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December 2011

SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – December 1st

Location: Columbia School • Time: 7:00 p.m.
The meeting will be held in the Staff Lounge.

Look for the SNAIL Sign.

Due to SNAIL elections, there shall be no speaker this month.

Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:

- SNAIL (postponed) elections.
- Holiday festivity planning.

SNAIL always meets on the first Thursday of the month. The rare exceptions are when the first Thursday is also the same date as a big holiday. **Mark your calendar now for the rest of the year!** All SNAIL area homeowners, residents and guests are invited. Children are welcome. Membership in SNAIL is always free.

Message from the Chair

Season's greetings to all! I hope that your Thanksgiving was joyously shared with family and good friends and that you enjoy a happy and festive holiday season! During the past year SNAIL has taken steps to involve the vast majority neighbors who have never set foot in a SNAIL meeting or who have seldom attended SNAIL events. We've published the usual articles in our newsletter about our coming events but also more reports and photos of our recently completed activities. We've published information on proposed changes to properties in or very close to our neighborhood and on meetings related to the safety of our PG&E gas transmission line. We are again publishing the summary of our general meetings in our newsletter. We published brief agendas for our general meetings as well. In our SNAILorg Yahoo newsgroup, we've posted the full agendas before general meetings and the complete minutes afterwards. Also in our SNAILorg Yahoo newsgroup, we've uploaded the various versions of the bylaws as they approached finalization and, of course, the final bylaws. Our public www.snail.org web site was better maintained than ever before, containing relevant information on upcoming events, the bylaws, and past newsletters. So hopefully, everyone in the neighborhood should know at least a little about what their neighborhood organization is doing. And hopefully, a few more neighbors will attend our meetings on a regular basis to get the full scoop!

Jim Quaderer

SNAIL Elections -- Unable to Proceed

We were supposed to have elections at the November 3 general meeting but couldn't because we didn't have nominees for all 4 offices. As of Nov. 3rd, the nominees were:

Chair: Jim Quaderer • Vice Chair: John Cordes • Secretary: (no nominee) • Treasurer: Bonnie Lloyd.

The basic responsibilities of secretary are listed in our bylaws on www.snail.org. Just as important as those responsibilities is the nominee's ability to attend most of the general meetings in 2012. Consistently attending the monthly meetings is critical to being an officer-volunteer. Assuming we get at least one more nominee, we will hold elections at the December 1 general meeting. We've never been in a position before where we went into a new year without all four officers. We need at least one nominee for the secretary

position or we have a problem. If you're interested in helping out by being an officer but you don't want to be secretary, please nominate yourself for another office. This could enable the other nominees to possibly switch to volunteer for one of the other offices so we will have a full line-up going into the postponed elections on December 1. If you are not particular about which office you serve in, please list all positions you would accept nominations for. This is because we are now using a voting method where a person who does not win the election for a particular office may then go and run again for a different office.

Interested in volunteering as an officer? Please contact Jim at: SNAILchair@snail.org or 737-9479 or just show up at our meeting on Dec 1st.

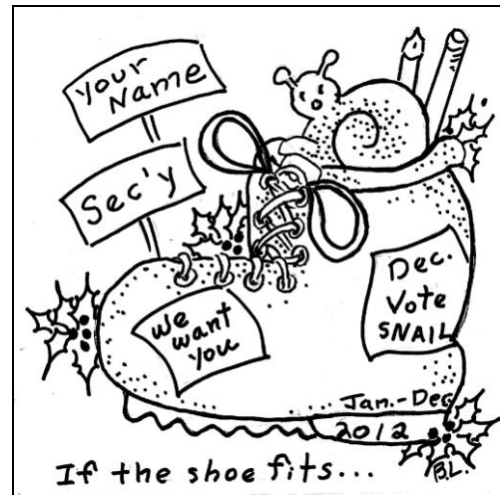
SNAIL Survey Distributed With This Newsletter

SNAIL formed in order to renew that "old-fashioned neighborhood" feeling in our area, to be better informed about the city services that are available to us, and to provide a "united voice" with which to express our concerns to the City of Sunnyvale. We would like to make sure we are doing this to the best of our ability. Please take a moment to fill the survey distributed with this newsletter. We would like to encourage you to attend more of our meetings and functions, but realize we need to make them fit your needs and schedule. Let us know what schedule works for you and the types of projects you would like to see SNAIL undertake.

There are three ways you can respond

- Fill out the survey and mail it to:
SNAIL, PO Box 62072, Sunnyvale, CA 94088
- Call Connie at (408)739-8490 and tell her your responses
- Email your responses to SNAILChair@snail.org

Wendy



Brief Summary of November General Meeting

1. The Red Bow Event will be 12/3, beginning with a 9:00 Am Breakfast Social at Jim & Connie Cook-Turner's.
2. Elections were postponed due to not enough people running.
3. \$100 was authorized for printing a survey to include in the December Newsletter.

The publication of our newsletter and SNAIL Neighborhood Association sponsored activities are supported through our annual yard sale, newsletter advertisements, a grant from the City of Sunnyvale, coupon book sales, and donations.

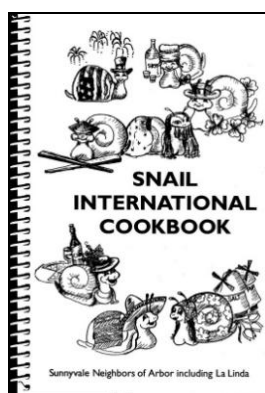
4. Malcolm Lloyd gave the dates for feeding the homeless at the Armory.
5. The 12/13 City Council Meeting will be introducing four new code enforcements relating to cleaning up properties.
6. Lisa Korff brought information about the future use of the Armory site. High-density low-income housing is being considered.
7. It was decided not to buy a printer for SNAIL.
8. Making SNAIL t-shirts & SNAIL hats was discussed.

A thought on SNAIL elections

The office of Chairperson is one that we believe could be shared by several individuals. We think this idea could bring new blood into the hemorrhaging pool of candidates for the officer positions. It would allow those who enjoy the different seasonal activities during the SNAIL year to chair during those activities. For example; someone who enjoys the Christmas holiday activities (red bows and holiday party) could chair in Nov and Dec, and someone who enjoys the annual garage sale/dumpster day could chair in May and June. It might encourage greater attendance with new and seasoned SNAIL members taking charge together.

Jeannie Biddle, June Valenti and Cyndee Bower

SNAIL International Cookbook



SNAIL International Cookbooks Have Arrived.

Ready to Go! Cookbooks for gift giving are available in any quantity! Jeannie will be glad to help you with your purchase. Give her a call at 734-0739. It's time to get those out-of-town gifts on the way!

On Cooking

What do you do with the inside of the cabbage after making cabbage rolls? After all, you only use the large outer leaves, right? PIROSHKI's . . . Page 15 of the SNAIL Cookbook -- uses 1 1/2 cups shredded cabbage! Try it, you'll be russin' around for more!

A Cookbook, how Merry,
not a carb in sight, leads
me into the night
for the story of peanut butter
on Page 45.
No one can be sorry
that the carbs are not there;
but the taste will let you know
they are *extraordinaire*.
Jeannie with a twinkle in her eye,
sent me a warm batch --
no fig newtons -- peanut butter only,
try them one by one, and you will see --
the only thing missing is the gluten!

SNAIL 2011 Event Calendar

| Date | Event Name | Organizer |
|--------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Dec 1 | General Meeting | |
| Dec 3 | Red Bow Distribution | Connie Cook-Turner 739-8490 |
| Dec 6 | Homeless @ Armory | Malcolm Lloyd 747-1949 |
| Dec 20 | Homeless @ Armory | Malcolm Lloyd 747-1949 |
| Dec 10 | Holiday party | Georgina & Mark Aubin |
| Dec 27 | Homeless @ Armory | Malcolm Lloyd 747-1949 |
| Dec 15 | Homeless @ Armory | Malcolm Lloyd 747-1949 |

Some of what was posted on SNAIL Yahoo Groups last month:

Yahoo SNAILorg

- Info on proposed low income housing on armory site.
- Request for a SNAIL Secretary nominee for 2012.

Yahoo SNAILChitChat

- New Fresh and Easy grocery store.
- Halloween candy buy back.
- Sunnyvale Community Services Events.
- Gophers terrorize a local garden.
- Shoe stolen by a neighborhood cat?
- Local electrician referrals.

If you would like to join these groups, send an email to SNAILgroups @ snail . org.

Neighborhood Holiday Party

Come enjoy a festive evening with some of your neighbors! Everyone is welcome. We will share a potluck dinner and some good time visiting. There will be crafts and games for children as well. This is such a nice time to relax and chat with other SNAILS. At the Aubin's home: 763 San Diego Ave, 6:00 p.m. Potluck dinner: Bring a dish to share. RSVP to snailholidayparty@snail.org, with your name, # of people coming, and what dish you hope to bring.
Georgina Aubin • 408-745-7693

Sunnyvale Armory -- Feeding the Homeless

The dates we are scheduled for the year:

- Tuesday Nov 29
- Tuesday Dec 6 20 27 Thursday 15
- Tuesday Jan 3 10 24 Thursday 19
- Tuesday Feb 7 14 Thursday 23
- Tuesday Mar 6 13 Thursday 22 29

Remember to bring in your TB test results from last year or your new test results this year. We will meet at the armory around 6pm and we will finish around 8pm. Call Malcolm Lloyd by the Monday before the service date if you can serve. 408-747-1949.

Malcolm Lloyd

Sunnyvale Armory Site



There is currently a proposal to convert the existing Armory site at 620 E. Maude Ave., between Wolfe and Fair Oaks into low income housing. MidPen Housing Corporation and Charities Housing Development Corporation have requested a rezone of the existing parcel from "Industrial to Residential Medium Density" to "Very High Density Residential" in order to accommodate a proposed 4-story, 124-unit housing project.

If you have any requests for further information, or to let the city know your opinion, please contact Senior Planner Shaunn Mendrin (408-730-7429), smendrin@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. They have started an interested parties contact list to keep people informed of any further meetings or hearings regarding this proposal.

Bishop Elementary's December Events

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| Dec 1 | PTO Meeting | Teacher's Lounge 6:00 - 7:00pm |
| Dec 2 | Coffee with Principal | Teacher's Lounge 8:15 - 9:00pm |
| Dec 6 | Teacher Learning Day | Early Release - All Grades - At 12:30 |
| Dec 7 | Holiday Party | Cafeteria 5:00-8:00. Pictures with Santa, raffles, craft table, teacher contest |
| Dec 19 - Jan 2 | December Holiday Recess | NO SCHOOL these days for students |

Happy Holidays to our Bobcat families, we hope you have a safe and happy holiday season!

Sunnyvale Community Services (SCS)

Dear Neighbor, I am helping to get the word out about festive holiday events benefitting Sunnyvale Community Services (SCS).

Thank you for your help! *Lisa Maletis-Massey*

Holiday Auction. Come to the Sunnyvale Community Services holiday auction—a spectacular event featuring delicious food and beverages, as well as a chance to bid on wonderful gifts and vacation packages, all donated by local businesses and friends of SCS! All proceeds from the event directly benefit families in need. The event is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 1, from 5-7:30 p.m. at SCS.

Holiday Open House. Community members are invited to join SCS' Christmas Center open house, which will be held from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4. The SCS Christmas Center is a place of hope and joy for the 1,100+ families and 500 seniors it will serve this year. At the Center, SCS' clients personally select a two-week supply of food, gifts for each of their children and teens, and a gift for their household. Both events are held at SCS, 725 Kifer Road, Sunnyvale, and both are free to the public. To learn more visit www.svcommunityservices.org.

Rides for Toys. You can also support Sunnyvale Community Services through Sunnyvale Public Safety's Rides for Toys. Each child who donates a new, unwrapped toy at the event will get to ride on a fire engine! Rides for Toys will be held in the Toys 'R' Us parking lot, 130 E. El Camino Real, Sunnyvale, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, December 4.

Columbia Neighborhood Center Information-Nov/Dec 2011 Free Community Event - Las Posadas.

Las Posadas is a Christmas custom in many Latin American countries which recreates the procession of Mary and Joseph in search of a shelter where Mary can give birth. In addition to celebrating this event, there will be food and music for participants. When: Friday, December 9 - 6:30 pm – refreshments - 7:30 pm – procession around the neighborhood in search of shelter. Participants are encouraged to bring some food to share.

Cat Shoe Thief

Anyone who knows me well knows that I am a cat lover, and I've had quite a few cats in my day. Mostly they're delightful. But occasionally they are mischievous...like on November 7th. That morning I had washed some shoes and slippers and was going to put them outside to dry in the sun. I put out my favorite pair of Merrill hiking shoes in the sun on the deck outside my back door. An hour later I went to put the rest of the wet shoes out, and discovered that the right hiking shoe was missing.



My yard is completely fenced in. I'm certain no human being or dog entered. Raccoons and possums are not normally out during the day. I doubt that a squirrel would be interested in a shoe. The only other critters in attendance were cats. I went on an immediate search of my back yard with no luck. Now, you might find this amusing, and in a way it is, but it would be a lot funnier to me if it

were and old cheap shoe. I happen to have small, hard to fit feet and these shoes are SO comfortable, and rather pricey. You may recall a few years ago there was a cat in the SNAIL neighborhood that was collecting shoes from people's porches. I wonder if he found his way into my yard? I am offering a REWARD for the return of my shoe.

Donna Lang, 564 Madrone • 408-739-4731

SNAIL Neighbor Elected

It seems as if Neighborhood Associations have won the election. SNAIL neighbor Pat Meyering has been elected to Sunnyvale City Council Seat 5. Pat's message has never changed: pro-fiscal responsibility, pro-neighborhoods, and pro-residents. Congratulations Pat. This election was, in my opinion, very important to our City. Of the four elected, three are active in and/or volunteer for their neighborhood association. David Whittum, Seat 4 has been active for years in Heritage District; Pat Meyering volunteers for SNAIL; and Tara Martin-Milius, Seat 7 has been a driving force in San Miguel. All of these individuals are easy to contact, approach, and willing to listen to your concerns. Get active, stay active. It is YOUR city.

Michael Rose, Morse Ave.

Neighbor To Neighbor

Hi! This is your neighbor, Connie Cook-Turner, reaching out to you again about neighborhood leadership. Individual neighbors, as Block Reps, hand-deliver the S.N.A.I.L. Newsletter to over 1200 homes every month. Each time we have an event, we see about 200 people attending and enjoying the event; and about ten people setting-up, working, and taking down at the end. We have neighbors helping neighbors on a one-on-one basis. Still others are serving on various City Boards and Commissions, and we have a great team that serves the homeless at the Armory every Winter. But, we can't find four people willing to serve on the S.N.A.I.L. Neighborhood Association Board for one year: twelve monthly meetings, about two hours each. We were unable to hold our Annual Board Election at the November meeting, due to a shortage of candidates. Our Bylaws state that if you are an active Block Rep delivering our Newsletters, OR have attended two of the last four General Meetings (Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec.) you are eligible to hold office. Without a Board, there is no Association. We need your help, now. Please attend the December 1st meeting with "service" on your mind. Your neighborhood needs you.

Neighbors On Santa Barbara, Santa Catalina, Isla Vista

This will be your last newsletter if we don't get a volunteer to deliver from your street. Our outreach team has been delivering your newsletter for six months since your Block Rep moved. Please call 739-8490 if you wish to continue receiving the newsletter. Thank you.

Red Bow Kickoff

Invitation to Breakfast Social at
 Jim and Connie Cook-Turner's - 810 Carolina Avenue
 Saturday, December 3, 2011, 9:00 AM
 All Block Reps & Volunteers - Please call 739-8490 soon

SNAIL BOARD and CITY of SUNNYVALE SUPPORT STAFF

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