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You're invited to our March community meeting on Zoom

Thursday, March 6, 7:00 pm

<https://tinyurl.com/SNAILZOOM>

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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:
4/3, 5/1, 6/5, 7/10*, 8/7 (*moved due to holiday)

Upcoming speaker

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**.

Get the latest updates from the City of Sunnyvale



Did you know Sunnyvale has mailing lists? Stay up to date with City news and events by subscribing at <https://www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/your-government/about/subscribe> to just your topics of interest:

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- *Living*: Activities, classes, aquatics, sustainability, and more
- *Meeting Agendas & Public Notices*: City council and boards and commissions notifications

Valérie Suarès, Chair

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 3/4, 3/18, 4/1, 4/15, 4/29
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wednesday 3/5, 3/19, 4/2, 4/16, 4/30

Message from the Chair

In challenging times, it's natural to feel overwhelmed or isolated. It's easy to feel divided. But remember, you're not alone. It is important to remember that our strength lies in our shared humanity. Whether we align with values of one party or another, we all seek better lives for ourselves, our families, and our communities.

Seeking support from like-minded individuals—whether they share your values, passions, or interests—can make all the difference. Connecting with others who understand your journey can provide comfort, encouragement, and fresh perspectives.

Getting involved locally can also help ground you. Whether it's volunteering for SNAIL, Sunnyvale Community Services, local schools, religious institutions, attending community events, or simply reaching out to a neighbor, being part of something bigger than yourself can bring both purpose and a sense of belonging. We may not always have control over the challenges we face, but we do have the power to make a positive impact in the lives of those around us.

So, don't hesitate to lean on your community. Together, we have a Yard Sale and a SNAIL's 30th anniversary to look forward to. We could use your help. If you have a few hours to give, we are looking for sponsors who would be willing to donate vouchers, or goods for our party. See below for details on how you can contribute.

Valérie Suarès, Chair

Volunteers needed: National Night Out International BBQ and 30th Anniversary Donation Drive!

We are starting planning for our 30th Anniversary celebration during our NNO International BBQ on August 5th, and **we need your help to make it a success!** We're looking for volunteers willing to make phone calls and ask for donations to support this special community event.

If you have a few hours to spare and are comfortable speaking with others, your efforts will make a big difference in ensuring a fantastic celebration and BBQ for everyone. Whether you're a seasoned fundraiser or a first-timer, your help is invaluable! What's needed:

- **Make friendly phone calls** to local businesses and community members.
- **Ask for donations**, monetary or in-kind, to help fund the BBQ.
- **Share information about the event** and how it benefits the community.

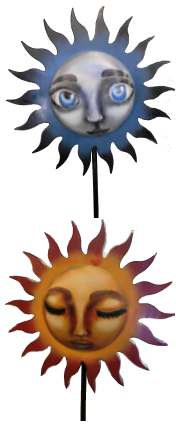


Any time you can volunteer will be greatly appreciated! If you're interested in volunteering or have questions, contact Dorit or me (contact info on page 3) and let's talk about how you can help.

Together, we can make this event the best one yet!

Valérie Suarès, Chair

Sunny new sculptures coming to Sunnyvale



On February 8, I had the privilege of attending the unveiling of Sunnyvale's newest sculptures.

"Sun Flair"—Sunnyvale's latest temporary public art installation—features 26 sun sculptures uniquely decorated by Bay Area artists. Nine artists are from Sunnyvale. Each double sided sculpture stands six feet tall and four feet in diameter. The suns will be installed at City parks throughout Sunnyvale in February.

Columbia Park will have its own "Sol / Luna" Sun by artist Lizzy Kramer. Fairwood Park will have "Nature's Abundance" and "Happy Face."

Read about the program and see where they will be installed at www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/5666.

Interested in more local art news? Sign up to receive updates on art installations and art committee opportunities at bit.ly/sunnyvale-art.

Valérie Suarès, Chair

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 as a Bowtista, please **contact me ASAP at dorit.chapman@gmail.com**. Thank you.

Dorit Chapman, Treasurer, Red Bow Coordinator

February community meeting highlights

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

- **Guest speaker Anna Mendoza** from the City of Sunnyvale gave a walkthrough of our overview of our city's online service request tool, **Access Sunnyvale**: sunnyvale.dynamics365portals.us
 - You can report concerns like utility issues, missed garbage pickups, graffiti, and more. Add a description and attach a photo. Register for an account to see all of your tickets.
 - We are in the process of finding a vendor to improve the tool over the next 12–18 months.
- **New study issues from Richard Mehlinger:**
 - *DPW 25-01*: Evaluate Fair Oaks Ave for signalizations at 3 locations. There have been 3 fatalities in 3 years in this area.
 - *DPW 25-02*: Improved street sweeping pilot. SNAIL would like to be a pilot for this issue.
 - *ESD 25-02*: Cigarette Butt Abatement Program
 - Submit your letter of support for these studies to council@sunnyvale.ca.gov. Mention study issue number(s).
 - See full list: <https://www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/your-government/governance/city-council/study-issues-and-budget-proposals/proposed-study-issues-and-budget-proposals>

Latest update on Village Centers

City negotiations with developers about establishing "Village Centers" (mixed neighborhood-serving commercial and residential areas identified as active and pedestrian friendly) have been ongoing. A new proposal from the City, discussed in public hearing in February, offers to let developers keep retail as part of Village Centers in exchange for dropping the 15% affordable housing code requirement. Learn more and subscribe to updates here: bit.ly/village-centers

Annika Crowley, Newsletter Editor

Donate small planter pots now for National Night Out

We are collecting small planter pots for a kid's activity for NNO. We need to plant succulent cuttings now so they will be rooted in time for the event. If you have cute tiny clay or ceramic pots to donate, drop them in the designated box at 390 E. Eaglewood Ave. Thank you!

Jenny Purushotma, Secretary

Join us at the PACE Art Community Exhibition

We are excited to announce that on **Thursday, March 27, 5–6 p.m.**, our PACE School will host a Community Art Exhibition on campus. We invite all of you to join us for an evening celebrating local talent, creativity, and community spirit. This event is not only a great opportunity to support our school, but also to enjoy beautiful artwork from our talented students. Tours of the campus will be available throughout the event.

Thanks to the incredible support we received last year, this exhibition is sure to be another success! Special thanks to Mayor Klein and Valérie Soares, whose contributions were instrumental in last year's success. Your continued support means the world to us!

The event is free and the art will be sold for reasonable prices. All proceeds will directly benefit our school programs. We look forward to seeing you there!

Lori Strickland, PACE School Program Director

See the Sharks and support our local PACE school

Join us for Autism Acceptance Group Night with the San Jose Sharks on **Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.** as they take on the Edmonton Oilers. Come enjoy the food and amenities of the Club Area of the SAP Center for a good cause! A portion of each ticket purchase is donated back to PACE.

Purchase tickets and learn more: sjsharks.com/autismacceptance

Melissa Watkins, PACE



SNAIL CRV Recycling Program

The SNAIL RECYCLING PROGRAM has been a great success! Our 30th Anniversary National Night Out in August will benefit greatly from the proceeds. If you haven't yet 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. For more information, email Dorit or Valérie (contact information on page 3).



Dorit Chapman, SNAIL Recycling Program



Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC) news

For current information on programs, 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.
 - Story time (English) – Wed. 3/5 4 p.m. and Fri. 3/7 11 a.m. at the playground stage. All are welcome. 30 minute program.
 - Story time (Bilingual English & Spanish) – Tues. 3/11 4 p.m. and Fri. 3/21 11 a.m. at the playground stage. All are welcome. 30 minute program.
 - Watercolor class – Thurs. 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27 from 4:30–5:30 p.m. in the park building. For individuals with disabilities, age 8+. Registration required. Email CNC for registration link.
 - Creative dance/movement – Sat. 3/8 and 3/29 from 1-2 p.m. in the park building. For individuals with disabilities, age 8+. Registration required. Email CNC for registration link.
- **FREE! Legal clinic (virtual), Thurs. 3/13 1–4 p.m.** – 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 virtually, either via Zoom or over the phone. Registration required; call CNC to register.
- **Zumba class** in CMS Multi-Purpose Room – Tues. and Thurs. 6:30–7:30 p.m. Adults 18+, high schoolers (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.
- **Drop-in fitness room** – Regular hours: Mon.–Fri. 3:30–8 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m.–12 p.m. 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. No childcare and children may not wait in the facility.
- **Child Care Fair, Sat. 3/22, 2–4 p.m.** at Sunnyvale Library, 665 W. Olive Ave. Find the right licensed child care for your child. Meet licensed home and center-based child care providers. Infant/toddler, preschool, and school age, before and after school, full and part-time care.
- **FREE! Food distribution with Family Harvest, Wed. 3/26** – 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. 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, etc. Each family will pick up about 100 lbs. of food.
- **FREE! Youth drop-in basketball in CNC gym** – Fridays 7–10 p.m. Indoor 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.
- **2025 Recreation Scholarship Program** – \$500 scholarship per youth, age 17 and under, for families that qualify. Must reside in Sunnyvale and meet the income criteria. Go to the city website, Sunnyvale.ca.gov, and search “Recreation Scholarship” for application and details.

Angela Chan, Youth and Family Resource Manager

Remembering Malcolm Lloyd



Our friend and neighbor Malcom Lloyd passed away on the third of February. Malcolm and his wife Bonnie lived on Hemlock and Borregas for over thirty years. They were lifelong active Snail members and frequently hosted potlucks and other events. Bonnie served as a Snail officer, and Malcolm served food to the homeless for quite a few years. A few years

after Bonnie died, Malcolm moved to Washington state to be close to his brother Duncan and Linda Lloyd. This winter he caught the flu and succumbed to pneumonia. He was alert and happy until the end.

Tarik Peterson

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 the survey at bit.ly/snail-facts or email SNAILchair@snail.org.

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Call for newsletter articles by Mar. 12

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 **Wednesday, March 12** to SNAILeditor@snail.org.

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