



S.N.A.I.L. News

Sunnyvale Neighbors of Arbor, Including La Linda
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SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – January 8th

Our first General Meeting of the New Year, and we are off to a momentous start with our new Mayor, the Honorable John Howe, and other council-member and commissioner guests. This is the first in a series of community outreach meetings planned for the coming year. Come, bring a neighbor or friend, listen, ask questions, and offer your ideas.

Location: Columbia Middle School
Staff Room
Time: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

All SNAIL area residents and guests are welcome.
It is OK to bring children.

Holiday Decoration Awards

Our holiday activities were festive and most enjoyable. Thanks to all who participated in the Red Bows street project and the yard decorations contest. Our judges, Mayor John Howe, his wife Jody, and Kirsten Crahill selected the following three homes:

568 Waite 1st prize: a night at the Grand Hotel
679 Georgia 2nd prize: an OSH gift certificate
297 Alturas 3rd prize: an Entertainment book

Honorable mention and a box of See's candies to the three runners-up: **787 Madrone**, **227 Eaglewood**, and **312 Eaglewood**.

Our annual Judging and Christmas party was held at Toni Damberger's home this year. Thank you, Toni!

From the Chair

As your new chair I would like to wish you all a **HAPPY and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!** Together we can lead our association forward to becoming more self-sustaining with creative fundraising, and extend our community service activities even further.

We will continue our service to the Emergency Housing Consortium by serving food to the homeless at the Armory during the Winter months.

We have adopted Bishop Elementary School for the coming year, and will assist with their ongoing "Boxtops for Education" and "E-Script" fundraisers.

We have organized a "Uniform Shop" with their donated inventory, and hold it open for one hour twice a month for students and parents to shop. We welcome **YOUR IDEAS** on how we can better serve our neighborhood and our community. The SNAIL / Columbia area is a great place to live and serve.

Our new board looks forward to meeting you at our events and at the General Meetings, which are held on the first Thursday of each month in the Staff Room at Columbia Middle School on Morse Avenue, 7:00 - 8:30 PM.

In neighborly friendship,
Connie Cook-Turner, SNAIL Chairperson

Tree DeDecorating in SNAIL Neighborhood

We **NEED VOLUNTEER ELVES** of all ages to help take down the neighborhood tree decorations. Please let us know if you can store the ribbons at your house. Call Connie-Cook-Turner at 739-8490 if you can assist.

Feeding the Homeless at Sunnyvale Armory

Tuesday – January 6th

On the first Tuesday of every month through March, SNAIL volunteers will be serving food at the Sunnyvale Armory between 6:30 and 8:00 PM. Call Connie at 739-8490 for more details.

Dinner –Banjara Indian Restaurant

Wednesday – January 28th

Each month, we pick a different restaurant in Sunnyvale to show our support in the community. Our get-togethers are fun! Socialize with neighbors, both new and old.

*Location: Banjara Indian Cuisine
407 Town & Country Village*

Time: 6:45 p.m.

Call Jeannie Biddle at 734-0739 for more information and reservations.

Thanks, Folks

The Entertainment Book fund raiser is officially over as of December 31st. There are no books left to sell in the neighborhood. Thanks to everyone that supported us during this effort, whether it be selling books for us or buying from us or on our web site. We have made enough money to pay for three months of newsletters.

A warm and sincere thank you goes to the "Secret Santa" that donated \$100 to SNAIL.

We would again like to thank Leslie and Marta on West Arbor for the use of their truck to move 684 holiday bows across the neighborhood.

What Power Does A Neighborhood Association have?

That question can be answered by our local Christmas Tale of happiness. Anne Mitchell found in her cul-de-sac two very sweet dogs, with illegible licenses. She immediately emailed her friends for help, sending photos and descriptions. When there was no positive response, she asked SNAIL members to print the photos and hang them on street poles in case a walker or jogger could identify the dogs. Someone did connect these photos with some people who had been driving around looking for their pets. All are reunited due to cooperation and caring neighbors. Give your neighbors a new year hug and a big hug for Anne too.

Founders' Corner

"Enlighten the people generally, and tyranny and oppressions of body and mind will vanish like spirits at the dawn of day."

Thomas Jefferson

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