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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



We have had a great start to the summer!

The community engagement, neighborhood support, and commitment to others was fully illustrated by the annual SNAIL Yard Sale and Dumpster weekend that took place the second weekend in June. It takes a village to orchestrate such an event. A heartfelt "Thank You" goes to our amazing yard sale "Queen", our host, every one of our volunteers, the buyers, the folks who invested time to donate items from their homes, our Dumpster Czar, Dumpster Monitors, City Staff and Smart Station Drivers.

Our next big event will be the National Night Out Potluck, on August 6th with your home prepared dishes, music, dancing, kid's activities, face painting, ice cream truck, police and fire trucks, and lots of opportunities to meet new neighbors. (See flyer).

Then, on September 26th, SNAIL, the Sunnyvale Mobile Home Alliance and the League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale are hosting a Sunnyvale Mayoral Candidate Forum on Thursday, Sep 26, 2024 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at the Sunnyvale Community Services in their Community Room (1160 Kern Ave, across the street from Sports Basement and right behind where Frys used to be).

As of today, three candidates have filed papers with the city clerk to run for Mayor: They are Bradley Duplantier, Mayor Larry Klein, and Russell Melton.

You may forward your questions for the candidates to our moderators at the League of Women's Voters using this email address: VoterService@lwvcs.org

Wishing you a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you at the neighborhood National Night Out potluck in August.

-Valérie Suarès

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS



Shoppers are always delighted with their newly found treasures since the annual SNAIL June Yard Sale is not your run-of-the-mill garage sale! One lucky young shopper found a Sunbeam bread mixer of his dreams, and another excited young man found an oscilloscope! We always have some really great stuff. One volunteer commented, "It was really fun socializing with everyone. It's a great opportunity to help others in a meaningful and playful way!"

THANK YOU to our volunteers: **Tarik and Barbara coordinators and yard sale workers; Jesse our Dumpster Czar and his Junkluggers professional services;** volunteers who helped with the Friday night set up, sale days, and the Sunday cleanup: **Beverly, Brandon, Carolyn, Dawna, Ghislaine, Jean, Jenny, Marco, Shaheed, Sharon, Terry, and Valérie.** Thanks, **Courtney,** for the daily postings on Next Door. Thank you **SNAIL neighbors for participating in the annual yard sale** and helping our landfills when we "Reduce, Recycle and Reuse". A successful yard sale is a combination of awesome donations, fantastic volunteers, and great customers!

Leftover items were donated to the Nearly New Shop on Maude and to the Hope Services of San Jose. The yard sale generated \$2,434.74 for future SNAIL activities!

-Barbara Brunasso Oliver, Yard Sale Coordinator

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, July 11th, 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: 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, Aug 1 7:00 - 8:30 PM	SNAIL Monthly Meeting NNO final details and call for volunteers	Valérie Suarès 408-390-3335
Tues, Aug 6 5:30 - 9:00 PM	National Night Out E Arbor, between N. Bayview and Morse	Valérie Suarès 408-390-3335 Dorit Chapman dorit.chapman@gmail.com
Thurs, Sept 26 7:00 - 8:30 PM	Candidate Forum Mayoral Race (Citywide Event)	Valérie Suarès and Elaine Manley, LWV Moderator

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

To my SNAIL hero:

In early June, I scooped up my dog to put her in the car outside my house, and unknowingly must have dropped my phone on the street or sidewalk in the process. When I returned home, I had a letter on my mailbox that said, "Phone inside :)" and was shocked and incredibly grateful to find my lost phone safely returned.

I would like to recognize the anonymous passerby who was responsible for this random act of kindness! You saved me a lot of pain and frustration and I cannot thank you enough.

-Lindsey, E Arbor Ave

Editor's note: If you have a story of a "Random Act of Kindness", please send them to SNAILeditor@snail.org and we can highlight these positive stories in future newsletters.

-Denise Perez, SNAIL Newsletter Editor



S.N.A.I.L. NNO BLOCK PARTY

Date: Tuesday, August 6, 2024; 5:30-9:00 PM

Location: E. Arbor Ave. between Morse and Bayview



THIS IS A POTLUCK EVENT

- ♥ **Potluck:** Guests, please bring main dishes, side dishes, appetizers or desserts. Gluten-free, nut-free or vegan are also welcome and, if so, please write it on a small card displayed in front of your dish.
- ♥ **SNAIL Will Provide:** Hot Dogs, Sausages, Water and our Traditional Ice Cream Truck.
- ♥ **Entertainment:** Returning for the fourth time, The Joint Chiefs (R&B), one of the most versatile and exciting dance bands currently performing. <http://thejointchiefsband.com>
- ♥ **For The Kids:** Face painter and children's activities.
- ♥ **DPS:** Fire trucks, police motorcycles and emergency preparedness team, sponsored by the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety.
- ♥ **Special Guests:** City Council, City staff and Councilmembers.
- ♥ **Live Music:** If you have young children, consider bringing headphones or other noise canceling ear protection for them.
- ♥ **Dogs on a leash are welcome! Bring a jacket, it can be windy.**

Volunteers are needed between 3:00 – 5:00 PM to help set up tables and chairs, manage the food, working at the sign-in table and to clean up, collect plastic bottles, and fold tables and chairs. Please contact: Valérie Suarès: 408-390-3335, vsuares@gmail.com or Dorit Chapman: dorit.chapman@gmail.com, if you can give us a hand.

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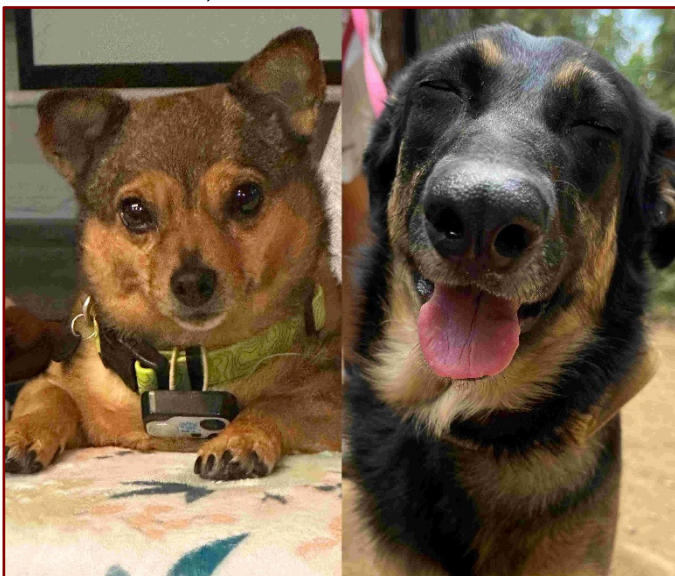


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Adopting our two dogs, one from Seattle Humane and the other from the Humane Society Silicon Valley, has brought countless moments of joy into our lives. Over the years,

they've become an integral part of our family, sharing in our daily joys and comforts. This experience has deeply reinforced my belief in the value of adopting pets over buying them. Each day with our furry friends reminds us of the love and happiness that adoption can bring into our homes and hearts. 😊

-Yuewen and Andrew, Manzanita Ave



THANK YOU TO OUR AWESOME DUMPSTER MONITORS!!



A big shout out and THANK YOU to our loyal dumpster monitors: Barry, Candy and Steve, Janet, Eron, Gavin, Anne and Thornton (and any others I may have missed!)

Thank you all for your efforts in making the SNAIL dumpster day a great success. There was a lot of turnout this year and many residents participated in using the dumpsters. The monitors had their bins under constant surveillance (having been called into action frequently!) SNAIL greatly appreciates your dedication.

Thank you to SNAIL residents as well for your questions and feedback which we will use to improve the experience next year.

-Jesse Bly, SNAIL Dumpster Czar

NEIGHBORHOOD VILLAGE CENTERS SLATED FOR REMOVAL



As you may have read in recent local papers, three village centers are on the chopping block. Two of them on Duane in District 5, (location of Mi Ranchito, and Speedy Taco) and the third one on North Lawrence in District 6, (location of Giovanni's NY Pizzeria). We are seeking signatures of residents affected by these

changes to our neighborhoods.

If you support the idea to influence City Council and Developers to maintain some retail in these shopping centers, please read and possibly sign the petition that can be found by following this link: <https://tinyurl.com/VillageCentersPetition>.

-Valérie Suarès

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! 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, July 3, 4:00 – 4:30 PM
- **Inclusive Storytime in Spanish:** Fri, July 12, 4:00 – 4:30 PM

July 4th Drone Show: City of Sunnyvale will host its first ever Drone Show to celebrate July 4th. Location: Baylands Park. Total event is planned for about 2 hours. Music and the drone show itself will be about 10 minutes. More info and details are available on city website, <https://Sunnyvale.ca.gov>.

Free Legal Clinic (Virtual): Thurs., 7/11, 1:00 to 4:00 PM. In partnership with Asian Law Alliance, consult with an attorney on legal issues in the areas of immigration, housing, public benefits, and family law. Consultations average 30 minutes. This month, consultations will be provided over the phone or via Zoom (at CNC). Next month, it will be available in person at CNC. Appointments required, call CNC to register.

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.

Yoga Classes: CMS Multi-Purpose Room. Wed. & Fri., 6:30 – 7:30 PM. Explore mindfulness and move your body gently. Engage both your mind and body in a healthy practice to build self-awareness, release stress, and leave you feeling calmer and more connected! All levels welcome. Class is offered in partnership with The Art of Yoga Project. Wear loose fitting, comfortable clothes. Bring a yoga mat, towel and water. 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! 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*. New families will need to register on distribution day. Distribution changed to a Farmer’s Market model, participants must park, walk into the parking lot and bring re-usable bags for bulk produce, fruits and a cart for dry and canned goods, eggs, milk, etc. Each family will pick up about 100 lbs. of food. *The next distribution is scheduled for Wed., July 24.*

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Drop-In Fitness Room: Regular hours – Tues & Thurs, 6:00 – 8:00 AM; Mon-Fri, 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.

Summer Activities

Fun-on-the-Run (FOTR) Program: A free program that offers a variety of recreation activities for youth, ages 6-11. Parents/guardians must fill out an emergency card on the first day of participation. Program runs from June 17 to August 2, 2024.

FOTR Summer 2024: June 17 – August 2				
Time	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs
Afternoon 2:00 - 5:00 PM	Columbia Park	Ponderosa Park	Columbia Park	Ponderosa Park

Recreation Swim at Columbia Pool: June 19 – August 7, Wed. & Fri., 3:00 – 5:00 PM. Cool off and have this summer in the Columbia pool, next to CNC. Daily admission is \$5 for residents and \$6 for nonresidents. Join us for some swimming fun.

-Angela Chan, Youth & Family Resources Manager

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH’S SNAIL ZOOM MEETING

DPS Neighborhood Resource Officer Joe Melo: We have uploaded the video of the May presentation by Officer Joe Melo on “How to Prevent Catalytic Converter Thefts”. If you missed it and would like to watch it, go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wqu0l-8UQco>

Next SNAIL Meeting Will be on July 11th: This is because our normal meeting falls on the July 4th holiday. Newsletter distribution date will be June 28th. Articles due by June 14th. Valerie is out of town. Jenny will distribute newsletters for her.

National Night Out, our International Potluck: Thomas will be overseas for 10 days. Check with Dawna regarding selfie board and a table for the Arts Commission. Band and ice cream confirmed.

New Fish and Chips Restaurant Behind Seto: Thomas has eaten there. Great fish, generous portions, batter not too thick. Valerie and Marty, Sharon McKnight and Dave and Dorit also thought it was great. Suggest we have a SNAIL Night Out there. It is on Maude Ave. and used to be a banquet room.

Budget Update - Big Tag Items for this Year (Richard M.): Increase staffing levels after many years of austerity. Many new positions, including DPS; Program for painting red intersection curbs and refresh all existing ones; From January it will be illegal to park in intersections, whether marked red or not; Fire hydrant curbs will also be painted; Tree trimming backlog will be a priority.

For full minutes, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/SNAIL2024JUN>

-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, July 12th**. Send an email to: SNAILeditor@snail.org

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