



# SNAIL News

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

**Thursday, March 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 SNAIL monthly meetings:  
**4/2, 5/7, 6/11**



**Spring Forward  
March 8**

### Message from the Chair

As we enter March, many of us are ready to say goodbye to winter and welcome the arrival of spring. In 2026, the official first day of spring (also known as the spring equinox) will be Friday, March 20. On this day, the Sun's direct rays shine on the equator, resulting in nearly equal amounts of daylight and nighttime, with each lasting about 12 hours.

One of the highlights of the spring and summer seasons is the steady increase in daylight that follows the equinox, continuing until the summer solstice in June, when the Northern Hemisphere experiences its longest days of the year. Leading up to this seasonal shift, February rains have helped water our gardens, and the first day of spring traditionally marks the time to begin planting. As flowers start to bloom, birds return and become more active, insects reappear, and days grow longer, the signs of spring become clear. This is a great opportunity to get outside, notice the changes around you, and enjoy the warmer, brighter days ahead. Spring serves as a reminder of renewal and new beginnings.

Be sure to sign up for SNAIL's Safety-focused Earth Day event on April 25! We have plenty of surprises in store for everyone who joins us.

Happy Spring, everyone!  
-Valérie Suarès, Chair



### 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](http://bit.ly/snail-earth-day-2026)



We hope to have many neighbors participating in keeping SNAIL clean on April 25th and thereafter.  
-Dorit Chapman, Event Coordinator

### Sunnyvale has a new Vice Mayor



On January 27th, 2026, our very own District 5 Councilmember **Richard Mehlinger** was sworn in as Sunnyvale Vice Mayor.

**Congratulations, Richard!**

We look forward to your continued support!

-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](mailto:vsuares@gmail.com) / 408-390-3335.

Date	Event	Information
April 11	Sunnyvale Earth Day Festival (City Hall)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/earthSV">https://tinyurl.com/earthSV</a> 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 celebrates its 250 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	Valérie Suarès 408-390-3335 SNAILchair@snail.org

## Support SNAIL — Recycle, Reuse, Celebrate!

### Think beyond Recycling!

June 13-14

Did you know that about 85% of textiles end up in landfills or are burned along with household items? Many of those items could be reused, recycled, or even sold at our local SNAIL Yard Sale.



**Recycle. Reuse. Support your community.** See you there!  
-Barbara Brunasso Oliver, Yard Sale Coordinator

### The SNAIL Recycling Program has been a huge success

The SNAIL Recycling Program has been a huge success! Let's keep the momentum going! Drop off cleaned and separated CA CRV aluminum and plastic containers (no glass, please) to the home of Dorit or Valérie.



## Join the SNAIL Email Mailing List

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



### Is our SNAIL Neighborhood in need of a Preschool?

We have a vacant school facility: the former Spark School within Columbia. We now have a lot of young families with 2 and 3 year olds. Could we establish a co-op preschool there? What are the thoughts of our community? Please join the next SNAIL meeting to discuss this idea. All views, suggestions and possible hurdles are needed.

One model we might want to follow is Greendell (<https://tinyurl.com/coop-snail>), which was started over 70 years ago. Please contact the SNAIL Secretary ([mail4jenny@gmail.com](mailto:mail4jenny@gmail.com)). If you have background information for us, would like to participate in the preliminary feasibility investigation, or have a child who might attend the preschool.

-Jenny Purushotma, Secretary



## Your Voice, Their Office How to Reach City Officials

- Use [council@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:council@sunnyvale.ca.gov) to reach **City Councilmembers**
- Make service requests, or report issues use **Access Sunnyvale**: <https://sunnyvale.dynamics365portals.us>  
City staff monitor requests during regular business hours
- Meet Mayor Larry Klein?**
  - In-person** at the Bean Scene Café (186 S. Murphy Avenue) on Friday mornings between 7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. for his weekly office hours
  - Virtual office hours**: The Mayor frequently hosts Friday morning virtual sessions (around 8 AM) via **Facebook Live** on his "Larry Klein, Sunnyvale Mayor" page
  - Contact information**: For scheduling or questions, email [council@larryklein.com](mailto:council@larryklein.com)

## One-Stop Permit Center

You can use the online system to apply for permits, search permits and plan history, upload documents, receive and respond to comments, schedule inspections, make payments and more. For more information, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/permitsnail>



## Support PACE this Spring!

On Friday, March 27, 2026, we invite you to the 3rd Annual PACE Art + Community Exhibition from 5:00-6:30 pm at 824 San Aleso Avenue, Sunnyvale. The evening will showcase inspiring artwork created by PACE students and community members from Santa Clara and Sunnyvale, along with live performances. Art pieces will be available for donation, with all proceeds directly benefiting PACE.



Then, on April 1 at 7:00 pm, join us at the SAP Center as the San Jose Sharks host a special Autism Acceptance Night. A portion of each ticket purchased will benefit PACE, helping support our programs and services while enjoying an exciting night of hockey. Tickets and details for Autism Acceptance Night are available at: <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Autismacceptance68>  
-Sydney Zitzer, PACE

## Irish Folk Music with "Hardly-Strictly Irish"

**When: March 28, 2:00-3:00**  
**Where: Sunnyvale Library** (665 W. Olive Ave)



Join Irish music duo Jimmy Murphy and Suzuki Cady of "Hardly-Strictly Irish" for an afternoon of acoustic American and Irish music. Their performance will include songs on fiddle, mandolin, guitar, bodhrán, and harmony vocals.

This program is for all ages and will take place in the Library Program Room. Registration is not required.

## Free Tenant-Landlord Counseling

**When: March 11, 3:00-5:00 pm**  
**Location: Sunnyvale Library** (665 W. Olive Ave)



**When: March 25, 10:00-12:00 pm**  
**Where: Senior Center** (550 E. Remington Dr)

Sunnyvale residents can receive advice on tenant and housing provider rights and responsibilities. In-person sessions available on a first-come, first-served basis. Each session lasts about 15 minutes.

For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/snail-tenant>

## 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>	<b>Tuesdays 03/03, 03/17, 03/31, 04/14</b>
<b>West SNAIL</b>	<b>Wednesdays 03/04, 03/18, 04/01, 04/15</b>

## SNAIL Newsletter Deadline

Submit an article to [bit.ly/snailarticle](https://bit.ly/snailarticle) or [SNAILeditor@snail.org](mailto:SNAILeditor@snail.org) by **March 13** for publication in our April edition.



## 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)

- **Summer Recreation Job Fair**, Tues., 3/3/26, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m., Recreation Services Division is hiring for summer 2026. Positions available include camp and aquatic staff. Full job announcements are available on the city webpage, <https://www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/your-government/get-involved/city-jobs>. Apply prior to the fair and get interviewed on-site. Location: Sunnyvale Senior Center, 550 East Remington Drive.
- **FREE Watercolor Class for Individuals with Disabilities (Age 8+)**, March 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.
- **Drop-In Yoga Classes Return on Sat., March 14** - Saturdays, 9:15 -10:15 a.m. Explore mindfulness and move your body gently. Engage both your mind and body in a healthy practice to build self-awareness, release stress, and leave you feeling calmer and more connected! All levels welcome. The class is offered in partnership with The Art of Yoga Project. Wear loose fitting, comfortable clothes. Bring a yoga mat, towel and water. Adults 18+, high school students (14-17) with signed parent consent, students (age 8 – 13) with parent or guardian present. Pay what you can, suggested \$3 donation/class, no one turned away for lack of payment. No childcare and children may not wait in the facility. Enter through the back door, along Morse Ave. Location: CNC gym, enter from the back door on Morse Avenue.
- **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 apt. necessary
- **FREE! Storytime at Magical Bridge Playground**, Fri. 3/6 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., 3/11, 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.

## GOOD CONTACTS TO HAVE

<p><b>City Council</b> <a href="mailto:council@sunnyvale.ca.gov">council@sunnyvale.ca.gov</a></p>	<p><b>Peggy Shen Brewster</b> <a href="mailto:peggy.brewster@sesd.org">peggy.brewster@sesd.org</a> Sunnyvale School District Board of Education Trustee</p>
<p><b>ACCESS SUNNYVALE PORTAL</b> <a href="https://sunnyvale.dynamics365portals.us">https://sunnyvale.dynamics365portals.us</a></p>	<p><b>Pat Carpio-Aguilar</b> <a href="mailto:pat_carpio-aguilar@fuhdsd.org">pat_carpio-aguilar@fuhdsd.org</a> Fremont Union High School District Board of Education Trustee</p>

- **FREE! Legal Clinic (Virtual)**, Thurs., 3/12, 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 virtual or over the phone. Registration required, call CNC to register a minimum of 3 business days prior to clinic date.
- **FREE! Food Distribution @ CNC**, Wed., 3/25 – 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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