



GENERAL MEETING

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

SNAIL Community Meeting via Zoom

Zoom Login:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77234164334?pwd=c1NHY2Q4QWdtRy81ZHpMOTIJL2REdz09>

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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.

Next SNAIL Meetings: 4/7, 5/5, 6/2, 7/7, 8/4, 9/1, 10/6

SNAIL 2022 EVENT CALENDAR – SAVE THE DATES

Date/Time	Event Name	Organizer
Thurs, Apr 7	SNAIL General Meeting Speaker	Ana Pereda Fresh Approach
Sat/Sun, June 11-12 8 AM to 4 PM	SNAIL Yard Sale (667 San Diego Ave.)	Barbara Brunasso
Sat, June 11 8 AM to ~3 PM	SNAIL Dumpster Day	Barry Boole 408-505-5670
Tues, Aug 2	National Night Out (TBD due to COVID)	TBD
Thurs, Sep 22	Candidate Forum	Valérie Suarès



April 7, 2022
Ana Pereda, Nutrition Program Manager



Fresh Approach is very excited to participate in the April 7th SNAIL meeting. We are looking forward to talking about our Sunnyvale Community programs such as our Farmers Market at Murphy and Washington Avenues, and upcoming cooking and nutrition class! It is a new year, and we are excited to help you achieve your health goals. Join the meeting to have the opportunity to win \$16 in Veggie Rx vouchers to spend on Fresh Produce at your local Farmers Market!

Website: <https://www.freshapproach.org>

Email: freshapproach@freshapproach.org

Phone: +1 925-771-2990

Link to Speakers' Corner Presentations:

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

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



This month's message is about letting go, growth and a new beginning.

Could we be at the end of a long two-year-old tunnel of isolation and loneliness?

Could we go back to the "old normal" and forget about the "new normal"?

Could we be thinking of becoming close to others once again after intense online connectivity, visibility through screens of all sizes, and reconnect to a stronger sense of community beyond our new virtual reality?

I don't know about you, but I am absolutely ready for this.

SNAIL plans to reconnect with neighbors thanks to the return of our annual traditional activities:



Our third "Earth Day Cleanup the Neighborhood Project" and organic soil will be available to purchase again at a very low bulk rate cost on Saturday, April 23rd. (see article on page three for more information.)



Annual Dumpster Day cleanup on Saturday, June 11th.



Annual two-day Yard Sale event on Saturday, June 11th, and Sunday, June 12th.



National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2nd (Santa Clara County Public Health permitting.)



Candidate Forum on Thursday, September 22nd, moderated by the Co-President of the League of Women's Voters, Elaine Manley. She will guide us through understanding and choosing a city council member representing our very own District 5. Think about topics and questions you will want to ask the candidates.



Ending the year with our traditional Red Bows Day (see article on page three to participate in this festive event.)

I look forward to seeing you at any or all of these events.

-Valérie Suarès





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>.

Multiple Free, In-Person, Computer Literacy Classes Available in March: Digital Literacy is a grant-funded computer education program for adults with a goal of closing the digital divide. Program provides eight hours of skills trainings and participants may “earn” a free device (Chromebook or tablet) upon completion. Eligibility requirements are low-income and Sunnyvale residence and requires documentation to register. Upcoming classes offered in English and Spanish, locations include Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC) or Senior Center. Upcoming classes:

Basic Computer Literacy for Older Adults (English) at the Senior Center: Mondays and Wednesdays, March 14, 16 21, 23 from 10:00 AM to noon. Call 408-730-7360 to register or for more information.

Basic Computer Literacy (English) at CNC: Mondays and Wednesdays, March 14, 16, 21, 23 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Call 408-730-7800 to register or for more information.

Intermediate Computer Literacy (Spanish) at CNC: Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 15, 17, 22, 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Call 408-730-7800 to register or for more information.

Basic Computer Literacy (Spanish) at CNC: Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 29, 31 and April 5, 7 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Call 730-7800 to register or for more information.

FREE Zumba Classes: Wednesdays, 6:15 - 7:15 PM beginning 2/16. Arrive 10-15 minutes early to ensure forms are completed and class starts on time. Columbia Neighborhood Center Gym. **Funding provided by El Camino Healthcare District. Masks always required.** Questions? 408-730-7800

-Jesus Raygoza, Recreation Services Manager



HOLD THAT PLASTIC FORK! NEW LAW TO REDUCE PLASTICWARE DISTRIBUTION TO CUSTOMERS

A new California law, AB 1276, reduces unnecessary single-use accessories that come with food orders. Food providers will no longer be able to automatically include plastic utensils, napkins or sauce packets with each order. Food providers can only give these items to customers that specifically ask for them. And those pesky bundled plastic utensils that we all seem to have drawerfuls? Those will no longer be allowed. Customers must also ask for stir sticks, plugs for hot drinks and straws when they order their favorite drinks. The law applies to orders taken in-person, by phone or online, and will start to take effect this summer.



The City has created its own Single-Use Plastic Ordinance and will present it to Council in April. The new ordinance will make non-compliance an administrative penalty instead of an infraction, which gives staff more flexibility to implement. Staff plans to make additional recommendations in 2023 to reduce single-use plastic.

-Bailey Hall, Environmental Programs Specialist



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EDUCATION

Upcoming LISTOS PEP Classes: Spanish, Sunday, 3/20 at 2:00 PM; English, Sunday, 2/27 and 4/24 at 2:00 PM.

Below is a brief description from 2020 about our LISTOS PEP program. (the Spanish PEP class launched in January 2021, is offered every other month.)

Every resident who is prepared for a disaster is one less cry for professional help after a disaster. Our disaster preparedness education programs, while small, are arguably the most valuable thing that SERV does to reduce the burden on DPS in the wake of a disaster.

This year, we reorganized our education efforts, combining three separate education efforts into a single organization that can deliver preparedness training more consistently and efficiently. Since our preparedness training is funded by the state’s Listos California campaign, we decided to call our new organization “Listos.” It is run by Judy Schini, assisted by Sara Quait for English education, Jazmin Oseguera for Spanish education, and Julie Hill for outreach and publicity efforts. These ladies have done a superb job getting this new organization up and running.

During 2020, our Listos program has presented its “Personal Emergency Preparedness” class half a dozen times, teaching hundreds of residents how to prepare their homes and families for a disaster. They were the first SERV program to re-tool their classes for virtual delivery during the pandemic. They now offer their English-language PEP class monthly, and registrations are nearly always full. See <https://sunnyvaleserv.org/classes> if you want to sign up.



“SERV is the volunteer arm of the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety, Office of Emergency Services. SERV volunteers teach disaster preparedness classes, assist uniformed officers in emergencies, and respond in disasters when professional responders are overloaded.”

We are excited to report that our first Spanish-language PEP class will be held next month. This is especially significant since the Listos California program that funds us has its roots in support for the Spanish-speaking community. (“Listos” means “ready” in Spanish.) In preparation for this, Jazmin Oseguera has spent countless hours in preparation of our Spanish-language training materials and instructors. A warm round of applause to her!

-Jesus Raygoza, Recreation Services Manager

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH’S SNAIL ZOOM MEETING

Guest Speaker: Diane Gleason on Redistricting: Discussed the four final maps that residents will vote for their preference or those they could not support. Encouraged SNAIL members to vote for the “surgical notch” option to keep the SNAIL community intact.

Spring Earth Day Project: Saturday, April 23rd, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Neighbors will help clean up the streets of Sunnyvale with pickup sticks. Organic soil will be available for sale in Jenny’s front yard. Recycling CRV cans and plastic bottles to raise extra funds for SNAIL activities.

Annual Yard Sale: Sat/Sun, June 11th and 12th. Tarik will begin accepting donations in mid-May. Volunteers are needed for set up and final clean up.

Dumpster Day: Sat, June 11th. Barry Boole, Dumpster Czar. Six dumpsters will be located throughout SNAIL.

City Funding: Congressman Ro Khanna put in \$800,000 of funding for SNAIL bike, pedestrian and safe routes to school improvements.

Supervisor Otto Lee’s Office Updates: Some jails are being demolished. Supvr. Lee recommends the County pursue mental and behavioral options as alternatives to incarceration, i.e., Deflection Centers that would be rehabilitative, not custodial.

For full minutes, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/SNAIL2022FEB>

-Barbara Brunasso Oliver, SNAIL Secretary

RED BOW ALERT



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!

We are in the process of updating our SNAIL volunteer listing with all accurate/current volunteers. Your information will be a great help!

If you are already a “RED BOW VOLUNTEER” please let us know by sending us your **NAME, ADDRESS, BEST PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS, ALONG WITH THE BLOCK AND STREET NAME YOU DECORATED THIS YEAR, AND THE NUMBER OF TREES ON YOUR BLOCK, TO: dorit.chapman@gmail.com**.

Although most major streets were decorated, we had some streets that were bare. Below is a list of streets that were either not decorated or we do not have volunteer information on file:

- 500 Blk Madrone
- 700 Blk Madrone
- W Ferndale
- 500, 600, 700 Blks Manzanita
- W Hemlock
- 700 Blk Borregas
- Del Norte
- 200 Blk E Hemlock
- 700 Blk Santa Christina Ct
- Eureka Ct
- Waddington
- Santa Catalina
- Santa Cruz
- Anacapa Terr
- Isla Vista
- Santa Barbara
- E Ferndale
- 600, 700 Blks Georgia
- 700, 800 Blks Carolina
- N & E Eden

If you are already a volunteer for any of the above streets or wish to participate in this annual event for any of the above streets and block, please contact Dorit Chapman at: dorit.chapman@gmail.com.

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, and if you need, 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

EARTH DAY CLEANUP PROJECT – PLEASE JOIN US



On **SATURDAY, APRIL 23rd**, residents will take a walk in the SNAIL neighborhood and help clean up on the Earth Day weekend. Participants will be given a pickup stick and a map of your assigned street(s) to clean up. You will provide plastic bags, gloves, and trash disposal in your home bin. Participants will be asked to bring their pickup sticks from the last clean up event.

RSVP to EarthDay_2022@snail.org with your name(s), address, phone number, and the number of pickup sticks needed or if you will be reusing. Also indicate when you would like to pick up the Earth Day items from us. At the end of the event, participants will provide photos of full bags, estimate of weight, and any unique items collected. This data is necessary to include in our city report and will help to ensure continued grant money. Participants are also requested to drop off CRV plastics and aluminum (no bottles please) to Valerie, Dorit or Barbara’s home. Photos of yourself and others during your cleanup will be a great addition to our newsletter as well.

Gardeners who want to purchase top quality potting soil are invited to purchase bags from Jenny’s centrally located driveway (more info later). If you have house-bound neighbors, please offer to pick some up for them. The approximate cost of the soil will be \$5 per cubic foot. Please indicate in your RSVP the quantity of soil you would like to pick up. We’ll also encourage sharing with a table of free home-sprouted plants and garden seeds; give one, get one. Start sprouting your plants to share today!

NOTE: SNAIL will continue to follow the County of Santa Clara’s health guidelines in effect at the time of the April 23rd event. We ask that you respect these guidelines while maintaining social distancing and suggested use of mask when appropriate.
-Barbara Brunasso Oliver, Earth Day Cleanup Coordinator



CITY OF SUNNYVALE – UPCOMING MEETINGS
<https://sunnyvaleca.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Name	Date	Time	Location
City Council	3/1/22	7:00 PM	https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/96111580540
Redistricting Commission	3/3/22	6:00 PM	https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/93276123346
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission	3/17/22	6:30 PM	https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/97997417379
City Council	3/22/22	7:00 PM	https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/96111580540

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, March 18th**. Send an email to SNAILeditor@snail.org.

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Do you want to make a difference in your community while developing valuable and marketable job skills? Attend the annual Recreation Job Fair to learn about a wide range of recreation job opportunities with the City of Sunnyvale.

Recreation Job Fair

When: Wednesday, March 2, 2022
Time: 4:30 - 7 p.m.
Where: Sunnyvale Senior Center Orchard Pavilion, 550 E. Remington Dr.

- Recruiting for **part-time** and **seasonal** recreation positions:
 - Summer camp • Arts • Preschool
 - Aquatics • Pottery • Music
- **Apply now** to guarantee an interview
- Entry-level positions start at **\$17.10 per hour**
- Develop **valuable** and **marketable** job skills by making a difference in your community
- Must be **16+** years on hire date
- Dress to **impress**

Masks required, regardless of vaccination status



APPLY NOW



Sunnyvale.ca.gov
 Questions? 408-730-7350

SAVE THE DATES...

SNAIL Yard Sale: Saturday/Sunday, June 11 & 12
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM



Perhaps you've been good to your New Year's resolution and cleaned out your garage and purged your closets, or maybe you're waiting for your spring-cleaning. Please, please save your stuff for the SNAIL annual yard sale. Your trash is another person's treasure, and in the exchange, SNAIL earns money to sponsor other exciting community events. Hold off on donating your items to a local charity and store your items temporarily in a corner of your garage. Come mid-May, Tarik will accept items to be dropped off in his car port. More info in May regarding drop offs.

We're looking for some Volunteers to help "set up shop" on Friday night, June 10; you'll get first dibs on some cool stuff for purchase. Volunteers are needed for minding the store for a block of time during the weekend, and early Sunday evening, June 12, for packing up items for final donation or to be tossed in the dumpster. Contact Barbara (text or call 626-628-7993) to set up a time to volunteer.

Dumpster Day: Saturday, June 11
8:00 AM – ~3:00 PM



Thank you in advance to Barry Boole and the dumpster monitors for coordinating six dumpsters throughout our SNAIL neighborhood for residents' use on Saturday, June 11. More information to come regarding locations of dumpsters. Signs will be posted on the dumpsters to identify items that are not to be dumped (i.e., oil, batteries, etc.)

SNAIL will continue to follow County Public Health guidelines in effect at the time of these events in June.

-Barbara Brunasso Oliver, Yard Sale Coordinator