



# S.N.A.I.L. News

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## October 2021



### GENERAL MEETING

Thursday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 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

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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: 11/4, 12/2

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH'S SNAIL ZOOM MEETING

View Valerie's presentation:

[https://www.snail.org/extralinks/SNAIL\\_A\\_Strong\\_Indivisible\\_Community\\_of\\_Interest-08\\_15\\_2021.pdf](https://www.snail.org/extralinks/SNAIL_A_Strong_Indivisible_Community_of_Interest-08_15_2021.pdf)

SNAIL Fall Event: October 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM - Updates

- ✓ Jenny: Evenbrite RSVP webpage to be completed.
- ✓ Thomas & Marco: BBQ details. Both committed to grilling that day. Grilling supplies are in Marco's garage. Hot dogs will be bought Friday or Saturday morning prior to event.
- ✓ Jenny/Barbara: Afternoon activity. Attendance must not exceed 100 to comply with Santa Clara County's health ordinance. Children face painting activity, pumpkin carving and distributing fluorescent bracelets for Halloween safety is planned.

#### Community Concerns:

**Erik:** Traffic safety in SNAIL. The Brewsters are working on forming a unified SNAIL message to present to the City. We need input from all SNAIL residents about traffic issues they see in the neighborhood. (See SNAIL Traffic Safety article on page three in this newsletter.)

**Marco:** Use Access Sunnyvale

<https://sunnyvale.dynamics365portals.us> to report issues such as garbage on the streets, traffic, trees/park/street maintenance, etc.

**Richard:** Sunnyvale Ave parking removal for bike lanes - BPAC commissioners will be voting on 16<sup>th</sup> September to remove parking spaces and add bike lanes connecting Maude and Fremont Avenues.

**Mayor Larry Klein - City Update:**

County Pop-up Vaccination Clinics:

- <http://www.SCCFreeVax.org>
- El Dorado Mobile Home Park in October

Sunnyvale Art & Wine: Saturday/Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

For full minutes, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/SNAIL202109>

-Marco Vasquez, SNAIL Vice-chair

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 students head back to school, we need to keep our surroundings in mind and reduce our traveling speed across the neighborhood.

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 and driving into a wall at high speed. We have also had one death this year, and one severely injured last month - it is time to take action. If you are concerned about traffic and wish to have the city implement traffic calming and safety improvement, please send an email to Marco at [SNAILvicechair@snail.org](mailto:SNAILvicechair@snail.org) or the Brewsters at [SNAILTrafficSafety@gmail.com](mailto:SNAILTrafficSafety@gmail.com).

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### SNAIL Celebrates the Fall

**Saturday, Oct 16<sup>th</sup>** - Come and join the three activities we have planned for that day:



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

RSVP's will close on October 3<sup>rd</sup> or when we reach our maximum capacity, so register soon. Everyone who RSVP's at <https://tinyurl.com/SNAILFallEvent> 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 Celebrates the Winter



From the first weekend of December until the first weekend of January, we will once again decorate SNAIL's 1,000 trees with Red Bows. This is one of everyone's favorite activities.

To know if your street has a Red Bow coordinator, if you wish to volunteer, or if you need new bows for your street, contact our Treasurer, Patsy for more information at [SNAILtreasurer@snail.org](mailto:SNAILtreasurer@snail.org).

Our next printed newsletter will be in November.

Your community newsletter is now available on the website. To access the prior months/years newsletters, please visit the SNAIL Newsletter Page:

<http://www.snail.org/docs/newsletterarchive.shtml>

See all of the details for this SNAIL Fall event on the next page flyer.

Happy Fall everyone!

-Valérie Suarès

Thank You To Our SNAIL Fall Event Sponsor:





# GREEN CORNER

## PACKAGE-FREE GROCERY SHOPPING

Have you noticed that when you shop for groceries, most of your food is packaged or plastic-wrapped? All that waste is more than you bargained for. Here are some ways you can

buy groceries without the pesky plastic.

♻️ Where it's available, try bulk bin shopping! Here's how: look for a natural foods grocery store and bring your own food storage containers. After you have those weighed by customer service, you can fill them with grains, snacks or even spices. When you're checking out your groceries, you'll only pay for the weight of your food.

♻️ Shop at the local farmer's market for a win-win-win. You can use your reusable bags, take home fresh, organic produce, and support local farmers.

♻️ When you do have to buy packaged items, go for paper or cardboard options. We've noticed grocery stores offering apples, tomatoes, and strawberries in paper boxes.

-Bailey Hall, Environmental Programs Specialist

## COLUMBIA NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER (CNC) NEWS

**Free Basic Computer Literacy Classes + Chromebook:** A grant-funded education program for adults with a goal of closing the digital divide. Program provides eight hours of basics computer literacy education. Training topics include how to get into and navigate the internet, email set-up and use, website safety and effective online searches. Participants that complete the program may "earn" a Chromebook to take home. You must be a Sunnyvale resident with children on free/reduced lunch program or receive public assistance. Call CNC at (408) 730-7800 or email us at [CNC@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:CNC@sunnyvale.ca.gov) to register. This course can be offered virtually or in-person at CNC, depending on registered participants' preference.

-The next **English** sessions are scheduled for Tuesday & Thursday evenings, 6:30 - 8:30 pm on Oct. 12, 14, 19, 21.

-Next **Spanish** sessions are scheduled for Tuesday & Thursday evenings, 6:30 - 8:30 pm on Oct. 26, 28 and Nov. 2, 4.

**Family Harvest Food Distribution:** In partnership with Family Harvest Foodbank, CNC offers a food distribution for families in the area. The distribution site is located at the Columbia Middle School parking lot. Pre-registration is recommended. *The next food distribution is Wed., October 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:15 - 5:15 pm.* For more information, call CNC at (408) 730-7800 or email at [CNC@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:CNC@sunnyvale.ca.gov).

-Jesus Raygoza, Recreation Services Manager

**THE VIEW FROM MY KITCHEN WINDOW**

Before 2020, the view from my kitchen window was simply that of leaves fluttering in the bushes and trees, birds pecking for little seeds from the California native plants, and squirrels scurrying, either to plant acorns or to retrieve them. And there is one lanky man; he wears a flat cap and carries a covered mug no matter the season, weather, or time of day. Because he is drinking from that insulated mug on every return walk, I've concluded that he goes to the nearby Starbucks.

The scenes from my kitchen window changed, of course, with the encouragement for us all to stay at home as much as we can. Walks and other forms of outdoor exercise, however, have been encouraged—for both our physical and mental well-being. Watching from my window has become a form of mental well-being as well.

A toddler, wearing a complete cow costume, walks with her mother along the sidewalk. She and her mother holding hands with a cloth bunny. A little of the child's poker-straight black hair sticks out from under the cow's forehead and ears. She is quite focused on the sidewalk as she walks along those segments of cement.

Or two young children—clearly brothers; they differ only in height—race ahead of their father with a sibling competitiveness that must assert itself at least a few times each day. The older boy's eyes sparkle above his little blue face mask. Apparently, the fence along my property boundary is the finish line for their race, and he has passed it first.

Or a teenager with her curly hair in a ponytail wears pale blue running shorts and thin-soled racing shoes. She pushes herself forward with each pumping of one arm and then the other, looking straight ahead and willing herself toward her own finish line.

Or a couple walks by, faces as focused on their cell phones as the cowgirl's was on the pavement beneath her feet. They are obviously out for a walk together. She is dressed for this breezy day, scarf at the neck and sweatpants that gather at her ankles. He apparently hasn't realized that it is not shorts-and-sandals weather.

Our neighborhood has come alive in the past year. We are Chinese Americans, Latinx Americans, Indian Americans, Black Americans, European Americans, and Mideastern Americans; we are recent immigrants and lifelong citizens. Some passersby are still in baby carriages; some use walkers to keep them stable. We saunter, walk, or run. We may stop for our dog to sniff a bush or for a child to touch the bark of a tree. We don't, however, stop to talk with those we don't live with.

There is no question: There are ways in which our lives have become tightly circumscribed by what no longer feels like temporary circumstances. Yet we have this opportunity to see the world around us with fresh eyes and an open heart. We can start simply by looking out of a window and being grateful for the vibrancy of our collective lives.



-Patricia Collins, patricia@patriciawrites.com

**SNAIL TRAFFIC SAFETY**



Hello Neighbors,

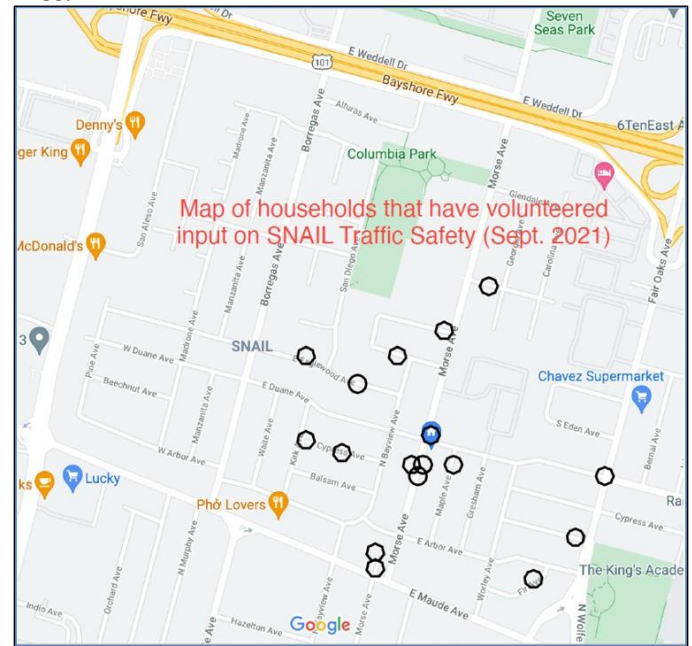
We live at the intersection of Morse and Duane and have long been concerned about dangerous and mindless driving behavior for years. When we have expressed concern to DPS, patrolling may increase temporarily, but there have been no long-lasting improvements. In addition to SNAIL residents, our neighborhood is widely used by students of Columbia Middle and Bishop Elementary schools walking and riding to school.

It's time for us to ask the City to recognize and address the traffic safety concerns we see in SNAIL. We've met with the chair of BPAC and other Sunnyvale residents who have successfully lobbied for safety on Sunnyvale streets to understand effective ways to get the city to help.

Our first task is to join forces with each other in this common goal and write a clear and concise message we can deliver to BPAC and City Council. It is important that we get as much participation here as possible, so that we represent SNAIL accurately. I've contacted some SNAIL residents through NextDoor, and Facebook and you can see responses in the map below. There are important areas (such as West of Borregas) we have not heard from at all.

Whether you want to actively participate in taking your specific concerns to the City or just want to share your opinion, please email [SNAILTrafficSafety@gmail.com](mailto:SNAILTrafficSafety@gmail.com) and share your traffic safety concerns. Please be specific about street names and times of day. Share your address, street and block number, or closest intersection so we know your area is reflected.

Thank you for your partnership in SNAIL street safety,  
-Peggy and Erik Brewster



**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, October 15<sup>th</sup>**. Send an email to [SNAILeditor@snail.org](mailto:SNAILeditor@snail.org).

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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:

- Personnel Board (1)
- Planning Commission (1)

Applications are due by 4:00 pm on Friday, November 5, 2021, to be scheduled for an interview with Council. For more information and to download an application, visit [sunnyvale.ca.gov](http://sunnyvale.ca.gov) or call the Office of the City Clerk at (408) 730-7483 to request an application.

Applications to serve on a 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

**LEADERSHIP SUNNYVALE**

Leadership Sunnyvale has a long tradition of enhancing community and leaders. The class of 2022 is accepting applications. Please see the details below:



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[www.LeadershipSunnyvale.org](http://www.LeadershipSunnyvale.org) ★ Now accepting applications

-Murali Srinivasan, Leadership Sunnyvale Class of 2017  
 Past President and Treasurer Leadership Sunnyvale Board of Directors.

**LITTLE BARBERSHOP OF HORRORS**

The Peninsulaires Chorus is pleased to host a raucous reunion of goblins, ghosts, and ghouls on *Saturday, October 23, 2021, at 1pm, at the Sunnyvale Elks Lodge*. Come enjoy the masterful melodies of the Mummy, the howling harmonies of the Headless Horseman, and the synchronized stylings of other spooky specters!

Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase. There will also be a silent auction with many fabulous offerings, so come prepared to bid! Wear your favorite Halloween costume and fully participate in the these fall festivities!



**Location & Details**  
 Sunnyvale Elks Lodge  
 375 N Pastoria Ave, Sunnyvale, CA 94085  
 Saturday, October 23, 2021 @ 1:00 PM  
 Doors open @ 12:30 PM  
 Ticket Cost: \$20

To purchase tickets and for more information go to:  
<https://thepeninsulaires.com/2021-fall-show>

**Note:** We will require that all performers and guests adhere to the Santa Clara County Department of Public Health COVID-19 guidelines. Advance ticket holders will be informed of any changes in requirements prior to the event.

-Submitted by Barbara Brunasso Oliver