



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

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## September 2022



### GENERAL MEETING

**Thursday September 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 PM**

**SNAIL Community Meeting via Zoom Login:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89925706502>

or: <https://tinyurl.com/SNAILZOOM>

Meeting ID: 899 2570 6502

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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: 10/6, 11/3, 12/1

### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Welcome to fall everyone. We had a wonderful National Night Out event, and I want to thank everyone who brought appetizers, desserts, and shared their homemade dishes.

A big **THANK YOU** to our wonderful sponsors:

- ★ **The City of Sunnyvale** for sponsoring our event, again this year, with a generous grant.
- ★ **Shane Jacksteit**, Edward Jones – Financial Advisor, for sponsoring our entertainment, *The Joint Chiefs* band, returning for the third year.
- ★ **Renna Shee**, <https://rennashee.com>, for providing our traditional ice cream truck.

**Thank You** to the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety for bringing the fire trucks and police motorcycles.

**Thank You** to the representatives from the Sunnyvale City Council, and the County of Santa Clara for participating in our SNAIL NNO.

**Thank You** to all of the city staff for sharing the programs offered to the residents of Sunnyvale.

**Thank You** to neighbors Shrikant & Akshta Nagori who provided a small dog pen, where three little dogs had the opportunity to meet and play with one another.

We were also delighted to welcome the newest Little Free Library on the street. While you are walking the neighborhood, "take a book and leave a book" for the next person.

Our next community event will be our candidate forum for those of us in District 5. We will have the opportunity to hear from the two candidates for the city council seat on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM. This will be an online event that everyone can join to determine the most qualified candidate to represent us. Questions were submitted and sent to Elaine Manley, our moderator and Co-president of the League of Women Voters. There are two candidates running for District 5, so please make an educated vote after listening to the candidate forum on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. See the updated candidate forum flyer on this page for more details and how to log in.

I wish all children and young adults a happy return to school with a hope that we are now returning to some kind of normalcy.

Happy fall everyone,  
-Valérie Suarès

### SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION: DRIVE SAFELY!



The Sunnyvale school year started on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Do you know that 35 percent of Bishop Elementary and Columbia Middle students walk to school? That is 380 kids walking in our neighborhood every weekday! Please do your part to keep our children safe: Take it slow. The speed limit by Bishop and Columbia is 25 mph or less.

Leave earlier so you aren't rushed and can pause to let pedestrians go first at the crosswalk.

Be alert when driving on Maude Avenue, Borregas Avenue, Duane Avenue, and Fair Oaks Avenue. Students cross these roads to get to school.

Bishop Principal Tara Lubrano asks parents to "be mindful of ALL crosswalks in our community, including the ones in our parking lot."

-Peggy Brewster, Lauren Ledbetter  
<https://www.snailtrafficsafety.org>

### SNAIL 2022 EVENT CALENDAR – SAVE THE DATES

Date/Time	Event Name	Organizer
Thurs, Sep 22 7:00 PM [sharp!] to 9:00 PM	Candidate Forum Online Zoom Event District 5	Valérie Suarès 408-390-3335
Tues, Nov 8	City Council Elections SNAIL District 5	Sunnyvale District Elections
Dec-Jan	Red Bows	Dorit Chapman

### SUNNYVALE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 5 CANDIDATES ONLINE FORUM

**DATE:** Thursday, September 22, 2022

**TIME:** Zoom meeting opens at 6:40 PM, forum starts at 7:00 PM sharp, and ends at 8:30 PM

**VIRTUAL FORUM LINK:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87092881570>

SNAIL and LWVCS are hosting the virtual forum.

Two candidates are running:

Satyam Davé and Richard Mehlinger.

This year the format will be different: After a 5-minute introduction, candidates will be separated in waiting rooms. We will ask the first candidate 12 questions. The second candidate will answer the same 12 questions.

Next, we will have about 10 minutes Q&A with the audience. The first set of questions come from questions submitted in advance. The final 10 minutes of questions will come from the audience.

Based on our random drawing, Satyam Davé will go first, followed by Richard Mehlinger.

Please email your questions in advance to: [presidents@lwvcs.org](mailto:presidents@lwvcs.org)

To see which district you are in, click here:

<https://tinyurl.com/SvaleDistrictsMap>

You can also read the candidate's statements by following this link: <https://tinyurl.com/SvaleCandidateStatements>

Scroll down to pages 5 and 6 to see both District 5 candidate's statements.

## THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - Patricia's Reflections



I grew up in a family of modest means. We were not poor, but my parents had to be very careful with our budget. Prioritized expenditures included a home in good repair, healthy food, and clothing that would last. Among the things that were free, education was the most precious. We celebrated learning with each story our father read to us, each school day recounted

over dinner, and one new outfit, including new school shoes, not to be worn until the first day of school.

The ten minutes spent walking to my elementary school was a quiet time with which to anticipate the day. On that first day of school, I would wonder whether my best friend from the last school year would be in my class and what she would think of my new shoes and dress. (For girls, dresses were the required school attire.) We waited outside, being assigned to a queue for our class. Our teachers, one at a time, would call their students to walk, single file and quietly, to the classroom. Typically, the students who needed the most learning support were assigned to the front rows of desks, and those who had performed well the previous year were seated toward the back of the classroom.

The moment instruction began, I forgot about my new dress and shoes. I would think about them again during recess when my friends and I would attempt to glance, unnoticed, at each other's first-day outfits, our silent comparisons based more on our degree of self-confidence in our appearance than on the choice of clothing styles. Soon, we dashed off (no running, please!) to join a game or find a place to play without competition.

At the close of that first day of elementary school, we received a list of items we would need to bring from home a few days hence. At the five-and-dime store, my sister and I would gather crayons, pencils, and erasers and choose a colorful oilcloth to protect the top of our classroom desk. And each year, we would pay a ritual visit to my granduncle, who could be counted on to provide the cigar boxes that would hold our school supplies as well as safety scissors the school provided. Walking to school that few days later, those materials in a paper bag, my enthusiasm for learning—what was, for me, thinking-play—deepened.

These are among my indelible memories: taking out my oilcloth and smoothing it over the wooden top of my desk, sharpening yellow pencils before practicing math facts and enjoying the cedar-wood smell of the shavings, reading aloud in the classroom and at home, and practicing penmanship in a copybook, with the "handicap" of being left-handed. On the playground, I gently pumped my legs on a swing or jumped in synchronized fashion while two girls turned a cotton braided rope like the ones our mothers used as a clothesline.

In 2022, as our children ready themselves for another year of education, much has changed from the time of my childhood. However, these things are still values we can share: enthusiasm for learning, care for our belongings, attention to the difference between what is necessary and what is only nice-to-have, humble self-confidence, respect for others, time for outdoor play and exercise, encouragement to do our best, and satisfaction with what we are able to accomplish.

-Patricia Collins, [patricia@patriciawrites.com](mailto:patricia@patriciawrites.com)



## COLUMBIA NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER (CNC) NEWS

For current information on programs, call CNC at 408-730-7800 or email [CNC@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:CNC@sunnyvale.ca.gov) or visit: <http://tinyurl.com/SVCNC>.

**Drop-In Fitness Room Hours:** Open Monday through Friday, 3:30 to 8:00 PM and Saturdays, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Come work out in the CNC Fitness Room with cardio machines, strength training stations and free weights. Wear athletic shoes, bring a towel and water. Must be Sunnyvale residents, \$1 per session. High school students with signed parent consent waiver. Middle school students are free, must attend with a paying parent/guardian.

**Drop in Technology Assistance:** Starting Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, every other Friday, 4:00 – 5:00 PM. Bring your tech device (iPhone, tablet, laptop) and questions. High school volunteers will be here to assist. Free and open to anyone.

**Free Food Distribution, Family Harvest:** The fourth Wednesday of the month, 4:15 – 5:15 pm. Families in need of food are invited to register for the Family Harvest Program, a monthly food distribution program. Families drive through the CNC/CMS parking lot (739 Morse Ave.) and volunteers load about 100 pounds of food (dry, can and fresh food) into each car with no contact. The next distribution is scheduled for Wed., September 28.

**Free Nutrition Education Classes (In-Person):** Program begins on Thursday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> in the evening and runs for 16-weeks, meeting every other week. VeggieRx by Fresh Approach returns to CNC with in-person format. Learn to choose healthier options and lifestyle tricks. Earn produce vouchers for local produce at the Farmer's Market. Call CNC to be added to the interest list. Fresh Approach will provide a detailed program flyer and registration link soon.

**ShapeUp Sunnyvale – Fitness and Healthy Cooking Program:** Funded by El Camino Healthcare District. Free and priority for low-income residents. Take home a weekly meal kit for a healthy home cooked meal and/or sign up for fitness activities. Open to Sunnyvale residents, registration required. Call to add your name to the interest list.

**Zumba Classes:** Wed: 6:15 – 7:15 PM, starting Sept. 12! Mon: 6:30 – 7:30 PM. Adults 18+, high school students (14-17) with signed parent consent, middle school students with parent or guardian present. Pay what you can, donations welcome. No childcare and children may not wait in the lobby or gym.

**Youth Drop-In Gym @ CNC (Basketball):** Fridays, 7:00 – 10:00 PM. Indoor youth drop-in basketball for middle and high school youth. Fees are \$1 for Residents/\$2 for Non-Residents. Must have current school ID and signed parent consent form. Bring your own ball. Program will be canceled if no one shows after the first hour.

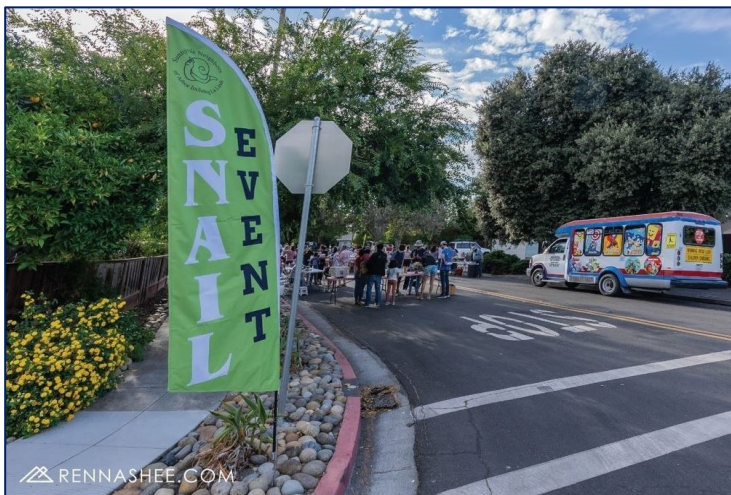
-Angela Chan, Youth & Family Resources Manager



Rory lives on E. Arbor and is a naughty, but very smart 4-month-old Chihuahua. She enjoys "chilling" in the sun and taking long walks to smell the neighborhood. Her one true love in the world is food, and she will do all her tricks for food.

-Submitted by Shrikant Nagori

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: BAR-B-Q, POTLUCK, ICE CREAM TRUCK & MORE!!



Ice Cream Truck Courtesy of SNAIL NNO Sponsor RENNA SHEE



Marty, Barbara and Gabby (Fresh Approach) Enjoying Plumcots.



Lion-Face Painted by SNAIL's Very Own Shelley Capovilla.



DPS's Finest: Fire Trucks/Police Motorcycles on Display



Future Fire Chiefs



Valerie in SNAIL Board



Little Dogs Playing at NNO Party

### 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, September 16<sup>th</sup>**. Send an email to: [SNAILeditor@snail.org](mailto:SNAILeditor@snail.org)

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

**Guest:** Richard Mehlinger <https://www.richardforsunnyvale.com>

**Candidate Forum: Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> for District Elections:** Richard Mehlinger is running as candidate for City Council Seat representing District 5. His one opponent dropped out of the race. We will know August 12<sup>th</sup> if there will be another candidate. If no opponent, then League of Women Voters will not hold a 'debate' on their Zoom account. Alternate: hold a Town Hall on Oct 6<sup>th</sup> at SNAIL monthly meeting time.

- If no one else runs against him, we cannot have a debate forum on the scheduled date.
- It will have to be a Townhall, and it will be on our regular SNAIL monthly meeting, Oct 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Please think of questions you would like answered by sending an email to Marco and Valérie with topics and/or questions important to you and the District 5 neighborhood residents.

**LFL Update - Valerie and Dorit:** Dorit's LFL was completed 7/4/2022 on E. Arbor. Eric/Peggy's house on the corner of Morse/Duane will be the next LFL project. The Troop Master identified a new scout to organize the project at Morse/Duane.

**Thomas:** Need to update LFL Map/Brochure (Valerie)

**Dorit:** Took much effort to bring her LFL to meet requirements, i.e., must be watertight, have a latch, roof, and be above ground on a stand.

**Red Bows (Dec. - Jan.): Update - Dorit:**

- A few reps have responded to emails and newsletter requests for Red Bows. Made good progress: needed 10 and have signed up six reps so far. Still need reps for Santa Christina, W/E Hemlock, 700 Block of Borregas and Del Norte.
- Any bows left for distribution? One box of 12.

**For full minutes, please visit:** <https://tinyurl.com/SNAIL2022AUG>  
 -Barbara Brunasso Oliver, SNAIL Secretary



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