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You're Invited to Our Community Meeting on Zoom

Thursday, April 2, 7:00 p.m.

<https://tinyurl.com/SNAILZOOM>

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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 upcoming dates:

5/7, 6/4, 7/9, 8/6, 9/3, 10/8

Link to the minutes of last month's SNAIL meeting:

<https://tinyurl.com/snailmarch26>

Guest Speaker to Attend our Community Meeting on April 2nd



In recognition of Earth Day, SNAIL will host a special guest speaker Bailey Hall, Environmental Programs Specialist II with the City of Sunnyvale's Solid Waste Division. She'll share exciting updates on local zero waste efforts, including upgrades to the SMaRT Station, food scrap recycling and reusable foodware use in our community. Learn how current programs work, what improvements may be coming, and how neighbors can reduce waste in their everyday lives. Join us for this informative conversation and learn practical ways we can all contribute to protecting our environment.

Home Electrification: What Residents Need to Know

Many neighbors have questions about **home electrification, appliance conversion costs, and electrical capacity in older homes**. Join our community discussion on **June 4th** to learn more and ask questions. Questions sent to Valérie ahead of time will be forwarded to the guest speaker, Rhea Grover.

Keep it Clean: SNAIL Earth Day Project

Save the date: **April 25** for the SNAIL Earth Day Community Clean-Up Project. Families and residents are invited to join in by taking a walk in the SNAIL neighborhood and helping clean up on Earth Day weekend. Participants will receive a grabber pick-up stick, a map of your assigned street (usually the street you live on or close by), and a Thank You Bag with some fun items. Bring protective gloves, a hat, and sunscreen. Take pictures of your loot, and be prepared to dispose the trash in your City bins.

It is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors along the way and enjoy your clean neighborhood.

Sign up here: bit.ly/snail-earth-day-2026

-Dorit Chapman, Event Coordinator



Message from the Chair - Welcoming Spring

As we welcome the arrival of spring, our neighborhood begins to transform once again. After the quiet months of winter, longer days and warmer sunshine bring renewed energy to our streets, gardens, and parks. Trees are beginning to bud, flowers are emerging in vibrant colors, and the sound of returning birds reminds us that a new season of growth has begun.

Spring is also a wonderful time for planting. Whether you are tending to a garden, adding flowers to your yard, or planting a tree, these small acts help beautify our neighborhood and support a healthier environment. Every bloom and every green space contributes to making our community more vibrant and welcoming.

This season of renewal is also a great opportunity to reconnect with neighbors and celebrate the place we call home. One way to do that is by joining our **April 25 SNAIL Earth Day Community Clean-Up Project**. (See details in the SNAIL Earth Day Community Clean-Up Project article.)

Participants will receive a good number of **"goodies"** to help families, guests, and residents in their quest to find, collect, and photograph items that **"do not grow on trees."**

It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, meet neighbors along the way, and help keep our neighborhood clean and beautiful while celebrating Earth Day together. I hope to see many of you there!

Happy Spring everyone!

-Valérie Suarès, Chair

We are Looking for a Newsletter Editor!

Our community newsletter plays an important role in keeping neighbors informed, connected, and engaged.

We are seeking a volunteer Newsletter Editor to join our team. The ideal candidate is comfortable working with digital tools like Canva, Word, or similar software.

You are a community member who enjoys working with written content, is creative, organized, and committed to supporting strong community outreach, by promoting local events, and neighborhood news.

This is a great opportunity to get involved and support the SNAIL neighborhood. Together, we can keep SNAIL informed and vibrant!

Interested? Contact Valérie at vsuares@gmail.com / 408-390-3335.



Join the SNAIL Email Mailing List

Sign up at bit.ly/snailmail (one message per week, if any).



Tax Day is Coming Up!

April 15 (Wednesday) is the deadline for filing income tax returns or an extension.



**Spring into Action:
Clean Out and Make a Difference!**

As you start your spring cleaning, keep the SNAIL Yard Sale in mind. Start decluttering and set aside your unwanted treasures and prepare them for donation. We're looking for gently used items of all kinds – household goods, clothes, toys, books, electronics, and more.



Mark your calendar for **Saturday and Sunday, June 13-14, from 9am to 4pm** come shop and volunteer.

All proceeds from the sale will go directly to support SNAIL activities and the annual National Night Out, a wonderful evening dedicated to fostering neighborliness and community safety. The success of the SNAIL Yard Sale also depends on our dedicated volunteers:

- Friday Night Set-up: 4pm to sunset. Help us transform Tarik's front yard and get everything organized for the weekend.
- Saturday & Sunday Sales Team: Any block of time is welcome during store hours of 9am to 4pm. Join us in welcoming shoppers, organizing items on tables, and spreading goodwill.
- Sunday Afternoon Clean-up: Starts at 5pm after the 3pm, \$3/bag clearance sale and the 4pm "everything is free" hour. Help pack up unsold items for donation to the Hope Services truck.

Text or call Barbara to volunteer at (626) 628-7993. Donations accepted at Tarik's driveway after May 1.

-Barbara Brunasso Oliver, Yard Sale Coordinator

Contribute to the SNAIL CRV Recycling Program



The SNAIL RECYCLING program has been a great success! Thanks to all of your recycling, our 30th Anniversary NNO celebration benefited from the funds received. Please keep them coming!

If you haven't contributed to this great community program, please consider doing so by dropping off your **cleaned and separated CRV** aluminum and plastic containers (no glass, please) to the home of Dorit Chapman or Valérie Suarès. Please make sure all items are **CA CRV ONLY**. EMAIL Valérie or Dorit with questions.

-Dorit Chapman, SNAIL Recycling Program

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 04/14, 04/28, 05/12, 05/26
West SNAIL	Wednesdays 04/01, 04/15, 04/29, 05/13, 05/27

Good Contacts to Have

City Council council@sunnyvale.ca.gov	Peggy Shen Brewster peggy.brewster@sesd.org Sunnyvale School District Board of Education Trustee
Access Sunnyvale Portal https://sunnyvale.dynamics365portals.us	Pat Carpio-Aguilar pat_carpio-aguilar@fuhdsd.org Fremont Union High School District Board of Education Trustee



SNAIL Events

Date	Event	Information
April 11	Sunnyvale Earth Day Festival (City Hall)	https://tinyurl.com/earthSV 408-730-7717
April 25	Earth Day SNAIL Cleanup	Dorit Chapman SNAILtreasurer@snail.org
June 13	SNAIL Dumpster Day	Jesse Bly 650-254-6066
June 13 - 14	SNAIL Yard Sale	Barbara Brunasso 626-628-7993 Tarik Peterson 408-745-1241
August 4	SNAIL National Night Out America Celebrate 250 th	Valérie Suarès 408-390-3335 SNAILchair@snail.org

Free Community Easter Egg Hunt on 3/28



Wilcox High School 3250 Monroe Ave, Santa Clara
Gates 9:30 am, Countdown to Hunt 10:00 am

Registration required (free):
https://tinyurl.com/thehunt26



SNAIL Newsletter Deadline

Submit an article to bit.ly/snailarticle or SNAILeditor@snail.org by **April 10** for publication in our May edition.



Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC) News

For current information on programs, call CNC at (408) 730-7800, email CNC@sunnyvale.ca.gov or go to city website, Sunnyvale.ca.gov

Spring Break Activities for Youth

- **FREE Fun-on-the-Run (FOTR) Program for Youth, Apr. 13 to 17, 2-5pm @ Ponderosa Park.** Youth ages 6-11 can drop in and have fun with a variety of recreation activities. Parent/Guardian must complete an emergency card on the first day. Drop in, no registration needed or accepted.
- **FREE Digital Illustration Animation Mini Camp, Apr. 13-15 noon to 2pm at CNC.** Learn new digital illustration animation skills using iPads and Apple Pens. Learn the basics with the Procreate program and then brainstorm and create your own programs. For youth ages 10-15. Spaces limited, register on-line, <https://forms.office.com/g/5sACsg8GwR>
- **Low-Cost (\$35) Soccer Camp for Youth with AYSO Play! Apr. 13 to 17, 9am-3pm at Columbia Park.** Led by certified AYSO coaches, youth, age 6-12, will participate in small group sessions with daily themes such as dribbling, passing, attacking and defending. Participants must wear closed-toe, athletic shoes, bring a lunch, snack and water bottle. Intended for beginners/early intermediate players. Registration required, spaces limited. Must register at CNC, be Sunnyvale residents, pay \$35 by cash or check only. No refunds or transfers.
- **Low-Cost Art Camps for Youth, Apr. 13 to 17, ages 6-11, \$30 each camp. Crafts Camp from 9 am to noon.** Have fun with crafts using various materials and mediums. Learn new craft ideas or perfect classic ones you may already know. **Beads Camp from 1-4 p.m.** Make different projects using colorful plastic beads. Get creative and have fun, a different project each day. **Location: Columbia Middle School Library.** Registration required, spaces limited. Must register at CNC, be Sunnyvale residents, pay by cash or check only. No refunds or transfers.

On-Going Programs – call CNC for details

- **FREE Watercolor Class for Individuals with Disabilities (Age 8),** Apr. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, every Thurs., 5:30-6:30pm. Location: Creative Arts Center, Paint Room, 550 E. Remington Drive.
- **FREE! Storytime at Magical Bridge Playground,** Fri. 4/3 at 11am. Location: Fair Oaks Park.
- **Parents Helping Parents @ CNC,** Wed., 4/8, 9:30am-2:30pm.
- **Free! Legal Clinic (In-Person),** Thurs., 4/9, 1-4pm
- **FREE! Food Distribution @ CNC,** Wed., 4/22, 4:15-5:15pm.
- **Zumba classes in Columbia Middle School Multi-Purpose Room** – Tues. & Thurs. 6:30–7:30pm.
- **Drop-In Fitness Room,** Mon.-Frid, 3:30-8pm; Sat. 9am-12pm.
- **FREE! Youth Drop-In Basketball in CNC Gym** – Every Fridays, 7-10pm.

-Angela Chan, Recreation Services Manager



The publication of our newsletters, neighborhood events, and sponsored activities are supported through profits of our annual yard sale, advertisers, sponsors, and individual donations. Thank you for your support!

April is Autism Awareness Month

There are several exciting ways to support PACE. On **April 1 at 7:00 p.m.**, join us at the SAP Center for Autism Acceptance Night as the San Jose Sharks take the ice. A portion of every ticket purchased through our link will directly benefit PACE and support our programs and services. Purchase tickets here: <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Autismacceptance68>

On **April 6**, enjoy a meal while giving back during our Panda Express Virtual Fundraiser. Orders can be placed online or through the Panda Express app at any location using code **9013264**. 28% of sales will be donated to PACE.

Then, shop with purpose during our Kendra Scott Online Fundraiser on **April 7-8**. Use code **GIVEBACK-LLVSC** at checkout, and 20% of your purchase will be donated to PACE.

Thank you for helping us raise awareness and critical funds to support individuals with autism and their families.

-Sydney Zitzer, PACE

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Spring 2026 Class

Tuesdays, April 14 through May 26, 6:30–9:30pm
and Saturday, May 30, 9:00am–5:00pm

Sunnyvale Fire Station 2
795 E. Arques Avenue Location changed!

Sign up at
SunnyvaleSERV.org
Space is limited, registration required

Presented by Sunnyvale Office of Emergency Services
Open to anyone over 18 (or over 14 if parent also enrolled)
Priority to people who live or work in Sunnyvale
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