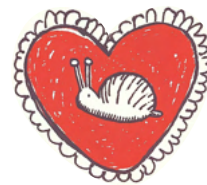




# S.N.A.I.L. News

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## February 2025

### You're invited to our February community meeting on Zoom

Thursday, February 6, 7:00 pm

<https://tinyurl.com/SNAILZOOM>

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Join to meet your friendly neighbors virtually and hear an interesting guest speaker. All SNAIL residents, guests, children, and even pets are encouraged to attend. 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. Membership in SNAIL is always free.

Mark your calendar for the next upcoming dates:

**3/6, 4/3, 5/1, 6/5, 7/10\* (\*moved due to holiday)**

#### Join for our February talk

#### Tips & tricks for using Access Sunnyvale

Anna Mendoza, City of Sunnyvale

Join us on Zoom at the SNAIL Neighborhood Association meeting on **February 6th at 7:00 pm** to hear from Anna Mendoza, Senior Management Analyst for Sunnyvale's Office of the City Manager. She will give an **overview of our city's online service request tool, Access Sunnyvale:**

<https://sunnyvale.dynamics365portals.us/>

You'll learn how to access it, how to use it to report issues that need attention in our neighborhood, and other tips and tricks to maximize your experience. We hope you'll join us!

### Message from the Chair

Life can change in a flash as we saw in Southern California.

Fires can ignite without warning, turning our homes and neighborhoods into scenes of devastation. To reduce the risk of total destruction and increase peace of mind, we need to stay alert and take action to protect our properties.

Many of us in SNAIL have attended the free workshops that the city offers its residents to prepare for an emergency and make a plan for your family.

These CERT (Community Emergency Response Training) or PEP (Personal Emergency Preparedness) programs are offered to all residents and guests. Please visit this page for more information and dates of upcoming classes: <https://sunnyvaleserv.org/>

Let's work together to prevent fires and safeguard our community. You can help by clearing flammable materials around your home.

This month, the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety is hosting a community meeting and everyone is invited.

At this Town Hall we can get all of our questions addressed about public safety in Sunnyvale. The fires in Southern California are on everyone's mind as well—so fire safety will be part of this meeting:

#### Public Safety Town Hall

Thursday, February 27

6:30–8:00 pm

Senior Center Ballroom at 550 E. Remington Dr.

This live meeting will be recorded and available on YouTube for viewing at a later time.

Bring a friend, invite your neighbors, and come out to learn about trends, crime states, fire safety, and tips.

ALSO—this will be one of Chief Ngo's final days with us as Director of Public Safety!!! 🙏

We hope to see you there.

Valérie Suarès, Chair

### Join our email mailing list

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### Upcoming speakers

In our SNAIL meeting on **April 3rd at 7:00 pm**, Chip Taylor from the Sunnyvale Department of Public Works will be speaking about **tree trimming, sidewalk repairs, and other public works**.

### Neighborhood street sweeping schedule



Our streets are generally swept every two weeks on the day after 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 2/4, 2/18, 3/4, 3/18
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wednesday 2/5, 2/19, 3/5, 3/19

## Goings-on around Sunnyvale

### Composting Basics Workshop

Feb. 8, 10 am–12 pm at Murphy Park — Learn from a Certified Master Composter how to transform kitchen scraps into nutritious soil. Register online here: [https://ucanr.edu/sites/sccNew\\_style4preview/Home\\_Composting\\_Education/?calendar=yes&g=131179](https://ucanr.edu/sites/sccNew_style4preview/Home_Composting_Education/?calendar=yes&g=131179)

### Bike Safety Information and Repair Workshop

Feb. 8, 10:30 am–12:30 pm — Need a repair or tune-up? Interested in safer riding tips? Bring your bike to the Sunnyvale Library Plaza.

### UC Master Gardeners: Successful Container Gardening talk

Feb. 8, 1–3 pm at the Sunnyvale Public Library — Learn how to grow plants successfully in containers with Master Gardener Lynn Stuart. Details: <https://mgsantaclara.ucanr.edu/?calitem=608055>

### Valentine's Day Crafting for Kids

Feb. 12, 4–5 pm at the Sunnyvale Library — For kids ages 3+ and their caregivers. Space is limited, so arrive on time.

### Valentine's Day Luncheon at the Senior Center

Feb. 14, 11 am–12:30 pm in the Orchard Pavilion — Enjoy lunch and live music featuring a quartet from Top Shelf Big Band. Purchase tickets (\$17) at the Senior Center Front Desk (call for info 408-730-7360).

### Evening of Cultural Arts: Kalimba, The Spirit of Earth, Wind & Fire

Feb. 14, 7–9:30 pm at the Sunnyvale Theater — Hear the nationally touring group reproduce the infectious grooves created by Earth, Wind & Fire. Purchase tickets online: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/prime-time-entertainment-inc-59932762043>

### Family Movie: The Wild Robot

Feb. 23, 2–4 pm at the Sunnyvale Library — Bring your own snacks and enjoy a fun movie with the family. Recommended for kids ages 3+ and their caregivers. Space is limited, so arrive on time.

#### Local restaurant highlight

## KURATED KITCHENS

neighborhood cafe & food hall

If you've passed by the corner of Borregas and E. Maude Avenues, you may have been as excited as I was to notice a new restaurant in town.

**Kurated Kitchens** at 155 E Maude Ave is a new food hall-style neighborhood cafe. It's very much a family owned and operated business. If you've already stopped in for a morning coffee or dined in during the lively lunchtime rush hour, you may have seen chef-restaurateur Brandon Poon and his two brothers Craighton and Clifton behind the counter.

The Poon's vision is to bring multiple culinary concepts under one roof. When you order from a simple touchscreen kiosk (don't worry, you can still order at the counter if prefer), you can browse the menu items they have carefully curated from six restaurant brands, with various options available at different times of day. From a delicious black sesame latte, to a build-your-own vegetarian rice bowl, to a classic hamburger and garlic fries, chances are you'll find something you like.

Annika Crowley, Editor

## SNAIL CRV Recycling Program

The SNAIL RECYCLING PROGRAM has been a great success! Thanks to all your recycling, our National Night Out 30th Anniversary this August will benefit greatly 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

## SNAIL volunteer opportunities

We have several opportunities for you to volunteer and get involved in your SNAIL Neighborhood.

### Seeking Newsletter Distribution Rep

Help distribute newsletters while enjoying a walk in our beautiful neighborhood. **We need one new representative by February 28th.**

- 500–600 Pine St

### Seeking Red Bow "Bowtistas" 2025

Help decorate our city trees with festive red bows next holiday season. **We need new Bowtista volunteers** for these blocks:



- 500–600 Pine St
- 700 Madrone Ave
- 200–300 W. Eaglewood
- 600 Borregas Ave
- 500 E. Arbor Ave
- 500 Fir Ave

If you are interested in participating in any of the above activities, please **contact me ASAP at [dorit.chapman@gmail.com](mailto:dorit.chapman@gmail.com)**. Thank you.

Dorit Chapman, Treasurer | Newsletter Distribution Coordinator | Red Bow Coordinator

## January community meeting highlights

If you missed our last SNAIL meeting, here are a few highlights:

- Matt Savage from the County of Santa Clara Department of Public Health gave a talk titled **"Substance Use Prevention Program."** His presentation covered how cannabis has changed in the past 30 years. It is much stronger, and more people are using it on a daily basis as it becomes legalized for recreational use. Self-reported youth use in Santa Clara County is 1 in 11. Synthetic cannabis is often more powerful but has not been tested. You have to be 21 years old to purchase it, but there is concern that its marketing appeals to kids. Matt has found least 50 stores in the county selling synthetic cannabis. Listen to youth in your life, ask them questions, and pay attention. Watch for health concerns.
- **Chief Phan Ngo** from the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety will be retiring on April 29 and will be missed.
- Our February guest speaker is Anna Mendoza on **Access Sunnyvale**. Invite your friends and neighbors citywide to attend.
- Richard's updates from the City: The **water line work** on Maude created a number of trenches that have been patched with temporary asphalt. Pavement rehabilitation project bidding is planned for this spring; construction is planned for late summer.
- Last Tuesday night was the **swearing in of incumbent and new members**. We now have 3 men and 4 women. We are District 5.



## Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC) news

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

- **Fun-on-the-Run (FOTR) Program February 18–21 (Tues. to Fri.)** – Drop-in recreation activities 2–5 pm at Lakewood 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.
- **FREE! Basketball Clinic for 3rd–5th Graders at CNC during Winter School Break 2/18 and 2/19, 1:00–2:30 pm** – Take your basketball game to the next level. City youth volunteers will lead basketball drills, provide tips and everyone will play and have fun. Registration required: [bit.ly/BasketballClinicCNC](http://bit.ly/BasketballClinicCNC)
- **FREE! Monthly Activities at Magical Bridge Playground for All Ages, All Abilities at Fair Oaks Park, 540 N. Fair Oaks Avenue.**
  - Story time (English) – Wed. 2/5 at 4 pm, at playground stage. All are welcome, 30 minute program.
  - Watercolor class – Thurs. 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, and 2/27 from 4:30–5:30 pm in the park building. For individuals with disabilities, age 8+. Registration required. Email CNC for registration link.
  - Creative Dance/Movement – Sat. 2/8 and 2/22 from 1–2 pm in the park building. For individuals with disabilities, age 8+. Registration required. Email CNC for registration link.
- **FREE! In-Person Legal Clinic Thurs. 2/13, 1–4 pm** – In partnership with Asian Law Alliance, consult with an attorney on legal issues about immigration, housing, public benefits, and family law. Consultations average 30 minutes. This month, consultations are in-person at CNC. Registration required; call CNC to register.
- **Zumba class** in CMS Multi-Purpose Room – Tues. and Thurs. 6:30–7:30 pm. Adults 18+, high school students (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.
- **Drop-in Fitness Room** – Regular hours Tues. and Thurs. 6–8 am; Mon.–Fri. 3:30–8 pm; Sat. 9 am–12 pm. \$1, residents only. High school students 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.
- **FREE! Food Distribution, Family Harvest Wed. Feb. 26** – 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. 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.
- **FREE! Youth Drop-in Basketball in CNC Gym** – Fridays, 7–10 pm. – 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.
- **2025 Recreation Scholarship Program** – \$500 scholarship per youth, age 17 and under, for families that qualify. Must reside in Sunnyvale and meet income criteria. To apply, go to the city website [sunnyvale.ca.gov](http://sunnyvale.ca.gov), and search "Recreation Scholarship" for the application and details.

Angela Chan, Youth and Family Resource Manager

February 14

## Happy Valentine's Day, SNAIL



### 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 Valérie Suarès at [SNAILchair@snail.org](mailto:SNAILchair@snail.org).

### Call for newsletter articles by Feb. 14

All SNAIL neighbors are encouraged to submit articles of interest to be published in our monthly newsletter. Send your article (or an idea for an article) by **Friday, February 14** to [SNAILeditor@snail.org](mailto:SNAILeditor@snail.org).

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