



S.N.A.I.L. News

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



SNAIL SAYS GOODBYE TO A LONGTIME NEIGHBOR

It is with great sadness that we learn of the passing of one of our longtime SNAIL community members, Bonnie Lloyd, who passed away on August 26, 2022.

Bonnie served as Vice-chair in 2010, was the Treasurer in 2011 and 2012 and, in 2014, became the Social Secretary, organizing community outings and monthly neighborhood dinners. She kept organizing events until 2019. It is thanks to her that SNAIL became an official 501c4 non-profit.

Bonnie loved to draw, and she contributed to the newsletters with monthly cartoons of snails as early as 2010. To view her monthly contributions, visit <https://www.snail.org>, look for the archives and start viewing the newsletters from 2010 until June 2018. She signed her cartons with her initials (BL).

Bonnie always had a smile, and I am sure she will forgive me, as we bid her farewell with her May 2018 message:

We will miss you Bonnie.

Malcom, her husband, was instrumental in organizing weekly groups of volunteers to serve meals to the homeless residents of the Sunnyvale Armory.

They sold their home on Borregas Avenue and Malcom is now staying at the Memory Care Unit of the Sunrise Senior Living Community on 633 South Knickerbocker Dr, Sunnyvale.

-Valérie Suarès



ELECTION EDUCATION RESOURCES

Your local League of Women Voters is holding many candidate forums and ballot measure explanations. Please check out LWVCS.org under Elections as well as the Main page that has the Calendar of all the events/forums. Another great resource is VotersEdge.org. If you can wait until Oct 26th before mailing your ballot, you will be able to hear a live presentation about the ballot measures. Thank you for taking time to get informed and vote on or before Nov 8th.

-Elaine Manley, Co-President LWV

IF YOU MISSED THE DISTRICT 5 FORUM...

On Sep 22nd we held a Candidate Forum with Richard Mehlinger and Satyam Davé. Excellent questions were asked and answered. Please watch the video at:

<https://youtu.be/TgH2kDfNbl>.

Election Day is Nov 8th – remember to get educated on the people and issues, and vote!

-Valérie Suarès



GENERAL MEETING

Thursday October 6th, 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

One-tap mobile: +16699009128, 89925706502# (San Jose)

Dial by your location: +1 669 900 9128 (San Jose)

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: 11/3, 12/8, 1/12, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4

SNAIL 2022 EVENT CALENDAR – SAVE THE DATES

Date/Time	Event Name	Organizer
Tues, Nov 8	City Council Elections SNAIL District 5	Sunnyvale District Elections
Dec-Jan	Red Bows	Dorit Chapman dorit.chapman@gmail.com



2023 SNAIL OFFICERS ELECTION

SNAIL will hold elections for our 2023 officers at the SNAIL General Meeting on November 4th. If you have attended at least two SNAIL meetings within the last six months or served as an active volunteer within the last 12 months, you may nominate, and/or run for any of our four elected positions. Come join us to nominate a SNAIL member and/or cast your vote for our 2022 SNAIL officers.

The new offices will commence in January 2022.

-Valérie Suarès, SNAIL Chair





SAMHAIN - Patricia's Reflections

Daylight hours are becoming shorter. Autumn harvesting is done. It is a time to celebrate the season's harvest and to transition into those darker days. You are part of the Celtic spiritual tradition of Samhain (a Gaelic word, pronounced SAH-win or SOW-in). It is time for the fire festival. The druid priests will extinguish the village fire in the communal fire pit as a symbol of the year's end and rekindle it to signify new beginnings. But in the days between that first evening and the celebration's close a little more than two days later, you and your neighbors live in a state outside of time. It is a period when caution is especially important because the barrier between the Otherworld and your physical world vaporizes into a mist. The Sidhe spirits—benevolent and evil—may cross over from where ancestors dwell. The darker months will bring their own dangers, but for the fire festival, stranger events may occur. Your village takes precautions.

You dress as an animal or creature that is part of Celtic lore, hoping the Sidhes will not recognize you and take you or your children away. You leave offerings from the harvest. The villagers place sacrifices of bones and animals into the fire (which will later be called a bone-fire or bonfire). You don't go outside once the sun has set.

It is, nevertheless, a time to gather, come in from the fields. Ancestors will likely visit to be updated on the events of the past year, and children will entertain. There is important business to be conducted—perhaps a new monarch will be inaugurated or the trial for a serious crime will be held. You'll see debtors repaying lenders.

You could never anticipate this, living as you do in the year 400 BCE, but within 800 years, a new religious group called Christians will arrive to attempt to convert you all—people they call "pagans"—to their religion. They will try to eliminate Samhain...and will fail. So, they will try blending some Samhain traditions with All Saint's Day, even adding an All Souls' Day to acknowledge those who have passed from this physical world. They will eventually celebrate All Hallows' Eve on October 31st with a Christian calendar that marks the changes in seasons in a way that would seem strange to those in your village. Samhain does not appear on their calendar, though it would be October 31st that matches the time of your fire festival.

Your descendants will live in Northern Wales, Ireland, and Scotland. And when a famine strikes particularly hard in Ireland, those descendants will flee to a world you cannot imagine. They will bring with them the tradition of putting on costumes and singing songs to their ancestors for the village's entertainment. They will be given cakes for their efforts. (Even then, it will be best to be looking out for the Sidhes, who still love to play tricks on humans.) Instead of carving turnips, as was the tradition, these New World descendants will carve pumpkins and light candles. And your descendants will send you wishes for a happy Halloween.

-Patricia Collins, 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 or visit: <http://tinyurl.com/SVCNC>.

Drop in Technology Assistance: Fridays, Oct. 14th and 18th, 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., October 26th.

U-Jam Classes: Tuesdays: 6:30 – 7:30 PM in the CMS Multi-Purpose Room. A fun, cardio workout with easy to learn dances steps to tone up muscles and get the heart rate up. 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 facility.

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: Mondays: 6:30 – 7:30 PM and Wednesdays: 6:15 – 7:15 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



STOP JUNK MAIL ONCE AND FOR ALL

Junk mail is not just a minor annoyance - it's a massive waste of paper! From catalogs to credit card offers, there are over 109 billion pieces of junk mail delivered in the US each year. Save the trees, stop the nuisance. Here are steps anyone can take to declutter their mailbox and make their lives a little more zero waste.

Opt-out of marketer mailing lists through two websites. DMAchoice.org charges \$2 to keep your address off marketing lists for a decade. CatalogChoice.org is a free service that lets you choose which catalogs you don't want to receive.

Stop credit card and insurance offers by creating an account with OptOutPreScreen.com.

If you donate to charities often, go to CharityWatch.org to receive only one donation request per year.

Is any of your unwanted mail political? The back of the material should list a phone number to opt out of future mailings.

-Bailey Hall, Environmental Programs Specialist



NOVEMBER MIDTERM ELECTIONS



With redistricting going into effect this past June, many of us are unsure which districts we're in. There are different districts for U.S. House of Representatives, California State Senate, and California State Assembly, making it somewhat more confusing.

For your convenience, the table below provides candidate information for SNAIL residents who intend to vote in this election. **All elections matter!** You've seen that what happens within a state's government affects local, state, and national policies. As we saw in the 2020 elections, every vote matters in determining the outcomes. Please go to <https://lwc.org/elections> and fill in the right side "Voters' Edge" box to find other California regional and state candidates, such as for the offices of Secretary of State and Controller.

Candidate	Position	Website
Gavin Newsom	CA State Governor	https://gavinnewsom.com/
Brian Dahle		https://briandahle.com/
Eleni Kounalakis	CA State Lieutenant Governor	https://www.eleniforca.com/
Angela Underwood Jacobs		https://angelaforcalifornia.com/
Alex Padilla	U.S. Senator (short term)	https://alex-padilla.com/
Mark Meuser		https://markmeuser.com/
Alex Padilla	U.S. Senator (full term)	https://alex-padilla.com/
Mark Meuser		https://markmeuser.com/
Ro Khanna	District 17	https://www.rokhanna.com/
Ritesh Tandon	U.S. House Rep.	https://tandonforcongress.com/
Lily Mei	District 10 California State Senator	https://lilymei.org/
Aisha Wahab		https://www.aishawahab.com/
Evan Low	District 26 California State	https://www.evanlowforassembly.org/
Tim Gorsulowsky	Assembly Member	(no campaign website found)

-Patricia Collins, patricia@patriciawrites.com

SIDEWALK REPAIR

While walking in the neighborhood, if you see any sidewalk, curb, or apron at a certain address that need to be fixed, repaired or replaced there is a phone number that you can call with the city to report the location of the damage. Call Sunnyvale Public Works at 408-730-7415 to report any area of concern. You can report the damage however please be aware be aware that there is an incredible backlog of damaged sidewalks and curb location. Reporting the issue will be added to the list of the repairs that need to be done.

-Valérie Suarès



CALL FOR LITTLE FREE LIBRARY STEWARDS

The little free library functions as a neighborhood book exchange. The idea is that someone will take a book that piques their interest, and sometime in the future return either that book, or a totally different one.

The Girl Scouts are interested in building a 'Little Free Library' in the SNAIL neighborhood as part of their Silver Award project. The Silver Award is given to those who complete a project that addresses a community need and it is the Girl Scout Cadettes' highest honor.

If you are interested in having a Little Free Library in your front yard, and wish to share the love of books, promote literacy, and cultivate a spirit of generosity, contact me via phone 408-390-3335 or email vsuares@gmail.com and I will connect you with the troop leader.

-Valérie Suarès



We continue to update our SNAIL volunteer listing with all accurate/current volunteers. A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who contacted us (your information was a great help) and to all our NEW RED BOW VOLUNTEERS! We also welcome the new San Alejo community to the holiday decoration festivities.

Below is a list of streets that **WE STILL DO NOT HAVE A VOLUNTEER AND THE STREET WAS NOT DECORATED:**

- W Hemlock
- E Hemlock
- Santa Christina Ct
- Eureka Ct



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A "RED BOW VOLUNTEER" AND DECORATE ANY OF THE ABOVE STREETS, PLEASE LET US KNOW BY SENDING US YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, BLOCK & STREET NAME YOU WOULD LIKE TO DECORATE, PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS TO: dorit.chapman@gmail.com.

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

SUPPLIES: We continue to order supplies as they become available online, as they 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 quantity you need ASAP.



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, October 14th**. Send an email to: SNAILeditor@snail.org

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HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH'S SNAIL ZOOM MEETING

Guest: Richard Mehlinger

- Barry is retiring after 20 years as Dumpster Czar.** He will make a task list to pass on to his successor. Summary - six dumpsters in conjunction with Yard Sale, second weekend in June. Jesse and Marco collected items from the neighborhood and brought them over to the yard sale.
- Bonnie Lloyd** from SNAIL passed away in late August. Bonnie and Malcolm were involved in SNAIL and feeding the homeless at the armory for many years. Valerie will put an acknowledgement in the Newsletter. Her house on Borregas is for sale.
- Candidate Forum:** Richard Mehlinger now has an opponent, but we have had no response from Satyam Dave to either Elaine or Valerie. He is an engineer, lives on Bayview, near California. **Update: Sept 22nd will be a Candidate Forum.**
- Background:** Councilmembers were elected at large until 2018. The Asian Coalition sued the cities for not complying with CA Multicultural Law. City of Sunnyvale switched to six districts with 32-33K people in each. SNAIL is in District 5: <https://tinyurl.com/SValeDistrict5>. The new Councilmember will take his seat in January.
- Troop of Girl Scouts would like to build Little Free Libraries for us. Valerie and Dorit both have one and think it contributes to the neighborhood and is popular.
- Next event is Red Bows on the street trees. They go up the weekend after Thanksgiving until the second weekend in January.
- For the benefit of the two new members, we also have a couple of neighbors dedicated to traffic issues in SNAIL. Bev is on Madrone and Lewis is on Borregas. Both are concerned with speeding.

Richard Mehlinger joined the meeting and introduced himself to the new members.

For full minutes, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/SNAIL2022SEP>
-Jenny Purushotma, Assistant Secretary