

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

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Representing over 1200 households Established in 1995 FEBRUARY 2008

#### SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – February 7th

This month, Leonard Dunn and Joseph Gonsalves from the City of Sunnyvale will discuss the state of sidewalks in our neighborhood.

Location:

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

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

### Fourth Annual Chinese New Year Celebration Wednesday -- February 20th

Once again, Shanghai Restaurant is honoring SNAIL residents by serving us eleven items for the low cost of \$20 including tax and tip. This year's menu is as follows:

Chinese Chicken Salad	Egg roll Chow Mein	
Chicken Sweet Soup	Lemon Chicken	
Beef and Broccoli	Assorted vegetables	
House Special Fried Rice	Peking Pork Spareribs	
Prawns w/snow peas	BBQ Pork Chow Mine	

Festivities begin at 6:45 p.m. Cash only, drinks extra and paid for when ordering, children under ten are free. We always have a wonderful time. Reservations are necessary. RSVP to Jeannie at 734-0739 by the 18th, please.

Shanghai RestaurantLocation:253 E. Maude (just east of Sunnyvale Ave.)Phone:(408) 245-1342

#### **More on Bows**

Kudos to members Lisa Sarsfield and Robert Hinds for ignoring SNAIL timelines and directives. Robert and Lisa took down their bows *before* the big storm! They usually have most of their bows to wash and use the following year. BTW, this was Robert's last year as an elf for the trees on Pine, this gives the Pine residents around 330 days to find a new volunteer before bow days happen again



The "kids-eye view" of a sidewalk in need of repair, on Bayview Avenue near Maude.

#### Message from the Chair

I am excited about this month's guest speakers Leonard Dunn and Joseph Gonsalves from the City's sidewalk/concrete division. They will explain City policy regarding the repair and replacement of sidewalks, and will field questions from members.

I am hoping for a large neighborhood participation. Any SNAIL neighbor with a sidewalk issue is strongly urged to attend and speak. Bring the addresses of any sidewalks with known problems.

One of my goals this year is to increase participation. Membership is simple. If you live within SNAIL's boundaries, you are welcome to become involved.

Why is participation important? What's the big deal?

- 1) The City occasionally asks SNAIL members' opinions on certain issues. SNAIL in turn put the matter up for discussion at General meetings, and tells the City what happened. If you do not attend, your voice will go unheard. Others will decide for you.
- 2) Most meetings have speakers, covering a wide range of useful and interesting subjects. Topics all come from requests by members.
- 3) You have an opportunity to get to know your neighbors, particularly distant neighbors, which brings a sense of security.
- 4) A few times a year we get together. These occasions are fun, and again, you get to know your neighbors.

I hope you will give participating some thought, and take a look at our upcoming meeting topics. If you have any questions, you can telephone me (736-4811).

That's my message for February. I sincerely hope that you will join us Thursday February 7th at 7:00 p.m. at Columbia Middle School. I look forward to meeting you.

- Michael Rose

#### Friends of the Library Book Sale Sunday -- February 9th

10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sunnyvale Public Library, 665 W. Olive Ave. Thousands of books will be sold. For more information, call (408) 730-7300

#### **SNAIL Holiday Party**

In the January newsletter, we reported the contest results, but failed to cover the SNAIL Holiday Party, which was attended by over twenty enthusiastic members, as well as Council members Otto Lee and Dave Whittum, whose names were regretfully omitted. Many thanks to the hosts, Georgina and Mark Aubin.

#### San Aleso Project

There is not much to report, as there has been no movement in City Hall -- yet. Now is a good time for concerned residents to form a committee, and prepare for action this spring.

#### City Skills Discussion Wednesday -- February 13th

7 p.m. - 9 p.m., Cypress Room, Senior Center, 550 E. Remington Dr. Topic: Conflict Resolution, with an emphasis on neighborhood disputes. Presented by Silicon Valley Leadership. FREE to the public. For additional information, contact Nathan Truitt, Community Outreach coordinator, at (408) 730-7472

#### Founders' Corner

"Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it." Ronald Reagan (1986)

"Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you." Pericles (430 B.C.)

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