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GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, February 4th, 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 SNAIL Meetings: 3/4, 4/1, 5/6, 6/3

In Loving Memory

Sadly, we have had to say goodbye to two SNAIL members recently. Barbara came from Guam and married Gregg, on E. Eaglewood. Both loved ballroom dancing. We will miss her as she was a strong member of the 200 block.

Sam was married to June. He attended every SNAIL function. We will remember Sam, his stories and his sense of humor.

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.
-Valérie Suarès



February 4, 2021

Elaine Manley

Redistricting in Sunnyvale

Sunnyvale is required by law to update the district map boundaries based on the 2020 Census

information. Ideally, our City would formalize the process and make it more community driven.

Our recommendation is to use an Independent Redistricting Commission or Hybrid Commission that has minimal conflict of interest by those being elected and maximum input by the residents on what they want their districts to look like. Learn more at <https://tinyurl.com/FairMapsProject> and let Council know that you support the Independent Redistricting Commission. They will be meeting on Jan 28th and Feb 2nd so please do it right away.

-Elaine Manley, Co-President, LWVCS.org

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



I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

2020 was a very different and chaotic year for many, but 2021 is the beginning of another chapter, 365 blank pages for us to make our best year yet.

Did you know that according to history.com, New Year's resolutions have been around since the Babylonians? They made promises to the gods for better conduct, much like the Romans who promised offerings to Janus, the two-headed god, who looks back to the old year and forward into the New Year.

That is where our modern-day resolutions come from - looking back on our old year and the mistakes we made. We then make resolutions to help us better ourselves in the New Year. If you made New Year Resolutions, I want to wish you the best of luck with them.

As we start this New Year there are some positive changes coming for us. The New Year brings a renewed sense of hope. The reality of the deployment of the Operation Warp Speed COVID-19 vaccination to millions is slow to reach those who need it the most.

You probably heard that the new vaccine will be delivered in two doses, the second dose will be administered 21-28 days after the initial dose. With a proven effectiveness of 90%, we hope that with the vaccine, we will be able to return to a more normal way of life again.

I hope this year will be your best year yet. I wish you and your loved ones good luck and good health!

-Valérie Suarès

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH'S SNAIL ZOOM MEETING

Guest Speakers: Department of Public Safety - Chief Phan S. Ngo, Deputy Chief Steve Drewniansy, Deputy Chief Jim Choi, Captain Dan Pistor, Captain David Sakurai

Chief Phan S. Ngo: In 2020, public safety received four new fire trucks. A new Emergency Operations Center (EOC) building has been approved, with lots of new and expanded features.

- **Racial justice and police reforms:** Sunnyvale Public Safety supports constitutional policing and recognizes this is a transitional process. The city held five listening sessions during the last year and the feedback has been good, but "don't let it slip". Incremental changes are being made because we have a head start on most of the nation. Documents are available online. The Chief and City Manager continue working on transparency improvements.

Crime: There has been a reduction in crime, yet still for someone experiencing crime, that experience is too many.

Discussions

- **Diane: Maude Bicycle Lanes**

We agreed to form a "SNAIL BPAC" taskforce to gather feedback on the Maude bike lanes and propose adjustments or changes to the current structure. We will bring a report to SNAIL in the February meeting so that SNAIL can determine any next steps.

For full minutes, please visit: <https://nextdoor.com/login>

-Diane Gleason, SNAIL Secretary

Workshop will be held virtually. Details on www.MoffettParkSP.com

Meeting Agenda:

Public Meeting. 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.


- Mobility
 - Existing Conditions
 - Regional Planning Efforts
 - Global Trends
 - Moffett Park Strategies
- Infrastructure
 - Opportunities + Constraints

City Council Study Session. 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

- Comments and Questions from City Council
- Public Comment

-Valérie Suarès

STRONGER TOGETHER: 6 WINNERS



Six, count 'em six, winners will be selected in the Sunnyvale Downtown Association *Stronger Together* program. Your odds of winning are very great! Shoppers are encouraged to support downtown Sunnyvale businesses on and near Murphy Avenue and to win prize money in the monthly raffle. Collect five or ten unique receipts per entry with a minimum purchase of \$5 from different, participating businesses; a total of \$400 will be given away to four \$50 winners and two \$100 winners on the last day of each month until March 2021. Prizes are in the form of \$25 gift certificates redeemable at the participating businesses. Deadline to submit receipt entries is the 30th of each month before 10 a.m.

Email your receipts to StrongerTogether@SunnyvaleDowntown.com with a cell phone snapshot of your receipts, or mail them to *Stronger Together Entry*, P.O. Box 70785, Sunnyvale, CA 94086 along with your name, email, physical address and phone number. *Requested: Please write the business group number on top of each receipt to facilitate processing of drawing entry.*

To find more detailed information on the program and the specific business groups "playing board", go to: <https://www.sunnyvaledowntown.com>, pick up a blue *Stronger Together* pamphlet in participating shops, or scan the QR code with your cell phone camera from your computer screen.



Our Sunnyvale businesses need our support during this difficult economic time. Please follow all health safety guidelines while shopping: wear a face mask, keep a 6-foot social distance and follow capacity limits in shops. *Contestants may enter multiple times with unique receipts from different businesses.*

-Barbara Brunasso-Oliver





INAUGURATION DAY HISTORY


Inauguration Day marks the beginning of the new four-year term of the President of the United States. The Inauguration of the U.S. President garners national attention. Held in Washington D.C., the Inauguration ceremony takes place on the western front of the U.S. Capitol Building.


This day is a federally recognized holiday for all workers within the District of Columbia, and several counties in both Maryland and Virginia. Inauguration Day falls on January 20th every fourth year unless the 20th falls on a Sunday. In this case, it is held on January 21st.

INAUGURATION DAY FACTS


 The Twentieth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution changed the date from March 4th to January 20th.


 The only President to take the oath of office without placing his hand upon a Bible was Theodore Roosevelt in January 1901. He was sworn in with an uplifted hand.


 The U.S. Constitution only mandates the person take an oath or affirmation before he/she can take office.

 Various Presidents have added their own twist to the swearing in ceremony, including kissing the Bible, or adding the words so help me God in closing.


INAUGURATION DAY TOP EVENTS AND THINGS TO DO

 Watch the Inauguration happen live via television or internet broadcast.

 Watch the Inauguration Parade as it proceeds towards the White House.

 Enjoy American snacks and celebrate the new President.

FOOD DELIVERY FOR SENIORS: GREAT PLATES DELIVERED



Great Plates Delivered, a program developed by Governor Gavin Newsom in conjunction with FEMA is "designed to support adults 65 and older and adults 60-64 who are at high-risk from COVID-19, in staying home and staying healthy by delivering three (3) nutritious meals a day, and also provide essential economic stimulus to local businesses and workers struggling to stay afloat during the COVID crisis." Individuals must affirm an inability to prepare or obtain meals. If you are interested in signing up to receive meal deliveries call 408-350-3230, select Option 1. The following is a link to the FAQs for participants: <https://tinyurl.com/FoodForSeniors> and more program information can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/FoodForSeniors2>. The program runs until February 6, 2021, at which time the state will request an extension for the *Great Plates Delivered* program.

-Barbara Brunasso Oliver



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, Virtual Healthy Eating Program in Spanish (Veggie Rx): Mondays, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. starting on Feb. 15th via Zoom. Program by Fresh Approach and includes: 8 nutrition classes with cooking demos, free vouchers for fruits and veggies at local farmers’ markets (over \$400 for a family of 4) and help with monitoring your weight and health. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/HealthyRx>. For questions, call 510-646-3518.

School Break Camp (Camp Explorer) for Youth: Feb. 16th – 19th Youth, ages 5-12, are invited join Sunnyvale staff for fun-filled days of in person, recreation activities camp designed with COVID-19 safety protocols in place including social distancing, and face coverings. Camp hours are 8 am to 5:30 pm and fees are \$240 (Res)/\$290 (Non-Res). Fee Wavier or \$234 subsidy is available for families that qualify based on income, pre-approval required, call CNC for more information or application. Two locations: CNC or Community Center. To register, go to: Sunnyvale.ca.gov/Community/Classes or call 408-730-7360.

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. 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 next distribution is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 24th, 3:20 - 4:10 p.m.

Register for “ShapeUp” Sunnyvale (Free): Session 3, Feb. 27th – Mar. 27th. An active living and healthier eating program funded by El Camino Healthcare District. Any Sunnyvale resident is invited to sign up with priority given to residents on public assistance. 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, Zumba, etc. and participate in a minimum of one activity weekly. 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, call CNC for registration forms and information. -Angela Chan, CNC Manager



Sunnyvale Emergency Response Volunteers

Sunnyvale

SERV is the volunteer arm of the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety, Office of Emergency Services. SERV volunteers teach disaster preparedness classes, assist uniformed officers in emergencies, and respond in disasters when professional responders are overloaded.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Listos California disaster preparedness classes, taught by SERV volunteers, teach how to prepare your home and family for disasters and emergencies. The classes are offered in English and Spanish.

DISASTER RESPONSE

Sunnyvale’s Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) supplements uniformed officers in responding to emergencies, disasters, and public service events.



<https://sunnyvaleserv.org/classes>

-Judy Schini, Lead for Listos in Sunnyvale

EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS REMINDER

2020 was a year of reckoning and a good reminder to be prepared for the Earth’s natural cycles. The last global pandemic was in 1918; the Spanish Flu swept slowly around the world. Oddly enough, the last big earthquake in California was on April 18th, 1906; a 7.9 jolt, scary indeed. We do not know when we will face the next big one, but we can prepare ourselves to diminish its impacts, like having our water, food and medical supplies for the next 72 hours. This is critical for our survival in case of major damage to the Bay Area infrastructure. Secure everything in your house. On October 30th, 2007, I had a fifty-gallon aquarium sitting on a shelf in the living room, not secured to the wall in my North San Jose home. As soon as I felt the jolt, I ran from my room to the living room to push the shelf against the wall while the water splashed back and forth on my face. Yes, I learned my lesson the hard way! The 5.6 shake was no joke. Be sure to identify where your gas meter is located and have a tool readily available to close it in case of a broken pipe; same goes for water. Try to mentally rehearse or physically practice how you will react in case of an earthquake as we tend to freeze or act frantically in an emergency. I do not mean to scare you, but this advice could well save your life. I pray that we never have to go through this, but if we do, we will be prepared for it. For more earthquake safety information, visit: <https://www.earthquakeauthority.com>.

-Marco Vasquez, SNAIL Vice-chair

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 13th**. Send an email to SNAILeditor@snail.org.

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