relational Bullying from 6-8 p.m. in the Auditorium. We are partnering with a local school Cherry Chase and look forward to having Holly Pederson speak to us on this important subject. We hope you have had a great start to your New Year!

#### **Nextdoor SNAIL**

## A tool to help neighbors connect and share information

Nextdoor SNAIL is a private information sharing website that was initiated by a SNAIL resident and is accessible only to confirmed residents of the SNAIL neighborhood. I hate to use the term "social network", as this can scare people away for fear that they will be bombarded with reports of what other folks ate for lunch, the cute thing that their pet is doing right now, etc.... Let that sort of personal information remain in the purview of Facebook!

Nextdoor has a focused purpose of allowing neighbors to share information that is specifically relevant to their neighborhood (events, public safety, getting acquainted) and membership is geographically restricted, in our case to the SNAIL area.

Membership is free of cost. I am active in the City's SNAP program and have a particular interest in facilitating neighborhood emergency preparedness. That motivated me to sign up for an account. However, the site may be used for a variety of purposes.

To sign up for an account go to https://snail.nextdoor.com/. To learn more about Nextdoor.com and how people are using it, go to that same link and click on "About us" at the bottom of the page. *Gianine Figliozzi* 

## Neighborhood February Street Sweeping Schedule

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

| 15.                     |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| East SNAIL Neighborhood |  |  |  |  |
| West SNAIL Neighborhood | Wed., Feb 6 <sup>th</sup> and Feb 20 <sup>th</sup> |  |  |  |

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

## **Garage Door Opener Found**

If you lost a garage door opener about a month ago, please contact Bonnie Lloyd at 408-747-1949 to retrieve it.

## **Need a Previous Newsletter?**

Remember <a href="www.snail.org">www.snail.org</a>! You can find all past newsletters in the archive section.

#### Looking for a Host for Saint Patrick's Day

We would like to have a St. Patrick's Day party for SNAIL around March 17<sup>th</sup>. That would require someone to volunteer to host/organize it. SNAIL does not pay for alcohol, but we can kick in some money for food if you are willing to host a party. Come and pitch your party ideas at the Feb 7<sup>th</sup> SNAIL meeting if you can. If you can't make the meeting, but are willing to host this party, please contact the chair, John Cordes, via email at: chair @ snail . org

John Cordes

#### **SNAIL 2013 Event Calendar**

Note: the following activities were ideas that came up at our last meeting. They will only occur if we get an organizer for each.

| Date    | Event Name                  | Organizer        |
|---------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Feb 4,  | Feeding homeless at the ar- | Malcolm Lloyd    |
| 11, 25  | mory                        |                  |
| Feb 19  | Chinese New Year dinner     | Bonnie Lloyd and |
|         |                             | Toni Damberger   |
| Mar 4,  | Feeding homeless at the ar- | Malcolm Lloyd    |
| 11, 17, | mory                        |                  |
| 28      |                             |                  |
| Mar     | St. Patrick's Day           | Need organizer   |
| Mar 31  | Easter Egg Hunt             | Need organizer   |
| Apr     | Special outing              | Jim Quaderer     |
| May     | Cinco de Mayo               | Need organizer   |
| June 8  | Dumpster Day                | Barry Boole      |
| June 8- | Yard Sale                   | Need organizer   |
| 9       |                             |                  |
| July    | Independence Day BBQ        | Need organizer   |
| Aug 6   | National Night Out          | Diane Gleason    |
| Aug     | Backyard movie night        | Need organizer   |

#### **Newsletter Update**

SNAIL needs volunteer Block Reps to deliver newsletters on their own block for the 500 block of Morse Ave, 500 block of Borregas, 700 block of Borregas, Santa Barbara, Santa Catalina, and Isla Vista. We will be outreaching to these blocks in the next two months. We need volunteers to deliver these Outreach issues in March and April to gain new volunteers on these blocks. To help with this Outreach program, please call 408-739-8490. Thank you.

Also, starting with the April Newsletter, we will need 2 volunteer Distributors to deliver bundles of Newsletters to Block Reps in the neighborhood. Each route takes about 30 minutes once a month. Please take your turn giving this service to the neighborhood. Call 408-739-8490 to volunteer.

Connie Cook-Turner

## **Next Newsletter Deadline**

The deadline for submitting articles and photos for the SNAIL March monthly newsletter is Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

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