



S.N.A.I.L. News

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SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – January 3rd

This month, we are back in our usual place.
There will be no speaker.

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.

SNAIL Decorating Contest Results

Thanks go out to our preliminary judges, Dana Xu, Lisa Sarsfield & sons, Thomas Leibold, and Elaine Rowan, for narrowing down the playing field to 12 finalists. Our final judges are listed under the photo. The winners and prizes are:

- 1st Prize, 554 Morse Avenue: one night in a luxury room at the Sunnyvale Grand Hotel
- 2nd Prize, 505 Anacapa Terrace: Starbucks coffee and a \$40 gift certificate at Home Depot
- 3rd Prize, 491 Isla Vista Terrace: an Entertainment Book

We did not judge homes that won prizes in last year's Holiday Decorating Contest.

Many thanks to Georgina and Mark Aubin for making our Holiday party a great success!

History Lecture Thursday -- January 10th

7 p.m., Sunnyvale Public Library, 665 W. Olive.
Lecturer Dave Rader will speak and lead a discussion about Theodore Roosevelt, America's 26th President, the founder of our rise to empire.

Time to Store Bows

Volunteer elves, remember to remove your bows by January 7th. Please clean the bows and store them flat so they won't look crumpled next year.

SNAIL Yahoo Newsgroups

SNAIL has two internet newsgroups for general discussion. One newsgroup is for issues directly related to SNAIL; the other is for chit chat and socializing. The groups are open to SNAILs only. If you are interested in joining these groups, please send an email to groups 'at' snail.org .



SNAIL's 3 finalist judges shown announcing their results at the Holiday Party on Dec 22. L-R: Ron Swegles, Councilmember; Tony Spitaleri; Vice Mayor, and Chris Koelbel, Neighborhood Preservation Specialist.

Message from the Chair

Got a *bad* sidewalk? Read this!

I am excited as I assume the position of S.N.A.I.L. Chairperson for 2008, and I am hopeful that I can perform this task half as well as my predecessor, Jim Quaderer.

My goals for my term will be community oriented:

- 1) To encourage the residents of the San Aleso Avenue area to form a committee to follow the proposed project that would change the zoning from industrial to residential.
- 2) To organize a "telephone tree" to contact neighbors in the event of an earthquake or other disaster, and to establish a volunteer program to check on the welfare of our older and disabled members.
- 3) To increase meeting attendance and participation via outreach.
- 4) To revisit the topic of traffic calming.
- 5) And, last but not least, to focus on the repair and/or replacement of those sidewalks in our neighborhood that are broken and raised, or in other disrepair so as to make them hazardous to young and old. I hope to hear from residents concerned with such problems. If you know of such, I ask you to telephone and tell me the location. I will take this information to the City Council in mid-January.

Here's wishing you all a wonderful and peaceful 2008.

- Michael Rose

Letter to the Editor

Editor's note: Eighth grade students from Columbia School assisted SNAIL elves in decorating the city trees and received over \$160 in donations for their field trip to Washington, D. C.

Greetings and Happy Holidays,
 We would like to thank all of the people who helped us raise money for our upcoming D.C. trip this spring. We enjoyed the work as well as the food and the people of the neighborhood who came for bows. We appreciate your trust in us to do a good job in dressing up the neighborhood for the holidays. We will be sure to let the other students know of the support we received and the pride taken in the neighborhood. We will be more than happy to help with taking the bows down once the holidays are over. Thanks again for your support. Every bit helps us get closer to our goal.

Sincerely,
 all the students who participated and
 Gloria Poole, Math/Science teacher

Rummage Sale

Sunday -- January 13th

Clothing, furniture, books, baby goods, and more at the Moose Lodge, 905 Kifer Road. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 4:00 p.m.. All proceeds go to the Columbia School eighth grade field trip to Washington, D.C.

Founders' Corner

"Banking establishments are more dangerous than standing armies."

Thomas Jefferson, third President

"Nothing is easier than the expenditure of public money. It doesn't appear to belong to anyone. The temptation is overwhelming to bestow it upon somebody."

Calvin Coolidge, 30th President

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Last Month's S.N.A.I.L. Home Sales: 1
 Home square footage: 1554
 Asking Price: \$579,900
Final Sales Price: \$579,900
 Days on Market: 11

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