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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



We were fortunate to start the year with Otto Lee on the very important topic of "Why should we care about district maps?"

Although a candidate for District 3 seat on the SCC Board of Supervisor, Otto Lee, former mayor, vice mayor and city council member from 2003 to 2011, addressed SNAIL members in a non-political and non-partisan manner on the importance of understanding the impact district mapping can have on residents.

With numbers in hand, Otto shared with us the newly citizen-drawn and Council-voted City district (map 120D) and presented the County district maps clearly showing, (what many SNAIL members did not know) the City of Sunnyvale being split into two districts; D3 covering North Sunnyvale, Milpitas, East Unincorporated Hills, all the way to Evergreen in East San Jose; and D5 covering South Sunnyvale, Cupertino, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills.

His presentation gave us a strong foundation to understanding the importance of district mapping.

Continuing the theme of elections, there are two important articles in this newsletter issue:

1. Changes in the SCC on how to vote in the March 3rd election, and
2. Our February guest speaker: Elaine Manley from the League of Women Voters (and moderator of the past SNAIL Candidate forum), to address SNAIL members and present the ballot measures on the March 3rd ballot.

Hope to see many of you at the February 6th meeting!

-Valérie Suarès



Did you know the City has an online tool that can help you determine how to properly dispose of just about anything? Appropriately titled "How to Get Rid of Anything", this search tool helps residents get rid of all sorts of items, from furniture to nail polish to CD players. This same tool can also be used to find out when your garbage and recycling service days are, and even lets you schedule an on-call collection appointment for bulky items. To access these amazing and free features, simply visit Sunnyvale.ca.gov and search How to Get Rid of Anything!

-Bailey Hall, Environmental Programs Specialist



GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, February 6th

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:
3/5, 4/2, 5/7, 6/4, 7/2

Stay Informed and Be Heard!



February 6th: Elaine Manley, League of Women Voters, Co-President of the Cupertino-Sunnyvale Chapter

Topic: "Upcoming Presidential primaries and the City ballot Propositions"

March 5th: Angela Chan, Change Manager, ERP Project Department of Library and Community Services

Topic: Census 2020

**YOUR VOICE AND VOTE COUNTS
IF YOU DON'T USE IT, YOU COULD LOSE IT.**

The Election is coming on March 3rd. Are You Ready for the Voters' Choice Act?

Come learn about the changes in our election process due to the Voters Choice Act – new election date, locations, process and timing.



The League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale will also present what will be on your March 3rd ballot, the Pro's and Con's and where to find factual information.

Get educated, then vote!

Learn the details at the SNAIL Meeting on Feb. 6th at 7 p.m.

This is one of many learning events about the upcoming election and Census 2020. Also mark March 5th on your calendars for the Census 2020 update from Angela Chan from the City of Sunnyvale!

-Elaine Manley, Co-President, The Cupertino-Sunnyvale League of Women Voters

GETTING READY FOR THE UPCOMING MARCH 3RD ELECTIONS



Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters is modernizing voting and providing voters with greater flexibility and convenience.

What's changing?

Starting with the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election:

1. Every registered voter will receive a Vote by Mail ballot starting 29 days before Election Day.
2. Voters can vote at any of the Vote Centers in Santa Clara County.
3. Approximately 22 Vote Centers will open for 11 days including Election Day and approximately 88 Vote Centers will be open for four days including Election Day for a total of 110 Vote Centers throughout the County on Election Day.
4. Vote Centers will offer more space, additional services and new enhanced voting equipment.

VOTERS will have more options and will get to choose WHEN, WHERE, and HOW to vote!

So, what are the options?

USE YOUR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

- ✓ Mail your ballot in a postage-paid return envelope
- ✓ Place your ballot in an Official Ballot Drop Box
- ✓ Return your ballot to any Vote Center

OR

GET A BALLOT AT A VOTE CENTER

When: Vote any day during election week (Feb. 22 – Mar. 3, 2020).

Where: Visit any of the Vote Centers located throughout the County.

How: Vote a paper ballot or on a new voting machine.

Source: <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/VCA/Pages/home.aspx>
-Valérie Suarès

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH'S SNAIL GENERAL MEETING

The official minutes of the January meeting were not taken due to a miscommunication. Please refer the "Message from the Chair" on page one of this newsletter to read a summary of guest speaker Otto Lee's talk during the January meeting.

SNAIL CHINESE NEW YEAR'S DINNER



Celebrate the New Year by joining SNAIL members on Friday, Feb. 7th, 7:00 p.m. at the Tao Tao Cafe
175 S. Murphy Ave.
(Parking in the rear)

Tao Tao has their own special Chinese New Year menu. We can order from the special menu or the regular menu.

Please RSVP to June Valenti (408) 497-0827 before Feb. 5th with how many people are in your party.



AN IMPORTANT DECISION FACES THE CITIZENS OF SUNNYVALE!

HOW DO YOU WANT YOUR CITY GOVERNMENT TO WORK?
The League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale invites you to a special forum about Measure B – a significant change in the governance of the City of Sunnyvale Districts and Directly Elected Mayor.

At the forum we will have a civil conversation about measure B and will explore the pros and cons of the moving to districts and a directly elected mayor.

The forum will be moderated by LWV Cupertino-Sunnyvale. This is a free event on Thursday, Feb 13, 2020, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the

Sunnyvale Community Center Ballroom
550 E Remington Dr, Sunnyvale

Speakers will include:

Mayor Larry Klein
Councilmember Michael Goldman
Deputy City Manager Jaqui Guzman

At this forum you will learn:

- What Measure B is and what it is not?
- What might happen if it passes or fails?
- Why was the Measure put on the ballot?
- The pros and cons of voting for the Measure, and
- **Very importantly** you will have an opportunity to candidly discuss this measure with your fellow Sunnyvale citizens.

So, if you want an impartial review of Measure B this is a must attend event.

We want to hear from you. If you have questions you would like addressed at this forum please send your questions to: President@lwvcs.org by February 10th.

Please RSVP here (so we set up enough chairs):

<https://tinyurl.com/MEASURE-B>

-Elaine Manley, Co-President, The Cupertino-Sunnyvale League of Women Voters

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 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.

COLUMBIA NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER (CNC) NEWS

For current information on programs, call CNC at (408) 730-7800 or email CNC@sunnyvale.ca.gov or visit our webpage at: <http://tinyurl.com/SVCNC>.

Free Legal Clinic at CNC: Saturday, Feb. 1st 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 Weekly Relationship Support Group for Women: Mondays, 6 – 8 p.m. in English and Spanish at CMS, Rooms 4 and 8. Kids Club will be provided in Room 7. Participants learn how to communicate effectively, recognize abusive, build self-acceptance, develop a safety plan and learn from others facing similar issues. Program is run by Next Door Solutions staff, a non-profit organization specializing in breaking the cycle of violence in intimate partner relationships and creating healthy relationships instead. Drop-ins welcome. For more information or to attend, contact Next Door Solutions, Manager of Support Services at (408) 501-7546. For immediate assistance, dial (408) 279-2962 for the 24/7 Crisis Hotline.

Camp Chill at Columbia Neighborhood Center: Tues, Feb. 18th to Fri, Feb. 21st for ages 6 to 12. This camp runs from 8 – 3 p.m. with an option of registering for extended care from 3 – 5:30 p.m. For more information about camp registration, fees or scholarships, visit us at CNC or call us at (408) 730-7800.

Community Advisory Committee: The Columbia Neighborhood Center hosts the Community Advisory Committee where City staff and members meet to discuss the best ways to reach the Columbia community. The Committee meets bi-monthly, and members are required to volunteer two to four hours per year at a City event. CNC is now accepting applications for parent-members. Applicants must have a child enrolled in a Sunnyvale school. For more information about the Community Advisory Committee or how to apply, call Dustyn at (408) 730-7806.

Youth Drop-In Gym at CNC: Basketball on Mondays, 7 – 9 p.m. and Fridays, 7 – 10 p.m. Improve your game. Affordable prices (\$.50 residents, \$1 non-residents), middle school and high school students only. Bring school ID.

Drop-In Fitness Room at CNC: **Morning hours:** Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 – 7:30 a.m.; Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8:30 a.m.; Saturdays from 8 – 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. **Evening hours:** Mondays and Thursdays from 6:30 – 8 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 7:30 – 9 p.m. Come work out with over 15 fitness machines and free weights. Open to adults, high school students with a signed parent consent form, and middle school students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. \$1 per session per person. Bring a towel, water and wear athletic shoes.

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

-Jesus Raygoza, Interim Youth and Family Resources Manager



SUPER BOWL HISTORY

The Super Bowl is the season final championship game of the National Football League (NFL) in the USA. The matchup for this game is the winning teams of the National Football Conference (NFC) and the American Football Conference (AFC). Super Bowl 1 was held in February of 1967. The Super Bowl is one of the most watched television events in the United States. According Nielsen Media Research, it had over 114.4 million viewers in 2015, the most ever. It is held on the first Sunday in February.

SUPER BOWL FACTS

- ✚ Super Bowl LIV (54) will be played in Miami at the Hard Rock Stadium. It will be broadcast on FOX.
- ✚ In 2019, the cost of a 30 second commercial during the Super Bowl was \$5.2 million dollars.
- ✚ Super Bowl Sunday is the second biggest eating day of the year - after Thanksgiving. A total of 1.38 million chicken wings were eaten during 2019's Super Bowl weekend.
- ✚ The winner receives the Vince Lombardi Trophy. Vince Lombardi was the coach for the Green Bay Packers who won the first two Super Bowls back-to-back.
- ✚ The record for the most points scored by a single team during a Super Bowl is held by the San Francisco 49ers. The San Francisco 49ers scored a total of 55 points against the Denver Broncos in the Super Bowl XXIV (24).

SUPER BOWL TOP EVENTS AND THINGS TO DO

- ✓ Attend the Super Bowl. According to Vivid Seats, the average per ticket is \$11,179 with the most expensive ticket being a whopping \$485,750!
- ✓ Host a Super Bowl party with friends and family.
- ✓ Organize or purchase boxes in a football pool. A football pool is a table that contains all the score combinations based on the last digit of each team's score. The score numbers are drawn at random after all boxes are assigned. Because of this, the odds of winning are the same regardless of each participant's knowledge of the game.
- ✓ Watch the Super Bowl commercials. Commercials for the big game are the most expensive on TV and, for many, more entertaining than the game.
- ✓ Make guacamole. This is the quintessential (and healthy!) super bowl dip.

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, February 15th**. Send an email to SNAILeditor@snail.org.

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