



# S.N.A.I.L. News

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## May 2023



## GENERAL MEETING

**Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Schedule: 6/1, 7/13\*, 8/3, 9/7, 10/5, 11/2, 12/14\*, 1/11\*  
*(\* indicates meeting date change due to major holiday)*

### SNAIL 2023 EVENT CALENDAR – SAVE THE DATES

Date/Time	Event Name	Organizer
Thurs, May 4 7:00 – 8:30 PM	SNAIL Monthly Meeting	Valérie Suarès 408-390-3335
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 <a href="mailto:dorit.chapman@gmail.com">dorit.chapman@gmail.com</a>
Dec-Jan	Red Bows	Dorit Chapman <a href="mailto:dorit.chapman@gmail.com">dorit.chapman@gmail.com</a>

### HELP KEEP SUNNYVALE'S WATERWAYS CLEAN

<https://nationaltoday.com/national-river-cleanup-day/>

Volunteer for National River Cleanup Day on Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Call 408-730-7717 or visit the City's events calendar at [Sunnyvale.ca.gov](http://Sunnyvale.ca.gov).

National River Cleanup is a national day of action to clean up garbage and debris from our rivers and watersheds. Since 1991, American Rivers has enlisted the help of over 1.3 million volunteers who have participated in thousands of cleanups around the country, spanning over 261,000 miles of rivers and collecting more than 32.5 million pounds of litter and debris.

Consider participating in a cleanup of your nearby natural places this May. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to participate. Prevention of pollution begins in our own homes. Trash can make its way into the bay through storm drains, creeks, and rivers.

-Barbara Brunasso Oliver

### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



As springs turns into summer, it is hard to believe we must soon leave our sweaters and woolen socks behind, close our umbrellas, and pull out our summer clothes for some warmer days to come.

For now, mornings are crisp, winds are still blowing, and the sun continues to play hide and seek.

Do you remember how hot it was, this time, last year?

We are grateful that water restrictions have been lifted statewide but know that water conservation is still a helpful practice for managing statewide water availability and lowering our water costs. It's time to plant our summer herb and vegetable gardens and to enjoy the blossoming of our fruit and nut trees.

Let us join our SNAIL community, stay connected with our neighbors and participate in neighborhood activities.

**I hope you participated in celebrating Earth Day. Thank you for:**

♻️ The great leadership of Dorit for printing neighborhood quadrants, organizing families to collect unwanted trash, and receiving some lunch bags and frisbees from the office of Supervisor Otto Lee.

♻️ The continued initiative of Barbara for receiving some really cool eco-friendly gifts from the City of Sunnyvale Environmental Services Department.

**Our next community events will be:**

🗑️ **Dumpster Day (Sat, June 10).** Thanks to Jesse, our new Dumpster Czar this year.

🗑️ **Annual Yard Sale weekend (Sat/Sun, June 10 & 11).** Thanks to Tarik, our host on San Diego Avenue and Barbara our yard sale coordinator extraordinaire.

🗑️ **Traditional National Night Out Community Potluck (Tues, Aug 1).** Thanks to our:

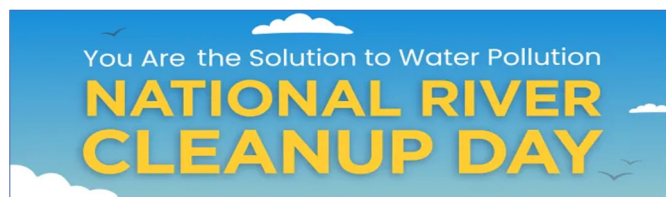
- ❖ Fearless Patriots and Dedicated Environmentalists, Dorit, Dave and Mark for hosting this annual event in front of their homes on East Arbor.
- ❖ Youth Activity Leader, Jenny.
- ❖ Furniture Rental Wrangler, Marco.
- ❖ BBQ King, Thomas.

Bring a dish to share, mingle with neighbors, meet new friends, dance to the beat of the Joint Chiefs, enjoy an ice cream from the neighborhood vendor, hop on a Department of Public Safety vehicle and learn about services offered by the City.

This event is sponsored in part with the financial support of the City of Sunnyvale, Renna Shee, The Oxford Kitchen & Gastropub, Bay Area Data Supplies, and the local office of Edward Jones.

Hope to see you at any, if not all, of these fun events!

-Valérie Suarès



# DUMPSTER DAY, JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> / YARD SALE, JUNE 10-11



## Dumpster Day: June 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM to ~2:00 PM

TRIM THE TREES AND THROW OUT THAT JUNK YOU'VE BEEN STORING IN YOUR GARAGE FOREVER!!

**SNAIL Contact: Jesse Bly (650) 254-6066**

The City of Sunnyvale *prohibits* the following items in the dumpsters:

- Any Toxic or Hazardous Items
- Fluorescent tubes
- Refrigerators
- Air Conditioners
- Construction debris
- Batteries
- Chemicals
- Fuel or Oil
- Business waste
- Computers
- Paints
- Auto parts
- Electronics



**Prohibited**

Questions? Call Sunnyvale Recycling Center (408) 730-7262 for proper handling.

Please **donate children's books** for SNAIL Little Free Libraries. A drop box will be at each dumpster.



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| 1. 284 W. Eaglewood | 3. 574 N. Bayview Ave | 5. 463 Glendale |
| 2. 782 Madrone      | 4. 394 N. Fernwood    | 6. 566 Balsam   |



## Yard Sale: June 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**WANTED: VOLUNTEERS AND YARD SALE DONATIONS.** We are short volunteers to help at the yard sale. If you can help setup Friday night, June 9<sup>th</sup> (4:00 PM – sunset), work a sales shift on the 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> or pack up donations for Sunday afternoon, We Need You! Please call Barbara at (626) 628-7993.

### S.N.A.I.L. YARD SALE INFORMATION

**THE CITY WILL NOT LET US USE THE STREET FOR ITEMS, SO WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT LARGE ITEMS THAT WILL FIT IN TARIK'S FRONT YARD.**

- 1. Donations:** Call Tarik (408) 745-1241 to make a drop off at his driveway carport at 667 San Diego Ave. Drop off donations starting in May, 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM. **NOTE: We do not accept mattresses, child car seats or bike helmets.**
- 2. Yard Sale Questions?** Call Barbara (626) 628-7993 or Tarik (408) 745-1241.
- 3. Please bring a reusable shopping bag for your purchases.**  
**CLEARANCE SALE:** at 3:00 PM on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, \$1 per paper grocery bag – all you can stuff into the bag is yours!

**Donate unwanted prescription eyeglasses to the Lions Club in the collection box located at the register table.**

*Cash proceeds from the yard sale will go 100% to support SNAIL activities for the coming year.*

**COLUMBIA NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER (CNC) NEWS**

For current information on programs, call CNC at 408-730-7800 or email [CNC@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:CNC@sunnyvale.ca.gov) or visit: <http://tinyurl.com/SVCNC>.

**FREE! Story Times at Magical Bridge Playground:** *May 11 & 19, 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! By-Stander Intervention Training, A Sunnyvale Unity Event:** *Thurs, May 11, 6:30 – 8:30 PM.* Details are forthcoming, check city website, [Sunnyvale.ca.gov](http://Sunnyvale.ca.gov) and put “Sunnyvale Unity” into search bar.

**FREE! Hands on the Arts Festival, A Sunnyvale Unity Event:** *Sat, May 13, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM at the Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive.* Celebrate Sunnyvale’s diversity through art and performance. Event has crafts, entertainment, food and fun! There will be 20+ hands-on art and dance workshops for children to participate in. All ages are welcome! Hands on the Arts workshops are recommended for children ages 2 years and older. Food for purchase will also be available.

**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, a 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.

**Free Food Distribution, Family Harvest:** *The fourth Wednesday, 4:15 – 5:15 PM. The next distribution is scheduled for Wed, May 24.* 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) into each car with no contact.

**Assistance with Recreation Scholarship and Activities Registration:** *Mondays, 4:00 – 7:00 PM.* 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 are 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 the City of Sunnyvale. Income limits have been increased.

-Angela Chan, Youth & Family Resources Manager



**GREEN RESOURCES FOR SPRING CLEANING**

Did you know the City can help you dispose of anything you find while cleaning out your house? There are even special events to help with certain types of items. If you’re decluttering, use the guide below to get rid of just about anything!

♻ Residents can drop off all sorts of items for no charge at the SMaRT Station. The long list includes lightbulbs, batteries, electronics, paint and one-pound empty propane cylinders. <https://tinyurl.com/SMaRTStationRecycle>

♻ Many household items, like cleaning solvents, fertilizer and pool chemicals, are considered hazardous waste. You can get rid of them responsibly at a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) drop-off event. For times, location and to schedule an appointment, visit [HHW.org](http://HHW.org) or call 408-299-7300. <https://tinyurl.com/HouseHazardWaste>

♻ If you live in a single-family home, you can schedule two on-call collection appointments each year. Each appointment schedules a pickup of two bulky items and two cubic yards (3 ft. x 3 ft. x 6 ft.) of nonhazardous bagged garbage. Schedule an appointment online or call Utilities at 408-730-7782. <https://tinyurl.com/GetRidOfAnything>

♻ Is there expired or unused medication in your cabinets? Drop these off at kiosks located throughout Santa Clara County, including many local pharmacies. Go to [scmeds.org](http://scmeds.org) or call 844-633-7765 for locations. <https://tinyurl.com/SCCMeds>

Have an item cluttering your space that’s not listed here? Use our handy “How to Get Rid of Anything” tool at [Sunnyvale.ca.gov](http://Sunnyvale.ca.gov). <https://tinyurl.com/GetRidOfAnything>

-Bailey Hall, Environmental Programs Specialist

**IMPORTANT! ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR:**  
**Name:** Community Meeting on Transportation for High School Youth in North Sunnyvale.  
**Date:** May 20, 2023 **Time:** 9:30-11:30am  
**Place:** Columbia Middle School Multi-purpose Room  
 Breakfast refreshments, Spanish translation will be provided.  
**Topics:** Current VTA services from North Sunnyvale to Fremont and Homestead High Schools; VTA bus passes provided by FUHSD; Parking passes at FHS; and more.  
**The following are the RSVP links and QR codes:**  
 English: <https://tinyurl.com/2s48nbzc>  
 Spanish: <https://tinyurl.com/3hpc4ajb>




-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, May 12<sup>th</sup>**. Send an email to: [SNAILeditor@snail.org](mailto: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**
  - **D3 Community Roundtable April 20, 2023 Meeting:** County Office of Sustainability, and special guests will be Silicon Valley Clean Energy.
  - **URJENT Grant Program 2023:** Every year they go through the budget inventory grant process. Supervisor Lee goes through the “**URJENT**” (Unhoused-Racial Justice-Green-Equity-Neighborhoods-Transparency) grants. Next Friday is the deadline for the grants. You need to be a 501c3 non-profit and be in good standing with the State to qualify. This is the first step in the budget process.
- Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto, FUHSD**
  - Sadly, Roy Rocklin passed away and there is a vacancy in the FUHSD board that, by law, needs to be filled. It was voted to have an appointment instead of a special election as that would cost a couple of million dollars. The application process has been opened and for anyone who is interested, the application is due on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Naomi highly encourages someone from N. Sunnyvale to apply as we don't currently have representation on the board. If interested, go to the FUHSD.org website and get the application.
- Encampment Issue on San Aleso**
  - There has been increased encampment on San Aleso. Currently, the county is offering vouchers for the unhoused to be able to go to a motel on San Aleso and unfortunately, the vouchers are only good for seven nights. So, after seven nights, these people had to leave and many of them set up camp just outside the motel on San Aleso. Richard Mehlinger is aware of the issue and has been in contact with City Staff to achieve a resolution soon. A longer-term solution has been proposed for redevelopment of this area as housing.

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



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