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September 2021



GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, September 2nd, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH'S SNAIL ZOOM MEETING



The August meeting was somewhat different, due to an unprecedented conflict and we guided the SNAIL members to attend a presentation by the City of Sunnyvale Redistricting Commission seeking communities' input on drawing district maps.

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



The City of 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

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



As the summer months come to a close, the SNAIL community has a lot to look forward to:

First and foremost, if you are reading this message on the newsletter found by your front door, you have discovered that we are returning to printing and distributing our newsletter. For the time being, we will resume the distribution four times a year to announce future activities planned for the neighborhood.

Our next printed newsletter will be in November to bring the community to everyone's favorite activity: Red Bow tree decorations. Contact our Treasurer, Patsy, for more information:

SNAILtreasurer@snail.org.

We will continue to publish our newsletter on Nextdoor, even though it won't be printed. During the pandemic, contributors have continued to write and submit extraordinary articles to the SNAIL community newsletter.

Newsletter issues are available by visiting: <http://www.SNAIL.org>. The current month's issue is always on the main page, while past issues are located in the Newsletter Archive. If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically, please send an email to Dorit, our Newsletter Distribution Coordinator, dorit.chapman@gmail.com.

At the request of many residents, and because of the ongoing COVID restrictions, we will continue our Monthly SNAIL Meetings over Zoom.

Did you know that...

- The District Mapping is directly impacting all of us in District 5?
- SNAIL is in District 5 and that in 2022, SNAIL and other Neighborhoods in District 5 will be able to elect a candidate to represent us on City Council?
- District 5 currently has no one on Council reprinting District 5?
- It is imperative to keep district 5 together so that we can have representation on the City Council?

Please voice your opinion by sending your thoughts directly to the Redistricting Commission redistricting@sunnyvale.ca.gov or better, attend the next Redistricting Commission Hearing on Thursday, September 9th at 6:00 p.m. The Zoom meeting is open to all. No registration required.

Teleconference participation: You may provide audio public comment by connecting to the teleconference meeting online or by telephone. Use the "Raise Hand" Zoom feature to request to speak, and keep your hand up until given the mic by the City Clerk (*9 on a telephone):

Meeting online link:

<https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/99296718374>

Meeting call-in telephone number: (833) 548-0276

Meeting ID: 992 9671 8374

You are welcome to view the presentation I submitted to the commission earlier this month; it is posted on our SNAIL.org webpage:

[https://www.snail.org/extralinks/SNAIL A Strong Indivisible Community of Interest-O8_15_2021.pdf](https://www.snail.org/extralinks/SNAIL_A_Strong_Indivisible_Community_of_Interest-O8_15_2021.pdf)

-Valérie Suarès

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.

RSVP to SNAILFallEvent@snail.org by **October 3rd** to indicate your participation in the neighborhood cleanup, BBQ and pumpkin decorating.

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.

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

CITY OF SUNNYVALE – UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

Name	Date	Time	Online Link
Redistricting Commission	9/9	6:00 PM	Communities of Interest Review and Public Input (Hearing 2) Meeting https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/99296718374
City Council	9/14	7:00 PM	https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/96111580540

REDISTRICTING HEARING ON COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST



Sunnyvale

The City's Redistricting Commission needs YOUR input on drawing new City Council district boundaries. Sunnyvale must redraw its six council districts using new 2020 Census data. The Redistricting Commission (RC) needs your input to recommend maps for City Council approval.

Tell the RC what neighborhoods and communities should remain together to elect a Council member.

Draw your community using an online tool:

<https://tinyurl.com/DrawSNAILMap>.

This online tool allows you to select an area in the city you consider a community of interest. You can also view layers of information like neighborhood associations and school district boundaries.

View and comment on community of interest submissions:

<https://tinyurl.com/CrowdSourcePoll>.

This tool shows you the communities of interest drawn by other residents. You can like or make comments on these submissions.

Attend the next Redistricting Commission Hearing:

The Redistricting Commission will review public input and take public comment. Share your feedback with the Commission.

When: Thursday, September 9

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Where: Zoom

Redistricting Commission meeting agenda for ZOOM Link:

<https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/99296718374>. Open to all. No registration required.

Upcoming meetings:

- **Sep. 9 at 6 p.m.** - Communities of Interest Commission Review (Hearing 2)
- **Sep. 30 at 6:30 p.m.** - Map Training Workshop (virtual)
- **Nov. 11 at 6:00 p.m.** - Census 2020 Overview and Mapping Preference (Hearing 3)
- **Jan. 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.** - Joint Meeting with City Council to Review Map Submission, immediately followed by Redistricting Commission meeting to narrow to three to five focus maps (Hearing 4)
- **Jan. 20, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.** - Community Feedback and Map Preferences Workshop
- **Feb. 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.** - Selection of three to five Maps for Recommendation to Council (Hearing 5)

Redistricting Commission meeting agenda for ZOOM Link:

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* For translation or interpretation support, contact Jaqui Guzmán.

* Para apoyo en Español, comuníquese con Jaqui Guzmán.

* 如需中文支持, 請聯繫 Jaqui Guzmán.

Learn more and sign up for our mailing list at:

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

-Jaqui Guzmán, Deputy City 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>.

Youth Drop-In Gym at CNC (Basketball) Returns! Beginning on Friday, Sept. 10, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., indoor youth drop-in basketball returns to CNC for middle and high school youth. Fees are \$1 for residents and \$2 for non-residents. Must have current school ID and signed parent consent form. Bring your own ball. Program will be canceled if no one shows after the first hour.

Free Nutrition Education Classes (Hybrid Format): Class begins on Monday, Sept. 13th, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. VeggieRx by Fresh Approach is back! Eight classes over 10 weeks to learn to choose healthier options and lifestyle tricks. Earn produce vouchers for local produce at the Farmer’s Market. First and last class in person at CNC and the other 6 classes will be virtual. Register:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3-4grdJ2pcVGsZwlsP5iTANB8R4U8Tx7Wza_03zRK5IT8A/viewform

. For more information or questions, call (510) 646-3518.

Drop-In Fitness Room Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. Come work out in the CNC Fitness Room with cardio machines, strength training stations and free weights. Wear athletic shoes, bring a towel and water. Must be Sunnyvale residents; \$1 per session and youth ages 14-17 must have a signed parent consent.

Free COVID-19 Vaccines: Every Wednesday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Anyone age 12 and up is eligible to receive a free COVID-19 vaccine offered by MayView Community Health Center inside CNC. 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 Wednesday (Sept. 8th or 15th) 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 prior. 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.

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, September 22nd, 3:20 - 4:10 p.m.

-Angela Chan, Youth & Family Resources Manager



THERE'S NO DOUBT: WE'RE IN A DROUGHT

As California’s drought emergency expands, let’s team up to help our state beat the water shortage. On July 27, 2021, Sunnyvale City Council declared a Stage 2 Water Supply Shortage and set a 15 percent water reduction target. The City also established new mandatory outdoor watering limits.

A Stage 2 Water Supply Shortage includes:

- 💧 Expanding public outreach on water conservation to residents and businesses.
- 💧 Enforcing the City’s permanent water conservation requirements using a warning and fine system, per Sunnyvale’s Municipal Code Chapter 12.034.020.

New Mandatory Watering Limits

When can you water your lawn and garden?

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Odd addresses (i.e., 1,3,5,7,9)	🚿			🚿		🚿	
Even addresses (i.e., 0,2,4,6,8)		🚿			🚿		🚿
No addresses	🚿			🚿		🚿	

Effective immediately for all Sunnyvale residents and businesses.

-Bailey Hall, Sunnyvale Environmental Programs Specialist

SNAIL IS PLANNING A FALL CELEBRATION

SNAIL is planning a Fall celebration on **Sat. Oct 16** (see full article on page 2), 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.

RSVP will close on **October 3rd** or when we reach our maximum capacity, so register soon.

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.

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

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CALL TO ACTION FOR SNAIL NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

SNAIL neighborhood has had its share of traffic incidents: speeding, doughnuts, running stop signs, plowing into a restaurant, crashing into residents' living rooms and bedrooms, driving into a wall at high speed, we have had one death this year, and one severely injured last week. Enough already.

Because SNAIL residents have identified the problem for years, calls were made, letters were sent to The City, yet no improvement has been made in our neighborhood.

Too many folks have expressed their dismay on NextDoor, but because it is purposely compartmentalized, these comments are not seen by those folks who should see citizens' complaints and outrage.

It is time to take action.

It is time to take this serious situation to the next level.

We want to engage the community and work collaboratively to find appropriate solutions.

We need to build momentum and petition The City, local government agency staff and elected officials to act. All parties need to support and work for change, to have a good chance of improving safety.

Let's form a coalition, which can strengthen the likelihood of success in working with city staff and elected officials to make pedestrian, bicycle, and safe routes to school improvements.

SNAIL is looking at creating a subcommittee of neighbors.

If you are concerned about traffic and wish to have the city implement traffic calming and safety improvement, please send an email to Valérie or Marco and let us know.

-Valérie Suarès, SNAILchair@snail.org
 -Marco Vasquez, SNAILvicechair@snail.org

WATER SAVING TIPS

Source: California Department of Water Resources
<https://water.ca.gov/water-basics/conservation-tips>

Indoor Conservation Tips

- Fix leaks, including leaky toilets.
- Install high-efficiency toilets, aerators on bathroom faucets, and water-efficient shower heads.
- Take shorter (5 minute) showers.
- Track your water bill and meter to curtail water use.
- Turn off water when brushing teeth or shaving.
- Use dishwashers and washing machines with full loads only.

Outdoor Conservation Tips

- Plant drought-tolerant/resistant plants and trees.
- Recycle indoor water to use on plants.
- Refrain from watering your home landscape when it rains.
- Replace your grass/turf with water-wise plants .
- Use a broom to clean driveways, patios, and sidewalks instead of water from a hose.
- Water your outdoor landscape earlier in the day when temperatures are cooler.

WATER SAVING TIPS FOR THE BATHROOM

1. Place a jar or plastic jug of water in the toilet tank to save on the displaced water per flush.
 2. Place a bucket in your shower to catch "warm-up" water and extra shower water. Use the leftover water for your plants or pour this water into the toilet basin directly to flush your toilet only when necessary. The pressure from the water in the bucket pushes everything through the pipes, and it's not necessary to use the handle or empty the toilet tank.
 3. Take shorter showers. Turn the shower off while lathering up and washing hair.
 4. If it is inconvenient to turn the shower off and on and readjusting the shower temperature, consider installing a quick shutoff valve at the showerhead connection.
 5. Pre-dry yourself with a washcloth to wipe off extra water before using your towel after bath or shower. The bath towel will dry more quickly when hung up and can be reused daily, saving water instead of washing towels after every use.
 6. Do not leave water running while brushing your teeth, washing your face, or shaving.
 7. Install water aerators on bathroom and kitchen faucets that will reduce water waste by limiting the flow of water.
 8. Check water sources in the bathroom for leaks. Replace washers or old shower heads. One drop of water per second wastes 2,700 gallons of water per year.
 9. Be mindful and creatively aware of other ways to save water.
- Tips collected by: B. Brunasso Oliver*