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March 2021



GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, March 4th, 7:00 p.m.

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom, SNAIL Members!
You are 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: 4/1, 5/6, 6/3

In Loving Memory

Ralph Carrillo died on January 29th after a long illness. He and wife Rosalie have been longtime residents of Arbor Avenue.

-Patsy Duke



March 4, 2021

Chip Taylor, Sunnyvale Public Works, Department Director

Maude Avenue Bicycle Lane

I wanted to talk about two things; the first is the current status of the bike lane project on Maude and next steps. The second is the current status and next steps of

the SNAIL neighborhood Active Transportation Plan project.

-Chip Taylor, Sunnyvale Public Works Department Director

MAUDE AVENUE BICYCLE LANE

Principal Transportation Engineer Lillian Tsang provided the following information from Public Works, summarized:

- Results from the Public Works six-month evaluation of the Maude Bike Lane will be presented at the BPAC Meeting on March 18th, 6:30 PM.
- This evaluation will be based on a technical analysis of data acquired when people are presumed to be home. It will not include public input.
- Public input would be "greatly appreciated" when they bring the evaluation results to BPAC and City Council in spring 2021.

For more information and to provide input, join the SNAIL meeting on March 4th with Public Works Department Director Chip Taylor and/or the March BPAC meeting on March 18th.

-Sophia Sasaki

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



The month of February seems to be giving us a glimpse of hope. Some of you, 75 yrs and up, might have already received your first and even your second vaccine. The rollout of the COVID-19 vaccination is improving with more sites opening up and more of our essential and healthcare workers are getting access. The big news of the month is that the County has implemented a "no wrong door" policy to get vaccines to Santa Clara County residents regardless of their insurance providers, and mobile vaccination units are opening.

In addition to the San Jose Fairgrounds, Levi's Stadium will be opening as a vaccination site mid to end of February. All individuals 65+ and over are currently eligible to receive a vaccination at any county medical facilities and, as stated, regardless of insurance provider.

The good news for some is that the Federal government is increasing vaccination amounts sent to the state by 16% and empowering actions to get more vaccines produced. Santa Clara County and California are also working to reopen businesses and find ways to bring youth back together either in the classroom or through sports and recreation activities.

For those of us under 65, we will have to wait patiently for a little while longer. Please be safe out there.

While all of this is going on, SNAIL continues to meet regularly over Zoom. At our February monthly meeting, Elaine Manley from the League of Women's Voters and Jaqui Guzman Deputy City Manager talked about redistricting (see "Redistricting" article). On March 4th, Chip Taylor from the City of Sunnyvale Department of Public Works, will be talking about the Maude Avenue Bicycle Lane study.

I hope you will be joining us then and attend the 7 PM March 4th Zoom meeting.

-Valérie Suarès

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH'S SNAIL ZOOM MEETING

Guest Speakers: Elaine Manley Co-President of the League of Women's Voters; Marieann Shovlin, LWV; Jaqui Guzman Deputy City Manager at City of Sunnyvale.

- Jaqui covered how the Commission will be formed and operate based on the initial Council discussions.
- Elaine gave a resident's perspective of how we can work with Council and improve upon last time Sunnyvale had to draw district maps. She shared how anyone can apply to be on the Commission and be active in giving input on the new maps once we get the Census data this summer.

Discussions: (Jenny) We are interested in finding out if the City is looking for a way to store all the non-recyclable used plastic until plastic-eating-super-enzymes are available.

For full minutes, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/SNAIL202102>

-Diane Gleason, SNAIL Secretary



Moffett Park Specific Plan

Public Workshop: Land Use, Housing, Open Space, & Market Conditions

Tuesday, March 2
4:00pm - 7:00pm*

*City Council Study Session
6:00pm - 7:00pm

Virtual Meeting link at
MoffettParkSP.com

With Strategic Economics, Raimi + Associates
& CMC Landscape Architecture

Sunnyvale

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

Tuesday, March 2, 2021. 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/93276123346#success>

Zoom Dial-in Number: (833) 548-0276 (Meeting ID: 932 7612 3346)

**COVID-19 VACCINE BROUGHT TO YOU BY
THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA**



We are proud to announce that the County of Santa Clara Health System and several other vaccine providers throughout the county are now providing COVID-19 vaccines to any county resident age 65 and older, regardless of their healthcare provider or insurance. This “no wrong door” system is designed to ensure that county residents most vulnerable to severe illness and death from COVID-19 can access vaccines more quickly and seamlessly.

Additionally, the San Francisco 49ers and the County of Santa Clara have announced the creation of California’s largest vaccination site at Levi’s Stadium. The site has the capacity to vaccinate 5,000 people per day, with plans to increase capacity up to 15,000 people per day as vaccine supplies increase.

To view our current vaccination numbers, get more information on vaccines, or to schedule a vaccine appointment visit our **Vaccine Dashboard** at our website sccFreeVax.org.

Together in health,
County of Santa Clara

Call to Schedule a Vaccination:

Dial **(844) 987-6115** to reach a vaccination scheduler representative. The call center is open 7 days a week, Monday - Friday, 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM and Saturday - Sunday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. A representative will find a location near you and book your first dose appointment. *Due to high demand, there are long wait times in the call center.*

Book Vaccination Appointment Online:

Sign-in to <https://mho.sutterhealth.org> or enroll at: <https://mho.sutterhealth.org/registration/mho-enroll.html> in My Health Online to schedule a first dose appointment at: <https://tinyurl.com/SCCcovidshot>. Scroll down to the large blue grid to click on the facility of your choice. Be sure to choose “COVID-19 Vaccination – First Dose: Sutter Clinic.” Then answer a few questions and pick a region to find a location near you. Facilities include Palo Alto Medical Foundation (PAMF), Stanford Healthcare, County of Santa Clara Health System (sites available in San José, Gilroy and Mountain View), El Camino Health, Bay Area Community Health and Kaiser Permanente.

Text **coronavirus** to **211211** for phone and text services available 24/7 in 150 languages.

-Barbara Brunasso Oliver

Source: sccFreeVax.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: <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. 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, March 24th, 3:20 - 4:10 p.m.*

Free Hypertension and Lifestyle Management Program: *Saturdays, March 6 & 20, April 10, 17 & 24, May 8 & 15 and June 5.* Offered by the American Heart Association, the program, Check. Change. Control., is designed as a 4-month series and offered in multiple languages, English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese. Times vary depending on language. For more information or to register, call (408) 606-5950 or email padmaja.vasireddy@heart.org.

Free Virtual Falls Prevention Program, Bingoize, for Older Adults: *Mondays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. via Zoom starting on March 29.* 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.

Free Virtual Seated Exercise Program for Older Adults: *Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., for 9 weeks via Zoom from March 30 - May 25.* Program is *Matter of Balance* offered by Stanford Health Care. Goal of the program is to prevent falls, increase activity, strength and balance. For more information or to register, call (650) 724-9369 or email ecorman@stanfordhealthcare.org.

Free, Virtual Beyond Basics Computer Literacy Classes: A grant-funded education program for adults with a goal of closing the digital divide. Program provides eight hours of next level (beyond basics) computer literacy education in English. Training topics include how to use Google documents to share and collaborate with others, spreadsheet and data entry and how to write professional emails. New participants that complete the program may “earn” a Chromebook to take home. Must be a Sunnyvale resident with children on free/reduced lunch program or receive public assistance. Call CNC (408) 730-7800 or email CNC@sunnyvale.ca.gov to be added to the interest list. Next session will begin as soon as we have 15 registered participants.

Free Tax Preparation Assistance: Tax-Aid, non-profit organization, is providing multiple options (virtual, self-help, curbside, etc.) for residents that need assistance with filing their 2020 taxes. For more information, go to <https://tax-aid.org/need-tax-help> or call (415) 229-9240.

-Angela Chan, CNC Manager


SUNNYVALE FOODCYCLE PROGRAM



The City of Sunnyvale is checking in with residents in single-family homes to get feedback about the FoodCycle program. How often do you recycle your food waste? How full is your FoodCycle cart? Why do you participate or not? Take our short survey by March 31st at:

surveymonkey.com/r/FoodCycleSunnyvale.

-Bailey Hall, Environmental Programs Specialist



Sunnyvale Environmental Services
February 3 at 11:45 AM · 🌐

We're all still working, going to school and doing everything else from home, which can result in more household garbage. We understand, and want to help!
If you live in a single-family home in Sunnyvale, you can set out up to two extra garbage bags on your normal collection day. Leave them out until 6 p.m. - sometimes a separate truck picks them up. 🙌♻️



SUNNYVALE REDISTRICTING



Sunnyvale City Council is actively working on creating a Redistricting Commission. The Commission will facilitate the process of reviewing and adjusting our Council district lines. All cities with district-based election systems, like Sunnyvale, must redistrict after each Census. This keeps population counts within each district balanced to ensure equal representation.

Sunnyvale adopted district boundaries in 2019 using 2010 Census population counts. North Sunnyvale has seen significant growth since 2010. It will likely need some adjustments. We will know more when we receive Census data in summer 2021.

Do you want to get involved? We encourage your input on adjusting our district boundaries. First, stay informed and join the City's email list at <https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/government/redistricting.htm>. Second, apply to be on the Redistricting Commission. Applications will open in March. Feel free to contact me at presidents@lwvcs.org with any questions.

SNAIL Website Links: <https://tinyurl.com/RedistrictingIntro>
<https://tinyurl.com/RedistrictingActions>

-Elaine Manley, Co-President LWVCS

VACCINATION SCAMS

If you receive a call, text, email, or other message offering to sell early access to Covid-19 vaccinations, that is a scam. Please do not respond to it. You cannot pay for early access to the COVID19 vaccine. It is important to know that you will not be asked to pay to get the vaccine during this public health emergency.

Here are some common warning signs of fraud:

- Advertisements or offers for early access to a vaccine upon payment of a deposit or fee.
- Requests asking you to pay out of pocket to obtain the vaccine or to put your name on a COVID-19 vaccine waiting list.
- Offers to undergo additional medical testing or procedures when obtaining a vaccine.
- Marketers offering to sell and/or ship doses of a vaccine, domestically or internationally, in exchange for payment of a deposit or fee.
- Unsolicited emails, telephone calls, or personal contact from someone claiming to be from a medical office, insurance company, or COVID-19 vaccine center requesting personal and/or medical information to determine recipients' eligibility to participate in clinical vaccine trials or obtain the vaccine.
- Claims of FDA approval for a vaccine that cannot be verified.
- Advertisements for vaccines through social media platforms, email, telephone calls, online, or from unsolicited/unknown sources.
- Individuals contacting you in person, by phone, or by email to tell you the government or government officials require you to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

The FBI recommends you do the following to avoid getting scammed:

- Consult your state's health department website for up-to-date information about authorized vaccine distribution channels and only obtaining a vaccine through such channels.
- Check the FDA's website (fda.gov) for current information about vaccine emergency use authorizations.
- Consult your primary care physician before undergoing any vaccination.
- Do not share your personal or health information with anyone other than known and trusted medical professionals.
- Check your medical bills and insurance explanation of benefits (EOBs) for any suspicious claims and promptly reporting any errors to your health insurance provider.

Follow guidance and recommendations from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other trusted medical professionals.

If you believe you have been the victim of a COVID-19 fraud, immediately report it to the FBI (ic3.gov, tips.fbi.gov, or 1-800-CALL-FBI) or the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General (tips.hhs.gov or 1-800-HHS-TIPS).

Learn more about the various COVID-19 scams here:

<https://www.ftc.gov/coronavirus/scams-consumer-advice>.

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

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