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## You're Invited to Our Community Meeting on Zoom

Thursday, February 5, 7:00 p.m.

<https://tinyurl.com/SNAILZOOM>

Meeting ID: 899 2570 6502

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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:

**3/5, 4/2, 5/7, 6/11**

## Message from the Chair

### A Warm Night, Bright Lights, and a Rolling Thank You to all!

The evening surprised us in the best possible way. Instead of the expected rain and post-sunset chill, the air on December 20th stayed warm and welcoming—perfect for a night ride through the holiday-decorated Snail Neighborhood. Pedals turned easily, laughter carried, music propelled us forward, and the glow of lights felt even brighter against the soft night sky.

As riders moved through the streets, the neighborhood became a living gallery of holiday cheer. Homes shimmered with twinkling lights, colorful displays, and creative touches that reflected weeks of care and imagination. From classic white lights to playful inflatables, each house told its own festive story, filling the night with pride and joy.

The bikes themselves became part of the celebration. Lights wrapped around handlebars and frames, bells chimed, and decorations fluttered with every turn of the wheels. With 70 riders participating, the ride felt like a moving parade—powered by community spirit, shared delight, and a love of being together. Most of all, thank you to the neighbors who came out to wave, cheer, and smile as riders passed by. A wave from a porch, a laugh from a driveway, a child pointing at glowing bikes—each small gesture reminded us that this neighborhood is more than streets and houses. It is people showing up for one another.

To every family who decorated, every neighbor who waved, and every rider who lit up the road: thank you for making this unexpected evening one to remember. Would you like to see another light parade next year—perhaps for Halloween or Christmas? If you'd like to help plan another community ride, we'd love to hear from you.

-Valérie Suarès, Chair



## Earth Day Event 2026 - SAVE THE DATE

By popular demand, the SNAIL clean-up event is **coming back!**

**SAT. APR. 25, 10:00am – 1:00pm**

Early sign up here: [bit.ly/snail-earth-day-2026](https://bit.ly/snail-earth-day-2026)

Hoping to have a great turnout.

More information to come in the upcoming newsletters.

-Dorit Chapman, Event Coordinator

## Contribute to the SNAIL CRV Recycling Program



The SNAIL RECYCLING program has been a great success! Thanks to all of your recycling, our 30<sup>th</sup> 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 Valerie or Dorit with questions.

-Dorit Chapman, SNAIL Recycling Program

## Where to watch the February 8 Super Bowl 2026 in Sunnyvale?



Sunnyvale offers several Super Bowl 2026 (Feb 8) watch parties and specials, with a major event at **Topsy Putt** featuring a live DJ, \$19 beer pitchers, and a free nacho buffet.

Other popular spots hosting events include **Bert's Stadium Sports Bar**, **Bogart's Sports Bar**, **Blue Max**, and **Fuego Sports Bar**, with many offering food/drink specials.

Save The Dates	Upcoming Events	Contact
April 25	Earth Day SNAIL Cleanup	Dorit Chapman*
June 13	Dumpster day Multiple Locations around SNAIL	Jesse Bly 650-254-6066
June 13 - 14	Yard Sale	Barbara Brunasso 626-628-7993 Tarik Peterson 408-745-1241
August 4	National Night Out America Celebrate 250 <sup>th</sup>	Valerie Suarès*

\* Contact Info on Page 2

## Lunar New Year Concert with Firebird Youth Chinese Orchestra



**Date: February 14, 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM**

**Location: Sunnyvale Public Library, 665 W. Olive Ave**

Lunar New Year is celebrated across many Asian cultures. It marks the start of a new calendar year based on moon cycles. This year, the **Firebird Youth Chinese Orchestra** will be doing a special live performance. These young musicians will be using both classical instruments and traditional Chinese instruments.



This performance will take place in the Program Room. Registration is not required. Arrive early as seats will be limited.

**Generously sponsored by the Friends of the Sunnyvale Public Library.**

## Sunnyvale Job Fair

Looking for a fun and rewarding summer job? Positions in summer camp and aquatics are available now. The City offers part-time, seasonal and unbefited positions. Attend our Job Fair to learn more and to apply.



**When: Tuesday, March 4, 5:30 to 8 p.m.**

**Where: Recreation Center, 550 E. Remington Drive**

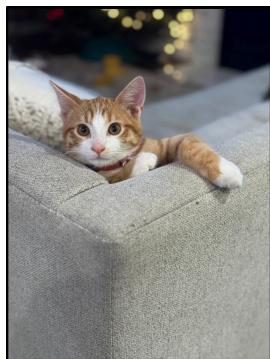
For more information, visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/svjobs26>

## Pet of the Month

Meet Marshmallow! (Yes, spelled with an "e.") This little guy was pure kismet. We rescued him from a foster home searching for the perfect match, and he fit right into our family. True to his name, he's wonderfully mellow—and even more magical, he's the spitting image of Marshmallow, the kitty from our kids' favorite book, "If Kids Could Drive" by Marisa Kollmeier, illustrated by Brandon Dorman.

-Tania Meyer, Morse Ave



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(one message per week, if any).



## PACE Annual Art + Community Exhibition

The Pacific Autism Center for Education invites you to the 3rd Annual PACE Art + Community Exhibition, showcasing inspiring works from our talented students and community members.

The event will feature live performances and an array of handmade art projects created by our PACE School students and community members from Santa Clara and Sunnyvale.

**Date: Friday, March 27, 2026**

**Time: 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM**

**Location: 824 San Aleso Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94085**

Join us for an evening of celebration, creativity, and community spirit. All proceeds from this event will directly benefit the Pacific Autism Center for Education. Art pieces will be available for a donation to PACE. Learn more at [www.pacificautism.org/events](http://www.pacificautism.org/events).

-Sydney Zitzer, PACE



## 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:

<b>East SNAIL</b>	Tuesdays <b>02/03, 02/17, 03/03, 03/17</b>
<b>West SNAIL</b>	Wednesdays <b>02/04, 02/18, 03/04, 03/18</b>

**Fri. Feb 6**

**Article Submission Deadline**

**SNAIL Newsletter Deadline**

Submit an article to [bit.ly/snailarticle](https://bit.ly/snailarticle) or [SNAILeditor@snail.org](mailto:SNAILeditor@snail.org) for publication in our March edition.

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**Sat. Feb 14**

**HAPPY  
Valentines  
DAY**





## Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC) News

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

- **Teen Wellness Fair**, Sat., 2/7/26, 12:00 – 3:00 p.m., Teens in grades 9-12 are invited to this free event, planned by high school leaders. Come learn about wellness, volunteer and employment opportunities and resources. Location: Sunnyvale City Hall, 456 W Olive Ave.
- **FREE Fun-on-the-Run (FOTR) Program for Youth, Feb. 17-20, 2-5 p.m. at Columbia 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 Basketball Clinic for Youth, Grades 2nd-5th, Led by Youth City Volunteers** on Feb. 17 & 18, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. at CMS Multi-Purpose Room. Participants can learn new skills, run drills and then play some basketball. Registration required, spaces limited. Register here – <https://forms.office.com/g/DcSSZ7TCTP?origin=lprLink>
- **Low- Cost (\$35) Soccer Camp for Youth with AYSO Play! Feb. 17-20, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Fair Oaks 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, pay \$35 by cash or check only. Location: Fair Oaks Park, 540 N. Fair Oaks Ave.
- **Low- Cost (\$20) Fashion Design Camp for Youth, Ages 9-12, Feb. 17-20, 9 a.m. – Noon, at CNC.** Get creative and design your own fashion! Learn the basics of fashion design, explore fabrics and colors, find inspiration, and bring your ideas to life. Registration required, spaces limited. Must register at CNC, pay \$20 by cash or check only. Location: Columbia Neighborhood Center, 785 Morse Avenue.
- **FREE Watercolor Class for Individuals with Disabilities (Age 8+)**, Feb. 5, 12, 19 & 26, every Thurs., 5:30-6:30 p.m. Location: Creative Arts Center, Paint Room, 550 E. Remington Drive. Dive into the vibrant world of watercolor painting! With step-by-step guidance, you'll develop your skills and confidence in the versatile medium. All materials are provided; just bring your creativity and a willingness to experiment! Participants must be independent with self care and able to attend program with a 5:1 participant to staff ratio or bring an attendant. Registration required. Email CNC for registration link.



- **Sunnyvale Community Services @ CNC**, Thursdays, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Drop by CNC lobby and meet with Sunnyvale Community Services staff to learn all the resources they have to offer such as food, financial assistance and so much more. No appt. necessary
- **FREE! Storytime at Magical Bridge Playground**, Fri. 2/13 at 11 a.m. Location: Fair Oaks Park, 540 N. Fair Oaks Avenue. Families of all ages are welcome to enjoy a 30-minute storytime in the all-inclusive Magical Bridge Playground stage.
- **Parents Helping Parents @ CNC**, Wed., 2/11, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. If you are in need of resources or info. for a child with disabilities, staff with Parents Helping Parents, a non-profit organization that specializes in helping families with a child with disabilities, will be at CNC monthly, 2nd Wednesday, to assist families.
- **Free! Legal Clinic (In-Person)**, Thurs., 2/12, 1 to 4 p.m. In partnership with Asian Law Alliance, consult with an attorney on legal issue in the areas of immigration, housing, public benefits, and family law. Consultations average 30 minutes. This month, consultations will be in-person at CNC. Registration recommended, call CNC to register a minimum of 3 business days prior to clinic date. Drop in during clinic hours on 2/12 and if they can, they will take walk-ins without appointments.
- **FREE! Food Distribution @ CNC**, Wed., 2/25 – a monthly food distribution program that usually takes place on the fourth Wednesday, 4:15 - 5:15 p.m. Please do NOT line up earlier than 4 pm. New families will need to register on distribution day. A Farmer's Market model, participants must park, walk into the parking lot and bring re-usable bags for bulk produce, fruits and a cart for dry and canned goods, eggs, milk, etc. Each family will pick up about 100 lbs. of food. Location: Columbia Middle School staff parking lot, 739 Morse Avenue.
- **Zumba classes in CMS Multi-Purpose Room** – Tues. & Thurs. 6:30-7:30 pm. Adults 18+, high school students (14-17) with signed parent consent, students (age 8-13) with parent or guardian present. Suggested \$3 donation/class, no one turned away for lack of payment. No childcare; children may not wait in the facility.
- **Drop-In Fitness Room** – Regular hours - Monday - Friday, 3:30 - 8 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.—12 p.m. - get active with cardio machines (treadmill, bikes, ellipticals), strength training machines and free weights. Bring water, towel and wear athletic shoes. \$1, Sunnyvale residents only. High school students with signed parent consent waiver. Middle school students are free, must attend with a paying parent/guardian. No childcare and children may not wait in the facility.
- **FREE! Youth Drop-In Basketball in CNC Gym** – Fridays, 7 – 10 p. m. - indoor youth drop-in basketball for middle and high school youth. Must have current school ID and signed parent consent form. Bring your own ball. Program will be canceled if no one shows after the first hour.
- **2026 Recreation Scholarship Program** - \$500 scholarship per youth, age 17 and under for families that qualify. Must reside in Sunnyvale and meet income criteria. Go to city website, [Sunnyvale.ca.gov](http://Sunnyvale.ca.gov), and search "Recreation Scholarship" for application and details.

- Angela Chan, Youth & Family Resources Manager





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