



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

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## November 2023



### GENERAL MEETING

**Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</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: 12/14\*, 1/11\*, 2/1, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2, 6/6

(\* indicates meeting date change due to a major holiday)

### SNAIL 2023 EVENT CALENDAR – SAVE THE DATES

Date/Time	Event Name	Organizer
Dec-Jan	Red Bows	Dorit Chapman <a href="mailto:dorit.chapman@gmail.com">dorit.chapman@gmail.com</a>

### CITY OF SUNNYVALE – UPCOMING MEETINGS

Name	Date	Time	Location
City Council	11/6	6:00 PM	Online and Cottonwood Conf. Room Special Meeting: Board and Commission Interviews <a href="https://sunnyvale-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/87078135704">https://sunnyvale-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/87078135704</a>
City Council	11/14 11/28	7:00 PM	Online and Council Chambers <a href="https://sunnyvale-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/96111580540">https://sunnyvale-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/96111580540</a>



SNAIL will hold elections for our 2024 officers (Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary and Treasurer) at the SNAIL General Meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you have attended at least two SNAIL meetings within the last six months or served as an active volunteer within the last 12 months, you may nominate, and/or run for any of our four elected positions.

To read the duties for each office, type in this link and scroll down to ARTICLE IV: <https://www.snail.org/docs/SNAILbylaws.shtml>.

Come join us to nominate a SNAIL member and/or cast your vote. The new officers will commence in January 2024.

-Valérie Suarès, SNAIL Chair

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

### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



In these difficult and somber times, whether, like many of us, you see the world around you with red or blue lenses, lean towards the East or the West; we need to maintain healthy communities. I urge you to take the time to truly listen, see, and learn from each other. Be inquisitive, ask questions, and listen to others who may have a different opinion than yours, come from a different background, speak a different language, or dress differently than you.

Time will soon be upon us to celebrate so much, but what celebration will it be when tears are shed, flags are flying at half-mast, or not flying anymore, or planted to keep flying no matter what country or territory it is planted in.

Deep in my heart, I am gravely affected by what is going on around me, at council meetings, in our country and around the world. One can say that we live in a technological world that connects us to anyone with a click on a keyboard, or a swipe on our phones or tablets. But do we truly connect with each other? Do we truly listen to one another? Times are hard for all of us. Show courage. Reach out to your neighbors. Offer support. Lend a hand, and dialog with one another. More importantly, encourage and create a safe environment for you, your family, your classmates, your neighbors, your colleagues, our SNAIL community, and beyond.

It is the time of year we celebrate Thanksgiving, and we should embrace each other, our families, friends, and neighbors.

-Valérie Suarès

### PACIFIC AUTISM CENTER FOR EDUCATION (PACE)



Since the Summit School closed its doors a few months back, PACE, (Pacific Autism Center for Education) had been looking at the former Summit School property at 824 San Aleso. They moved in late summer to establish a school there for autistic students. There will be 80 students, ranging in age from 6-22, none of whom will be driving as opposed to the Summit School that had 400 students, many of whom were driving.

On Monday 9/25/23, they had their first official welcome to the neighborhood when someone stole all of their special education adaptive bicycles (eight of them) that were locked up behind the building.

This is about an \$8K loss as the adaptive cycles are very expensive. Unfortunately they were still in the process of installing all of their security cameras, so they did not have any video surveillance that is usable, particularly since the theft focused on dismantling their exterior cameras before executing the theft.

If you are able to contribute, please follow this link:

<https://www.pacificautism.org/donate/donate-online/>

On the form under the section "IS THIS DONATION SPECIFIED?", please select PACE School. Donors can also write "PACE School bikes" in the notes section.

SNAIL will be voting at the November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting at 7:00 PM to contribute towards the purchase of new equipment.

The SNAIL community is invited to attend the Ribbon Cutting ceremony on **Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 5:30 – 6:30 PM. Location: 824 San Aleso Ave.**

-Valerie Suarès

## 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: <https://tinyurl.com/SVLECN>.

### FREE! Drop-In Recreation Program with The Fun on the Run (FOTR)

**Truck:** Tues. & Thurs, 3:00 – 5:30 PM. Offers a variety of recreation activities for youth ages 8-12. Parents/guardians must fill out an emergency card on the first day of participation. First-come, first-served basis. Locations: Tuesdays – Muwékma Park, 1035 Indian Wells Ave; Thursdays – Raynor Park, 1565 Quail Ave.

**Zumba Class:** CMS Multi-Purpose Room. Tues., & Thurs, 6:30 – 7:30 PM. A fitness program that involves cardio and Latin-inspired dance. Adults 18+, high school students (14-17) with signed parent consent, students (age 8 – 13) with parent or guardian present. Pay what you can, suggested \$3 donation/class, no one turned away for lack of payment. No childcare and children may not wait in the facility.

**FREE! Youth Drop-In Gym – Multi-Sport @ CNC Gym:** Fridays, 7:00 – 10:00 PM. First and second Fridays: basketball and volleyball; Third and fourth Fridays: basketball and dodgeball. 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.

**Vaccination Clinic for Children (Ages 3-18) with MayView Clinic:** Wednesdays, 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Children can get their required vaccinations for school or childcare. Fees are based on a sliding scale. Walk-ins welcome, no appointment necessary, call 650-330-7400 or <https://ravenswoodfhn.org/service/immunization-clinic/>.

**Free Food Distribution, Family Harvest:** The fifth Wednesday of the month, 4:15 – 5:15 PM. The next distribution is scheduled for Wed., Nov. 29. 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.

**Free Flu Clinic by MayView Community Health Center (@CNC):** Now through Dec. 9, Weds, 1:00 – 4:00 PM by appointment only. Open to anyone age three and up. To make an appointment or for more information, call 650-327-8717.

-Angela Chan, Youth & Family Resources Manager

### SNAIL'S RED BOWS TRADITION 2023



Snail will be hosting its annual Red Bows event to celebrate the holidays. Last year, thanks to all our Red Bow reps, our neighborhood looked beautiful and festive. It is the tradition for the bows to go up the weekend after Thanksgiving and taken down the second weekend in January.



If your street was not decorated with Red Bows last year and you would like to participate in 2023, please let me know by sending your information (name, address, street to decorate) to me at: [dorit.chapman@gmail.com](mailto:dorit.chapman@gmail.com).



We are still looking for Red Bow reps for the following streets:

-  700 block of Manzanita
-  700 block of Madrone

Thank you to all our volunteers for making our SNAIL neighborhood look so beautiful throughout the years!

-Dorit Chapman, Red Bow Coordinator

## SNAIL RECYCLING PROGRAM



Please consider contributing to our SNAIL Recycling Program by dropping off your *cleaned and separated* CRV cans and plastic containers (no glass, please) to the home of Dorit Chapman or Valérie Suarès. All the money generated will go towards the SNAIL community's events. For more information, please email:

Dorit Chapman, [dorit.chapman@gmail.com](mailto:dorit.chapman@gmail.com)

Valérie Suarès, [vsuares@gmail.com](mailto:vsuares@gmail.com)

## SUNNYVALE FOR EQUITY IN EDUCATION (SEE) and FREMONT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (FUHSD) UPDATES



The process of moving the Fremont Union High School District from at-large to trustee area elections is well underway. Sunnyvale for Equity in Education firmly believes that all SNAIL and North Sunnyvale residents should stay informed and engaged in this process of forming trustee areas. There has NEVER been a FUHSD trustee from the zip code of the former Sunnyvale High School, 94085, nor from anywhere north of us. Since SHS was closed, thousands of students from North Sunnyvale have traveled as many as 6 miles to get to the far-from-neighborhood school we are zoned for, Fremont High School. Moving to trustee area elections will ensure that Sunnyvale is represented on the board of trustees. If we had been represented, perhaps Sunnyvale High School would not have been the school chosen to close in 1981. If we had been represented, perhaps students North of El Camino Real would have had accessible and free VTA bus passes for the past 42 years.

The third public hearing about the Fremont Union High School District (FUHSD) move from at-large to trustee-areas elections was held on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Four preliminary maps prepared by the consultant, Cooperative Strategies, were presented at that meeting. To review the maps and for latest information about this process, please visit: <https://www.fuhd.org/newsroom/trustee-areas>

FUHSD has been working with the League of Women Voters Cupertino Sunnyvale to design processes to ensure that district mapping lines are drawn with fairness and transparency. They have solicited applications for a FUHSD community based committee called the Community Trustee Area Districting (CTAD) Community whose function will be to facilitate the process of gathering input and developing maps which will be considered by FUHSD Trustees for elections from 2024 through 2032. The committee's role is to ensure the districts accurately reflect the needs and interests of the people they serve. More information about the committee including link to the application (due October 30<sup>th</sup>) is available here: <https://www.fuhd.org/newsroom/trustee-areas/ctad>

If you'd like to stay informed about the process and receive calendar invites to school board meetings please join Sunnyvale for Equity in Education:

<https://bit.ly/joinSEE>



-Peggy Brewster, Lauren Ledbetter

[SunnyvaleEquityInEducation@gmail.com](mailto:SunnyvaleEquityInEducation@gmail.com)



**SNAIL TRAFFIC SAFETY UPDATE**

At the October 10<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting, FBD Vanguard Construction was awarded a contract for \$3.89M to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety in the SNAIL and San Miguel Neighborhoods, prioritizing active transportation improvements close to the neighborhood schools: Bishop Elementary, San Miguel Elementary, and Columbia Middle School.

The project consists of the installation of curb extensions, high visibility crosswalks, advance yield marking, raised crosswalks, speed feedback signs and HAWK (High-Intensity Activated crosswalk) beacons, an upgraded school path to meet current standards, enhancements to existing bike lanes, and creating new bike routes within SNAIL and San Miguel neighborhoods.

These neighborhood improvements cost an estimated \$6 million, of which \$4.8 million is coming from a state Active Transportation Program grant and \$1.2 million from the city’s capital projects funds. State Representative Ro Khanna, whose congressional district includes Sunnyvale, helped secure \$880,000 in federal funding for the project.

-Peggy Brewster, [snailtrafficsafety@gmail.com](mailto:snailtrafficsafety@gmail.com)

**HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH’S SNAIL ZOOM MEETING**

**Eric Stroker, SCC Supervisor Otto Lee’s Office Updates**

- All residents are invited to the Day On The Bay 2023 Festival at the Alviso Marina County Park on NEXT Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 10am - 3pm. Day On The Bay 2023 Link: <https://d3.santaclaracounty.gov/day-bay-2023-event>
- Supervisor Lee celebrated the winners of SVCE’s 2023 Electric Showcase. Link: <https://d3.santaclaracounty.gov/pr100223svce-electric-showcase-awards>
- If anyone needs more masks or at-home tests, please let us know!!!
- Peggy Brewster, Sunnyvale for Equity in Education (SEE), FUHSD**
- SEE Meeting on October 14th, 2-4pm; El Dorado Mobile Home Park Clubhouse.
- FUHSD transition to by-district trustee areas update
  - Community Trustee Area Districting (CTAD) Commission application available soon.
  - FUHSD board meeting - First public hearing with maps, October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Allison Joe introduced herself to the neighborhood. She is an occupational therapist and parent of San Miguel and Columbia MS students. Allison can be a bridge to Spanish speaking and underrepresented populations in North Sunnyvale. She was a candidate for the FUHSD nominee process in May and plans to run for school board after the districts are drawn.

For full minutes, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/SNAIL2023OCT>

-Denise Perez, SNAIL Secretary



**\*\*NOTE TO OUR NEWSLETTER READERS\*\***

**December Newsletter Distribution:**



Due to Thanksgiving, the week when our newsletter printshop usually closes, the December newsletter will be printed in the first week of December, and the December SNAIL meeting, will therefore be pushed out to **December 14, 2023.**

**January Newsletter Distribution:**



Due to the way the holidays fall, most stores close the last week in December. This means we will send our January newsletter to the printer in the first week of January, pushing our monthly SNAIL meeting to **January 11, 2024.**

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HAVING A SNAIL “WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR” PARTY?**



We discussed this idea in our October SNAIL meeting. Please send your thoughts to [SNAILsecretary@snail.org](mailto:SNAILsecretary@snail.org) so we can determine the community’s interest in attending this type of an event. Your additional event ideas are also encouraged. Thanks in advance for your input.

-Denise Perez, SNAIL Secretary

**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, November 17<sup>th</sup>**. Send an email to: [SNAILeditor@snail.org](mailto:SNAILeditor@snail.org)



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**Veterans Day**  
November 11