



S.N.A.I.L. News

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September 2024



GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, September 5th, 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: 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, Sep 5 7:00 - 8:30 PM	SNAIL Monthly Meeting	Valérie Suarès 408-390-3335
Thurs, Sep 26 7:00 - 8:30 PM	Candidate Forum Mayoral Race (Citywide Event)	Valérie Suarès and Elaine Manley, LWVCS Moderator

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH'S SNAIL ZOOM MEETING

Valerie asked if we are able to return to in-person meetings:

Richard: The city has a couple of "Owls" (integrated camera and mic). A lot of setup and not always smooth.

Dorit: Suggested that an email go out every month.

Tim Kirby (Interim City Manager):

-August 12, at City Hall, there will be a meeting of Neighborhood Leaders.

-Decision on new City Manager by the end of August.

Richard Mehlinger: San Diego has sewer line work, corners fixed, but still many raised slabs. **Valerie** says there is a large Senior community nearby and worries about their safety. **Dawna** said we need a crosswalk to get to Lucky. **Richard** will propose a Crosswalk Warrant Study. **Thomas** asked if foot traffic determines priority. **Tim** responded no, currently in order, but a significant safety issue would put it on top.

Discussion on National Night Out: Food purchased (Hot dogs, sausages, buns, chips, cookies, condiments.) Face painting, band confirmed, Art Club will provide SNAIL drawings. **Target** provided school supplies for the kids. Many new tables, i.e. CERT, Theft Prevention, Accessibility. They also helped with the registration and giving out ice cream tickets. People can bring their own food. **No** campaigning or SNAIL can lose our non-profit (501c) status.

For full minutes, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/SNAIL2024AUG>

-Jenny Purushotma, SNAIL Secretary

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Dear Neighbors, Friends, Sponsors, and Volunteers,

I wanted to extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you who participated in this year's National Night Out street party. Your contribution, presence, enthusiasm, and community spirit made the event truly special and a great success.

It was wonderful to see our Arbor St. come alive with laughter, conversation, and camaraderie. From the delicious international food, vibrant live music, to the fun activities and engaging conversations with everyone who set up a table. The evening was a celebration of the strong sense of community we all share.

Your contributions, whether through organizing, volunteering, sponsoring or simply joining in the festivities, played a significant role in making this event memorable. It's gatherings like these that remind us of the strength and warmth of our SNAIL neighborhood.

Thank you once again for making National Night Out a fantastic and enjoyable occasion. We look forward to many more opportunities to come together and strengthen our bonds as a fantastic community we proudly call SNAIL! Mark your calendar, Tuesday, August 5, 2025 will be our next NNO.

Upcoming events:

- **Thur. Sept. 26, 7:00 to 8:30 PM:** Sunnyvale Mayoral Candidate Forum 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) Co-sponsored by SNAIL, the Sunnyvale Mobile Home Alliance, and the League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale.

- Red Bows will be returning to decorate our 1,200 SNAIL community trees the last weekend in November through the first weekend in January. This change has been made because we have found bows removed early and many bows were lost because of it.

See you at one of these upcoming events.

-Valérie Suarès

SNAIL THANKS OUR NNO SPONSORS THIS YEAR!!

- ✚ **The City of Sunnyvale** for assisting with funding this extraordinary event with their grant, along with our street sweeper operator **Albert Villagomez** who drove, back and forth over and over again to make sure Arbor was free of debris,



- ✚ **Ron Starnes from Bay Area Data Supply** for his large funding contribution and the scrumptious tri-tips,

- ✚ **Patrick Ahrens** for his funding contribution towards our BBQ,

- ✚ **Shiveta Gandotra** for empowering minds and fostering mental well-being,

- ✚ **Renna Shee** for the beautiful and colorful brochures illustrating 2023 NNO,

- ✚ **Target team members Jamie Billings and Lydia Telahun** for providing school supplies, juices and snacks,

- ✚ **Seto Fish and Chips** for providing the boats for the hotdogs,

- ✚ **Anulfo** and his Ice Cream truck,

- ✚ **Jesse** for transporting my BBQ from my home to Arbor and back, and taking care of our overflow trash at the end of the event,

- ✚ Returning for the 5th year, a special thanks to **The Joint Chiefs** for the entertainment.

-Valérie Suarès

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: BAR-B-Q, POTLUCK, ICE CREAM TRUCK & MORE!!



SUNNYVALE MAYORAL CANDIDATES' FORUM

SNAIL, the Sunnyvale Mobile Home Park Alliance and the League of Women Voters will co-host the 2024 Sunnyvale Mayoral Candidates' Forum on **Thursday, September 26th from 7:00 to 8:30 PM**. Elaine Manley, LWVCS Co-president will moderate this citywide hybrid event (online and in-person).

Participate in person, at the **Sunnyvale Community Services, (Community Room) 1160 Kern Ave (Behind Fry's Electronics)** or attend online, using this **URL: <https://tinyurl.com/SVMayorForum2024>**

Please, submit your questions for the candidates **ahead of time to: <https://tinyurl.com/LWVCSForumQs2024>** for the League to group questions by topic and relevance. Time permitting, additional questions from the audience will be presented to the candidates. If attending in person, candidates may answer direct questions after the forum.

Why should you participate?

- ❖ The mayor is vital for the city, as they act as the head of the local government,
- ❖ Plays a key role in the decision-making process,
- ❖ Provides leadership to the community,
- ❖ Represents the interests and concerns of all citizens, and
- ❖ Bridges between the local administration and the people they serve.



An effective mayor is crucial to the prosperity and well-being of a city. Their decisions significantly impact the local economy, infrastructure development, and residents' overall quality of life.

On the other hand, an ineffective mayor can lead to mismanagement, stagnation, and missed opportunities for growth and progress.

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/SVLECNC>.

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

Language	Days/Dates	Times
English	Wednesday, Sept. 4	4:00 PM
English	Friday, Sept. 6	11:00 AM
Spanish	Friday, Sept. 13	4:00 PM

Free Legal Clinic (Virtual): *Thurs., 9/12, 1:00 - 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 virtual. Registration 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 a sliding scale. Walk-ins only, no appointment. Call CNC for more info/instructions to ensure a successful visit.

NEW! Free Childcare for Children (ages 4-11): Available on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6:15 – 8:15 PM, beginning on Sept. 10th. **Children must be potty independent.** Parents/guardians must participate in Zumba class or Fitness Room to use childcare services.

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.

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.* 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., September 25.*

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.

-Angela Chan, Youth & Family Resources Manager



THE VILLAGE BEHIND NNO

It takes a village to put such events together and I thank our volunteers without whom this event would never have been the success it was.

Denise, the extraordinary newsletter editor for designing all the flyers in our newsletters. **Marco** who ordered the tables, chairs and outdoor restroom facilities. **Jenny** and her youth group. **Dave, Marco, Terry, Mike, and the young adults from the band**, for setting up the tables and chairs. **Barbara and Bri** for labeling the exhibitors’ tables. **Thomas** for grilling until sundown. **Marty, Jennifer, and Bri** for setting up the buffet. **Sharon and Jen** for serving the food. **Margaret** for popping popcorn. **Anne** for cleaning all utensils, and the BBQ Pans. **Dorit and David** for being our gracious hosts and assisting with so many logistics, and more importantly, collecting and taking the SNAIL recycling to the SMART station for precious dollars to support this amazing event, and yours truly for orchestrating every aspect of this event to come together and make each NNO event a memorable one.

IN ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR AT NNO WERE...

- ❖ Candidate Patrick Ahrens for California Assembly,
- ❖ Santa Clara County Supervisor Otto Lee,
- ❖ Sunnyvale Mayor Larry Klein,
- ❖ District 5 Councilmember Richard Mehlinger,
- ❖ Dept of Public Safety (DPS) Chief Ngo, including the canines, motorcycles, and firetruck units,
- ❖ Council member Russ Melton, and
- ❖ All the Sunnyvale School board candidates, Peggy Shen Brewster, Isabel Jubes-Flamerich, and Pat Carpio.

-Valérie Suarès

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, September 13th**. Send an email to: SNAILeditor@snail.org

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