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## March 2020



### GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, March 5<sup>th</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:**  
4/2, 5/7, 6/4, 7/2

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**March 5<sup>th</sup>: Angela Chan, City of Sunnyvale Change Manager, ERP Project Department of Library and Community Services**  
*Topic: Census 2020*

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jose Villarreal and Stephan Ferranti**, from the Valley Water Clean Water, \*Healthy Environment\*, Flood Protection division will talk about Sunnyvale East and West Channels Flood Protection project and upcoming timeline.

**May 7<sup>th</sup>: Tracey Gott**, Sunnyvale Community Services Manager (Adult and Special Populations) and the author and resident expert of the City's Age Friendly Action Plan will be presenting the "City's Age Friendly Action Plan".

### United States 2020 Census Everyone Counts – Help Spread the Word



The 2020 Census count is a once-in-a-decade population count mandated by the constitution to record everyone living in the United States on April 1, 2020. It's done for two purposes:

- Determines how many seats each state has in the Congress.
- Determines how 675 billion dollars in federal funds is distributed to states and our local communities.

This is the first Census count where no paper version will be mailed out. Everyone is strongly encouraged to complete the census on-line or phone. The City of Sunnyvale has allocated resources to conduct Census outreach and education to encourage all residents to complete the Census. In the March 5<sup>th</sup> SNAIL meeting, city staff will present additional information about the 2020 Census and its importance; please join us.

*-Angela Chan, Change Manager, ERP Project*

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



### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

We have been so fortunate to have had two great speakers this month! Tag teaming, Roberta Hollimon spent a few minutes on the Voter's Choice Act and the Census, while Elaine Manley, Co-president of the Sunnyvale/Cupertino League of Women's Voters (supported by Mayor Larry Klein) presented the content of the ballot initiatives. Our February meeting was also attended by Sally Lieber, candidate for State Senate, who addressed SNAIL members and residents from the Sunnyvale mobile home communities.

Continuing the theme of numbers, Angela Chan from the City of Sunnyvale will do a deep dive into the 2020 Census and will share with us the importance of accurate reporting and the impact these numbers have on the Federal appropriation of funds to the state of California.

There were 10 SNAIL residents in attendance at the annual Chinese New Year dinner at Tao Tao in downtown Sunnyvale. Great food was shared among us all. Thanks, June, for organizing this fun event.

There are many SNAIL activities you can look forward to. Consider volunteering to ensure the success of the upcoming events:

**Cinco de Mayo Potluck**, May 7<sup>th</sup> SNAIL Monthly Meeting. Tracey Gott from the Sunnyvale Community Services will give her talk on the "City's Age Friendly Action Plan". Our traditional Cinco de Mayo potluck will be held after the talk. Email June at [SNAILvicechair@snail.org](mailto:SNAILvicechair@snail.org) to let her know the dishes you can contribute to the Potluck.

**Annual Dumpster Day**, Sat, June 13<sup>th</sup>. Six dumpsters will be scattered throughout SNAIL. Barry Bool, our "Dumpster Czar", will be in charge again. Call Barry with any questions you might have at (408) 505-5670 or email him at [bboole@aol.com](mailto:bboole@aol.com).

**Annual Yard Sale**, Sat-Sun, June 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. Tarik Peterson will be hosting this event again at his home on San Diego Ave. Contact him if you have items you want to drop off or if you can spend a few hours to help at (408) 745-1241 or [tarikpeterson@aol.com](mailto:tarikpeterson@aol.com).

**Annual National Night Out Potluck**, Tues, August 4<sup>th</sup>. Last year we had some great food, children activities and wonderful giveaways. Email Diane at [SNAILsecretary@snail.org](mailto:SNAILsecretary@snail.org) and Valérie at [SNAILchair@snail.org](mailto:SNAILchair@snail.org). We are always looking for children's activity ideas and volunteers to plan and host the largest and most successful National Night Out in the City of Sunnyvale.

**Candidate Forum**, Thurs, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Meet with the November 3<sup>rd</sup> candidates and ask them questions. Elaine Manley, who hosted our last candidate forum, has graciously agreed to be our moderator once again this year.

Look for announcements in the upcoming newsletters.

We will look forward to seeing you at any of these upcoming events. Did you know that SNAIL is the most active neighborhood in the City of Sunnyvale, and we are known by County Executives and City Elected officials because of each and everyone one of you contributing to the success of our events? Let's keep it up! Volunteer for any of these events.

*-Valérie Suarès*



Have you heard of Recycling's Dirty Dozen? It's a list of twelve confusing items that many residents think are recyclable, but in fact are not. Here are examples of the most bewildering offenders:

- **Black plastic:** Black plastic melts at a higher temperature than clear plastic. Plus, the black pigment dyes everything else black!
- **Plastic "clamshells":** These also don't melt well with other plastics, due to their "thermoform" process. This makes them brittle, rigid, and difficult to recycle.
- **Frozen food boxes:** These boxes are treated with a special chemical that doesn't let them break down when wet. This is an issue since water is used to break paper down!
- **Paper egg cartons:** Every time paper is recycled, it decreases in quality. Egg cartons use the lowest quality paper, making them undesirable in markets.

There you have it! To read the explanations behind the eight remaining culprits, visit <https://tinyurl.com/SvaleDirtyDozen>.

-Bailey Hall, Environmental Programs Specialist

### SUNNYVALE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sat, 3/7, 9:00am - 12:00pm: Natural Pest Deterrent**, BAWSCA Gardening Workshop (Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency) Sunnyvale Senior Center, Laurel Room, 550 E. Remington Dr.

*More info:* <https://tinyurl.com/NaturalPestDeterrent>

**Wed, 3/11, 7:00pm - 8:30pm: Less Traffic, Better Places: How Do We Get There?** Sunnyvale Council Chambers, 456 West Olive Ave.

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

**Sat, 3/14, 10:00am - 12:00pm: Compost Workshop**, Murphy Park Building, 250 N. Sunnyvale Ave.

*More Info: Complete Online RSVP Form Here:*

<https://tinyurl.com/CompostBasicsWorkshop>

**Sat, 4/18, 11:00am - 3:00pm: Gourmet Earth Day: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**, Sunnyvale Public Library, 665 W. Olive Ave.

*More Info: Get your gourmet on and learn new ways to electrify your home at the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day. This free event will feature a community cook-off competition, a home electrification expo and fun, green activities for kids.*

*See More Events:* <https://tinyurl.com/2020EnvironmentalEvents>

### HHW DROP-OFF EVENTS



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

Appointments are required for all HHW drop-off events. 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:**

**Add to my:** iCal/Outlook Calendar <https://tinyurl.com/calentry-ics>

**When:** Sat, April 18<sup>th</sup>

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

**Contact:** Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment

**Schedule an Appointment Online:**

<https://tinyurl.com/ToScheduleAnAppointmentOnline>

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

### COLUMBIA NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER (CNC) NEWS

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

**Free Legal Clinic at CNC:** Saturday, Mar. 7<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.

**CNC Fitness Club:** Meets 2-3 times per month on Saturday mornings, 9:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Free program for individuals, families and groups who wish to incorporate healthier habits into everyday life: workout with a fitness coach, hands-on cooking with certified nutritionist, attend sessions to earn prizes. Registration required (ages 10+). For more information, join our interest list online here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CNCFitness> or call (408) 730-7800. Funding for this program provided by El Camino Healthcare District.

**Tax Prep Assistance by Tax Aid:** Saturdays (various dates) - March 7, 21, 28, and April 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at CNC. Free assistance helping families or individuals (with incomes less than \$55,000) prepare income tax returns. Drop-in or appointments available. For additional information on what to bring or to schedule an appointment, visit <https://tax-aid.org> or call (415) 229-9240.

**Sunnyvale Youth Tennis Grants:** Now accepting grant applications for 2020. Any Sunnyvale youth (ages 7-15) that is pre-approved for the City of Sunnyvale Fee Waiver Program is eligible and encouraged to apply. All levels welcome. Two recipients will receive a \$500 grant award to use for tennis camp instruction and/or equipment from the on-site pro shop. Deadline to apply is March 31<sup>st</sup>. Grants provided by the Sunnyvale Tennis Club. For questions or to apply, contact Columbia Neighborhood Center at (408) 730-7800.

**Camp Primavera - Registration now open for Spring Break:** Mon, Apr. 13-17 for ages 6 to 12. This camp runs from 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. with an option of registering for extended care from 3:00-5:30 p.m. For more information about camp registration, fees or scholarships, visit us at CNC or call us at (408) 730-7800.

**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.

**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

**HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH’S SNAIL GENERAL MEETING**

**Guest Speakers:** Roberta Hollimon and Elaine Manley gave some background on League of Women’s Voters. The League was founded in 1920. The League has 2 separate roles: education and advocacy. The Speakers spoke on voting procedures, ballot measures, and the upcoming census. A useful website is <https://votersedge.org/ca>. This is a fact-check website and a resource for seeing the money behind the candidates and propositions.

**Guest in Attendance:** Sally Lieber was in attendance and she spoke for a few minutes about running for state senate. She shared some background and goals.

**For full minutes, please visit:** <https://nextdoor.com/login>  
-Diane Gleason, SNAIL Secretary



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS HISTORY**

Daylight Savings Time (DST) began to help save energy and provide workers with more hours of serviceable daylight during the long summer days. However, it was not until 1966, when the Uniform Act was passed, that all states had to either observe DST or pass a state law to abstain.

**DST BEGINS FACTS**

- ❖ Benjamin Franklin first proposed the idea of DST in 1784. He wrote “An Economical Project” for the Journal of Paris, wherein he discussed the cost of oil for lamps as well as working while it was dark and sleeping while it was day.
- ❖ DST changes at 2:00 a.m. This time is selected to provide the least amount of inconvenience to businesses and citizens.
- ❖ When DST begins in the Northern Hemisphere, it is ending in the Southern Hemisphere.
- ❖ DST always begins on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November.
- ❖ Hawaii and Arizona do not use DST. Only part of Indiana used it, but since 2006, it’s used throughout the whole state.
- ❖ California first observed DST in 1918. In 2018, California passed Proposition 7 allowing the California State Legislature to (1) change the dates and times of the DST period, as consistent with federal law, by a two-thirds vote; (2) establish permanent, year-round DST in California by a two-thirds vote *if federal law is changed to allow for permanent DST*; and (3) take action to change time policy concerning both DST and standard time.

**DST BEGINS TOP EVENTS AND THINGS TO DO**

- Move your clocks forward one hour before bed on the Saturday night before Daylight Savings Time day in March.
- Replace the batteries in your smoke alarm and carbon dioxide monitors.
- Clean out the medicine cabinet. Dispose of all medicines properly.

Sources: <https://tinyurl.com/CAProp7>  
<http://www.webexhibits.org/daylightsaving/franklin.html>

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**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 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).

**LWVCS FORUM ON MEASURE B**



The League of Women's Voters' of Cupertino-Sunnyvale (LWVCS) goal is to help voters have a much better understanding of this important decision and feel like they can make an informed vote on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

On February 13, 2020 the LWVCS hosted an educational forum on Sunnyvale Measure B.

Here is the YouTube link: <https://tinyurl.com/SvaleMeasureB> of this event, the total length is 1 hr. 40 min.

- Click CC at the bottom of the screen for closed captioning.
- Open the 3 dots after the title of the video to open the transcript; this is a detailed guide to the topics covered in the forum.
- Click “Show More” to see the links to the major topics we covered.

We hope you find this helpful. To learn more about our League of Women Voters go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/MyLWVCS>.

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

**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, March 14<sup>th</sup>**. Send an email to [SNAILeditor@snail.org](mailto:SNAILeditor@snail.org).

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