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February 2023



GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, February 2nd, 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: 3/2, 4/6, 5/4



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

We have much to celebrate this month:

Heart health, Black History Month, Presidents Day, Children's dental health, Cancer prevention, and Valentine's Day.

But more importantly we celebrate the rain. After such a long drought period, with just a few drops of rain here and there, we've had weeks of pounding storms, flooding and seemingly endless rain, which has lessened the severity of California's drought. Experts say it hasn't made it all go away just yet, despite the consecutive atmospheric rivers that have drenched California since before Christmas.

Planting season is just around the corner, and with a few more days of rain, select the seeds you want to plant in your garden. They will have a good start for the spring.

If the rain continues through Valentine's Day, we may be forced to create some unconventional activities to express our gratitude for the ones we care about; here is what I have been thinking: Make breakfast, cook a complex meal, draw a bubble bath, come home and binge a new (or old) show, check out and enjoy a local show or concert, turn the living room into a ballroom, plan for a surprise backyard picnic, or better yet, take a long walk to one of the nine SNAIL Neighborhood Little Free Libraries, with a book in hand to drop off after you pick one up.

-Valérie Suarès

SNAIL 2022-2023 EVENT CALENDAR – SAVE THE DATES

Date/Time	Event Name	Organizer
Sat, Apr 22	SNAIL Earth Day	Dorit Chapman dorit.chapman@gmail.com Marco Vasquez (408) 480-6173 Jenny Purushotma (408) 859-9768
Sat, June 10	SNAIL Dumpster Day	Jesse Blieberg (650) 254-6066
Sat/Sun, June 10-11	SNAIL Yard Sale 667 San Diego Ave.	Barbara Brunasso (626) 628-7993 Tarik Peterson (408) 745-1241
Tues, Aug 1	National Night Out E Arbor, between N. Bayview and Morse	Valérie Suarès 408-390-3335 Dorit Chapman dorit.chapman@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER BLOCK REP NEEDED

Monthly



Newsletter

SNAIL needs a newsletter distributor for the 700 block of Manzanita. Newsletters are delivered to the neighborhood homes the weekends prior to the SNAIL monthly meetings that are held the first Thursday

of each month.

If you live on that block or live nearby, have time in your schedule, and are interested in volunteering, please contact Dorit Chapman by email at: dorit.chapman@gmail.com as soon as possible for additional information. Please include your name, address, and contact information. Thank you.

-Dorit Chapman, Newsletter Distribution Coordinator

FRESHER PRODUCE, FULLER WALLET



When fresh produce goes bad, it's hard on the environment and your wallet. You can prevent that by learning more about how to store your food. Follow these tips to keep your vegetables, fruits and herbs fresher for longer.

- 🌱 Store leafy greens with a damp cloth in an airtight container in the fridge. Soak wilted greens in ice water for 5-10 minutes to bring back their crunch.
 - 🌱 Preserve your herbs (besides basil) by putting them in a cup with water, like a flower bouquet. Put a plastic bag over and store in the fridge to get fresh herbs for weeks.
 - 🌱 Don't wash berries or stone fruits until you're ready to eat them. Keep them in the fridge in the meantime or freeze in a container to enjoy them for months.
 - 🌱 Potatoes and onions prefer darker places in your pantry in a breathable bag. But whatever you do, don't store these next to each other!
 - 🌱 There's storage guides for all kinds of food, fresh or otherwise. Check out comprehensive storage guides by <https://savethefood.com> and <https://stopfoodwaste.org>.
- Bailey Hall, Environmental Programs Specialist

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., Feb. 22nd.

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.

Camp Columbia: Drop in recreation camp for youth, age 6-13. Feb. 21-24 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM in the CMS Multi-Purpose Room. Games, arts & crafts and fun with new and old friends. Complete registration and emergency form on first day. Cost: Half Day - \$23 Resident/\$29 Non-Resident; Full Day - \$47 Resident/\$59 Non-Resident.

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

PUZZLE LIBRARY ON MADRONE

I have always been a fan of the jigsaw puzzle (all puzzles, really) but the pandemic brought them back to the forefront. When I was a kid, I would glue the puzzle together and put it up on my walls, now I just take a picture and disassemble it. My friends and I pass around the puzzles that we had completed and there were always enough to keep me busy. Eventually, my friends didn't want their puzzles back and my collection grew out of control. For years I had considered building a Little Free Library (LFL) for puzzles and this summer I finally got around to it. I used cabinet doors I picked up free from the street across from Bishop School for three of the sides, and plywood from a neighbor's discarded skateboard ramp for the other side and roof. I shaved down a 4x6 from a pergola a friend took down for the post. The paint was left over from my chicken coop, and it is named after my backyard farm. Come by and browse the selection at **669 Madrone Ave.**, there is always a good variety.

-Heather Mellows



CITY OF SUNNYVALE – UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

Name	Date	Time	Location
City Council	2/7	7:00 PM	https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/96111580540
Planning Commission	2/13	5:30 PM	https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/91827390357
City Council	2/14	7:00 PM	https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/96111580540
Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Comm.	2/16	7:00 PM	https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/91827390357
Sustainability Commission	2/21	7:00 PM	https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/87351330039
City Council	2/28	6:00 PM	Special Meeting: Board and Commission Interviews https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/87078135704

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.



FREMONT HIGH TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

Sunnyvale Equity in Education is interested in how students throughout Sunnyvale get to and from Fremont High School. If you are a parent/guardian of a current or former Fremont student, or if you recently graduated from Fremont High, we invite you to fill out our survey. <https://bit.ly/3ZBtWFK>

Sunnyvale para Equidad en Educación está interesado en cómo los estudiantes de todo Sunnyvale van y vienen de Fremont High School. Comparta sus pensamientos si es padre/tutor de un estudiante actual o anterior (en los últimos 10 años) o si se graduó recientemente de FHS. Por favor complete la encuesta para cada estudiante.

<https://bit.ly/3ZBJWYI>



ENGLISH



ESPAÑOL

-Lauren Ledbetter, Peggy Brewster



♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥



SNAIL'S NEWEST LITTLE FREE LIBRARY (LFL)

We are happy to announce that SNAIL's 8th Little Free Library (Charter #158826) is open and already in regular use! We are at the corner of Morse and Duane (598 Morse Avenue), which is a very busy intersection for not only vehicles, but also pedestrians, making it an ideal location for a LFL.

We have been talking to scouts about this project for 14 months now and are so thrilled that it is finally complete. Gael Padilla planned and supervised building of the LFL for his Eagle Scout project. The picture shows Gael, his Assistant Scoutmaster (Giri Venkat), and his father (Jesus Padilla) proudly showing off the new library right after it was installed on December 28, 2022.

The library was designed to have two shelves (inspired by the height of Dorit and Dave's on Arbor), with the bottom shelf low enough that children about the height of our preschooler can easily choose books on their own. The upper shelf will generally house books for older children and adults. Some days we may have puzzles and games in the back behind books! Come check it out. The beauty of a Little Free Library is that the inventory is different every day.

Please come to our "Grand Opening" and ribbon cutting on **Sunday, February 12th at 2:00 PM**. Please join us and "Take a book. Share a book!"

-Peggy and Erik Brewster



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, February 10th**. Send an email to: SNAILeditor@snail.org

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HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH'S SNAIL ZOOM MEETING
Guests: Councilmember Richard Mehlinger; Judy Pavlick, Founder of Sunnyvale Mobile Home Park Alliance

- Councilmember Mehlinger – City Updates:**
 - Study Issue:** Borregas Corridor. This is a comprehensive vision redesign to optimize safety for pedestrians and cyclists, not just for school kids, but all using the Bay Trail to Downtown connection. Please send letters and advocate at the Jan. 24th Council Meeting and the Feb. 16th Public Comments at 8:00 AM.
 - North Sunnyvale Village Centers:** The City is creating the Village Center Master Plan. Village Centers will provide focal points for existing neighborhoods, featuring retail and service options within walking and biking distance, as well as a mix of residential infill opportunities.
 - Moffett Park Specific Plan:** Public comment period is from 12/19/2022 until 2/10/2023 at 5:00 PM. Click on this link for more information: <https://www.moffettparksp.com>.
- Peggy and Erik's Little Free Library (LFL)**
 - The new LFL is completed. "Grand Opening" and ribbon cutting on **Sunday, February 12th at 2:00 PM.**
- Sunnyvale for Equity in Education (SEE)**
 - If you would like to join our group to advocate for short and long-term solutions to inequitable access to public high schools in Sunnyvale, especially from North Sunnyvale, please email: sunnyvaleEquityinEducation@gmail.com.
- Traffic Safety**
 - Valerie attended the last council meeting, talked to Chief Ngo about speed bumps and DPS policy. We will need to do a petition and request a study for possible low and long speed bumps on Borregas.
- Sidewalk Repair Issues:** City is backed up, can only do 500 per year, backlog of 7,000.
- IMPORTANT –Next Monthly SNAIL Meeting: February 2**
For full minutes, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/SNAIL2023JAN>
-Jenny Purushotma; Valérie Suarez, SNAIL Chair

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