



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

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## January 2024



### GENERAL MEETING

**Thursday, January 11<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:** 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 2024 EVENT CALENDAR – SAVE THE DATES

| Date/Time   | Event Name  | Organizer   |
|-------------|---|---|
| Jan         | Red Bows  | Dorit Chapman<br><a href="mailto:dorit.chapman@gmail.com">dorit.chapman@gmail.com</a> |
| Sun, Feb 18 | SNAIL Lunar New Year Dinner<br><b>Save the Date</b> | Barbara Brunasso  |

### IN MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED NEIGHBOR, LINDA BOOLE



*"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,  
love leaves a memory no one can steal."*

SNAIL would like to recognize Linda Boole, longtime supporter of our community. Linda passed at age 81 and-a-half on Friday, Nov 24<sup>th</sup>. Linda and Barry Boole have lived in the SNAIL community for 61 years, all of which

they were actively involved in SNAIL activities. Both Linda and Barry have been supporters of SNAIL, most famously as organizers of the annual Dumpster Day as well as Dumpster Monitors.

Linda was also one of the first to distribute the early SNAIL newsletter and then became the lead newsletter distributor. Linda found time to participate with SNAIL, even though she single handedly ran her household and raised her two children as Barry traveled for his work with the Finnegan Mass Spectrometer Company.

Linda suffered a stroke on September 7<sup>th</sup>, on the Boole's 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary, was checked into the hospital for a week and then to a physical therapy center and ultimately to a hospice center closer to home. On her last day, Linda was surrounded at her bedside by her husband Barry, her children Amy and Ricky, daughter-in-law Shirley, and her 12-year-old twin granddaughters. We will surely remember Linda, her vivacious spirit, goodwill and service to our SNAIL community.

-Barbara Brunasso Oliver, SNAIL Community Member

### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



The end of the year can be stressful for many, emotional for some, and joyful for others.

We can all agree that these past few years have been a strange roller coaster; with COVID came lockdowns and isolation, sickness or health, and longer-than-expected lingering fatigues. At the start of 2023, I honestly thought we had brighter days ahead of us. Yet, we are faced with a world in turmoil, countries in ruins, communities in despair, and hate on the rise. The wounds are raw, the emotions are high. I've asked myself, "Where do we go from here? We have tumbled so low, how can we reflect on the past, climb out, and look forward to the future? The answer? I found it deep in my heart, and as many of you know, I have been deeply involved in giving back to the community I love, friends I cherish, neighbors I support, and a professional opportunity that has enriched me for the uncrossed gifts I have been able to give to those nonprofits in need across the country. And there lies my secret: Give back and give to those in need; give a hug, a smile, a listening ear, a shoulder to cry on. Giving doesn't have to be the gift of a material "thing". The act of giving is often more important than the gift itself.

As the end of the year is soon upon us, let's check our balance between what we have accomplished and what we have left to achieve. I know, deep down in each of us, there is one thing we have not shared with others, that one thing we have not focused on for some reason or another. Reach down deep and pull this one thing out for 2024.

Let the New Year bring hope, courage, strength, stability, time to spend with those we care about and, do I dare say, peace around the world. After all, aren't those some of the most important things in life? Happy New Year everyone!

-Valérie Suarès

### ELECTION SEASON



The 2024 Election Season will come early this year with the Primary Election happening March 5, 2024.

We are in the process of scheduling the US Congressional District 17 as well as the State Assembly District 26 candidates' forums. These will be held on Zoom where you can attend. We will record them and provide the link afterwards.

If you have any questions you'd like to submit, please send them to us at [President@LWVCS.org](mailto:President@LWVCS.org). Once we have the events scheduled, we'll provide the details. In the meantime, they will be posted at [LWVCS.org](http://LWVCS.org) under the Calendar section once they have been announced.

If you'd like to help with candidate forums and other voter service activities, please consider joining our League. Democracy is "by the people, for the people".

It takes active and caring residents to have a good government. We look forward to talking with you soon. You can join on the website or use the email above to schedule a time to discuss it further.

-Elaine Manley, League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale

## SNAIL'S RED BOWS TRADITION SPREADS CHEER



THANK YOU to all the Red Bow reps for making our SNAIL neighborhood look so beautiful and festive this year! We had several new volunteers (we are always looking for more), and a huge amount of neighborhood support, so many more bows decorated the trees than we have had in past years, so THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

As January arrives and we to take the bows down during the second weekend of January, it is the perfect time to **count your total number of trees and how many NEW BOWS you will need for next year** (for undecorated trees and for bows that have seen better days). Please send the count along with the street name to Dorit Chapman at: [dorit.chapman@gmail.com](mailto:dorit.chapman@gmail.com).



Again, thank you all for making our SNAIL neighborhood beautiful this year!

-Dorit Chapman, Red Bow Coordinator



Dave Chapman putting up Red Bows.

## SUNNYVALE FOR EQUITY IN EDUCATION (SEE) UPDATE



After the series of Trustee Area Community Workshops, SEE organized a follow-up information session at Sunnyvale Community Services with the Spanish-speaking Community Leaders group. About 30 people attended, including five CTAD committee members.

SEE members have been giving feedback on the preliminary map scenarios and drawing original maps with the Maptitude software, available at <https://www.fuhisd.org/newsroom/trustee-areas/maps>. Preliminary map scenario 1 shows Sunnyvale split with a northern and southern trustee area. Map scenarios 2-4 show east and west trustee areas, a vertical split of Sunnyvale.

There is growing interest in calling North Sunnyvale (94085 and 94089) as a "Community of Interest" (COI) that should be kept together. We have a common hardship in distance to high school from our residences and a common interest in better transportation. Our area is where the now-closed Sunnyvale High School used to be. We've never had trustees from this part of town and after this districting process, we will always have dedicated representation.

If you would like to give input about the maps and express your opinion that North Sunnyvale or other areas should be determined COI, please write [trusteeareas@fuhisd.org](mailto:trusteeareas@fuhisd.org).

-Peggy Shen Brewster, Gaby Conde



## 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/SVLECNC>.

**CNC will be closed from Dec. 25 to January 2**, including evening and weekend programs. MayView clinic in CNC has its own schedule, closed Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 31-January 2.

**FREE! COVID-19 Test Kits Available at CNC:** Two tests per box, 2 boxes maximum per person while supplies last. Pick up during business and Fitness Room hours, no paperwork needed.

**Resources and Information from Sunnyvale Community Services (SCS) at CNC:** Every Tuesday, 3:00 – 5:00 PM, starting the week of January 8<sup>th</sup>. Anyone in need of food and financial resources, come by and talk with SCS staff.

**FREE! Monthly Activities at Magical Bridge Playground for All Ages, All Abilities at Fair Oaks Park, 540 N. Fair Oaks Avenue:**

- **Sensory Storytime.** Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 4:45 PM at Fair Oaks Park Building. For individuals of all ages with sensory challenges. Limited to 12 participants and caregivers. Register at <https://sunnyvale.libcal.com/event/11415558>
- **Inclusive Musical Show:** Saturday, Jan. 20, 2:00 – 3:30 PM. With Lori and RJ Music of Cotton Candy Express Music, all are welcome. Pre-registration is required. Register at <https://www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/recreation-and-community/classes-and-activities>, course # AB9YIF.AA
- **Music & Movement:** Friday, Jan. 26, 10 – 10:45 AM. Join San Miguel/Columbia Family Resource Center staff for a music and movement activity for families with children, ages 2-5.

**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 1/2/24.

**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 – NEW Early Morning Hours: Tuesday & Thursday, 6:00 -8:00 AM starting week of January 8<sup>th</sup>.** Regular hours: 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. Reopens on 1/3/24.

**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 PM*. 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., January 24<sup>th</sup>.

**FREE! Veggie Rx Program (Spanish):** Free nutrition classes in Spanish by Fresh Approach on Tuesdays, 5:30-7:00 pm, every other week from Feb. 6 – May 14, 2024. Receive vouchers to be used at the Farmer's Market. Register at [veggierx@freshapproach.org](mailto:veggierx@freshapproach.org) or 925-771-2925.

**Recreation Scholarship—Applications Available for 2024 Funding Cycle:** \$500 scholarships per youth for families that qualify. Income limits have increased. Application available on-line, visit [Sunnyvale.ca.gov](http://Sunnyvale.ca.gov) and put "Recreation Scholarship" in search box.

-Angela Chan, Youth & Family Resources Manager

**Hi Amazing Neighbors,**



Our **PACE Art Community Exhibition** will be held on **Thursday, March 28, 2024**. Please save the date. The time frame is 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at the PACE School located at 824 San Aleso Avenue, Sunnyvale.

The plan is to present student art and donated art for sale at a very reasonable cost. We will also feature some musical talent! All are invited to view the art, enjoy music, tour the building, and support an amazing cause! All proceeds will benefit the Pacific Autism Center for Education.

Our school mission is to enhance the lives of people impacted by autism, through innovation, exceptional education, and compassionate care.

Thank you, in advance, for your support of this worthy cause.

And again, a big thank you to the SNAIL community for helping PACE replace some of the stolen adaptive bikes.

Kind regards,

**Lori Strickland**, School Program Director

Pacific Autism Center for Education



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

**Discussions with Mayor Larry Klein**

Trash in the streets and large items being discarded on our streets; Grounds that are across from City Hall where the old Sunnyvale office center was, have just opened; We are collecting feedback on the next Main Library and our Climate Action Playbook.

**Discussion about the Post Office Mail Distribution for Zip Code 94085**

Richard Mehlinger reached out to Valerie this week asking her if we had any issues about not receiving mail. Some people have complained to the city council members that they were not receiving their mail. Mail distribution for 94085 has moved from the Sunnyvale Post Office to the E. Palo Alto Post Office.

**Fremont Union High School District (FUHSD) – Gaby Conde**

Update on FUHSD Trustees Area transition: CTAD Committee, Community Workshops.

**SNAIL Lunar New Year Dinner**

Barbara reported the progress of selecting a restaurant for our annual Lunar New Year Dinner.

For full minutes, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/SNAIL2023DEC>

-Denise Perez, SNAIL Secretary



**CITY OF SUNNYVALE – UPCOMING MEETINGS**

<https://sunnyvaleca.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

| Name                                  | Date | Time    | Location   |
|---------------------------------------|------|---------|--|
| Planning Commission                   | 1/8  | 7:00 PM | Online and Council Chambers  |
| Board of Library Trustees             | 1/8  | 7:00 PM | Bay Conference Room<br><a href="https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/97058153563">https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/97058153563</a> |
| City Council                          | 1/9  | 7:00 PM | Bay Conference Room<br><a href="https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/96111580540">https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/96111580540</a> |
| Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee | 1/18 | 6:30 PM | Bay Conference Room<br><a href="https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/97997417379">https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/97997417379</a> |
| City Council                          | 1/23 | 7:00 PM | Bay Conference Room<br><a href="https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/96111580540">https://sunnyvale-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/96111580540</a> |

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](mailto: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, January 12<sup>th</sup>**. Send an email to: [SNAILeditor@snail.org](mailto:SNAILeditor@snail.org)

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