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

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## DECEMBER 2026

### Join our Monthy Meeting on Zoom!

**Thursday, December 10, 7:00 p.m.**
*Moved due to holiday*

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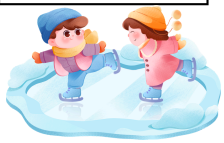
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All SNAIL residents, guests, & kids are encouraged to join. Our SNAIL community meets on the **first Thursday of the month** (except when it coincides with a holiday). Meetings are typically 1.5 hours. Join us for all or any part. Membership in SNAIL is always free. Mark your calendar for the next SNAIL monthly meetings: **1/7, 2/4 (restaurant gathering), 3/4**

## Community Events

Join us!

| Date | Event | Contact/Location |
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| **Nov 24 through Jan 3, 2027** | **Winter Ice Rink Grand Opening Celebration Nov 24 at 5:30PM** | S. Murphy St |
| **Weekend after Thanksgiving** | **Decorate the trees with Red Bows** | SNAIL Bowtistas |
| **Sat. Dec. 5** | **Breakfast with Santa 8:30AM – 11:00AM** | Sunnyvale Senior Center Make Reservation |
| **Sat. Dec. 5** | **Annual Holiday Tree Lighting 5:30PM–7:00PM** | Redwood Square Park |
| **Dec. 2026 until Jan 10, 2027** | **Red Bows Event** | Valérie Suarès Dorit Chapman |
| **Sat. Dec. 19** | **Holiday Lights Bike Ride 6:30PM - 8:30PM** | Plaza del Sol 200 W Evelyn Ave. |
| **Thu. Feb. 4, 2027** | **SNAIL Dinner Out at Seto Japanese Restaurant** | 511 Borregas Call Tarik with headcount |



**Cityline Winter Ice in Downtown Sunnyvale**

Dates: November 24, 2026 – January 3, 2027
Location: Downtown Sunnyvale (near Cityline)

**Join Special Events & Themes on Wednesdays at 7:30 and 9:00 PM:**

- Nov 25: Glow Night (Hosted by STAR 101.3 with a complimentary glow-in-the-dark surprise)
- Dec 2: K-POP Night (Hosted by Wild 94.9)
- Dec 9: Taylor's Birthday Night (Hosted by STAR 101.3)
- Dec 16: Millennial Magic Night (Hosted by Wild 94.9)
- Dec 23: Ugly Sweater Night (Hosted by Wild 94.9)
- Dec 30: '80s Night (Hosted by Greatest Hits 103.7)

**Skate Helpers, Lockers, Socks, and Parking Available:**

- Skate Helpers: Available for beginners (first-come, first-served)
- Lockers & Socks: Rent a locker for $5. Socks available for $5.
- Free parking: Available in Cityline's nearby parking garages and lots. The rink is within walking distance of Caltrain.

### SNAIL Is Mixing Things Up in 2027
### From Zoom to the Dinner Table — Let's Connect!

Starting in January 2027, SNAIL is introducing a new approach to our neighborhood gatherings! We will be alternating our traditional Zoom meetings with in-person gatherings at local restaurants, giving neighbors more opportunities to connect, socialize, and support our local businesses.

While Zoom meetings have made it convenient for everyone to participate from home, we also recognize the importance of getting together face-to-face, sharing a meal, and getting to know the people who make our neighborhood such a wonderful community.

**Our first restaurant gathering will take place on Thursday, February 4, 2027, at Seto,** located on Borregas and Maude. Whether you've been involved with SNAIL for years or are simply curious about your neighborhood association, we would love for you to join us! **Contact Tarik to RSVP at (408) 745-1241.**

These informal gatherings will provide a relaxed opportunity to exchange ideas, meet new neighbors, share community news, and enjoy good conversation over a meal. Our goal is simple: Less formality, more friendship, and a stronger neighborhood! Stay tuned for additional details about the February gathering. We look forward to seeing you on Zoom AND around the table!

*Valérie Suarès*
*Chair, Neighborhood Chair*

**Breakfast with Santa**



Get into the holiday season with a warm breakfast, holiday music, fun holiday activities, and a photo opportunity with Santa.

Date: Saturday, December 5, 8:30 – 11:00 AM
Location: Sunnyvale Senior Center (Orchard Pavilion), 550 E. Remington Drive

**Cost & Tickets:** $15 per person. Purchase tickets in advance for a 30m arrival window through through www.sunnyvale.ca.gov. Children 2 and under are free and do not need a ticket.

**27th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony**

Join the annual tradition of a festive holiday tree illumination, community celebration, and seasonal activities downtown!

Date: Saturday, December 5, from 5–7:30PM (or extending into the evening)
Location: Redwood Square Park / Historic Murphy Ave
Cost: Free, family-friendly event

**Holiday Lights Bike Ride**

Register here: tinyurl.com/sunnyvale-holiday-ride-2026

Saturday, December 19
Meet at 6:30 to ride out from Plaza del Sol 200 W Evelyn Ave.






**Newsletter Article Submission Deadline**
Submit an article to bit.ly/snailarticle or SNAILeditor@snail.org by **December 11** for publication in our **January 2027** edition.

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**SNAIL'S 2nd Annual Volunteer Thank You Gathering**

**Cheers to the SNAIL volunteers!**




SNAIL hosted it's 2nd Annual Volunteer Thank You Gathering on November 14. Hot coffee, cocoa, juice, and goodies were served to thank those who put up the red bows, deliver newsletters, work at the yard sale, put on NNO, and do just whatever it takes to make the SNAIL community great!

**A heartfelt "Thank You" to you all!**

If you are interested in getting involved in your community, volunteers are always welcome!
*Dorit Chapman, Red Bow Coordinator*








**Red Bow Tree Decoration**

**Share Your Red Bow Decorating Moments!**
As you decorate our street trees with their festive red bows, please take a few photos of yourself, family, friends, or fellow volunteers at work and send them to Dorit or Valerie to be featured in an upcoming newsletter.

**Contribute to the SNAIL CRV Recycling Program**




The SNAIL Recycling Program has been a huge success! Let's keep the momentum going! Drop off **cleaned and separated CA CRV aluminum and plastic** containers **(no glass, please)** to the home of Dorit or Valérie.

**Neighborhood Street Sweeping**
Our streets are swept every two weeks the day after trash pickup. Please move your car off the street on these dates:



**East SNAIL** **Tuesdays 12/8, 12/22**, 1/5, 1/19
**West SNAIL** **Wednesdays 12/9, 12/23**, 1/6, 1/20

**Subscribe to Sunnyvale's email newsletter** to stay up to date with City news, events, and projects. Scan the QR code to subscribe.

**Sunnyvale Community Services Holiday Center Toy Drive**

This holiday season, your support will help SCS provide extra food and new gifts to a record number of our neighbors:

- Donate new, unwrapped toys for kids
- Donate $25 gift cards for teens
- Organize a toy drive at your office, school, or community group

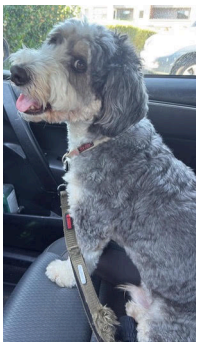
The SCS Holiday Center brings joy and dignity by giving families the opportunity to select new toys and gifts for their children. Your donations can bring cheer to low-income families and seniors!
During the holiday season, your support helps ensure every child experiences the excitement and happiness of receiving a special gift, while we continue our mission of preventing homelessness and hunger in our community.

**Please join us in sharing the joy this holiday season!**




**Pet of the Month**

**Meet Archie**



Archie's birthday is June 5. His favorite toy is the Kong SqueakAir Balls. He is very treat motivated, and he loves chicken and bell peppers. He howls with sirens and is super talkative – like his owner, *Frederic Maa*.

**For additional important information about SNAIL and activities in the City of Sunnyvale, join the SNAIL mailing list:**

**bit.ly/snailemail**



## 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

**Ongoing Programs – Call CNC for details**

### 💻 *Register online for drop-in programs*

Participants in drop-in programs must have an online recreation account to sign in. Minors (under age 18) must have parent/guardian set up an account and list the minor as a family member. Creating an account is easy, quick and free!
**Go to Sunnyvale.ca.gov/Activities**. Staff available to assist.

- **CNC will be closed Thu, Dec. 24, 2026 to Sat, Jan. 2, 2027**
- FREE Medical Services for Adults – Tue, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, & 12/22, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. by RotaCare Bay Area, Inc. and Catholic Charities. Appointments available and walk-in's welcome.
- Parents Helping Parents, Wed, 12/9, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Information, support and referrals to assist families with disabled children.
- FREE! Food Distribution, Wed, 12/18 or 12/23, 4:15 - 5:15 p.m. New families must register the first time. Bring bags or cart for about 50 pounds of food. Please call to confirm date.
- Drop-In Zumba classes in CMS Multi-Purpose Room – Tues. & Thurs. 6:30–7:30 pm. Cardio class with Latin-inspired music. $3 donation, no one turned away. No classes on 12/24, 12/29 & 12/31.
- Drop-In Fitness Room, Mon – Fri, 3:30 – 8 p.m.; Sat, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Get active with cardio machines, free weights, and strength training machines. Must be a Sunnyvale resident. $1 per visit donation, no one turned away. Middle school students must come with parent/guardian. High school students must have signed parent consent in online account. Closed 12/24 to 1/2.
- Drop-In Yoga classes in CNC gym – Sat, 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. Explore mindfulness and gently movement to reduce stress and gain flexibility. $3 donation, no one turned away. Middle school students must come with parent/guardian. High school students must have signed parent consent in on-line account. No class on 12/26.
- Drop In Pickleball for Beginners in the Gym - Sat, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. - This location is for beginners and recreational, non-competitive play. No instructions will be provided. Bring your own paddle and balls. Limited number of paddles available to borrow. $3 donation, no one turned away. Minors age 8-13 must come with a parent/guardian. High school students must have signed parent consent in on-line account. No session on 12/26.
- FREE! Youth Drop-In Basketball in CNC Gym – Fri, 7 – 10 p.m. For middle and high school students, bring student ID. All participants must have signed parent consent in on-line account. Closed on 12/25.
- 2027 Recreation Scholarship Program - applications for the 2027 funding cycle are available. $500 Scholarships per youth and other benefits for families that qualify. Application information is available at Sunnyvale.ca.gov/RecScholarship

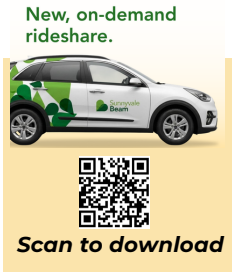
*Angela Chan, Youth & Family Resources Manager*






**Download MySunnyvale**

Use it to report non-emergency issues like potholes, graffiti, noise, abandoned vehicles, or to request city services.




## Getting around Sunnyvale just got easier

Book affordable, on-demand rides around Sunnyvale, or connect seamlessly to Caltrain, VTA, Light rail, and local bus service. First 3 rides are free. Senior rates available.

## November Community Meeting

SNAIL MEETING RECAP

- **After years of dedicated service, it's time for new leadership.** We are looking for volunteers willing to shadow our current leaders in 2027, learn the ropes, and prepare to take SNAIL into the future. No experience needed—just commitment, fresh ideas, and community spirit! SNAIL cannot thrive without YOU. It's your neighborhood. It's your turn to lead!
- **The 5th Annual Sunnyvale Halloween Crow Ride** on Oct. 24 was a wonderful success! SNAIL proudly contributed reflective safety vests for the riders, and participants enjoyed a fascinating live falconry demonstration. As the sun set, hundreds of crows filled the evening sky, creating a spectacular sight! A delightful evening of cycling, nature, and community spirit was enjoyed by all!
- **Still seeking Red Bowtistas.** For our upcoming December project, Dorit reports we still need Red Bow Bowtistas for the 600-700 blocks of Borregas and 500 block of E Arbor.
- **Report out on research for our bi-monthly dinners.** Tarik visited all nearby options (thanks, Tarik!) and compiled a list of top 5. Recommended Seto for our first dinner at 6:30 on Thursday, Feb 4, in place of the regular Zoom meeting.
- **The City received a grant of 15.5 million** that gives them the money they need for the Mary & Evelyn Railroad track overpass crossing. No info on the N Sunnyvale underpass yet. Thank you David for this update.

### SNAIL Leaders Continue in Their Roles

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