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February 2014

SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – February 6th

*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:

- No guest speaker this month
- Cinco De Mayo planning
- June SNAIL Yard sale 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!** All SNAIL area homeowners, residents and guests are invited. Children are welcome. Membership in SNAIL is always free.

Message from the Chair

I will step into John's shoes for this month's Message from the Chair. As your new 2014 Vice Chairperson for SNAIL, I look forward to more "SNAIL successes". I have been active with SNAIL for over 10 years, but in recent years have worked "behind the scenes" due to other commitments. This year, I have made the decision to be more visible in SNAIL activities. I am proud that we have been able to sustain a cohesive neighborhood association for 15+ years and that we are truly a desirable Sunnyvale neighborhood to reside in.

We have some fun and interesting activities to look forward to in 2014. This month, our Chinese New Year's Dinner will be celebrated on February 5th. This dinner is always a popular activity (Thanks to Connie!!) and we especially welcome newcomers to the SNAIL neighborhood. See Connie's article for more details about reservations.

Other upcoming social activities include: our monthly dinner night out at different restaurants in Sunnyvale, Cinco de Mayo pot luck, National Night Out in August -- just to name a few. We also encourage other ideas and activities, especially family-based activities, and we are open to your suggestions.

I look forward to working with you in promoting SNAIL and Sunnyvale community activities.

See you at the Chinese New Year's Dinner.

*Elaine Rowan
for John Cordes
Snailchair @ Snail . org*

Red Bow Summary

While the larger area of SNAIL Country was festive with Red Bows on our street trees, Borregas and Morse Avenues, the two main entries into our neighborhood from Maude, were completely devoid of any holiday trim.

I would like to suggest that in July, when we place our order for additional bows (we now have a zero inventory due to adding more streets and replacing aged bows), we form a volunteer group from all over the neighborhood to put up bows the full length of Borregas and Morse to welcome people into the neighborhood. This is the last year that Connie and Jim will be coordinating the Red Bow Project, so we need a cheerful, holiday-spirited neighbor to step up and take this spot. It takes very little effort as most Block Reps and Red Bow Elves already have their bows and may need to just replenish tape or ribbon at Bow time. We announce the date in the Newsletter (first Saturday in December every year) and everyone gets their Bows out. Call Connie, 408-739-8490, or John Cordes, 650-288-9645 to volunteer. Thank You.

Connie Cook-Turner



Dinner Night Out in February

Rosemare and Manny Catalar along with Bonnie and Malcolm Lloyd would like you to join them in dinner on Saturday, February 15th, at the Seto Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. (at the corner of Maude & Borregas). Bring your valentine and meet other Hemlock Ave. neighbors! A great day to meet everyone in SNAIL! Bonnie will take your reservations up to Feb. 12th -- call 408 747-1949 -- please put the 15th on your calendar. Good food!!!!
Bonnie Lloyd, Social Secretary

The publication of our newsletter and SNAIL Neighborhood Association sponsored activities are supported through our annual yard sale, newsletter sponsors, and donations.

SNAIL Dinner Night Out

12th Annual Chinese New Year Dinner

@ the Shanghai

Date: Wednesday, February 5th

Time: 6:45 p.m.

Superb menu of 12 items includes Peking Spareribs, soup, salad, Shrimp fried rice, Orange Chicken, Cashew nut prawns, assorted vegetables, Chicken Chow mein, Broccoli Beef, Dry sautéed green beans, Sweet and Sour pork, and Kung pao chicken.

Dinner is \$22 per person including tax & tip.

Children under 12 years, half-price.

Good food, Good company, a happy evening.

Call your neighbors to join the party; then call us with your reservations.

Jim and Connie 408-739-8490

Brief Summary of January Meeting Minutes

- Chinese New Year Dinner Discussion: Will be at Shanghai Restaurant on February 5th.
- Elected Committee Chairs: June Valenti for Jeannie Biddle Estate Sale. Elaine Rowan for Bylaws Committee. Dwight Davis Elected for Matilda Development Committee. Bonnie Lloyd for Social Secretary
- Jeannie Biddle Estate Sale Discussion: The sale is scheduled February 22nd, 2014.
- Actera presentation. Speakers Patty Sexton & Amy Chavez spoke about Green@ Home Palo Alto Non-Profit program bringing people together for a healthy planet. Actera is working with Bidgely Dashboard (www.bidgely.com/acterra) which monitors energy usage data gathered from PG&E SmartMeters and isolates the information into a chart showing which appliances are using a lot of energy.
- Discussion of SNAIL Yard Sale/Dumpster date: May 31st has been chosen. Looking for a Yard Sale Coordinator.
- Cinco de Mayo Discussion: May 3rd or 4th. Looking for a coordinator.
- Grant Proposal Discussion: Looking for a Chair and when to start the process.
- National Night Out on August 5th: Diane Gleason offered to coordinate.
- Discussion on upcoming proposed events. Some suggestions: tours, block parties, a SNAIL booth at the Columbia Health Fair, a BBQ/Movie Night.
- There was a discussion on upcoming proposed Speakers/Topics.
- Sunnyvale Mobile Home Discussion: Rent control?
- City Manager/Planning Issues Discussion: Three candidates are in the running.
- Secretary for 2014: Sarah Cain was elected.

CNC News

WINTER CAMP

A low-cost recreation camp will be held over Winter Break, Feb. 18-21, for grades 1 to 8. In-person registration starts Tuesday, Feb. 4th at CNC and continues M-F, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Tuesday evenings. Cost: \$25 for the week (all 4 days); add \$10 for extended care (3 – 5:30 p.m.) for the week (1 to 4 days). Cash or check only, no refunds. Open to students attending Bishop, San Miguel, Lakewood, Fairwood, and Columbia, or who live in the CNC service area.

HOUSING INFORMATION and DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Project Sentinel, a non-profit organization specializing in housing resources, information and referral, and dispute resolution for tenants and landlords, will offer their services at CNC for 4 hours per month, each 4th Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. No appointment necessary; first come, first served. Upcoming dates: Jan 24th, Feb 28th, March 28th.

FITNESS ROOM – NEW HOURS & COST

The CNC Fitness Room is now open to Sunnyvale residents (with proof of residency) on these nights: Monday, 6:30 to 8 p.m.; Tuesday, 7:30 to 9 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Cost is now \$1 per visit. Middle school students (ages 11-13) may attend with a parent or guardian. High school students (ages 14-17) need a signed waiver from a parent or guardian.

FREE LEGAL CLINICS

Free legal consultation on a variety of issues. First Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Appointments are on a first-come, first-served basis. Next sessions: Feb 1st, March 1st, Apr 5th.

FREE YOGA CLASSES

Provided each Tuesday evening from 6 to 7 p.m. Volunteer instructors will show you how to become stronger and more flexible, and will provide some relaxation too. Wear loose fitting clothes and bring a mat or towel.

DROP IN GYM

For youth in middle or high school. School ID is required. Only 50 cents for Sunnyvale residents. Indoor Soccer: Monday 7 – 9 p.m., Saturday 7 – 10 p.m. Basketball: Friday 7 – 10 p.m.

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Wednesdays, 7 – 8 p.m.; Fridays, 6 – 7 p.m.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP – TEENS and TWEENS

8-week learning & support group for caregivers & parents with Systematic Training for Effective Parenting. Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m., Jan 29th – March 26th (no meeting 2/19). Join by 2/5.

TAX AID

Free help with taxes for families with a total gross income less than \$52,000 on these Saturdays: 2/22, 3/1, 3/22, 3/29. Drop-in 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Carolyn Luticken/CNC (408) 730-7800



View of LinkedIn buildings in the winter after the leaves have fallen on Pine Ave.

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:

East SNAIL Neighborhood	Tues., Feb. 4 th and 18 th
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wed., Feb. 5 th and 19 th

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

SNAIL On The Internet

SNAIL moderates a Yahoo newsgroup called, "SNAILorg" which is for SNAIL business and events, meeting details, announcements from the City, etc.

Additionally, there are two social web sites for the neighborhood. There is Yahoo "SNAILChitChat" which is moderated by SNAIL. Yahoo SNAILChitChat is for socializing, referrals, lost pets, etc. Also, many neighbors enjoy using NextDoor.com which is not moderated by SNAIL.

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.



Louie is a very sweet bunny who acts much like a cat. He has a litter box, hops around the house and loves to perch himself on top of our couch. He is the perfect pet for our daughters Leah (8 yrs old) and Esme (5 yrs old).

The Ahmeds of W. Arbor Ave.

SNAIL Yard Sale 2014

The most fun annual activity for many in the neighborhood is the SNAIL Yard Sale. This activity is also how SNAIL raises most of its funding. We will have volunteers to help out with various aspects of this event but we need an organizer. If you are able to volunteer to organize this very important event, please contact John Cordes or come to our next general meeting.

Next Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles and photos for the SNAIL March monthly newsletter is Saturday, February 15th. Simply email to SNAILeditor @ snail . org

Cinco de Mayo 2014

Do you enjoy Cinco de Mayo parties? Do you (or your kids) like swatting a piñata? Do you enjoy getting to know your neighbors? SNAIL would like to have a Cinco de Mayo party this year but we don't have an organizer. SNAIL will pay for the supplies and provide volunteers, but we need someone to pull it all together. If you would like to organize a party for just SNAILS, please contact Bonnie Lloyd, John Cordes, or come to our next general meeting.

SNAIL 2014 Event Calendar

Date	Event Name	Organizer
Feb. 5 th 6:45 p.m.	Chinese New Year Dinner Nite Out	Jim & Connie
Feb. 15 th 6:30 p.m.	Valentine's Day Dinner Nite Out	Bonnie Lloyd 408-747-1949
Feb. 4 th Feb. 11 th Feb. 17 th Feb. 25 th	SNAIL volunteers at the Armory	Malcolm Lloyd 408-747-1949

Bishop School News

The Bishop PTO is having a great year thanks to your involvement in fundraisers and events. Our walkathon was a huge success. Because the Bishop community raised over \$18,000, we are able to fund field trips for every Bishop student, have some additional funds to lower cost for future events, and support new programs on campus such as the upcoming School House Rock Performance with a donation from the PTO of \$500.00. We had a great time at our recent movie night, the auditorium was packed with Bishop families and our Holiday party was a fun, joyous time for all. Please continue to support your student and Bishop by attending our monthly PTO meetings and Dine Out Nights. We also collect Box Tops for Education which can be clipped from many of your favorite General Mills products and turn them in to your student's teacher or the front office.

Thank you again for your support!

Jennifer Aufang

Jeannie Biddle's Last Fundraiser

Jeannie's estate has offered SNAIL the opportunity to hold her estate sale. Approximately 50% of the proceeds would go to SNAIL. Everything is for sale, including her furniture, and possibly her wheelchair and chair lift. The sale would be held in her house in February, at the latest the first week in March. Volunteers are needed. Especially needed are volunteers help with taking pictures and advertising on the internet. Ads will be placed in local papers and signs made to post in the neighborhood. We have a list of 'fair market value' of the contents of the house. If you are interested in participating, please contact June Valenti at froggeel @ hotmail . com or phone 408-497-0827. Thank you!

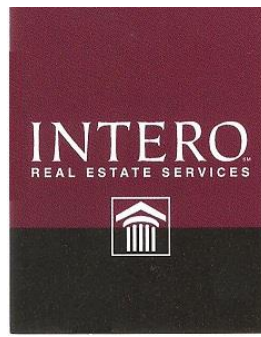
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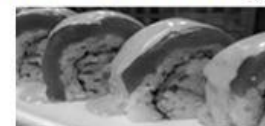


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