



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

Sunnyvale Neighbors of Arbor, Including LaLinda  
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Representing over 1200 households Established in 1995  
**NOVEMBER 2008**

### **SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – November 6th**

*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. Refreshments will be served, bring you own beverage.

### **Feeding the Homeless**

Starting after Thanksgiving and continuing until March, SNAIL volunteers will feed the homeless at the armory one evening a week. A recent TB test is required. Call Malcom Lloyd at 747-1949 to volunteer for as many days as you desire. Toothbrushes, soap etc. can be brought to SNAIL general meetings for distribution at the Armory this winter.

### **Frank Lloyd Wright House Tour**

SNAIL is planning a guided tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright "Hanna House". The date is Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009. The tour will be limited to 28 people. SNAIL needs an organizer for this event. The tasks of the organizer would include:

1. Submitting short blurbs on the tour to the SNAIL newsletter editor every month.
2. Accepting reservations on the phone or email from SNAILs and collect the tour & parking fee from each attendee.
3. Mailing the group tour fee to Stanford.
4. Giving a short verbal or email status report every month for the SNAIL general meeting.
5. Setting up carpools or other transportation.

If you have never organized an event for SNAIL before or even if you've never attended a meeting, you can do this. A one-person committee could do this whole job but you can get helpers if you ask. This is a great way to get involved in your community and a fun way to meet your neighbors and make new friends. If you are interested in organizing the SNAIL tour of Hanna House, please contact Jim either on email: [groups@snail.org](mailto:groups@snail.org) or 737-9479.

### **Dinner Night Out**

**Wednesday -- November 19th**

Join us at 6:45 p.m. at our new neighborhood restaurant, the Sunny Buffet, located on Mathilda Avenue where the Cattleman's Restaurant used to be. Korean buffet, all you can eat, \$12. RSVP to Jeannie at 734-0739.



Chuck Leath and his son Paul provided the music at our Oktoberfest celebration.

### **Message from the Chair**

First, foremost, and most important, **VOTE** on **November fourth!** As my mother said, "If you don't vote, you have no right to complain."

Our guest speaker this month is Chris Koelbel, our Neighborhood Preservation Officer. Mr. Koelbel will answer questions you have about a variety of topics, and one such issue that has been recently prominent, neighborhood blight. At this meeting you will find out what we, can do to improve our neighborhood, what we cannot do, and the reasons why or why not. Got questions? Get the answers at the General Meeting on November 6th.

Over the past few months I have had conversations with SNAIL neighbors who wondered whether they are paying too much in taxes, considering that their home value has decreased. I contacted the Tax Collector's Office and got an answer: Each house is taxed on the *assessed* value, not the market value. If a home is assessed at more than the market value, then the homeowner may ask for a reassessment. If the reassessment confirms the lower home value, then the owner may apply for a reduction in property taxes. This means that relief is available only if the home was purchased within the last few years when prices were high. I realize that getting this information took a bit of time and I apologize for the delay.

- Michael Rose

## **SNAIL Elections**

We will hold our annual elections for the offices of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer at the general meeting on November 6th. Please attend and vote. Better yet, please attend and accept a nomination to run for an office!



Cheryl Hollenbeak with raffle prize donated by Dot Bixby.

**Red Bow Distribution**

It's that time of year again -- time to distribute the holiday bows. We need a volunteer to host the event at their home on Saturday, December 6th, and we need many volunteer elves to hang bows. Streets without elves will not be decorated! We are also looking for a volunteer to host the annual Christmas party.

**SNAIL BOARD and CITY of SUNNYVALE SUPPORT STAFF**

<b>Chair</b>	Michael Rose	557 Morse Ave.	736-4811
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<b>Treasurer</b>	Jeannie Biddle	245 East Eaglewood	734-0739
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<b>Neighborhood Resource Officer</b>	Jim Davis	jdavis @ ci.sunnyvale.ca.us	730-7145

**Block Rep Needed**

Forty-one homes on Carolina Avenue will soon be without a block representative to deliver newsletters. Don't miss out on this fine publication, call Marilu at 733-6631 and volunteer now.

**Entertainment Books**

Don't throw away your 2008 Entertainment Book. The car rentals are valid until June 2009, section H through Dec.31st, 2008. To obtain a 2009 book, call 734-0739.

**Coupons**

At the Nov. 6th election meeting, we will distribute coupons good for 10% off at the Rok restaurant. Should you wish to have one but cannot attend the meeting, call Jeannie at 734-0739 before that time.

**Founders' Corner**


"Wise men talk because they have something to say. Fools talk because they have to say something."

Plato

"If you want to work for world peace, go home and love your families."

Mother Teresa

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