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**March 2014**

## SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – March 6<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:*

- Guest speaker Craig Champion, Standard Pacific Homes
- Jeannie Biddle Estate Sale planning
- Future residential home planned for San Aleso

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

Welcome to March Everyone. Let's hope we have some March showers to bring May Flowers. There is a lot of going on, as usual, in SNAIL, and we want you to be involved. March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> is the Jeannie Biddle Estate sale. Jeannie Biddle was a great supporter of SNAIL and her estate sale will be a fundraiser for SNAIL. The last planning meeting is 7-9 p.m. on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Jeannie Biddle's house. Contact June Valenti if you can help us with this event. Please come and shop, too!

Bonnie has reserved Columbia School Park for SNAIL to hold a Cinco de Mayo event on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. We need someone to be in charge and organize it. If you like to plan parties, please plan this one for us.

Our next big event this spring is our annual SNAIL Yard Sale and Dumpster Day. This has traditionally been our biggest fundraiser each year. We are holding it on June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for a volunteer to be in charge of the Yard Sale and volunteers to help with it. Please come to the March meeting to help us organize this event. If you are willing to host the event in front of your home that weekend, please let us know.

We are looking for Dinner Night Out hosts for April and May. These are great opportunities to get to know your neighbors better and support local restaurants. Contact Bonnie Lloyd, our social secretary, if you are willing to organize one of these events.

Our March guest speaker will be Craig Champion from Standard Pacific Homes. He will be talking about the plans Standard Pacific Homes has for converting the commercial lots along the east side of San Aleso Ave. to duplexes and townhomes. He wants to get our input on their plans before presenting them to the city for approval. This is your best chance to learn about and influence this future development which will back up to the homes on Pine Avenue.

We will be discussing future neighbor outings at the March SNAIL meeting as well. If you have ideas for local trips you would like to take with your neighbors, please contact me. Some ideas which have been discussed are the Computer History

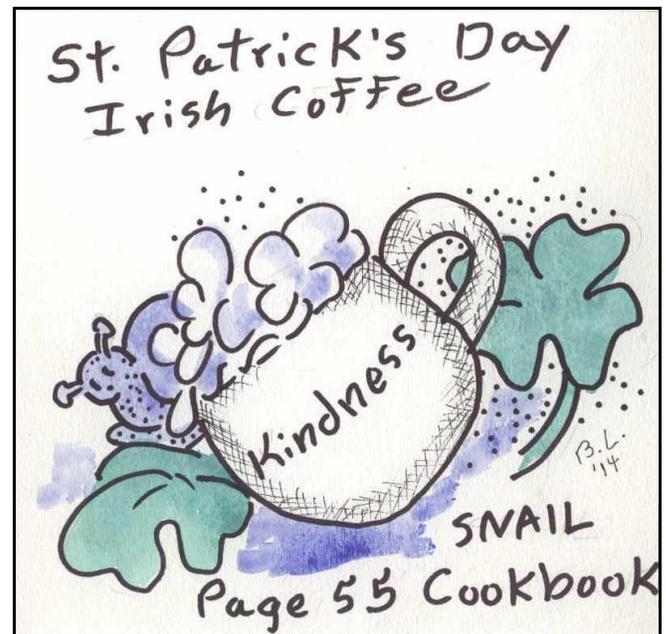
Museum or Moffet History Museums in Mountain View, the Ansel Adams Museum, Elkhorn Slough sea kayaking or boat tour, or the Rodin Museum. As always, we need a volunteer to organize events.

The city of Sunnyvale is looking at updating the 'Mathilda Monster' interchange. If you are interested in the plans, please contact the city.

Thanks to Elaine for running the February meeting while I was away.

Looking forward to a bright tomorrow,

*John Cordes Snailchair @ Snail . org*



## Let's Plan for Cinco de Mayo

We have reserved Columbia Park Picnic grounds for SNAIL on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Someone will need to put up a RESERVED sign early in the morning. What shall we do? We need an ORGANIZER to decide if we are having a BBQ or Pot Luck (we have done in the past). Do you want to hold the grassy park for a couple of hours to play soccer or baseball? Basketball? We need to bring our own equipment. Do you want to eat lunch as 12 noon? Donuts for breakfast?

Sign up for decorations, food, and music. Can we have a Mariachi Band? Or boom box? We need a permit for music. Spirits are okay, namely beer or wine – SNAIL could provide water and tacos – shells and vegetables. We need people to prepare food and/or man the BBQ. We would have to bring our own meat.

Please sign up as soon as you read this – no later than March 20<sup>th</sup>...otherwise we will have to get our deposit back for the use of the park.

Thank you so much!!!!

*Bonnie Lloyd, Social Secretary 408-747-1949*

*The publication of our newsletter and SNAIL Neighborhood Association sponsored activities are supported through our annual yard sale, newsletter sponsors, and donations.*

**Southwest-Style home content going for sale**

Jeannie Biddle's home was warm, welcoming and peppered with Native American artifacts. SNAIL will be hosting an estate sale on Saturday and Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. You will be able to purchase items such as:

- Wrought iron and wood hand carved dining table and chairs
- A traditional indoor/outdoor bar with two matching bar stools made of wood and rough iron
- Metalwork and other metals wall hanging decorative elements and accessories
- Hand-crafted traditional gourds
- Native American baskets
- Hand-woven baskets
- Hand woven rugs
- Hand-painted pottery
- Insects and snake skins
- and an extensive albums and Jewelry collection

There are also a refrigerator and a stand-up freezer and other bedroom furniture.

If you are interested in purchasing any of these items, you can either come on the actual estate dates, or come to our next pre-sale meeting Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 p.m., 245 E. Eaglewood and purchase some of these items there and then. All heavy items must be transported by buyers.

Contact June Valenti at 408-497-0827 with any questions.

Everything must be sold!

**Volunteers Needed for Estate Sale**

Volunteers are needed to work either Saturday or Sunday of the sale. This is a good opportunity for teenagers looking for a service project. Also, we are looking for someone to help with pricing, and making neighborhood signs advertising the sale, and posting them. Please contact June Valenti at 408-497-0827. Or, come to our next pre-sale meeting Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 p.m., 245 E. Eaglewood (Jeannie's house).

**Bishop School News**

Bishop School students have been learning the skills they will need to be successful. Our teachers are implementing lessons based on the new Common Core standards that require higher levels of thinking, understanding and creativity. If you would like to learn more or see sample questions, visit the Smarter Balance Website at the following web link:

<http://www.smarterbalanced.org/>

We also have a lot of fun at our after school events held by the PTO. Our Daddy Daughter Dance on Feb 7<sup>th</sup> was a huge success! We made it to the Mercury News! Check out the article about our Daddy Daughter Dance at this link:

[http://www.mercurynews.com/my-town/ci\\_25128172/bishop-elementarys-daddy-and-daughter-dance-quickly-becoming](http://www.mercurynews.com/my-town/ci_25128172/bishop-elementarys-daddy-and-daughter-dance-quickly-becoming)

Our next Family Dine Out Night will be held at Armadillo Willy's restaurant in Sunnyvale on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Come out and support Bishop School.

*Jennifer Aufang*

SNAIL offers condolences to Tarik Peterson, whose father passed in October, and Mark Aubin (both of San Diego Ave), whose father passed recently. Services to be held soon.

**SNAIL 2014 Event Calendar**

Date	Event Name	Organizer
March 17 <sup>th</sup> 7 PM	Cheerful Night Out @ Fibbar McGee's 156 S. Murphy Ave	Toni Damburger RSVP to Bonnie Lloyd 408-747-1949
Mar 8 & 9 9am-3pm	Estate Sale 245 E. Eaglewood Ave	June Valenti 408-497-0827

**Brief Summary of February Meeting Minutes**

- **Treasurer's Report:** Elaine Rowan read Treasurer's Report submitted by Patsy Duke (Patsy was not in attendance). The new account was setup for the non-profit status and the old closed.
- **Cookbooks:** Jim Quaderer reported he has about 20-30 cookbooks and Connie Cook-Turner has a few still that are for sale.
- **Missing Mail Box:** Elaine Rowan reported on the Missing Mail Box that was on the corner of Duane/Morse & is being investigated per the Fremont Post Office Postmaster. The mail had been picked up Friday 1/31/2014 but the box was missing Saturday 2/1/2014.
- **LinkedIn Information:** Citywide Newsletter from Kilroy Construction mentioned about blocking the LinkedIn lights with shades. Also affected Homeowners might be eligible for \$5,000 to block the view of the LinkedIn Buildings - preliminary - have not met yet.
- **Mathilda/101/23 Discussion:** Light timing and any changes being done in the area.
- **St. Jude Medical:** St. Jude Medical open house, adding another building, not sure of date yet.
- **Event Planning Ideas:** Open discussion on future dinner nights out - no dates yet.
- **Jeannie Biddle Estate Sale Discussion:** June Valenti reported they need 6 tables. June Valenti said the sale is set for March 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. Planning meetings are Monday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> & Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. at Jeannie Biddle's house.
- **Discussion on Event Suggestions:** Some suggestions – Family Day tour, Jelly Belly tour, Anheuser Busch tour, Elkhorn Slough & renting kayaks, Golden Gate Fields Race Track, Moffett History Museum, Computer Museum, Ansel Adams Museum, Rodin Museum and April 26<sup>th</sup> Columbia Health Fair SNAIL Booth.
- **Cinco de Mayo Discussion:** Need May Cinco de Mayo volunteer. Columbia picnic area has been reserved for now.
- **Dumpster Day/Yard Sale Discussion:** Dumpster day tentatively now scheduled June 14<sup>th</sup>. Yard sale tentatively scheduled June 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **Next Month Speaker Suggestions:** New Mathilda Bridge change, 101-237 overpass & bring plans.
- **Neighborhood Kids Involvement:** Newsletter delivery.

**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. 4 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup>
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wed., Mar. 5 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup>

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

**SNAIL On The Internet**

SNAIL moderates a Yahoo newsgroup called, "SNAILorg" which is for SNAIL business and events, meeting details, announcements from the City, etc.

Additionally, there are two social web sites for the neighborhood. There is Yahoo "SNAILChitChat" which is moderated by SNAIL. Yahoo SNAILChitChat is for socializing, referrals, lost pets, etc. Also, many neighbors enjoy using NextDoor.com which is not moderated by SNAIL.

**Next Newsletter Deadline**

The deadline for submitting articles and photos for the SNAIL April monthly newsletter is Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Simply email to [SNAILeditor@snail.org](mailto:SNAILeditor@snail.org)

## CNC News

**Fitness Room:** Open to SV residents 3 nights – Monday, 6:30 – 8 p.m.; Tuesday, 7:30 – 9 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 – 8 p.m. for \$1/visit. There is now an after-school fitness program for CMS students, 1 day for girls and 1 for boys, with capacity of 20 students each day.

**Covered California Sessions:** Find out about the Affordable Care Act at CNC on Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at the City Council Chambers from 3 – 4 p.m.

**Legal Aid Clinics:** First Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to noon. Free. First come, first served.

**Project Sentinel:** Housing information and dispute resolution for landlords and tenants. Fourth Friday of each month, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. First come, first served. Also at the SV Senior Center the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month, by appointment only.

**Pocket Resource Guides:** Now available at CNC. It is full of community resource information. Stop by and pick one up at CNC, or go to [ResourceGuide.inSunnyvale.com](http://ResourceGuide.inSunnyvale.com) for an online copy.

**Cesar Chavez Youth Action Day:** For high school students, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Community service projects, entertainment, and information on the life of Cesar Chavez. Sign up at [Volunteering.inSunnyvale.com](http://Volunteering.inSunnyvale.com)

**Fit & Fun Fair:** Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at CNC. Interested in volunteering at this fun family event? Apply at [Volunteering.inSunnyvale.com](http://Volunteering.inSunnyvale.com)

**Childcare information:** For resources and information, go to [ChildCareResources.inSunnyvale.com](http://ChildCareResources.inSunnyvale.com)

**CNC information:** (408) 730-7800 or [CNC.inSunnyvale.com](http://CNC.inSunnyvale.com)  
*Carolyn Lutticken*

## Keep Your Guard Up

Security breached on East Duane Ave. The bad guys are out there so it's your responsibility to make it as difficult for them as possible. Per Sunnyvale PD, many of the break-ins occur during waking hours when we're away at work or on vacation and not during the night as many people are led to believe. Be on the lookout for folks dressed in uniform, people going from door to door disguised as sales folks or suspicious individuals meandering around the neighborhood as they may be checking to see if any one's home. Crime is on the rise. Crooks are very good at what they do and may work as a team so everyone needs to be vigilant in order to keep their risk to a minimum. Below are lessons learned and a few suggestions on how to make your home more secure.

1. Entry was made through the side gate, as it wasn't securely latched. Many gates have a string or wire connected to the latch and anyone can get in by pulling on it. To secure, lock the latch and install a sliding bolt on the bottom of the gate.
2. A tempered glass window on a door leading into the garage was shattered allowing them to open the dead bolt. A dead bolt keyed on both sides would have been a better option.
3. From the garage they kicked in the door to the kitchen. A more robust door fitted with dead bolts and longer screws would have slowed them down.
4. It is harder to take a flat screen TV that's bolted to a wall or mounted on a stand. Desktops, laptops and electronics are prime targets and difficult to secure unless one devises a way to bolt them down or lock them up

5. Take your car keys with you when going out of town or let your neighbor or best friend hold on to them. Keep your spares in a safe place and lock your garage door, disable your garage door opener and disconnect your car battery.
6. Valuables may be safer in a safety deposit box than at home.
7. Let your neighbors know that you're going out of town or find a house sitter.
8. Use motion detector lights in the front and back yard.
9. Home surveillance with an alarm system is an excellent way to deter theft.

Finally, be mindful of what's going on in and around our neighborhood, stay vigilant and above all... "Keep Your Guard Up".

*Wendell Shak*

## 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](mailto:SNAILeditor@snail.org).



This is Hamberguesa the hamster. She is very active, sweet tempered, and loves running in her ball. Murphy the dog is terrified of her but she takes no notice of him!

*Susan Lato for the Obrero's  
Borregas Ave.*

## SNAIL Yard Sale 2014

The most fun annual activity for many in the neighborhood is the SNAIL Yard Sale (June 14-15). This activity is also how SNAIL raises most of its funding. We will have volunteers to help out with various aspects of this event but we need an organizer. If you are able to volunteer to organize this very important event, please contact John Cordes or come to our next general meeting.

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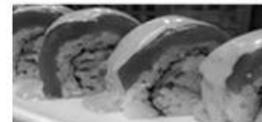
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