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January 2023



GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, January 12th, 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: 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to 2023!



I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and were able to return safely during the weather impacted travels. As the year ends, I would like to acknowledge the many SNAIL members and volunteers for your extraordinary commitment to our community. To all: our newsletter writers, designers, distributors, scout leaders, and our special event coordinators and contributors, I would like to express my deepest gratitude for your dedication for making SNAIL such a great community. SNAIL is a great neighborhood because of every one of you. I also would like to thank the City of Sunnyvale for their continued support of our annual National Night Out street potluck party in August.

Let me introduce our 2023 SNAIL officers:

Marco Vasquez, Vice-chair

Dorit Chapman, Treasurer

Denise Perez, Secretary

Yours truly, as your Chair

We look forward to the newly elected Richard Mehlinger to represent District 5 residents on the City Council and hope he will take on and support the many requests we have had over the years to make SNAIL a better place.

Happy New Year everyone!

-Valérie Suarès

SNAIL'S RED BOWS TRADITION SPREADS CHEER

THANK YOU to all the Red Bow reps for making our SNAIL neighborhood look so beautiful and festive this year! We had many new volunteers and many more streets decorated than we have had in the past years, so THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

If your street was not decorated with Red Bows, and you would like to participate in 2023, please let me know by sending your information (name, address, street to decorate, and total number of trees) to the email address below.

As January arrives and we to take the bows down by January 14th, it is the perfect time to count your total number of trees and how many NEW BOWS you will need for next year (for undecorated trees and for bows that have seen better days). Please send that count to Dorit Chapman at dorit.chapman@gmail.com

Again, thank you all for making our SNAIL neighborhood beautiful this year!

-Dorit Chapman, Red Bow Coordinator

SNAIL WELCOMES TWO NEW NEIGHBORHOODS

This year, we welcomed two new housing developments on San Aleso Avenue to our SNAIL Community: *Elev8tions HOA* and *370 Aleso Owners Association*.

I would like to extend an invitation to our new neighbors to send articles of interest to our growing neighborhood that can be included in our monthly newsletter publications.

If you are planning an event or would like to have a special pet mentioned in our "Pet of the Month" feature or any other subjects of interest, send your articles to SNAILeditor@snail.org and we will review your articles to be included in the next month's newsletter publication. Welcome to SNAIL, Sunnyvale's most active community!

-Denise Perez, SNAIL Newsletter Editor

SNAIL 2022-2023 EVENT CALENDAR – SAVE THE DATES

Date/Time	Event Name	Organizer
Dec-Jan	Red Bows	Dorit Chapman dorit.chapman@gmail.com
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.



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\$17.95 Per Hour
Effective January 1, 2023**

Visit Sunnyvale.ca.gov, Minimum Wage for additional information and to print legal posters.

If you have any questions, contact us at 408-730-7902, 408-730-7501 or minimumwage@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

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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>.

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) @ CNC Needs New Members: CAC members help guide CNC programs to reach more residents/families. Meetings are virtual and meet 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.

Sunnyvale Community Services: Tuesdays, 3:00 – 5:00 PM. Information and help with food, emergency financial assistance, rental or housing issues/assistance, applying for public assistance programs and legal assistance. No appt. necessary, first come, first served.

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.

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., January 25th.

NEW! Recreation Scholarship Program: (Formerly Fee Waiver Program). The program cycle is Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2023. Applications available now on the city website or at CNC. Sunnyvale families with children aged 17 and younger can apply and, if approved, each child will have a \$500 credit to use towards any recreation activity offered by City of Sunnyvale. Income limits have been increased.

U-Jam Classes: Tuesdays: 6:30 – 7:30 PM in the CMS Multi-Purpose Room. A fun, cardio workout with easy to learn dance 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.

FREE! Youth Drop-in Basketball @ CNC: Fridays, 7:00 – 10:00 PM. Indoor youth drop-in basketball for middle and high school youth. 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 and must attend with a paying parent/guardian.

-Angela Chan, Youth & Family Resources Manager

GIRL SCOUT TROOP HELPS DECORATE SNAIL TREES WITH RED BOWS



On November 27th, Girl Scout Troop #60346 helped spread holiday cheer by decorating parts of the SNAIL neighborhood with the famed Red Bows. Several days beforehand, the troop was rigorously trained by Red Bows aficionados, Dorit and Dave Chapman. Sunday, the girls were then set loose upon East and West Hemlock and Santa Christina Court, eager to complete their mission with a flurry of ribbon, scissor snips, and giant Red Bows.

As a token of appreciation, troop members (comprised of Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students from Bishop Elementary) received certificates from District 3 County Supervisor, Otto Lee and Sunnyvale Mayor, Larry Klein. Also in attendance were newly elected District 5 Representative Richard Mehlinger, FUHSD Board Member Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto, and SNAIL Neighborhood Community Chair Valérie Suarès.





-Eileen Bloom, Treasurer, Girl Scout Troop #60346



PET OF THE MONTH

If you would like to submit your pet for Pet of the Month, send an email to the SNAIL editor with a photo and include:



-  Your name,
-  Your pet's name,
-  Your street name, and
-  Anything you would like to say about your pet to:

SNAILeditor@snail.org.



Personal Emergency Preparedness

WHEN AND WHERE

Date and time

Sun, Jan 8, 2023, 2:00 PM PST

Location

Sunnyvale Fire Station #5
1210 Bordeaux Drive
Sunnyvale, CA 94089

ABOUT THIS EVENT

🕒 2 hours 30 minutes

🔗 <https://tinyurl.com/Mobile-eTicket>

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR A DISASTER?

Earthquakes, fires, floods, pandemics, power outages, chemical spills... these are just some of the disasters than can strike our area without warning. After a disaster strikes, professional emergency services may not be available to help you for several days. Are you fully prepared to take care of yourself and your family if the need arises?

Our **Personal Emergency Preparedness** class can help you prepare for disasters. It will teach you about the various disasters you might face, what preparations you can make for them, and how to prioritize. This is a 2½-hour class taught at Sunnyvale Fire Station 5, 1210 Bordeaux Drive, near the intersection of Highway 237 and Mathilda Avenue.

This class is presented by Sunnyvale Emergency Response Volunteers (SERV), the volunteer arm of the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety, Office of Emergency Services, as part of the **Listos California** campaign: <https://www.listoscalifornia.org/>.

2023 SNAIL RECYCLING PROGRAM



Please consider contributing to our SNAIL Recycling Program in 2023 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 goes towards the SNAIL community's events. In 2022, we 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: Valérie Suarès, vsuares@gmail.com or Dorit Chapman dorit.chapman@gmail.com.



CITY OF SUNNYVALE – UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

Name	Date	Time	Location
City Council	1/3	7:00 PM	https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/96111580540
Planning Commission	1/9	5:30 PM	https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/91827390357
City Council	1/10	7:00 PM	https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/96111580540
Parks and Recreation Commission	1/11	7:00 PM	Council Chambers, City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086
City Council	1/26	7:00 PM	https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/96111580540
City Council	1/31	6:00 PM	Special: Moffett Specific Plan https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/93276123346

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.

LETTER FROM OUR NEW DISTRICT 5 COUNCILMEMBER

Dear SNAIL residents,

My name is Richard Mehlinger, and I have the tremendous honor to have been elected city councilmember for Sunnyvale, District 5, including SNAIL. I want to thank the people of SNAIL and District 5 for choosing to entrust me with this great honor and responsibility.

I intend to have an open-door policy and will be establishing regular office hours soon. I do not yet have my official Council email address. Please feel free to reach out to me at richard4sunnyvale@gmail.com if you would like to meet or discuss any issues.

The voting for the District 3 councilmember ended in a tie between candidates Murali Srinivasan and Justin Wang after two recounts. If there are no challenges, the tied results will be certified, and Sunnyvale clerk David Carnahan will oversee breaking the tie through a drawing lot process. The two candidates will write their names on pieces of paper, which will then be drawn from an opaque container, such as a box or bag. This will take place in the Council Chambers on 1/3/2023 at 10:30 AM and it will be streamed on the City Clerk's YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/sunnyvalemeetings>

Here's wishing you all a very happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Richard Mehlinger

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

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HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH'S SNAIL ZOOM MEETING
Guests: N/A

1. SNAIL Upcoming 2023 Events: (Tentative Dates)

- **Earth Day:** Saturday, April 22
- **Dumpster Day:** Saturday, June 10
- **Yard Sale:** Saturday/Sunday, June 10/11
- **National Night Out (NNO):** Tuesday, August 1

2. Peggy and Erik's Little Free Library (LFL)

- The new LFL will appear within the next month at the corner of Morse and Duane.

3. Sunnyvale for Equity in Education (SEE)

- We've formed a group to advocate for short and long-term solutions to inequitable access to public high schools in Sunnyvale, especially from North Sunnyvale. If you're interested in joining the cause, please email: sunnyvaleEquityinEducation@gmail.com.

4. Traffic Safety

- There's new signage and yellow light crossing beacons in-ground and above the signs.
- Tree branches need to be trimmed and a work request has been submitted.
- Update on the Ro Khanna-supported funding of \$800,000 for crosswalks at Borregas/Hemlock and Borregas/Duane (as well as an intersection near Braly elementary).
- Larry Klein, Richard Mehlinger, Naomi and Otto Lee all saw the difficulty crossing Borregas at Hemlock, at the red bow ceremony.

5. Dumpster Czar: Jesse Blieberg to replace Barry Boole as the new Dumpster Czar. The 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.

6. IMPORTANT –January Monthly SNAIL Meeting: January 12

For full minutes, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/SNAIL2022DEC>
-Jenny Purushotma; Valérie Suarès, SNAIL Chair