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Join our Monthy Meeting on Zoom!

Thursday, November 5, 7:00 p.m.

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All SNAIL residents, guests, and kids are encouraged to join. 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 SNAIL monthly meetings:
12/10*, 1/7, 2/4, 3/4 – **moved due to holiday*

Community Events

Join us!

Date	Event	Contact/Location
November 5	**SNAIL Community Leaders Elections**	Community meeting on Zoom
Weekend After Thanksgiving	**Decorate the trees with Red Bows**	SNAIL Bowtistas
December 2026	**Red Bows Event**	Valérie Suarès Dorit Chapman

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SNAIL'S RED BOWS TRADITION 2026



SNAIL will be hosting its annual Red Bows event to celebrate the holidays. It is the tradition that the bows go up on the trees the weekend after Thanksgiving and are taken down the first weekend of January.

We have several streets that do not have Red Bow Bowtistas. If you would like to participate in decorating our SNAIL trees this year, please let me know by sending your name, address, and selected street to decorate (see below) to me at: dorit.chapman@gmail.com

We are looking for Red Bow Bowtistas for the following streets:

- 600-700 block of Borregas
- 500 block of E. Arbor
- 500 Maple



Dorit Chapman, Red Bow Coordinator



Help make SNAIL an even better place to call home!

Have you ever thought about getting more involved in our neighborhood? Do you enjoy bringing people together, sharing ideas, or making things happen? If so, I would love to invite you to become part of our SNAIL leadership team!

SNAIL is powered by neighbors like YOU! Whether you have leadership experience or simply a willingness to help, your ideas, talents, and enthusiasm are always welcome.

SNAIL Leadership Elections Are November 5th!
At our General Meeting on November 5, we'll elect our 2027 officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

If you've attended at least two SNAIL meetings in the past six months or volunteered actively within the past year, you're eligible to nominate someone, run for office, and vote. You can learn more about each role in Article IV of our SNAIL Bylaws.

Not Quite Ready? Come Shadow Us!
You don't have to jump into a leadership role right away! we would be delighted to have you join our team, shadow one of our officers during 2027, learn what we do, and see whether you'd like to take on a position in 2028. It's a wonderful way to get involved without making a big commitment right away.

After all, great neighborhoods don't just happen. They're built by neighbors who care!

Please join us on November 5, whether you're ready to lead, curious about volunteering, or simply want to learn more. We'd love to see some new faces and fresh ideas around our leadership table!

Why not give it a try?
We'd love to have you!

Valérie Suarès
Chair, Neighborhood Chair



Animal Assisted Happiness Farm
Open House
November 8, 10AM – 4PM
Located at 999 E Caribbean Drive



Animal Assisted Happiness (AAH) Farm opens to the public for **free** on the second Sunday of each month!

Located in the heart of Silicon Valley by Baylands Park, AAH brings barnyard animals to children and their families to help them experience the joy animals can bring.

Come meet mini horses, a mini donkey, alpacas, goats, sheep, rabbits, guinea pigs, pot-bellied pigs, chickens, ducks, and doves.

Newsletter Article Submission Deadline

Submit an article to bit.ly/snailarticle or SNAILeditor@snail.org by **November 13th** for publication in our **December** edition.

Newsletter Editor Wanted!

Help keep our community informed and connected!
You are creative, comfortable with Canva, Word, or similar tools to assist us with our community newsletter. We'd love to have you on our team!
Interested? Contact Valérie at vsuares@gmail.com / 408-390-3335

What's new in Sunnyvale?

Download MySunnyvale:

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

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New, on-demand rideshare.



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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.

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

After nearly a decade of service, local electricity provider **Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) calls 298 S Sunnyvale Ave. in downtown Sunnyvale home.** On October 14, SVCE and the Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce held a small celebration with the SVCE Board of Directors, staff and community leaders to mark the milestone and commemorate a renewed commitment to local service.



SVCE is a not-for-profit public agency, serving more than 280,000 residential and commercial customers across thirteen Santa Clara County communities with electricity from renewable and clean sources.

SVCE has reinvested $350 million back into the community through on-bill savings, customer rebates, community grant projects, and more. For current rebates, visit: **https://ehub.svcleanenergy.org/en/incentives**

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 11/10, 11/24,** 12/8, 12/22
West SNAIL **Wednesdays 11/11, 11/25,** 12/9, 12/23

For additional important information about SNAIL and activities in the City of Sunnyvale,

Join our SNAIL Mailing List at **bit.ly/snailemail**

DID YOU KNOW?

About one of the best kept secrets in Sunnyvale?

Bay Area Cats provides free and low-cost spay/neuter services, vaccinations, and microchips for families with financial need. They offer convenient appointment drop-off and pickup at Petco Sunnyvale (160 E El Camino Real).

Community Cats: Feeding stray or feral cats? They provide trap-neuter-return (TNR) assistance to prevent unwanted litters and help community cats live healthier lives.

Need help getting your cat fixed? Visit bayareacats.org/contact. to request assistance.

Cub Scouts Food Donation Service Project

Cub Scouts from Pack 415 who live in the SNAIL neighborhood are seeking **non-perishable food donations**. Donations can be **dropped off outside the Elev8tion clubhouse** (730 San Aleso Ave) from November 1–14. (https://svmbc.org/activities/service-projects).

Rides for Toys: Give a Gift, Get a Ride!

Sat, Nov. 22 from 10AM – 1PM
Downtown Redwood Square



Bring the joy this holiday season by donating new, unwrapped toys or gift cards—and in return, hop aboard a Sunnyvale fire engine for an unforgettable ride!

Hosted by the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety, this family-friendly tradition brings neighbors together to spread cheer while supporting two incredible local organizations: Sunnyvale Community Services and Cops Care Cancer Foundation

Can't make it on event day?
Donations are accepted through Dec. 12 at any Sunnyvale Fire Station. Monetary donations also welcome! Your generosity makes the holidays brighter for hundreds of children in our community.

Sunnyvale Community Services Giving Tuesday

Register here: tinyurl.com/scs-giving-tuesday-2026

Sunnyvale Community Services invites you to a special **Giving Tuesday Open House** on **Dec. 1 from 4–7PM** at 1160 Kern Ave in our Community Room. Celebrate the season with food from JW Catering, warm drinks, and holiday cheer! Meet our team, connect with fellow supporters, and see firsthand how your support impacts local families. Bring a friend, drop off a donation, or join a guided tour of our facility. We'll also have a small Silent Auction to bid on! We look forward to celebrating this spirit of generosity with you.

Sunnyvale Community Services
Preventing Homelessness and Hunger in Our Local Community



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***
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> 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 on Thursday & Friday, 11/26 & 11/27.**
- **Fun on the Run (FOTR)** – Free drop-in recreation program for youth ages 6-11. Parent/guardian must complete an emergency card on the first day of participation. Program locations & hours:
  - Nov. 3 & 5 (Tues & Thurs) – Washington Park Building, 2:15 – 5:30 p.m.
  - Nov. 10, 12, 17, & 19 (Tues & Thurs) - Ponderosa Park Building, 2:15 – 5:30 p.m.
  - Nov. 4, 11, & 18 (Wed) - Serra Park Building, 2:15 – 5:30 p.m.
  - Nov. 23–25 (Mon-Wed) - Columbia Neighborhood Ctr 2-5pm
- **Ready, Set, Hoop! Free Basketball Clinic** - Sat., 11/24, 10:30 – 12:00 p.m. – Take your basketball skills to the next level with free Saturday clinics led by City youth volunteers. The sessions are open to youth, grades 3-6, that are beginners and players looking to improve in a fun, supportive environment. Space is limited, and registration and a completed waiver are required. Register at Classes and Activities | Sunnyvale, CA. Location: CNC gym.
- **November School Break Camp for Youth** Mon, 11/23 to Wed, 11/25, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - **K-Pop Dance Jam with Zee** - Get ready for a high-energy K-pop dance workshop for ages 8 to 13, led by a City of Sunnyvale volunteer. Learn fun choreography, build confidence, and perform for families at the end; no dance experience is required. Registration required, on-line with credit card or in-person at CNC for cash/check. Fee is $10. Sunnyvale residents only. Must complete a waiver/emergency card. Location: CNC/CMS Multi-Purpose Room.
- **November School Break Camp for Youth** Mon, 11/23 to Wed 11/25, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – **Camp Mind & Motion** – Campers, ages 5 to 7, will start with active group games in the "Motion Zone" and then enjoy a creative STEAM activity in the "Mind Zone." Participants must be potty trained. Registration required, on-line with credit card or in-person at CNC for cash/check. Fee is $20. Sunnyvale residents only. Must complete a waiver/ emergency card. Location: CNC Gym and Conference Room.
- **FREE Medical Services for Adults** – Tuesdays, 11/3 & 11/17, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. by RotaCare Bay Area, Inc. and Catholic Charities. Appointments available and walk-in's welcome.
- **Parents Helping Parents**, Wed., 11/18, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Information, support and referrals to assist families with disabled children.
- **FREE! Food Distribution**, Wed., 11/25, 4:15 - 5:15 p.m. New families must register the first time. Bring bags or cart for about 50 pounds of food.



- **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.
- **Drop-In Fitness Room, Monday -** Friday, 3:30 - 8 p.m.; Saturday, 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 on-line account.
- **Drop-In Yoga classes in CNC gym –** Saturdays, 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. Explore mindfulness and gentle movement to reduce stress and gain flexibility. $3 suggested donation. Middle school students must come with parent/guardian. High school students must have signed parent consent in online account. No class on 11/28.
- **Drop-In Pickleball for Beginners in the Gym -** Saturdays, 12:30 – 2 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.
- **FREE Youth Drop-In Basketball in CNC Gym –** Fridays 7–10pm. For middle & high school students. Bring student ID. Participants require signed parent consent in online account.

- *Angela Chan, Youth & Family Resources Manager*

October Community Meeting

The neighborhood meeting focused on discussing potential solutions to declining attendance at monthly meetings. It was proposed to move meetings from monthly to every other month, with specific themes for each meeting:

- January: Welcome the new year & share plans for the months ahead.
- March: Prepare for Earth Day/Spring activities.
- May: Promote the neighborhood yard sale and dumpster day.
- July: Prepare for National Night Out.
- September: Review National Night Out and coordinate Red Bow Project distribution.
- November: Hold the S.N.A.I.L. election and finalize Red bow event and distribution.

Also suggested was organizing occasional dinner events instead of regular meetings to increase participation (more on this next month). The group also discussed increasing newsletter advertising rates since they have remained the same for the past eight years. Current printing costs increased to $259 per month, so the proposal was to increase advertising rates from $35 to $40 for monthly ads, from $200 to $225 for six-month ads, and from $390 to $420 for annual ads.

Vice Mayor Richard Mehlinger provided updates on City initiatives including the new Homelessness Response Plan and upcoming safe parking programs.

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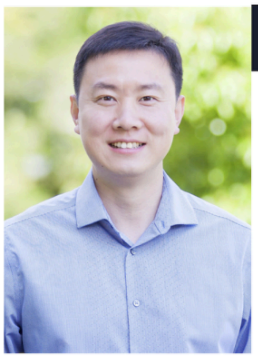
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