



# SNAIL News

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

Thursday, May 7, 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:

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

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

<https://tinyurl.com/snailapril26>

## Equity, Access, and Inclusion are Priorities for the City Council

The City wants to keep improving services and quality of life for all residents and is doing a Community Equity Assessment to better understand how residents experience City programs and services. What they learn will help them:

- Improve how programs and services are designed and delivered
- Gain outreach to residents who may not always be heard
- Reduce barriers that make it harder to access services
- Make services fair, inclusive and responsive to community needs

## Upcoming Community Forums

Share your input on lived experiences and services accessed. Free food and childcare will be provided. Only potty-trained children age 4 and up.

**When:** Tuesday, May 12, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

**Where:** Columbia Neighborhood Center, Morse Conference Rm

**When:** Wednesday, May 20, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

**Where:** Sunnyvale City Hall, Bay Conference Rm

**When:** Saturday, June 6, from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

**Where:** Sunnyvale Library, Program Rm

These meetings are open to all residents. Language interpretation is available upon request. Notify us 48 hours in advance of the meeting by calling 408-730-7950 if you need this service.

For more information visit: <https://tinyurl.com/equitysv>

Child Care Form: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/g/iK4uRN4Mg8>

## Message from the Chair

As I looked at the safe return of the latest lunar capsule, I was reminded of something powerful: every great journey begins with courage, vision, and the willingness to explore the unknown. Its journey home, crossing the vast distance back to Earth, stands as a testament to precision, resilience, and the collective effort behind its success.

The mission to the Moon is more than a scientific achievement, it is a symbol of what is possible when people come together with purpose and determination. It reflects years of learning, perseverance through challenges, and a shared belief in a better future. As I watch its safe splash off the coast of San Diego, its return inspires hope—not only for the mission's success, but for what it represents for all of us.

In many ways, this voyage mirrors the path of our younger generation. Like the scientists and dreamers behind the mission, our youth are navigating a world full of both challenges and opportunities. They are learning, growing, and reaching toward goals that may seem distant today, but are within their grasp tomorrow.

Just as the capsule's journey depends on guidance, resilience, and trust in a well-prepared team, our young people thrive when supported by a caring community—one that encourages curiosity, celebrates effort, and believes in their potential. Each step they take, each idea they pursue, brings them closer to shaping a future that is bright and full of possibility.

-Valérie Suarès, Chair

## Home Electrification

Thursday, June 4, 7PM

What Every Homeowner Should Know



We are pleased to welcome **Rhea Grover, Environmental Programs Specialist with the Sunnyvale Environmental Services Department**, as our featured speaker at the June SNAIL meeting.

Rhea will present on **Home Electrification**, focusing on practical, real-world considerations for homeowners. Her talk will cover the costs of converting gas appliances to electric alternatives, available rebates and incentives, and what to expect when upgrading home systems. She will also address common electrical capacity challenges in older homes, including panel upgrades and load management—helping residents better understand the steps, investments, and long-term benefits of making the transition.

Following the strong response to our December SNAIL newsletter article on electrification, we anticipate a high level of interest and **encourage residents to attend, ask questions, and gain clarity on this important topic.**

SUNDAY  
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## Dumpster Day Is Coming Up on June 14

If Dumpster Day feels like a holiday to you, you'll be excited to know that our annual dumpster day is coming up on **Saturday, June 14**. There will be six dumpsters and two yard trimmings bins for your use at various locations around SNAIL, from **8 a.m. to 2 p.m.** **Dumpster locations are on the flyer insert.**



-Jesse Bly, Dumpster Day Coordinator

## Contribute to the SNAIL CRV Recycling Program



The SNAIL RECYCLING program has been a great success! Thanks to your recycling, all of our SNAIL events have 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 cans and plastic containers (no glass, please) to the home of Dorit Chapman or Valérie Suarès.

America's 250th birthday will be the theme of our National Night Out in August 2026, and we will need as much money as possible for this celebration. For more information, please email: Dorit or Valérie (See contact information in table below.)

-Dorit Chapman, SNAIL Recycling Program

## Bike & Tube Repair @ Columbia Park 10:30-12:30 Saturday May 9



Is your bike in need of a repair or tune-up? Not sure how to tell if your bike is safe to ride? Need to patch your bike's inner tube? Bring your bike to the Columbia Park near the picnic tables (and the bathrooms).

Volunteers from Bike Sunnyvale (the local chapter of the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition) will be onsite to teach the ABC Quick Check, share safety tips, give out bicycle goodies and answer other bike-related questions.

Professional bike mechanic Ryan Murphy will be available for advice and help with issues like changing a tire or adjusting gears or brakes. Assistance from Ryan will be first come, first served.

-Tim Oey, Executive Director, ZeroW.org

## 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 05/12, 05/26, 06/09, 06/23</b>
<b>West SNAIL</b>	<b>Wednesdays 05/13, 05/27, 06/10, 06/24</b>



## 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

## Donate Today to the SNAIL Yard Sale

Why do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put useless stuff in the garage? Hmmm, perhaps clearing out the garage and donating your unused knick-knacks, odds and ends to the Snail Yard Sale can help!



We're now accepting donations of items you no longer need to our community yard sale. Items can be donated to Tarik's driveway at 667 San Diego Ave starting May 1. Profits from the yard sale support our SNAIL community events.

To make a drop off, call Tarik at (408) 745-1241. Place donations on his driveway outside the carport at 667 San Diego Ave between 7am and 4pm. Please note, we do NOT accept mattresses, child car seats, or bike helmets.

Come Shop, Donate and Volunteer: Saturday/Sunday June 13-14, 9am - 4pm. If you have questions, text Barbara or call Tarik.

-Barbara Brunasso Oliver, Yard Sale Coordinator



# MIDDLE SCHOOL BIKE SKILLS

## Summer Workshops




FOR RISING 5TH - 8TH GRADE STUDENTS



Help your student gain valuable skills and confidence to bike safer to middle school!

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

Columbia Neighborhood Center,  
Morse Room  
785 Morse Ave, Sunnyvale

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Use Code: SUNNYMSBS26  
at checkout

LEARN MORE & SIGN UP:



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

www.wheelkids.com/msbs

## Graywater Rebate

Through Valley Water's Graywater Rebate Program, receive either \$200 or \$400 to install a Graywater Laundry-to-Landscape System to make your landscape more resilient with a local, sustainable water supply.



Learn more at: <https://tinyurl.com/grayrebate>



### Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC) News

For more and 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)

#### On-Going Programs – call CNC for details

- **FREE! Storytime at Magical Bridge Playground**, Fri. 5/1 at 11 a.m. Location: Fair Oaks Park. All are welcome. Ideal for families with children, ages 0-5.
- **FREE Medical Services for Adults** – May 5 & 19, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. by RotaCare Bay Area, Inc. and Catholic Charities. Appointments available and walk-in's welcome.
- **FREE Watercolor Class for Individuals with Disabilities (Age 8)**, May 7, 14, 21 & 28, every Thurs., 5:30-6:30 p.m. Location: Creative Arts Center, Paint Room, 550 E. Remington Drive. Registration required.
- **Parents Helping Parents @ CNC**, Wed., 5/13, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Information, support and referrals to assist families with disabled children.
- **Free! Legal Clinic (Virtual)**, Thurs., 5/14, 1 to 4 p.m. Registration required, minimum of 3 business days before clinic. 30 minute legal consultation in the areas of immigration, housing, public benefits or family law.
- **FREE! Food Distribution @ CNC**, Wed., 5/27, 4:15 - 5:15 p.m. New families must register the first time. Bring bags or cart for about 50 pounds of food.
- **FREE! Basketball Clinic for Youth in CNC Gym**, Sat., 5/30, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Youth high school volunteers will run drills and practices for beginners looking to have fun and improve their skills. For youth in 3rd to 6th grade, registration required.
- **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.
- **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.
- **FREE! Youth Drop-In Basketball in CNC Gym** – Fridays, 7–10 pm  
-Angela Chan, Recreation Services Manager

### 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.




### SNAIL Events

Date	Event	Information
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 <sup>th</sup>	Valérie Suarès 408-390-3335 <a href="mailto:SNAILchair@snail.org">SNAILchair@snail.org</a>

### SNAIL Newsletter Deadline

Submit an article to [bit.ly/snailarticle](https://bit.ly/snailarticle) or [SNAILeditor@snail.org](mailto:SNAILeditor@snail.org) by **May 8** for publication in our June edition.

 **Join the SNAIL Email Mailing List**  
Sign up at [bit.ly/snailmail](https://bit.ly/snailmail)  
(one message per week, if any).

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