



S.N.A.I.L. News

Sunnyvale Neighbors of Arbor, Including La Linda
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August 2021



GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, August 5th, 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)

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

RETURN, RESUME AND RECONNECT WITH SNAIL RESIDENTS

Newsletter



Printed Newsletters soon to **Return** to the neighborhood.

After a long halt, starting in September, SNAIL will **Resume** printing and distributing the newsletters prior to major SNAIL Community Events.

We need your help!

All we need is 15 to 20 minutes of your time to distribute the newsletters or event flyers to your neighbors on your block.

This is a good way to **Reconnect** with your neighbors, because you:

- ✚ Enjoy being informed about local issues, knowing about upcoming events.
- ✚ Participate in SNAIL planned activities.
- ✚ Wish to promote community pride and help wrap trees with Red Bows.
- ✚ Noticed new neighbors on your street and wish to welcome them.
- ✚ Have a little time to introduce yourself, share your experience with SNAIL and leave our newsletter with them.
- ✚ Could temporarily drop off additional newsletters to homes with no block rep.

Help the SNAIL Community **Return** to some kind of normalcy.

Help us redistribute our newsletters!

- Valérie Suarès

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



I sincerely hope you are enjoying your Summer.

With the COVID-19 restrictions lifted a couple of weeks ago, it gave SNAIL very little time to plan and host our annual National Night Out. Therefore, SNAIL leaders decided to alter the Summer celebration by offering a Fall celebration on **October 16th**.

Please RSVP by **October 3rd** (see full article on page 2), and you will be able to participate in any of the festivities we are planning:

1. A small neighborhood cleanup in the morning,
2. A barbecue at lunch, and
3. A pumpkin decoration event and other fun events after lunch.

Please RSVP as soon as possible as we will close the sign up after October 3rd or when we reach our maximum capacity.

Everyone who RSVP's (SNAILFallEvent@snail.org) will be given a wristband, which must be worn to be admitted to the festivities. This will let us track and identify attendees.

We hope you will look forward to and attend this fun event.

In the meanwhile, I wish you a wonderful summer and a smooth back to school.

-Valérie Suarès

SNAIL NEIGHBORS DAVE & DORIT CHAPMAN RECEIVE 2021 SUNNYVALE ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Sunnyvale

Recognizes the contributions of an individual, group, business, or nonprofit organization that has gone above and beyond to improve the environment in Sunnyvale.

The City of Sunnyvale has selected Dorit and Dave Chapman as the recipients of the 2021 Environmental Achievement Community Award. Congratulations to Dorit and Dave for making such a significant difference in our Sunnyvale SNAIL Community.

This year, we are honoring our award winners at the State of the City (SOTC) event scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The event will feature the Mayor's State of the City address and the Board and Commissioner Recognition of all our Community Award winners. The event will take place outdoors at the Sunnyvale Heritage Park Museum. We will ensure the occasion meets all COVID-19 safety protocols.

We ask SNAIL neighbors to celebrate this incredible achievement.

If you see Dorit and Dave collecting trash throughout the SNAIL neighborhood, make noise and congratulate them. They really deserve this honor.

-Tracey Gott, Community Services Manager

FALL CLEANUP, BBQ AND PUMPKIN DECORATING EVENT



On **Saturday, October 16th**, at the Columbia Middle School Park, SNAIL invites residents to participate in all or any of the following three activities.

9:00 am: The Second Neighborhood Cleanup of the Year

- Meet at Columbia Middle School to pick up your kit and green wristband.
- Receive a green wristband to be worn throughout the day as proof of RSVP.
- Collect street cleanup supplies, then
- Head out to your pre-assigned area to help with the cleanup.

11:30 am: SNAIL BBQ; Green Wristband Holders will:

- Enjoy hot dogs, chicken sausages, chips, cookies, ice cream, and water to wristband holders.
- Picnic tables will be available.
- Residents can bring a picnic blanket and other lunch items if preferred.

1:00 pm: Halloween Pumpkin Decorating

- Kids of all ages with wristbands are encouraged to participate in decorating pumpkins.
- Decorations will be available, and feel free to bring arts and craft items to share.
- Other fun activities will include free masks for kids to decorate.
- Face Painting Artist.
- A table of kids' books that children can borrow, then return to one of the seven Little Free Libraries in SNAIL.



We ask all to:

- Stay and help with the cleanup of the Columbia picnic area at the end of festivities.
- Comply with City Covid requirements, all who RSVP will receive a green wristband to be worn throughout the day.
- RSVP to SNAILFallEvent@snail.org by **October 3rd** to indicate your participation in the neighborhood cleanup, BBQ, pumpkin decorating.

If you would like to volunteer, we are looking for helpers to set up the picnic area, BBQ, serve lunch, help children with pumpkin decorating, and assist with the cleanup at the end of the event.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled fall event with our SNAIL family. Please join us!

-SNAIL Fall Event Committee

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY TO BE BUILT IN SNAIL FOR EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT



My name is Rocco Liu, and I am a Life rank scout in Troop 466 in Sunnyvale. I am building a Little Free Library for my Eagle Scout project in SNAIL. My partners for this project are Dorit and David Chapman on E. Arbor Avenue. I would like to invite all neighbors in SNAIL to see how my eagle project progresses when it is rolled out sometime in September. As of now, I am gathering all the specifications of the Little Free Library based on Dorit's design. Please stay tuned as I will share more details about this unique Little Free Library waiting to be built by the scouts in my Troop as we convert this beautiful outdoor cart into a two-level Little Free Library.

-Rocco Liu



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, Wed., August 25th, 3:20 - 4:10 p.m.*

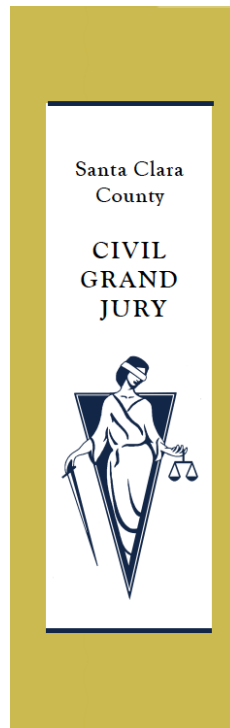
Drop-In Fitness Room Re-Opens: Monday through Friday, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. Must be Sunnyvale residents; \$1 per session and youth ages 14-17 must have a signed parent consent.

Free COVID-19 Vaccines Offered: Anyone age 12 and up is eligible to receive a free COVID-19 vaccine offered by MayView Community Health Center inside CNC, every Wednesday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. For more information, go to <https://ravenswoodfhn.org> or call (650) 327-8717.

Free COVID-19 Test on CMS Campus: Mobile testing through Santa Clara County available on either the 2nd or 3rd Wednesdays (August 11 or 18) each month, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., open to all ages. Please call to confirm which Wednesday, a maximum of five days before. 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.

-Angela Chan, CNC Manager

2022 SANTA CLARA COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY ANNUAL RECRUITMENT



The Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara is currently recruiting volunteers for the 2022 Civil Grand Jury. The Civil Grand Jury serves as the county's civil watchdog agency, authorized to inspect audit books, records and financial expenditures of county and city governments, special districts, and school districts, to ensure accountability of public funds.

Applicants must be over 18 and a position on the jury requires a commitment of an average of 25 hour per week. The term lasts for one year and the panel begins on January 3, 2022. Persons interested in applying may obtain an application online at:

<https://www.sccourt.org/> under "Civil Grand Jury".

Questions about the Grand Jury may be directed by email to CGJ@sccourt.org or by contacting Britney Huelbig, Deputy Manager for the Civil Grand Jury, at (408) 882-2721.

-Tracey Gott, Community Services Manager

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH’S SNAIL ZOOM MEETING

- 1. Little Free Library-Eagle Scout Project (Rocco Liu):** Rocco presented his project outline to install a Little Free Library in our community for his Boy Scout Eagle Project. He visited the existing libraries and noticed there is an area on Morse and E. Duane Ave. that is not currently covered. Rocco’s troop will donate books and he will pay for the library. Rocco expressed a preference for children and teen books. Dorit and Barbara both expressed an interest in having a library installed in their yards.
- 2. Guest Speakers:** What are your topics of interest? Send suggestions and recommendations via an email to Marco Vasquez at SNAILvicechair@snail.org.
- 3. Yard Sale Proceeds (Tarik and Barbara):** We netted \$1,290. For future yard sales: Hope Services (408-748-2874) will pick up items from community yard sales and are selective as to the quality of the items they take. (No mattresses or baby furniture). Also, lookout for people dropping off large items; if items do not sell and are not of good quality, it is up to SNAIL to dispose of them. Having more volunteers to monitor the store during the day so coordinators can monitor donations would be very helpful.
- 4. Newsletter Discussion:** Topics included having a printed version again; frequency; several previous Block Reps who used to deliver on their blocks are no longer available; longer lead time and many volunteers are needed to produce printed newsletters to count, label, bundle and deliver – this process increases the time to produce the monthly newsletter.

For full minutes, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/SNAIL202107>
 -Barbara Brunasso Oliver, SNAIL Secretary

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEMBERS



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:

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (1)
- Personnel Board (1)

Applications are due by 4 p.m. on Monday, August 9, 2021, to be scheduled for an interview with Council. For more information and to download an application, visit <https://sunnyvale.ca.gov> or call the Office of the City Clerk at (408) 730-7483 to request an application.

Applications to serve on a Sunnyvale city board or commission are accepted on a continuous basis; applications received after the deadline will be considered for future openings.

-Tracey Gott, Community Services Manager



THE REMARKABLE REUSE ECONOMY

You might have heard of the "gig" economy, but have you heard about the reuse economy? It is a virtual and in-person network committed to giving used goods a second home. No matter what you are in the market for, there is a secondhand option!

🌱 Furniture: New home furnishings often come with a steep price tag. Your neighbors could be getting rid of a used couch, table or desk that looks good-as-new! Some social media sites have "marketplace" or "for sale" sections based on location and other sites offer items for free. Check them regularly for available furnishings near you.

🌱 Clothing: Fast fashion (made cheap and quickly) is SO last season! There are entire websites dedicated to high-quality secondhand clothing, like <https://www.thredup.com> and <https://poshmark.com>. Searching on <https://www.ebay.com> can turn up gems, too. Of course, there are always tried and true thrift stores!

🌱 Everything else: <https://buynothingproject.org> groups have been popping up all over Facebook. The transaction-free concept has become so popular, they are developing a Buy Nothing app! Another way to find local, hidden treasure is a classic yard sale. Go to <https://www.yardsalesearch.com> and search "Sunnyvale" to find some nearby.

-Bailey Hall, Sunnyvale Environmental Programs Specialist

SUNNYVALE REDISTRICTING NEEDS YOU!

LWV Sunnyvale is working on redistricting which means updating the borders that define each district in our city. This will be based on the 2020 census and population changes. Your input is key to the success in this work. Attend the next two meetings and learn how to participate in this once in a decade process - and provide your ideas!

Per the city website, the next meetings are:

1. Aug. 5 - Communities of Interest Workshop
2. Sep. 9 - Communities of Interest Commission Review (Hearing 2)

Visit: <https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/government/redistricting.htm>

Thank you,

-League of Women Voters for Sunnyvale and Cupertino



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

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