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January 2025

You're invited to our community meeting on Zoom!

Meet your friendly neighbors virtually and hear an interesting guest speaker.

Thursday, January 9, 7:00 PM

<https://tinyurl.com/SNAILZOOM>

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All SNAIL residents, guests, children, and even pets are encouraged to attend. Membership in SNAIL is always free. Our SNAIL community meets on the **first Thursday of the month** (except when it coincides with a major holiday). Meetings are typically 1.5 hours; join us for all or any part. Mark your calendar for the next upcoming dates: 2/6, 3/6, 4/3, 5/1, 6/5

Meet our January guest speaker

Matt Savage on the Substance Use Prevention Policy Program at the Public Health Department

Please join us at the SNAIL Neighborhood Association meeting on **January 9th at 7:00 PM** 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.

Upcoming February speaker

Next month on Feb. 6, Anna Mendoza from the City of Sunnyvale will give an overview of the service request tool **Access Sunnyvale** (what it is, how to use it) and tips & tricks to maximize your experience.

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 dates are:

East SNAIL Neighborhood	Tuesday 1/7, 1/21, 2/4, 2/18
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wednesday 1/8, 1/22, 2/5, 2/19

The publication of our newsletter and SNAIL Neighborhood Association sponsored activities are supported through our annual yard sale, newsletter sponsors, and donations. Thank you for your support!

Message from the Chair

SNAIL had a wonderful 2024, thanks to our guest speakers and contributing officers: Marco for being our vice chair and stepping in when I was away, Jenny, our incredibly accurate secretary, Dorit, our great treasurer, and Thomas, our webmaster. I also want to express my deepest gratitude to Denise, newsletter editor extraordinaire, who you may have read in last month's issue, is stepping down after 10 years. Thank you, Denise; you have carried the torch and have done a phenomenal job of publishing some great-looking newsletters. We welcome Annika who is excited to take on the task of newsletter editor. I look forward to your inspiration, creativity, and ideas for the many years to come. Thank you all for your dedication as SNAIL officers and outstanding dedicated volunteers. At the November elections, the SNAIL members re-elected the entire board to serve and grow our community.

I hope you will join us for our January 9th meeting with guest speaker Matt Savage from the Public Health Department. If you have the opportunity to listen to the history of vaping, "The Vaping Wars" (<https://tinyurl.com/TheVapingWars>) prior to January 9th it is definitely worth the 50 minutes.

We have much to look forward to in 2025: We will host our traditional Dumpster Day combined with our Two-Day Yard Sale and we will be celebrating our 30th anniversary during our International Potluck National Night Out on August 5th.

Living in a friendly neighborhood enhances my daily life in countless ways. As the year ends, I reflect on how we can reunite the community next year from small acts of kindness to significant gestures of support. Our neighbors often play a crucial role in making our SNAIL community feel like home. Take the time to get to know your neighbors; introduce yourself to someone you have never met. Share with others why you like our neighborhood.

I am looking for community input to receive 30 interesting and fun facts about the SNAIL community and 30 reasons you like or love the community we call SNAIL. Please send me your thoughts that will be anonymously printed on poster boards and displayed at National Night Out.

Wishing you all a wonderful New Year!

Valérie Suarès





Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC) News

CNC reopens Monday, Jan. 6, 2025. Closed for December holidays through Jan. 5. For current program information, call CNC at (408) 730-7800, email CNC@sunnyvale.ca.gov, or visit sunnyvale.ca.gov.

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

- *Storytime (English)* – Wed. 1/8 at 4pm and Fri. 12/6 at 11am at the playground stage. All are welcome. 30 minute program.
- *Storytime (Spanish)* – Fri. 1/10 at 4pm at the playground stage. All are welcome. 30 minute program.
- *Watercolor class* – Thurs. 1/9, 1/16, 1/23 and 1/30 from 4:30–5:30pm in the park building. For individuals with disabilities age 8+. Registration required. Email CNC for registration link.
- *Creative Dance/Movement* – Sat. 1/11 and 1/25 from 1–2pm in the park building. For individuals with disabilities age 8+. Registration required. Email CNC for registration link.

- **FREE! Legal Clinic** – Thurs. 1/9 1–4pm. In partnership with Asian Law Alliance. Consult with an attorney on legal issues about immigration, housing, public benefits, & family law. Consultations average 30 minutes. This month, consultations will be provided in-person at CNC. Registration required. Call CNC to register.

- **Zumba class in CMS Multi-Purpose Room** – Tues. & Thurs. 6:30–7:30p.m. Adults 18+, high school students (age 14–17) with signed parent consent, students (age 8–13) with parent or guardian present. Suggested \$3 donation/class, no one turned away for lack of payment. No childcare; children may not wait in the facility.

- **FREE! Food Distribution, Family Harvest Wed. Jan. 22** – 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. A Farmer’s Market model; participants must park, walk into the parking lot, and bring reusable bags for bulk produce and fruits, and a cart for dry and canned goods, eggs, milk, and more. Each family will pick up about 100 lbs of food. The next distribution is scheduled for Wed., Jan. 22.

- **FREE! Youth Drop-In Basketball in CNC Gym** – Fridays 7–10pm. Indoor drop-in basketball for middle and high school youth. Must have current school ID and signed parent consent form. Bring your own ball. Program canceled if no one shows after the first hour.

- **2025 Recreation Scholarship Program** – \$500 scholarship per youth age 17 and under for families that qualify. Must reside in Sunnyvale and meet income criteria. Visit Sunnyvale.ca.gov and search “Recreation Scholarship” for application and details.

- **Drop-In Fitness Room** – Regular hours Tues. & Thurs. 6–8am, Mon. through Fri. 3:30–8pm, Sat. 9am–12pm. Get active with cardio machines (treadmill, bikes, ellipticals), strength training machines, and free weights. Bring water and towel and wear athletic shoes. \$1, residents only. High school students welcome with signed parent consent waiver. Middle school students are free; must attend with a paying parent/guardian. No childcare and children may not wait in the facility.

Angela Chan, Youth and Family Resource Manager



Help improve “Access Sunnyvale”

If you haven’t yet had the chance to use the city’s “Access Sunnyvale” website (<https://sunnyvale.dynamics365portals.us/>) to request services, now is a good time to do so for 3 reasons:

1. The city is looking for entries on sidewalk locations that need to be repaired. Use the “Street or Sidewalk” tile to submit a service request. Our City Manager Tim Kirby announced the City has awarded a contract to “shave sidewalks” to reduce the backlog.
2. Our **February 6th guest speaker will be Anna Mendoza** and she will give a overview of Access Sunnyvale and what, how, when, and where, to report issues on the site.
3. The city is collecting residents’ feedback on ideas to improve Access Sunnyvale. Learn more about the project here: <https://engageberrydunn.mysocialpinpoint.com/sunnyvale-crm-project>. Your voice matters! **We want to hear from you how we can improve Access Sunnyvale.** On the site, you can:

- Fill out a survey
- Sign up for a community forum (see Upcoming Events)
- Share ideas on the Ideas Wall
- Answer our Open Form Question

SNAIL’s Red Bow tradition

Thank you to all our volunteer “Bowtistas” for making our SNAIL neighborhood so beautiful and festive this year! **Please take down, clean, and store red bows on Saturday or Sunday Jan. 4–5.** We are still looking for Bowtistas for 2025 for these streets:

- 700 block of Madrone
- 500 block of E. Arbor
- 500 block of Fir
- 200–300 blocks of W. Eaglewood



If your street was not decorated with Red Bows this year and you would like to volunteer as a Bowtista in 2025, please send your name, address, and street to decorate to dorit.chapman@gmail.com. It is very important to contact me now, as the Red Bows and ribbon for the above streets will need to be included in the order for next year.

Dorit Chapman, Red Bow Coordinator

SNAIL CRV 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 aluminum and plastic containers** (no glass, please) to the home of Dorit Chapman or Valérie Soares. SNAIL’S 30th anniversary will be held in August, and we need as many funds as possible for this celebration. For more information, email Dorit or Valérie (contact info on page 3).

Dorit Chapman, SNAIL Recycling Program

Goings-on around Sunnyvale

Sunnyvale Theatre Spring Lineup

Check out the music and comedy events coming to our local Sunnyvale Theatre this spring. Tickets range from \$20-\$55 and can be purchased online: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/prime-time-entertainment-inc-59932762043>

- *Feb 14: Kalimba: The Spirit of Earth, Wind, & Fire*
- *Mar 28: Comedy Night: Chicago Steve ft. Roman Guzman*
- *May 18: Aja Vu: "Stealin' Chicago" music of Steely Dan & Chicago*

Bike Safety Information and Repair Workshop

Jan 4th 10:30am-12:30pm —Need a repair or tune-up? Interested in safer riding tips? Bring your bike to the Sunnyvale Library Plaza!

Friends of the Sunnyvale Library Book sale

Jan 18 & 19 10-11am — Bring a tote and support our library. Browse books, CDs, DVDs, and more. See details: fotsvl.org/book-sales/

Artist applications are open for the Hands on the Arts Festival

Apply by Feb 3 — Artists and crafters needed to run kids' workshops! See sunnyvale.ca.gov/recreation-and-community/special-events

California grants for e-bikes

The California E-Bike Incentive Project provides up to \$2000 of point-of-sale incentives to support the purchase of a new e-bike to qualifying households (income 300% or less of the Federal Poverty Level). You must apply and get approved BEFORE buying the bike from an approved retailer like Walt's or Sports Basement. See details and when application windows open here: ebikeincentives.org/
Cortney Jansen, Sunnyvale Sustainability Commission

December community meeting highlights

- Discussion: How can we increase meeting attendance at monthly community meetings?
 - Ideas include raffles, meeting quarterly in person, calendar reminders, and Facebook posts
- Updates from Tim Kirby, City Manager:
 - City Council approved ADA improvements for Murphy Ave
 - Great "Rides for Toys" fundraiser with 400+ firetruck rides
 - Grant approved for subsidized on-demand citywide shuttle
 - Contract awarded to company for sidewalk repair backlog
 - Exploring a new ordinance for safe RV parking with services
 - Finalizing the concept for Fire Station 2 on Wolfe & Arques
- Updates from Mayor Larry Klein:
 - Many great local holiday events in December (tree lighting, many local holiday markets, Caltrain holiday train)
 - Upgrades coming to Sunnyvale Community Center, including shrinking the ponds and adding playgrounds
 - City-wide calendar coming soon with local events
 - Upcoming council meetings in January to swear in new members and choose a Vice Mayor
 - Moving to Alert SCC system for alerts like downed trees
- Updates from Council Member Richard Mehlinger:
 - Strategic council retreat happening in January
 - Budget proposal in the works for sidewalk repair
- Thanks to Denise for her decade of dedication to our newsletter!

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Pacific Autism Center for Education update



As the year draws to a close, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt thanks for your continued support and goodwill. It has truly been an honor to be part of such a welcoming and kind-hearted community.

Our commitment to supporting the neurodiverse community is made possible by individuals like you who help sustain our efforts.

Wishing you all a joyful holiday season and a Happy New Year filled with good tidings. We look forward to another year of community and collaboration! If you are interested in making a donation, please visit our website at <https://www.pacificautism.org>

With warm regards, PACE School Staff

Heard around town

What's your New Year's resolution?

"Get organized. Declutter and do the minimalism challenge, organize the closet, cabinets, garage, put together a household budget, get physical and digital documents in order, etc."

Lindsey, E. Arbor

"Find moments of quiet."

Matt, Carolina Ave

"Aiming for achievable goals my New Year resolutions: Be more mindful to help reduce stress. Cook with new ingredients, or make a new-to-you dish, or use a new spice. Go back to reading a physical book. Tweak my bedtime routine to increase the number of sleeping hours. Upcycle my wardrobe for good."

Valérie, E. Eaglewood Ave

Get the SNAIL e-newsletter

SNAIL often receives alerts, messages, and news in between newsletter publications. Join our email mailing list to receive these often important messages electronically. We will consolidate them so not more than one message will be sent weekly, if any. Sign up by sending your email to SNAILeditor@snail.org.

Valérie Suarès

Share your SNAIL fun facts

What do you love about SNAIL? We're looking for interesting facts, locals' tips, and things you like about our community. Add your ideas to this survey (<https://forms.gle/zVVHFE7RWxgUFAWSA>) or email SNAILchair@snail.org.

Valérie Suarès

Seeking articles

All SNAIL neighbors are encouraged to submit articles of interest to be published in our monthly newsletter.

For February, we'd like to feature a short SNAIL love story of any kind. Send your article (or an idea for an article) by Friday, January 17 to SNAILeditor@snail.org.




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