



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

Sunnyvale Neighbors of Arbor, Including LaLinda  
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**APRIL 2008**

### **SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – April 3rd**

This month, Christine Doxtad is our featured speaker. Her topic: "Our library: It's more than books." Christine will explain the many services available, and will address the issue of a City Council study of a branch library and the related Community Forum on May 29th.

*Location:* Columbia School  
Staff Room  
*Social Time:* 6:45 - 7:00 p.m.  
*Meeting Time:* 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

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

### **Cinco De Mayo Celebration Monday -- May 5th**

We invite SNAIL residents, and past and present city officials, to come by after work with beverages in hand to have a taco on Monday, Cinco de Mayo, or the fifth of May to some. We will meet at 275 East Eaglewood, the home of Carlos and Rosie Rodrigues. Sunday, May 4th, Michael Rose plans to grind up some beef, and Jeannie Biddle plans to have a chopping party at her home preparing for the event.

### **Dumpster Day/Yard Sale Coming Soon**

Each year SNAIL earns funds while protecting the land fill from beautiful objects that some of you are tired of. Our annual dumpster day and yard sale is taking place on June 14th. (The yard sale will continue on the 15th). We need several things in order to make this event a success.

1) We need monitors to keep our dumpsters free of illegal items and to rescue resalable goods for the yard sale. People who wish to have a dumpster outside their home and to schedule neighbors to "keep an eye open" from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. should call the dumpster czar, Bob Cheney, at 734-5869. You will need to make these calls before May 6th.

2) Members who wish to participate in selling or organizing items for the yard sale should call Jeannie Biddle at 734-0739.

3) Drivers are needed to go from dumpster to dumpster and deliver valuable items to the yard sale.

Want to drop off stuff for the yard sale early? Call Tarik at 745-1241.



Neighbors listening to Lt. John Geinger explain the SNAP program, March 6th, 2008.

### **Message from the Chair**

At the February meeting, SNAIL neighbors submitted numerous locations of hazardous sidewalks, and as I mentioned (at the March meeting) I have seen repairs being done, from that list, and I have received feedback from neighbors who have seen work being done. SNAIL thanks our Department of Public Works, and Leonard Dunn and Joe Gonsalves for their concern and dedication to our city. If you know of a sidewalk in need of repair, you can report it by calling 730-7505.

Our March meeting (disaster preparedness) was a huge success. Lt. John Geinger of Public Safety and neighbors Herb and Pauline Lewis were our speakers. Lt. Geinger discussed the importance of being prepared with both equipment and knowledge when disaster strikes, and the SNAP program teaches these skills. The Lewis' instructed us on how to build a practical supply of food and water. We greatly appreciate them sharing their knowledge and experience.

In my January message I mentioned a telephone tree for our older and/or disabled neighbors. I have found out that El Camino Hospital has a trained staff that does only that, and they do a fantastic job. It is called the Telecare program, and it is free. As of this writing, I am awaiting a call back from Telecare, and I will have more information by the April meeting.

The "Day after St. Patrick's Day" was a lot of fun. We are planning to celebrate more traditional holidays in the future.

That's all for now. I hope to see you at the meeting

- Michael Rose

### **Emergency Training Classes**

A new session of Sunnyvale Neighborhood Actively Prepare (SNAP) Training will meet from 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. on seven consecutive Thursday evenings. Classes begin on Thursday, April 17. There is a one-time \$11 fee (covering the cost of refreshments).

### Off to School, Papers in Hand

Bishop Elementary is now accepting Kindergarten Registration packets for children who will turn five on or before December 2, 2008. Registration requires six types of papers.

- 1 - Proof of address - a property tax bill, rental or lease agreement, or monthly mortgage statement.
- 2 - Proof of age - a copy of the child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate, passport, or statement by a local registrar or county recorder.
- 3 - Parent's Picture ID - California Driver's license, California ID, or passport.
- 4 - Corroborative proof of name and address - a W2 or 1040 form, car registration, bank statement with a voided check, or official county mail.
- 5 - Proof of federal status - the child's social security number.
- 6 - Proof of inoculation - a health examination and immunization record.

The big fuss about names and addresses stems from the fact that our local schools are quite popular, even among families that don't live within the boundaries of the school district.

### Great American Litter Pick-Up

**Saturday -- April 12th**

A volunteer effort to clean-up litter and debris in Sunnyvale. Activities begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 11:00 a.m. To participate, call 730-7717. Equipment and instruction will be provided on the morning of the event.

### Benefit Dinner

**Thursday -- April 17th**

Tip-a-Cop for Special Olympics: 7:00-10:30 a.m..  
Coco's Restaurant, Oakmead/Lawrence Expressway. For more information, contact (408)730-7199.

### Founders' Corner

"The first panacea for a mismanaged nation is inflation of the currency; the second is war. Both bring a temporary prosperity; both bring a permanent ruin. Both are the refuge of political and economic opportunists."

Ernest Hemingway

"Drive thy business or it will drive thee."

Benjamin Franklin

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Last Month's S.N.A.I.L. Home Sales: 5  
Average Home square footage: 1064  
Average Asking Price: \$592,746  
Average **Final** Sales Price: \$564,000  
Average Days on Market: 55

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