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May 2024



GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, May 2nd, 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 major holiday. All SNAIL area homeowners, residents and guests are invited. Children are welcome. Membership in SNAIL is always free.

Schedule: 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
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 Text (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

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Spring has arrived, bringing with it a sense of renewal and hope. Let's embrace the blossoming season by coming together as a community, supporting one another, and celebrating the beauty that surrounds us.

However, I wish to bring to your attention to some devastating news: We've learned of plans to remove local stores from our Fair Oaks Plaza on Duane Avenue where two grocery stores are located: Western Pacific Filipino Grocery and Taj Mahal Fresh Market; and great local restaurants like Tia Juana, Sushi Blvd, Clarita's Filipino Cuisine, HFC Halal Fried Chicken, Oasis Baklava, California Momo Kitchen, Metro City, Barn Thai, Speedy Taco, and replace them with townhomes. This news may come as a shock to many of us who value the convenience and character that these stores bring to our community. If you share these concerns, now is the time to make your voice heard. Consider joining us in a petition to express our collective opposition to this devastating change. Together, we can work towards preserving the heart of our community and ensuring that future developments align with the needs and desires of all residents. Let's stand together and protect the essence of our neighborhood!

We will want to attend commissions and City Council meetings to voice our opinions to preserve these long time family owned businesses.

Contact me at SNAILchair@snail.org or Peggy Brewster at peggyshenbrewster@gmail.com, if you are willing to join us to influence the developers and let them know we want them to consider redesigning their plans to keep our local stores. Read the article on page 3 for more details.

-Valérie Suarès

SIDEWALK REPAIR



While walking in the neighborhood, if you see any sidewalk, curb, or apron at a certain address that needs to be fixed, repaired or replaced there is a phone number that you can call for the City to report the location of the damage.



Sunnyvale

Call **Sunnyvale Public Works at 408-730-7415** to report any area of concern.

You can also report the damage on the Access Sunnyvale Portal by clicking the link below:

<https://sunnyvale.dynamics365portals.us/streets-trees-sidewalk/> and upload any pictures. When reporting a case, check the box to receive a response from City staff.

You will receive a case number that can be emailed to Richard Mehlinger at: mehlingercouncil@sunnyvale.ca.gov, who will be able to follow up with City staff. However, please be aware that there is an incredible backlog of damaged sidewalks and curb locations. Reporting the issue will be added to the list of the repairs that need to be done.



2024 SNAIL MEETING SPEAKER CALENDAR

Date/Time	Speaker	Topic
Thurs, May 2	DPS Neighborhood Resource Officer (TBD)	How to Prevent Theft of Catalytic Converters
Thurs, Aug 8	All SNAIL Members	NNO Debrief
Thurs, Sept 26	Elaine Manley, Moderator	SNAIL Candidate Forum - Mayoral Race
TBD (End of 2024)	CM Richard Mehlinger	Study Issues 101: How to Recommend Study Issues and How Does the City Select Them?

SEE AND FUHSD UPDATES



The Fremont Union High School District (FUHSD) move from at-large trustee area elections to by-trustee area elections reached another milestone in April - final map recommendations were made by the Community Trustee Area Districting (CTAD) committee to the FUHSD board. This change will affect how FUHSD school board trustees are elected, but it will not affect high school attendance boundaries.

The final CTAD meeting was held on April 8 and went for several hours. The committee reviewed the substantial amount of public feedback that was received via survey results and emails, and then the committee reviewed three maps (Map 5, Map 6, Map 7) that had been initially presented to the board in March. Those maps can be found at:

<https://tinyurl.com/MapScenario5>
<https://tinyurl.com/MapScenario6>
<https://tinyurl.com/MapScenario7>

Feedback on Map 5 focused on minimizing the population difference between the five trustee areas. CTAD reviewed several modifications, but only one modification met the legal requirements. This modified Map 5 was presented at the April 24 FUHSD board meeting, and it included a small portion of the Cherry Chase neighborhood into Area 3, along with the southern part of Homestead High School (HHS) and Monta Vista High School. CTAD also reviewed proposed modifications to Map 6, which all failed to meet the legal requirements. There was almost no support for Map 7 from the committee, so CTAD decided to no longer recommend that map.

The remainder of the meeting focused on two topics. First, they looked at ways to increase the Hispanic population in one trustee area. Maps 5 and 6 have one trustee area with 27.7% Hispanic CVAP (citizen voting age population) representation area, which is less than the 28.4% in the original maps. However, CTAD was unable to identify a map that would provide more than 27.7% Hispanic CVAP while still respecting other communities of interest and meeting the needs of residents in the southern part of the district. CTAD also looked at a new map that was recently proposed by parents from HHS, which attempted to reduce the number of trustee areas that included parts of the HHS attendance boundary.

The meeting went until 1:30 AM, with several members of the Homestead community yelling at the CTAD committee at various points during the meeting. All members of the CTAD committee are volunteers from the community, so thank you to all 16 of them for their hard work and dedication to this process.

On April 24, the CTAD committee presented the modified Map 5 and the original Map 6 to the FUHSD board as part of the Map Hearing #4 meeting. This meeting happened after this article went to press, but the FUHSD board selected the final map and sequencing selection in this meeting. The final map will go to the county committee for final approval in May.

As a result of this process, in the November 2024 election, North Sunnyvale will elect the first-ever FUHSD trustee who lives in the 94089 and 94085 zip codes. Please go to <https://www.fuhd.org/newsroom/trustee-areas> to learn what map and sequencing order were selected by the FUHSD board.

-Cortney Jansen and Angela Hixson



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/SVLENCN>.

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

- **Inclusive Storytime in English: Wed, May 1, from 4:00 – 4:30 PM & Fri, May 3, 11:00 – 11:30 AM**
- **Inclusive Storytime in Spanish: Fri, May 10, from 4:00 – 4:30 PM**
- **Inclusive Musical Show: Saturday, May 18, 2:00 – 3:30 PM** - with Lori and RJ of Cotton Candy Express Music.
- **Music & Movement: Friday, May 24, 10:00 – 10:45 AM.** Join San Miguel/Columbia Family Resource Center staff for a fun, interactive activity for families with children, ages 2-5.

Vaccination Clinic for Children (Ages 3-18) with MayView Clinic. Every Wednesday, 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Children can get their required vaccinations for school or childcare. Fees are based on sliding scale. Walk-Ins only, no appointment. Call CNC for more info/instructions to ensure a successful visit.

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 Basketball in CNC Gym: Fridays, 7 – 10 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! 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, 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., May 22.*

Hands on the Arts Festival, a Sunnyvale Unity Event: Sat., May 11, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. This is an all-day children's art festival. Children can try a variety of art forms from different cultures. With a diversity of workshops, entertainment and food, there's something for everyone. This is a free event at the Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive. Link for more information: <https://www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/recreation-and-community/special-events>

-Angela Chan, Youth & Family Resources Manager



DEAR NEIGHBORS AND SUNNYVALE RESIDENTS,

Plans have been submitted to the City to replace the shopping center at the corner of Duane and San Rafael with 117 new townhouses. A second development at the Lakehaven shopping center off Lawrence Expressway has been proposed which will provide 100 new townhomes or flats.

Duane Ave. Townhomes



While the townhouses provide much needed new housing in Sunnyvale, these developments will result in a loss of nearly all the retail at Duane, and a significant reduction in the retail at Lakehaven. (See table below.)

	Previous retail sq. ft.	New retail sq. ft.
Duane	57,600	0
Lakehaven	64,068	10,000
Total	167,568	21,478

This is especially concerning as the residents of Sunnyvale north of the 101 freeway have few options for shopping within a reasonable distance for walking or biking and very few grocery stores, and no pharmacies.

These developments mirror proposals for several other “Village Center” locations throughout the city. These Village Centers were intended to be vibrant, mixed-use developments with a combination of retail and residential uses, but in practice they are mostly townhouses.

This is partially the result of state laws passed in 2019 to prevent cities from delaying and denying new developments. These laws enabled many new developments, like the Vallco Shopping Center project in Cupertino, but limited Sunnyvale’s ability to affect what is built at these Village Centers. The City has still not updated zoning and other requirements for the Village Center locations to address these state law changes.

While the City has limited power to require changes to this development proposal, Livable Sunnyvale and other groups are strategizing a meeting with developers to enable residents to express what the loss of retail would mean to the neighborhood and see if they are open to modifying their plans. Please see the video of the April 10th, Livable Sunnyvale meeting on YouTube for the full presentation, and the many questions asked by those attending: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wE1k3Q9snnM>

If you would like more information, and to receive updates on these projects email chuckfraleigh@livablesunnyvale.org.
-Leia Mehlman & Chuck Fraleigh, Livable Sunnyvale

TEXTILES FILLING UP LANDFILLS

Please donate textiles: clothing, blankets, home furnishing fabrics, etc. to the SNAIL Yard Sale and help save our landfills.



Source: Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History
-Barbara Brunasso

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH’S SNAIL ZOOM MEETING

City Updates (Mayor Klein): Study issues, ranked: <https://medium.com/@rmehlinger/2024-sunnyvale-study-issue-wrap-up-5b074e737e77>

D5 District Updates (CM Richard Mehlinger): Richard spoke to the wife of the 80-year-old gentleman involved in the hit-and-run incident at Morse and Arbor; his car was struck by a hit-and-run driver. A SNAIL resident checked their home camera and found the license plate number of the hit-and-run driver’s car. The perpetrator was arrested. Residents would have to request a traffic calming study (speed bumps are not always effective).

Yard Sale Planning: Friday, June 7, 4-7 PM setup; Saturday, June 8, sale. Sunday 3 PM Clearance Sale, (consensus to update the bag cost to \$3). Discussion about free stuff, getting rid of everything after the event.

For full minutes, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/SNAIL2024APR>
-Jenny Purushotma, SNAIL Secretary

PET OF THE MONTH



If you would like to submit your pet for Pet of the Month, send an email to the SNAIL editor with a photo and include:

- Your name,
- Your pet’s name,
- Your street name, and
- Anything you would like to say about your pet to: SNAILeditor@snail.org

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, May 17th**. Send an email to: SNAILeditor@snail.org

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