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April 2022



GENERAL MEETING

Thursday April 7th, 7:00 p.m.

SNAIL Community Meeting via Zoom

Zoom Login:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77234164334?pwd=c1NhY2Q4QWdtRy81ZHpMOTIjL2REdz09>

Meeting ID: 772 3416 4334; 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.

Next SNAIL Meetings: 5/5, 6/2, 7/7, 8/4, 9/1, 10/6, 11/3

SNAIL 2022 EVENT CALENDAR – SAVE THE DATES

Date/Time	Event Name	Organizer
Sat, Apr 23	Earth Day Neighborhood Cleanup	Barbara Brunasso
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 (Proof of vaccination required to attend)	TBD
Thurs, Sep 22	Candidate Forum	Valérie Suarès 408-390-3335



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.shtm>

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



We have so much to look forward to, in the hope we will return to our traditional annual activities:

Back by popular demand, SNAIL will once again host its annual **Earth Day Neighborhood Cleanup on Sat, April 23rd**, RSVP to EarthDay2022@snail.org. Bring your aluminum cans and plastic bottles to contribute to SNAIL discretionary funds.

Organic soil will be for sale once again in Jenny's front yard for \$5.00 per cubic foot. Bags will be provided for you at Jenny's.

Our annual **SNAIL Yard Sale (667 San Diego Ave.) on Sat/Sun, June 11/12, 8 AM to 4 PM**, will be hosted by Tarik and Barbara.

Dumpster Day on Sat, June 11th, 8 AM to about 3 PM. We will have six dumpsters available. The location of each dumpster will be provided at a later date.

National Night Out Potluck on Tues, August 2nd will return and we are looking forward to having all the usual fare, including fire trucks, police motorcycles, potluck dinner, music, ice cream and more.

Candidate Forum on Thurs, September 22nd, and moderated by Elaine Manley, Co-president of the League of Women Voters. This is a great way to engage your community around the upcoming election and hear from the candidates running for a seat on City Council. Elaine will guide us through understanding and choosing a city council member representing our very own District 5.

Think of good, pointed questions about concerns you would like to ask the candidates. Send them to: 2022CityCandidates@snail.org.

Thurs, April 7th, Ana Pereda, Nutrition Program Manager for Fresh Approach, will be talking about Sunnyvale Community programs such as our Farmers Market at Murphy and Washington Avenues, and upcoming cooking and nutrition class.



While we can finally remove our masks that covered our mouth and nose for two years, we are now faced with a spontaneous reflex of wrapping our hands around our head to keep it steady from shaking side to side when hearing the horror going on in Ukraine. We see the unwarranted destruction its citizens must endure from the tyranny of a ruthless dictator. Please do what you can to support Ukraine and its people. Pray for Ukraine.

-Valérie Suarès



EARTH DAY 2022 – SNAIL Community Clean Up Project

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, April 23, 2022 / Sábado, 23 de abril de 2022



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.

Please join us to help clean up our SNAIL neighborhood on the Earth Day weekend.

Participants will receive:

- ♻️ A handy, pickup stick. (**Note:** REUSE the one you received last year. You will provide gloves, plastic bags and trash disposal in your home bin.)
- ♻️ A map of your assigned street(s).

RSVP to EarthDay_2022@SNAIL.org and include:

- ♻️ Your name(s), phone number, and street address.
- ♻️ If you will be purchasing top quality potting soil located in Jenny's front yard at \$5/cubic foot, and quantity.
- ♻️ When you will be picking up Earth Day items from us.

At the end of event, participants will:

- ♻️ Send photos of full bags and selfie/group, estimated weight collected, and any unique items picked up.
- ♻️ Drop off CRV plastics and aluminum (no bottles please) to Dorit or Barbara's homes.



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 Classes + Chromebook: Next session is scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6:30 - 8:30 PM on April 5, 7, 12 and 14 at FUHSD's Adult School, 589 W. Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale. A grant-funded education program for adults with a goal of closing the digital divide. Program provides eight hours of basic computer literacy education in English. Training topics include how to get into and navigate the internet, email setup and use, website safety and effective online searches. Participants that complete the program may "earn" a Chromebook to take home. Must be a Sunnyvale resident with children on free/reduced lunch program or receive public assistance. Call or email CNC, 408-730-7800 or email CNC@sunnyvale.ca.gov to register.

Camp Discovery (Spring Break Camp): The City of Sunnyvale Recreation Services Division is promoting the Camp Discovery intersession camp program April 18-22, 2022 from 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM at two locations:

1. Columbia Neighborhood Center – Gym (AB3CEA_BC) and
2. Washington Park Building (AB3CEA_BW).

The intersession camps are for youth participants ages 6-12 yrs. Fee Waiver/Scholarships are available for those who need it. Call 408-730-7350 to register.

-Jesus Raygoza, Recreation Services Manager

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH'S SNAIL ZOOM MEETING

Guests: Mayor Larry Klein, Eric Stoker (Otto Lee's Office), Richard Mehlinger (BPAC Chair): Eric: Supervisor Lee issued a statement in support of and solidarity with Ukraine – County office is flying Ukraine blue and yellow flag; SCC lifted mask mandate on March 2nd; Deadline for urgent grant program is April 13th; **Larry:** Council interviewed and selected replacement member Toni Spitaleri whose term will continue until January of 2023; City is seeking new members for the Advisory Committee on Accessibility; Free computer literacy classes starting in March; Free financial incentives webinar on electric vehicles, March 10th. **Richard:** City received \$130,000-\$180,000 TVA funding for a variety of projects in the active transportation plan; City is coordinating several traffic safety events; Vacancy on BPAC – anyone interested can apply.

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; CMS students will be invited to join April 23rd cleanup event.

Annual Yard Sale: Sat/Sun, June 11th/12th. Tarik will begin accepting donations in mid-May. Volunteers are still needed for set up and final clean up. Contact Barbara via text to volunteer or for more info at (626) 628-7993.

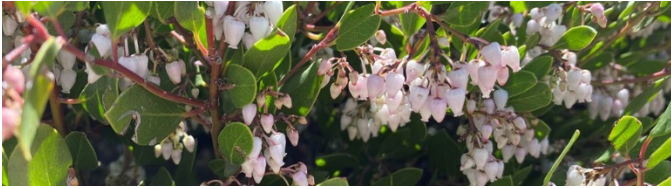
Dumpster Day: Sat, June 11th. Contact Barry Boole, Dumpster Czar. Six dumpsters have been confirmed and will be located throughout SNAIL at same locations as last year.

National Night Out: Tues., August 2nd. NNO is on this year - vaccines required!

Guest Speaker for April: Ana Pereda from "Fresh Approach" will speak at our April 7th SNAIL meeting. Ana will discuss Sunnyvale Community programs such as our Farmers Market at Murphy and Washington Avenues, and upcoming cooking and nutrition class!

For full minutes, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/SNAIL2022MAR>

-Barbara Brunasso Oliver, SNAIL Secretary



A NATURAL GARDEN - Patricia's Reflections

The ceanothus bushes have been blanketed with lilac-blue blossoms for nearly a month now. They are among my favorite native garden plants. They are unabashed in their display of color in March, but what makes them so delightful is that bees of many species race around these bushes in such a frenzy that I'm tempted to believe the flowers are too wonderful for the bees to believe their good fortune.

The lilac verbena plants have more delicate lilac flowers twelve months a year. They are not beautiful, I will admit, but the bees and butterflies appreciate their presence, especially when there are few other native plants in bloom.

This past winter, the red-flowering monkey flowers were a surprise in December and January, perhaps confused by the mild weather we had during those months. The hummingbirds recognized a good food source when they encountered them. What's not to like about a deep red flower?

Not only the monkey flowers seem to have been confused. The woodland strawberries have been flowering nonstop for over a year. It's only in March, though, that they first hint that tiny, deep-red berries will soon ripen. And by the beginning of April, the squirrels descend from their runways along the fences to sit amidst the rich greenery while they nibble at a strawberry that's just the right size to be held between their two front paws.

It was late in January that the local wildlife and I noticed the tiny buds that would, in late February, begin to open in clusters of delicate pink-tinged white bells on the manzanitas. We live where manzanitas thrive. Amidst a mound of stones, a ground cover of 'Point Reyes' manzanitas' flowers are so tiny I have to look closely to find them. Still, bees on a warm March day dart from cluster to cluster to decide whether these might provide a pretty addition to their diet.

A few years after planting, the 'McMinn' manzanitas have filled in what was a barren spot, branches extending outward and upward to gather more sunlight. I loosely measure their size each spring when the flower clusters are beginning to drop and poppy-seed-sized berries are taking the flowers' place: Their height was at my mid-calf level when first planted and are, this year, pruned back to be waist high.

Pruning of any of these plants is a process in which I attempt to mimic the type of beauty I would find with manzanitas along a Santa Clara County nature trail—that is to say, not sculpted into a neat geometric shape but rather snipped back to whatever point along each branch will result in a rather haphazard, carefree disarray that I find far more appealing. The pruned branches proceed to put out new branches and twigs to create denser foliage, contributing to the garden a modest lushness.

I wish that April showers would bring May flowers, but that is not the land's fate again this year. Still, these California native plants have a resilience I admire: Under stress, the winter's drought still brings many flowers out. And I am very grateful for that.

-Patricia Collins, patricia@patriciawrites.com



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, BLOCK & STREET NAME YOU DECORATED AND NUMBER OF TREES, PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS 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**:

- 700 Blk Madrone
- W Ferndale
- 600, 700 Blks Manzanita
- W Hemlock
- 700 Blk Borregas
- Del Norte
- 200 Blk E Hemlock
- 700 Blk Santa Christina Ct
- Eureka Ct
- Waddington
- E Ferndale
- N & E Eden



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.

SUPPLIES: We will be ordering supplies very soon, as they are already available online and are "seasonable items" to ensure that everyone who wishes to volunteer will receive them for the holidays. If you would like some **NEW BOWS** to replace some that have "seen better days" contact Dorit with the number you need ASAP so we can include those in the order count.

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, Red Bow Coordinator



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, April 15th**. Send an email to SNAILeditor@snail.org.

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SAVE THE DATES...


SNAIL Yard Sale: Saturday/Sunday, June 11th/12th
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 11th. 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



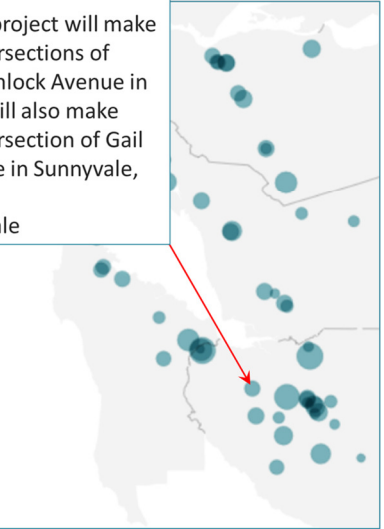
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SNAIL TRAFFIC SAFETY

Pedestrian and Safe Routes to School Improvements Project

Lawmaker: Rep. Ro Khanna, D-Fremont
Dollar amount: \$880,000
Project description: The project will make improvements to the intersections of Borregas Avenue and Hemlock Avenue in Sunnyvale, CA 94085. It will also make improvements to the intersection of Gail Avenue and Gladiola Drive in Sunnyvale, CA 94086.
Recipient: City of Sunnyvale



Read SF Chronicle article: <https://tinyurl.com/FedFundsForSNAIL>
-Peggy Brewster