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December 2019



GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, December 5th

Location: Columbia Middle School Teacher's Lounge

Time: 7:00 p.m. – Look for the **SNAIL** sign

SNAIL typically meets on the first Thursday of the month. The rare exception is when the first Thursday is also the same date as a big holiday or our usual meeting venue is not available. All SNAIL area homeowners, residents and guests are invited. Children are welcome. Membership in SNAIL is always free.

Mark Your Calendar Now:

1/9, 2/6, 3/5, 4/2, 5/7, 6/4

Stay Informed and Be Heard!

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



SNAIL has had a wonderful 2019, thanks to our guest speakers and contribution of our officers: Diane for being our vice chair and stepping in when I was away; June, secretary and delicious snack provider; and John, our treasurer. Thanks also to Denise, newsletter editor extraordinaire; Thomas, our webmaster. Thank you all for your dedication as SNAIL officers and outstanding dedicated volunteers.

2019 has been a good year for SNAIL. At the November elections, I was voted in to serve a 2nd term starting in January and I am truly honored by your vote of confidence and promise you to continue serving and growing our community. June and Diane will switch roles this year – our new scribe will be Diane and June will step up as SNAIL Vice-chair and will continue to provide great snacks for our monthly meeting. John will remain our treasurer; our newsletter editor, Denise, has agreed to stay on, and Thomas will transfer our Yahoo groups (SNAILorg and Chitchat) content to our website and he will also continue to maintain our <http://www.snail.org/> website for 2020.

To close the year, we can look forward to our SNAIL Year-End Holiday Potluck at John and Diane's home on December 15th (see article), the Outdoor Ice Rink at Redwood Square continues through Jan. 20th; City Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration is Sat., Dec. 7th, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. on Murphy Ave; Delicious Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 7th, 8 to 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Sunnyvale Community Center; and the Holiday Train on Dec. 7th and 8th <http://www.holiday-train.org>. Check out the City Calendar for details: <https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/cals/>

2020 will be a "number" year. We have already lined-up some great speakers for 2020; visit our SNAIL event calendar listing of upcoming speakers.

<http://www.snail.org/docs/speakers.shtml>

The January 9th speaker will be addressing county maps; at the February 6th meeting, you can expect an overview of the ballot measures for the March 3rd Primaries; and we are awaiting confirmation from a representative of the Census Bureau to speak at our March 5th meeting.

You can check out the district map and the election sequencing that our Councilmembers voted for, by visiting the City Election page: <https://sunnyvaleelections.org/>.

We hope to open new Little Free Libraries, celebrate Cinco de Mayo, and meet our neighbors at The National Night Out in 2020.

I wish everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday season.

-Valérie Suarès



December 5th – Bailey Hall, Environmental Programs Specialist, City of Sunnyvale

The holidays are approaching, and they bring more than just joy: did you know households generate, on average, 25 percent more waste during this time of year? Join Sunnyvale Environmental Services staff to learn about Recycling's "Nice Nine and Dirty Dozen" and tips for celebrating your holidays the Zero Waste way!

January 9th – Otto Lee, Registered Patent Attorney, veteran and former Mayor of Sunnyvale

Otto will be sharing with us "County Maps and Elections – why should we care?"

SNAIL NEEDS MORE NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTORS!

Neighbors, if you enjoy receiving news on our neighborhood, please consider joining our team of volunteer distributors who get out into the fresh air and deliver the monthly newsletter to your doorstep. Distribution happens just once a month. We are looking for people to cover the following blocks:

- Blocks 400 to 500 of Bayview Ave. (25 houses - can be split up among multiple volunteers)
- Block 600 of Santa Barbara (11 houses)
- Block 600 of Santa Catalina (12 houses)
- Blocks 300 to 600 of Santa Cruz (21 houses - can also be split up)

We are always looking for substitutes to help distribute when our regular volunteers are traveling or unable to get the newsletters out in time. If one of your 2020 resolutions is getting more steps in, we'd love to have you join the team! If you have any questions or would like to volunteer. Please contact Nenuca Syquia at: syquia.nenuca@gmail.com.

-Nenuca Syquia, Newsletter Coordinator

The publication of our newsletter and SNAIL Neighborhood Association sponsored activities are supported through our annual yard sale, newsletter sponsors and donations.



**Sunday, December 15th
5:00-8:00 p.m.**

Diane and John's Home

550 E. Arbor (corner of Worley and Arbor)

Potluck dinner - please bring a dish to share.

Come join your neighbors for some neighborhood holiday fun! Get into the holiday spirit with good company and good food. Turkey and pumpkin pie provided; help us complete the menu! Potluck dishes and RSVPs preferred, but come on over any way you are.

RSVPs and questions, please email Diane at gleasondiane@yahoo.com or call her at (650) 353-1575.



HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH'S SNAIL GENERAL MEETING

Guest Speaker (Jim Reynolds, Vice President Heritage Park Museum): The Heritage Park Museum is eleven years old and completely run by volunteers. Volunteers raised the three million that built the house, an amazing accomplishment. In the near future, the museum will be expanded to include the contents of the Blue Cube. This extension will be built into the orchard and will involve cutting down six to ten apricot trees. The trees will be replanted elsewhere in the orchard.

The Museum is modeled after the Martin Murphy, Jr. home. Martin Murphy, Jr. was Sunnyvale's first European resident, emigrating from County Wessex, Ireland via Canada and Missouri. Leaving from Pocatello, Idaho, the family arrived in 1844, before the Donner Party. Their success was attributed to a Piute Indian, who helped them follow established Indian trade routes over the Sierras. They arrived with all fifty persons plus two babies born on the route. Also, a strong leader, Elisha Stevens (Steven's Creek), kept them from splitting up by holding councils and thus resolving disputes.

2020 SNAIL Officers Election: The results are as follows:

Chair	11 votes	Valérie Suarès
Vice-chair	11 votes	June Valenti
Treasurer	10 votes, 1 abstention	John Cordes
Secretary	11 votes	Diane Gleason

SNAILorg and SNAILchitchat Yahoo Groups: We received notification that Yahoo Groups will be permanently removed by December 14th except for the email portion. Do we want to keep the discussions on the SNAILchitchat site, and do we want to keep the photos and all history of SNAIL for archiving purposes? Where should we store this content and how should we do it? How can we do a bulk transfer of data? Discussed were various options, some with and some without cost associated with the automatic transfer by various companies.

Holiday Potluck Party: John & Diane's home on Sunday, Dec. 15th.

For full minutes, please visit:

<http://tinyurl.com/SNAILorg>; <https://nextdoor.com/login>

-Minutes taken by June Valenti, SNAIL Secretary

**ATTENTION
RED BOW ELVES
and BLOCK REPS**



It's That Time Again to be festive and dress up your street trees with a red bow.

The holiday season is here – time to get those bows out of storage, check them over and let me know what supplies you need so they can be ready for you.

Anyone who hasn't had red bows on your street in the past and wants them this year, just count your street trees and contact me to get your bow packages. Also, anyone who wants to be a helper, please contact me. We will distribute the bows and supplies at the December 5th SNAIL meeting.

We also would like to hear from everyone who has bows as to whether you need supplies and to confirm that you will be active this year. Remember, the best helpers are your neighbors. Let them know that our goal is to have every tree in SNAIL wrapped with a red bow by Sunday December 8th, and that they will stay there until January 5th, when they will be wiped clean and stored for the next season.

-Valérie Suarès, SNAIL Chair
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COACHES NEEDED AT CMS!

Want to show your Bulldog Pride by being one of our 2018-2019 Coaches? Check out our available positions on our NEW CMS Athletics <http://columbiaptsa.org/athletics>.

Season 4: February 10 - April 2

Boys Soccer (Multiple Positions)

Girls Basketball (Multiple Positions)

Season 5: April 6 - May 13

Track and Field (Multiple Positions)



NO experience necessary. You must be 18 years of age and complete a background check and fingerprinting with the Sunnyvale School District. (This can take up to a month to complete, so get started early). Compensation: \$1000.00 STIPEND, coach's uniform, and training. Practice and games are Monday-Thursday, generally from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. If you have any interest, please send an email to: info@columbiaptsa.org.

HAPPY KWANZAA!

Merry Christmas
Happy Hanukkah
Happy Holidays

COLUMBIA NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER (CNC) NEWS

For current information on programs, call CNC at (408) 730-7800 or email CNC@sunnyvale.ca.gov or visit our webpage at:

<http://tinyurl.com/SVCNC>.

Free Legal Clinic at CNC: Saturday, Dec. 7th from 10 a.m. to noon. Receive a 20-minute consultation on legal matters by licensed attorneys offered by South Asian Bar Association of Northern California (SABA-NC). No appointments. Customers are attended to on a first come, first served basis.

DeSTEMber Extravaganza: Saturday, Dec. 7th from 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room at CMS. Discover the science behind this magical time of year with free, hands-on STEM activities the whole family will enjoy. All families welcome.

Youth Drop-In Gym at CNC: Basketball on Mondays, 7 – 9 p.m. and Fridays, 7 – 10 p.m. Improve your game. Affordable prices (\$.50 residents, \$1 non-residents), middle school and high school students only. Bring school ID. **Special Sessions:** Thurs., Dec. 26th for basketball and Fri., Dec. 27th for indoor futsal, open in the afternoons, 1-4 p.m., in CMS Multi-Purpose Room.

Drop-In Fitness Room at CNC: **Morning hours:** Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 – 7:30 a.m.; Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8:30 a.m.; Saturdays from 8 – 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. to noon. **Evening hours:** Mondays and Thursdays from 6:30 – 8 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 7:30 – 9 p.m. Come work out with over 15 fitness machines and free weights. Open to adults, high school students with a signed parent consent form, and middle school students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. \$1 per session per person. Bring a towel, water and wear athletic shoes.

Sunnyvale Community Services at CNC: Every Wednesday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Room 9. Sunnyvale residents may be eligible to receive assistance with Public Benefits, Food Programs and Emergency Financial Assistance. Stop by and say "hello" to learn more and to ask questions.

Holiday Closures: CNC will be closed from Monday, Dec. 23rd through Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020. On Thursday and Friday, Dec. 26th and 27th, CNC will be open during business hours for Youth Drop-In Gym program. CNC re-opens to the public on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020.

-Angela Chan, CNC Manager

YAHOO GROUPS IS CHANGING

Yahoo is changing the format of the Yahoo Groups platform. Beginning on December 14, 2019, all Yahoo Groups will be made private and any content that was previously uploaded via the website will be removed. Yahoo is moving group communication capabilities from posting on message boards to email distribution, which means that uploading and hosting of new content in **SNAILorg** and **SNAILchitchat** will be disabled on the Yahoo Groups website.

Our SNAIL Webmaster, Thomas Leibold, has been able to download the SNAIL files from our two SNAIL Yahoo groups for future use. To stay up to date with SNAIL, join us on NextDoor.com at <https://tinyurl.com/SNAIL-NEXTDOOR> or bookmark our SNAIL website page: <http://www.snail.org/>.

-Valérie Suarès

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COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

CERT educates individuals about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT volunteers can assist others in their community following a disaster when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

Register for the January 2020 class by following this link: <https://tinyurl.com/SvaleCERT>.

The January CERT course still has openings.

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY TO OUR NEIGHBOR NATE!

100 Happy Birthday wishes are in order for neighbor Nate of the SNAIL community in Sunnyvale. Nate has been an original resident of Sunnyvale since 1953! Nate is still going strong, driving his car, and volunteering at the Senior Center twice a week. Nate is thankful for his family: a son and daughter, two grandchildren and the newest addition, Andy, his first great grandchild.

Nate...

"You're a collection of all your years,
Your stories, your glories, your troubles and tears.
Tales of a century live in your eyes,
You are a hundred years wise.
You're a connection to faraway places
that live on in thoughts of good times and dear faces.
Your history shines in you. Fills you with light.
You are a hundred years bright.
You're a reflection of all that you've known.
Of people who've loved you. Of kindness you've shown.
Of all that you are. And all that you do...
A Hundred good wishes to you!"
-Anonymous

"DISTRICT MAP" FINAL EPISODE

Out of 26 viable maps that were originally submitted, Councilmembers selected the final unity map 120D on Tuesday, Nov. 12th, for Sunnyvale.

Council chose the following sequencing pattern: districts 2, 4 and 6 to go first in 2020 because they claimed this is geographically balanced and fits a "checkerboard" pattern. This means that Districts 1, 3 and 5 will not be up for election until 2022.

-Valérie Suarès, SNAIL Chair

SNAIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

All SNAIL neighbors are encouraged to submit articles of interest to be published in our monthly newsletter. The deadline for submitting articles and photos for the next SNAIL monthly newsletter is **Saturday, December 14th**. Send an email to SNAILeditor@snail.org.



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