



S.N.A.I.L. News

Sunnyvale Neighbors of Arbor, Including LaLinda
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Fully illustrating the community engagement, neighborhood support, and commitment to others, the annual SNAIL Yard Sale and Dumpster weekend took place as per its traditional date, the second weekend in June.

It takes a village to orchestrate such an event: A heartfelt Thank You goes to our amazing Volunteers!


We Thank our Dumpster Crew: our Dumpster Tzar, Dumpster Monitors, City Staff and Smart Station Drivers.

We Thank our Driving Crew: driving around helping neighbors put trash and old and unwanted items into the dumpsters, others were on call, picking up and delivering items to the yard sale, while others were at the site, organizing and displaying items at the yard sale.

We Thank our Yard Sale Crew: from our Host who kindly offered his home and front yard, to the set up crew, all the volunteers, and most importantly the clean-up crew.

A Special Thank You for our Greeters: who helped visitors make their purchases and were at the yard sale location all day, and everyone who contributed goods.

-Valérie Suarès



GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, July 1st, 7:00 p.m.

You are Invited to Join in the SNAIL Community Meeting via Zoom

NOTE: NEW ZOOM LOGIN INFO BELOW!

Zoom Login:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83434073523?pwd=ZmJwS3NDQlVwTy9xdFZlVW9qU2FCdz09>
Meeting ID: 834 3407 3523; Passcode: 94085
One-tap mobile: +16699009128, 83434073523# (San Jose)
Dial by your location: +1 669 900 9128 (San Jose)

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: 8/5, 9/2, 10/7, 11/4, 12/2

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH'S SNAIL ZOOM MEETING

SNAIL BUSINESS

- 1. SNAIL Secretary & Treasurer Replacement Vote:** Barbara Brunasso Oliver and Patsy Duke were voted in unanimously to replace Diane Gleason and John Cordes, respectively, until the end of 2021.
- 2. Maude Bike Lane Update:** The vote on keeping Maude Ave bike lanes 'as is' with a recommendation to implement the buffered bike lanes as part of the 2022 slurry project on Maude is going to the city council on June 8.
- 3. Guest Speakers:** If you wish to hear guest speakers, please send Topics of Interest to Marco and Valérie. They will contact and invite potential speakers.
- 4. Fall Clean-up Project:** Groundwork has been done from the first Clean-up Earth Day Project. Date in September will be selected later. We should start planning now and getting sponsors and determine how many people we can have to help clean up.
- 5. Red Bow Project:** Patsy said the first weekend of December we will put up bows around trees in our community. She will reach out to all the volunteer elves and hope they will continue to help decorate the community. She will take an inventory of bows and supplies needed.
- 6. Mark Tiernan Update (Otto Lee's Office):** County Parks are opening and collecting \$6 fees. Coyote Lake is closed due to low water levels. Stevens Creek boat launch is also closed. Single family camp sites are open. Group sites are open for picnicking. If hosting a gathering at a County Park, call the Reservation Office (408) 355-2201.

For full minutes, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/SNAIL2021June>

-Barbara Brunasso Oliver, SNAIL Secretary



CITY OF SUNNYVALE – UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

Name	Date	Time	Location
Redistricting Commission	7/8	7:00 PM	Check calendar in link above to confirm location/Zoom link
City Council	7/13	7:00 PM	Check calendar in link above to confirm location/Zoom link
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission	7/15	6:30 PM	Check calendar in link above to confirm location/Zoom link
Redistricting Commission	7/22	7:00 PM	Check calendar in link above to confirm location/Zoom link
City Council	7/27	7:00 PM	Check calendar in link above to confirm location/Zoom link

Watch the City Council meetings 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 four hours prior to the meeting to council@sunnyvale.ca.gov or by mail to City Clerk, 603 All America Way, Sunnyvale, CA 94086.



Starting July 1,

Households will no longer be able to set out two extra garbage bags for no charge.

Any garbage bag that doesn't fit in your cart will need an extra bag tag. Go to Sunnyvale.ca.gov and search "extra garbage" for locations to purchase.



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 fourth 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, July 28th, 3:20 - 4:10 p.m.*

Slots Still Available for Summer Camps: Camps are here, Recreation Services' goal is to make summer as safe and safe for youth as possible. View the Camp Sunnyvale Brochure to see all the fun activities planned:

https://issuu.com/sunnyvalelcs/docs/svrec_2021_camps_aquatics_brochure_v21. Spaces are limited, register soon. Call (408) 730-7350 or in-person at the Community Center to CNC to register or with questions.

Recreation Fee Waiver Program for Youth: Apply for the fee waiver program for Sunnyvale youth and if approved, your child(ren) can receive \$234 subsidy each to register for selected summer activities and subsidized rates (30% of resident rates) for additional camps and swim lessons. Must meet the eligibility criteria (Sunnyvale resident and maximum income limit, etc.). Application links: <https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=23023> (English) or <https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?blobid=23025> (Spanish)

Free COVID-19 Vaccines in Sunnyvale Offered by El Camino Health: Anyone age 12 and up is eligible to receive a free COVID-19 vaccine offered by El Camino Health. Sunnyvale Clinic address is 1030 West Maude Ave. *Walk-in hours (no appt.) are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Appointment hours are 8:10 a.m. to 4:10 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.* Go to: www.elcaminohealth.org/schedulevax or call (408) 871-7460, additional languages (Spanish and Mandarin).
-Angela Chan, CNC Manager

GREEN CORNER

Think Outside the (Plastic Clamshell) Box!

Summer is here, and so are opportunities to enjoy fresh produce, do some summer cleaning and get outside! As you enjoy the sunshine, keep these out-of-the-box ideas in mind to reduce your waste:

♻️ Cooking with herbs is delightful, but most come in plastic clamshell containers that are not recyclable. If you have the space, grow your favorite herbs indoors by a window or outdoors in a pot or garden box - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DeLjnFTDjFc>. A quick search on YouTube for "growing herbs inside" can show you how. Try growing some veggies while you are at it!

♻️ The Sunnyvale Farmer's Market features summer-ripe stone fruit, tomatoes, and squash without pesky plastic packaging! Bring your own produce or reusable shopping bags when you shop and skip the plastic bags. The Farmer's Market is held every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

♻️ Doing some summer cleaning? Join one of Sunnyvale's four "Buy Nothing" groups on social media. These local groups are made up of neighbors donating gently used items to each other. The next time you have items from a clean-up, post it on the Buy Nothing group and it will surely go to a good home for a second (or third) life. Simply go to Facebook.com and search "Buy Nothing" - you will find groups for the Southwest, Southeast, Northwest, and Northeast regions of the city.

-Bailey Hall, Sunnyvale Environmental Programs Specialist

SUPPORT SUNNYVALE BUSINESSES



Support Sunnyvale restaurants and businesses providing essential services. Find store listings and information on the new Sunnyvale Business webpage. You will need to create a free account to see the listings:

<https://medium.com/sunnyvalebusiness>

FOOD SCRAPS PILOT



Beginning in multi-family homes on May 11th, a food scraps collection pilot was rolled out at Arques Place, a large multi-family complex. All residents in the 85-unit complex received a countertop pail and a how-to flyer prior to having their existing garbage carts swapped for split garbage/FoodCycle carts. Arques Place is the largest multi-family complex in Sunnyvale with food scraps collection. It joins several smaller complexes piloting the food scraps program with split carts. These pilot programs help City staff and Specialty prepare for the food scraps rollout to all multi-family homes, which begins January 2022. The pilots will serve as a learning experience and will help us successfully roll out the full program.



It is time for summer reading! The library has customized reading programs for children, teens, adults, and ESL learners. Register, logbooks, and complete activities, all online. Children and teen finishers get a free book. Adults, who read three books or more, receive a \$5 gift certificate to the Friends book sales. Everyone who completes the summer reading program will be entered into a grand prize drawing. Register online from June 1st to Aug. 31st.

To register or for more information about summer reading, please visit sunnyvalelibrary.org or call (408) 730-7300.



WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY

On June 9th, the Valley Water (VW) Board declared a water shortage emergency and urged Santa Clara County to proclaim a local emergency. The Board called for a 15% water use reduction compared to 2019 water use. Sunnyvale receives on average 50% of its water supply from VW, and the other 50% from San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC). The SFPUC has informed Sunnyvale that it has adequate water supply to meet water demands, however, it requested 10% voluntary water use reduction in irrigation during the summer months as compared to 2020 water use.

Already in effect in Sunnyvale or is a standard practice:

- Restrict water sprinkler use between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Prohibit use of defective plumbing, sprinklers etc.
- Prohibit the use of potable water for washing hardscape (except for health and safety).
- Prohibit serving drinking water at eating establishments other than by request.
- Wash vehicles with a shut-off nozzle.
- Require commercial car washes to recirculate at least 50% of the water.

A GREAT YARD SNAIL!

The SNAIL Yard Sale held on Saturday and Sunday June 12th and 13th was a great success. Profits from the sale netted approximately \$1,300. This event not only helps SNAIL raise money, but also helps our environment save landfill space with “Reduce, Recycle and Reuse” of our communities’ items.

Much hard work, time, and effort was put forth from all the volunteers: Tarik and Barbara coordinators and yard sale workers; Denise, Valérie, and Marty truck drivers; Patsy, Sharon, and Jenny yard sale workers; Patsy, Sharon, Jenny, Valérie, Marty, Tarik, Barbara, Marco, Richard, Thomas, and Trupti set up and cleanup crews.

Even more volunteers would have been helpful during all phases of the yard sale weekend. Please consider volunteering next year, two or three hours or more, to ensure this event will continue.

-Barbara Brunasso Oliver, Yard Sale Coordinator



See SNAIL Yard Sale Photos Below!!

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

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Sharon flashes a sunny smile for the camera while cashiering at the SNAIL Yard Sale.



Barbara and Sharon take a quick break between customers.



Denise, driving truck and making pick-ups.



Tarik and Jenny ponder... "just what the heck is this gadget?"



Books Galore!



The Housewares 'Department' had some interesting items.

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