



GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, March 7th, 7:00 PM

SNAIL Community Meeting via Zoom Login:

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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: 4/4, 5/2, 6/6, **7/11***, 8/1, 9/5, 10/3, 11/7, 12/5
 (* indicates meeting date change due to a major holiday)

2024 SNAIL EVENT CALENDAR – SAVE THE DATES

Date/Time	Event Name	Organizer
Thurs, Mar 28 5:00 – 7:00 PM	PACE Art Community Exhibition 824 San Aleso Ave.	Melissa Watkins M&D Director 408-625-6174
Thurs, Apr 4 7:00 – 8:30 PM	SNAIL Monthly Meeting	Valérie Suarès 408-390-3335
Sat, Jun 8	SNAIL Dumpster Day	Jesse Bly (650) 254-6066
Sat/Sun, Jun 8-9	SNAIL Yard Sale 667 San Diego Ave.	Barbara Brunasso (626) 628-7993 Tarik Peterson (408) 745-1241
Thurs, Aug 1	SNAIL Monthly Meeting NNO final details and call for volunteers	Valérie Suarès 408-390-3335
Tues, Aug 6	National Night Out E Arbor, between N. Bayview and Morse	Valérie Suarès 408-390-3335 Dorit Chapman dorit.chapman@gmail.com

2024 SNAIL MEETING SPEAKER CALENDAR

Date/Time	Speaker	Topic
Thurs, Apr 4	CM Richard Mehlinger	Study Issues 101: How to Recommend Study Issues and How Does the City Select Them?
Thurs, May 2	DPS Neighborhood Resource Officer (TBD)	How to Prevent Theft of Catalytic Converters
Thurs, Sept 26	Elaine Manley, Moderator	SNAIL Candidate Forum - Mayoral Race

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



March into Spring

As we enter March, most of us are ready for spring! Say goodbye to winter and welcome spring weather.

In 2024, we will celebrate the official first day of spring or the spring equinox on Tuesday, March 19. The spring equinox in the Northern Hemisphere occurs when the Sun crosses the celestial equator going south to north. Imagine standing on the equator; the sun would pass directly overhead on its way north.

On the March equinox, the Northern Hemisphere and Southern Hemisphere receive roughly equal amounts of sunlight. Neither hemisphere is tilted more toward or away from the sun than the other.

After the spring equinox, the Northern Hemisphere will experience more daylight than darkness in each 24-hour day. This is my favorite part of spring and summer as the amount of daylight each day will continue to increase until the summer solstice in June, when the Northern Hemisphere experiences its most daylight hours.

February rains have irrigated the gardens, and the first day of spring is a traditional time to start your garden! When the flowers start to bloom, and the birds start chirping, when the doves are cooing and the birds migrate northward, when worms and grubs reappear and when you notice that the days are getting longer, then you know spring has arrived.

Get outside! Look around, observe, and feel the sun getting warmer and stronger. Experience new life emerging and acknowledge how lucky we are to be experiencing these moments.

Happy spring everyone!

-Valérie Suarès



2024 SNAIL RECYCLING PROGRAM

Thank you to all of our current recycling contributors!! Keep your recycling coming... and we would love to have more participation!

All the money generated goes towards the SNAIL community's events. In 2023, we collected 367 lbs. of aluminum and 370 lbs. of plastic for a total of \$1062.46. This allowed us to contribute to National Night Out, Earth Day, and the purchase of new red bows for the community. Way to Go SNAIL!

As the holiday season came to a close and Red Bows were taken down off the trees, we had a lot of bows that were damaged or had seen better days. I received an abundance of orders for replacement bows for 2024. As of today, 204 bows have been requested along with rolls of red ribbon. This will be quite an expense for SNAIL this year as 12 bows are \$39.00, plus tax and shipping.



SNAIL NEIGHBORS, please consider contributing to our SNAIL Recycling Program in 2024 by dropping off your cleaned and separated California Refund Value (CRV) aluminum cans and plastic containers (no glass, please) to the home of Dorit Chapman (418 E. Arbor Ave.) or Valérie Suarès (256 E. Eaglewood Ave.) Your contributions will go a long way to help support the cost of our community events.

For more information, email: Valérie Suarès (vsuares@gmail.com), or Dorit Chapman (dorit.chapman@gmail.com).

-Dorit Chapman

SUNNYVALE FOR EQUITY IN EDUCATION (SEE) UPDATE



The Community Trustee Area Districting Committee (CTAD) meetings are half over, and it's helpful to remember why Fremont Union High School District (FUHSD) is moving from "at-large" elections to "trustee-area" elections (also known as School District Board Members.) FUHSD trustees (also called board members) have previously been elected through at-large trustee elections. In March 2023, the board voted unanimously to move to trustee-area elections.

The district has data starting in 1956 showing where trustees lived (by zip code). Since 1956, there have been 29 trustees, including the five current trustees. Of those 29 trustees, none were from zip codes 94085 and 94089. Two trustees were from 94086; the first was Howard H. Wyant and the second was Betty J. Nelson, who served one term from 1990-1994. The remaining trustees have all lived south of El Camino Real. This trend continues today - all current five of the trustees live in the southern part of the district.

The concentration of trustees from certain zip codes means that parts of the district have never had a trustee who lived in their area. While SEE's focus has been on the lack of representation in North Sunnyvale, where the highest concentration of vulnerable, underserved students resides, the lack of representation extends beyond North Sunnyvale. Other unrepresented/underrepresented areas include Saratoga zip code 95070, Los Altos zip code 94024, and San Jose zip code 95129 (home of Lynbrook HS). Additional details on zip codes can be found on Slide 7 of the Superintendent Update from the January 30 FUHSD board meeting here: <http://tinyurl.com/FUHSD01302024Update>

All board members represent the entire district, regardless of how they are elected or where they live. However, each community within the district is unique. By moving to trustee-area elections, the district is ensuring that ALL communities have representation on the board.

Moving to trustee-area elections also reduces the cost of running for school board, since candidates can focus their campaign on one trustee area instead of the entire district. So more people can run, increasing the representation and inclusion on the board.

By moving to trustee-area elections now (instead of waiting until the district receives a "demand" (or legal) letter or lawsuit), the district has more time for community input and the district avoids fines for being non-compliant with the CVRA (California Voting Rights Act).

As the move to trustee-area elections continues in preparation for the November 2024 elections, there has been concern among some communities within the district that moving to trustee-area elections will reduce their representation and lead to closing of high schools in the southern part of the district. Interestingly, at-large trustee elections were in place when the board decided to close Sunnyvale High School in 1981. When Cupertino Union School District closed elementary schools recently, those board members were also elected at-large. While school closure is separate from how trustees are elected, the evidence does NOT suggest that staying with at-large elections correlates with keeping schools open.

The next CTAD meetings will be held at the FUHSD district office boardroom tentatively on March 11 and April 11.

Finally, the remaining map hearings will occur at these FUHSD board meetings:

- Wednesday, March 20 – Map Hearing 3 (Present maps and sequencing recommendations)
- Wednesday, April 24 – Map Hearing 4 (Board approves final map and sequencing)

As we approach the end of this year-long process, it's a good time to remember that when we foster greater inclusion, we all benefit. Everyone in the district wants their students to have a great education, the ability to participate in extracurricular activities, and reasonable transportation options to get to school. The district as a whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

-Cortney Jansen, SEE Member



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/SVLECN>.

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

- **Storytime: Friday, Mar. 1, from 11:00 – 11:30 AM** by Sunnyvale Library Staff, all are welcome.
- **Inclusive Musical Show: Saturday, Mar. 16, 2:00 – 3:30 PM.** With Lori and RJ of Cotton Candy Express Music, all are welcome.
- **Music & Movement: Friday, Mar. 29, 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. All are welcome.

Zumba Class in 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 Basketball in CNC Gym: 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.

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

Drop-In Fitness Room: Regular Hours: Tues. & Thurs., 6:00 – 8:00 AM; 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 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., March 27th.*

FREE! ShapeUp Sunnyvale - Fitness and Healthy Cooking Program: Funded by El Camino Healthcare District. Any Sunnyvale resident, individuals or families, interested in getting more active or want to cook healthier meals can register. The next session is scheduled to begin on March 11 and will run for eight weeks. Once registered, participants can choose one or both components (physical activity and healthier cooking). Choose from a menu of activities through Recreation Services such as aquatics fitness, Zumba, etc. Healthy cooking involves picking up a pre-packed meal kit weekly from Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC) or the Community Center and cook the meal at home. There will be a recorded video of a professional caterer making the dish and written recipe with instructions. Priority registration for low-income families and new participants. Registration required, call CNC at 408-730-7800 or email: CNC@sunnyvale.ca.gov, to be added to the interest list.

-Angela Chan, Youth & Family Resources Manager



CITY OF SUNNYVALE – UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

Name	Date/Time	Location
Board of Library Trustees	3/4 7:00 PM	Online and Bay Conf. Room https://sunnyvale-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/97058153563
Parks and Recreation Commission	3/4 7:00 PM	Online and Bay Conf. Room https://sunnyvale-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/94819997080
Planning Commission	3/11 7:00 PM	Online and Council Chambers City Hall, 456 W Olive Ave.
City Council	3/19 7:00 PM	Online and Bay Conf. Room https://sunnyvale-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/96111580540
Bicycle and Ped. Advisory Committee	3/21 6:30 PM	Online and Bay Conf. Room https://sunnyvale-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/97997417379
City Council	3/26 7:00 PM	Online and Bay Conf. Room https://sunnyvale-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/96111580540

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 or by mail to City Clerk, 603 All America Way, Sunnyvale, CA 94086.

CITY OF SUNNYVALE – UPCOMING EVENTS

Event Name	Date/Time	Location
EV Ride and Drive Curious about Electric Vehicles? Register for a time slot for YOUR test drive or ride!	3/16 11:00 AM-3:00 PM	Svale Community Ctr. 550 E. Remington Dr. Register: http://tinyurl.com/2024-EVRideDrive
Sustainability Series Make Every Drop Count: Grey Water Reuse Speaker: Shreya Ramachandran	4/17 7-8:30 PM	Sunnyvale Theatre 550 E. Remington Dr. Register: http://tinyurl.com/2024-GreyWater



MAUDE/MATHILDA CROSSING CONSTRUCTION

The following information was requested by CM Richard Mehlinger and provided by Chip Taylor, Director, Department of Public Works.

The intersection improvements at Maude and Mathilda are expected to be completed in April. I have attached the final striping plan page from the construction plans.

The traffic signal has been having a few intermittent issues with communications, which has caused some inefficient signal timing. This issue isn't happening all the time, but it can increase delays for drivers when it does happen. We are working on a fix and hope to have it fixed in the near future, but I don't have a specific timeline.

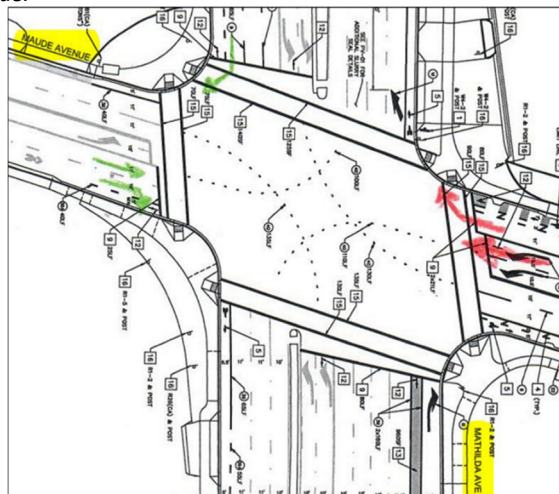
As for the "No right on red" signs at the intersection, those are temporary during construction. Once construction is completed, they will be removed.

The following are SNAIL meeting discussion recommendations:

See the suggested **green** and **red** arrows on the attached map where all three lanes on the Maude access from EAST TO WEST and from WEST TO EAST have three lanes:

- ❖ the far right lanes turning right
- ❖ the center lanes going straight
- ❖ the left lanes turning left

This will improve the flow of the traffic West/East and East/West on Maude.



-Valérie Suarès

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH'S SNAIL ZOOM MEETING

Feedback Comment on the February Newsletter: Content contributors to the monthly newsletter will be more vigilant in identifying political bias or other content that our newsletter readers may consider inappropriate for the SNAIL community as a whole.

Removal of "Pork Chop" Slip Lane: Lengthy discussion on road work at the Mathilda/Maude intersection. See full minutes for details.

For full minutes, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/SNAIL2024FEB>

-Jenny Purushotma, 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, March 15th**. Send an email to: SNAILeditor@snail.org

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