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**March 2013**

## SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – March 7<sup>th</sup>

*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:*

- Speakers: Kathy Thibodeaux, Raintree planned development, Charities Housing/MidPen, Armory housing development
- Planning for Cinco De Mayo
- Planning for June SNAIL yardsale

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

We will have two March speakers. Kathy Thibodeaux will give us an update on the Raintree housing project on the corner of East Weddell and Fair Oaks, just north of 101 (the current Fair Oaks Business Park). Kathy Robinson (of Charities Housing) and Jan Lindenthal (of MidPen Housing) will give us an update on the housing development planned for the National Guard Armory site on the corner of Maude and Fair Oaks.

Construction is booming in Sunnyvale. I hope everyone has noticed. LinkedIn has started work on their new corporate HQ on the corner of Mathilda and Maude. This complex will have two 4-story, one 5-story and one 6-story building. The traffic studies indicate most of the traffic will either go north or south on Mathilda or head west to 237 or 85. The new 4-story Apple campus on the corner of Maude and Mary, where the post office was, is going up fast as well.

There were more home burglaries in SNAIL in Jan and Feb. This type of crime is up ~50% in many cities in the Bay Area, including Sunnyvale. The police report that for most of these crimes the thieves are gaining easy access to homeowners' backyards because homeowners are not locking their gates. Locking your gates is the simplest change you can make to reduce the likelihood your house will be robbed. SNAIL will be publishing other tips with our April newsletter.

We need new volunteers to be block reps. We are looking for new block reps for the following areas; 500 block of Borregas (36 homes), 500 block of Morse (26 homes), Waddington, Santa Barbara, Santa Catalina, Isla Vista (49 homes). The primary responsibility of block reps is to deliver the SNAIL newsletter to the homes near them once a month. It is a pleasant 10-20 minute task so please consider helping your neighbors stay informed.

The City of Sunnyvale is having preliminary discussions about redeveloping the civic center on the corner of Mathilda and El Camino Real. These buildings are about 50 years old and the city has grown considerably since them. For example, our library is about half the size per resident as the average in the valley. Expect to hear more about this as the plans develop.

This city has identified the 12 study issues it will be investigating in 2013. You can find the list in the Feb SNAIL minutes or on the Study issue website: <http://studyissues.insunnyvale.com>  
*John Cordes, SNAIL Chair*

### Armory Development

Charities Housing and MidPen Housing have submitted a development application on the former Armory site. Together, both organizations have delivered over 4,200 affordable units throughout Santa Clara County, of which over 820 units were developed in the City of Sunnyvale. Charities Housing and MidPen produce developments that are designed to be affordable and enhance the community. Learn more of their potential activities at their upcoming event:

**Open House, Wednesday March 6th, 6-9 p.m. at Fair Oaks Park, 540 North Fair Oaks Ave, Sunnyvale CA 94088**  
*Charities Housing and MidPen Housing*



On page 56 of your SNAIL COOKBOOK there is a recipe for Irish Soda Bread! Enjoy!

*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, and donations.*

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

*Yahoo SNAILorg*

- Complete meeting minutes
- Sunnyvale Neighborhoods meeting
- Mathilda & Mary Ave. bike lane studies
- Newsletter counting party volunteers needed
- Burglaries on Beechnut and Kirk
- Sunnyvale Sun delivered through most of neighborhood
- Interesting products and ideas for home security
- Armory site redevelopment, open house meeting
- CMS looking for volunteer readers from SNAIL
- City Manager’s blog: burglary in SNAIL
- Assemblyman Rich Gordon town hall meeting
- Santa Clara Country gun buy-back program
- DPS new non-emergency online service
- Chinese New Year Dinner

*Yahoo SNAILChitChat*

- New zumba class at Columbia Neighborhood Center
- Friendly kitty looking for a new home
- Street parking on 500 block of Manzanita
- Recommendation: gate locks which work from both sides?
- Construction at 550 N. Mathilda, at Maude
- Great vacation spot
- Girls Teaching Girls to Code event
- Recommendations for local PC repair shop

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



Columbia School Principal, Mary Beth Allman, explaining school programs at the SNAIL general meeting, Feb. 7, 2013.

**Bishop News**

On March 14<sup>th</sup> there will be a special PTO meeting on Relational Bullying in the Auditorium. Cherry Chase will be joining us. The meeting will take place from 6-8 p.m. and childcare will be provided.

Annette McClure

**Brief Summary of February Meeting Minutes**

1. 21 neighbors and Vice Mayor Jim Griffith were in attendance.
2. Speaker: Mary Beth Allman, Principal, Columbia School. Ms. Allman spoke about her focus, the increasing academic performance rating of Columbia, Flex Periods, Enrichment and Intervention, Stanford University partnership, parent groups, community involvement, the recently discovered wells under the asphalt, and volunteer opportunities at the school.
3. Chinese New Year dinner details and RSVPs.
4. St. Patrick’s Day Party: No volunteer organizer came forward. No party.
5. Cinco de Mayo event. Looking for host.
6. Plan for SNAIL outing to Hendy Iron Works Museum.
7. Discussion and details of recent burglaries in SNAIL neighborhood.

8. Volunteers are needed for yard sale in June.
9. Update from John McDole, Community Development Committee. Issues to take to city council: curb cuts, crosswalks, and lighting.
10. Jim Griffith listed the 12 City study issues for this year.
11. Jim Griffith: Moody’s gave the City of Sunnyvale a AAA rating. Sunnyvale has \$88 million in the bank, essentially no debt, City is paying-forward into CalPERS, there is a possibility the City Manager will be given a raise.
12. Jim Griffith: Details about construction and noise abatement at the new LinkedIn main campus at Mathilda and Maude. LinkedIn main campus will be great tax revenue for the City to help pay for things like the library. Sunnyvale is leading recovery in Silicon Valley; Silicon Valley is leading the USA recovery.

Lawrence station area development update. Civic Center area update: city hall, public safety, library, buildings are falling apart and are too small. They were built when the City was half its present size. City council thinks it is better to build than renovate, \$200 million worth of building space available to developers in the present location. Looking at moving City Hall, etc. to 26 acres of space at Community Center which now has six different single story buildings.

**SNAIL 2013 Event Calendar**

Date	Event Name	Organizer
Mar 4, 11, 17, 28	Feeding homeless at the armory	Malcolm Lloyd
Apr 20 or 27	Hendy Iron Works tour	Jim Quaderer
May	Cinco de Mayo	See below
June 8	Dumpster Day	Barry Boole
June 8-9	Yard Sale	Need organizer
July	Independence Day BBQ	Need organizer
Aug 6	National Night Out	Diane Gleason
Aug	Backyard movie night	Need organizer
Sept	BBQ	Need organizer
Oct	Oktoberfest	Need organizer
Dec	Feeding homeless at the armory	Malcolm Lloyd
Dec	Red bow distribution party	Need organizer
Dec	Holiday party	Need organizer
Dec	Block decoration contest	Need organizer

**No Saint Patrick’s Day event**

Sorry but SNAIL won't be have a St. Patrick’s Day party. No one volunteered to host/organize it. SNAIL does not pay for alcohol, but we can kick in some money for food if you are willing to host a party. Come and pitch your party ideas at the March 7<sup>th</sup> SNAIL meeting if you can. If you can't make the meeting, but are willing to host this party, please contact the chair, John Cordes via email at SNAILchair @ snail . org  
John Cordes

**Reminders**

**Yard Sale, June 8-9:**

Remember to start organizing and saving stuff to donate to the SNAIL annual yard sale!

**Daylight Saving Time:**

Spring Ahead! Remember to set your clock ahead for March 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Cinco De Mayo Party

Our vice-chair, Jessica, is looking for help planning the SNAIL Cinco De Mayo party. If you like to help plan parties, please contact her (see the contact box at the bottom of the next page).

### SNAIL Hendy Iron Works Tour

Founded in 1856, the Joshua Hendy Iron Works produced mining equipment, heavy machinery, and metal castings used all over the world. The company, about ½ mile south of SNAIL, played a crucial role during WWI and WWII. The plant was sold by Westinghouse to Northrup Grumman Marine Systems. Museum tours are available to US citizens by appointment only. A tour on either April 20 or 27, is being organized for SNAILs. If you are interested, please reply to Jim at SNAILsecretary @ snail . org or 408-737-9479. I need the following:

- a) Which day? April 20<sup>th</sup>, April 27<sup>th</sup>, or either?
- b) Full names of everyone in your group.
- c) Your contact info.
- d) Confirm that everyone is a US citizen.

Final details will be published in the SNAIL April newsletter and on the Yahoo SNAILorg newsgroup in March. If we get too many respondents, priority will be “first come, first served”.

### Neighborhood March Street Sweeping Schedule

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

East SNAIL Neighborhood	Tues., Mar 5 <sup>th</sup> and Mar 19 <sup>th</sup>
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wed., Mar 6 <sup>th</sup> and Mar 20 <sup>th</sup>

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

### Newsletter Update

SNAIL needs volunteer Block Reps to deliver newsletters on their own block for the 500 block of Morse Ave, 500 block of Borregas, 700 block of Borregas, Santa Barbara, Santa Catalina, and Isla Vista. We will be continuing outreach to these blocks in the next month. We need volunteers to deliver these Outreach issues in April to gain new volunteers on these blocks. To help with this Outreach program, please call 408-739-8490. Thank you.

Also, starting with the April Newsletter, we will need 2 volunteer Distributors to deliver bundles of Newsletters to Block Reps in the neighborhood. Each route takes about 30 minutes once a month. Please take your turn giving this service to the neighborhood. Call 408-739-8490 to volunteer.

Connie Cook-Turner

### Wanna Count Newsletters?

We will count the April newsletters for distribution to block reps on March 27 or 28. If interested, contact Jim at SNAILsecretary @ snail . org or 408-737-9479.

### Protect Your Home From Burglars

My home was burglarized last month. Luckily, the burglars were caught due to the prudent action of my neighbor, Chief. When he noticed that something “didn’t seem quite right”, he called 911. The police responded quickly and found the burglar’s vehicle on a nearby street because they had Chief’s description. They chased the suspects on foot after seeing them leaving another home. The suspects were arrested and I was very, very fortunate to get my stuff back but only due to my neighbor and the smart police response. Recently, other neighbors have not been so lucky.



This double-hung window, locked metal latch, was easily broken by burglars when they forced the lower window up.

The detectives told me that the M.O. is very common: The burglars got in through my side gate which was latched but not locked. They found some hedge shears in my tool shed and used them to force my (new, not cheap) window open.

If there’s nothing else you do to make your home more secure, you should at least do the following:

1. Lock your side gates.
2. Lock up tools in your backyard.
3. Place wooden dowel rods so that sliding windows and doors can’t be operated from the outside.

Up until now we’ve had a very safe neighborhood and I’m hoping that SNAILs don’t over react -- but let’s at least *not make it easy* for the criminals. Just as important, call 911 if you suspect a crime might be in progress.

Many THANKS to Chief for calling 911 and the Sunnyvale DPS for their effective response and courteous follow-up!

Jim of Beechnut

### 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.

### Next Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles and photos for the SNAIL April monthly newsletter is Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

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