



GENERAL MEETING

Thursday February 3rd, 7:00 p.m.

SNAIL Community Meeting via Zoom

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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.

2022 Meetings: 3/3, 4/7, 5/5, 6/2, 7/7, 8/4, 9/1, 10/6, 11/3, 12/1

SNAIL 2022 EVENT CALENDAR – SAVE THE DATES

Date/Time	Event Name	Organizer
Thurs, Feb 3	SNAIL General Meeting Speaker	Diane Gleason SNAIL Boundaries
Thurs, Apr 7	SNAIL General Meeting Speaker	Ana Pereda Fresh Approach
Sat/Sun, June 11-12 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	SNAIL Yard Sale	TBD
Sat, June 11	SNAIL Dumpster Day	Barry Boole 408-739-1420
Tues, Aug 2	National Night Out (TBD due to COVID)	TBD
Thurs, Sep 22	Candidate Forum	Valérie Suarès



February 3, 2022

Diane Gleason

Topic: SNAIL Redistricting Boundaries

Diane will talk about the adjusted election district maps and the change made to the SNAIL boundaries. This change moved 15 homes on Carolina and two homes on East Ferndale into the same census block as the Fair Oaks Mobile Home Park that is in District 6, whereas SNAIL is in District 5. This part of District 6 is south of 101 and is referred to as "the Notch". This puts the affected 17 SNAIL homes into District 6, thus separating them from the rest of the SNAIL neighborhood. This action also disenfranchises them from voting in the next election. See Diane's article on page three, column two, for more information. Join us at the Feb. 3rd SNAIL Meeting at 7:00 PM for more information regarding ongoing efforts to keep SNAIL's borders intact as is.

Link to Speakers' Corner Presentations:

www.snail.org/docs/speakers.shtm

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



The Power of Democracy: The Story of the "Notch" on District 5 Maps

It would have been nice to say that the 2020 population census district map drawing would have remained the same as the lines that were drawn in 2018 after the necessary district map drawing, following a lawsuit against the city. Unfortunately, this is not the case.

We discovered, what many had feared and fought hard to prevent, that the Census 2020 had split the SNAIL neighborhood. They removed 17 homes and moved them from District 5 into District 6. The impact would be that our neighborhood would not be able to vote the same year for city representatives.

To resolve this issue, I approached the City to look for options to rectify this unacceptable division of SNAIL. The new census block also unintentionally divided the Fair Oaks Mobile Home Park. After many meetings with the parties involved to come up an acceptable solution for both SNAIL and the Fair Oaks Mobile Home Park, we urged the City and the Redistricting Commission to support our plea for allowing us to move the district lines so SNAIL would remain together, and the Mobile Home Park would have the lines around it so it could remain in District 6. This is what we called a "SURGICAL CUT". It is a customized cut to keep SNAIL together, keep the nearby condos within our District 5, and enable the Mobile Home Park to stay in District 6. It's a win-win-win. Diane and I both signed this letter and fully support this option for our communities.

On Jan. 20th, Diane, Marco and I had the chance to speak in favor of the "SURGICAL CUT" and vote for what we believe would be the best district map for the upcoming 10 years. The finalist maps were:

- **Map 101** with the highest strong votes in favor
- Map 104 with the high number of votes in favor
- Map 102 version 2 with the passable favorable votes
- Map 102 version 3 with the least favorable votes

Coming on Feb 3rd through the 8th and Feb. 12th through the 20th, you will have the opportunity to vote online and at various popup events in the city for the best map. If you vote in favor of the "SURGICAL CUT", it will keep SNAIL intact and undivided.

Please join Diane, Marco and I by voting to keep SNAIL together.

Redistricting Issue – What Comes Next?

SNAIL needs to unite to remain a community of interest in its entirety in District 5 (see Diane's article). Diane and I will continue to monitor this issue and strongly encourage everyone to participate/attend over Zoom for these upcoming important events. (Click the link below to verify current redistricting meetings and updates):

<http://www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/government/redistricting.htm>

Complete the two online Open Town Hall Surveys

1. February 3 to 8
2. February 12 to 20

Participate in 5 popup events

- ✓ Feb 12 through 15

Attend the Redistricting Commission final hearing on Feb 10th

- ✓ During which the final map will be presented to City Council.

Attend the City Council Map Meeting

- ✓ Map adoption or comments back to the Redistricting Commission meeting.
- ✓ Feb 22 or March 15

-Valérie Suarès



Soup for the Soul in Winter

Patricia's Reflections

When the weather is gray and a bone-chilling combination of colder and moister air settles in, I want comfort food—something warm and soothing. Earlier this week, it was homemade vegetable soup. By the time I sat down to that steaming bowl of comfort and some crusty, whole-grain bread, I'd replaced the gray of the day with both rich and muted colors. It's one of the easiest forms of self-caring that I know.

I'm of the belief that bright colors create more satisfying, savory meals: orange carrots, pale green celery, dark green herbs, red onions, white cloves of garlic, and brown mushrooms transformed into a flavorful vegetable stock. What other flavors might you want to add? I encourage you to have this experience for yourself because however your stock turns out, it will be better (by far) than any you can buy in a grocery store.

Please keep this a secret: Making stock is idiot-proof. I can make the same quality of vegetable stock regardless of my state of mind. I can open the refrigerator and vary some of the ingredients, depending on what is near that use-it-or-lose-it vegetable state. No fresh herbs? Toss in some dried herbs—whatever you like. They will subtly whisper their presence when the stock is ready.

On this day, I picked parsley, sage, and oregano from our garden; put all those colorful ingredients in a soup pot; added some celery leaves, a couple of dried bay leaves, and a half dozen peppercorns; then, poured just enough water to cover all of that deliciousness.

I left vegetables to simmer slowly *with no further attention needed*. What happens within an hour of the vegetables and water being ignored is pure magic. And after another half hour or so of letting the stock cool, more magic happens: The flavors balance, the color deepens, and the vegetables yield the last of their essence to the result.

Most stock recipes say, "Strain the stock and discard the vegetables and herbs." I say, "Wait a minute!" and gently pry out the carrots, which are, by now, so transformed into something luscious that I savor each bite, the reward for a cook who has let the vegetables do their own thing without interfering.

For the soup, I gathered more colors, beginning with the trinity: carrots, celery, and onion. I chopped, diced, and minced a little of this and that and drizzled olive oil over the mix. A bit of left-over green cabbage, finely shredded, would be added shortly before serving. I cubed potatoes (and could have chosen rice instead), added green beans (though some believe it's not vegetable soup without peas), and finished by quartering some plum tomatoes that were at that slightly wrinkled point: Soup is the great redeemer for past-their-prime vegetables. The star of the soup—the stock—assumed its familiar place in the soup pot. All of this simmered, the potatoes and beans telling me when the soup was ready.

The extra stock? It's waiting in the freezer, willing to be part of a curry, stir-fry, or risotto when next I'm wondering what to make for dinner with what I have on hand.

-Patricia Collins, patricia@patriciawrites.com



MANY FESTIVE TREES WITH RED BOWS IN SNAIL NEIGHBORHOODS THIS YEAR!!



This past holiday season, we saw an increase in the number of trees that received red bows!

✿ The SNAIL neighborhood looked, once again, more festive this year than it has for the past five years. Thank you all for your time, your efforts, and your willingness to decorate our neighborhood! IF YOU ARE ALREADY A "RED BOW ELF" PLEASE LET US KNOW BY SENDING US YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, BLOCK, THE NAME OF THE STREET(S) YOU DECORATED, NUMBER OF TREES, PHONE NUMBER, AND EMAIL ADDRESS TO: SNAILtreasurer@snail.org. We are in the process of updating our SNAIL listing with all accurate/current volunteers. Your information will be a great help!

✿ Although most major streets were decorated, we had some streets that were bare, approximately 20 (either for lack of red bows available, or street volunteers unaware of this annual event, or for lack of volunteers to attach the bows on their street trees.)

✿ If there were no red bows on your street or even a street near you, it could mean that a past volunteer has moved and did not get a replacement, or no one has volunteered to participate in this event for that street. There were a couple volunteers, where circumstances did not allow them to participate this year, but they will be available in the future.

✿ If you wish to participate in this annual event and have an hour to spare the first weekend in December and an hour the second weekend in January, please contact Valerie Suarès at SNAILchair@snail.org or Dorit Chapman at SNAILtreasurer@snail.org.

We will need your name, street name and the block you would like to decorate, your address, phone number and email. We will also need to know how many trees are on that street. We will provide you with supplies (red bows, red ribbons, red ties, scissors, and storage container) so that you will be ready for next December.

✿ We do need to order the supplies by this summer to ensure that everyone who wishes to volunteer will receive them in time for the holidays.

✿ Our goal for the upcoming 2022 winter season is to have all our neighborhood trees decorated with beautiful red bows and make it the most festive-looking season ever!

-Dorit Chapman, Valérie Suarès, SNAIL Officers

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH'S SNAIL ZOOM MEETING

Guest Speaker: The-Vu, Supervisor Otto Lee's Office: All are urged to take the vaccination and booster shots. Supervisor Lee is accelerating at-home COVID testing kits to be distributed through schools and organizations.

Guest Speaker: Mayor Larry Klein: Upcoming City Council meetings items will include neighborhood grants, comprehensive annual finance report, \$12 million surplus and how to divide this among the homeless, pension trust, and unfunded projects. District 1, 3, 5 members will be up for re-election in November. Upcoming Redistricting Meeting, Feb. 10th, 6:00 PM. All are invited to join.

Planning Discussion for 2022 SNAIL Activities

Spring Earth Day (April), Yard Sale (June 11 & 12), Dumpster Day (June 11 only), Candidate Forum (September 22). Chinese New Year's Dinner has been canceled due to COVID concerns.

Traffic in SNAIL - Update from Erik & Peggy Brewster

There are many people who are upset about the traffic in Sunnyvale, but few have stepped up to attend Council Meetings or write letters, etc. Peggy asked Larry Klein if a petition would be helpful. He said a petition has some value if it has a clear plan of specific requests that SNAIL wants. Many people showing up to repeat the same thing at council meetings has less value. Send petition to the City Manager and to Chip Taylor Director of Public Works, plus cc: the Council.

For full minutes, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/SNAIL202201>

-Barbara Brunasso Oliver, SNAIL Secretary



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, Basic Computer Literacy Program for Low-Income, Older Adults (50+): A grant-funded education program for older adults with a goal of closing the digital divide. Program provides eight hours of basic computer literacy skills in English or Mandarin. Training topics include: how to use the internet, on-line searches and on-line safety. New participants that complete the program may “earn” a tablet to take home. Must be a Sunnyvale resident and receive public assistance or income eligible, requires documentation. *Mandarin session is planned for early February; program will be in-person at the Senior Center and taught in four, 2-hour classes. Call Sunnyvale Senior Center, 408-730-7360 to register or for more information.*

Register for ShapeUp Sunnyvale (Free Program): *The next session is scheduled to begin in late January/early Feb. through March 2022.* An active living and healthier eating program funded by El Camino Healthcare District. Registration is open to any Sunnyvale resident who cannot afford to participate in a paid fitness program or paid nutritious cooking course. Once registered, participants can choose one or both components (physical activity and healthier cooking). Choose from a menu of activities, virtual or in-person, offered through Recreation Services such as aquatics fitness, yoga, walking club, Zumba, etc. Participate in a minimum of one weekly activity for free. You can also pick up a cooking kit weekly from Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC) or the Community Center. Make the dish at home. There will be a recorded video of a professional caterer making the dish and a written recipe with instructions. Registration required, call CNC at 408-730-7800 or email cnc@sunnyvale.ca.gov.
-Jesus Raygoza, Recreation Services Manager

SUPER BOWL HISTORY



The Super Bowl is the final championship game of the National Football League season in the U.S. The matchup for the game pits the winning team of the American Football Conference versus the winning team of the National Football Conference. The first Super Bowl was held in February of 1967.

Super Bowl LV (50) took place on Sunday, February 7th, 2021. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers defeated the Kansas City Chiefs, ending the game 31-9. Tom Brady guided the Buccaneers to their second Super bowl win and, at 43, he became the oldest player to ever play in the Super Bowl.

The record for the most points scored by a single team during a Super Bowl is held by the San Francisco 49ers. They scored a total of 55 points against the Denver Broncos in Super Bowl XXIV (24). The next Super Bowl, LVI, will take place on Sunday, February 13th, 2022. It will be hosted at the So-Fi stadium in Los Angeles, California.

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-Barbara Brunasso Oliver

SUNNYVALE DISTRICT MAPS - A HOT TOPIC

The City of Sunnyvale is currently in the process of creating adjusted election district maps. In 2020, Sunnyvale went to voting by district for city council elections. Meanwhile, the 2020 Census was tabulated and showed where the changes in population have occurred in Sunnyvale, so the city is required to make new maps. This new map-making is in process. The first round of district map contenders was presented to city council Jan 13th. They have narrowed down the field to maps 101, 102, and a combination of maps 104 and 105. You can find these and more information about the process on the city website.

All the maps have an issue regarding our SNAIL neighborhood. Valérie Suarès found the problem by diligently studying the contender maps, and she reported the issue to the city. Here is a summary of the issue: The federal government changed the census block boundaries which moved 15 homes on Carolina, the ones that back up to the wall, and two homes on East Ferndale, into the same census block as the Fair Oaks Mobile Home Park. Right now, the Fair Oaks Mobile Home Park is in District 6, whereas SNAIL is in District 5. This puts those 17 SNAIL homes into District 6 with the mobile home park, thus separating them from the rest of the SNAIL neighborhood. This action also disenfranchises them from voting in the next election. This bit of District 6 south of 101 is referred to as "the Notch".

Sunnyvale’s Redistricting Commission seems to want to keep SNAIL intact. There are a few options on how to do this. The best option would be to redraw the census block boundary, returning those homes to District 5, while allowing the mobile home park to remain in District 6. This option is not a simple process and may not be feasible. Another option would be to move “the Notch” to District 5, but that would move the Fair Oaks Mobile Home Park out of District 6, which currently includes all the northern mobile home parks.


We will need your support keep SNAIL residents in the same election district as the Redistricting Commission and City Council continue to meet and hash out the map details.

-Diane Gleason



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, February 11th**. Send an email to SNAILeditor@snail.org.



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SUNNYVALE FARMERS MARKET
Historic Murphy Avenue

Every Saturday, 9 to 10 AM for Seniors. Closing at 1:00 PM
Special conditions to facilitate social distancing and safety during the coronavirus.

2022 EVENT PLANNING IS UNDERWAY!

Please stay healthy so we can fill Historic Murphy Avenue with that unbeatable Sunnyvale Downtown Community spirit and celebrate together!

**REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE**

GOOD DAY AT THE RECYCLING CENTER!

On December 28th, Dorit and Valérie, with Barbara's help, collected \$148.49 and diverted 97.7 lbs. of cans and plastic from the landfill. (37.4 lbs. of plastic and 60.3 lbs. of aluminum).

The goal of this pilot program is to raise funds for SNAIL's community events.

If we raise this same amount every quarter, that is, give or take ~\$600, these funds could be used for:

- ♻️ The five-member Band at our annual NNO,
- ♻️ Four 2-hour sessions with face painting artist,
- ♻️ Two 2-hour sessions with the black outline cutout artist,
- ♻️ More ribbons for the Red Bows project,
- ♻️ Earth Day organic soil, seeds or bulbs for our Earth Day event,

...and so much more.

I urge you to consider recycling, if not for the funds for SNAIL, at least to divert plastic and cans from the landfill!

Email Dorit Chapman SNAILtreasurer@snail.org or Valérie Suarès SNAILchair@snail.org if you have any questions or wish to contribute to the program by dropping off your emptied plastic or can containers, in separated bags.

