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You're Invited to Our Community Meeting on Zoom!

Thursday, July 9, 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, like this month!). 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 SNAIL monthly meetings:
8/6, 9/3, 10/8, 11/5

Upcoming SNAIL 2026 Events

Date	Event	Contact
Aug. 4, 400 block of E. Arbor	National Night Out Potluck America Celebrates 250th Event funding provided through a community grant from the City of Sunnyvale.	Valérie Suarès Dorit Chapman



4th of July Festival

Date: Saturday, July 4, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: Downtown Sunnyvale – Murphy Ave.

<https://www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/recreation-and-community/special-events/4th-of-july-festival>

Sunnyvale Launches Adopt-a-Storm Drain Program

Help keep streets clean, prevent flooding, and protect local waterways. Through the Adopt-a-Storm Drain Program, residents can adopt and care for storm drains in their neighborhoods. Storm drains collect rainwater from streets and sidewalks.

In Sunnyvale, stormwater flows into local creeks and the Bay without treatment. Leaves, trash and other debris can clog drains, cause street flooding and carry pollution into waterways.

Residents who join the program can help by clearing debris from a nearby storm drain. Participants must be at least 18 years old and commit to one year of stewardship. Volunteers can also give their adopted storm drain a unique name. We will provide the safety equipment and cleanup tools. Residents can also borrow Litter Kits from the library.

To learn more or sign up, visit [Adopt-a-Storm Drain webpage](#).
Tim Kirby, City Manager



Newsletter Article Submission Deadline

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



Message from the Chair

Our next big community event is just around the corner! On Tuesday, August 4, 2026, the SNAIL community will proudly host our Annual National Night Out International Potluck, bringing together residents, families, elected officials, first responders, local organizations, and community partners for an evening celebrating neighborhood connection, civic pride, public safety, and community engagement.

This year's celebration carries special significance as our nation commemorates the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States. In recognition of this historic milestone, our 2026 theme will be: **Celebrating the Red •• White •• Blue**

The evening will celebrate the values that unite us as Americans while honoring the rich diversity, cultures, traditions, and contributions that continue to make the SNAIL community such a vibrant, welcoming, and inclusive neighborhood.

Residents are encouraged to wear patriotic colors and share foods, traditions, and cultural experiences that reflect the many backgrounds and stories represented in our community. Participants can also look forward to receiving pocket-sized copies of the Declaration of Independence and Constitution, USA flags, patriotic flag bracelets, and other commemorative keepsakes.

Planned activities for youth and families will include creative arts and community engagement activities designed to encourage participation, learning, and neighborhood connection. Local organizations and community partners will also be present to share valuable programs, services, and resources available to residents.

The evening will feature a BBQ, complimentary ice cream for children, live music, and cultural performances celebrating the many traditions that make SNAIL a special place to call home.

This annual event continues to grow year after year thanks to the dedication of volunteers, neighborhood leaders, community partners, and the support of residents like you. We also extend our sincere appreciation to the City of Sunnyvale for once again returning this year as a financial supporter of SNAIL's Annual National Night Out through its community grant program. Their continued partnership and investment help make it possible for SNAIL to host one of Sunnyvale's largest and most celebrated National Night Out gatherings, bringing neighbors, families, youth, first responders, and community organizations together in the spirit of unity and community pride.

We look forward to celebrating with you on August 4th!

— Valérie Suarès, Chair, SNAIL Community

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. 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.

Community Events

Summer Events in Your Neighborhood

Join Free Summer Pop-Up Events in Your Neighborhood

New this summer, the City is hosting a series of free pop-up events at parks across Sunnyvale. These events offer a chance to enjoy snacks, play lawn games, and pick up exclusive giveaways, including a Sunnyvale Activities Activity Book. City staff will be on-site at each event to share information about summer programs and answer questions about upcoming activities and offerings.

Residents are encouraged to visit the park nearest their home or make it a challenge to attend all eight events across the city. The pop-up events are free and open to all ages.

Join us Tuesdays, 10 to 11 a.m.

- July 7 at Greenwood Manor Park
- July 14 at Wisner Park
- July 21 at Cannery Park
- July 28 at Orchard Gardens Park
- Aug. 4 at Encinal Park

For more information, [email Recreation](#) or call 408-730-7350.

SNAIL Yard Sale - THANK YOUs

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all of the volunteers whose time, energy, and dedication helped make this annual event such a tremendous success. Of course, a yard sale would not be possible without the generous contributions from our community members. A huge thank you to everyone who donated items for the sale. Your generosity made this event possible and helped create a wonderful experience for all involved. We are truly grateful for your continued support and community spirit.

Pools Open For Recreation Swim



Recreation Swim begins on June 15.

Swimmers of all ages are invited to cool off, enjoy the sunshine, and make the most of summer.

Daily admission: Residents: \$5, Nonresidents: \$6
Approved Recreation Scholarship families: \$1

Washington Community Swim Center

255 S. Pastoria Ave.

June 15 – Aug. 14 (Closed July 3)

Tuesday to Thursday 2 to 5 p.m.

Friday to Sunday 2 to 6 p.m.

Aug. 15 – Sept. 27 Saturday and Sunday 2 to 6 p.m.

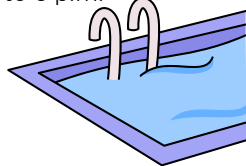
Columbia Middle School Pool

785 Morse Ave.

July 15 – Aug. 7 (Closed July 3)

Monday and Wednesday 2 to 5 p.m.

Friday 2 to 6 p.m.



Sunnyvale CERT Basic Training classes

Fall 2026 class Registration is now open.

Go to <https://sunnyvaleserv.org/classes>



The class runs on Tuesday nights from September 22 through November 3, 6:30–9:30pm, and all day on Saturday, November 7. It will be held at Sunnyvale City Hall, 456 Olive Avenue.

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for additional important information about SNAIL and activities in the City of Sunnyvale





MIDDLE SCHOOL BIKE SKILLS

Summer Workshops



FOR RISING 5TH - 8TH GRADE STUDENTS



July 18, Sat. 8:30am-12:30pm
 July 25, Sat. 8:30am-12:30pm
 Aug. 1, Sat. 8:30am-12:30pm
 Aug. 22, Sat. 8:30am-12:30pm




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Classes are for both student & parent/guardian*
 *Helmet & bicycle required for all participants

www.wheelkids.com/msbs

Peery Park Rides Expands Service Area

Peery Park Rides is a free, on-demand transit service in northwest Sunnyvale. The service began operating in February 2025 as part of a two-year pilot program to improve public transportation in the greater Peery Park area. On May 1, the service area expanded to include additional destinations, including:

- Shops on the south side of El Camino Real between Mathilda and Fair Oaks avenues
- Valley Medical Center
- Sunnyvale Community Center and Senior Center

[Learn more about Peery Park Rides.](#)

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 07/07, 07/21, 8/4, 8/18
West SNAIL	Wednesdays 07/8, 07/22, 8/5, 8/19

Sunnyvale residents can get FREE TREES for their yard or curb strip through two programs. Both initiatives provide the tree at no cost, and some include professional planting and years of care. Our City Forest & VTA Program and City of Sunnyvale Street Tree Planting.

- **Benefits:** Includes free planting by their team and tree monitoring/care for the first 3 years to ensure survival.
- **Selection:** Trees must be chosen from a specific VTA-approved list to promote cooling and canopy restoration.
- **How to Apply:** Check if your property is on their map and submit an online form via [Our City Forest Free Tree Eligibility](#). <https://www.ourcityforest.org/free-trees>



Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC) News

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

Register online for drop-in programs

Beginning July 1, participants in drop-in programs must have an online recreation account to sign in. Minors (under age 18) must have parent/guardian set up an account and list the minor as a family member. Creating an account is easy, quick and free! Go to Sunnyvale.ca.gov/Activities. Staff available to assist.

On-Going Programs – call CNC for details

CNC will be closed on Friday, 7/3, and Saturday, 7/4.

- **FREE Community Event - 4th of July Festival**, 10 am to 2 pm, Downtown Sunnyvale. Bring the entire family to this celebration. Enjoy live music, carnival games, rides, Ferris Wheel, concessions (fees associated) and much more. Go to Sunnyvale.ca.gov for more information.
- **FREE Medical Services for Adults** – July 14 & 28, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. by RotaCare Bay Area, Inc. and Catholic Charities. Appointments available and walk-in's welcome.
- **Parents Helping Parents**, Wed., 7/8, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Information, support and referrals to assist families with disabled children.
- **FREE! Food Distribution**, Wed., 7/22, 4:15 - 5:15 p.m. New families must register the first time. Bring bags or cart for about 50 pounds of food.
- **Drop-In Zumba classes in CMS Multi-Purpose Room** – Tues. & Thurs. 6:30–7:30 pm. Cardio class with Latin-inspired music. \$3 donation, no one turned away.
- **Drop-In Fitness Room**, Monday - Friday, 3:30 - 8 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Get active with cardio machines, free weights and strength training machines. Must be a Sunnyvale resident, \$1 per visit donation, no one turned away. Middle school students must come with parent/guardian. High school students must have a signed parent consent.
- **Drop-In Yoga classes in CNC gym** – Saturdays, 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. Explore mindfulness and gently movement to reduce stress and gain flexibility. \$3 donation, no one turned away. Middle school students must come with parent/guardian. High school students must have a signed parent consent.
- **FREE! Youth Drop-In Basketball in CNC Gym** – Fridays, 7 – 10 p.m. For middle and high school students, bring student ID.
- **Drop In Pickleball for Beginners in the Gym** - Saturdays, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. - This location is for beginners and recreational, non-competitive play. No instructions will be provided. Bring your own paddle and balls. Limited number of paddles available to borrow. \$3 donation, no one turned away. Minors age 8-13 must come with a parent/guardian. High school students must have a signed parent consent.

-Angela Chan, Youth & Family Resources Manager

Missed the Home Electrification Forum?



On June 4, SNAIL, in partnership with **Livable Sunnyvale**, hosted a community forum entitled "**Home Electrification: What Residents Need to Know.**" The event was held in a hybrid format at Sunnyvale Community Services and online via Zoom, allowing residents to participate either in person or from home.

More than 30 residents joined online and over 18 attended in person, reflecting the growing interest in home electrification, available rebates, changing regulations, energy costs, and the practical realities of transitioning from natural gas appliances to electric alternatives.

The goal of the evening was not to advocate for or against electrification, but rather to provide factual, balanced, and practical information so residents could make informed decisions about their own homes and circumstances.

Our panel included experts from the City of Sunnyvale, Silicon Valley Clean Energy, local contractors, renewable energy organizations, and a homeowner who has successfully electrified his home.

If you were unable to attend, the full recording is available on Livable Sunnyvale's YouTube channel: bit.ly/4fwx2Fo.

SNAIL extends its heartfelt thanks to [Livable Sunnyvale](http://LivableSunnyvale.org) for partnering with us on this important community event, and to [Sunnyvale Community Services](http://SunnyvaleCommunityServices.org) for graciously hosting us.

We are especially grateful to our outstanding guest speakers for generously sharing their expertise, experiences, and practical insights with our residents. Their willingness to educate and engage with the community helped make the forum both informative and valuable.

Finally, thank you to everyone who attended both online via Zoom and in person. Your thoughtful questions, engagement, and commitment to learning more about home electrification contributed greatly to the success of the evening.

Together, we are building a more informed, connected, and resilient community.

-Valérie Suarès, Chair, SNAIL



Monthly Meetings:

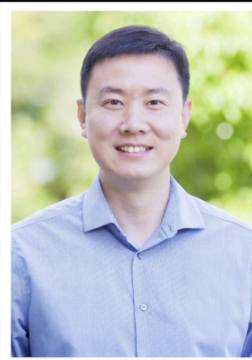
First Wednesday of the month (hybrid)
Where: Sunnyvale Community Services
When: 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Website: LivableSunnyvale.org

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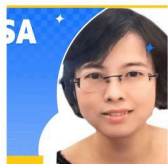


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Sat. July 4,
 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
**Downtown Sunnyvale
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- Enjoy amusement rides, including a 72-foot Ferris wheel on Sunnyvale Avenue
- Play carnival games and win toy prizes
- Ride the 100-foot slide on McKinley Avenue
- Watch performances at the Kids and Main Stages
- View City fire trucks on display
- Visit informational booths and pick up giveaways

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