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September 2020



CANDIDATE FORUM

Thursday, September 10th, 7:00 p.m.

You're invited to join in the SNAIL Community Sunnyvale Mayoral Candidate Forum via Zoom

Get your link for the **Zoom Candidate Webinar** at:
www.tinyurl.com/SvaleCandidateForum2020

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 Meeting: 10/1

Stay Informed and Be Heard!

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Your local League of Women Voters is actively working on Candidate Forums and Pro/Con presentations and will have the schedule of the forums on their website at LWVCS.org shortly.

Another resource that is extremely helpful for you is www.VotersEdge.org. Go there in October and enter your address and your ballot information will be in the system. Great info on candidates, the propositions and the money behind them is all on this site. Highly encourage you to check it out. The ballots will be mailed in the first week of October and it will be important to take them into the closest Vote Center or mail them by Oct 25th to make sure they easily arrive on time. Thank you for registering, getting educated with the facts and then voting! Please spread the word.

-Elaine Manley, League of Women Voters

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



After a stressful spring and a difficult summer everything should have gone back into the normal swing of things: beach chairs and sunshades folded, sunscreen and beach balls put away, summer clothes washed and packed for next year. Stores should have been opened early for back to school supplies, and backpacks should have been filled with fresh paper and new 3-ring binders. Yet, there is nothing normal about this September.

School buses will not be packed with students anxious and schools won't have classrooms bursting with energy. Parents must adjust to their work schedule, and many teachers fear their workplaces may be unsafe.

Weather related events can be experienced from coast to coast, and the pandemic is forcing all of us to think twice before entering a place without a mask, shoppers can no longer try clothes before purchasing them, and shopping online is becoming the norm as many brick and mortar stores are closing their doors for ever.

Crowded concert halls, sports arenas, park playgrounds, hugs and spontaneous expressions are things of the past or at least on hold.

One thing is certain, we have some choices to make this election season. Besides the obvious presidential election, Sunnyvale residents have a Mayor to elect. To learn about the three candidates, (view the flyer in the newsletter) Zoom-in by 7:00 p.m. to the SNAIL organized Candidate Forum at:

www.tinyurl.com/SvaleCandidateForum2020 on Sept. 10th, moderated once again by Elaine Manley Co-President of our local League of Women Voters.

Send your questions to CandidateForum@snail.org, and log in to ask the three mayoral candidates your questions via Q&A.

-Valérie Suarès



November 5, 2020
RALPH GARCIA, PE
Sr. Transportation Engineer, Department of Public Works

Sunnyvale's Vision Zero Plan

SUNNYVALE MAYORAL CANDIDATES FORUM

Zoom Telepresence Online Forum

SNAIL is hosting a **Sunnyvale Mayoral Candidates Forum** online, in cooperation with the **League of Women Voters** for the three candidates who are running in the November elections. Elaine Manley will be our moderator and, with her volunteers at the League of Women Voters, will conduct the online forum.

DATE: Thursday, September 10th

WHERE: Get your link for the **Zoom Candidate Webinar** at:

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FORUM BEGINS: 7:00 p.m. (sharp!) to 9:00 p.m.

Here are the three Sunnyvale Mayoral candidates:

Larry Klein (present Mayor): www.larryformayor.com

Nancy Smith (present Vice Mayor): www.nancysmith.org

Michael Goldman (present Councilmember): www.mikegoldman4mayor.org

Send your questions **prior to the online event** to:

CandidateForum@snail.org, so that they can be categorized by the moderator.

Questions submitted during the forum on the Chat in Zoom window will be grouped by topic and relevance.

Make Maude Avenue Safe and Convenient for All!

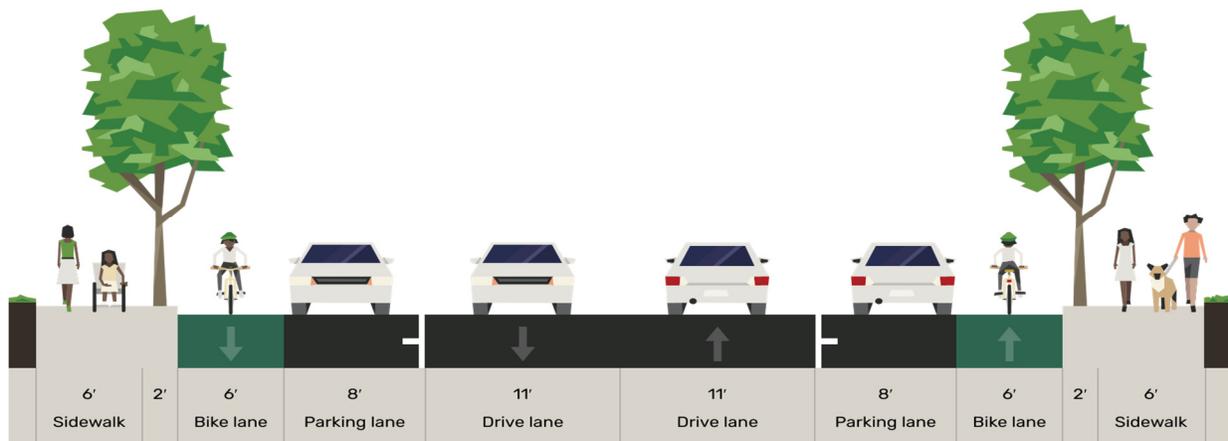
Neighbors, as we have seen, the implementation of the bike lanes and street parking removal on East Maude Avenue starting August 1st, bicyclists and joggers have had more space to safely move along the street. However, most of the apartment residents have been adversely affected by the street parking removal; as a consequence, all the adjacent narrow streets along East Maude Avenue are being flooded with cars parked sometimes for more than 72 hours allowed by Sunnyvale Municipal Code, Title 10. Chapter 10.16.120, and even more frustrating, blocking the way for the weekly street sweeping. Many of us have raised our concerns at our previous SNAIL Zoom meetings and on the Nextdoor app, so we must find an equitable and cost-efficient solution that benefits all. The best idea suggested by our BPAC

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representatives has been to allow street parking from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. That way, apartment residents will get their street parking back, the adjacent streets will have less cars, all the streets will be swept weekly as scheduled and, most importantly, East Maude Avenue will look narrow discouraging drivers to speed up during the nighttime. Keep in mind that we may need to drastically change our approach if the car racing and speeding does not stop. We can achieve all these benefits if we make our voices heard, so I encourage you to drop a line to the City Council at Council@sunnyvale.ca.gov, the City Manager, Ken Steffens, at KSteffens@sunnvuale.ca.gov, and the City Clerk, David Carnahan, at cityclerk@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

Reminding you that we are stronger together. Stay safe.

-Marco Vasquez



HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH’S SNAIL MEETING VIA ZOOM

Guest Speakers: Damon Sparacino, Superintendent of Community Services and Tracey Gott, Community Services Manager. The city has cancelled all its traditional outdoor events, and of course is not holding indoor events either. The county has guidelines for outdoor events, but maximum participation is 60 people, and there is a long list of complicated requirements. The city is making the re-application process for next year must easier. A brainstorming session was held for ideas regarding activities that SNAIL could possibly pursue.

Active Transportation Plan-Council Review Aug. 25th - Richard Mehlinger: Overview: recommend roundabouts, narrowed intersections etc., they deter a lot of bad and dangerous driving behavior. **View 3-minute video:** Consolidation of SNAIL members’ Comments for Council meeting scheduled for Aug. 25th will review Active Transportation Plan. Submit comments on Safety in SNAIL to SNAILchair@snail.org. Please continue to send your photos or videos.

“No Parking” on Maude - Marco Vasquez: City is running a temporary “No Parking” on Maude for 6 months. Send comments, feedback and recommendations to City Council, City Manager and City Clerk. Let them know about any knowledge of parking tickets, towing or requests to change the no-parking schedule, i.e. bike lanes during the day with no parking and parking allowed in the evening and night.

Mayoral Candidate Forum: Elaine Manley, Co-President of the League of Women Voters, Sunnyvale Cupertino Chapter, will moderate the forum. Request for approval of cost of the LWV for Zoom webinar platform (Valérie). Motion to give League of Women Voters \$100 for online tool costs for the Forum. Seconded, 8-0 passed.

Dumpster Update – Barry Boole: There is a possible dumpster day in September. Most of the dumpster monitors are older than 70. Recommend we don't monitor dumpsters this year. Agreed, no dumpsters. Barry will contact city. Put information in newsletter regarding curbside pickups and smart station disposal options.

City Updates – Mayor Larry Klein: County COVID-19 Testing: El Camino Hospital is doing free testing by appointment, and Planned Parenthood Mountain View is doing testing. If you need to find a location to get tested, please visit: www.sccfreetest.org. **Mayor Larry’s Weekly Address on COVID-19 and City Operations:** During the shelter-in-place, I have changed my weekly office hours at Bean Scene Cafe into a Weekly Mayor LiveStream to residents, normally from 9 to 10 AM, Friday mornings. Have a question or concern, please join. People can ask questions live and get answers and updates on what has happened at the State/County/City level over the last week (or watch past updates) for COVID-19 and other items. **NOTE: people do NOT need to have a Facebook account to watch this video LIVE or afterwards.** Just go to: www.facebook.com/LarryForCouncil/videos.

Mayor’s Restaurant Project: Mayor Klein has been highlighting a different Sunnyvale restaurant or food truck every day during the shelter-in-place. You can see the full list of more than 130+ local Sunnyvale restaurants listed and reviewed here:

www.larryklein.com/restaurant-project.

PLEASE support local businesses!

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

-Diane Gleason, SNAIL Secretary

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

On August 25th, Sunnyvale approved an ‘active transportation plan’ (www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/news/topics/atp) for the first time. It contains a bicycle master plan, pedestrian master plan, and Safe Routes to School plan. This plan will guide where Sunnyvale makes improvements for people walking and riding a bicycle for a long time to come, possibly up to 10 years. The purpose of the active transportation plan’s objective is to make it safer and easier for people to get around Sunnyvale when walking or using a bicycle. This will hopefully reduce congestion, pollution and improve resident’s health and happiness and improve neighborliness. It is easier to get to know your neighbor when they are going by while walking or riding a bicycle than in their automobile.

There are some improvements planned in SNAIL; Borregas is upgraded to a buffered bike lane and gains an improved pedestrian crossing at the Borregas and Hemlock intersection. Duane will become a bike route. Ahwanee will have bike lanes. Columbia gets upgraded crosswalks at Del Norte and Glendale. Our Chair, Valerie made an impassioned plea for other improvements including ‘Local traffic only, no exit to Mathilda’ signs and two roundabouts to make SNAIL safer that were not included. We will have to continue to advocate for those.

The city just finished installing the ‘pilot’ bike lanes on Maude which were approved in 2016. Staff had planned to monitor how they are used for the next six months before making a final decision. I suspect the COVID-19 pandemic may delay the study until traffic gets closer to ‘normal’. Another recent improvement near SNAIL is the new signalized intersection at the corner of Wolfe and Maude. This will make it much safer for people walking or riding to Fair Oaks Park who use Maude. A big change expected to start in 2022 is creating a bike path all the way from the bay to Homestead Rd along the East Channel, which borders Fair Oaks Park.

I am one of the seven people that the Sunnyvale City Council has appointed to work on your behalf as a bicycle and pedestrian advisory commissioner (BPAC). If you have ideas about ways to promote walking and riding please reach out to us at BPAC@sunnyvale.ca.gov. If you want to open a trouble ticket with the city for repairs, please contact ‘Access Sunnyvale’ at: www.sunnyvale.dynamics365portals.us.

Columbia School mode share is about average for Sunnyvale middle schools with 39% of the students walking and biking to get to school. One hope is that making walking and biking safer and easier will dramatically shift the percentage of parents who choose to drive their children to school to let their children walk or bike instead.

-John Cordes, BPAC

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

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 

Tentatively pushed out to October 6th. All ideas will be considered and reviewed by SNAIL leadership and the city staff.

Candidates Forum

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