



S.N.A.I.L. News

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SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – March 5th

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

Our speaker will be Ms. Debbie Patterson, a 911 Emergency Dispatcher, who will explain how (emergency) calls work.

All SNAIL area homeowners, residents and guests are invited. Children are welcome. Refreshments for the meeting donated by Paul and Samantha Donovan, and Jeannie Biddle. Please bring your drinks.

SNAIL Dinner Night Out Thursday – March 26th

Let's find out what everyone is raving about. Our March recognition of hometown eateries will feature Senzala, a Brazilian restaurant.

Location: Senzala Restaurant
250 E Java Drive, Sunnyvale
(408) 734-1656
Time: 6:45 p.m.

Call Jeannie at 734-0739 for reservations.

Garage Sale Progress

Samantha Donovan and Carol Richardson have agreed to run the SNAIL garage sale, and two finer leaders in this field cannot be found. They will need other supporters for pricing on Thursday and Friday evenings, and help all day Saturday and Sunday. For the time being, the schedule can be discussed with Jeannie Biddle at 734-0739.

Census Opportunities

The U.S. Census Bureau is already looking for job applicants to work for the 2010 Census. Peak hiring will be from February 2009 through May 2010 for temporary assignments, most lasting 5 to 10 weeks. By working on this once-a-decade population headcount, residents have an opportunity to be a part of history. Conducted every decade since 1790, the constitutionally mandated census affects community funding and determines representation in Congress. These jobs offer competitive wages and flexible schedules. Most positions require U.S. Citizenship, a driver's license and use of a vehicle, and a background check. To apply for a census job, call (800) 861-2010 or go to www.census.gov/2010census.



SNAILs visiting Frank Lloyd Wright's Hanna House,
Feb. 15, 2009

Message from the Chair

SNAIL has some important activities coming soon, and I do hope that many of you participate, and if possible, volunteer to make these events successful.

Our neighbor, Samantha Donovan, has come forward to coordinate two of our efforts. First, she will be in charge of "Neighbor helping neighbor," where those neighbors can help one another. This could be as simple as driving a neighbor to an appointment, or helping a neighbor in need with minor household repairs, mowing, and other such tasks. This would give you the opportunity to get to know one of your neighbors better, and, in these dire times, I know that doing so would be greatly appreciated. Second, Samantha will coordinate "SNAIL Neighborhood Pride" which will work with the City of Sunnyvale and Santa Clara County in the "Great American Litter Pick-up." on Saturday, April 25. There is a need for both picking up litter in our neighborhoods and helping out at a local park. We need volunteers, and I hope many step-up to make where we all live a better place.

In closing, I ask you not to throw out any good items that could be donated to SNAIL's annual Yard Sale that will coincide with our annual Dumpster Day. You can give me a call (736-4811) or e-mail me (chair@snail.org) and I will arrange to pick up the items. While the date has yet to be set (by the City) for Dumpster Day, we are hoping for the last weekend of May.

Thank you, in advance, for your willingness to help SNAIL and your neighborhood.

- Michael Rose

A Real "Cat Burgler"

I learned something recently about cats, they collect things. About a month ago, my wife told me that she was missing the left shoe of the pair of shoes she kept on the back porch for working in the yard. We looked for the shoe and puzzled about it a bit and came to the conclusion that an animal, like a possum, raccoon, or dog, must have carried the shoe off to some secret lair. About a week later one of our neighbors mentioned that her husband's expensive work shoes, which had been sitting on their front porch, had mysteriously disappeared. Once again we assumed the usual suspects: a possum or a dog.

On or about the third week of "the mystery of the disappearing shoes" another neighbor happened to be standing in her driveway and we asked her if she had experienced any shoe disappearances and "voila" the mystery was solved. It wasn't a possum or a dog, but a cat. One of the cats belonging to her next door neighbor had been stealing (oops! collecting) shoes and possibly other items and bringing them to her owner's house. I've never owned a cat, but I always thought that dogs were more prone to this type of behavior. I understand that cats do this to show affection to their owners.

As far as I know, the cat has been collecting shoes from houses on the 500 block of North Bayview and Morse Avenue. The neighbors who own the cat live at 566 North Bayview, and they have two bins of shoe sides that belong to someone. They keep the bins on their front porch and you are welcome to pass by and go through the bins to see if you have a missing shoe in the bin.

One neighbor is considering posting a flyer in the area to tell others about the feline shoe collector.

Chuck Leath

Founders' Corner

"Liberty is to the collective body, what health is to every individual body. Without health no pleasure can be tasted by man; without liberty, no happiness can be enjoyed by society."

Thomas Jefferson

"Constitutions should consist only of general provisions; the reason is that they must necessarily be permanent, and that they cannot calculate for the possible change of things."

Alexander Hamilton

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