

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

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July 2023



# **EXECUTION GENERAL MEETING**

### Thursday, July 13th, 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: 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, July 13	SNAIL Monthly	Valérie Suarès	
7:00 – 8:30 PM	Meeting	408-390-3335	
Tues, Aug 1	National Night Out	Valérie Suarès	
	E Arbor, between N.	408-390-3335	
		Dorit Chapman	
	Bayview and Morse	dorit.chapman@gmail.com	
Dec-Jan	Red Bows	Dorit Chapman dorit.chapman@gmail.com	

### SNAIL SAYS A FINAL GOODBYE TO A BELOVED NEIGHBOR



It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to Mark, an East Arbor resident and a SNAIL native, who attended our local schools, including Sunnyvale High School, now "King's Academy". Mark always wore a smile for everyone, a true gentle and kind man. Most afternoons you would find him with Dave and Dorit on their porch, sipping a drink with his friends.

Still very active in the community, he was always

ready to lend a hand, especially for setup, on National Night Out. Mark worked as a radiologist at Valley Medical, and just retired a few years ago.

Taken way too soon, just a few years older than me.

We will greatly miss you!

-Valérie Suarès

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR**



Summer has arrived! But I'll be honest with you, I was hoping for a much warmer summer by now. Where are the warm summer days? I must also admit, the cool weather was a welcome touch last month for our annual yard sale. Thanks to our amazing volunteers, Tarik our host, Barbara our

coordinator, Sharon our cashier and everyone who contributed. It has been wonderful seeing so many neighbors participate in the yard sale. Added to this year's event was our partner, The JunkLuggers, led by Jesse, a SNAIL resident who handled all the moving and removing of items before, during, and after the Yard Sale. To the dumpster volunteers, you all "rocked". As always, you graciously contributed your time and keen monitoring skills. We thank you all.



Our next big event is our "National Night Out Potluck" (NNO) on Tuesday, Aug 1st. Sponsored by the City of Sunnyvale, Edward Jones, The Oxford Kitchen and Gastropub, Bay Area Data Supply, and Renna Shee. SNAIL's street party is the largest NNO event in the city!

This is a potluck, so bring a dish to share and use your very own reusable container for water.

Hosted on the 400 block of East Arbor, it's a great way to meet other SNAIL neighbors, our elected officials and learn about programs offered by the City of Sunnyvale. We will have lots of planned activities for all ages and music will be played by "The Joint Chiefs" returning for another year. Dishes will be shared; the BBQ will be fired up; fire trucks and police motorcycles will be visiting and, as with all previous years, NNO will have its traditional face painter and ice cream truck filled with tasty treats (See flyer in this issue).

Bring a dish, make new friends, play under a supported colorful parachute, chalk draw on the sidewalk, bring a book or take one from the little free library located right in the center of the block. Come and join us! Register at the welcome tables, get a wristband and a ticket for your ice cream.

See you there!
-Valérie Suarès



The publication of our newsletter and SNAIL Neighborhood Association sponsored activities are supported through our annual yard sale, newsletter sponsors and donations.

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#### **COLUMBIA NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER (CNC) NEWS**

For current information on programs, call CNC at 408-730-7800 or email <u>CNC@sunnyvale.ca.gov</u> or visit: <u>https://tinyurl.com/SVLECNC</u>.

Camp Columbia, July 3 – 28: 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM in the CMS Multipurpose Room. Drop in recreation camp for youth, age 6-13. 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. No program on 7/4/2023.

Recreation Scholarships Available for Youth with Disabilities: If approved, any youth (up to age 21) with disabilities that reside in Santa Clara County can use scholarship funds to register for a recreation program with City of Sunnyvale. Scholarship can assist with program fees, transportation fees and inclusion aide, depending on staff availability. Must meet income guidelines, complete an application and submit required documents. For more information or to register, call 408-730-7350 or email <a href="CNC@sunnyvale.ca.gov">CNC@sunnyvale.ca.gov</a>. Funding provided by California Department of Developmental Services.

FREE! Monthly Storytime at Magical Bridge Playground: *July 14,* 11:00 – 11:30 AM. Sunnyvale Library host Storytime, 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, 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.

Vaccination Clinic for Children (Ages 3-18) with MayView Clinic: Wednesdays, 5:00 – 6:00 PM. Children can get their required vaccinations for school or childcare. Fees are based on a sliding scale. Appointments are required, call 650-330-7400 or

 $\underline{\text{https://ravenswoodfhn.org/service/immunization-clinic/}}.$ 

Free Food Distribution, Family Harvest: The fourth Wednesday, 4:15 –5:15 PM. The next distribution is scheduled for Wed, July 26. 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. -Angela Chan, Youth & Family Resources Manager



# COMMUNITY MEETING ON YOUTH TRANSPORTATION IN NORTH SUNNYVALE



On May 20<sup>th</sup>, the community meeting to discuss transportation for North Sunnyvale high schoolers was held at Columbia Middle School. The meeting was jointly sponsored by Sunnyvale for Equity in Education (SEE), Fremont Union High School District (FUHSD), VTA (Valley Transportation Authority), and the City of Sunnyvale. Vice Mayor and District 6

Councilmember Omar Din was the host. Mayor Larry Klein, Councilmembers Linda Sell, Murali Srinivasan, and Richard Mehlinger, FUHSD board members Stanley Kou and Rod Sinks, FUHSD Superintendent Graham Clark, FHS Principal Bryan Emmert, SSD trustee Eileen Le, and SSD Superintendent Mike Gallagher all attended.

SEE presented an overview of a recent transportation study with over 100 respondents from a variety of ethnic and racial backgrounds focused on travel to Fremont High School. Students who live farther north rely on others to get them to school, have much longer commutes, are more likely to be tardy due to transportation problems, and are less likely to participate in extracurricular activities.

Superintendent Clark reviewed district history regarding the closure of Sunnyvale High School and the dissolution of school bus services in the 1980s. Today, the district uses VTA buses to transport students to school. FUHSD purchases 500 bus passes each month during the school year to support students at Fremont and Homestead High Schools. Qualification depends on zip code and financial status. FUHSD shared early results from a student transportation survey sent; the response rate is too low to draw clear conclusions. Principal Bryan Emmert presented the parking pass policy at FHS.

The presentation from VTA highlighted two important youth programs: the \$70 Summer Youth Pass and the Youth Outreach Program. VTA described the bus routes that serve Fremont and Homestead High Schools and noted that in the mornings, there are "chaser" buses that follow behind scheduled buses to pick up students waiting in the mornings.

The community shared concerns about transportation to high schools: transportations adds stress to students' lives; students do not feel safe on VTA buses; many students have to walk more than 15 minutes to the bus stop, many students must take more than one bus to get to school; buses are sometimes too full or canceled with little notice; tardies negatively impact students' school records and academic experience; bus pass policies are unclear; information needs to be shared openly; VTA services are insufficient for students wanting to participate in extracurriculars; biking is not a safe option for most. We look forward to follow-up on these topics.

-Cortney Jansen, <u>SunnyvaleEquityInEducation@gmail.com;</u> https://bit.ly/joinSEE

### **EDIBLE TREE WALK IN OUR SNAIL NEIGHBORHOOD**



Time: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Date: July 8

Join this year's permaculturist-led walk to learn about 40 edible trees and bushes. It starts at Columbia Middle School's South gate on San Diego Ave.

This SUFA event is publicized Sunnyvale-wide, on the schedule of tree walks at Sunnyvale parks. For this one, we have to limit the number of participants, since we will walk on public streets.

Reserve your spot by emailing: <a href="mail4jenny@gmail.com">mail4jenny@gmail.com</a>.

-Jenny Purushotma, Member of SNAIL and SUFA

### Join Your SNAIL Neighbors on Nextdoor.com - https://tinyurl.com/SNAIL-NEXTDOOR



#### **SNAIL YARD SALE**

The SNAIL Yard Sale held on Saturday and Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> was a great success. Profits from the sale of this event helps SNAIL raise money for National Night Out, Red Bows, and future community events. It also helps our environment save

landfill space with "Reduce, Recycle and Reuse" of our communities' items. Shoppers are always delighted at their newly found treasures as the SNAIL yard sale is not your run-of-the-mill garage sale! We always have some really great stuff. If you missed it this year, mark your calendar for the second weekend in June 2024.

Much hard work, time, and effort was put forth from our volunteers: Tarik and Barbara coordinators and yard sale workers; Jesse and his Junkluggers Crew: Aiden, Robert, and Angel. Community volunteers helped with the Friday night set up, sale days, and the Sunday cleanup: Beverly, Carolyn, David, Dawna, Denise, Ghislaine, Jean, Jenny, Marco, Marty, Rost, Sharon, Thomas, Valérie, and Winnie.

Thank you to neighbors who generously donated their items; a successful yard sale starts with many awesome donations, donors, volunteers and great customers!

-Barbara Brunasso Oliver, Yard Sale Coordinator

### YARD SALE PHOTOS



D5 Councilmember Richard Mehlinger sets up shop at the SNAIL yard sale.



Richard Mehlinger talking to SNAIL neighbors that stopped by the yard sale.



The Junkluggers happy crew (left to right: Aiden, Robert, Angel and Jesse) donated their excellent, professional junk hauling services.



Special shopper, Sunnyvale City Manager Kent Steffens, stopped by to lend his support. (Left to right) Valérie, Jenny, Barbara, and Sharon stop to take a quick photo with Kent.



Hanging out and chatting with neighbors -- Sharon, Marty, Cathy (with pet Tango), Valérie and Tarik – is part of the yard sale fun.

### THANK YOU TO OUR AWESOME DUMPSTER MONITORS!!



A big shout out and THANK YOU to our loyal dumpster monitors: Barry, Candy and Steve, Chuck and Janet, Eron, Gavin, Anne and Thornton (and any others I may have missed!) Thank you all for

your efforts in making the SNAIL dumpster day a great success. There was a lot of turnout this year and many residents participated in using the dumpsters. The monitors had their bins under control and under constant surveillance (having been called into action frequently!) SNAIL greatly appreciates your dedication. Looking forward to doing it again next year!

-Jesse Bly, SNAIL Dumpster Czar

### **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*, *July 14th*. Send an email to: <a href="mailto:SNAILeditor@snail.org">SNAILeditor@snail.org</a>

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### HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH'S SNAIL ZOOM MEETING

### 1. Richard Mehlinger, D5 Councilmember

 Richard will have a table at the yard sale Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Stop by, say hello, and bring any issues of concern. (667 San Diego Ave.)

### 2. Lauren Ledbetter, SEE and FUHSD

- Valerie Suarès to contact Lauren Ledbetter and Peggy Brewster and put them in contact with the leaders of the other communities in D5.
- SEE General Meeting hosted by Gail Rubino in D6 at El Dorado Mobile Home Park clubhouse, Sunday, June 11th, 2:00 - 5:00 PM.
- If you want to be on the email list, you can ask Peggy Brewster to be added:

SunnyvaleEquityInEducation@gmail.com

### 3. Valérie Suarès, Discussion to Return to Live Monthly Meetings

• Members were asked if they prefer going back to in-person meetings or continue using Zoom:

No preference = 3

Zoom = 7

Live Meetings = 1

Other: Quarterly SNAIL gathering; meet earlier in the day For full minutes, please visit: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SNAIL2023JUN">https://tinyurl.com/SNAIL2023JUN</a> -Denise Perez, SNAIL Secretary; Valérie Suarès, SNAIL Chair