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OCTOBER 2026

You're Invited to Our Community Meeting on Zoom!

Thursday, October 8, 7:00 p.m. (moved due to holiday)

<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:

11/5, 12/10*, 1/7, 2/4 – * moved due to holiday

Have an Idea? Bring Your Block Together!

Good news for the SNAIL community! The City of Sunnyvale is once again offering **Block Party funding**, giving neighbors an opportunity to bring people together and create activities that strengthen our community.

It doesn't have to be a traditional block party! Think potluck, ice cream social, outdoor movie, family game night, bike parade, neighborhood cleanup, Little Free Library activity—or something completely new!

SNAIL can submit up to six applications, and we'll help you navigate the paperwork, City requirements, street closures, receipts, and final report. You bring the idea and lead the event—we'll help you make it happen!

Application deadlines:

October 9, 2027 for the fall cycle, and April 16, 2027 for the Spring cycle. Note that The Fall cycle will allocate 80% of available funding. Applicants may submit applications for neighborhood activities for the entire 2027 calendar year

Have an idea for your block or the SNAIL community?

Reach out and let's make it happen!

- Valerie Suares, Neighborhood Chair

Community Events

Join us!

Date	Event	Contact/Location
October 10 5:00PM-8:30PM	5th Annual Sunnyvale Halloween Crow Ride	Columbia Park
See page 2	Pros and Cons of the Nov. ballot propositions	League of Women's Voters
November 5	SNAIL Community Leaders Elections	Community meeting on Zoom
December 2026	Red Bow Event	Valérie Suarès Dorit Chapman

Saturday October 24, 5:00PM-8:30PM

Get your decorations up and bikes ready...

The Sunnyvale Halloween Crow Ride is coming to SNAIL!

Bike Sunnyvale's family fun ride with our famous crows to enjoy **YOUR awesome Halloween** decorations!



As the crows migrate to spend their time in the Baylands, we start at Columbia Park in the heart of SNAIL! This is your opportunity to decorate houses to the max, dawn your best Halloween attire, and "fly" with the crows in this unique community event!

Register to ride or volunteer: <https://bit.ly/crowride2026>

- Hans Bernhardt, Ride Organizer



Halloween Costume Swap

Give your child's outgrown or gently used Halloween costume a new life, and find a new costume for your child!

Drop off costumes September 14-30:

Families can drop off their child's gently used costume and accessories from Sept. 14-30 at these locations

- **Columbia Neighborhood Center:** Monday – Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm and Saturdays, 9am to noon
- **Sunnyvale Community Center:** Monday – Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm
- **Sunnyvale Main Library:** Monday – Friday, 10:00am to 9:00pm; Saturdays, 10:00am to 6:00pm; Sundays, 1:00-6:00pm



Come to the Costume Swap Event!

Wednesday, October 14, 3:30-5:30pm

Columbia Middle School.

Questions? Call 408-730-7350.



REMEMBER...

**Sunday,
November 1**

**Set your clocks
back one hour!**



Fall Back

Newsletter Article Submission Deadline

Submit an article to bit.ly/snailarticle or

SNAILeditor@snail.org by **October 14** for publication in our **November** edition.



Newsletter Editor Wanted!

Help keep our community informed and connected!

You are creative, comfortable with Canva, Word, or similar tools to assist us with our community newsletter. We'd love to have you on our team!

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

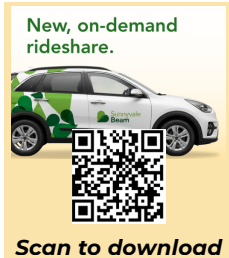


MySunnyvale Use it to report

local non-emergency issues like potholes, graffiti, noise, abandoned vehicles, or request city services.



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Getting around Sunnyvale just got easier

Book affordable, on-demand rides around Sunnyvale, or connect seamlessly to Caltrain, VTA, Light rail, and local bus service. First 3 rides are free. Senior rates available.

Volunteers needed: Hands-on-the-Arts Event

Saturday, Oct. 17

Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive

Event organizers are seeking energetic volunteers to:

- Help art workshop leaders set up and clean up supplies
- Guide children through creative projects
- Provide friendly customer service throughout the day



Volunteer Shifts

- Full Day: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Lunch and gift provided)
- Half-day Morning: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Half-day Afternoon: Noon to 4 p.m.

Visit the [Hands on the Arts Festival page](#) to learn more about the event and sign up to volunteer.

If you have questions, call our Recreation Center's front desk at 408-730-7350.

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Contribute to the SNAIL CRV Recycling Program



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.

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 10/13, 10/27, 11/10, 11/24, 12/4

West SNAIL Wednesdays 10/14, 10/28, 11/11, 11/25, 12/5



Join Our Email List



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

Please sign up at bit.ly/snailemail

SPONSORED BY THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE SNAIL'S RED BOWS TRADITION 2026



SNAIL will be hosting its annual Red Bows event to celebrate the holidays. It is the tradition that the bows go up on the trees the weekend after Thanksgiving and get taken down the first weekend of January.

We have several streets that do not have Red Bow Bowtistas. If you would like to participate in decorating our SNAIL trees in 2026, please let me know by sending your information (name, address, street to decorate (see below) to me at: dorit.chapman@gmail.com

We are looking for Red Bow Bowtistas for the following streets:

- 600-700 block of Borregas
- 500 block of E. Arbor

Dorit Chapman, Red Bow Coordinator



NOVEMBER 3
2026

The November Ballot

So Many Propositions,
So Much to Consider

The November 3, 2026 election will ask California voters to make decisions on a remarkably large and complex collection of ballot propositions.

- There are 14 statewide propositions,
- 1 regional transit measure,
- 3 charter amendments for the City of Sunnyvale and
- 1 for the El Camino Healthcare District.

For that reason, the League of Women Voters of California has prepared extensive, nonpartisan election information to help voters to become familiar with the measures before marking their ballots. that, so that they do not have to rely on campaign advertisements or political commentary alone.

VOTING INFORMATION



★ Pros & Cons: cavotes.org/ballot-measures/#pros-cons: 1-page summaries of the background, proposal fiscal effect, and argument in favor and against the propositions

★ Easy Voter Guide: cavotes.org/easy-voter-guide: Brief summaries of the state propositions, available in English, Spanish, Mandarin, Vietnamese and Korean

★ VOTE411.org: The League's online voter guide, including personalized ballot information

★ League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale: www.LWVCS.org/election-forums: This is the website for our local chapter of the League of Women Voters. Go here for recordings of candidate forums and ProCon videos.

The purpose of providing these resources is not to tell voters how they should vote. Rather, it is to encourage everyone to look beyond the headlines, understand the actual propositions, and make an informed decision.

With so many measures on the November ballot, spending a little time reviewing reliable information now may prevent confusion when you cast your vote.

An informed voter is an empowered voter.

- Pam Anderson - Chair of the Sunnyvale/Cupertino LWV



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

Ongoing Programs – Call CNC for details


Register online for drop-in programs

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.

- **Fun on the Run (FOTR)** – a free, drop-in recreation program for youth, ages 6-11. Parent/guardian must complete an emergency card on the first day of participation. Program locations & hours: Tues & Thurs – Ponderosa Park Building. 2:15 – 5:30pm; Wed., - Serra Park Building, 2:15 – 5:30pm
- Thurs, Oct. 1 & 8, 6:00 – 7:30pm – **Orchard Music Series, free outdoor music.** Bring your whole family, blankets and lawn/beach chairs and enjoy a different local band each week. Food trucks will be available for food purchases or bring your own. Location: Community Center Amphitheater, 550 E. Remington Avenue. For more information, go to Sunnyvale.ca.gov and search “Special Events”
- Wed., Oct. 14, 3:30 – 5:30pm – **Children’s Halloween Costume Swap,** families are invited to come and select one, free, gently used costume per child while supplies last. Registration is not required. Location: Columbia Middle School, portables in staff parking lot.
- Sat., Oct. 17, 10:00am – 3:00pm – **Hand on the Arts, a free community event.** This free children’s festival is a long-standing tradition celebrating Sunnyvale’s diversity through art from around the world. Many hands-on arts & crafts workshops will be available and led by workshop leaders. Locations: Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E. Remington Avenue.
- Wed., Oct. 28, 4:00-6:00pm– **Spooky Storywalk, a free family event.** Stroll through the park and read! There will be a craft activity at the end of the walk. Families are encouraged to wear costumes and bring a treat bag (small goodies, no candy). Registration is not required. Location: Columbia Park.
- Registration Open - **ShapeUp Sunnyvale - Fitness and Healthy Cooking Program.** Funded by El Camino Healthcare District. Join the interest list for this program to learn healthier meals to cook with a once-a-week meal kit, fitness activities & monthly nature walks. Open to Sunnyvale residents, priority goes to low-income residents. Call or email CNC to add your name to the interest list.
- **FREE Medical Services for Adults** – Tues, 10/1 & 10/8, 4:00 – 8:00pm by RotaCare Bay Area, Inc. and Catholic Charities. Appointments available and walk-in’s welcome.
- **Drop-In Yoga classes** in CNC gym – Sat, 9:15 – 10:15am. 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 signed parent consent in on-line account.
- **Parents Helping Parents,** Wed., 10/14, 11:00am – 4:00pm Information, support and referrals to assist families with disabled children.

- **Drop In Pickleball for Beginners in the Gym** - Sat, 12:30 – 2:00pm - 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 signed parent consent in on-line account.



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POP ROCKS **OCT 8**
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 Sunnyvale.ca.gov
 Search for "Special Events"



Freedom 250 City Art Poster Project

In honor of the upcoming 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, the City of Sunnyvale is participating in the nationwide Freedom 250 City Art Poster Project, presented by the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) and the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).

The City invites local designers, artists and community members with a Sunnyvale address to design an original poster celebrating Sunnyvale and the Semiquincentennial!

The Mayor's Office will select one poster to represent Sunnyvale at the USCM 95th Winter Meeting in Washington, D.C., next January 2027.

Apply here by deadline on Sun., Oct. 18, 2026 (11:59pm):
www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/Home/Components/News/News/354/111

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