

## **CITY MANAGER'S BLOG**

### ***LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES***

#### **Farewell to Manzanar Author J.W. Houston to Speak at the Library**

The Library is pleased to announce that the author of *Farewell to Manzanar*, Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston, will be speaking to the community on April 18, 2012. Jeanne's 1973 memoir of her experiences before, during and after imprisonment at the Manzanar, California concentration camp during World War II was one of the first books ever written on the subject and is still considered an important work, serving as a standard source on the topic for curriculum in schools and universities nationwide. The Library will not only encourage the community to read *Farewell to Manzanar* but will also present additional programs about Japanese-Americans and the Japanese internment camps during World War II. These programs are made possible through funding provided by a California Reads grant awarded by the California Council for the Humanities and the California Center for the Book.

#### **Civil War Events Draw Crowds at the Library**

Ninety-one people of all ages attended the third in a series of five Civil War programs presented by Dr. Libra Hilde, professor at San Jose State University's History Department on Wednesday, December 7 at the Library. Dr. Hilde gave some vivid details about Native American uprisings and Civil War battles. She also related statistics about assistance in battles by troops from the West, on behalf of both the Union and the Confederacy. The next program will cover Emancipation and Soldiers' Experiences on Wednesday, January 11, 2012. Catch up on any programs you may have missed by listening to the podcast – visit [www.sunnyvalelibrary.org](http://www.sunnyvalelibrary.org) and click on "Library Blogs and Social Media".

#### **eBook Reader Petting Zoo**

The Library's eBook Reader Petting Zoo is now available in the Library lobby. The display features the Kindle Keyboard, Nook Simple Touch, Nook Color, Kobo Touch, Sony Reader Wi-Fi and iPad 2. With the increasing popularity and ubiquity of eReader devices, visitors to the Library often have questions about which device will work best for them, and how they can use their device with the Library's eBook collection. The eBook Petting Zoo affords visitors the opportunity to experiment with these devices and have their questions answered. Upon seeing the display, one patron remarked "It's so wonderful that you've done this. I can't think of anywhere that you can see all these machines next to each other and try them out." Thanks to the Friends of the Sunnyvale Public Library for providing funding to purchase the devices.

#### **Santa Claus Stops by Sunnyvale for Breakfast**

Despite his preparations for the holidays, Santa Claus made a quick visit to the Sunnyvale Senior Center on December 10. This year, approximately 283 were registered for the

event; another 25 community volunteers assisted with the event. Children posed for a photo with Santa, created a holiday craft, had their faces painted and enjoyed a mouthwatering pancake breakfast. Members of the Department of Public Safety, Sunnyvale Host Lion's Club, Crosswalk Community Church and Fremont Key Club volunteered at this intergenerational event. This year's event was sponsored by Visiting Angel's, Manor Care and Sunnyvale Lion's Club for a total of \$1,750.

### **Holiday Shows for the Entire Family**

Sunnyvale Theatre entertained nearly 2,000 people this holiday season with its December performance schedule featuring four family-friendly holiday shows. Grammy-winning bluegrass fiddler/singer-songwriter Laurie Lewis and her duet partner ace mandolinist Tom Rozum performed less common seasonal songs on December 10. Meanwhile, California Theatre Center presented its classic fairytale *The Elves and The Shoemaker* on December 2 and 3 and continued its run of *Madeline's Christmas* with performances on December 9, 10, 16 and 17. Finally, Sunnyvale Singers performed its annual holiday concert on Sunday, December 11.

### **NOVA**



### **New Business Opening Through City Microenterprise Program**

Last year, the Sunnyvale City Council awarded NOVA a \$127,000 grant through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, the first grant of its kind for NOVA, to provide technical assistance and seed money to help unemployed workers launch entrepreneurial small business ventures. These individuals must either reside in Sunnyvale or wish to launch a small business in Sunnyvale.

Last weekend, one company that received a grant, ZOONI [www.zoonileathers.com](http://www.zoonileathers.com), held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to announce its grand opening. This grant helped to fund materials to launch this new business that has resulted in the creation of four new jobs in Sunnyvale. Special thanks to Mayor Melinda Hamilton for attending this event.

A total of seven grants were awarded through this program (with an eighth in final negotiations) to new businesses in Sunnyvale that included leather apparel, taxi service, business consulting, fitness classes, spa treatments, graphic design, childcare center and a bakery, and the creation of many new jobs. In addition, NOVA, in partnership with the Small Business Administration, SCORE, Foothill College Entrepreneur Center, the Women's Initiative, AnewAmerica and the Housing Division of the City, provided entrepreneur orientations and resource materials to 126 individuals interested in starting or expanding their own business, including a bilingual session.

### **Election of NOVA Workforce Board Officers for 2012**

At the November 30 NOVA Workforce Board meeting, the Board held an election of Board officers for 2012. The NOVA Board officers for 2012 are as follows:

- Board Co-Chairs: Van Dang of Cisco Systems and Steve Van Dorn of the Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce
- Board Vice Chairs: Dennis Cima of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group and Poncho Guevara of Sacred Heart Community Service

The Board is expected to benefit greatly from their outstanding leadership and significant contributions in the coming year.

### **Appointment of New Board Members**

At the December 6 Sunnyvale City Council meeting, the City Council approved the appointment of three new Board members to the NOVA Workforce Board:

- Ms. Louise Hofmeister, Director of Housing Programs, Housing Authority of the County of Santa Clara
- Ms. Meerah Rajavel, Senior Director in Information Technology, McAfee, Inc.
- Ms. Margarita Vega, Director of Northern California, Building Skills Partnership

These exceptional individuals will contribute tremendous value-add to the NOVA Board's future work. NOVA would like to extend a special thank you to Mayor Melinda Hamilton for her leadership and contributions to the NOVA Workforce Board Nominating Committee over the past several years. This committee recommends to the City Council appointments to the NOVA Workforce Board.

### **NOVA Staff Invited to Present at National Conference**

Last week, NOVA Promatch staff was invited to present at an American Geophysical Union meeting that was attended by 24,000 professionals from across the country and

Canada. NOVA staff presented on making the transition from academia to the world of work and provided specific guidance and tips for their job search in today's highly competitive job market.

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**Dolby Laboratories Coming to Sunnyvale!**

Dolby Laboratories (NYSE:DLB) signed a lease for 63,000 square feet of space in the Oakmead Park area. Dolby Laboratories plans on relocating to Sunnyvale from their current location in Santa Clara as well consolidate some of their operations from their San Francisco location. They are currently working on their tenant improvement plans and should pull permits within the next couple of weeks as they plan to occupy the building by April. They are a global leader in technologies that are essential elements in the best entertainment experiences. The company was founded in 1965 and best known for high-quality audio and surround sound.

**Vote by Mail Ballots**

According to a recent report from the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters, the following numbers of Vote by Mail ballots were collected from the ballot collection box in Sunnyvale on these dates for the November 8, 2011 election. A tally of these ballots is included in the Final Official Election Results from the Registrar of Voters (see <http://www.sccgov.org/elections/results/nov2011/> for election results).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sunnyvale</b>
10/13/2011	0
10/18/2011	18
10/20/2011	33
10/25/2011	68
10/27/2011	46
11/1/2011	136
11/3/2011	52
11/7/2011	170
11/8/2011	156
11/9/2011*	113
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>774</b>

\*Collected on 11/8, but recorded on 11/9

## **Annual Review of New Laws**

Each year the City reviews the upcoming year's new laws for potential impact on City services or operations. As most of the new laws will go into effect on January 1, 2012, department staff is currently reviewing new legislation to notify the City Manager of any significant impacts to City operations. The League of California Cities publishes an annual Legislative Report that summarizes laws passed in 2011 and reviews their potential impact on cities. A copy of the 2011 Legislative Report is available on the League's website at [www.cacities.org](http://www.cacities.org).

## ***PUBLIC SAFETY***

### **Preparing for a High-Rise Fire at Moffett Towers**

In the first week of December, the Department of Public Safety Bureau of Fire Field Operations conducted high-rise firefighting training at Moffett Towers. Working with the Jay Paul Company, crews were given tours and explanations of the complex life-safety systems. The company's Chief Engineer was on site to provide guidance and answer questions to every work crew currently assigned to the Bureau of Fire Field Operations. The manufacturer of the breathing air system, RescueAir, participated as well to provide hands-on training. This air system is used in the event of a fire emergency to lengthen the amount of time DPS can operate in the building before having to exit and get additional breathing air. Additional training in tactics, equipment and building design were covered to prepare DPS in the event of an incident.

Santa Clara City Fire Department was recently provided, through grant funding, an apparatus designed to complement the RescueAir system allowing firefighters to spend even greater time in the building during fire operations. Santa Clara City Fire Department participated in this training. Palo Alto and Santa Clara County Fire Departments also have apparatus to complement the available County resources. High-rise construction is growing in many local jurisdictions and all agencies are conducting regular training to prepare for these changes in our communities.

### **City Employee Saves Life of a Sunnyvale Visitor**

On November 30, San Jose resident Robert Gorman collapsed after an apparent heart attack as he attended a meeting at NOVA in Sunnyvale. Attendees at the meeting immediately summoned for help and City employee Peter Evangel quickly responded from an adjacent office. Peter, a CPR instructor, assessed Mr. Gorman, found him without a pulse and began CPR. Peter applied the City's automated external defibrillator (AED) and delivered one shock to Mr. Gorman. Shortly after, Mr. Gorman's heart started beating and he became conscious. Upon arrival of Fire and EMS personnel, Mr. Gorman required two more shocks, delivered by paramedics. Mr. Gorman was transported by County ambulance to a local hospital where further treatment was provided. He was talking to his rescuers as he was transported to the hospital. He was discharged home a few days later. Mr. Gorman looks forward to meeting his "rescuers."

This event is a testament to the CPR training of City employees and the location and use of AEDs to save a patient's life.

### **Gang Related Probation/Parole Checks**

In response to a recent increase in gang violence, members of the Sunnyvale Gang Enforcement Team and Community Crimes Unit, along with members of Santa Clara County Probation, State Parole, and Mountain View Gang Officers conducted 11 probation/parole searches of the residences of gang members living in the City of Sunnyvale. These searches were conducted to verify compliance with the terms and conditions of their supervised release from incarceration. Because of these compliance checks, three parolees were arrested for being in violation of the conditions of their parole and were transported to Santa Clara County Jail. Many of the probation/parole searches revealed the probation/paroles to be in compliance.

### **Rides for Toys**

On December 12, the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety hosted its annual "Rides for Toys" event. The program, which is the brainchild of Lt. Cameron Bailey and Lt. Joel Witmer in conjunction with Toys R Us, involves collecting of toys in exchange for a ride in a Sunnyvale fire engine. The toys are ultimately collected by Sunnyvale Community Services for distribution to less fortunate families. Over 500 rides were provided with the assistance of on-duty Fire crews as well as the new Public Safety Chief, Frank Grgurina. The net result was hundreds of toys being donated to families so that they too can share in the excitement of the giving season.

### **Cops Care Cancer Foundation Fantasy Flight**

Sunnyvale DPS, partnered with San Jose PD and the Cops Care Cancer Foundation on Saturday December 10, for the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Fantasy Flight at NASA Ames and Yahoo! The Fantasy Flight brings families with children surviving cancer together for a day of joy, happiness and Santa Claus. The day starts at Yahoo! where the kids get to visit and eat lunch with police and fire personnel. Along with lunch, the kids and officers play games, hang out and have fun. After Yahoo!, the kids get to ride in police cars, fire engines and SWAT vehicles in one long procession to NASA Ames where they wait for Santa to fly in on San Jose Police Department's Air 2 helicopter.

While waiting for Santa to arrive, the kids get to play games, do arts and crafts or pretend to be a motorcycle police officer. It's all about a day of having fun and forgetting that they have cancer for just one day.

Emma was one of 125 kids with cancer or other life-threatening illnesses who came this weekend. When Emma was diagnosed with Leukemia, she wasn't expected to live for more than six months. She was 18 months old at the time. Emma just received word this week that this will be her last time at Fantasy Flight, a Cops Care Cancer Foundation event for the kids. Emma is now eight years old and was told that she beat cancer and is now officially cancer free. Emma endured 22 rounds of chemotherapy and weeks at a

time in the hospital during her six-year battle. Emma said it is bittersweet news, because she is so happy that she is cancer free, but she will miss all the wonderful things that happen at the Fantasy Flight, including getting to see Santa fly in on a helicopter.



The Cops Care Cancer Foundation provides financial assistance to children and their families who have been stricken with cancer. The foundation provides financial donations to the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital as well as research and support programs to help families. The Fantasy Flight event was founded by San Jose police officer Brian Simuro, himself a childhood cancer survivor.

## ***PUBLIC WORKS***

### **Tasman/Fair Oaks Area Traffic Signal Timing**

There was a recent inquiry requesting information on signal operations in the vicinity of Tasman Drive and Fair Oaks Avenue. Traffic signals were not synchronized on either Tasman or Fair Oaks near or at their intersections. Light Rail Transit (LRT) runs in the median of Tasman and turns north on Fair Oaks to Java. It has partial pre-emption, a set-up call from LRT vehicles that tells the signal that the LRT is coming and that the signal should cycle to favor light rail. Recently the vehicle detection at the intersection of Tasman/Fair Oaks was damaged due to construction of the housing/commercial development on the northeast corner, which affected timing and caused the signal to operate in a fixed time mode for a number of weeks. This damage has been repaired and recent observations have found that all is working properly once again.

### **EI Camino Real Bus Rapid Transit Public/Business Outreach**

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) held two public workshops for business owners and managers to provide information and to solicit feedback on the EI Camino Real Bus Rapid Transit Project.

Two workshops were held on December 5 at the Sunnyvale Community Center, and December 13 at the Silicon Valley Community Foundation in Mountain View.

Staff conducted a direct mailing to businesses and property owners on El Camino Real in Sunnyvale and created a link on the City's website to the VTA's workshop information page.

### **Borregas Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Project**

Improvements are nearing completion for additional bicycle and pedestrian safety features at the landings of the two Borregas bicycle/pedestrian bridges over Highways 101 and 237. New bike lanes have been installed to connect the two bridges between Weddell Drive and Persian Drive. This grant funded project also provides the following features:

1. Lighted, pushbutton-activated, solar powered advance warning and stop signs at the four frontage roads at the base of each bridge
2. Guardrails to protect bicyclists and pedestrians from oncoming traffic at the two northernmost bridge landings
3. High visibility crosswalks at all locations
4. "Bicycle scale" stop signs at the bridge landings, and centerline striping on the bridge landing approaches

The Field Services Division and Division of Transportation and Traffic teamed up to deliver the improvements using in-house design services and procurement of materials, and labor. The project was the result of Council-directed follow-up analysis of use of the bridges and interaction of bicycle and pedestrian traffic with vehicles on the frontage roads. The analysis determined that additional traffic controls and safety features were warranted.

### **City Hall Landscape Renovation Project**

In a joint venture with the City's Parks Division, Environmental Services Division and Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA), a California native drought tolerant garden was created on the City Hall Campus near the flag poles and the east parking lot. Under the direction of Dustin Clark with Environmental Services, the class was arranged with BAWSCA to educate the public using effective water savings methods and strategies. The design was drawn up by Parks Division staff while a landscape designer taught the class using the hands-on approach. The high-maintenance star jasmine was removed and the area was prepared for planting. The class produced a beautiful, very low maintenance garden, which requires only minimal irrigation. The end result was a wonderful collaboration effort which produced a highly visible success story.

### **"I Went to Play Soccer at Lunch and the Field Was Closed..."**

One of the more challenging duties the Parks Division achieves every year is to close the City's athletic fields for the winter. This is difficult for a number of reasons, as staff realizes the community desires accessibility to recreation year round. Parks employees want to

see as many residents as possible enjoying the parks and improving their quality of life. They understand closing athletic fields impacts many residents (and some City employees too.)

The Parks Division closes athletic fields from December to March to give the fields ample time to rehabilitate. The colder temperatures and decreased sunlight slows turf growth while rain causes unsafe conditions. In a single day, a sports group using the fields can cause damage so severe that it may have to be closed for several months for repairs. In 2010, The City of Campbell allowed a two-day soccer tournament that resulted in over \$40,000 damage that closed their field for four months. At Ortega Park, a sports group recently played on wet turf and left barren spots and muddy areas that forced an early closure in order to begin the reseeding process.



Damaged Ortega Park Field

The Parks Division strives to maintain four open athletic fields during the winter. This year the open fields are: Panama Park, Bishop School, Vargas School, and Nimitz School (when classes are not in session), although these fields may close depending on weather and damage. Call the Turf Hotline at (408) 730-7585 to determine which fields are open. Even though it is colder and wetter, Sunnyvale Parks are still a great place to be!



Repaired Ortega Park Field

### **Public Meeting Held on Morse Avenue Neighborhood Park Project**

The City and the California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC), held a public meeting on Tuesday, December 6, at 6 p.m. at Columbia Middle School to review the Draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) and related Draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration for the Morse Avenue Park project. Fact Sheets (attached) sent to over 600 addresses around the neighborhood prior to the meeting must have satisfied the public; Adam Berkan, head of the Morse Park Neighborhood Association, was the sole member of the public who attended the meeting.

Alex Lee and Wayne Hagan of the DTSC explained their role as lead and regulatory oversight agency for the soil remediation phase. The City's consultant, EKI, provided a brief overview of the RAW, including plans for: transport, decontamination, dust control,

perimeter air monitoring, storm water pollution prevention, soil sampling and analysis, health and safety and quality assurance.

Following the public comment period, ending December 21, the DTSC may certify the environmental documents and approve the RAW, (expected by February 2012). This action will clear the way for the City to advertise the soil removal plan for bids. Staff expects to bring the contract for soil removal/clean-up to the Council for award in April, after the buildings on site are demolished, and the RAW is approved.

## ***COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT***

### **Update on the Consolidated General Plan**

The final version of the Consolidated General Plan is ready to send to the printer for a small number of paper copies. Councilmembers will be queried as to their interest in the paper copy vs. the online version when copies are received. Due to an oversight, the adopted street allocation policies were not included in the Consolidated General Plan reviewed by the City Council in July. Staff has consulted with the City Attorney's Office and has determined that this error can be corrected administratively. The street allocation policies were not repealed when the Consolidated General Plan was adopted and therefore remain as General Plan policy that can be inserted into the new version of the General Plan.

### **Maxim Campus to be Upgraded**

The Maxim campus on Wolfe Road south of Central Expressway has been purchased by a new development group. The new owners have received building permits for \$1.6 million in exterior upgrades to the campus and buildings. The upgrades include façade improvements as well as site landscaping upgrades. The building permits were reviewed and approved over the counter at the One-Stop Permit Center. The façade improvements are proposed at this time to attract potential tenants.

### **Applied Signal Technology Campus Upgrade**

Raytheon has purchased Applied Signal Technology, which is located on W. California Avenue at the Libby Can site. The new company, called Raytheon Applied Signal Technology, develops advanced intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance solutions that protect and enhance global security. As a result, \$1.2 million worth of upgrades to the W. California Avenue buildings have been approved. The building permits were reviewed and approved over the counter at the One-Stop Permit Center.

### **Neighborhood Enhancement Action Team (NEAT)**

NEAT team members met with the owners of a strip mall located at 259 East Maude Avenue to discuss property improvements. The owners indicated that they are committed

to fixing up the property and have already started by painting the building and addressing some immediate issues. The owners plan on resealing and striping the parking lot in January or February.

### **Senior Housing Solutions**

Senior Housing Solutions (SHS), which operates three senior group homes in Sunnyvale and approximately 10 more dispersed around the County, is currently negotiating a possible merger or partnership with Charities Housing. SHS has been impacted by lower-than-projected operating revenues from federal, charitable, and redevelopment agency sources, and is not able to operate its current projects independently in the long term. Charities Housing expects to reach a decision regarding the potential partnership in mid- to late February. SHS is continuing to provide stable services to its tenants in the interim, as confirmed by close monitoring of the staff of all the cities in which the homes are located.

### **Two Wireless Telecommunication Applications in Cupertino Near Sunnyvale**

Planning staff has sent comments to the City of Cupertino regarding two applications from AT&T for wireless sites near Sunnyvale. The first site is near the intersection of Homestead Road and Hollenbeck Avenue, and includes a new 75 foot tree pole at the back of an office building property. The property is adjacent to the residential neighborhood on Noranda Drive in Sunnyvale, but the tree pole would be located in the corner opposite the residential neighborhood adjacent to a PG&E property. The second proposed AT&T site is located at the 76 Gas Station on Homestead Road and Bernardo Avenue next to Highway 85. That proposed tree pole location would be behind the gas station across the street from Cupertino Middle School. Staff has voiced concerns about the location of a 75 foot tree pole less than 10 feet from the public sidewalk on Bernardo. Additional concerns include a chain link fence with three strands of barbed wire along the rear of the property along the sidewalk. Staff has suggested that the City of Cupertino or AT&T contact the school regarding the application since a similar proposal was considered at the school and experienced tremendous parent input.

## ***ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES***

### **SMaRT Station® Featured in MSW Management Journal**

MSW Management, a journal geared toward solid waste professionals, recently published an article called "MRF-O-Rama" that included a section on the SMaRT Station. The article pointed out the unique nature of the facility in that it processes mixed waste and construction debris in order to divert valuable recyclables that would otherwise go to the landfill. It also highlighted the value of the partnership with the two nearby cities in order to reduce costs and share resources among jurisdictions. There was a special mention of the *Day in A Life* video posted on the Recycling Program website, the birding tours conducted by Audubon Society on the closed landfill and the gull prevention tool used to keep the pesky birds off of the tipping floor (monofilament wire strung in a grid 20 feet above the open MRF areas keeps the gulls away).

### **Environmental Outreach to Schools and Youth**

Environmental Outreach staff in the Environmental Services Department are having a record-breaking year for outreach to schools and youth in Sunnyvale. For the school year so far, 16 tours of the Water Pollution Control Plant have been conducted, reaching 525 students/youth and 73 adults (teachers and chaperones). Staff has been invited to 22 classrooms and provided educational programs on ways to prevent pollution from reaching our creeks and the bay via stormwater and wastewater. This classroom effort has reached 498 students and 24 teachers. Outreach is required under both the City's wastewater discharge and stormwater permits, and this outreach also helps the City to meet specific, required trash reduction goals in the stormwater permit.

### **Inspection of Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) By Department of Public Safety**

Public Safety visited the Water Pollution Control Plant on December 6 for a California Accidental Release Program (Cal ARP). The Cal ARP inspection is associated with the countywide Toxic Gas Ordinance and the safe handling of our chlorine and sulfur dioxide gases used at the plant for disinfection of the wastewater before discharge or reuse.

Public Safety ensures the plant has completed its tri-annual revalidation of the Process Hazard Analysis (PHA), required for facilities using the quantities of toxic gases used at the plant, as well as ensuring all required staff safety training is completed each year. All required information was successfully provided to Public Safety, in order and complete to date.

## ***HUMAN RESOURCES***

### **2011 Small Claims Court Update**

When individuals file claims against the City and those claims are denied, in most instances, the claimant has the right to file a lawsuit against the City within six months of the denial. Since most claims against the City are for relatively low dollar amounts, many claimants file lawsuits in Small Claims Court. Plaintiffs may file claims in Small Claims Court for damages up to \$7,500. On July 8, Governor Brown signed SB 221 into law, increasing the Small Claims jurisdiction to \$10,000 effective January 1, 2012. In 2011, the City was sued in Small Claims Court five times. Of those five cases, two were dismissed, and the court found for the City in three cases, deciding that the City owed no damages. Parties cannot be represented by attorneys in Small Claims Court, so the City's Risk Manager represents the City in Small Claims actions.

### **Human Resources Department Recruitment Activity**

From July 1, 2011 to December 1, 2011, the City generated 14,591 computer "hits" on 31 different posted job announcements. The following are the top five "hit generators" for job announcements posted to fill current City vacancies for the first four months of the fiscal year:

- #5 – Finance Analyst I: 1,198 hits
- #4 – Regulatory Programs Division Manager: 1,246 hits
- #3 – Temporary Preschool Instructor: 1,264 hits
- #2 – Maintenance Worker: 1,677 hits
- #1 – Human Resources Analyst, Recruitment and Classification: 2,235 hits

From July 1, 2011 to December 1, 2011, the Recruitment and Classification Division received and processed 981 applications. Eighty-three percent, or 811 applications were received online. The remaining 17 percent, or 170 applications were submitted as hard copy applications to the Human Resources Department.

Attachment

# Fact Sheet

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances through the restoration of contaminated resources, enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.

## Draft Removal Action Workplan For Morse Park Available for Review

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is proposing a cleanup plan for the future Morse Park in Sunnyvale, California (Site). A Draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) has been prepared for the Site. The Draft RAW describes the investigations and proposed cleanup activities for the Site. DTSC has prepared a proposed Negative Declaration/Initial Study to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). DTSC wants you to review and comment on the Draft RAW and proposed Negative Declaration/Initial Study.

The Site is located at 1010 to 1024 Morse Avenue, just north of East Weddell Drive, in Sunnyvale, California and is approximately 5.2 acres in size (Figure 1). The Site is currently occupied by five vacant buildings, paved parking areas and landscaping.

The City of Sunnyvale plans to develop the Site as a neighborhood park that will include playgrounds, play fields, picnic areas, walkways, shade trees, and lighting. As part of the development process, the City is planning to clean up contaminated soil at the Site to protect human health and the environment. DTSC determined that cleanup is necessary after tests showed elevated levels of arsenic in shallow soils on most of the Site.

This fact sheet provides you with a Site history, summary of the proposed cleanup, and opportunities for public involvement. If you have questions please contact Alex Lee, DTSC Project Manager, at (510) 540-3844 or [Alee@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Alee@dtsc.ca.gov).

DTSC invites you to review and comment on the Draft RAW and proposed Negative Declaration/Initial Study for the Morse Park Site.



### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

**November 18, 2011 to**

**December 21, 2011**

All comments must be postmarked, faxed or e-mailed no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 21, 2011. Send comments to:

Alex Lee, DTSC Project Manager  
700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley,  
California, 94710

(510) 540-3844

or [Alee@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Alee@dtsc.ca.gov)

### Public Meeting:

to explain the Draft RAW, answer questions and receive public comments.

**Tuesday, December 6, 2011**

**Staff Room,**

**Columbia Middle School**

**739 Morse Ave., Sunnyvale**

**6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**

For information about public participation, please contact: Wayne Hagen, DTSC Public Participation Specialist

700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley,  
California, 94710

(510) 540-3911

[WHagen@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:WHagen@dtsc.ca.gov)



## History of the Site

The Site (and surrounding properties) was originally vacant land in the early 1900s and was used as agricultural land from about 1939 until the mid- to late-1970s when it was developed to its current configuration with the existing buildings. Past uses include offices, machine shops, metal fabrication, and other general commercial and light industrial uses.

## What is the Contamination?

Environmental investigations were conducted at the Site in 2010. Investigations included analyzing soil samples for arsenic, lead, and pesticides and analyzing groundwater samples for petroleum hydrocarbons and volatile organic compounds. Arsenic was found in soil at concentrations above safe levels. The concrete slabs and foundations of the existing buildings and the surrounding pavement are acting as a cap over the arsenic contaminated soil preventing human exposure.

## What Can Be Done to Clean It Up?

The primary objective of a Draft RAW is to evaluate cleanup alternatives and to identify a preferred cleanup plan which prevents or reduces risks to public health and the environment. Cleanup alternatives are evaluated on the basis of their effectiveness, ability to be implemented, and cost. A Draft RAW identifies the cleanup plan that DTSC recommends. Before DTSC makes a final decision to approve, modify, or deny a cleanup plan the Draft RAW is made available to the public for review during a public comment period. All comments are reviewed and considered before the Draft RAW is approved.

## Cleanup Alternatives Considered

Three cleanup alternatives were evaluated in the Draft RAW for Morse Park.

### ***Alternative 1 - No Further Action.***

This alternative would involve no cleanup action on the Site. It would remain in its current condition.

### ***Alternative 2: Excavation and off-Site Disposal.***

This alternative consists of removing and transporting contaminated soil to an appropriate permitted landfill facility. Earth removal equipment including excavators, loaders, and other related trucks and machinery would be used to perform the work. Approximately 16,700 tons of soil would be removed and disposed of at a landfill. Soil sampling and analysis would be used to verify that the arsenic cleanup level is met.

### ***Alternative 3: Soil Containment/Capping.***

This alternative would consist of capping the surface of the impacted areas with at least 2 feet of clean soil, buildings or pavement. The cap would minimize the potential for human exposure to impacted soil. Approximately 200,000 square feet of soil would be capped to create the park. This alternative leaves the contaminated soil on the Site. A land use restriction would be required to restrict future land uses and construction activities at the Site. An operation and maintenance plan (O&M) would be required that includes annual inspections of the cap.

### ***DTSC recommends Alternative #2***

The City has proposed and DTSC recommends Alternative #2 as the preferred cleanup alternative for the Site. DTSC believes that this alternative protects human health and the environment, is cost effective, and can be readily implemented.

## Summary of Proposed Draft RAW

If the plan is approved, you can expect to see the following activities:

- Approximately 16,700 tons of soil will be excavated from the Site, loaded on trucks and transported to one or more permitted disposal facilities.
- Approximately 835 truckloads will be needed to transport the soil from the Site. Trucks leaving the Site will be covered and will travel only on approved truck routes.



- Soil will be sprayed with water as needed to prevent dust, and air monitoring will be conducted during the removal action.
- Soil sampling will be performed to make sure there is not arsenic remaining above the cleanup level after excavation.
- Additional soil excavation and sampling may be performed.

This work is anticipated to begin in early spring of 2012. A Work Notice will be issued at least seven days before the work begins.

### **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**

In order to meet DTSC's obligations under (CEQA), DTSC prepared an Initial Study that evaluated the potential environmental impacts that might result from the actions proposed in the Draft RAW. DTSC has determined that the Draft RAW activities are unlikely to produce any significant impact to public health or the environment. Therefore, DTSC has prepared a Negative Declaration in compliance with CEQA for the project.

### **What Happens Next?**

The Draft RAW is not final until all comments from the public are considered. At the end of the public comment period the comments are evaluated and any necessary changes are made to the RAW. Additionally, DTSC will consider all comments regarding the proposed Negative Declaration/Initial Study. A Response to Comments document will be sent to all of those who make public comments.

### **Information Repositories**

DTSC has established the following information repositories for this Site:

Department of Toxic Substances Control  
700 Heinz Avenue  
Berkeley, CA 94710 Call for appointment (510) 540-3800

City Hall One-Stop Counter  
456 W. Olive Avenue  
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Sunnyvale Public Library

665 W. Olive Avenue

Sunnyvale, CA 94086 (408) 730-7300

You can also view the Morse Park Site on DTSC's EnviroStor database at:

<http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>

Type in "Sunnyvale" in the "city" field. Then scroll down and select "Morse Park." Click the "Community Involvement" button to view public participation documents.

If you would like DTSC to notify you via email when new EnviroStor documents (i.e., workplans, reports, etc.) are available online for this site, please sign up to receive email alerts on the EnviroStor report page.

To learn more about DTSC, please visit our website at [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov).

### **For More Information**

For more information about the Site, the cleanup process or Site related documents contact:

Alex Lee, DTSC Project Manager

(510) 540-3844 or [ALee@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:ALee@dtsc.ca.gov)

For questions regarding public participation contact:

Wayne Hagen, DTSC Public Participation Specialist

(510) 540-3911 or [WHagen@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:WHagen@dtsc.ca.gov)

For media questions, contact:

Sandra Freidman, DTSC Public Information Officer

(714) 484-5383 or [SFreidma@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:SFreidma@dtsc.ca.gov)

### **Anuncio**

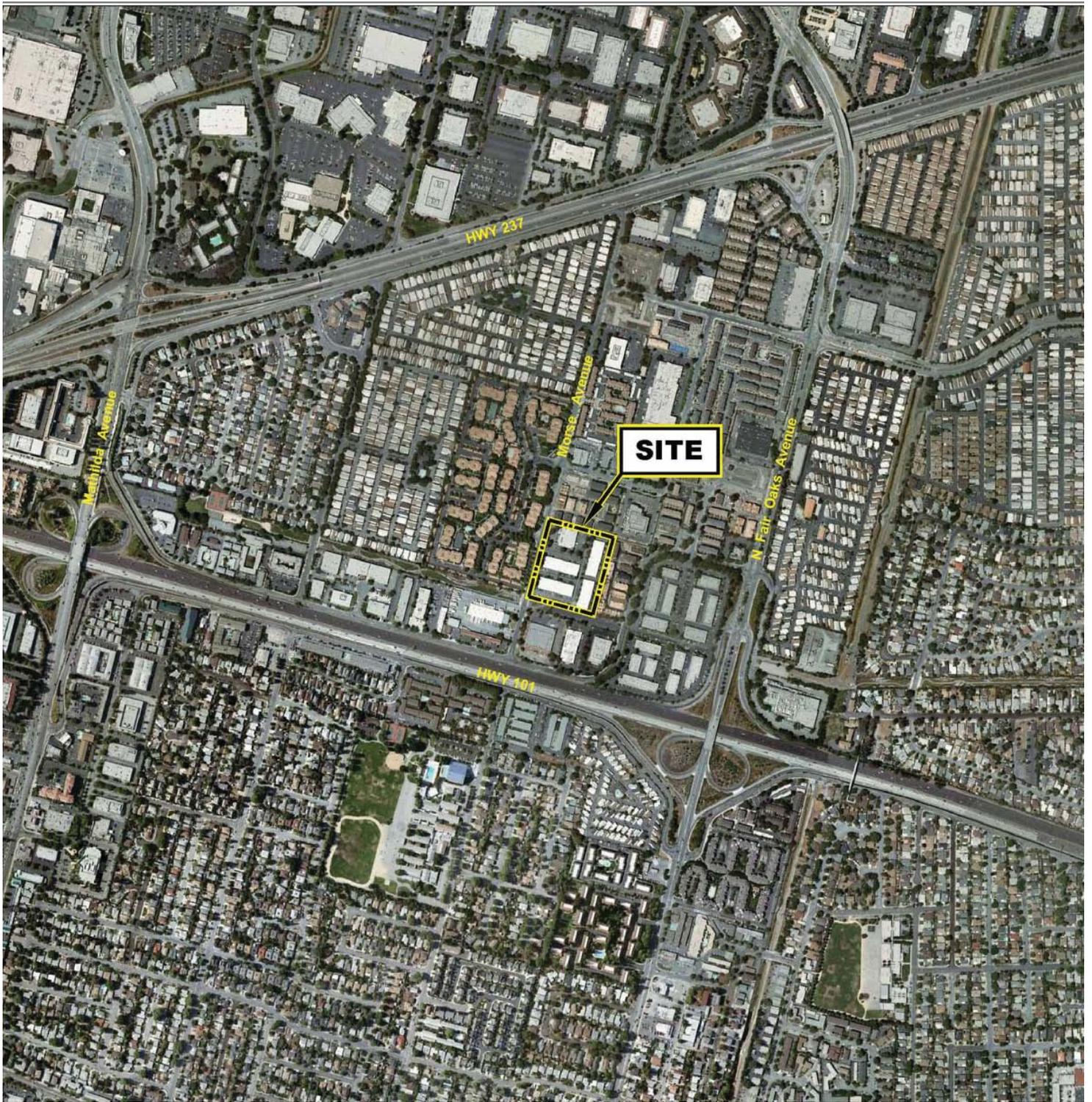
*Si prefiere hablar con alguien en español acerca de esta información, favor de llamar a Jacinto Soto, Departamento de Control de Substancias Tóxicas. El número de teléfono es (510) 540-3842.*

### **Notice to Hearing Impaired Individuals**

TDD users can obtain information about the site by using the California State Relay Service at (888) 877-5378.

Please ask to speak with Wayne Hagen, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at, at (510) 540-3911.





*Figure 1: Morse Park Site, Sunnyvale, CA*

