



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

Sunnyvale Neighbors of Arbor, Including La Linda

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## December 2021



### GENERAL MEETING

**Thursday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 p.m.**

**SNAIL Community Meeting via Zoom**

**NEW Zoom Login:**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77234164334?pwd=c1NhY2Q4QWdtRy81ZHpMOTIjL2REdz09>

**Meeting ID: 772 3416 4334; Passcode: 94085**

**One-tap mobile: +16699009128, 83434073523# (San Jose)**

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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: 1/6, 2/3, 3/3, 4/7, 5/5**

### HOLIDAY CHEER AT THE END OF 2021



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 Patsy Duke at [SNAILtreasurer@snail.org](mailto:SNAILtreasurer@snail.org).



### 2022 SNAIL OFFICERS ELECTED

Our 2022 SNAIL Board of Directors were elected at the SNAIL General Meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Here are the results:

- ✓ **Chair:** Valérie Suarès
- ✓ **Vice-chair:** Marco Vasquez
- ✓ **Secretary:** Barbara Brunasso Oliver
- ✓ **Treasurer:** Dorit Chapman

The new offices will commence in January 2022.

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



### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

As this second year of COVID comes to an end, all I can reflect on is how differently we were all impacted. Despite the controversial messages, sheltering in place, staying home, wearing masks, staying six feet apart and getting vaccines, I hope we can look back and give thanks for how we all came through this difficult period of our lives.

I sincerely hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and were able to spend it with friends and/or family, whether traveling or staying close to home.

As we look to the skies and hope for more rain, I have to thank everyone, especially organizers, volunteers and participants who contributed to the success of our events this year. We had a successful Earth Day cleanup project to keep our neighborhood clean and provided us with some great organic planting soil for our home grown plants and vegetables. Our Fall clean up included a BBQ at the park and a pumpkin decorating event crowned by our traditional ice cream truck generously sponsored by Renna Shee.

We will close this year with our traditional Holiday Red Bow tree decoration event, organized by Patsy. These bows will go up the first week of December and will come down the second week of January. Neighbors always comment on how festive SNAIL looks during the Holidays.

My final thanks go to SNAIL leaders, Patsy, Marco, Jenny, Dorit, Denise, and Barbara who contributed to keeping SNAIL the wonderful neighborhood we all call our home. You are an amazing group of dedicated individuals. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do.

Wishing you all a happier and safer New Year.

-Valérie Suarès

### RECYCLE FOR THE GOOD OF SNAIL



Since we stopped printing and distributing our newsletters during the pandemic, we have, unfortunately, lost many of our advertisers. We will start a Recycling Drive to bring in revenue from beverage containers that qualify for CA Redemption (aluminum and plastic only) to help raise funds for our community.

We ask that you set aside two bags and separate your cleaned "CRV" marked aluminum cans and plastic bottles. Containers must be emptied of liquids and sorted prior to putting them into the bags. When your bags are full, give us a call and we will coordinate a pickup.

-Dorit (408) 529-0165 and Valérie (408) 390-3335



## HOMEMADE HOLIDAYS

Give meaningful gifts that are good for the environment this winter season. Here are a few tips to put you on the path to a zero-waste holiday:

- ♻️ **DIY a holiday tree.** Many of us invested in houseplants over the pandemic. Decorate your potted plants with tinsel, ornaments or lights to transform your space. You can also get creative and make a tree out of cardboard boxes, books or string; <https://simplifytheholidays.org> has some great ideas.
- ♻️ **Share your talents.** Are you an avid baker or clever crafter? Put your skills to use with a homemade present. Gift loved ones baked sweets, knit scarves, a pet portrait or bath bombs.
- ♻️ **Decor that means more.** When you're decorating for the holidays, ask yourself: can I find this secondhand? Keep an eye out at yard sales, thrift stores or online sharing sites like <https://freecycle.org> for pre-loved decor. If you've outgrown some of your decorations, keep the giving spirit going by donating them.

-Bailey Hall, Environmental Programs Specialist

## HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH'S SNAIL ZOOM MEETING

**Attendees:** Valérie Suarès, Patsy Duke, Jenny Purushotma, Barbara Brunasso Oliver, Denise Perez, Dorit Chapman, Marco Vasquez, Thomas Leibold, Barry Boole, Peggy and Erik Brewster

**Guests:** Larry Klein, Mayor, City of Sunnyvale; The-Vu Nguyen, Supervisor Otto Lee's County Office

### City Update from Larry Klein, Mayor of City of Sunnyvale

1. **Sunnyvale Community Services** celebrated the opening of their new building on Kern last week.
2. **Council Member Fong** resigned from his post on the City Council and will be working with Governor Newsom. There may be a conflict of interest, and Council will appoint or hold an election in June for a replacement for the rest of the year. We will decide later this month on next steps on this issue.
3. **Current Projects:** Redistricting is in progress. Final maps will be drawn and finalized in January.
4. **COVID Vaccine:** There will be a vaccine site at El Dorado Mobile Home Park on November 20th. The City is lobbying to have more regularly scheduled vaccine and testing sites throughout the City. (Murphy Park second and fourth Monday of the month from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM.)

### Traffic Lights and Speed Warning Signs Update- Marco

The following traffic lights need repair:

- Maude Ave and San Augusto Terrace needs to be reset.
- Maude Ave in front of the 7-11 store runs out of power (solar powered).
- Sunnyvale-Saratoga by Bishop's parking area - a branch is blocking the view of the traffic light.
- Morse Ave in front of Columbia doesn't work at all and the light pole also doesn't work.

### Traffic in SNAIL Update and Data Collected – Erik and Peggy

**Peggy:** The Map of the SNAIL streets and traffic issues generated a lot of input from neighbors. Areas of concern were noted with red dots and people who responded, with a blue dot. It was great to develop a partnership with neighbors. We have our website up and encourage anyone to include input at [SNAILTrafficSafety.org](http://SNAILTrafficSafety.org). The big takeaways are the concerns on Morse and Borregas and on Maude near Bishop. The Bayview and Maude crosswalk is a mess. Drivers are not responding to the blinky traffic light.

**Erik:** Neighbors are encouraged to read the Active Transportation Plan and it can be accessed at the [SNAILTrafficSafety.org](http://SNAILTrafficSafety.org).

**For full minutes, please visit:** <https://tinyurl.com/SNAIL202111>

-Barbara Brunasso Oliver, SNAIL Secretary



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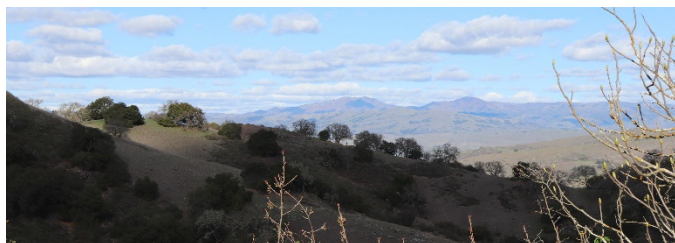
## WATER CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS

**Municipal Code: 12.34.020. Nonessential uses prohibited.**

(a) To prevent the waste and unreasonable use of water and to promote water conservation, the following actions are hereby prohibited, except where necessary to address an immediate health or safety need or to comply with a term or condition in a permit issued by a state or federal agency:

- (1) The use of broken or defective plumbing, sprinklers, watering, or irrigation systems that permit the escape or leakage of potable water.
- (2) The application of potable water to outdoor landscaping in a manner that causes runoff such that water flows onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures.
- (3) The use of potable water to irrigate outdoor landscaping between the hours of nine a.m. and six p.m. during daylight savings time except with a bucket or a hose that is fitted with a shut-off nozzle or device that causes it to cease dispensing water immediately when not in use.
- (4) The use of potable water to irrigate outdoor landscaping more than fifteen minutes per day per station when using a landscape irrigation system or a watering device that is not continuously attended, except for landscape irrigation systems that exclusively use very low-flow drip-type irrigation systems when no emitter produces more than two gallons of water per hour, weather-based controllers, or stream rotor sprinklers that meet a seventy-one percent efficiency standard.
- (5) The use of a hose that dispenses potable water to wash any motor vehicle, watercraft, mobile home, or other vehicles or machinery unless the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle or device that causes it to cease dispensing water immediately when not in use.
- (6) The use of potable water to wash sidewalks, driveways, filling station aprons, patios, parking lots, porches or other paved or hard surfaced areas.
- (7) The use of potable water in a fountain or other decorative water feature unless the water is part of a recirculating system.
- (8) The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes while it is raining or within forty-eight hours after measurable rainfall (0.20 inches).
- (9) The serving of drinking water other than upon request in eating or drinking establishments, including, but not limited to, restaurants, hotels, cafes, cafeterias, bars, or other public places where food or drink are served and/or purchased.
- (10) The use of potable water to irrigate ornamental turf on public street medians.
- (11) The use of potable water to irrigate landscapes outside of newly constructed homes and buildings in a manner inconsistent with regulations or other requirements established by the California Building Standards Commission and the Department of Housing and Community Development.
- (12) The installation of any single pass cooling process in new construction. (*i.e., water is circulated only once to cool equipment before being disposed.* -Editor)

(b) To promote water conservation, operators of hotels and motels shall provide guests with the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily. The hotel or motel shall prominently display notice of this option in each guestroom using clear and easily understood language. (Ord. 3086-16 § 1; Ord. 3041-14 § 1; Ord. 2433-93 § 1).



## RESOLUTIONS

### Patricia's Reflections

Long ago, someone told me that you can tell the seriousness of someone's resolution to make a change by whether they attach a date (January 1<sup>st</sup> of the next year being the most popular), or they commit to begin to change that very day. Since then, I've admonished myself every time I think I should make a change "as soon as I meet this deadline" or "when the weather improves."

We're nearing the end of 2021. Who could have imagined the major changes we'd need to make over the past twelve months or more? So, we know we can make substantial changes that we can start immediately.

Here's what challenges me: tomorrow. I have never enjoyed intentional exercise, but I am not naïve about its importance. For that reason, I start with a serious commitment. What happens the day after my first effort? You probably already know.

My favorite form of exercise is also my favorite form of mindfulness: hiking. This has the obvious disadvantages that I must change my clothes, drive to the trail, lather up with sunscreen, add a sunhat, and take those first steps onto the trail. What follows is a kind of bliss. Less than ten minutes into a hike—or even a walk along a flat trail—I am at peace with the world; I have a positive, even hopeful, perspective on Life; my body is saying "Thank you, thank you, thank you." And then it might be a month (or more) before I renew my resolution to get daily aerobic exercise.

At my age (it's never too late), I should be even more motivated to get into a routine that includes forty-five minutes, five times each week, of this kind of health insurance. My doctor tries to ease me into this new life with encouragement to "start with twenty minutes." But it's not the duration of the exercise that stops me; it's getting up and putting on my athletic socks and walking shoes. I offer this true confession believing that at least someone in SNAIL can relate.

There is, however, another kind of resolution that I find satisfyingly easy to follow through on: changes that will make me a better person, changes that are based on an honest assessment of how I've grown as a human being and where I believe I could use some improvement. These changes take no preparation whatsoever. They merely require that I put one foot in front of the other in an effort to make progress each day. I don't have to wait until tomorrow or the first day of spring. I don't even have to wait until later that day.

The good news? It's all about continuous improvement—not perfection—and there are no barriers to getting started.

-Patricia Collins, [patricia@patriciawrites.com](mailto:patricia@patriciawrites.com)



## CITY OF SUNNYVALE – UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

Name	Date	Time	Location
<b>Parks and Recreation Commission</b>	12/8/21	7:00 PM	Council Chambers, City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086 <i>Meeting Online Link:</i> <a href="https://sunnyvale-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/94819997080">https://sunnyvale-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/94819997080</a>
<b>Sustainability Commission</b>	12/20/21	7:00 PM	West Conference Room, City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086 <i>Meeting Online Link:</i> <a href="https://sunnyvale-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/95835903911">https://sunnyvale-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/95835903911</a>
<b>Redistricting Commission</b>	1/13/22	6:00 PM	TBD <i>Joint Meeting with the City Council: Review Maps, Then Redistricting Commission Narrows to 3 - 5 Maps (Hearing 4)</i>
<b>City Council: Community Meeting Notice</b>	1/20/22	7:00 PM	Council Chambers and West Conference Room, City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086 <i>Special Meeting of the City Council: Workshop - Map Feedback and Preferences</i>

Watch the City Council meetings 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](mailto:council@sunnyvale.ca.gov) or by mail to City Clerk, 603 All America Way, Sunnyvale, CA 94086.

## TRAFFIC SAFETY IN SNAIL

Peggy and Erik living at the intersection of Morse and Duane are asking all SNAIL neighbors to visit their website [SNAILTrafficSafety.org](http://SNAILTrafficSafety.org) and provide feedback on traffic issues in SNAIL.

They are looking for at least 20 more residents to contribute traffic issues noted in the neighborhood. You can also email Peggy and Erik at [SNAILTrafficSafety@gmail.com](mailto:SNAILTrafficSafety@gmail.com).

Additionally, for info on the City timeline for improvements around SNAIL, neighbors are encouraged to read the Active Transportation Plan linked from the same website: <https://www.snailtrafficsafety.org>.

## 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 **Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**. Send an email to [SNAILeditor@snail.org](mailto:SNAILeditor@snail.org).

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**22nd Sunnyvale Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration!**  
**Saturday, December 4, 2021**  
**5:00 PM to 7:30 PM**



**THE WINTER ICE RINK DOWNTOWN SUNNYVALE**  
**NOVEMBER 19, 2021 - JANUARY 2, 2022**

Bring your family and friends and start a new holiday tradition! The Winter Ice Rink Downtown Sunnyvale is back for an unforgettable season of outdoor skating and holiday festivities in the heart of downtown Sunnyvale.



**Tickets are required:**  
<https://www.citylinesunnyvale.com/icerink/> and click on the **TICKETS** button in the dark blue area near the top.

Visit downtown businesses during your ice rink visit! The Winter Ice Rink will help you connect with your community and celebrate the holiday season in a magical way.

For your health and safety, every visitor ages 12 and older must provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19. Does not apply to children younger than 12 who are not yet eligible to be vaccinated.

**Click or copy & paste link for a full list of safety protocols:**  
<https://www.citylinesunnyvale.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Sunnyvale-Safety-Guidelines.pdf>