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January 2013

SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – January 10th

NOTICE: WE WILL NOT BE MEETING ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH. WE WILL MEET ON THE SECOND THURSDAY.

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

Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:

- SNAIL Event Calendar for the year 2013.

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.

SNAIL January Meeting To Be Shifted One Week

Because the first Thursday in January falls so close to New Year's Day, we decided to push the general meeting date back to January 10th. We will resume our usual "first Thursday of the month" schedule in February.

Message from the Chair

Happy New Year SNAILS!

First off, a big THANK YOU to our 2012 officers for all the time and effort you contributed on SNAIL's behalf last year. Thanks to Jim Quaderer for being chair and my mentor as I learned the workings of SNAIL as vice-chair. Jim is serving as our secretary this year. Kirstin Sims was our secretary in 2012. She is serving again as our 2013 treasurer. Thanks to Bonnie Lloyd for being our treasurer for the past couple of years. She gets a well-deserved rest from being on the SNAIL board. Thanks to our newsletter editors, Gianfranco Paolozzi, Rachel Adams, Kirstin Sims, and Mark David who did a great job putting together our newsletter each month. Gianfranco stepped down early in 2012 after many years and other folks volunteered to fill the need. Thanks to Jessica McDole for volunteering to be a new board member and our 2013 vice chair, especially since she and her husband John McDole are new to the neighborhood. It is always great to have new people get involved with SNAIL.

As always, the success of SNAIL in 2013 will entirely depend upon the willingness of volunteers to lead or assist with our various activities such as our neighborhood yard sale and dumpster day, BBQs, dinner parties, feeding the homeless, decorating our trees with red bows, neighbor helping neighbor, newsletter writing, proofreading, and distribution --- to name just a few. We hope more of our neighbors will start attending our monthly meetings to

listen to the issues and to discuss actions to be taken. Wishing you a Joyous 2013.

John Cordes, SNAIL Chair

SNAIL January Dinner Night Out

Tuesday, January 15th, 2013, 6:30 p.m.

All SNAIL neighbors and friends are welcome to join us at Asteria Grill, Sunnyvale's newest Greek restaurant. (502 Ross Dr. -- Follow Mathilda Ave east, past Hwy 101. Restaurant is on the left.) Their food is delicious and prices are very reasonable with the average dinner around \$15. A Children's menu is available. Their menu is online: www.asteriagrill.com

To assist the wait-staff, please bring change.

Advance reservations are not needed, but please let me know if you are coming so I can reserve enough table space.

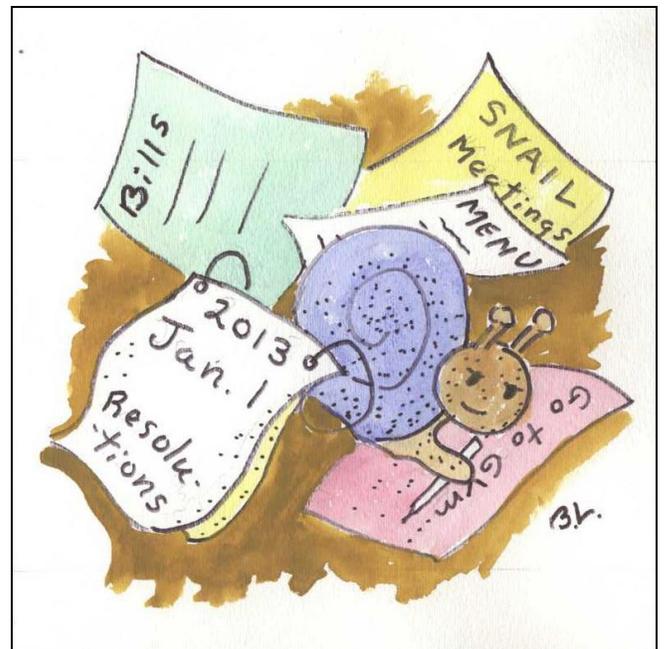
Contact me at elaine_rowan @ yahoo .com or home phone 408-749-1846; please leave me your contact number/e-mail.

Elaine Rowan

SNAIL Holiday Party

Thank you to all who came out to the SNAIL Holiday Party this year and a very special thank you goes to our hosts, Georgina and Mark Aubin! The food was delicious, the atmosphere inviting and the conversation was non-stop. Georgina even led a fun sing-a-long. Much fun was had by all!

Kirstin Sims



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.

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

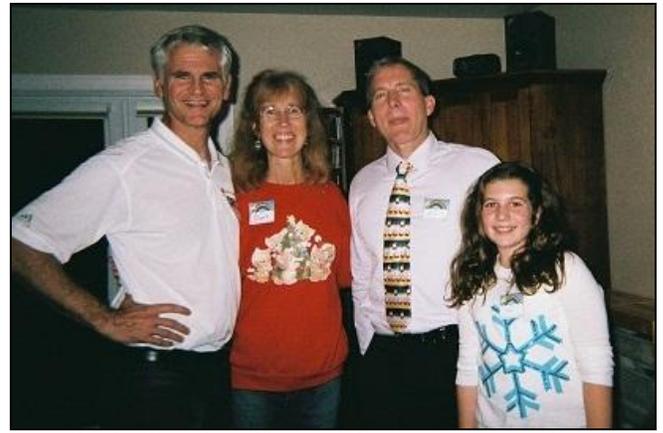
Yahoo SNAILorg

- Complete meeting minutes.

Yahoo SNAILChitChat

- Free metal shed
- Youth drop-in gym
- Sunnyvale Heritage Park Museum docents needed
- Bishop volunteer tutors needed
- Fairwood Elementary Explorer Program proposing K-8 program
- Robbery on Mathilda
- Sunnyvale Community Services Fundraiser event
- Referral for fence mending
- Day Worker Center
- Pajama drive at Columbia Middle School
- Fremont High School, "As You Like It"
- Robbery on Maple Ave
- Should SNAIL get more involved with local issues?
- Sunnyvale foam takeout food container ban
- Humane Society
- Home security systems recommendations
- Lost (and found!) cat, "Spooky"
- Memorial fundraiser for Alondra Ramirez
- Found: garage door opener
- Holiday caroling invitation from Columbia Middle School

To join these Yahoo groups, send your name and address to:
SNAILgroups @ snail . org .



John Cordes, Diane Gleason, Vice Mayor Dave Whittum, and Sarah Whittum

Red Bow Volunteers

Thank you all for the festive feeling in our Neighborhood as we see our Red Bows everywhere!
But, a new season is coming and it is time to take them down and put them away until next December.

Please have your bows down by the first weekend in January, weather permitting. Be sure they are **DRY** when you take them down so they don't mold in storage. Smooth them out and lay them flat in the box for storing.

Anyone who has the space, we would appreciate your keeping bows for next year. If you can't keep them, please return them to Connie (408-739-8490).

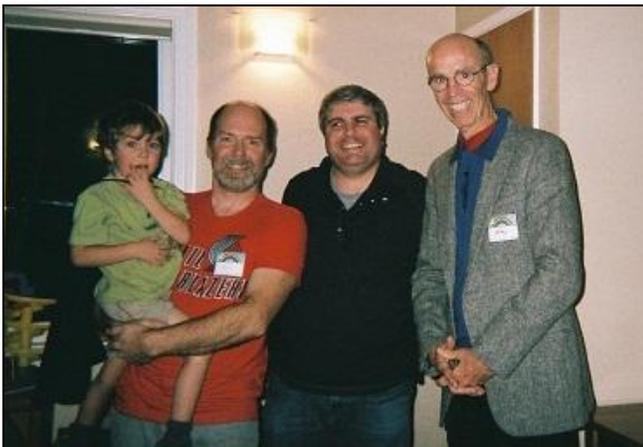
Again, Thank You all so much for your part in this great neighborhood tradition.

Connie Cook-Turner

SNAIL Holiday Party, Dec. 8, 2012



Michael Sims, Malcolm Lloyd and John McDole



Gabriel Aubin, Mark Aubin, Councilmember Jim Griffith, and City Manager Gary Luebbers

Brief Summary of November Meeting Minutes

1. 13 Neighbors in attendance.
2. Connie's feedback on Dinner Night Out, Nov. 10 and the Red Bow Breakfast.
 - a. Very positive response to Dinner Night Out, suggestion made to do more events with dinner and a show.
 - b. Connie made a motion for SNAIL funds to pay \$80.70 for tapes used for the bows. Motion seconded. Motion passed.
3. Guest Speaker: David Park, VP of Products for NextDoor.com
 - a. We have 35 SNAIL members on NextDoor.com.
 - b. Discussion over NextDoor having potential advantages over the Yahoo! groups we currently use.
 - c. NextDoor.com requires that all users verify their address (with three methods of doing so, using verification codes). If someone moves from a neighborhood and NextDoor.com is notified, their profile and account are deleted.
 - d. NextDoor.com has ways to communicate with users in nearby neighborhoods. They're beginning to interface with city governments.
 - e. Questions asked about security and how much you can control being shown on your profile; David confirmed that you can limit how much information is shown on your profile (e.g., you can limit your exact address being shown). The site set-up and interface is similar to a Facebook feed.

- f. NextDoor.com works in IE8, Mozilla Firefox, and Google Chrome. They intend to develop file storage capabilities for the site in the future.
 - g. Anonymous posting is not permitted on NextDoor.com. Would-be users who are listed in the Registered Sex Offenders list are not permitted to register on the site. Site moderators respond quickly to conflicts or issues on the site.
4. Post Office Box discussion - John Cordes makes a motion to be paid for the PO Box renewal, a charge of \$91. Motion seconded. Motion passed.
 5. Discussion on SNAIL Facebook group.
 - a. Concerns over Facebook's security, questions of whether or not the Facebook group will provide enough of a benefit, use, or positive contribution to SNAIL.
 - b. Discussion and investigation into Facebook's structure and privacy policies have generated enough concerns to decide not to advance with a Facebook group for SNAIL.
 6. Treasurer's Report - Request was made for funds to buy new checks. Motion passed.
 7. 2010 US Census information
 - a. SNAIL is tract 509 for the US Census with a population of 7,407 residents.
 - b. The Hispanic population is 47% of SNAIL. SNAIL should try to think of more ways to get better Hispanic involvement.
 8. Proposal regarding SNAIL representation at City Council meetings.
 - a. John Cordes motions for the ability to attend Sunnyvale City Council meetings and speak to represent the SNAIL organization whenever a majority vote is made on any issue that comes through the meetings. Motion does not pass.
 9. Proposal for a letter to the city council about banning polystyrene takeout containers.
 - a. John Cordes motions to submit a letter he has written to the Sunnyvale City Council. The letter represents the SNAIL organization's support toward a ban on polystyrene takeout containers. Motion seconded. Motion passes.

Pet of the Month

Email your pet's portrait with your name, the name of your pet, your street name, and anything you would like to say about your pet to the editor at: SNAILeditor@snail.org.

Neighborhood January Street Sweeping Schedule

Our streets are generally swept every two weeks on the day following your trash pick up. This month, the street sweeping schedule is:

East SNAIL Neighborhood	Tues., January 8 th and 22 nd
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wed., January 9 th and 23 rd

If possible, please move your car off the street on street sweeping days.

2012 Year in Review

2012 was a good year for SNAIL. A highlight was the SNAIL float in Sunnyvale's 100th anniversary parade in August. SNAIL was the only neighborhood in Sunnyvale to have one. We hope you went to the parade and saw it and about 20 of your SNAIL neighbors who walked in the parade. One of our SNAIL members allowed all 3 of his historic fire engines to be in the parade. In the spring, we had a wonderful Cinco De Mayo party hosted by John Cordes and Diane Gleason. We had a really tough piñata at the party. So tough, the kids could not break it. Finally, we had to let the adults hit it before the candy spilled out. We ran our traditional dumpster and neighborhood yard sale on June 9-10. Samantha Donovan organized the yard sale. Thank you, Samantha. This is our biggest fund-raiser of the year. Thanks to all those folks who donated items for us to sell or volunteered to help. Barry Boole was our Dumpster Czar again this year and he kept the city informed of which dumpsters were full and ready to be emptied. In August, we had another wonderful National Night Out. Lots of our neighbors participated and danced to the music of "The Sound Effect". In December, we had a wonderful crowd at the SNAIL Christmas party hosted by the Aubins again this year. SNAIL parties are so good we had 3 city council members attend: Dave Whittum, Jim Griffith, and Jim Davis, and also our City Manager Gary Luebbers. We had 10-15 people attend our monthly meetings on average. Our monthly Dinner Nights out were fun events again this year. They are a great reason to visit local restaurants. We hope you will join us in attending many of these events in 2013.

John Cordes, SNAIL Chair

SNAIL 2013 Event Calendar

Date	Event Name	Organizer
Jan 15	Dinner Night Out	Elaine Rowan

Chinese New Year

We need a volunteer to coordinate the Chinese New Year Dinner the week of February 10th – 15th, 2013. Please think about this and come to the meeting, January 10th at Columbia School to volunteer.

Next Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles and photos for the SNAIL February monthly newsletter is Saturday, January 19th.

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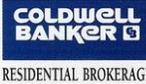
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