



# S.N.A.I.L. News

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## August 2020



### GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

**Zoom, Zoom, Zoom, SNAIL Members!**

**You're invited to join in the SNAIL Community Meeting via Zoom**

**Zoom Login: <https://pausd.zoom.us/j/91023222644>**

**Meeting ID: 910 2322 2644**

**One-tap mobile: +1 669 900 6833, 91023222644# (San Jose)**

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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.

**Next Meeting: 9/10 (Sunnyvale Candidate Forum)**



### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Do you remember the fable "The tortoise and the hare" by Jean de la Fontaine, where the hare is confident of winning, so it stops during the race and falls asleep? The tortoise continues to move very slowly but without stopping and finally it wins the race?

I feel SNAIL (or tortoise in the fable), has continued its steady pace forward since it was established in 1995 and yes, steadily, SNAIL has maintained its membership and is still seen as the winning neighborhood in Sunnyvale. And now, who would have thought SNAILs could reach a warp speed? For the second month, despite the COVID-19, SNAIL members have persevered, and a greater number of SNAIL members have attended monthly meetings on Zoom. So, stay connected and spread the word, since we are planning two extraordinary Zoom meetings for you:

In August, our guest speaker Damon Sparacino, Superintendent of Community Services, will lead SNAIL members through a discussion with SNAIL members addressing alternatives to the annual National Night Out event. We will address protocols under current guidelines, <https://tinyurl.com/COVID-19-Gatherings>, and how these protocols affect us so we can reasonably host a community event. Damon will guide us through suggestions for possible alternate events.

In September, in lieu of our monthly meeting, we will have SNAIL's first Candidate Forum online. Everyone will be able to participate, best of all, you will be able to attend this event from home. So prepare your questions and send them to [CandidateForum@snail.org](mailto:CandidateForum@snail.org).

Never again will we hear that SNAILs are slow... Zoom, Zoom everyone and stay safe!

-Valérie Suarès



### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (NNO)

As you know, NNO has been moved from August and tentatively pushed to October 6<sup>th</sup>. Depending on the County mandate, it may, or may not occur.

If we are given the green light, SNAIL leadership will review the guidelines provided to us on how our event could be safely conducted while complying with the social distancing requirements and decide if it is feasible and reasonable to host the event.

If National Night Out is a no go, I would like to encourage everyone in the SNAIL community to think about an event we could do that would respect the social distancing rules.

So, please put your thinking caps and send me your ideas at [SNAILchair@snail.org](mailto:SNAILchair@snail.org). We would love to hear from you.

All ideas will be reviewed and considered by SNAIL leadership and the city staff.

-Valérie Suarès, SNAIL Chair



### SAVE THE DATE

**Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

**Zoom Telepresence Online Forum**

**Upcoming Virtual Candidate Forum:** The residents of SNAIL located in district 5, <https://tinyurl.com/SNAIL-Map>, will have the opportunity to vote on Mayor at-large in November. We had initially set an October date and reserved a community room in the city. Since the shelter in place, all community rooms have been shut down. As a result, we will host our candidate forum online, under the leadership of the League of Women's Voters.

Elaine Manley agreed to be our moderator and, with her volunteers at the League of Women's Voters, will conduct the online forum during which you will have the chance to hear from all three Mayoral candidates: Mayor Larry Klein (incumbent), Vice-mayor Nancy Smith and Councilmember Michael Goldman.

We want you to participate by sending us your questions prior to the online event to [CandidateForum@snail.org](mailto:CandidateForum@snail.org), so that they can be categorized by the moderator. Questions submitted during the forum on the Chat in Zoom window will be grouped by topic and relevance.

You can get the link for the Zoom Candidate Webinar at:

<https://tinyurl.com/SvaleCandidateForum2020>.

We look forward to a great turnout!

-Valérie Suarès, SNAIL Chair

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



### FOOD TO-GO BOXES: RECYCLABLE OR NOT?

Ordering delivery or to-go food more? You're probably wondering if you can recycle those plastic to-go boxes. Clamshell boxes are made with a type of plastic that melts at a different temperature than other plastics in the recycling process, so they must be separated. In addition, markets for these materials are not currently available so we can't take them for recycling and the boxes should be placed in the trash. In fact, plastic clamshell boxes are the number one item on our "Recycling's Dirty Dozen" list! To read about 11 other items that seem recyclable but aren't, visit [Sunnyvale.ca.gov](http://Sunnyvale.ca.gov) and search Dirty Dozen.

If you're dismayed by this news, there are other things you can do to reduce plastic waste. When ordering takeout or delivery, specify that you don't want disposable utensils, sauce packets or even the bag the food is delivered in. If you do end up with plastic bags, use them as trash can liners (or doggie bag, if you have a dog!). Besides that, a great way to avoid waste is preparing meals at home. This saves money, helps you eat healthier and avoids extra packaging that ends up in the trash.

-Bailey Hall, Environmental Programs Specialist



### ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA DATE OF ORDER: 7/13/2020:

At 12:00 p.m. on July 13<sup>th</sup>, Governor Newsom announced that a number of indoor activities and industries will be closed statewide, and additional indoor activities and industries will be closed in counties that appear on the State's "monitoring list" for three days or longer. According to the State's website ([covid19.ca.gov](http://covid19.ca.gov)):

Effective immediately, California closes some indoor business operations statewide and additional indoor operations in counties on Monitoring List for 3 consecutive days. Statewide indoor closures include restaurants, bars and breweries, wineries and tasting rooms, movie theaters, family entertainment centers, zoos and museums, and cardrooms. County indoor closures include fitness centers, places of worship, indoor protests, offices for non-critical infrastructure sectors, personal care services, hair salons and barbershops, and malls. County closures apply to counties that have been on the County Monitoring List for 3 consecutive days.

The statewide closures are effective immediately as of Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. The State informed the County on July 13<sup>th</sup> that businesses and individuals in Santa Clara County will be required to comply with the list of County closures starting at 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. Please see below for a list of affected industries and activities:

#### Closed statewide effective July 13<sup>th</sup>:

- Restaurants
- Wineries and tasting rooms
- Movie theaters
- Cardrooms
- Family entertainment centers
- Zoos and museums
- Bars, breweries, and pubs (indoor and outdoor)

#### Closed in Santa Clara County effective July 15<sup>th</sup>:

- Worship services
- Protests
- Gyms and fitness centers
- Offices in non-essential sectors
- Personal care services, e.g., nail salons, body waxing, tattoo parlors
- Hair salons and barbershops
- Shopping malls

Read the full Official Order here:

<https://tinyurl.com/SCCHealthOrders>



### AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>: DAMON SPARACINO, SUPERINTENDENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

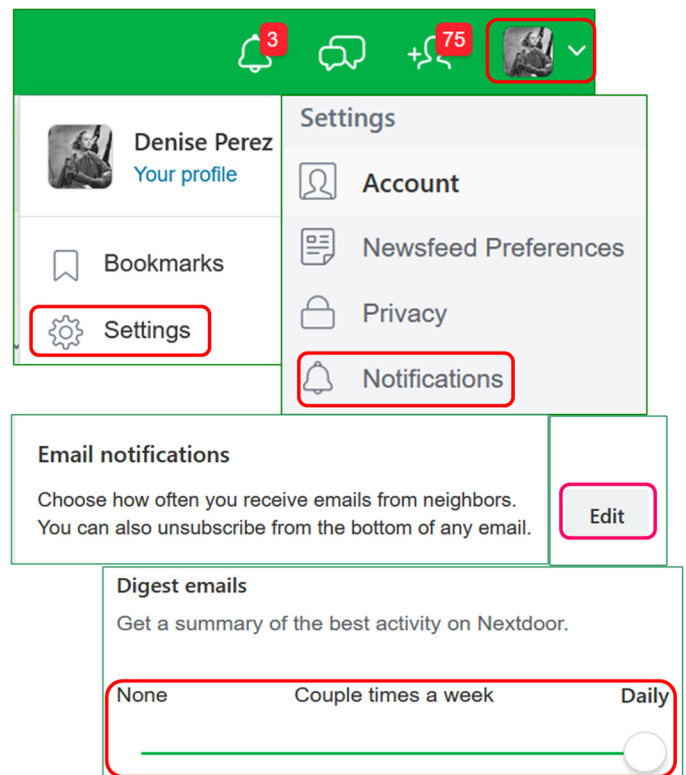
Library and Community Services Department and City of Sunnyvale staff will facilitate a discussion with SNAIL members addressing alternatives to the annual National Night Out event. Will be discussing protocols under current guidelines, and suggestions for alternative events.

#### WHERE CAN I FIND THE SNAIL **Newsletter** ?

The SNAIL monthly newsletter is published at the beginning of every month in Nextdoor.com and on the SNAIL website. You can locate the newsletter as follows:

- Go to <http://www.snail.org> and click on the link to the **current month's** newsletter on the left-side, towards the middle of the home page.
- Go to <http://www.snail.org/docs/newsletterarchive.shtml> to find all past newsletters by Year/Month.
- Go to <https://nextdoor.com/login>. (If you don't have a Nextdoor account, you will have to create one the first time.) Locate the newsletter as follows:
  - Search Nextdoor:** In the search field at the top of the Home Page, type "SNAIL <Month> Newsletter", and hit your Enter key.
  - Email Notification:** Click on the arrow next to your profile at the top-right corner in the green band.
    - Select "Settings" from the drop-down box
    - Select "Notifications" from the menu on the left-side
    - Select "Edit" in the "Email notifications" box
    - Go to the "Digest email" section and move the slider button to select the frequency that would like to receive Nextdoor posting notifications in your email.

When the newsletter is posted in Nextdoor, you will see it listed in the Nextdoor email notification you receive. Click on the Newsletter article and sign in to Nextdoor.com to open it.



**HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH’S SNAIL MEETING VIA ZOOM**

**Guest Speaker: LaTricia T. Frederick, Inclusion and Organizational Effectiveness Expert.** LaTricia presented a little bit about herself. She told us about her family past so we can anchor where we are today in terms of race relations in America. The riots that resulted from Rodney King's death caught the attention of the nation. Today, again, the riots following George Floyd's death are what catches the nation's attention. She talked about the concept of institutional racism and she led a conversation focusing on allyship and advocacy.

**Announcements:** Find our July newsletter on NextDoor.com (find your 7/5/20 news feed or search for the SNAIL July newsletter). **National Night Out** – Grant tentatively moved to October 6th; City Grant decision July 15th, 4 p.m. Virtual meeting.

**Active Transportation Plan Update: Richard Mehlinger:** The final version of the Active Transportation Plan (ATP) will be reviewed by City Council on July 28, 2020. Send your comments no later than July 27th via email to [council@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:council@sunnyvale.ca.gov) and specifically mention the ATP in the subject line. **Diane Gleason:** A local bike advocacy group is currently talking to CC members re supporting the BPAC recommendations for the ATP. **Barry Boole:** Borregas crosswalk still direly needed. **Faisal Jawdat:** Intersection of Maude and Arbor is particularly dangerous. Corner needs to be "daylighted". **John Cordes:** Update on bike lanes on Maude. Once the bike lane signs are installed, there will be a 6-month evaluation period.

**Candidate Forum Schedule - Zoom Event:** On September 10<sup>th</sup>, Elaine Manley from the League of Women's Voters will be our moderator. Three candidates for the Mayor at large: *Nancy Smith, Larry Klein, Michael Goldman*. Send your questions for the candidates to [CandidateForum@snail.org](mailto:CandidateForum@snail.org).

**Downtown Developments:** There is an article in this week's Update Sunnyvale that lets the broader community know about the public hearings in July and August and the availability of documents and reports. As a quick reminder to City Council, there are four staff reports; Planning Commission and City Council will have separate public hearing for each of the four reports.

- **Downtown Parking Policies (a Study Issue)**
- **Updates Downtown Specific Plan, Zoning and EIR**
- **Development Agreement with STC Venture** [Parking lot at Sunnyvale and Evelyn]
- **Development Agreement with Kasik (Minkoff)** [Old Post Office site]

**FREMONT POOL RE-OPENS NEXT WEEK FOR LAP SWIM:** The City is currently finalizing a plan to offer limited swimming pool lane appointments based upon COVID-19 restrictions. The short-term plan will include morning (7 to 10 a.m.) and early evening (5 to 8 p.m.) swimming pool lane appointments, Monday through Friday, beginning July 13, 2020.

**COUNTY COVID-19 TESTING:** More than 1,500 people were tested at Murphy Park by the County. If you need to find a location to get tested, please visit: <https://www.sccfreetest.org>

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

**CITY OF SUNNYVALE – UPCOMING MEETINGS**

<https://sunnyvaleca.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Name	Meeting Date	Time	Location
City Council	7/28/2020	5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Council Chambers, City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave. Special Meeting – Closed Session. Meeting
Parks & Recreation Commission	8/12/2020	7:00 PM	Telepresence Meeting: City Web Stream
Sustainability Commission	8/17/2020	7:00 PM	West Conference Room, City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave.
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission	8/20/2020	7:00 PM	Council Chambers, City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave.
Housing and Human Services Commission	8/26/2020	7:00 PM	West Conference Room, City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave.

**ZOOM, ZOOM – SNAIL MEETINGS NOW ONLINE**



Do you know SNAIL neighbors and SNAIL friends who would like to receive the Zoom SNAIL Meeting invitation, attend Guest Speaker talks and participate in the Candidate Forum?

If you would like to be added to our list, send an email to: [SNAILchair@snail.org](mailto:SNAILchair@snail.org).

Remember, SNAIL will never share your name or email address.

**COLUMBIA NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER (CNC) NEWS**

**Free Food Distribution for Families (Family Harvest Program):** *Fourth Wednesday of each month - 8/26, 9/23, 10/28, etc.* In partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank, CNC is distributing free food to families, drive-through style, no touch/direct contact. Distribution runs from 3:20 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. New clients can register on distribution day at the site: Columbia Middle School. -Geraldo Cadenas, CNC

**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, August 15<sup>th</sup>**. Send an email to [SNAILeditor@snail.org](mailto:SNAILeditor@snail.org).

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