



S.N.A.I.L. News

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November 2021

Daylight Savings Time Ends



Turn your clocks back
one hour on
Sunday, November 7th
2:00 a.m.



GENERAL MEETING

Thursday November 4th, 7:00 p.m.

You are Invited to Join in the SNAIL Community
Meeting via Zoom

Zoom Login:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83434073523?pwd=ZmJwS3NDQlVwTy9xdFZlVW9qU2FCdz09>

Meeting ID: 834 3407 3523; Passcode: 94085

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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 or our usual meeting venue is not available. All SNAIL area homeowners, residents and guests are invited. Children are welcome. Membership in SNAIL is always free.

Next SNAIL Meetings: 12/2, 1/6, 2/3, 3/3, 4/7, 5/5

SNAIL DECEMBER RED BOW DAY



Our next community event is the well-loved Red Bows Day. SNAIL Volunteers will be decorating our neighborhood for the Winter festivals by wrapping a big Red Bow around the 1,000 trees in SNAIL. Red bows will go up the first weekend of December and will remain there until the end of the first weekend of January.

To know if your street has a Red Bow coordinator, if you wish to volunteer, or if you need new bows for your street, contact our Treasurer, Patsy for more information at SNAILtreasurer@snail.org or by calling Patsy directly at 408-830-0097.



2022 SNAIL OFFICERS ELECTION

SNAIL will hold elections for our 2022 officers at the SNAIL General Meeting on November 4th. If you have attended at least two SNAIL meetings within the last six months or served as an active volunteer within the last 12 months, you may nominate, and/or run for any of our four elected positions. Come join us to nominate a SNAIL member and/or cast your vote for our 2022 SNAIL officers.

The new offices will commence in January 2022.

-Valérie Suarès, SNAIL Chair

The publication of our newsletter and SNAIL Neighborhood Association sponsored activities are supported through our annual yard sale, newsletter sponsors and donations.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



We were fortunate to have had such great October weather for our 2nd Neighborhood Clean-up Day, outdoor BBQ, and pumpkin decorating event on Saturday, October 16th!

There were two, 10-foot tall fluorescent green "SNAIL Event" banners anchored firmly so everyone could find our group in Columbia Park. All were welcomed by SNAIL volunteers wearing a SNAIL apron and every participant received a fluorescent green wristband, giving them access to all of our festivities, BBQ, ice cream and pumpkin decorating.

To kick off the day, (49) adults and (37) young ones cleaned our SNAIL neighborhood. Equipped with grabbers and maps, they collected plenty of trash, bottle tops, glass, and plastic containers. The biggest loot of the day were five SUV size tires that were taken to PepBoys for recycling. When lunch was served, the options were all beef hot dogs or chicken sausages, accompanied by individual bags of chips, cookies, and water.

The pumpkin decorating was so much fun! All the pumpkins looked beautiful and fun. One thing they all had in common was PERSONALITY.

We had a table of children's books that the kids could borrow and then swap at one of the eight Little Free Libraries (LFL) in SNAIL. Maps were provided to help locate all the LFL's in the SNAIL and Lowlander neighborhoods.

All recyclables collected throughout the day were gathered and their value will be redeemed to help fund future SNAIL functions (see article "Recycle for the Good of SNAIL".)

We thank:



Our sponsor **Renna Shee**, who covered the cost of over 80 ice creams enjoyed by all. A welcome refreshment under the October sun.



SNAIL's resident artist, **Shelley Capovilla** for the beautiful face painting art.



Peggy and Erik for collecting feedback on traffic issues in SNAIL.



The Staff of the City of Sunnyvale for supporting our recycling efforts by supplying the Clearstreams containers.



Most importantly, we thank our SNAIL organizers/volunteers, who have put in time and energy for the past two months, planning this day and successfully orchestrating this SPOOKTACULAR event: **Barbara, Dave, Denise, Dorit, Jenny, Marco, Patsy, Rick, Thomas, and Valérie.**

This event was made possible by the generous Neighborhood Grant Program from the City of Sunnyvale.

Our sincere hope is to see you with your grabbers as you continue to pick up items on your own, while walking the neighborhood. We look forward to seeing you at our Spring 2022 Earth Day event.

-Valérie Suarès

SNAIL FALL EVENT: BAR-B-Q, PUMPKIN DECORATING, & MORE!!

PUMPKIN DECORATING & FACE PAINTING



BAR-B-Q PICNIC, SNAIL TRAFFIC SAFETY, ICE CREAM TRUCK



HOMEMADE BAGELS: BEAUTIFUL IF YOUR EYES ARE CLOSED



If you love to bake bread, I'm with you! It fills the house with a yeasty aroma that is comforting to me in a way that few other kitchen aromas are. I've given up on finding satisfying bagels, but I have a way to go before mine look anywhere near the photo-perfect ones that I see in bagel shops. We're entering those darker, colder, wetter (we hope) months when all things yeasty are especially appealing, I think.

Maybe I just need to watch a few more videos on making bagels, but mine consistently look like they were tortured before baking. Baking sets the scars and dislocations in their places. Taking a bread knife to one of those bagels requires a bit of strategy: how to slice a bagel in half that has no dimension of symmetry whatsoever.



But this much I know: These bagels are delicious. Close your eyes, and it's the beautiful flavor and texture that will win you over. Don't judge a bagel by its appearance (I remind myself).

Nevertheless, I persist. I would love to be able to share the bagels I make without first offering an apology. I would love to see a little round hole in the middle, surrounded by a uniformly sized ring of chewy bagel.

I started making my own bagels when I ran out of patience with reading the labels of commercially sold bagels with a shelf life heavily dependent on sodium and ingredients listed only by their chemical descriptions. (The amount of sodium in most regular bagels is unconscionable.) I pored over online recipes, went through my various baking cookbooks, and recalled bagels I'd particularly enjoyed. While I am not a die-hard New-York-style bagel person, I appreciate that those bagels are satisfying in a way that bagels with lighter textures and densities just can't match.

I call my recipe "Mostly Whole-Wheat Bagels," although the ratio is 2 cups of whole wheat flour to 1½ cups bread flour. I like to throw sunflower seeds into the dough before kneading for about ten minutes. What trips me up every time is the wetness of the dough: not wet enough and the bagel dough doesn't stick together when shaped into discs; too wet and the bagel dough sticks to everything it touches. Either way, the raw bagels are already disfigured for life.

Occasionally, I'll have a batch of dough that can maintain a hole in the middle of most of the bagels. This mostly happens when the dough is too dry. I transfer the raw bagels to a pot of simmering water using a flat skimmer. At this point (too late) it becomes clear whether the dough is too wet or not wet enough. You would think that putting a raw bagel in very hot water would be easy; it should slide off the skimmer. Here's my observation: The wetter the dough, the more it clings to the skimmer. I have unintentionally tested this theory quite a few times.

I will continue to persist. But this morning, I had one of the whole wheat and sunflower seed bagels I made yesterday, lightly toasted. I closed my eyes, breathed in the warm scent of yeast and wheat, and bit into a perfectly chewy, flavorful bagel. It was a beautiful thing.

-Patricia Collins, patricia@patriciawrites.com

SNAIL FALL EVENT – KIDS' PARTICIPATION

The best part of the trash pickup was the number of kids that participated. When they returned with their bags full of litter, they were so proud of themselves. Such a wonderful thing that the parents are giving to their kids, the joy of doing something for others and the community. Children decorated pumpkins and masks in very creative ways using an assortment of arts and crafts supplies. Many of the kids were from Bishop Elementary school.

They all loved the free ice cream donated by Renna Shee and the face painting and henna wrist tattoos. Kids could also select books from a table of donated childrens' books, with the understanding that they will return and swap the books at one of the Little Free Libraries. Pamphlets with a map showed 11 locations in the SNAIL neighborhood.

-Dorit Chapman and Jenny Purushotma

SNAIL TRAFFIC SAFETY UPDATE

Hello fellow SNAIL residents,



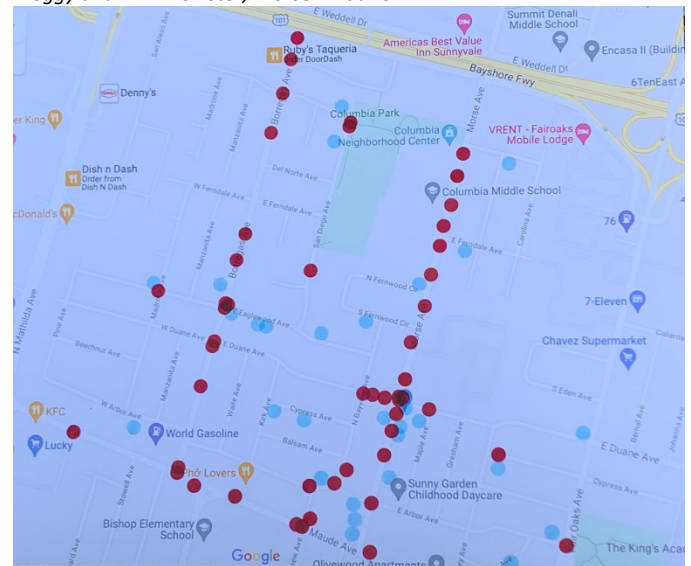
We had a great turnout at the SNAIL Fall Event and heard from many more neighbors. It's been nice having conversations about our shared traffic safety concerns. As we talk to more neighbors, it is evident that SNAIL road safety has long been a problem that has been pushed to the side through the years.

Below is the picture of our map after the event. The blue dots represent residences of people responding. The red dots are the areas of concern identified by those residents. We've heard from 30 households so far. It would be great to hear from at least 20 more residents before we draft the unified message to present to the City.

Please encourage your SNAIL friends to email Peggy and Erik at SNAILTrafficSafety@gmail.com or visit

<https://www.snailtrafficsafety.org>, to chime in. We have business cards with the aforementioned information, too and if anyone would like to pass them out around the neighborhood, we are happy to deliver them to you. Thanks for joining us.

-Peggy and Erik Brewster, Morse x Duane



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, November 12th**. Send an email to SNAILeditor@snail.org.

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SNAIL NEIGHBORS DAVE & DORIT CHAPMAN RECEIVE 2021 SUNNYVALE ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The City of Sunnyvale selected Dorit and Dave Chapman as the recipients of the 2021 Environmental Achievement Community Award. Congratulations to Dorit and Dave for making such a significant difference in our Sunnyvale SNAIL Community. Dorit and Dave received their award at the State of the City (SOTC) event on Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021. The event featured the Mayor's State of the City address and the Board and Commissioner Recognition of all our Community Award winners. The event took place outdoors at the Sunnyvale Heritage Park Museum.

Congratulations Dorit & Dave and thank you for your dedication to the SNAIL Community, we appreciate your commitment!
 -Denise Perez, SNAIL Newsletter Editor



HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH'S SNAIL ZOOM MEETING

Attendees: Valérie Suarès, Patsy Duke, Jenny Purushotma, Barbara Brunasso Oliver, Dorit Chapman, Marco Vasquez, Thomas Leibold, Denise Perez, Barry Boole, Peggy and Erik Brewster

Guests: Richard Mehlinger; Eric Stroker of Supervisor Otto Lee's County Office

Eric Stroker, Otto Lee's Office:

- County Board Meeting this past Tuesday, Supervisor Lee put forth a referral to create a County Sustainability Commission and it was unanimously adopted by county supervisors. While the County has several committees related to environmental issues such as waste reductions, there is no direct body to advise the Board of Supervisors on climate change, environmental conservation, and sustainability.
- Mask mandate may be lifted. All nine Bay Area counties will be working on this.

Peggy and Erik Brewster - Update on Traffic Safety:

- Website is up. Please visit at: <https://sites.google.com/view/snailtrafficsafety>; or email: snailtrafficsafety@gmail.com
- Looking for more input from neighbors to take concerns to City Council. Need representation of different members of SNAIL for a coherent, time-efficient plan.
- Barry:** Would like a Stop sign installed at W. Eaglewood or Duane/Borregas. Been trying for 25 years. 4-way stop on Eaglewood would be best. Traffic ripping down W. Eaglewood has been a problem for a long time.
- Peggy:** Borregas is a problem. Getting a 30" x 36" map to encourage people to put stickers of concern on the map.
- Richard:** Included the following link: <https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=27371>
- Erik:** It makes a more compelling argument if you can connect your concerns to the City's various plans, i.e., Net 0 Plan, etc.
- Valerie:** Let us know the names and emails of those neighbors who have traffic concerns.
- SNAIL members** are encouraged to send your concerns to Snailtrafficsafety@gmail.com.
- Marco:** Use Access Sunnyvale <https://sunnyvale.dynamics365portals.us> to report issues such as garbage on the streets, traffic, trees/park/street maintenance, etc.

For full minutes, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/SNAIL202110>
 -Barbara Brunasso Oliver, SNAIL Secretary