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December 2023



GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, December 7th, 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: 1/11*, 2/1, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2, 6/6, 7/11*, 8/1, 9/5
(* 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 dorit.chapman@gmail.com

NOTICE TO OUR NEWSLETTER READERS

January Newsletter Distribution:

Monthly



Newsletter

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**.



SNAIL Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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

The gift of giving is a miracle that keeps on giving.



We should be thankful to live in the SNAIL community because SNAIL is a united community that came to the rescue of a newly opened school in our neighborhood.

After the devastating theft of eight adaptive bicycles from the newly opened Pacific Autism Center for Education (PACE), located at the site of the former Summit campus on San Aleso, generous donations came from all four corners of the SNAIL community.

I am happy to report that the first to respond were SNAIL members of the Elev8tion homes community on San Aleso, with a check in the amount of \$1,050.

Then an article published in the SNAIL November Newsletter generated individual donors who contributed directly by following this link <https://www.pacificautism.org/donate/donate-online/>.

At our November monthly meeting, a discussion was presented to contribute SNAIL general funds to PACE, and a vote was taken by the members to allow for \$1,000 as a contribution toward the purchase of a new adaptive bike. That money comes from a collective recycling fund established two years ago to encourage our community members to recycle CRV cans and plastic containers. SNAIL members who contributed to this fund felt it was an excellent way to give back to the community. In attendance was Jesse Bleiberg of JunkLuggers, who told us he had collected an adaptive bike from one of his customers that had been looking for a new home. This gently used adaptive bike, showing no signs of wear, was delivered to the delighted and amazed staff at PACE on November 8th.

The phrase “it takes a village to raise a child” could not be more appropriate, as the SNAIL Village came together to rescue this amazing school, whose mission is to enhance the lives of people impacted by autism, through innovation, exceptional education, and compassionate care.

TO all of you SNAIL Members, YOU ARE TRULY AMAZING. I am thankful for your generosity and your continued support to the community. I am thankful that you offered support and lent a hand to one of our fellow neighbors.

As we close another year, in times of deep conflict, it is critically important to come together and experience sadness, friendship, embrace and laughter. We have a lot to be thankful for during these difficult times. Please join me in thanking our incredible community leaders, whose leadership makes SNAIL such a great neighborhood to live in. My heartfelt gratitude to all our volunteers whose contributions make it possible to put together, month after month this incredible newsletter, organize outstanding events such as Clean Our Neighborhood on Earth Day, our once-a-year dumpster day, our two-day annual yard sale, and our Annual National Night Out Potluck.

Finally, thanks to our sponsors, the City of Sunnyvale, and those individuals whose contributions make these events possible. Thanks to our nine Little Free Library stewards and our webmaster.

I am honored to serve as your newly re-elected leader and look forward to meeting many new neighbors at our upcoming events. This year we will have a Candidate Forum in September 2024, so mark your calendars.

With gratitude, I wish you all a very Happy and Safe Holiday Season.
-Valérie Suarès



DONATION OF ADAPTIVE BIKE TO PACE

Letter to SNAIL from Lori Strickland, *School Program Director*

Jesse and Valerie,

On behalf of Kurt Ohlfs and the PACE Learning Community, thank you so much for the wonderful donation of an adaptive bike. This bike will bring lots of smiles to our students who need additional support when sitting and riding a bike. Additionally, the Occupational Team representatives who joined me yesterday, Samantha Sitki and Alex Vasquez, are eager to begin using this bike outdoors, along with the other donated bikes, for our students to enjoy!

As you may know, Monday, November 13, is World Kindness Day, and you all have surpassed our expectations with an 'early' gift of this adaptive bike, and the wonderful welcome to our new community! We are so appreciative of you all! Have an amazing day!

Kind regards, Lori



Left to Right: Alex Vasquez, Valerie Suarez, Samantha Sitki, Lori Strickland, Jesse Blieberg



Lori Strickland, *School Program Director*
https://www.instagram.com/p/CzmiljyJ_g/?igshid=MTc4MmM1Yml2Ng== (Click this link for more pictures and story on Instagram)

FUHSD TRANSITION TO BY-TRUSTEE AREAS



Community Workshops

Three workshops will be held to provide an opportunity for the community to learn about the transition to By-Trustee Areas, review the preliminary map scenarios, provide feedback and input, and learn how to use mapping software to design their own maps. Food will be provided. Individuals may bring a laptop or tablet if they want to have hands-on experience with the mapping software during

the workshop, but this is not required. Limited devices will be available. Register today at <https://tinyurl.com/k3h78mz5>.

Thursday, December 7, 2023

6:30-8:00 PM

Fremont Union High School District – Board Room

589 W. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale

Saturday, December 9, 2023

9:30-11:00 AM

Columbia Middle School – Library

739 Morse Ave., Sunnyvale

Thursday, December 14, 2023

6:30-8:00 PM

Quinlan Community Center

10185 N. Stelling Rd., Cupertino



Mapping Software

Mapping software that community members can use to make and submit their own maps for consideration is available on the FUHSD website. Users must create an account to be able to use the mapping tool. Detailed instructions are available within the mapping tool in multiple languages.

Community Trustee Area Districting Committee (CTAD)

In order to enable robust outreach for this process and assist in the process of developing draft maps for consideration by the Board of Trustees, the following 16 committee members were selected to serve on the Community Trustee Area Districting (CTAD) Committee:

- Wesley Chen
- Alan Dowdell
- J.R. Fruen
- David Fung
- Angela Hixson
- Siddarth Jain
- Doug Kunz
- Rommy Kushner
- Chemba Ranganathan
- Kei Sato
- Heidy Patricia Suarez Espinosa
- Bill Wilson
- Julia Zhao
- Taek Kim (Student)
- Kashish Mittal (Student)
- Sehej Singh (Student)

The planned dates of the CTAD meetings, which are open to the public, are as follows:

- Monday, Nov. 27
- Monday, Dec. 4
- Monday, Jan. 8
- Monday, Feb. 26
- Monday, March 18

As with all Brown Act meetings, agendas will be posted 72 hours prior to the meeting on the FUHSD homepage and will include the time and location of each meeting.

-Peggy Brewster

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 name to decorate) to me at: dorit.chapman@gmail.com.

We are looking for volunteers to help put up Red Bows for the following streets: **Ferndale and Santa Coleta Ct.** Please email Dorit if you can help put up the bows on these streets.



Thank you to all our volunteers for making our SNAIL neighborhood look so beautiful throughout the years!
-Dorit Chapman, Red Bow Coordinator

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH'S SNAIL ZOOM MEETING

SNAIL Discussion, Motion and Vote

- Motion to use our SNAIL Recycling fund to donate \$1,000 to PACE to replace one of their stolen adaptive bicycles. Motion was put on the table by Denise and seconded by Marco. 10 members voted yes; one member abstained. The motion passed.
- **Jesse:** Received an adaptive bicycle from a customer that wanted it to be donated to someone. The bike will be donated to PACE.

D5 District Updates (Richard Mehlinger)

- Council approved neighborhood traffic safety improvements in SNAIL and San Miguel.

Peggy Brewster, Fremont Union High School District (FUHSD)

- The FUHSD community trustee area district (CTAD) committee had an open window for applicants. It just closed today (Monday) and 45 people applied. The nominating committee will be choosing 15.

Election of 2024 SNAIL Board Members

- **Chair:** Valerie Soares, **Vice-chair:** Marco Vasquez, **Secretary:** Jenny Purushotma, **Treasurer:** Dorit Chapman

For full minutes, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/SNAIL2023NOV>

-Denise Perez, SNAIL Secretary

CITY OF SUNNYVALE – UPCOMING MEETINGS

Name	Date	Time	Location
City Council: Community Meeting Notice	12/2	10:00 AM	Sunnyvale Community Center Ballroom, 550 E. Remington Dr. Special Meeting of the City Council: "Climate Action Playbook: Game Plan 2028 - Community Workshop" Register: https://qp28community.eventbrite.com/
City Council	12/5 12/12	7:00 PM	Online and Council Chambers https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/87078135704

COLUMBIA NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER (CNC) NEWS

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

FREE! Winter Wonderland: Sat. Dec. 2, 9:30 – 11:30 AM. Location: Community Center Campus, 550 E. Remington Dr. No registration required. Activities include fun arts & crafts, holiday story walk, face painting, story-time, and cookie decorating for children and families.

Breakfast with Santa, Sat. Dec. 2 at 8:00 – 9:30 AM or 10:30 AM – Noon. Location: Senior Center, 550 E. Remington Dr. A pre-purchased ticket is required for each participant aged 3 and up. A great multi-generation event for the entire family to enjoy. Bring your camera for a photo with Santa. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased by calling 408-730-7360.

FREE! Drop-In Recreation Program with The Fun on the Run (FOTR) Truck: Tues. 3:00 – 5:30 PM. Location: Muwékma Park, 1035 Indian Wells Ave. 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.

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. No classes on 12/5, 12/12, 12/26 and 12/28.

FREE! Youth Drop-In Gym – Multi-Sport @ CNC Gym: Fridays, 7:00 – 10:00 PM. Indoor youth drop-in gym for middle and high school youth. 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.

Free Food Distribution, Family Harvest: Families in need of food are invited to register for the Family Harvest Program, a monthly food distribution program that usually takes place on the *fourth Wednesday, 4:15 - 5:15 p.m.* 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., Dec. 20.*

-Angela Chan, Youth & Family Resources Manager



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, December 15th**. Send an email to: SNAILeditor@snail.org

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