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December 2022

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, December 8th, 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. All SNAIL area homeowners, residents and guests are invited. Children are welcome. Membership in SNAIL is always free.

2023 Schedule: 1/12, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4, 6/1, 7/6, 8/3, 9/7, 10/5, 11/2, 12/7



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

It has been a wonderful year for SNAIL and SNAIL's future is bright.

A big Congratulations to Richard Mehlinger who was elected to City Council to represent District 5. He will be a strong advocate for North Sunnyvale.

On Tuesday, January 3rd, Sunnyvale Council will hold its annual Council ceremonial transition meeting and our new District 5 Councilmember, **Richard Mehlinger, will be sworn in at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.** I hope that many of our SNAIL residents will attend the ceremony. This will be a well-attended event so arrive early to get a good seat. If you can attend, it would be great to show our support for Richard.

To close the year, we can look forward to the following:

- **23rd Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration:** *The first Saturday in December (Dec. 3rd) at 5:00 PM* on Historic Murphy Avenue. We will light the holiday tree; Santa will be there, and carolers, choirs, and dance groups will be performing.
- **Caltrain Holiday Train:** Will also be on *December 3rd and will arrive at 7:30 PM at the Downtown Caltrain Station.* The train will be lit for the season with holiday lights, snow, carolers, and music.
- **Sunnyvale Gingerbread Village:** Will be unveiled and on display at the library from *December 4th through January 7th.*
- **Fremont High School Holiday Craft Fair:** Will be back for its 34th year! They will be hosting local vendors with items ranging from clothing to jewelry to cosmetic products and more. The Craft Fair will be held in the main gym on *Saturday, Dec. 3rd from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM and Sunday, Dec. 4th from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM.*
- **Sunnyvale Council In-person Meetings Resume:** For the first time in two and half years on *December 6th.* These will be hybrid meetings, with options for residents to attend in person or via Zoom.

So much is happening to close the year, and I hope you will be able to attend some of these traditional festive events.

I want to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

-Valérie Suarès



SNAIL 2022-2023 EVENT CALENDAR – SAVE THE DATES

Date/Time	Event Name	Organizer
Dec-Jan	Red Bows	Dorit Chapman dorit.chapman@gmail.com
Dec 3, 5:00 PM Murphy Ave.	Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration	https://tinyurl.com/SvaleTreeLighting
Dec 3, 7:30 PM Caltrain Station	Caltrain Holiday Train	https://www.holiday-train.org
Dec 4 thru Jan 7 Sunnyvale Library	Sunnyvale Gingerbread Village	Winnie Lam SunnyvaleArt@gmail.com https://tinyurl.com/SvaleGingerVillage
Dec 3, 10 AM – 4 PM Dec 4, 10 AM – 3 PM Fremont HS Gym	FHS Holiday Craft Fair	https://tinyurl.com/FHSHolidayCraftFair
Dec 6	City Council In-Person Meetings Resume	These will be hybrid meetings, with options for residents to attend in person or via Zoom. https://sunnyvaleca.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx
Jan 3, 7:00 PM Council Chambers 456 W Olive Ave.	City Council Ceremonial Transition Meeting	Richard Mehlinger New District 5 Councilmember will be sworn into office. SNAIL residents encouraged to attend.

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>.

The Great Candy Cane Hunt: Nov. 24, 2022 – Jan. 2, 2023. Go candy cane hunting! Sunnyvale Community Center will be decorated with 4-foot candy canes with the theme of "Winter Holiday Cheer" submitted by community groups. Come check them out.

Breakfast with Santa: Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 8:00 – 9:30 AM or 10:30 AM to Noon at the Sunnyvale Senior Center. Fun arts & crafts, face painting and delicious breakfast with family and friends. Bring camera for photo with Santa. Live entertainment. For tickets (\$10/ticket), call 408-730-7360 or go to the Senior Center at 550 E. Remington Ave., Sunnyvale.

Holiday StoryWalk: Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 9:30 – 11:30 AM at the Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive. Stroll through the park to read a festive story, decorative candy canes and crafts along the way! Book featured – Walking in a Winter Wonderland.

Free Food Distribution, Family Harvest: The fourth Wednesday, 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., December 28th.

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.

Zumba Classes: Mondays: 6:30 – 7:30 PM and Wednesdays: 6:15 – 7:15 PM in the CMS Multi-Purpose Room. A fitness program that involves cardio and Latin-inspired dance. 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.

Drop-In Fitness Room: Monday-Friday, 3:30 – 8:00 PM; Saturday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Get active with cardio machines (treadmill, bikes, ellipticals), strength training machines and free weights. Bring water, towel and wear athletic shoes. \$1, Residents only. High school students with signed parent consent waiver. Middle school students are free, must attend with a paying parent/guardian.

CNC Closed Dates: Friday, Dec. 23 to Monday, Dec. 26 and Friday, Dec. 30 to Monday, Jan. 2, 2023. Call CNC to confirm drop-in program offerings (Zumba, U-Jam, Fitness Room, etc.) during the last two weeks of December.

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) @ CNC Needs New Members: CAC members helps guide CNC programs to reach more residents/families. Meetings are virtual and meets bi-monthly/quarterly. Looking for new members in the following roles: businessperson living or working in Sunnyvale; students, age 13+ that resides in north Sunnyvale; parent; and school district employee. If interested or want more information, please call or email Susan Van Dyne, 408-730-7806 or svandyne@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

COVID-19 Vaccination and Booster Shots with MayView Clinic: Wednesdays, 5:00 – 6:00 PM in the Morse Conference Room. No appointment needed! Get your COVID-19 initial and booster shots based on CDC guidelines. Please bring your vaccine card if you are receiving a booster.

-Angela Chan, Youth & Family Resources Manager



ZERO WASTE HOLIDAYS

Americans produce an average of 25% more garbage between Thanksgiving and New Year's. Follow these tips to celebrate the holidays waste-free.

- ♻️ **Gift Differently.** Get inspired at SimplifyTheHolidays.org with meaningful ideas for homemade, experiential, skill-sharing or donation-based gifts.
- ♻️ **Out-of-the-Box Wrapping.** Challenge yourself to waste-free wrapping. Try gift bags, recycled paper, cloth wrapping or reusable cloth gift tags.
- ♻️ **Make the Most of Your Food.** Check out StopFoodWaste.org for tips to keep your produce fresher longer and use leftovers creatively.
- ♻️ **Update Your Holiday Tree.** Decorate your potted plants with tinsel, ornaments or lights to transform your space. Or rent a potted tree that lives on after you return it. Search "Christmas tree rentals" online to learn more.

-Bailey Hall, Environmental Programs Specialist

SNAIL RECYCLING PROGRAM



Please consider contributing to our SNAIL Recycling Program by dropping off your *cleaned and separated* California Refund Value (CRV) cans and plastic containers (no glass, please) to the home of Dorit Chapman or Valérie Suarès. All the money generated will go towards the SNAIL community's events. With everyone's contributions since Dec. 2021, we have collected: *405 lbs. in aluminum and 289 lbs. in plastic allowing us to contribute \$590 toward National Night Out and \$435 towards purchasing new red bows for the community.* Way to Go SNAIL; keep your recycling coming! For more information, please email: Dorit Chapman, dorit.chapman@gmail.com or Valérie Suarès, vsuares@gmail.com



CITY OF SUNNYVALE – UPCOMING MEETINGS

<https://sunnyvaleca.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Name	Date	Time	Location
Community Event and Neighborhood Grant Distribution Subcommittee	12/6	10:00 AM	https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/97078359003 -or- Call-in: 833-548-0282 Meeting ID 970 7835 9003
City Council	12/6	7:00 PM	https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/96111580540
City Council	12/13	7:00 PM	https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/96111580540
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission	12/15	6:30 PM	https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/97997417379

Watch the City Council meetings on television over Comcast Channel 15 at: <http://youtube.com/SunnyvaleMeetings> or <https://sunnyvaleca.legistar.com/calendar.aspx>

Submit written comments to the City Council up to four hours prior to the meeting to council@sunnyvale.ca.gov or by mail to City Clerk, 603 All America Way, Sunnyvale, CA 94086.

ACCESS TO HIGH SCHOOL IN NORTH SUNNYVALE

We have formed the group Sunnyvale for Equity in Education (SEE) to address inequitable access to high school in North Sunnyvale. We'd like to talk to families that can share how they get their children to Fremont High School from the SNAIL neighborhood. We also would like to hear more about the closing of Sunnyvale High School in 1981. If you can share your personal experience regarding high schools in this area, please send us an email:

SunnyvaleEquityinEducation@gmail.com. We also welcome neighbors that are interested in this topic to join the advocacy group to email SunnyvaleEquityinEducation@gmail.com.

-Peggy Brewster

**COMMUNITY: SUNNYVALE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Awarded \$100,000 Grant to Deter Unsafe Behaviors,
Increase Safety on Roads.**



The Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety will increase patrols throughout the community and provide other traffic safety programs to help reduce the number of serious injuries and deaths on roads.

“This grant funding allows us to support our ongoing traffic safety efforts in the community,” Department of Public Safety Captain Daniel Pistor said. “Our intent is to stop the most unlawful and dangerous behaviors that put people at risk and create an environment where everyone feels safe traveling.”

The grant will provide additional programs and resources, including:

- DUI checkpoints and patrols focused on stopping suspected impaired drivers.
- High visibility distracted driving enforcement operations targeting drivers in violation of California’s hands-free cell phone law.
- Enforcement operations focused on the most dangerous driver behaviors that put the safety of people biking or walking at risk.
- Enforcement operations focused on top violations that cause crashes: speeding, failure to yield, stop sign and/or red-light running, and improper turning or lane changes.
- Community presentations on traffic safety issues such as distracted driving, impaired driving, speeding, bicycle and pedestrian safety.
- Collaborative enforcement efforts with neighboring agencies.
- Officer training and/or recertification: Standard Field Sobriety Test (SFST) and Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE).
- The grant program will run through September 2023.
- Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

SNAIL TRAFFIC SAFETY



Given the new public safety award granted (see article in left column), we would like to ask the DPS to address the SNAIL community about road safety in our area if there is interest. If you would attend a presentation about traffic safety, please email SNAILTrafficSafety@gmail.com. That email can also be used to document unsafe road behavior you've seen in our neighborhood. Remember the emergency (911) and non-emergency (408-730-7180) DPS phone numbers to report directly to the Department of Public Safety. Access Sunnyvale is a great online website to request service: <https://sunnyvale.dynamics365portals.us>.

-Peggy Brewster, SNAIL Traffic Safety

**DOWNTOWN SUNNYVALE RESTAURANT
PROMOTIONS**

LILLY MAC'S WEEKLY EVENTS! ON GOING

187 S Murphy Ave. / <http://www.lillymacs.com>



- Monday** – Comedy 8:00 PM
- Wednesday** – Pub Trivia 7:00 PM
- Thursday** – Karaoke 9:00 PM
- Friday, Saturday** – Live Music/DJ
- Sunday** – Live Jazz/Blues

OFF THE RAILS WEEKEND SPECIAL BRUNCH! ON GOING

111 S Murphy Ave. / <https://www.offtherailsbrewing.com>



Located on Historic Murphy Avenue in downtown Sunnyvale, Off The Rails Brewing Co. proudly crafts its beers on site and prepares food in an open kitchen using the best ingredients in a family-friendly atmosphere.

FUEGO SPORTS BAR & CLUB

140 S Murphy Ave / <https://fuegosportsbarandclub.com>



Join us and try our Buffalo Wings, Calamari, Pepperoni Pizza, Tacos, Flautas, Garlic Fries and many more Delicious Appetizers! Plus, draft beer,

cocktails all during Happy Hour. Taco Tuesdays!

- Monday-Friday** – 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Saturday** – 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Sunday** – 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM

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, Dec. 16th**. Send an email to: SNAILeditor@snail.org

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HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH'S SNAIL ZOOM MEETING

Guests: Richard Mehlinger, (City Councilmember, District 5); Naomi Nakano Matsumoto (Office of Supervisor Otto Lee)

1. 2023 SNAIL Officers Elected:

- **Chair:** Valérie Suarès
- **Vice-chair:** Marcos Vasquez
- **Secretary:** Denise Perez
- **Treasurer:** Dorit Chapman

2. Richard Mehlinger (for Mayor Klein)

- Free Child-Safety Gun Locks are available for any citizen; details are on the city website. A gun control ordinance is coming back in December. Richard will pass along information when he has it at his disposal.

3. SNAIL Upcoming Events

- **Red Bows:** Neighborhood trees decorated the week of Thanksgiving; taken down the second weekend in January.
- **Earth Day:** Saturday, April 22, 2023.
- **Yard Sale:** Second weekend in June (10th and 11th)
- **Dumpster Czar:** Need to replace Barry Boole. Czar contacts the City in a timely manner to book the dumpsters; identifies neighbor Monitors who are willing to have dumpsters located in front of their home. Monitors also ensure that prohibited items are not put in the dumpsters. Jesse will have a chat with Barry and consider taking on the Czar duty.
- **National Night Out:** Tuesday, August 1st.

4. Peggy's Little Free Library: The new LFL will appear within the next month at the corner of Morse and Duane. Peggy's hoping it will be open by the end of the year.

5. Advocacy for a High School in North Sunnyvale: Peggy is looking at starting a group to advocate for equity in accessing HS in North Sunnyvale.

6. IMPORTANT – New Dates for December and January Monthly SNAIL Meetings: December 8, January 12

For full minutes, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/SNAIL2022NOV>
-Barbara Brunasso Oliver, Secretary; Valérie Suarès, SNAIL Chair