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Sunnyvale Neighbors of Arbor, Including La Linda

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December 2020



GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, December 3rd, 7:00 p.m.

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom, SNAIL Members!

You're invited to join in the SNAIL Community Meeting via Zoom

Zoom Login: <https://pausd.zoom.us/j/91023222644>

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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.

Next SNAIL Meetings: 1/7, 2/4, 3/4, 4/1, 5/6, 6/3

Stay Informed and Be Heard!



Link to Speakers' Corner Presentations

www.snail.org/docs/speakers.shtml

CHEER FOR THE END OF 2020!



Thanks to some of our wonderful neighbors, red bows will be going up around SNAIL street trees to bring end-of-year cheer to our neighborhood! You may have already admired the brightness they bring to our streets. Like so many other traditions during the pandemic, the intentional symbolizing of community and collaboration arrives with a deeper significance this year.



If you would like to join the helpers, please reach out to request supplies from SNAIL. If you have helped the red bow project in the past, thank you so much, and please reach out to confirm whether you are participating this year.

Please also let us know if you have any other ideas to bring smiles to neighbors.



Contact Sophia Sasaki at library@toths.info and 206-395-8732.

-Sophia Sasaki

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



As this year comes to a close, I can only reflect on how different this year has been from all the other years I have lived in SNAIL.

In the "old days" at this time of year, we were planning for traditional meals, family gatherings, travel, and vacations. During the pandemic, we are subject to the stress and anxiety of planning "safe gatherings", carrying a mask wherever we go, sanitizing surfaces, maintaining safe distances, and keep the connections to our loved ones open with our phone calls and various electronic Apps.

We have all been affected one way or another by the pandemic and my heart goes out to all of those who have been deeply affected personally, remotely, physically, mentally, and emotionally. However, one thing that remains constant is the string of SNAIL volunteers that have helped maintain our community's efforts. The SNAIL Board is saying goodbye to June this year, who has held roles as Social Secretary organizing our monthly dinners, Yard Sale Coordinator, Secretary and, more recently, Vice-chair. Thank you, June, for your support, dedication, and commitment to our neighborhood. You will be missed. Thankfully, Marco has stepped up to take her place; many of you know Marco, he was the one gathering the neighbors' videos of the cars speeding at the intersections of Duane and Morse.

Thanks to Dave, Dorit and Mark for collecting trash while on their walks, keeping SNAIL clean. Thanks to John for keeping our bank books and our checkbook accurate; and thanks to Diane for hosting our monthly meetings and typing the minutes. Thanks to Sophia and Patsy for their support in reviving the Red Bows program where we tie a big Holiday bow around all the trees lining the streets in SNAIL; thanks to Jenny and Nenuca for organizing Zoom guest speakers and discussions on current events, and keeping our volunteer roster up to date. Thanks to Thomas for maintaining our website, and Barry for working with the City for our dumpster event. Finally, I would be remiss if I did not mention Denise Perez, our newsletter editor for continuing to design our candidate forum flyers, our colorful monthly newsletters and publishing them on NextDoor.

It sure takes a village... Thank you all so much for your ongoing commitment to support the neighborhood.

Take care of yourselves and your loved ones, check on your neighbors, and let us hope we can resume our regular activities, and host our annual National Night Out and Yard Sale, in 2021 along with new ideas you may have to keep our community together.

-Valérie Suarès



COLUMBIA NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER (CNC) NEWS

For current information on programs, call CNC at 408-730-7800 or email CNC@sunnyvale.ca.gov or visit: <http://tinyurl.com/SVCNC>.

Holiday Camp for Youth: Dec. 21-23 and 28-30. Youth, ages 5-12, are invited join Sunnyvale staff for fun-filled days of in-person, recreation activities camp designed with COVID-19 safety protocols in place including social distancing, and face coverings. Camp hours are 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and fees are \$360 (Res)/\$410 (Non-Res). Two locations: CNC or Community Center. To register, go to:

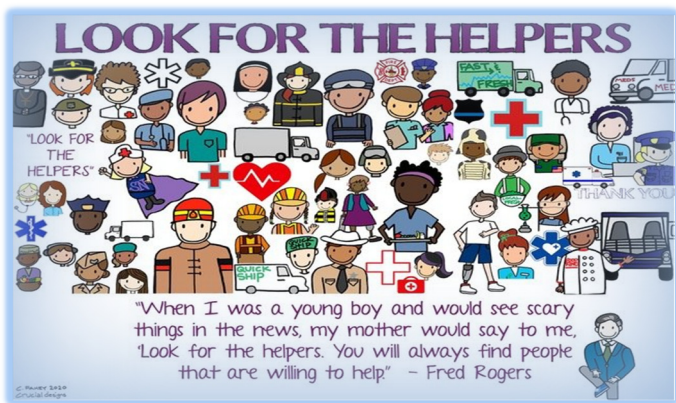
<https://Sunnyvale.ca.gov/Community/Classes> or call 408-730-7360.

Free Food Distribution, Family Harvest: Families in need of food are invited to register for the Family Harvest Program, a monthly food distribution program that takes place on the last Wednesday of the month, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Families drive through the CNC/CMS parking lot and volunteers load about 100 pounds of food (dry, can and fresh food) into each car with no contact. The December distribution is scheduled for *Wednesday, Dec. 23rd*.

Register for "ShapeUp" Sunnyvale: A new active living and healthier eating program funded by El Camino Healthcare District. Any Sunnyvale resident is invited to sign up with priority given to residents on public assistance. Second session begins in mid-January, registration opens in mid-December. Once registered, choose to participate in both components (physical activity and healthier cooking) or just one. For getting active, choose from a menu of activities, virtual or in-person, offered through Recreation Services such as aquatics fitness, yoga, walking club, Zumba, etc. and participate in a minimum of one activity weekly for free. For the cooking component, pick up a cooking kit weekly, from CNC or the Community Center, prepared by a professional caterer and make the dish at home. There will be a recorded video of the caterer making the dish and an optional weekly Zoom meeting for advice or questions. Registration required.

Holiday Closures: CNC's front office will be closed to the public from *Monday, Dec. 21st through Friday, Jan. 1, 2021.*

-Angela Chan, CNC Manager



HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH'S SNAIL ZOOM MEETING

Attendees: Valerie Suares, Diane Gleason, June Valenti, Denise Perez, Patsy Duke, Larry Walters, John Cordes, Tarik Peterson, David and Dorit Chapman, Jenny Purushotma, Thomas Leibold, Marco Vasquez, Barbara Brunasso, Barry Boole, Arwen Dave, Sophia Sasaki

SNAIL Nomination and Election of Candidates for 2021

- **President:** Valerie Suares 13/13
- **Vice President:** Marco Vasquez 12/12
- **Secretary:** Diane Gleason 13/13
- **Treasurer:** John Cordes 12/12

Guest Speaker, Ralph Garcia, PE, Sr. Transportation Engineer, Department of Public Works:

- **Sunnyvale's Vision Zero Plan**
 - As part of its commitment to maintaining safe streets for everyone, the City developed a Vision Zero Plan that strives for the total elimination of traffic fatalities and severe injuries for all travel modes within Sunnyvale.
- **Sunnyvale's Active Transportation Plan**
 - Approved this summer. Includes bicycle infrastructure and pedestrian support projects.
- **Sunnyvale's Roadway Safety Plan**
 - This allows the City to be eligible for federal grant funding.
- **Sunnyvale's Department of Public Safety**
 - Includes Safe Routes to School.
 - Request from SNAIL is to make it safer at Borregas and Eaglewood for school children. If a stop sign cannot be legally placed on Borregas, what other options are there?

City Update by Larry Klein:

- The county is providing free COVID-19 testing. Go to: <https://www.sccfreetest.org/>. Second and fourth Mondays at Murphy park. Appointment is strongly encouraged, at least one week in advance.
- First outreach meeting for Moffett Park is Nov. 30th, 4- 6 p.m. (go to city website, top 30 projects, Moffett Park). Two more meetings: Dec 10th; Feb. 1, 2021.
<https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/about/summaries.htm>

For full minutes, please visit: <https://nextdoor.com/login>

-Diane Gleason, SNAIL Secretary



MATHILDA AVE IMPROVEMENTS AT US 101 and SR 237 PROJECT IS COMPLETE!

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we were unable to have a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate this important milestone. As such, we put together a video which includes commentary from our elected officials and partners, highlighting the completion of the project and thanking all who've been a part of its success!

Please visit @scvta (Facebook) or @vta (Twitter, Instagram).

-Ralph Garcia, PE, Senior Transportation Engineer



CITY OF SUNNYVALE – UPCOMING MEETINGS

<https://sunnyvaleca.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Name	Date	Time	Location
City Council	12/1	7:00 PM	Check calendar in link above to confirm location
City Council	12/8	7:00 PM	Check calendar in link above to confirm location
Community Event and Neighborhood Grant Distribution Subcommittee	12/9	7:00 PM	Check calendar in link above to confirm location
City Council	12/10	4:00 PM	Check calendar in link above to confirm location

Watch the City Council meeting on television over Comcast Channel 15 at: <http://youtube.com/SunnyvaleMeetings> or <https://sunnyvaleca.legistar.com/calendar.aspx>

Submit written comments to the City Council up to four hours prior to the meeting to council@sunnyvale.ca.gov or by mail to City Clerk, 603 All America Way, Sunnyvale, CA 94086.

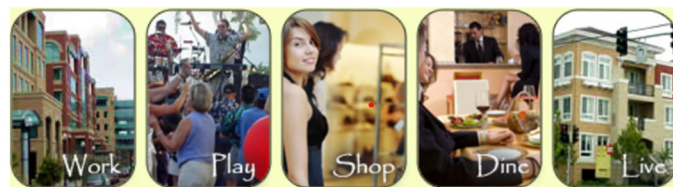


ZERO WASTE HOLIDAYS

From loved ones staying home, to celebrating traditions online, this holiday season will likely be different. As we navigate the holidays while staying COVID-safe, there are still ways to be sustainably festive. Here are ways to celebrate without producing the typical end-of-year waste:

- Challenge yourself to creative, waste-free gift wrapping. Try gift bags, recycled paper, cloth wrapping, or reusable cloth gift tags for your family.
- Prevent wasted food by planning ahead, shopping smart and storing food properly. Check out www.stopfoodwaste.org for tips and tricks on food waste prevention.
- Give an e-gift card to a local retailer or restaurant for a loved one. They can pick out exactly what they want, with nothing wasted or unused.
- Consider renting a living, potted tree. Once your family is done enjoying the tree, it can be returned to live a happy life. Check out organizations like OurCityForest.org or do a web search for Christmas tree rentals to learn more.

-Bailey Hall, Environmental Programs Specialist



STRONGER TOGETHER: GO SHOP AND SUPPORT SUNNYVALE SMALL BUSINESSES

Time to start your holiday shopping? Be rewarded for supporting and shopping at Sunnyvale Downtown Businesses! It's a win-win with the "Stronger Together" campaign sponsored by the Sunnyvale Downtown Association (SDA). Increased foot traffic will help jump start downtown businesses and shoppers will have the opportunity to win gift certificates in a monthly raffle.

To participate, collect batches of five or ten receipts (\$5 minimum purchase) to enter a monthly drawing for a chance to win \$50 or \$100 gift certificates redeemable at any participating downtown business before June 20, 2021. To make it even more interesting, all verified entries will be eligible for the final drawing for the ultimate "Grand Prize of Unspeakable Value" to be revealed at the end of the campaign. Every month the SDA will award \$400 in gift certificate prizes: two 10-receipt entries will win \$100, and four 5-receipt entries will win \$50. Contestants may enter multiple times with unique receipts from different businesses.

Here's the game:

- ❖ Collect receipts in batches of five or ten, one from each of 12 different groups of Downtown Businesses.

- ❖ The "playing board" of business groups is located at <https://sunnyvaledowntown.com/stronger-together.html>. Even easier is to hover your cell phone camera over the QR code on your computer screen (or on posters in participating businesses) to connect directly to the website with the "playing board" business groups and detailed directions.



- ❖ Email your receipts to info@sunnyvaledowntown.com along with your name, email, physical address, and phone number. Winners will be selected every month on the 30th, through the end of March 2021.

The next round of winners will be selected on December 30th! Remember to wear face masks and observe the 6-foot social distancing requirement inside the shops. We **are** Stronger Together in Sunnyvale! Go Shop and Carry On – Safely!

-Barbara Brunasso

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 19th**. Send an email to SNAILeditor@snail.org.

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