

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday May 5th, 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.

Next SNAIL Meetings: 6/2, 7/7, 8/4, 9/1, 10/6, 11/3, 12/1

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



I hope you had the chance to pick up some organic soil from Jenny's. There is more to purchase, give her a call if you want to swing by 408-959-9768.

We thank all participants, parents, students and teachers for taking part in this year's annual Earth Day Neighborhood Cleanup event. If you are on a roll and looking for "spring cleaning" projects, check the aisles of your local hardware store to see what they are promoting. Since we have had little rain this year, think about planting low-water plants that will attract pollinators to your area; consider removing your lawn if you can and look for financial incentives to do so.

We ask you to join our recycling program by giving SNAIL your cleaned and separated CRV cans and plastic containers. All the money generated will go towards the SNAIL community's events.

Remember to look for gently used items that have been set aside for too long, and drop them off at Tarik's place for the SNAIL annual yard sale.

On a final note, let us hope for rain, but if no rain is coming, take the time to visit the newly redesigned Fair Oaks Park. There you will find the Magical Bridge Playground, multi-use synthetic turf fields, new public art, a dog park, new restrooms, new picnic and parking area, a cricket pitch, and baseball, soccer and softball fields.

John Cordes wants SNAIL neighbors to know that our congressperson, Ro Khanna, was able to get Sunnyvale funding for safety improvements in SNAIL. The Pedestrian and Safe Routes to School Improvements Project granted the City of Sunnyvale \$880,000. The funding will allow the City of Sunnyvale to implement pedestrian and safe routes to school improvements at two intersections; one near Columbia Middle School in the Sunnyvale Neighbors of Arbor Including LaLinda (SNAIL) neighborhood, and at one intersection near Braly Elementary School in the Braly Corners neighborhood.

-Valérie Suarès

SNAIL 2022 EVENT CALENDAR – SAVE THE DATES

Date/Time	Event Name	Organizer
Sat/Sun, June 11-12 8 AM to 4 PM	SNAIL Yard Sale 667 San Diego Ave. (See flyer, page 2)	Barbara Brunasso (626) 628-7993 Tarik Peterson (408) 745-1241
Sat, June 11 8 AM to ~3 PM	SNAIL Dumpster Day (See flyer, page 2)	Barry Boole 408-505-5670
Tues, Aug 2 6:30 to 9:00 PM	National Night Out E Arbor, between N. Bayview and Morse	Valérie Suarès 408-390-3335 Dorit Chapman
Thurs, Sep 22	Candidate Forum Online Zoom Event	Valérie Suarès 408-390-3335

LONG TIME SNAIL NEIGHBOR PASSED AWAY

It is with our deepest sorrow that we have learned that Patsy Duke, a lifelong SNAIL resident and dedicated volunteer, passed away last month. At the time of this publication, we do not have any information regarding a memorial service. If you are interested in getting further information, please contact us.

-Dave and Dorit Chapman SNAILtreasurer@snail.org





Yard Sale: June 11th - 12th, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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

WANTED: VOLUNTEERS AND YARD SALE STUFF. We are short volunteers to help at the yard sale. If you can help setup Friday night, June 10th, work a sales shift on the 11th or 12th or pack up leftovers for donation Sunday afternoon, We Need You! Please call Barbara at (626) 628-7993.

S.N.A.I.L. YARD SALE INFORMATION

THE CITY WILL NOT LET US USE THE STREET FOR ITEMS, SO WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT LARGE ITEMS THAT WILL FIT IN TARIK'S FRONT YARD.

1. **Donations:** Call Tarik (408) 745-1241 to make a drop off at his driveway carport at **667 San Diego Ave.** Bring items June 11th between 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM.
2. **Yard Sale Questions?** Call Barbara (626) 628-7993 or Tarik (408) 745-1241.
3. **Please bring a reusable shopping bag for your purchases.** **CLEARANCE SALE:** at 3:00 PM on Sunday, June 12th, \$1 per paper grocery bag – all you can stuff into the bag is yours!

Bring your old prescription eyeglasses for the Lions Club. There will be a collection box at the SNAIL register table.

Cash proceeds from the yard sale will go 100% to support SNAIL activities for the coming year.



Dumpster Day: June 11th, 8:00 AM to ~3:00 PM

TRIM THE SHRUBS AND TREES AND THROW OUT THAT JUNK YOU'VE BEEN STORING IN YOUR GARAGE FOREVER!!

SNAIL Contact: Barry Boole (408) 505-5670

The City of Sunnyvale **prohibits** the following items in the dumpsters:

- Any Toxic or Hazardous Items
- Fluorescent tubes
- Refrigerators
- Air Conditioners
- Construction debris
- Batteries
- Chemicals
- Fuel or Oil
- Business waste
- Computers
- Paints
- Auto parts
- Electronics



Prohibited

Questions? Call Sunnyvale Recycling Center (408) 730-7262 for proper handling.

Please **donate children's books** for SNAIL Little Free Libraries. A drop box will be at each dumpster.



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| 1. 284 W. Eaglewood | 3. 646 San Diego | 5. 396 N. Fernwood |
| 2. 782 Madrone | 4. 574 N. Bayview | 6. 463 Glendale |



SMILING EYES - Patricia's Reflections

Over the past twenty-six months many of us have had the opportunity to develop a new ability: the ability to have our eyes smile while our nose, mouth, and chin are covered. Some people have always had this ability, a complement to their broad, visible smiles. Of course, taking off those masks and sharing a smiling face in its entirety is something to celebrate. As we've begun to spend time without face masks, I'm celebrating the return of toothy grins and dimpled smiles.

During our lengthy hibernation, I met with others on a too-familiar medium: Zoom. One face at a time popped up in its own square, a small group of writers trying to improve our craft. Our full-face smiles were instantaneous with each person's arrival. We are a very diverse group with different lifeways and careers and appreciate how that diversity enriches our lives. And so we smile.

Our group of eight writers met only four times in last year's workshop, with the college's writer in residence inspiring mutually supportive conversations and respectfully critiqued manuscripts. In those workshop sessions, we learned a lot about what informed the choice of subjects and perspective. By the fourth meeting, our smiles were wider and eyes brighter. We had developed a bond through our shared love of writing, our shared love of our college, and our conversations about the lived experiences that influence what and how we write. Our smiles were smiles of appreciation for the opportunity to gather virtually, a situation that would have been necessary without a pandemic, what with participants living in different cities along the East Coast and this lone writer on the West Coast. The early 21st century has enabled our smiles to reach across the breadth of the country while our smiling eyes have had to suffice for local gatherings. It's a curious juxtaposition.

There are so many aspects of this pandemic that have been based on our need to be more cautious about how much face-to-face time we spend with people not in our household. But there is this positive effect: Many of us have become more aware that a smile conveys something that words do not. Maybe having fewer chances to be with someone and to share a smile with them has made us more aware of just how precious smiles are.

Perhaps that's why seeing the smiling eyes of someone whose nose-to-chin has been covered for two years has become something to be grateful for, something to emulate. Even though we can now greet each other with our mouths forming unmuffled words and a range of emotions, adding smiling eyes to the smile of our now-visible cheeks and mouth is one way we speak without words: "I'm so very glad to see you."

-Patricia Collins, patricia@patriciawrites.com

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RED BOW ALERT, RED BOW ALERT!!!

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**:

- W Ferndale
- W Hemlock
- 700 Block Borregas
- Del Norte
- 200 Block E Hemlock
- 700 Block Santa Christina Ct
- Eureka Ct
- E Ferndale
- N & E Eden



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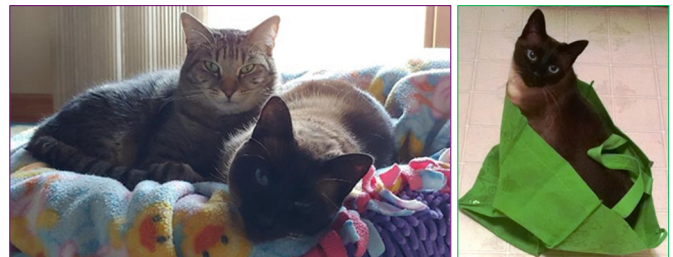
We will provide you with supplies (red bows, red ribbons, red ties, scissors, and storage container) so that you will be ready for next December.

SUPPLIES: We have ordered and received red bows for many streets, and will order more as soon as we hear from you, since these are "seasonal 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.

-Dorit Chapman, Red Bow Coordinator

PET OF THE MONTH

It's been quite a while since we've had the pleasure of seeing some photos of our SNAIL neighborhood's furry, feathery, reptilian, aquatic, et al, housemates. To get things kick-started again, here are my two home companions, Rory & Romy (aka "Ror-man" & "Missy").



If you would like to submit your animal friend(s) for Pet of the Month, send an email to the editor with a photo and include your name, the name of your pet, your street name and anything you would like to say about your pet to: SNAILeditor@snail.org (aka "Denise Perez").

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, May 13th**. Send an email to SNAILeditor@snail.org.



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HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH'S SNAIL ZOOM MEETING
Guests: Mayor Larry Klein, Eric Stoker (Supv. Otto Lee's Office):
Eric: Support for Ukraine passed. Moscow County severed the relationship with Sister city in Russia in support of Ukraine; Catalyze SV is hosting a discussion on Measure A Housing Bond funds on May 2nd to build 4,400 residences; Gun Buyback Event: May 22nd.
Larry: Ro Khanna was at Columbia Middle School to Highlight Federal Funding Last Week. Sunnyvale received Federal Money for pedestrian crosswalk improvements on Borregas Ave at Duane and Hemlock. (Flashing signs and high visibility multi-hatched crosswalk.); CLOSING MURPHY AVENUE – ONLINE SURVEY: We are now studying whether to permanently close this public street to cars; Share your thoughts in our short survey: https://www.opentownhall.com/portals/209/Issue_11770; Deadline to comment is Wednesday, April 20th.
Updates about Patsy (Dave, Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church): Patsy has moved to a hospice in Santa Clara due to illness. Send cards to: Attn. Patsy Duke, Pacific Gardens, 2384 Pacific Drive, Santa Clara, CA 95051.
Annual Yard Sale: Sat/Sun, June 11th/12th. Tarik will begin accepting donations in mid-May. Please hold off on donating your items to a local charity and save your items for the annual yard sale. Neighbors drop off donations as early as mid-May to Tarik's covered driveway at 667 San Diego Avenue. **Call Tarik at 408-745-1241, prior to dropping off your items.** 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! **Volunteers Needed:** All attendees will bring dishes for the Potluck dinner, need help with set up or clean-up, registration table (give out wristbands for ice cream), kids activities etc.
Guest Speaker for April: Unable to attend.
For full minutes, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/SNAIL2022APR>
-Jenny Purushotma



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