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April 2021



GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, April 1st, 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.

SNAIL Meetings: 5/6, 6/3, 7/1, 8/5, 9/2, 10/7, 11/4, 12/2

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH'S SNAIL ZOOM MEETING

Guest Speakers: Chip Taylor, Director of Public Works. Dennis Ng, Transportation Manager.

- Chip Taylor gave a City update on the Maude Ave Bikeways Project. Meetings were held in 2016; the recommended BPAC was put in place. Data taken July 2020. Project completed Aug 2020. Data taken in Jan/Feb 2021. Findings will be presented to BPAC in April, then to City Council in May. SNAIL member Q&A discussion followed.
- Dennis Ng gave a City update on the SNAIL Neighborhood Active Transportation Connectivity Improvements. Improvements are being planned in SNAIL based on the ATP, Vision Zero and the Roadway Safety Plan. SNAIL member Q&A discussion followed.

Mayor Larry Klein; City Update:

- City Hall construction has begun.
- Larry's 190+ Sunnyvale Restaurant reviews:
<http://www.EatSunnyvale.com>
- Visit Larry's Friday Office Hour LiveStream videos at:
<http://www.facebook.com/larryforcouncil/videos>

SNAIL Grant: Valerie noted that SNAIL was awarded another \$1,500 grant. Please start thinking about what activities we can do this year.

Yard Sale: Barbara is considering leading the yard sale. Patsy will help.

SNAIL Secretary: Diane is retiring in June and will be unable to continue as secretary nor implement NNO.

June Valenti: June will be moving back east with family. She has many items for sale or giveaway.

Red Bows: Sophia said that there are currently 100 bows, ribbon and tape still available. Patsy will retrieve June's bows and will store them.

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

-Diane Gleason, SNAIL Secretary

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



There's new life on the horizon. Believe it or not, spring is right around the corner.

As we approach the one-year anniversary of the COVID-19 lockdown, after a long year indoors, we are all getting weary and it is showing. We are tired of being home and tired of all the confusion around who can and who cannot get the vaccine shots, which age group goes back to school, which school children need to stay home. The fatigue is evident everywhere we go. We miss going out with friends, visiting our local restaurants, enjoying a stroll in the neighborhood park or going to our favorite coffee shop downtown, without a face covering.

Over this past year, you may have rediscovered hobbies and activities that you once loved. Since spring is fast approaching, my spring message will be "Going Green".

"Going Green" isn't just about recycling, having plants helps make us happier and healthier. Having indoor plants can brighten up our space and clean the air we breathe. Lighten the mood in your place, freshen up your décor and bring a little bit of spring indoors. Let us hope this spring will make us strong again.

I revived four orchid plants this winter, two of them that are now in full bloom, the other two are growing leaves and developing strong roots. This is how I revived what I thought were my "dead" orchids:

One of my orchids started to grow outside its pot and a friend told me these are healthy roots. "Orchids do not like 'wet feet' but they do like humidity very much. Keep them in their slotted clear pots and give them three or four ice cubes once a week. They love ice cubes."

I kept my orchids away from direct sunlight; I did not repot them nor give them any special vitamin mix. They are on a window sill, away from direct sunlight. I see them every day and compliment them when I see them grow. I learned that orchids are not like traditional potted plants. They do not need dirt.

Did you know there are over 22,000 species: There are "air plants" hanging on to the bark of trees for support, "rock plants" growing on or among rocks and "terrestrial orchids" grow on the jungle floor. Orchids have a reputation for being difficult to grow when, in fact, they make excellent houseplants. Trust me. The spring flowers and trees are in full bloom in Sunnyvale and it is starting to look lovely once again! I hope that your spring is equally pleasant. Can this be a sign of a brighter future?

Happy Spring everyone!

-Valérie Suarès



COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION

Is It My Turn Yet? YES!!

April 1, 2021, individuals aged 50-64 years old are eligible for COVID-19 vaccines.

April 15, 2021, every Californian age 16 and older will be eligible for COVID-19 vaccines.

You can schedule vaccine appointments through MyTurn. If appointments are not available, you can register to be notified when appointments open. You can schedule vaccine appointments through California's MyTurn, in two ways:

1. Online at <https://myturn.ca.gov>. The MyTurn website is accessible to people with disabilities and in eight languages: English, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean and Japanese.
2. Calling the COVID-19 Hotline at 1-833-422-4255 or 1-833-4CA-4ALL (Mon-Fri, 8 AM to 8 PM; Sat-Sun 8 AM to 5 PM). The Hotline is accessible to people with disabilities and offers services in English and Spanish with connections to interpretive services in more than 250 languages.

If it is your turn, you can also check with your usual Health Care Provider or Local Pharmacy to see if vaccines and appointments are available.

Vaccine Volunteers Needed for Medical & General Support

California Volunteers, Office of the Governor is calling on Californians to volunteer their time to help the state in its vaccination efforts. Both medical and general support teams are needed. Volunteers are needed for a variety of activities from assisting people to learn about the vaccine, helping your neighbors sign up to get a vaccine, to volunteering at a clinic (as a Greeter, Line Director, Scheduler of second dose, Safety Monitor of adverse reactions, or Parking Aid). Most volunteer shifts are around 3 to 5.5 hours long, and first-time volunteers are often vaccinated during their first shift. Volunteers may only be vaccinated if there is enough supply.

Sign-up here: <https://myturnvolunteer.ca.gov/s/landing>

Volunteers are vital to the successful vaccination of all!

-Barbara Brunasso Oliver

Sources: <https://myturn.ca.gov>

<https://tinyurl.com/CDPublicHealth>

<https://tinyurl.com/FastCompanyVolunteer>

SUNNYVALE BOARD & COMMISSION OPENINGS

City of Sunnyvale boards and commissions advise the City Council and provide ongoing citizen input into policies and issues affecting the Sunnyvale community. Boards and commissions advise Council on specific policy issues Council has chosen to study and provide a forum and opportunity for broad community input on those issues.

Board and commission members serve on a volunteer basis for a four-year term and are appointed by the City Council. General eligibility requirements include voter registration and Sunnyvale residency. Special requirements vary. Recruitment is underway for the following board and commission openings:

- Arts Commission (2)
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (2)
- Board of Building Code Appeals (2)
- Board of Library Trustees (2)
- Heritage Preservation Commission (2)
- Housing and Human Services Commission (4)
- Parks and Recreation Commission (2)
- Personnel Board (1)
- Planning Commission (1)
- Sustainability Commission (2)

Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 30, 2021 to be scheduled for an interview with Council. For more information and to download an application, visit sunnyvale.ca.gov or call the Office of the City Clerk at (408) 730-7483 to request an application.

-Tracey Gott, Sunnyvale Community Services Manager



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 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.

Free COVID-19 Test on CMS Campus: April 7th & 21st – Mobile testing through Santa Clara County available on specific Wednesdays each month, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Open to all ages. Registration and appointments are encouraged, call +1 (888) 634-1123 or visit <https://lhi.care/covidtesting>. Testing without appointments may be available if space allows.

School Break Camp (Camp Discovery) for Youth: April 12 – 16. Camp hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Youth, ages 5-12, are invited to join Sunnyvale staff for fun-filled days of in-person recreation activities. Camp is designed with COVID-19 safety protocols in place, including social distancing and face coverings. Fees are \$300 (Res) / \$350 (Non-Res). Fee Waiver or \$234 subsidy is available for families that qualify based on income. Pre-approval required, call CNC for more information or application. Two locations: Lakewood Park or Community Center. To register, go to:

<https://Sunnyvale.ca.gov/Community/Classes> or call (408) 730-7350.

Free, Virtual STEM Camp for Girls: April 12 – 16, 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m., via Zoom. In partnership with Girlstart, girls in 4th and 5th grade will design a parachute, launch rockets, and explore circuitry to light up a house! Participants must pick up camp materials from CNC the week before camp. Registration required; go to:

<https://bit.ly/SunnyvaleAprilGirlstartatHome>.

Camp Primavera for Youth: April 12 – 16, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., for kids ages 6-12. Special pricing for kids registered in the City's Fee Waiver Program. Come enjoy fun-filled days of arts and craft projects, exciting games, and challenging recreational activities during Spring Break. Camp will include a healthy eating and active living component where campers will have healthy snack kits to take home and have over 60 minutes of daily outdoor activity. COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place including social distancing, and face coverings. Cost is only \$25 for fee waiver families and \$275 for Sunnyvale residents. Call CNC to learn how to apply for the Fee Waiver and check eligibility. If you are already approved for a 2020-2021 Fee Waiver, please call (408) 730-7350 to register.

Tech, Art, and Media Skills Program for Tweens & Teens: April 12 – 16. In partnership with Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI), a free camp called Youth Technology Incubator, website <https://www.ytechincubator.com>, for students ages 12-18. Participants learn different forms of tech, storytelling, and creative arts and will apply them in a positive way for their community. COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place including social distancing and face coverings. For more information and to register, call CNC. Priority may be given to low-income families or families with less access to high-tech resources.

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, April 28th, 3:20 - 4:10 p.m.

-Angela Chan, CNC Manager



UPDATED ORDERS AND REQUIREMENTS

Effective March 23, 2021, Santa Clara County will be in the Orange Tier of the State's **Blueprint for a Safer Economy**: https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/?mc_cid=825c65a153&mc_eid=7ac9569d31

with some additional local restrictions remaining in place. The following includes some of the operations that may resume, subject to these Mandatory Directives for each function: <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance>

- **Restaurants (dine-in):** Indoors with modifications at max 50% capacity or 200 people, whichever is less. See guidance for **Restaurants, wineries, and bars.**
- **Retailers:** Can open with modifications at max 50% capacity. See guidance for **Retail.**
- **Gyms and fitness centers:** Indoors with modifications at max 25% capacity. See guidance for **Gyms and fitness centers.**
- **Movie theaters:** Indoors with modifications at max 50% capacity or 200 people, whichever is less. See guidance for **Movie theaters and family entertainment centers.**
- **Hotels and lodging:** Can open with modifications. See guidance for **Hotels and lodging.**

For more information:

<https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/#regional>

Mandatory Health Officer Directives for specific business sectors and activities. <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/covid19/Pages/order-health-officer-10-05-20.aspx>

Capacity Limitations to calculate capacity for different types of businesses.

<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/covid19/Pages/mandatory-directives-capacity-limitations.aspx>

If you have any questions regarding the current restrictions for businesses, please contact the Santa Clara County COVID Business Center at (408) 961-5500.

-City of Sunnyvale-Economic Development



BEWARE RECYCLING'S DIRTY DOZEN!

The Dirty Dozen is a list of 12 items that seem recyclable, but actually belong in the garbage. Here are some of the most common offenders:

- **Plastic clamshell containers** may look like the same plastic as a water bottle, but how they are made matters. Their "thermoform" creation process means they cannot melt down with other plastics when they're recycled.
- **Padded envelopes** are made of paper, adhesive and plastic bubble wrap. These materials are difficult to separate and would only create recycling contamination.
- **Plastic bags** are often contaminated with food and are not wanted in recycling markets. To make matters worse, they tangle sorting equipment at the SMaRT Station.

When in doubt, refer to this list's counterpart, the Nice Nine. It contains nine types of items that you can recycle with confidence. For more information, go to:

<https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/property/recycling/getrid/dirty.htm>.

-Bailey Hall, Environmental Programs Specialist

KEEP IT CLEAN: SNAIL EARTH DAY PROJECT



SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 25th for the SNAIL Earth Day Community Clean-Up Project. Families and residents are invited to join in and simply take a walk in the SNAIL neighborhood and help clean up on the Earth Day weekend. Participants will be given a grabber pick-up stick and Thank You Bag with some fun items: a silicone reusable straw with

carrying case, the ever-popular mini hand sanitizer, seed packs of veggies/flowers, bottled water, and power bar. Participants who forward photos of their day's activity will be eligible for a drawing of gift certificates from community restaurants, markets and potentially other items. Participants will also keep their pick-up stick in hopes they will use it again on future neighborhood walks.

To sign up, please send your name(s), address and phone number to EarthDay_2021@snail.org. Also indicate if you would like to pick up the Earth Day items from us or would like a home delivery.

Keep your eyes open for more details. You will receive specific information after signing up and details will be posted on the **SNAIL Nextdoor Neighborhood website**: <https://nextdoor.com/login>. We hope to have many neighbors participating in Keeping SNAIL Clean on April 25th and thereafter with your handy grabber pick-up stick!

This project follows State and Santa Clara County COVID-19 health regulations. You will be required to wear a face mask and adhere to 6-foot social distancing unless you are a family unit. A maximum of three households may form a clean-up group while maintaining social distancing. Participants are requested to avoid non-essential travel to any part of California more than 120 miles from one's place of residence or to other states or countries 10 days prior to the date of the Project. All activities of the Project take place outside.

COVID-19 Health Regulations Resources:

<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/covid19/Pages/public-health-orders-faq.aspx>

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Travel-Advisory.aspx>

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Guidance-for-the-Prevention-of-COVID-19-Transmission-for-Gatherings-November-2020.aspx>

-Barbara Brunasso Oliver



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, April 17th**. Send an email to SNAILeditor@snail.org.

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