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## October 2019



### GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Location:** Columbia Middle School Teacher's Lounge

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. – Look for the **SNAIL** sign

SNAIL typically meets on the first Thursday of the month. The rare exception is when the first Thursday is also the same date as a big holiday or our usual meeting venue is not available. All SNAIL area homeowners, residents and guests are invited. Children are welcome. Membership in SNAIL is always free.

**Mark Your Calendar Now:**

**11/7, 12/5, 1/9, 2/6, 3/5**

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### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Fall has arrived, children are back to school, traffic is picking up, days are getting shorter, yet it's still warm and was even hot these past two weeks. Tomatoes plants are happy and continue to produce, apples are ready to be picked, foliage is still hanging on, and sadly, can you believe it, we are only three months away from the end of the year!

Would you be interested in becoming a SNAIL officer in 2020 and keep SNAIL a dynamic and active neighborhood association? Would you be interested in one of our four elected positions: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, or become Social Secretary, a writer or content contributor to our monthly newsletter? As your Chair, I will run again, and if elected, I will gladly serve the community.

Please attend the October and November meetings.

2020 will be a great year.... This is what you can look forward to:

On the guest speakers' side, we have secured:

- **November:** A presentation from The Sunnyvale Heritage Park Museum.
- **December:** Best practices for recycling during the holiday season.
- **January:** County Maps and Elections - why should we care?
- We may invite a speaker from the Census bureau.

On the events side, we could celebrate the end of the year together, Cinco de Mayo, coordinate a group of SNAIL volunteers to feed the homeless at the shelter, organize our annual yard sale and National Night Out (NNO). We will apply for grant money from the City of Sunnyvale to assist with the expenses to host our annual and very successful NNO.

As you know, it takes a village to put together some great events. All skills are welcome, all ideas, (as crazy as you think they may be), are welcome. SNAIL is well known to bordering communities and City Officials often refer to SNAIL as being the most active, the most vocal and the best organized in our fair city. Come and talk to June (our secretary), Diane (our vice-chair) John (our treasurer), Denise (our newsletter editor) or Valérie, yours truly, (your chair); learn how SNAIL continues to serve 1,400 homes as an official non-profit with a 501(c)4 status, review the work done and left behind by so many SNAIL residents who put countless hours to make SNAIL such a great neighborhood in which to live. I can assure you that you will meet your neighbors and make new friends. We look forward to meeting you.

-Valérie Suarès



**October Speaker: John Cordes, Sunnyvale BPAC member**

What is the Sunnyvale Active Transportation Plan (ATP) and why should you care?

Sunnyvale is creating its first ATP by combining updates to its Bicycle Master Plan,

Pedestrian Safety Plan and Safe Routes to School Plan into one. This is a once in a decade update that will guide how Sunnyvale makes our streets safer for students and people walking and bicycling for the next 10 years. Come learn about the overall project plan and how you can provide input.

**November 7<sup>th</sup> - Jim Reynolds**

Jim will share with SNAIL Members the proposed addition to expand the Heritage Park Museum, the programs, exhibits and various upcoming events hosted at the Sunnyvale Heritage Park Museum: <http://heritageparkmuseum.org>

**December 5<sup>th</sup> - Bailey Hall**

Bailey will share with us 'Best Tips for Recycling during the Holidays.'

### Don't Let the Holidays Sneak Up on You

When surveyed, adults report gaining an average of about 5 or more pounds during the holiday season. Let's avoid that! How do we avoid the holiday weight gain? One suggestion is to start preparing yourself by getting a good understanding or estimate of how healthy or unhealthy some of the foods are that you will be eating this holiday season. Educating yourself before you are even served the food is a great way to help you decide which items to put on your plate, and which ones you may want to take a pass on. I'm not saying to avoid that famous apple pie that grandma serves – but hey, knowing that it's around 500 calories per slice might persuade you to get a smaller slice and maybe avoid a second helping of the mashed potatoes and gravy. Also, think about your liquid calories in alcohol or sweetened beverages, such as pumpkin spice lattes or eggnog. Finally, it's important stay active; even as the weather gets colder.

-Leah Groppo, RD, MS, CDE

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

# Meeting Minutes

## HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH'S SNAIL GENERAL MEETING

**Status of the Sunnyvale Downtown Redevelopment (Travis Duncan, Development Project Manager):** Travis began with a short history of downtown Sunnyvale. In the 40's we were primarily a farming community. In the 60's and 70's, with more cars prevalent, mini malls and our own Town Center were built. In the 2000's our mall and many others closed. In 2009 two office buildings were built on Mathilda as well as a garage. Then for eight years, partially built structures were left standing. In 2015 & 2016 Sares/Regis/J.P. Morgan bought the property.

Today, home and work places near transit are most desirable. All the housing structures completed are rental properties (198 apartments) and are now 98% occupied. Seventy-five new apartments are planned with 12% set aside as affordable housing. The rent amount for affordable housing is set by the County and by the City. A park will be included and these will be green buildings.

Between February & April 2020 AMC and Whole Foods will be open. New stores expected to open are Urban Plates, Pacific Catch and AT&T. Macy's will be torn down to extend Francis Street. This winter a public ice rink will be made possible by Google, the City of Sunnyvale and City Line. By December 2019 the builders hope for a final plan.

**Upcoming Changes to Sunnyvale's Voting Districts (Michael Goldman):** Michael spoke of many points of view concerning the new districting Sunnyvale is attempting to avoid a costly lawsuit. One of the new maps, the Unity Map, is acceptable by the plaintiff, so this may save us from litigation.

**For full minutes, please visit:**

<http://tinyurl.com/SNAIlog>; <https://nextdoor.com/login>

-Minutes taken by June Valenti

## GREETINGS FROM SNAIL

Our Sept 5<sup>th</sup> meeting focused on two things happening in Sunnyvale that affect everyone. The first was about downtown and the redevelopment that is happening there. Travis Duncan was an informative speaker who shared a lot of history and information about Sunnyvale's downtown. He works for the Sares Regis developer group, which is leading the downtown development. Travis explained some of the variables that developers have to consider, which includes the balance between park space and density. Current plans include park space where the redwood trees are, but some of the surrounding buildings will be taller to compensate for loss of land for buildings. See our minutes for some history and future plans, including a seasonal ice rink.

In the second part of our meeting we reviewed the current status of the election format change to districts. Although less than half of the input the city solicited was in favor of a 6-district system with an at-large mayor, more were in favor of a 7-district system. City Council chose to only put the 6-1 format on the ballot. A number of residents are concerned that this is self-serving for some of the council members. Both formats should be on the ballot so voters have a choice. Meanwhile, the city has solicited input for 6-district maps. Some SNAIL members worked with residents across the city and created what we call the Unity Map (map #120). About 20 maps were presented to the city, and City council agreed that the Unity map should be one of the maps on which to refine and get public feedback. During the October 8<sup>th</sup> city council meeting, the number of maps will be reduced again for more public input during October. Go to <https://sunnyvaleelections.org> for upcoming events and information.

-Diane Gleason, SNAIL Vice-chair



## COLUMBIA NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER (CNC) NEWS

For current information on programs, call CNC at (408) 730-7800 or email [CNC@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:CNC@sunnyvale.ca.gov) or visit our webpage at:

<http://tinyurl.com/SVCNC>.

**Free Legal Clinic at CNC:** Saturday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to noon. Receive a 20-minute consultation on legal matters by licensed attorneys offered by South Asian Bar Association of Northern California (SABA-NC). No appointments. Customers are attended to on a first come, first served basis.

**Free Library Program - Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead Celebration):** Wednesday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4 – 6 p.m. in the San Miguel Elementary School Multi-Purpose room. Families with children of all ages are invited to come and learn about Day of the Dead traditions and create fun crafts with guest artists while supplies last. Event will also include a special performance and explanation by local Aztec dancers and face painting. This program was made possible with support from California Humanities, a non-profit partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

**Free Event – Family Fall Fest:** Saturday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 5 p.m. at CNC, 785 Morse Ave. This free family event will celebrate Halloween and safety with games and activities for kids, safety tip reminders, a mini pumpkin patch and healthy snacks for children. Children are encouraged to wear their costumes, bring treat bags for goodies and celebrate Fall. This is a no-candy event to promote healthy eating habits.

**Register Now for Free Falls Prevention Program for Older Adults:** Thursdays, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at CNC. Learn to view falls as controllable, set goals for increasing activity and make changes to reduce fall risks at home. Program is recommended for older adults age 65+ and registration is required. Call CNC to register.

**Drop-In Salsa Dance Classes for Adults:** Mondays (Beginner) and Fridays (Basic II/Intermediate) through Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 – 8:30 p.m. at CNC Multi-Purpose Room. Learn to dance salsa and bachata, partnering skills and basic turn patterns and combinations. No partner needed. Cost: \$2 Resident/\$3 Nonresident (cash only).

**New Fee Waiver Application for Youth Available Now:** The City's Community Services Fee Waiver program started a new funding cycle; Oct. 1, 2019 – Sept. 20, 2020. Once approved, families receive \$234 worth of credit per approved child to help pay for registration fees for activities, camps and classes at the resident rate and options to pay subsidized rates for selected activities, camps and classes. Families must meet income eligibility criteria and submit specific documents with an application. Applications are available at CNC, Sunnyvale Community Center or on the city website.

**Sunnyvale Community Services at CNC:** Every Wednesday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Room 9. Sunnyvale residents may be eligible to receive assistance with Public Benefits, Food Programs and Emergency Financial Assistance. Stop by, say "hello" to learn more and ask questions.

-Angela Chan, CNC Manager



### COACHES NEEDED AT CMS!

Want to show your Bulldog Pride by being one of our 2018-2019 Coaches? Check out our available positions on our NEW CMS Athletics <http://columbiaptsa.org/athletics>.

#### Season 2: October 22 - December 5

Wrestling (Multiple Positions)  
Girls Volleyball (Multiple Positions)

#### Season 3: December 9 - February 6

Girls Soccer (Multiple Positions)  
Boys Basketball (Multiple Positions)

#### Season 4: February 10 - April 2

Boys Soccer (Multiple Positions)  
Girls Basketball (Multiple Positions)

#### Season 5: April 6 - May 13

Track and Field (Multiple Positions)



NO experience necessary. You must be 18 years of age and complete a background check and fingerprinting with the Sunnyvale School District. (This can take up to a month to complete, so get started early). Compensation: \$1000.00 STIPEND, coach's uniform, and training. Practice and games are Monday-Thursday, generally from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. If you have any interest, please send an email to: [info@columbiaptsa.org](mailto:info@columbiaptsa.org).

### COLUMBIA PTSA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The CMS PTSA would love to increase our involvement with our SNAIL community and we would love our SNAIL community to be involved with us!

We have tons of volunteer opportunities within our PTSA. Visit our new website at <http://www.columbiaptsa.org/join>. Lastly, if you want to donate or become a member of the PTSA, our website makes it easy to do both! Just visit <http://www.columbiaptsa.org>.

### DISTRICT MAP UPDATES

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, the council sat through the public hearing pursuant to elections code section 10010(a)(2), to receive public comment regarding the content of the draft of the city council districting maps published on September 3, 2019 and the proposed sequence of elections.

Twenty-nine maps were sent to council for review, all available from this page: <https://tinyurl.com/DraftDistrictMaps>.

Of the 26 maps, 19 were full with six district maps that were contiguous and population-balanced and three maps were drawn by the demographer. The council's mission that night was to narrow down the number of maps to no more than eight and make confinements to the maps selected. Refinements will be sent to the city by the September 29<sup>th</sup> deadline.

The maps that went through are numbered: 120, 111, 112, 107, 121, 127, and 126.

### DISTRICT MAPPING – IMPORTANT DATES

**District Map Making Event:** <https://www.sunnyvaleelections.org>

**Nov 05:** Council hearing - review of narrowed down maps

**Nov 12:** Council decision on a single map with 6 districts

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### CITY EVENTS

#### Sunnyvale Pet Parade and Halloween Family Event

It's back! Our Sunnyvale traditional Pet Parade. Plans are underway to celebrate the Halloween season with a costume pet parade through downtown Sunnyvale.

Pet parents also welcome to dress up and enjoy the day with family fun.

**When:** Sunday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** All Day

**Where:** Downtown (Murphy and Washington Avenues)

**More Info:** <https://tinyurl.com/SvaleDowntownEvents>

**Event Map:** <https://tinyurl.com/Halloween-PetParade>

**Halloween Costume Swap – Collection Days:** Donate Today! Accepting clean, gently-used children's costumes and accessories.

**Collection Dates:** Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>

**Columbia Neighborhood Center:** M-F, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

**Second drop-off location and times:**

Sunnyvale Community Services, 725 Kifer Road, M-F, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (408) 738-4321.

**Extra Dumping Weekends:** Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>

Sunnyvale residents may dispose of extra garbage at no charge. Vehicles limited to one-ton capacity. On free dumping days, trailers may not exceed five feet by ten feet. Proof of Sunnyvale residency required. State law requires all loads to be covered. Uncovered loads will be charged \$15 and provided a tarp. **No Household Hazardous Waste items.**

**When:** Saturday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Where:** SMaRT Station, 301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale, CA, 94089

**Contact:** SMaRT Station (408) 752-8530

#### HHW Drop-off Event

Properly dispose of unused medications and other household hazardous waste items at the Sunnyvale quarterly Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off event (HHW).

Appointments are required for all HHW drop-off events. To schedule an appointment, visit <https://tinyurl.com/HHW-Program> or call (408) 299-7300. Event location is provided with appointment. Proof of Santa Clara County residency is required.

Medications may be dropped-off during regular business hours at any Sunnyvale Fire Station or at any Med-Project Kiosk. For additional information and current list of locations, visit <https://tinyurl.com/SCC-HHW-Project>.

**When:** Saturday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Santa Clara County HHW Program (408) 299-7300

**More Info:** <https://tinyurl.com/HHW-Program>

### SNAIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

All SNAIL neighbors are encouraged to submit articles of interest to be published in our monthly newsletter. The deadline for submitting articles and photos for the next SNAIL monthly newsletter is **Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**. Send an email to [SNAILeditor@snail.org](mailto:SNAILeditor@snail.org).

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