



## GENERAL MEETING

**Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 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: 1/9\*, 2/6, 3/6, 4/3, 5/1, 6/5**

(\* indicates meeting date change due to a major holiday)

### 2024 SNAIL EVENT CALENDAR – SAVE THE DATES

Date/Time	Event Name	Organizer
Thurs, Jan 9 7:00 PM	SNAIL Monthly Meeting Guest Speaker	Matt Savage Program Manager, Substance Use Prevention

### NEIGHBORHOOD STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE



Our streets are generally swept every two weeks on the day following your trash pickup. If possible, please move your car off the street on street sweeping days. The next street sweeping schedule is:

East SNAIL Neighborhood	Tues., 12/10, 1/7, 1/21
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wed., 12/11, 1/8, 1/22



### Substance Use Prevention Policy Program at the Public Health Department.

**-Matt Savage**

Please **join us** at the SNAIL Neighborhood Association Meeting on **January 9<sup>th</sup>** to hear from Matt Savage, Program Manager of the Substance Use Prevention Policy Program at the Public Health Department. Matt will talk about his program, his

work in the community, and the increasing concern about emerging products, especially for youth. This includes synthetic cannabis, a substance that is nearly identical to traditional cannabis but is sold widely at retailers outside of regulated cannabis dispensaries. It is not FDA-approved, and testing is not required for sale. A recent study found that 11% of high school students have used this product, and another found that it is easily obtained by youth at local retailers.

*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



I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and were able to spend it with friends and/or family, staying home, or traveling. As the year comes to an end, I wish to thank you for Recycle-electing me to the SNAIL leadership. Talking about the election, we congratulate Mayor Larry Klein for his successful reelection and look forward to his future successes with the City.

Looking ahead positively after a presidential election, especially one as contentious as those in the U.S, we must admit whether the outcome was what you hoped for or not, there are ways to frame the future with optimism and a constructive mindset. Here are a few thoughts I was reflecting on as I was thinking of the end of year message to our community. If we could have one focus for 2025, I would say it should be **Civic Engagement**, by being informed about ongoing local and community issues.

Sunnyvale has plenty of opportunities to get involved locally. Change often begins at the local level. **Volunteer for causes you care about, join local civic organizations, attend or participate in some of the City Commissions.** There is a commission for everyone's interest: the Arts, Bicycle and Pedestrian issues, Parks and Recreation, Library, Heritage Preservation, Housing, Planning Land Use and Development. Check out this page for more information:

<https://www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/your-government/governance/boards-and-commissions>

Similarly, SNAIL has plenty of opportunities to get involved: **We will be celebrating 30 years next year** and we are looking for some help to plan this big party in August at the National Night Out event on Aug. 5. If you have a few hours available to help our planning committee, please reach out to Jenny, Valérie, Dorit or Marco (our contact info is on the bottom of page 3). Other opportunities to get involved are with schools, Sunnyvale Equity in Education, Traffic Safety and Safe Route to Schools. Additionally with the help of some of the SNAIL founders, we have been compiling a **history of SNAIL** and would love for you to help us complete it; and if you can, attend the traditional Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM on Murphy Avenue downtown.

Finally, it is time to thank Denise, our newsletter editor for her extraordinary and faithful 10 years of monthly dedication, outstanding creativity, well-organized, always engaging and informative SNAIL newsletters. She will be passing the baton to Annika. Beyond being the editor, she has been a great friend to many. Thank you Denise. I truly appreciated your efforts and attention to details you put into each edition, month after month.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday season and I look forward to seeing many of you on **January 9<sup>th</sup> to hear Matt Savage** discuss the increasing concerns about synthetic cannabis, a substance nearly identical to traditional cannabis sold widely at retailers outside of regulated cannabis dispensaries and not FDA-approved or tested.

**-Valérie Suarès**



### COLUMBIA NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER (CNC) NEWS

For current information on programs, call CNC at 408-730-7800 or email [CNC@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:CNC@sunnyvale.ca.gov) or visit: <https://tinyurl.com/SVLECNC>.

**CNC will be closed from Mon., Dec. 23 through Sat., Jan. 4, 2025, including all drop-in programs. CNC re-opens on Monday, Jan. 6, 2025.**

**Yoga Classes – Mon. & Wed. – 6:30-7:30 pm in the CNC Gym Through 12/18.** 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! Monthly Activities at Magical Bridge Playground.** All Ages, all Abilities at Fair Oaks Park, 540 N. Fair Oaks Avenue. All are welcome.

❖ **Storytime (English)** – Wed., 12/4 @ 4 pm, Fri., 12/6 at 11 am, at playground stage. All are welcome, 30 minute program.

❖ **Storytime (Spanish)** – Fri., 12/13 at 4 pm, at playground stage. All are welcome, 30 minute program.

❖ **Watercolor class** – Tues., 12/3, 12/10 & 12/17 at 3:30 pm in the park building. For individuals with disabilities, age 8+. Registration required, please email CNC for registration link. One hour program.

**Free Legal Clinic (In-Person), Thurs., 12/12, 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 in-person at CNC. Registration required, call CNC to register.

**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! 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 p.m. 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., Dec. 11.

**Fun-on-the-Run (FOTR) Program:** December 20, 23, 26, 27 & 30 + Jan from 2:00 – 5:00 PM at Columbia Park. 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.

-Angela Chan, Youth & Family Resources Manager



-Lori Strickland, PACE Director

### SNAIL'S RED BOWS TRADITION 2024

SNAIL will be hosting its annual Red Bows event to celebrate the holidays. Last year, thanks to all our Red Bow reps, our neighborhood looked beautiful and festive. It is the tradition for the bows to go up the weekend after Thanksgiving and taken down the first weekend in January.

**We still have streets that do not have Red Bow Reps.** If your street was not decorated with Red Bows last year and you would like to participate in 2024, please let me know by sending your information (name, address, street to decorate) to me at:

[dorit.chapman@gmail.com](mailto:dorit.chapman@gmail.com)

We are still looking for **Red Bow reps** for the following streets:

- 700 block of Madrone
- 800 block of Borregas
- 500 block of E. Arbor
- 500 block of Fir



Thank you to all our volunteers for making our SNAIL neighborhood look so beautiful throughout the years!

-Dorit Chapman, Red Bow Coordinator

### SNAIL RECYCLING PROGRAM



The SNAIL RECYCLING program has been a great success! Thanks to all of your recycling, our National Night Out benefited from the funds received. Please keep them coming!

If you haven't contributed to this great community program, please consider doing so by dropping off your cleaned and separated **CRV** cans and plastic containers (no glass, please) to the home of Dorit Chapman or Valérie Suarès.

SNAIL's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be held in August 2025, and we will need as much money as possible for this celebration. For more information, please email: Dorit or Valérie (See contact information in table below.)

-Dorit Chapman, SNAIL Recycling Program



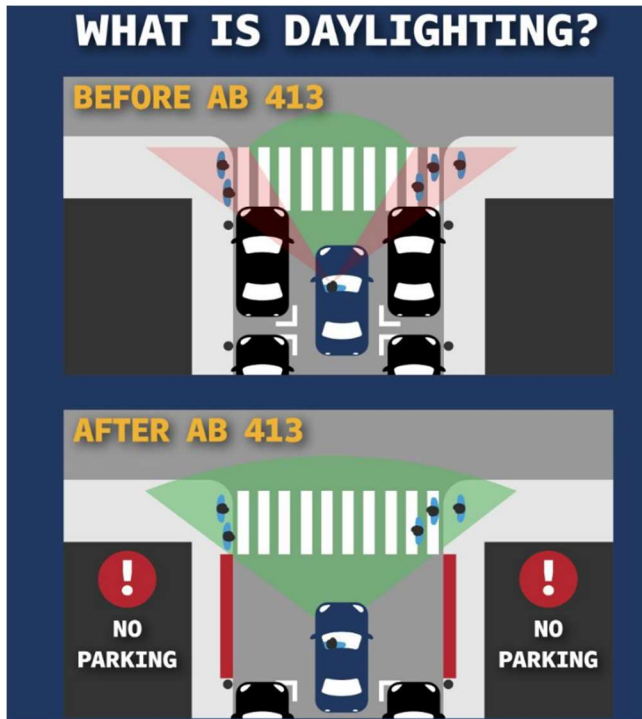
### NEW "DAYLIGHTING" PARKING LAW

A new "daylighting" parking law begins on January 1, 2025 to improve safety at intersections, especially for pedestrians, and it applies to all crosswalks, whether the crossing is painted or not. California's new "daylighting" law, Assembly Bill 413, prohibits parking within 20 feet of any crosswalk, whether marked or unmarked:

- **When the law takes effect:** Written warnings began on November 11, 2024, and citations will begin on January 1, 2025.
- **Where the law applies:** The law applies to all crosswalks, including those with curb extensions.
- **How the law is enforced:** Local jurisdictions can paint zones that are longer or shorter than 20 feet. If there is no paint or signs, the 20 feet distance applies.
- **Fines:** Fines for violating the law start at \$40.
- **The purpose of the law:** The law aims to improve safety at intersections by making it easier for drivers to see pedestrians and other vehicles.

The new law was signed in October 2023. It's similar to laws in other states that also prohibit parking near crosswalks.

For more information visit this website:  
<https://tinyurl.com/DaylightingLaw>



-Valérie Suarès



### GET SNAIL NEWS ELECTRONICALLY



SNAIL often receives alerts, messages, and news in between newsletter publications. We want to send these to the community electronically.

Let us add your email to the mailing list to receive these (often) important messages. We will consolidate them so that no more than one message will be sent a week, if any. Send an email to: [SNAILeditor@snail.org](mailto:SNAILeditor@snail.org).  
-Valérie Suarès

### WOULD YOU KNOW 30 INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT SNAIL?



What are some of the reasons you Like/Love SNAIL?

Send your responses to:  
[SNAILchair@snail.org](mailto:SNAILchair@snail.org).  
-Valérie Suarès

### HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH'S SNAIL ZOOM MEETING

**Valérie Suarès:** Brainstorming activity ideas for our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year.

- ❖ Would you know 30 Interesting Facts about SNAIL?
- ❖ What are some of the Reasons you Like/Love SNAIL?

Valerie invited attendees to send in their responses to the two questions that will be posted on the table at NNO on August 5. Send [SNAILchair@snail.org](mailto:SNAILchair@snail.org).

**SNAIL Board Elections:** The election will be first up in case you can't attend the full meeting. Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary and Treasurer - are all willing to be re-elected. No new volunteers, so the slate of candidates was accepted unanimously with 13 votes.

**Guest Speaker: Bailey Hall "Zero Waste Holiday":** Two million lbs. of gift wrapping ends up in the landfill annually. Suggestions - give gift cards to business or restaurant, give home baked goods or artwork. If throwing a party, ask people to bring a container to take home leftovers. Try to use reusable cups and plates. Recycle your tree.

**Richard Mehlinger City Updates:** Larry Klein was reelected in a landslide (73%). Library bond appears to have failed. Measure F also appears to have failed. Fair Oaks study issue will be split into pieces to be more achievable. Folsom is included. Richard's sidewalk quality service proposal will clear the 5-7 year backlog. Asking for double the funding. Priority is based on severity. Replacement for Access Sunnyvale system is in the works by 2026. If you have thoughts, come to Study Session, at 6:00 PM, Dec 10th. New council will be sworn in on January 7, 2025. Tim Kirby is speeding up the Study Issue process.

For full minutes, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/SNAIL2024NOV>  
-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, December 13<sup>th</sup>**. Send an email to: [SNAILeditor@snail.org](mailto:SNAILeditor@snail.org)

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