



S.N.A.I.L. News

Sunnyvale Neighbors of Arbor, Including La Linda
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November 2020



GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, November 5th, 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/9102322644>

Meeting ID: 910 2322 2644

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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 SNAIL Meetings: 12/3

Stay Informed and Be Heard!



November 5, 2020

RALPH GARCIA, PE

**Sr. Transportation Engineer,
Department of Public Works**

Sunnyvale's Vision Zero Plan

As part of our commitment to maintaining safe streets for everyone, the City developed a Vision Zero Plan that strives for the total elimination of traffic fatalities and severe injuries for all travel modes within Sunnyvale. The Plan includes key transportation safety challenges and suitable safety measures to help the City reach its goal.

HELPERS WANTED!

Hello, neighbors! Did you know that SNAIL provides supplies (traditionally: red bows, red tape, and red ribbon) to decorate our street trees from the first weekend in December to the second weekend in January of the new year? But we need helpers who like hugging trees to bring cheer to our neighborhood!

If you have helped the red bow project in the past, thank you so much, and please reach out to confirm whether you are participating this year.

Please also let us know if you have any other ideas to bring smiles to neighbors.

To get involved, contact Sophia Sasaki at library@toths.info and (206) 395-8732.

-Sophia Sasaki

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

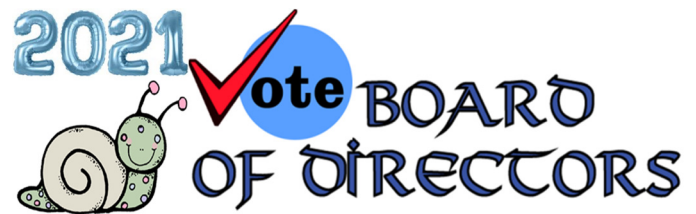


As we enter what should be a "normal" fall season when the winds are carrying the fallen leaves across the streets, one can only wonder, how will this year end? Besides the obvious: elections, masks, social distancing, and with the unseasonably warm and dry October, rain seems to be a faded memory. I will share with all of you that one of my very favorite colors only appears after the rain, when plants soak up water like sponges, causing a certain transparency in the green pigments of the leaves. How I long for this color to come back soon.

When we think about elections, nationwide, statewide and citywide, we also have to think "neighborhood wide". That's right! It's that time of year when, once again, we appeal to our SNAIL neighbors as we look for volunteers to contribute to running the oldest and most active neighborhood in Sunnyvale. It's also the most vocal and most recognized by elected officials as being the true voice of our community.

Tasks include contributing content to the newsletter, helping to schedule guest speakers, assist with planning community events, and reviewing the newsletter prior to publication. Some of the SNAIL leaders have been active in making SNAIL neighbors' voices heard with the City officials. The upcoming results of the census data will be published in late 2021, and SNAIL will be invited to assist with redrawing the district map. So, join us and be part of leading SNAIL in the next decade. All ideas are welcome.

-Valérie Suarès



2021 SNAIL OFFICERS ELECTION

SNAIL will hold elections for our 2021 officers at the SNAIL General Meeting on November 5th. If you have attended at least two SNAIL meetings within the last six months or served as an active volunteer within the last 12 months, you may nominate, and/or run for any of our four elected positions. Come join us to nominate a SNAIL member and/or cast your vote for our 2021 SNAIL officers.

The new offices will commence in January 2021.

-Valérie Suarès, SNAIL Chair

COLUMBIA NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER (CNC) NEWS

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

Free Food Distribution, Family Harvest: Families in need of food are invited to register for the Family Harvest Program, a monthly food distribution program that takes place on the last Wednesday of the month, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Families drive through the CNC/CMS parking lot and volunteers load about 100 pounds of food (dry, can and fresh food) into each car with no contact. The November distribution is scheduled for *Wednesday, Nov. 25th*.

Register for "ShapeUp" Sunnyvale: A new active living and healthier eating program funded by El Camino Healthcare District. Any Sunnyvale resident, age 18+ with limited resources, is invited to register. First session is *Saturday, Nov. 7th through Saturday, Dec. 12th*. Once registered, choose to participate in both components (physical activity and healthier cooking) or just one. For getting active, choose from a menu of activities, virtual or in-person, offered through Recreation Services such as aquatics fitness, yoga, walking club, Zumba, etc. and participate in a minimum of one activity weekly for free. For the cooking component, pick up a cooking kit weekly, from CNC or the Community Center, prepared by a professional caterer and make the dish at home. There will be a recorded video of the caterer making the dish and an optional weekly Zoom meeting for advice or questions. Registration required.

Free Virtual Falls Prevention Program, Bingocize: A 10-week program that combines Bingo with falls prevention exercises for older adults, age 65+. Registration required, call (650) 724-9369 or email ecorman@stanfordhealthcare.org. Program meets on *Tuesdays and Fridays from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. via Zoom starting on Nov. 10th*.

Seeking New Members on Staff Advisory Committee (SAC): CNC receives valuable insights from its SAC and executes an annual workplan to help sharpen the CNC's programs and services. The impactful input from the Committee's members represent voices from Sunnyvale School District staff, community experts, Sunnyvale parents, Sunnyvale students, interfaith or faith-based organizations, and Sunnyvale residents. We are seeking new members to fill the parent and student membership categories. The commitment is a two-year term and requires consistent attendance at meetings every-other month (meeting virtually currently) and service as a volunteer for at least one City of Sunnyvale event every year. Contact Dusty at (408) 730-7800 or email dbindel@sunnyvale.ca.gov to get more information or an application.

Holiday Closures: CNC will be closed on *Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26th and 27th, 2020*.

Outdoor Zumba: Outdoor fitness classes at Sunnyvale Recreation for adults 18+. **Pre-registration is required.** Two locations:

1. **Sunnyvale Community Center:** *Mondays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Nov. 19 – 30; \$24 Residents; \$30 Non-Residents.*
2. **CNC:** *Saturdays, 10-11 a.m., Nov. 14 – Dec. 12 (no class on 11/28); \$24 Residents; \$30 Non-Residents.*

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/AdultZumba>

Outdoor Yoga (Free): Get your namaste on at our free outdoor yoga class taught by our experienced volunteer instructor Amy! **Pre-registration is required.** **Where:** *CNC Thursdays, 10 – 11 a.m., Oct. 22 – Nov. 19 and Dec. 3 – 17.* Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/SvaleBasicYoga>

Do you want to see what else is available? Check out the Activities Guide at <https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/news/topics/atp> and search "Classes." Have other questions or want to register over the phone? You can also call the Recreation registration desk at (408) 730-7350, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

-Angela Chan, CNC Manager



HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH'S SNAIL ZOOM MEETING

Attendees: Diane Gleason (Host), Denise Perez, Jenny Purushotma, Larry Klein, Patsy Cline, Tarik Peterson, Valerie Soares, Arwen Dave, Kirstin Sims, Larry Walters, Thomas Leibold.

Candidate forum wrap-up: 190 attendees. We have the distinction of having the highest participation of the various candidate forums.

- Valerie bought an orchid for Elaine Manley as a thank you. \$32.76 reimbursement for Valerie is approved.

Neighborhood Safety: Valerie's video regarding neighborhood traffic was discussed.

NNO Grant Transfer: City staff approved our request to transfer our neighborhood grant funding of \$1500 to our Red Bows campaign because NNO events won't be happening due to COVID-19.

- City Staff has approved use of grant money to go towards our holiday red bows. Council will vote in mid-December based on recommendations of the City Staff.
- Patsy, Jenny, and Sophia will work together to find a ribbon and bow vendor. Valerie will coordinate getting them connected.

SNAIL Newsletter Online Distribution: Discussion on whether to expand the publication of our monthly SNAIL newsletter in Nextdoor.com to all the neighborhoods in our surrounding area or continue publishing in SNAIL only. There was an overall agreement of the members to post on Nextdoor to all neighborhoods for the time being.

City Update by Larry Klein:

- City Council discussed Measures R, S, M, and Proposition 15.
- A draft of the housing study is out. It goes to City Council on Oct 13th.
- A roadway safety program was adopted, and some funding was agreed.
- Agreed to get the Jewish Sabbath community borders in place. Reach codes won't be up until later in October.

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	Date	Time	Location
Planning Commission	11/9	7:00 PM	Check calendar in link above to confirm location
City Council	11/10	7:00 PM	Check calendar in link above to confirm location
Sustainability Commission	11/16	7:00 PM	Check calendar in link above to confirm location
City Council	11/17	7:00 PM	Check calendar in link above to confirm location
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission	11/19	6:30 PM	Check calendar in link above to confirm location
Planning Commission	11/23	7:00 PM	Check calendar in link above to confirm location

Because of the COVID-19 emergency and the “shelter in place” orders issued by Santa Clara County and the State of California, the meetings of the Sunnyvale City Council will take place by teleconference, as allowed by Governor Gavin Newsom’s Executive Order N-29-20.

Watch the City Council meeting on television over Comcast Channel 15, at: <http://youtube.com/SunnyvaleMeetings> or <https://sunnyvaleca.legistar.com/calendar.aspx>

Submit written comments to the City Council up to 4 hours prior to the meeting to council@sunnyvale.ca.gov or by mail to City Clerk, 603 All America Way, Sunnyvale, CA 94086 .

**NEW OPENINGS: WHOLE FOODS, AMC THEATERS
RE-OPENING: RUBY’S TAQUERIA**



Whole Foods in Downtown Sunnyvale (next to Target) opened on October 29th.

AMC Theaters, above Whole Foods, opened October 30th.

Ruby’s Taqueria at 821 Borregas Ave. is getting ready to re-open the first week in November!



ELECTION DAY HISTORY

Election Day refers to the day on which general elections in the United States are held. Presidential elections are held every 4 years and the elected president will then be sworn in and take office the following January 20th, a day known as Inauguration Day.

Election Day in the United States is always held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

ELECTION DAY FACTS & QUOTES

Elections held for federal offices only occur on even-numbered years. There is no law in the Constitution or Federal mandate which requires electorates to vote in accordance with the popular vote of their state. There are 538 electoral college members. To win the vote for President of the United States, a candidate must obtain at least 270 of these votes.

“Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting.” -Franklin D. Roosevelt

“We do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate.” -Thomas Jefferson

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” -Margaret Mead

“Can’t wait for tomorrow when I get to exercise my patriotic duty as an American: Complaining about how long it’s taking to vote.” -Stephen Colbert

ELECTION DAY TOP EVENTS AND THINGS TO DO

- ✓ Register to vote prior to Election Day.
- ✓ Attend a local polling place and cast your vote.
- ✓ If voting by absentee ballot or mail-in ballot, make sure it arrives on or before Election Day.
- ✓ Be informed about the candidates and new amendments on the ballot before going to the polling place.

REFERENCES

- <https://tinyurl.com/ElectoralCollegeVote>
- <https://tinyurl.com/ElectoralCollege-About>

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, November 14th**. Send an email to SNAILeditor@snail.org.

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