



**City of Sunnyvale
Department of Library & Community Services
Community Services Division
INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN**



FY 11/12 Budget Reductions for Community Services and Recreation Programs

On Tuesday, June 28, 2011, City Council adopted the fiscal year 2011/2012 budget, fee schedule and appropriations limit. The budget addresses an existing structural deficit in the City budget by calling for approximately \$2.1 million in expenditure reductions.

Q: What budget reductions have been adopted for the City's community services and recreation programs?

- A:** City Council adopted the following service level adjustments beginning Thursday, July 1, 2011:
- Elimination of two vacant Senior Office Assistant positions and one vacant Staff Office Assistant position
 - Reduction in programs for teens
 - Closure of Lakewood Pool (effective September 2011)
 - Elimination of the Senior Lunch Program (effective August 2011)

Registration fees for the following programs will be increased to cover more of the operating costs or make the programs self-sustaining:

- Adult pottery classes
- Adult basketball and volleyball leagues
- Enrichment classes and the drop-in program at Sunnyvale Middle School
- Increases to field rental rates for Special Use Agreement Groups
- Implementation of a two-tier membership system at the Senior Center

Q: What steps did staff go through to develop a recommendation?

A: A number of tools were used to develop recommendations for Council consideration including analysis of subsidy levels, number of participants served, number of hours participants are engaged in recreation activities, registration rates and cancellation statistics. The goal was to protect service levels to the public through increases to efficiency and effectiveness wherever possible.

Q: When will the reductions take effect?

A: Implementation of the majority of the adopted items occurs in fall 2011, with the release of the September—October 2011 Activity Guide. The remaining items have already been implemented or will go into affect July 1, 2011.

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