



GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, March 2nd, 7:00 PM

SNAIL Community Meeting via Zoom Login:

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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: 4/6, 5/4, 6/1, 7/6

SNAIL 2023 EVENT CALENDAR – SAVE THE DATES

Date/Time	Event Name	Organizer
Thurs, Mar 2	SNAIL Monthly Meeting	Valérie Suarès 408-390-3335
Sat, Apr 22	SNAIL Earth Day	Barbara Brunasso 626-628-7993
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

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Let's Step Into Spring!



After what seems to be a very long, cold, wet winter, we can finally enjoy days getting longer. Despite the cold nights, we now see signs of spring. Mother Nature seems to be waking up from her winter hibernation. Buds are changing into tree leaves, flowers seem to be coming out looking for brighter days, and songbirds can be heard again.

I have longed for this time of year as I get energized and inspired by nature's beauty and feel like I can finally spread my wings after a long, cold winter.

Although spring is not famous for some holidays like Thanksgiving or New Year celebrations, it still has some important days like: International Women's Day on March 8th, Pi Day on March 14th is for all the math geeks out there, St. Patrick's Day on March 17th, and Spring Equinox on March 20th.

Say 'Goodbye' to winter and 'Hello' to spring. Most importantly, join us for our **3rd annual Earth Day Community Cleanup on Saturday, April 22nd**. Take a few hours to help beautify our SNAIL community, crisscross your block and meet new neighbors. Whether you were part of our previous events, or wish to be part of this national event, sign up to receive your maps. If you already have one, grab your grabbers and trash bags and gloves to protect your hands. No grabber, no worries, you will receive one from us. Take pictures of your loot and send them to us so we can feature the trash and debris collected that day. Most importantly, have fun and be proud of your contribution to our own community we call SNAIL.

-Valérie Suarès

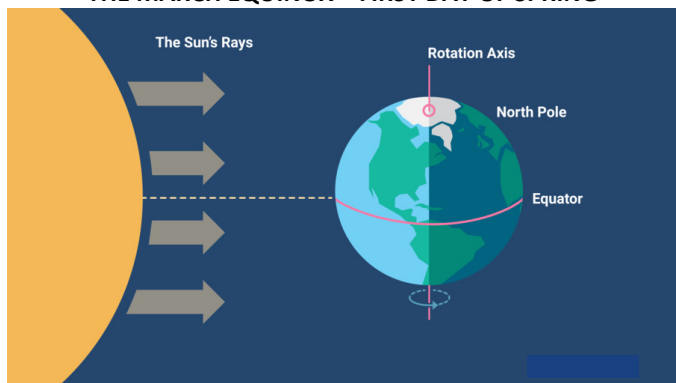
PET OF THE MONTH



Rayado (Ray) lives with his parents, Sarah and Zak, and baby sister, Ada. He loves to find and bring home large sticks. Ray particularly enjoys walking the neighborhood and visiting his neighbors and friends.

-Sarah and Zak Butler

THE MARCH EQUINOX – FIRST DAY OF SPRING



The March equinox is the moment the Sun crosses the celestial equator, an imaginary line in the sky above Earth's equator - from south to north. **In Sunnyvale, California, USA: Monday, March 20, 2023 at 2:24 pm PDT.**



KEEP IT CLEAN: SNAIL EARTH DAY COMMUNITY CLEAN UP PROJECT

Date: Saturday, April 22, 2023; 1:00-3:00 PM

Please join us to take a walk in our SNAIL neighborhood and help clean up on the Earth Day weekend.

Participants will receive:

- Grabber Pick-up Stick (You provide the collection bags, trash bin and gloves.)
- Thank-You Bag, one per family, with some fun items: a mini hand sanitizer, vegetable/flower seed packets, reusable mesh produce bag, bottled water, and power bars.
- Gift card and discount certificates.



RSVP with your Names, Phone Number and Street name to: EarthDay_2023@SNAIL.org and indicate if you need a grabber pick-up stick(s).

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MANTÉNGALO LIMPIO: DÍA DE LA TIERRA DEL CARACOL PROYECTO DE LIMPIEZA COMUNITARIA

Reserva: Sábado 22 de Abril 2023; 1:00-3:00 PM

Únase a nosotros para dar un paseo por nuestro vecindario SNAIL y ayudar a limpiar el fin de semana del Día de la Tierra.

Los participantes recibirán:

- Bastón recogedor Grabber (Usted proporciona las bolsas de recogida, el cubo de basura y los guantes).
- Bolsa de agradecimiento, una por familia, con algunos artículos divertidos: un mini desinfectante para manos, paquetes de semillas de vegetales/flores, una bolsa de malla reutilizable, agua embotellada y barras energéticas.
- Tarjeta de regalo y certificados de descuento.

Confirme su asistencia con su nombres, número de teléfono y nombre de la calle a: EarthDay_2023@SNAIL.org e indique si necesita un(os) palo(s) de agarre.

¡Gracias a nuestras PATROCINADORAS!



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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>.

Register for ShapeUp Sunnyvale, Session 2 (Free Program): The next session is scheduled to begin the week of Feb. 27 and will run for eight weeks. ShapeUp Sunnyvale is an active living and healthier eating program funded by El Camino Healthcare District. Any Sunnyvale resident, individuals or families, interested in getting more active or want to cook healthier meals can register. Once registered, participants can choose one or both components (physical activity and healthier cooking). Choose from a menu of activities through Recreation Services such as aquatics fitness, dance, etc. Healthy cooking involves picking up a pre-packed meal kit weekly from Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC) or the Community Center and cook the meal at home. There will be a recorded video of a professional caterer making the dish and written recipe with instructions. Registration required; priority given to new participants.

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.

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., Mar. 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.

-Angela Chan, Youth & Family Resources Manager

UPDATE: SUNNYVALE FOR EQUITY IN EDUCATION (SEE)

Sunnyvale for Equity in Education (SEE) has been busy connecting with fellow Sunnyvale residents, students, community leaders, similarly minded advocacy groups, and elected officials. There is a lot of support of our effort to address systemic inequities that have faced our families since the 1981 closure of Sunnyvale High School.

Sunnyvale City Council brought forth a study issue to investigate ways to support transportation for students in North Sunnyvale to get to and from Homestead and Fremont high schools. It was proposed by councilmember Srinivasan and co-sponsored by all six other councilmembers. City staff evaluated it and recommended that it be deferred since there were other shuttle study issues that were already underway, and they might inform the high school shuttle feasibility.

SEE organized an advocacy campaign to prioritize the study issue, DPW 23-06. We wrote and distributed a petition. In three days, we got 100 signatures and were able to persuade council through public comments, face to face meetings, and hours on the phone that they should rank 23-06 #1. Our efforts were successful, and the study issue once recommended for deferral was ranked #1 on February 16, 2023.

We've been meeting with Fremont Union High School District administration and board members. On January 31st, the district conducted a study session on "Feasibility of Opening a New Comprehensive High School Site" including a presentation in which consultants laid out the extensive costs, likely exceeding half a billion dollars to build a new high school in north Sunnyvale. The mayor and three councilmembers attended the meeting, Mayor Klein, Councilmember Mehlinger, and Councilmember Cisneros spoke in support of the importance of exploring new high school options in north Sunnyvale.

If you are a parent of a current or recent Fremont High School student or if you yourself are a current or recent FHS student, please take a few minutes to fill out the SEE Transportation Survey - QR codes in English and Spanish below.



ENGLISH



ESPAÑOL

-Peggy 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, March 17th**. 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

1. 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. **This issue is being deferred by Council, so SNAIL will have to advocate for this issue if they want it done this year.** The reason for the deferral is due to a grant from Congressman Khanna and improvements that are happening under that grant, secondly, because of improvements on Borregas that are not part of SNAIL, and thirdly, it looks like the City is getting a \$4 million grant from the state for further improvements, mostly on Morse, Ahwanee, Fair Oaks and Mathilda. **Please send letters and advocate at the Feb. 16th City Council Public Comments meeting at 8:00 AM.**
- **Study Issues - Upcoming:** Shuttle service for FHS students; Gas-powered leaf blower ban in Sunnyvale due to emissions and noise pollution; Proposed budget modification to \$16K to investigate the next three serious crashes in the City. This is to conduct an engineering investigation to identify what possible mitigations we can find.

2. Sunnyvale for Equity in Education (SEE)

- A community group of over 100 people (and growing daily) are advocating for equity in access and quality of FUHSD schools. The intent of starting SEE was not just for building a new high school in northern Sunnyvale long-term, but to also elect a trustee that represents our area and improve more immediate problems such as insufficient transportation for students traveling far distances to Fremont High School. See the article on page 3 in this newsletter for more information and ways to get involved.

For full minutes, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/SNAIL2023FEB>
 -Jenny Purushotma; Valérie Suarès, SNAIL Chair