



GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, April 6th, 7:00 PM

SNAIL Community Meeting via Zoom Login:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89925706502>

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

SNAIL 2023 EVENT CALENDAR – SAVE THE DATES

Date/Time	Event Name	Organizer
Thurs, Apr 6 7:00 – 8:30 PM	SNAIL Monthly Meeting	Valérie Suarès 408-390-3335
Sat, Apr 22 1:00 – 3:00 PM	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

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



Have you read the novel "Babel" by R.F. Kuang? If you would like to join a one-time neighborhood discussion group to share insights and perspectives, please let me know. It will be held in about three weeks, so you have time to finish the book. It is also available on Audible. It is one of those books that you can't stop thinking about. Set in Oxford in the mid-1900s and addresses almost all the social issues we are facing today.

-Jenny Purushotma
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Whether it's the prospect of lighter evenings or the spring flowers blooming from all this rain, there's plenty of reasons to be happy. Not convinced? Join SNAIL volunteers at the upcoming April 22nd event as that can make you happy too! That's right! Our upcoming SNAIL Earth Day is coming back for the 3rd

year. Join us for a walk in our neighborhood, bring your grabber to pick up the trash, and protect your hands with gloves. We will give you a map and ask that you take pictures of your filled bags at the end of the event. Return to Dorit's house to receive a "Thank You" bag filled with goodies. Send your pictures to: EarthDay_2023@SNAIL.org

Remember to also **Recycle for SNAIL**: Bring your collected, clean, and separated CRV plastic bottles and aluminum cans to contribute to our fundraisers. We will also be collecting your used prescription glasses for the Lions Club. If you want to know more about what the Lions Club is doing with the old vision glasses, contact Valérie, SNAIL Chair and Lions Club Board Member.

Start gathering your gently used and no longer wanted items for our community-wide **Yard Sale weekend on June 10th and 11th**, once again on San Diego Avenue. Contact Barbara if you can spare a few hours for the days of the sale to help set up or maintain a constant flow of items on the tables. This is a really great opportunity to volunteer a few hours and get to know your neighbors. All proceeds go towards SNAIL community events.

That weekend, we will have our **Dumpster Day on June 10th**. Contact Jesse if you have any questions or specific needs.

You can also look forward to our annual **National Night Out (NNO) Potluck on August 1st**. Yes! We plan on hosting this traditional street potluck party, partially funded by the City of Sunnyvale and other generous donors. We will have a BBQ, ice creams, kids' activities and a Live Band. NNO is a fun way to get to know and **share a dish** with your neighbors.

The contact information for all event organizers is listed in the **SNAIL 2023 Event Calendar** in the left column on this page.

Stay tuned for more details on these events and reach out to Barbara, Dorit, Jesse or me if you would like to give us a hand with our upcoming events. Whether you are new to the SNAIL neighborhood or have lived here for a while and never had the chance to join any of our events, we welcome you with open arms and look forward to meeting you.

-Valérie Suarès

2023 TAX FILING DATE INFORMATION

Due to the long sequence of atmospheric rivers, people in California may be eligible for an extended tax filing date. Reference:

Federal IRS: <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-provides-tax-relief-for-victims-of-severe-winter-storms-flooding-landslides-and-mudslides-in-california>.

State FTB: <https://www.ftb.ca.gov/file/when-to-file/Emergency-tax-relief.html>.

Please consult a tax preparation service to get accurate, current information and to see if you qualify for the extended filing date.



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>.

FREE! Personal Emergency Preparedness Training in SPANISH: Saturday, April 15th, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Learn skills to prepare for emergencies for you and your loved ones to stay safe when first responders will be unavailable for three days or more. Location: Columbia Middle School, Room #35. Call 408-730-7294 to register or with questions.

FREE! Story Times at Magical Bridge Playground: April 13 & 21, 11:00 – 11:30 AM. Sunnyvale Library and others will be hosting Story Times, ideal for age 0-5, at Magical Bridge stage in Fair Oaks Park. All ages welcome.

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 appointment 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.

Camp Columbia: April 17-21, 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM in the CMS Multi-purpose Room. Drop in recreation camp for youth, age 6-13. Games, arts and 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 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., April 26th.

Assistance with Recreation Scholarship and Activities Registration: Mondays, 4:00 – 7:00 PM, starting on April 10th. Staff will be available for in-person assistance with the Recreation Scholarship application and registration for City of Sunnyvale recreation activities/camps. Drop-in welcome and staff bilingual in English and Spanish available.

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



Chloe is a German Shepherd-Husky mix and is the newest addition to our family. She was rescued back in September, and she has brought us and all our friends so much joy and happiness since then. Chloe absolutely loves going on adventures such as running with her dad, family hikes, car rides to Starbucks for a 'pup cup', and most of all doing zoomies in our backyard while simultaneously squeaking her toys as loud as she can. She is the very best cuddle bug and couch buddy but is also ready to party at a moment's notice. We may be biased, but we think Chloe is the best dog in the whole world! If you met her you'd probably agree!

-Angel & Mariah Diaz

CNC WANTS YOUR FEEDBACK!

Complete a short survey to help plan future offerings at the Columbia Neighborhood Center for youth, families and adults.

Adults (English): bit.ly/CNCAdultSurvey



Youth (English): bit.ly/CNCYouthSurvey



Adults (Spanish): <https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/NCYJ5SS>



-Angela Chan, Youth & Family Resources Manager

PUBLIC MEETING LOCATIONS DURING/AFTER CIVIC CENTER MOVE



The last council meeting in the old City Hall building took place on March 14, 2023 ending a 53-year run as it had been in use since 1970.

The new 119,874 square-foot, four-story Net Zero Energy and Certified LEED Platinum City Hall is now complete and has been occupied since March 20th. It houses the City’s primary administrative facilities, NOVA Workforce Services Department, One-Stop Permit Center, City staff offices and one level of underground parking below City Hall.

Following the completion of the New City Hall, the existing City Hall, the Annex, the South Annex and the Sunnyvale Office Center buildings will be demolished. The overall site will include: approximately six acres of open space, a more walkable Olive Avenue, frontage road improvements along Mathilda Ave. from W. Olive up to El Camino Real to include a new multi-use pathway and walkways for public use, a civic plaza and an outdoor amphitheater with an estimated completion for all these changes by the end of this summer.

The new building is stunning. The new City Council chambers won’t be ready for a few months due to supply chain issues, so Council will have a month or so of meetings in the Bay Conference Room in the new City Hall.

To commemorate and honor those who served our City, every Council member signed their names on the dais. Below is our very own D5 representative, Richard Mehlinger’s, signature:



-Valérie Suarès

CITY OF SUNNYVALE ENVIRONMENTAL EVENTS FOR APRIL

April 1: Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off, 7:00 AM – Noon
Requirements: schedule an appointment at HHW.org or call 408-299-7300 and provide proof of Santa Clara County residency at the event.
NOTE: This event is in Sunnyvale at 221 Commercial Street.

April 1 and 2: Extra Dumping Weekend, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
 Sunnyvale residents (proof of residency required) may dispose of extra garbage at no charge. If vehicle loads are not covered, a \$15 fee to provide a tarp will be charged. **Limits:** one-ton capacity and maximum size of trailers is 5’ x 10’. **Location:** at the SMaRT Station, 301 Carl Road.

-Barbara Brunasso Oliver

EARTH DAY CLEANUP PROJECT – PLEASE JOIN US!



Come on out and take a walk on **SATURDAY, APRIL 22nd, 1:00 – 3:00 PM**, to help cleanup our SNAIL neighborhood on the Earth Day weekend. Participants will be given a pickup stick and a map of your assigned street(s), usually the street that you live on or close by. You’ll provide plastic bags, gloves, and trash disposal in your home bin. If possible, neighbors are asked to reuse their pickup sticks from last year. Yes, you keep your pickup stick and hopefully you will be inspired to keep the clean up going all year long!

Please see the flyer that we have inserted in this newsletter that will be delivered to your home for more details. **On the day of the event, participants are also requested to drop off CRV plastics and aluminum (no glass please) to Valerie or Dorit’s home.**

After the clean-up event, please take photos of your filled bags (and your clean-up team, if they are not camera shy!) Send your favorite pics to: EarthDay_2023@SNAIL.org.

SNAIL and our Mother Earth thanks you!
 -Barbara Brunasso Oliver, Earth Day Clean-up Coordinator

CITY OF SUNNYVALE – UPCOMING MEETINGS
<https://sunnyvaleca.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Name	Date	Time	Location
Board of Library Trustees	4/3	7:00 PM	Bay Conference Rm (New Bld.) https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/97058153563
City Council	4/4	7:00 PM	Bay Conference Rm (New Bld.) https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/96111580540
Heritage Preservation Commission	4/5	7:00 PM	Bay Conference Rm (New Bld.) https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/93323345826
Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Comm.	4/20	6:30 PM	Bay Conference Rm (New Bld.)
City Council	4/25	7:00 PM	Bay Conference Rm (New Bld.) https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/96111580540

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.

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

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HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH'S SNAIL ZOOM MEETING

Guests: Eric Stroker, Office of Supervisor Otto Lee; Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto, FUHSD Board Member

- Eric Stroker – County Updates**
 - Upcoming D3 Community Roundtable March 16, 2023 Meeting:** Will be held online and welcome two special guests, Assessor Stone and Sheriff Jonsen. Assessor Stone will give a brief update on this year's taxes, and Sheriff Jonsen will be there for a discussion about what's new at the Sheriff's Office and Public Safety Department.
 - Board of Supervisors (BOS) Meeting Updates:** Joint Referrals from February 28, 2023: Item 9 Gun Buybacks, Item 11 COVID vaccine distribution and the new website for BOS meetings summaries. See <https://district3.sccgov.org/2023bos-summaries>.
- Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto, FUHSD**
 - Naomi discussed the Sunnyvale Unity Event:** Overcoming Bigotry: A Sunnyvale Unity Event. This event examines bigotry, explores solutions and strengthens our diverse community.
- Sunnyvale for Equity in Education (SEE)**
 - Peggy prepared a PowerPoint presentation and gave an update on the progress so far. Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto who also works for Supervisor Otto Lee's office has had conversations with Otto Lee on the VTA/bussing issues as he is on the VTA Board. Naomi mentioned that N. Sunnyvale should consider getting candidates to run in the 2024 FUHSD board elections and hopefully win one or two seats.
- Earth Day: Saturday, April 22, 1:00 – 3:00 PM**
 - Neighbors are encouraged to sign up online to receive their maps and street assignments that Dorit will be handling. People should reuse their pick-up sticks that they used from last year. Refer to flyers in the March newsletter. There will also be a flyer inserted in the April newsletters.

For full minutes, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/SNAIL2023MAR>
 -Denise Perez, SNAIL Secretary; Valérie Suarès, SNAIL Chair