

QUARTERLY REPORT



CITY OF SUNNYVALE

WINTER 2009

TOWN CENTER REDEVELOPMENT CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

RDA GRANTS TIME EXTENSION TO TURN OVER RETAIL SPACE

The Town Center redevelopment project has seen some amazing progress, moving from the demolition of the old, bankrupt Town Center mall to the newly revitalized downtown now under construction. When completed, the project will encompass approximately 1 million square feet of retail space, more than 300,000 square feet of office space and 292 housing units, including rental and ownership homes.

While the developers have met every construction milestone on or ahead of schedule, the current economic conditions affecting the nation at large have taken a toll on the project. While work is continuing on the project, many retailers have displayed a reluctance to enter into site leases. Based on this reluctance, the developers have sought a time extension on their milestone deadline for turning over retail shells to those companies that will move in.

The Sunnyvale Redevelopment Agency (RDA) has granted Town Center developers extra time to complete the work necessary to turn over retail shells to occupying businesses. The City has noted this

is not a reflection of any difficulty with the developers, but, instead, is the reality of the current national economic environment. As credit continues to tighten, businesses across the nation are struggling.

The development partners continue to be financially strong, as evidenced by the fact that they have met every milestone on or ahead of schedule.

The RDA granted an additional nine months – until December 2009 – for the developer to turn over 110,000 square feet of retail space, and into 2010 for an additional 40,000 square feet. Work

is continuing in other portions of the development, including residential. The RDA noted that it would not be beneficial to the City or the project to hold the developer to the previous deadline, given that retailers are now very cautious about signing new leases. The additional time is viewed as a tool the developers can use to help ensure quality tenants are found for the retail space.

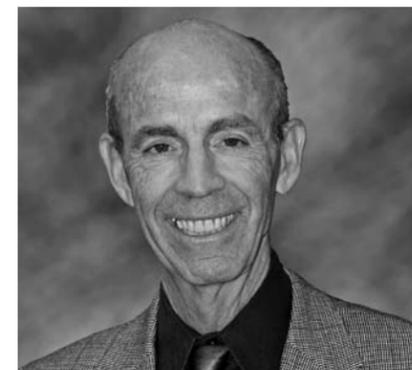
More construction information, including weekly construction updates, is available on the City's Web site at Downtown.inSunnyvale.com. ☺

LUEBBERS BECOMES CITY MANAGER

Gary Luebbers took over the reins of the City as he began work as Sunnyvale's new city manager. A retired Air Force veteran, Luebbers served as city manager in Redlands, Calif., and West Jordan, Utah, prior to coming to Sunnyvale.

During his tenure in West Jordan the development of two million square foot Jordan Landing retail development occurred. Luebbers also tackled the problem of a double-digit staff turnover rate. Using various tools, he was able to stabilize turnover at only 8 percent.

December 2, Luebbers' first day on the job, was a typical day for a Sunnyvale city manager. The day started with a meeting of the Executive Leadership team and ended with an evening City Council meeting.



In between, it was a case of one meeting after another, all day long.

Luebbers, who received a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration cum laude from Culver-Stockton College and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Southern California, is married with four daughters and five grandchildren.

SUNNYVALE RECOMMENDS AUTO CENTER FOR ONIZUKA RE-USE

Federal Government Has One Year to Make Final Decision on Disposition

Sitting as the Onizuka Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA), Sunnyvale City Council approved a recommendation that the soon-to-be-closed Onizuka Air Force Station be re-used as an auto center. The recommendation comes after more than two years of public meetings and work by a citizens' advisory committee to develop and review possible uses for the surplus property. At a December 2 meeting, the LRA held a public hearing to receive final input prior to taking action December 9.

The next step in the process is to send the recommendation to both the Department of the Air Force and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The federal government will then have one year in which to review the City's recommendation and render a decision on the re-use plan. Onizuka Air Force Station is scheduled to close in 2011, when its military mission will be transferred to Vandenberg Air Force Base in Santa Barbara County.

For more information about the Onizuka re-use plan, visit the City's Web site at Onizuka.inSunnyvale.com.

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NEW ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR

Sunnyvale is growing greener! The City has named Dustin Clark Sunnyvale's new Environmental Sustainability Coordinator. In this new role, Clark will coordinate sustainability efforts Citywide, keep the City current on regional and industrial trends by working with partner agencies, and seek funding

opportunities to support the City's efforts to achieve its sustainability goals. In compliance with a recent climate protection grant received from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Clark will also be responsible for measuring the City's reductions in greenhouse gas emissions that have resulted from recent City projects.

See "Sustainability", page 12



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CITY DEDICATES MEMORIAL TO FALLEN OFFICERS

The City of Sunnyvale, in conjunction with the Public Safety Officers Association (PSOA), is honoring its fallen officers with a permanent memorial honoring the five public safety officers who have died in the line of duty. The memorial was unveiled in a ceremony held October 18.

"To honor our fallen officers with this memorial is our way of showing we have not forgotten, nor will we ever forget, their supreme sacrifice to the people of Sunnyvale," said Department of Public Safety (DPS) Chief Don Johnson. "A line-of-duty death impacts the entire community, but most of all it impacts fellow officers in the department and, most directly, the officers' families. In some, small way, this is our 'thank you' to the five who have fallen and to their families."

Sunnyvale public safety officers are exposed to higher risks than many first responders. Certified as both police officers and fire fighters, public safety officers (PSOs) serve in both capacities and the final roll call of fallen officers reflects the dual service.

The five officers are:

- **PSO Gary Larson**, a 23-year old two-year veteran, was shot and killed January 28, 1962, while attempting to arrest two robbery suspects;
- **PSO Charles Morris**, a 34-year old three-year veteran, was shot and killed September 23, 1972, at the scene of a commercial burglary;
- **PSO Charles Fraker**, a 25-year old two-year veteran, died August 1, 1976, while fighting a fire when the heat of a flashover hit him;
- **PSO Ed Roth**, a 44-year old 16-year veteran, died while fighting a commercial structure fire on North Pastoria on November 29, 1980; and
- **PSO Manuel "Manny" Lopez**, a 29-year old eight-year veteran was killed in a traffic accident

March 3, 1987. PSO Lopez was responding to a burglary alarm when his patrol car was struck by a train.

The Fallen Officers Memorial is black granite with a peace officer

rose and a stainless steel engraved badge inscribed, "In everlasting tribute and honor to those killed in the line of duty while faithfully serving their community." The memorial was donated by PSOA. ☀



Sheila Lopez Ponce, widow of Sunnyvale Public Safety Officer (PSO) Manuel Lopez, Jr., places a rose on the newly-unveiled fallen officers memorial as Sunnyvale PSO Greg Othon looks on.

Photo: Adam Levermore-Rich

CityLine BLOG LAUNCHES

The City of Sunnyvale has launched *CityLine*, a blog designed to help keep the community informed. A blog (short for "web log") is essentially an online journal where the City can post information important to the community, and Sunnyvale's blog carries news and information residents can use.

CityLine can be found on the Web by visiting CityLine.inSunnyvale.com, or by following links from the City's Web home page.

"*CityLine* will be an important communications tool for the City," said former City Manager Amy Chan. "It's designed to keep our residents informed on issues they need to know about. Our *Quarterly Report* Citywide newsletter has traditionally been the link upon which our residents have most depended, and now *CityLine* will fill the three-month gap between Quarterly Report publication dates."

Public comments on the new biweekly blog are invited and may be e-mailed to CityLine@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us, or you may call the Communications Division at (408) 730-7535, TDD (408) 730-7501.



February 17, 2009
is right around the corner.
Are you ready?

America's broadcasting industry is in the midst of an exciting revolution as it transitions from analog to digital television technology. Since the late 1990s, television broadcasters have been preparing for the transition from analog to digital television (DTV) scheduled for February 17, 2009, as set by Congress.

But as the transition draws near, are you ready?

Find out at: **www.DTVanswers.com**

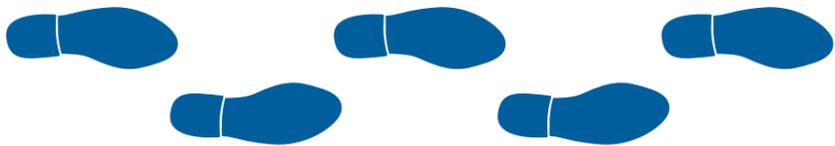
WHAT IS SUNNYVALE'S PLAN FOR HOUSING?

The Housing and Community Revitalization Sub-element will set forth Sunnyvale's housing goals and policies for the 2007 – 2014 planning period to meet Sunnyvale's Regional Housing Needs Allocation. We need your valuable input so as to better understand the housing needs faced by Sunnyvale's residents and workforce:

- What are the greatest strengths of Sunnyvale's housing and neighborhoods?
- What are Sunnyvale's most important housing needs?
- What options should the City pursue to address its housing needs within the Housing and Community Revitalization Sub-element?

Two community workshops to discuss Sunnyvale's plan and the 2007 – 2014 Housing and Community Revitalization Sub-element update are scheduled for Thursday, February 5, at the Sunnyvale Community Center, Neighborhood Room. The first will be held from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., and the second will be held from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. For more information, visit the City's Web site at Housing.inSunnyvale.com.

WALKABILITY: AN INTERACTIVE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP



Interested in helping make Sunnyvale a more walkable community? You are invited to participate in an interactive walkability workshop, Saturday, March 21, at Washington Park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hosted by the City of Sunnyvale and Santa Clara County Supervisor, Liz Kniss, the workshop will include a neighborhood walk and discussion under the guidance of a California walkability expert and City staff.

The event is designed to bring community members together with the interest in making Sunnyvale a more pedestrian-friendly place to live, work and play. Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided for registered participants. Pre-register by March 13, as space is limited. For more information, including location details, or to register for this free event, go to Walkability.inSunnyvale.com or contact Neighborhood and Community Resources at (408) 730-7599, TDD (408) 730-7501.

WEBCASTING BRINGS COUNCIL MEETINGS INTO YOUR HOME AT YOUR CONVENIENCE

The City of Sunnyvale launched webcasting of City Council and Planning Commission meetings last April, and the popularity of this service continues to grow. Not only does the service bring Council meetings into your home if you are not able to receive KSUN-15, but all meeting webcasts are archived.

By pointing your Web browser to Webcasting.inSunnyvale.com during a meeting, you will be able to watch the live proceedings. But one of the real values of the webcasting is the ability to go back to archived meetings and review the proceedings whenever you want. This has proven to be a valuable research tool.

The archived version of the meeting is available from Granicus, the City's contractor for the webcasting service, within three days following the meeting. When viewing an archived meeting, a viewer can use the "jump to" command to jump ahead in the replay to a specific agenda item of interest. Granicus will maintain an archived meeting for a period of three years.

For best viewing results, Granicus recommends a broadband connection and a computer operating under either Windows 98 or later, or a Macintosh G3 or newer with OS X installed. Complete system requirements are available at Webcasting.inSunnyvale.com.

NEED AN EXTRA GARBAGE TAG?

EXTRA GARBAGE TAG
~ FOR CITY OF SUNNYVALE ONLY ~

DO NOT DETACH
REMOVAL VOID'S TAG
FOR DRIVER USE ONLY

HOW TO USE TAG

- This tag entitles purchaser to collection of one bag of garbage no larger than 35 gallons and weighing no more than 30 pounds.
- No hazardous or toxic materials, paints or other liquids, batteries, televisions, computer monitors or other electronics, auto parts, fluorescent bulbs or tubes.
- The tag may be used only once and is nonrefundable.

HOW TO USE TAG

- Peel backing off the tag and attach it to a 35-gallon (maximum) plastic bag.
- Place extra bag at the curb next to garbage cart so tag is visible to driver. Please do not place extra garbage on top of cart.
- Bags without tags will not be collected.

Specialty Solid Waste & Recycling (408) 565-9900

CHOICECOLLECT

Tags are not subject to sales tax.

Are you a Sunnyvale resident with more garbage than will fit into your garbage cart? You'll need a tag.

Tags are \$6 each. Use tag on a garbage bag that is no larger than 35 gallons and weighs no more than 30 pounds.

Tags are available for purchase at the following locations

Extra garbage tags are not required for holiday tree collection.

LOCATIONS	
Grewalz Liquor & Groceries	1115 Borregas Ave.
Grewalz Market	1270 Persian Drive
Grewalz Liquor	1125 Tasman Drive
Luckys	484 N. Mathilda Ave.
New Wing Yuan Market	1139 Lawrence Expwy.
Pak n' Save	762 Saratoga-Sunnyvale Rd.
Safeway	733 S. Wolfe Road
Safeway	1601 Hollenbeck Ave.
Safeway*	639 S. Bernardo Ave.
Safeway*	785 E. El Camino Real
SMaRT Station® Office†	301 Carl Road
CITY OF SUNNYVALE LOCATIONS	
City Hall Annex	650 West Olive Ave
Community Center	550 E. Remington Drive

*Open 24 hours † Cash only at this location

WE'VE ONLY JUST BEGUN: LEARNING AND LEISURE

A NEW PROGRAM SERIES AT THE LIBRARY

The Sunnyvale Public Library was recently awarded a federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant through the California State Library to provide programs about lifelong learning and leisure opportunities. The grant project, called *We've Only Just Begun: Learning and Leisure*, will include an array of programs presented by experts in broad subject series such as health and wellness, personal finance, and science and technology.

The following programs already are scheduled and people of all ages are invited:

- **An Evening with P.G. Wodehouse**, Thursday, January 8,

7 p.m. Presented by the Blandings Castle chapter of the Wodehouse Society.

- **Manage Your Money – Manage Your Life: How to Create a Cash Flow System That Works**, Tuesday, January 13, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. The first presentation in a Personal Finance series.
- **Digital Television Transition**, Wednesday, January 14, 3 p.m.
- A series on Health and Wellness features these programs:
 - **Stress, Breath and You**, Thursday, January 15, 7 p.m.
 - **Healthy Nutrition**, Thursday, January 22, 7 p.m.
 - **What is Meditation?**, Thursday January 29, 7 p.m.
- **Hysterical Historical Patents to Modern Day Madness**, Wednesday, January 21, 7 p.m. The first in a series of Science and Technology programs.
- **Brain Games Night**, Wednesday, January 28, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Learn how to play video, puzzle and logic games that can help keep mind and memory sharp!
- **Memoir Writing**, Saturday, February 28, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Participants will learn how to write memories that future generations will love to read. There will be a special focus

on telling about experiences of Sunnyvale.

Check www.sunnyvalelibrary.org for more exciting programs in the coming months.

Starting a Volunteer Speakers' Bureau is another feature of the grant activities. The Library will work with the City's volunteer resources coordinator to locate volunteers, who will share specific knowledge and experience with others in the community. Volunteer speakers will be scheduled for public programs after a selection process.

An advisory committee is forming, which will include representatives from organizations that are involved in the Library project and interested members of the public. The advisory committee will meet periodically to plan, promote, assess and improve the *We've Only Just Begun* project.

If you would like to participate on the advisory committee, volunteer for the Speakers' Bureau, and/or know someone who has special expertise to share with the community, contact the Reference Desk at (408) 730-7300, TDD (408) 730-7501.

The *We've Only Just Begun* program series is supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the Library Services and Technology Act through the California State Library. ☼



HELP TELL SUNNYVALE'S STORY BY SHARING ONE OF YOUR OWN STORIES

Sunnyvale Public Library was recently chosen to participate in a digital storytelling project funded by the California State Library. The project, called *California of the Past*, is designed to create a collection of stories that define our community and to make them available online so they can be viewed by everyone.

With the help of the Sunnyvale Historical Society, the Library will interview not only Sunnyvale old-timers, but new arrivals as well, with the goal of preserving the unique experiences of Sunnyvale residents both young and old. The stories will be short, from one to three minutes long, focusing on the people, places, events and family heritage that make up the rich and diverse Sunnyvale community. State of the art equipment will be used to capture these stories using video, photographs, music and sound.

The Library welcomes your participation in this project! To get started, contact us by e-mail library@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us or call (408) 730-7300, option 5, to let us know you're interested. Need inspiration for telling a story? Visit SunnyvaleVoices.inSunnyvale.com to watch previously recorded stories from Sunnyvale residents.

STUDY ISSUES WORKSHOP SLATED FOR JANUARY 23

One of the most powerful tools in Sunnyvale's management system is the study issues workshop. Through this workshop, community members, boards and commissions and Councilmembers can all suggest that new policy be created that potentially will guide the City for years to come.

During each calendar year, recommendations are made to Council regarding new policies or changes in existing policies. In many cases these changes are suggested by members of the public addressing Council at a regular Council meeting. In order to be included in the workshop, a suggested study issue must have Council sponsorship, that is, two Councilmembers must act as sponsors to bring the issue forward.

Following a January 6 public hearing on the study issues, the all-day workshop will take place in Council Chambers January 23. During the workshop, Councilmembers will rank all the proposed study issues, establishing a priority order. That order will then be compared to the amount of staff

time resources available, and the top-ranked issued will become study subjects. When an issue is studied, a presentation is made to Council, detailing all aspects of the proposal. Council may then act on the study issue and create new policy to guide the City.

The January 23 meeting will also include a budget issues workshop. While the City's 20-year long-range budgeting process gives staff a certain amount of flexibility in reacting to economic cycles, the current downturn is impacting government at all levels very severely. The budget issues workshop will be an opportunity for the public to get information on what impact the economic climate is having on the City and what steps the City may need to take for the remainder of the 2008/09 Fiscal year.

Detailed information is available on the Web at StudyIssues.inSunnyvale.com. Both the January 26 public hearing and the January 23 workshop will be broadcast live on KSUN-15 and be available for viewing as a webcast. To view the webcast, point your browser to Webcasting.inSunnyvale.com. ☼

LIBRARY EVENTS CALENDAR

KIDS' PROGRAMS

Baby Lapsit

Tuesday, January 6, 13, 20, 27; February 3, 10, 17, 24; March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 11 a.m.
Ages up to 12 months.

Family Story Time

Saturday, January 3; February 7;
March 7, 11 a.m.
All ages.

Kid Kicks

Thursday, January 8; February 5;
March 5, 3 p.m.

Elementary school kids are invited to kick back with some snacks and kick it with friends during crafts. Kids are sure to get their kicks.
Ages 5 and older.

Night Owl Story Time

Monday, January 12, 26; February 9, 23;
March 9, 23, 7 p.m.
All ages.

Preschool Story Time

Thursday, January 15, 22, 29; February 5,
12, 19, 11 a.m. Focus: Reading Readiness

Thursday, March 5, 12, 19, 26; April
2, 9, 11 a.m. Focus: Movement

A program for 3, 4 and 5 year olds who can participate in a group activity without a parent or caregiver.

Important: Due to overwhelming demand and to ensure fairness, registration will be done by a lottery system. Register your child in person at the Library between Saturday, January 3, and Sunday, January 11 for the Reading Readiness session. Parents will be notified of the lottery results on Monday, January 12. Register your child in person at the Library between Thursday, February 19, and Sunday, March 1 for the Movement session. Parents will be notified of the lottery results on Monday, March 2. Children who do not attend the first session will not be enrolled. This session will focus on music.

Stories for 1s

Tuesday, January 6, 13, 20, 27; February 3,
10, 17, 24; March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 11 a.m.
Ages 12 months – 24 months.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Bring-A-Game

Wednesday, January 14; February
18, 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 10; February
7, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Tuesday, March 17, 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Bring your favorite games and some friends and play all afternoon or evening. Any games are welcome – cards, board, miniature role-playing or electronic. The Library will provide tables, a room where you can make noise, and refreshments. Anyone in grades 6 through 12 is welcome!

Film Discussion Group

Tuesday, January 6; February 3, 7 p.m.

Teens and interested adults are welcome to join us for refreshments and to discuss this month's film. Films will be announced soon. Check the Library Web site for more information.

Manga/Anime Discussion Group

Wednesday, January 21; February 18, 4 p.m.

Teens and interested adults are invited to come and talk about your favorite manga and anime with other fans. Refreshments will be provided.

Yarn Days

Monday, January 12, 26; February 9, 23,
3 – 5 p.m.

Learn to knit or crochet! Teens and interested adults are invited to bring their yarn projects to the Library Program Room and have fun while working on them. We'll supply the knitting needles or crochet hooks and teach you how.

ADULT CLASSES

Basic Small Business Resources

Wednesday, February 18, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

This class will introduce you to Internet resources that will help you start, maintain, and grow your small business. Topics include: writing a business plan, finding company performance data, performing competitive analysis, finding funding, finding a mentor and protecting and researching intellectual property of a business. No registration necessary.

Blogs & Blogging

Tuesday, January 6, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Tuesday, February 24, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Come hear practical ideas for launching your Web presence. Learn about free tools to create a blog in minutes and how new technologies can help you reach the world with your message.

Book Networking

Wednesday, February 11, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Learn how you can use LibraryThing, Shelfari, Gurulib or other similar sites to promote the books you like, pan the books you didn't like, get reviews from real people, connect with others who share your taste in books, communicate with your book group online and catalog your books. The class includes brief overviews of some of the more popular sites and what they can do for you. No registration necessary.

Extreme Googling

Tuesday, January 13, 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 11, 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Learn how to get the most out of Google and improve searching efficiency.

Focus on Trademarks

Tuesday, February 10, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Explore trademark information available on the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Web site and get a brief look at trademark and business name searching. Find out how to search for the owner of a particular trademark. Learn to find forms, fees, assignment information, guides and manuals, file histories and status information.

Genealogy Databases

Wednesday, March 4, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Learn about the Library's genealogy databases, Ancestry Library Edition and HeritageQuest Online.

Searching the Internet

Wednesday, March 25, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Find the information you want in minutes. Learn effective search techniques, discuss search engines and indexes and discover great places to start your search.

Tips for Using the USPTO Web Site with an Emphasis on Patents

Wednesday, January 28, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Presented by Marjory Cameron, Patent and Trademark Librarian. With an emphasis on patent research, this orientation to www.uspto.gov will help you locate forms, fees, file histories, status information, scam prevention and complaints, links to related sites and a brief overview of patent searching.

LITERATURE PROGRAMS

Monthly Book Group

Enjoy the fellowship of readers as you share impressions of books, discovering new viewpoints and deepening your reading experiences.

Behind the Scenes at the Museum by Kate Atkinson

Thursday, January 15, 7 p.m.

High-spirited Ruby takes us on a witty and candid tour of her eccentric family. Her tale goes back for several decades, following her family tree through the tragedies of two world wars and trials of everyday life.

Not a Genuine Black Man: My Life as an Outsider by Brian Copeland

Thursday, February 19, 7 p.m.

The author's memoir of growing up during the 1970s in one of the first African-American families to move to San Leandro. Not a Genuine Black Man is the 2009 Silicon Valley Reads selection. Brian Copeland will speak at the Library on Wednesday, March 18, at 7 p.m.

Caspian Rain by Gina B. Nahai

Thursday, March 19, 7 p.m.

The dramatic story of a disastrous marriage between upper-class Jews in Iran before the revolution in the 1980s.

Read-Along Shakespeare

Gather with other fans of Shakespeare to read his works and gain new appreciation of these timeless masterpieces.

Macbeth

Monday, January 5, 7 p.m.

Henry V, first half

Monday February 2, 7 p.m.

Henry V, second half

Monday March 2, 7 p.m.

ADULT SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Author Brian Copeland

Wednesday, March 18, 7 p.m.

Bay Area broadcast personality Brian Copeland will discuss Not a Genuine Black Man: My Life as an Outsider, his memoir of growing up during the 1970s in one of the first African-American families to move to San Leandro. Not a Genuine Black Man is the 2009 Silicon Valley Reads selection.

We've Only Just Begun: Learning and Leisure Program Series

We've Only Just Begun is a special program series presented by experts on health and wellness, personal finance and science and technology. The following programs are supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and

Library Services under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) through the California State Library (CSL).

The Art of Living Health and Wellness Series

Presented by the Art of Living, a non-profit, non-governmental organization (NGO) that works in special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations, participating in a variety of committees and activities relating to health and conflict resolution. The Foundation is active in over 140 countries across the world and offers unique stress elimination programs.

Stress, Breath and You

Thursday, January 15, 7 p.m.

An interactive talk focusing on breathing techniques that release stress and enhance quality of life.

Healthy Nutrition

Thursday, January 22, 7 p.m.

A special talk focusing on the different body types and how food affects your state of mind. Learn how you can tailor your diet to suit your specific body type.

What is Meditation?

Thursday, January 29, 7 p.m.

Understanding meditation and its benefits.

Brain Games Night: Sudoku and Other Games

Wednesday, January 28, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Learn how to play popular number and logic games to keep your mind sharp, and meet other puzzlers and game enthusiasts. Plus, help us with the world's largest crossword puzzle, and play brain games on our new Nintendo Wii. Please sign up at the information desk or by calling (408) 730-7300 (option 5).

Digital Television Transition Presentation

Wednesday, January 14, 3 p.m.

On February 17, 2009, all full-power TV stations will broadcast only in digital format. Some, but not all, consumers need to take action to continue watching their favorite programs. An FCC representative will explain what this change means and how to know if you are prepared for the digital transition.

An Evening with P.G. Wodehouse

Thursday, January 8, 7 p.m.

Celebrate the life and work of legendary author P.G. Wodehouse with the Blandings Castle chapter of the Wodehouse Society. Come laugh and learn about this beloved writer, who poked fun at the British aristocracy and created the character of Jeeves, the quintessential gentleman's valet.

Hysterical Historical Patents to Modern Day Madness

Wednesday, January 21, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Janet Berkeley will present an amusing collection of patents spanning the history of the patent system. You'll see weird, wacky and down-right silly devices for people and pets and there will be plenty of patent trivia thrown in.

Manage Your Money – Manage Your Life: How to Create a Cash Flow System That Works

Tuesday, January 13, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Do you need a jumpstart for creating or tweaking your personal, household budget? Are you overwhelmed, frustrated or confused about even where to start? Let author and budget consultant Judy Lawrence share her 20-plus years of sitting at the kitchen table with 100s of individuals and couples of all ages and income levels. She will walk you through the three basic cornerstones of setting up a clear and complete budget that works – using the worksheets from her workbook, The Budget Kit (5th Edition). You will learn how to know exactly where your money is going, how to anticipate where you want it to go and how to make that happen.

Memoir Writing

Saturday, February 28, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Learn how to write your memories so that future generations will love to read about your life. We'll do writing exercises together and share our ideas in a supportive atmosphere. This session will have a special focus on telling about experiences of Sunnyvale – and afterwards, attendees may decide to record their stories in the Library's Digital Storytelling Station.

The Universe – What Recent Discoveries Mean for Astronomy and Humanity

Thursday, March 5, 7 p.m.

Renowned University of California astrophysicist Sandy Faber will deliver a talk about current space research and the Hubble Space Telescope. Ms. Faber's important work has focused on the evolution of galaxies and the structure of the universe.

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SUNNYVALE OFFERS A NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR PARENTS

The Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety (DPS) has a new parenting program available to Sunnyvale residents. The class, called The Parent Project, is designed to provide no-nonsense, nuts-and-bolts solutions that parents can use to regain control of challenging children. This program has been used in communities nationwide with tremendous success. The class meets once a week, for 12 weeks, for three hours in the evening. The program also offers child care and a light meal for participants.

DPS already has programs to address young children. They have 911 for Kids. They have Red Ribbon Week which addresses saying no to drugs. There is the Fire Safety Poster Contest. In the middle and high schools DPS offers classes on Internet predators and bullies. They also provide classes on violence in the home. There are anti-gang classes. The one area that has not yet been adequately addressed is parenting education.

Neighborhood Resource Officer Jim Davis works closely with Sunnyvale youth and parents. He says he has heard from many parents who find themselves at the end of their ropes. "They don't know what to do with the child," said

Davis. "They have tried everything and they just can't get the child to do the right thing. The kids are into violent behavior, doing drugs, hanging out with the wrong people; they just won't mind."

The Parent Project was designed to teach parents of challenging youngsters new ways to help decrease anti-social behavior. Statistics show that families that use the teaching of the project see an increase in academic success and experience less friction at home. In communities where the Parent Project has been used, police departments report significant decreases in juvenile recidivism, schools report dramatic

decreases in high school drop-out rates, and communities experience large reductions in juvenile law enforcement calls for service.

Since its inception 13 years ago, The Parent Project has been offered nationwide to more than 100,000 people. Developed through collaboration of a retired police officer, an adult teaching professional and a psychologist, the program has been supplemented by the experiences of the many people who have gone through the class.

For more information regarding the Parent Project, contact contact Officer Jim Davis at Sunnyvale DPS (408) 730-7140, TDD (408) 730-7501. ☎

FREE PARENT EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

Parenting for Toddlers

Thursday, January 15

6:15 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

Sunnyvale City Hall Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Parents will learn about the normal behavior and needs of children from infancy through age 4. Learn specific discipline strategies that encourage cooperative behavior from children. Discover how hard-wired temperament differences affect children's behavior and how taking care of their own needs as parents will also help their children.

Speaker: Elizabeth Dixon, LCSW, from El Camino Hospital

Parenting Adolescents Presented in Spanish

Thursday, February 12

6:15 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

Bishop Elementary School Auditorium, 450 N. Sunnyvale Ave.

Learn about the often turbulent times of parenting an adolescent. Discuss the developmental milestones of this age group and how to respond to the common

challenges of: rebellion, social withdrawal, bullying, peer pressure and forging an individual identity.

Speaker: Christina Llerena, MSW, CLL Consulting

Parenting for Positive Behavior

Thursday, March 19

6:15 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

Sunnyvale City Hall Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Participants will learn to recognize and value the special needs of their children, to utilize new techniques for guiding their children, and to understand the impact of our environment on children and their behavior. By becoming a more competent parent, participants will have the opportunity to find greater enjoyment in their parental role.

Speaker: Elizabeth Dixon, LCSW, from El Camino Hospital

To register, call the City of Sunnyvale's Youth, Family and Child Care Resources at (408) 523-8150, ext. 22 ☎

CHILD CARE ADVISORY BOARD (CCAB) HAS A NEW ROLE

In October, the Sunnyvale City Council voted unanimously to change the Child Care Advisory Board (CCAB) from a Council-advisory board to a staff-advisory board. The CCAB, a seven member body formed in 1992, has provided Council with technical expertise on major policy areas related to child care, recommended policy issues for study, and made policy recommendations to Council regarding those issues Council decides to study.

As the CCAB transitions to the Child Care Staff Advisory Committee (CCAC), its energies and work will be focused on operation-related issues such as assisting staff with identifying the child care needs of Sunnyvale families and providers; advising staff on emerging child care issues and community needs; assisting staff in evaluating the effectiveness of activities, programs, and services in the Youth, Family and Child Care Resources Program; serving as a resource/expert on child care and early education matters; and assisting staff with problem solving, program development and implementation.

Sunnyvale City staff is currently working on writing up a set of by-laws, approved by the assistant city manager, for this newly-formed staff advisory committee, detailing the roles and responsibilities of its members, terms of service, membership criteria, meeting schedule and goals and purpose of the committee. For more information, contact Angela Chan, Youth and Family Resources Manager, at (408) 523-8150, TDD (408) 730-7501.

**For All City Services,
TDD Access (408) 730-7501**



COUNCIL REVIEWS BRANCH LIBRARY STUDY

At its December 9 meeting, City Council discussed the Branch Library Study Issue which explored the possibility of establishing a branch library in Sunnyvale. The Study Issue report presented both the opportunities and challenges of operating a branch library. It also looked at what services and collections could be offered within a 10,000, 15,000 and 20,000 square-foot branch library, as well as the issues to consider when finding a suitable location for a branch library. The study found the Lakewood Neighborhood Planning Area in north Sunnyvale was the best location in the City to

establish a branch library due to the anticipated population growth and limited access to library services in that area. The study can be accessed by locating the December 9, 2008, Council meeting agenda at CouncilMeetings.inSunnyvale.com.

After discussion and consideration, Council decided to reject the idea of creating a branch library, choosing instead to expand library services throughout the community by further developing online services and exploring cooperative ventures with other City and community organizations, with no additional costs outside the operating budget. Council directed City staff to continue to explore all outreach service

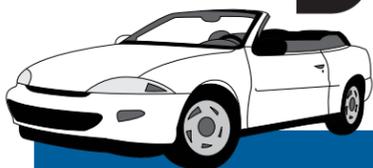
options as well as improvements to the main library under the oversight of the city manager. Some of the outreach service options explored in the study included bookmobile services, online services, transporting people to the Library, mail delivery of Library materials, kiosks or vending machines for library materials, and cooperative ventures.

If you have ideas you would like to share about how online services should be expanded or what organizations should be partnered with to deliver library services outside the walls of the Library, send an e-mail to library@ci.sunnyvale.ca.u ☎

NOVA BUSINESS SERVICES: HELPING MANAGE WORKFORCE RESTRUCTURING

Many local businesses are scaling back their workforces during these challenging economic times. To help avert layoffs and ease reductions, NOVA and the California Employment Development Department (EDD) provide career transition services at no cost to either business or employee. NOVA, a program administered by the City of Sunnyvale, has provided workforce and business services to the Silicon Valley community for more than 25 years.

For additional information on these services, contact NOVA Business Services at (408) 730-7830 or visit NOVA online at www.novaworks.org.



Did You Know?

Car sales contributed
\$3.9 million
last year to
Sunnyvale's budget.
That's more than
HALF
of the budget of the
Sunnyvale Public Library.

Next time you need a car,
SHOP SUNNYVALE!

SHOP SUNNYVALE

Did you know that there are more than 40 shopping centers in Sunnyvale? Economic Development has developed an online shopping center directory. Visit Shop.inSunnyvale.com for a complete listing of shopping center businesses.

**Remember to Shop Sunnyvale.
It's good for the Sunnyvale economy -
It's good for the community!**

If you have any questions, please contact Economic Development at (408) 730-7607 or email econdev@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

SUNNYVALE SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES

Economic Development is available to assist you if you are interested in starting a business or want to expand your current business. More information is available online by visiting EconDev.inSunnyvale.com. You may also call Sunnyvale's Economic Development Division at (408) 730-7607, TDD (408) 730-7501, or e-mail econdev@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

VOLUNTEERING – WHAT’S AVAILABLE AND HOW TO DO IT

Opportunities to volunteer for the City vary according to department needs, Citywide events, and seasonal activities. For example, there have been requests for volunteers to help with computer instruction, clerical tasks, Senior Center lunches, environmental projects, and special events.

To find out about volunteer projects that are available in the City, visit Volunteering.inSunnyvale.com and click on the *Volunteer Opportunities* link for a current list. Special events are listed at the top, with departmental

volunteer needs below.

April and May are busy times for City events, and applications will be accepted starting in January. The City requires volunteers be fingerprinted for any activity involving City property, handling money or vulnerable populations (children, elderly, disabled). The fingerprinting process can take up to six weeks, so if you are interested in any of these opportunities, you need to apply early to be assured of a spot.

Applications for the Summer Teen Program are accepted starting in February, and those slots fill

up fast. Other information on teen volunteering can be found at TeenVolunteering.inSunnyvale.com.

To become a volunteer for the City of Sunnyvale, visit Volunteering.inSunnyvale.com and click on *Volunteer Application*. Fill this out online, indicating any special interests or events you would like to volunteer for, and submit. Volunteer Resources will contact you about available opportunities. If you are unable to use the online application, call the Volunteer Resources office, (408) 730-7553, TDD (408) 730-7501, for an application. ☎

SUNNYVALE’S MOBILE RECREATION PROGRAM ADDRESSING CHILDHOOD OBESITY

In an effort to address the alarming rise in childhood obesity and the lack of physical activity in youth, Sunnyvale’s mobile recreation program, Fun on the Run, is featuring a new health and wellness component, called Just Run.

Just Run is a Web-based program developed in 2004 by the Big Sur International Marathon to promote healthy lifestyle choices and to combat childhood obesity. The program, a recipient of the California Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness, provides activities and information on nutrition, fitness and running tips for youth.

With the Just Run Across The United States program, students can track their mileage at www.Justrun.org, as they participate in an imaginary run across the U.S. “The children are still in California, but are hoping to make it to the east coast by the end of the school year,” said Recreation Coordinator Angelique Wilson. “The kids are really excited about tracking their progress online and they are having fun while stretching and getting lots of physical activity”.

The free Fun on the Run mobile recreation program was originally piloted in 2002 as an outgrowth of two earlier studies in which the City identified areas in need of more youth programs, namely in neighborhoods with a high concentration of youth who are geographically isolated from city parks and programs, and in areas where families may find it more difficult to afford fee-based program already offered by the City.

The Fun on the Run program is offered after school on select days at Ellis, Fairwood and Nimitz Elementary Schools. This free program is limited to 60 children at each site and children must attend the school where the program is being held in order to register.

This summer, look for the Fun on the Run vehicle this summer at various parks and school sites located throughout Sunnyvale. For more information on the program, contact Angelique Wilson at (408) 730- 7520, TDD (408) 730-7501.

TRASH AND RECYCLING

Trash in the street is never a pleasant sight. Some of the more civic-minded among us take it upon themselves to pick trash up when they see it in their neighborhoods and dispose of it in their own trash and recycling containers. While the City of Sunnyvale appreciates the intentions of these residents, picking up trash can expose you to a number of hazards, from used needles and potentially toxic substances, to cars, trucks and buses in the street. Without the proper precautions, the risks of picking up trash on your own can outweigh the benefits.

Ideally, people wishing to provide public services should register as volunteers with the City. This provides the best opportunity for risk management, clear direction, and access to the City’s waste and recycling receptacles. You should never put yourself at risk within roadways or other potentially dangerous areas without training and application of proper protective gear, such as reflective vests, gloves, eye protection, headgear, or other devices. To register as a volunteer, call the City’s volunteer program

at (408) 730-7533, or submit an application online at Volunteering.inSunnyvale.com.

Generally, the City’s Field Services division responds to litter calls, determines who is responsible for cleanup and follows up with that agency. If residents see large debris items along the road, such as furniture or appliances, they should call Field Services at (408) 730-7510. Caltrans can also be reached directly to report trash in the state’s right-of-way – such as El Camino Real or S.R. 237 at (510) 286-4444, or online at www.dot.ca.gov/maintform.html. To report abandoned shopping carts or graffiti, call the City hotline at (408) 730-7680. Unlabeled cans may contain hazardous materials and should be reported to the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety by calling 9-1-1.

To prevent litter from becoming a problem in the first place, the City currently provides several opportunities to handle excess trash and recyclables, including four extra dump weekends at the SMaRT Station per year, neighborhood association cleanup events, creek cleanups and on-call collections at single family homes twice per year. ☎

CITY SEEKS ARTISTS FOR ANNUAL CHILDREN’S FESTIVAL

Visual and performing artists who are passionate about their crafts are needed to share their arts and hearts with children at the City’s 24th annual Hands on the Arts Festival. The festival is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, at the Sunnyvale Community Center. Those whose can share genres unique to a particular culture are strongly encouraged to apply.

The all-day Hands on the Arts festival is one of Sunnyvale’s signature events, typically drawing

more than 1,000 children, ages 3 to12, and their families to participate in dozens of hands-on workshops. For \$5, kids can make and take an armload of arts and crafts projects and go home with a head full of new songs and dances. The event is a favorite with participants, staff and artists.

Cupertino artist JoAnn Barney has been helping children decorate button picture frames at the event for more than a dozen years. “It’s one of the highlights of my year”, she said.

“I love being able to help kids as

young as three have a successful experience creating art. I enjoy seeing them come back to my booth year after year, watching their artistic ability grow.”

Both returning and new artists are welcome and are encouraged to submit proposals for simple, fun and educational workshops and projects that children can complete in 30 minutes or less.

Artists are selected through a jury process to ensure that a variety of

See “Children’s Festival”, page 12

SUNNYVALE SENIOR CENTER TRIPS

Get away for an extended vacation or for just a day. If you're lucky enough to be over 50, you can join any of the dozens of trips the Senior Center offers each year. If you're interested in the performing arts, local history, gourmet dining, nature, shopping, exploring quirky or unusual places or traveling the world, there's a trip for you. Senior Center membership is not required (non-members pay an additional \$5 per day trip and \$15 per extended trip).

Extended Trips

Enjoy exploring this country or seeing the world? Want to experience exotic places with friends new and old? Want an exciting and active adventure that's not too vigorous? Our trip planners know what seniors want and need. All of our extended trips (overnight or longer) include, free parking, most gratuities, all transportation including airport transfers and airfare, sightseeing and guided tours, as well as travel protection/interruption insurance. Each trip has different extras, so be sure to pick up a copy of the *Steppin' Out Messenger* at the Senior Center or go online to *Seniors.inSunnyvale.com* for more details.

Scheduled Extended Trips

Chicago Getaway

May 7 – May 12

Like visiting new places, but hate packing? Fly with us to Chicago where we'll spend all five nights in one hotel. There's something for everyone on this trip – great architecture, river cruising, historical homes, the world's largest T-Rex, and a visit to Amish country. This trip includes a day of leisure in Chicago with an optional tour and nine meals, one of which will be the Tommy Guns' Dinner Show. Grab your partner or a friend and sign up as there's something to amaze and delight everyone of us on this trip. Price is \$2,241 per person double occupancy, \$2,891 single occupancy.

Trains of the Colorado Rockies

June 20 – June 28

Trains, planes, and magnificent scenery, this trip has it all! We fly to Denver, visit Rocky Mountain National Park, travel the narrow gauge Georgetown Loop Railroad, tour Mesa Verde National Park, and take the Royal Gorge Railroad over the world's highest suspension bridge before arriving at Pike's Peak where we'll take the Pike's Peak Cog Railway to the Garden of the Gods. You'll also travel on the Durango-Silverton Railroad through the San Juan Mountains. And that's far from all you'll see and do on this trip – check out the flyer at the Senior Center for more details and photos. Price is \$2,740 per person, double occupancy, \$3,440 single occupancy.

Canadian Discovery by Rail

September 30 – October 10

Curious about our neighbors to the north and the unspoiled beauty of their country? There are way too many tours and excursions on

this trip to list them all. But here's a thumbnail summary: we fly to Toronto, tour the city, then start rolling across the continent on VIA Rail Canada. You'll ride out onto a 1,000' thick glacier on a specially designed Snowcoach, delight in the beauty of Lake Louise and Banff National Park, ride a gondola up Sulfur Mountain, and tour Vancouver before coming home with fabulous memories. Trip also includes two full days of daylight travel on the Rocky Mountaineer Train along the scenic Kicking Horse route and a visit to Jasper National Park. Pick up a flyer at the Senior Center for a detailed trip itinerary. Price is \$5,999 per person, double occupancy, \$7,099 single occupancy.

Want to Go? Let Us Know!

Russian California and Mendocino with Gary Holloway

August 28 – August 30

We're planning a short (3-day, 2-night) trip to the Mendocino area with one of our favorite tour guides. We'll begin by visiting the Russian settlement sites near Bodega Bay, travel north to the mouth of the Russian River, then on to tour Fort Ross. We'll drive through Point Arena, tour the towns of Mendocino and Fort Bragg, and take the Skunk train to Willits before reboarding our bus for home. If this sounds like a trip you might enjoy, call (408) 730-7360 to put your name on the no-obligation interest list. When we have enough names on the list, we'll work out the details, including price, and give you a call.

Day Trips

Need a break from your daily routine? Want to leave all your troubles at home for a day? Hop on a luxury motor coach and let someone else do the driving while you relax. All day trips include free parking, round-trip bus transportation from the Senior Center, two experienced escorts and gratuities for the drivers. Unless stated otherwise, day trips include the cost of the meal in the price of the trip. Come by the Senior Center, located at 550 E. Remington Drive, or call us at (408) 730-7630 to find out more about any of our trips.

Upcoming day trips

21st Century Communications

February 4

If you're interested in what it takes to successfully run TV and radio stations, join this trip to San Francisco that will be touring KQED and Clear Channel's KKSF radio station. Lunch will be at the Double Play Restaurant. Cost: \$71

Teatro ZinZanni

February 8

Treat yourself to a fantastic evening of extravagance. Travel to San Francisco's Pier 29 for a three hour live performance featuring interactive theater, spectacle, fine arts and a five course gourmet meal. Cost: \$180

Lost Wax and Dark Chocolate

Wednesday Feb. 11

Explore the mysteries of transformation on this trip to Berkeley. See a hot pour of molten metal bring an artist's concept to life at the Artworks Foundry, enjoy lunch at Spenger's Fish Grotto and tour the Scharffen Berger Chocolate Factory where raw cacao beans become smooth delectable chocolate. Cost: \$101

Radiant Happiness

March 7

Travel to San Francisco to shop in Chinatown before lunching at the Empress of China. Then visit the Buddha's Universal Church to enjoy their annual production featuring splendid costumes, singing, dancing, and martial arts all staged against an elaborate jungle set. Cost: \$93

Herb Caen Dash with Gary Holloway

March 12

Retrace most of this famous reporter's "rainy day route" from his office at 5th and Mission to his favorite restaurant, Le Central, where we'll stop for lunch. Afterwards, our step-on guide, Gary Holloway, will tell more tales of the city as you sit back and relax while we drive along parts of Herb Caen Way. Cost: \$85

San Francisco's Federal Buildings with Gary

March 18

Form your own opinions about the new controversial and very "green" Federal Building and the classic Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Building. We'll sandwich in lunch at the Market Street Grill before Gary narrates a driving tour of other federal buildings, some of which date back to FDR's New Deal. Cost: \$85

A Day in Half Moon Bay

April 5

Do you enjoy good food and have a taste for the visual and performing arts? This trip combines a visit to a very talented woodcarver, complete with a bear carving demonstration, lunch at Pasta Moon, and a performance of Sam Shepard's play *True West* at the Half Moon Bay Coastal Repertory Theatre. Cost: \$97

Little Known Museums

April 21

We'll be visiting MoAD (the Museum of the African Diaspora) whose mission is to connect all people through the celebration and exploration of the art, culture and history of the African Diaspora, and the CJM (Contemporary Jewish Museum) which will be featuring an exhibit titled *Chagall and the Artists of the Russian Jewish Theater*. This is your opportunity to visit both and treat yourself to a four-course lunch at the Delancy Street Restaurant in San Francisco. Cost: \$83. ☼



HOME IMPROVEMENT LOANS AND GRANTS

The high cost of housing and the repairs needed to maintain your home can be daunting. To help you maintain and enhance the livability of your home, the City of Sunnyvale offers several programs through the City's home improvement program to fund needed electrical, roofing, plumbing or heating repairs; painting the exterior of your home; retrofitting your home for handicapped accessibility; making your home more energy efficient; or making emergency repairs that pose a health and safety risk.

The City of Sunnyvale home improvement programs are funded with restricted federal funds to help low-income households or tenants at or below 80 percent of Area Median Income to maintain their homes. The City of Sunnyvale's housing rehabilitation program offers several home improvement programs, including single-family/mobile home rehabilitation loans, paint loans and grants, energy efficiency loans, home access grants, and multi-family rental property rehabilitation loans.

Household Incomes For These Programs Must Be Less Than:

\$59,400 for 1 person
 \$67,900 for 2 people
 \$76,400 for 3 people
 \$84,900 for 4 people

Single Family/ Mobile Home Rehabilitation Loans

The Housing Rehabilitation Program offers low-interest deferred

loans of up to \$60,000 for single-family homes and \$15,000 for mobile homes to address code violations, deferred maintenance, general improvements and livability of the structure. The loans can be used for the following necessary repairs: electrical, roofing, weatherization, kitchen remodel, plumbing, heating, bath remodel, structural reinforcement, and all health and safety-related issues.

Paint Loans And Grants

The City of Sunnyvale offers a paint grant or paint loan that can be used to paint the



exterior of your home.

The paint loan is a low interest deferred loan, for an amount up to \$4,000 to paint the exterior of your home. The paint grant is a grant up to \$1,000 to reimburse you for paint materials and lead testing.

Energy Efficiency Loan

The Energy Efficiency Program provides low-interest deferred loans of up to \$25,000 to increase the

energy efficiency of residences. The program funds repairs to replace inefficient and aging appliances, heating systems, windows, increase insulation, and other types of weatherization improvements.

Home Access Grants For Disabled Residents

The Home Access Grant Program provides grants up to \$6,500 to disabled or frail elderly homeowners to retrofit their home by eliminating physical barriers which inhibit the use of the home. Typical projects funded through the Home Access Grant Program range from bathroom modifications which include: grab bars, bath benches, and hand-held shower heads; to modular ramps, door widening and the installation of hydraulic lifts (with property owner consent in the case of rental properties).

Multi-Family Rental Property Rehabilitation Loans

The Multi-Family Rental Property Rehabilitation Loan Program provides low interest loans up to \$120,000 for duplexes and \$25,000 per unit with three or more units to address code violations and general improvement and updates to multi-family rental housing structures. This program is available to any property owners or at least 51 percent of the units to be rehabilitated are occupied by low-income tenants.

For more information on any of these programs, contact Richard Gutierrez at (408) 730-7459, TDD (408) 730-7501, e-mail rgutierrez@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us, or visit www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/housing.

FREE TAX HELP OFFERED TO SUNNYVALE FAMILIES

In partnership with Columbia Neighborhood Center, the Bay Area nonprofit Tax-Aid will offer free tax return preparation for families with annual incomes of \$45,000 or less, starting next March 2009.

Trained volunteers, many of whom are CPAs, will serve taxpayers on a first-come, first served basis.

"We are excited to be adding our first site in Sunnyvale," said Tax-Aid Executive Director Kristy Koberna, noting that the new location will be the organization's 24th site.

Last year Tax-Aid served more than 3,770 people, helping them to receive millions in refunds.

"You don't have to be a U.S. citizen for our service," Koberna added, "and we will have Spanish translators on-site."

Details are as follows:

When

Saturdays, March 14, 21, and April 4 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (walk-in only, no appointment necessary)

Where

Columbia Middle School – Staff Room, 739 Morse Ave.

What To Bring

- Social Security card for each family member or ITIN number for each working adult.
- W2s, 1099s and other income forms
- Child care provider name, address and tax identification number (if applicable)
- Bank routing and account numbers for checking and savings (for faster automatic deposit of your refund)
- Name, address and phone number of landlord (for renter's credit)

For more information on Tax-Aid, visit www.tax-aid.org or call Columbia Neighborhood Center at (408) 523-8150.

COMMUNITY EVENT GRANT PROGRAM

Is your organization planning a Community Event in Sunnyvale?

City Council approved a Community Event Grant Program to provide funding support for non-profit and not-for profit organizations that are holding community events open to the general public in Sunnyvale. This program offers a total of \$25,000 in available grant funds and we are now accepting applications. Organizations who serve the Sunnyvale population with community events are encouraged to apply. Applications for grant funding will be reviewed by a committee of City staff. Recommendations for funding will be sent to the City Manager with final approval given by City Council.

Applications and program guidelines can be found online at EventGrants.inSunnyvale.com. You may also pick up a printed application from the Community Resources Division at City Hall, 603 All America Way. The deadline for applications is Friday, April 10, 5 p.m. Grant announcements will be made in June. Grant funds are subject to City Council approval within the 2009/10 budget. Please contact the Community Outreach Coordinator at (408) 730-7472 or ncs@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us for more information.

NEW CANINE AND HANDLER ADDED TO SUNNYVALE DPS UNIT

Public Safety Officer (PSO) Robin Smith and K-9 Colt are the newest addition to the Sunnyvale Canine Unit. The unit, established in 1986, is comprised of four German Shepherds and their handlers. In addition to general patrol training, two of the canines are cross-trained for narcotic detection work and the other two are cross-trained for explosive detection work. Since its inception, more than 500 suspects have been found and apprehended by the unit and the unit has handled over 10,000 calls for service.

K-9 Colt's full name is Colt Excalibur Europa. He is originally from the Czech Republic and was born in July 2006. PSO Smith and K-9 Colt completed patrol school on

July 2008. Even though they have completed their initial training, they still have to go attend explosives detection and tracking schools later this year.

PSO Smith has been in the department since 2001. Prior to being selected as a K-9 handler, she was a Patrol Training Officer. In addition to her current duties, she is a part of the Crisis Intervention Team – a group of officers specially trained to respond to incidents involving individuals who are either known or suspected to be in acute psychological or emotional crisis. Our K-9 handlers are dedicated officers who commit a lot of time to maintaining their proficiency as handlers as well as the training of their dogs. 🌟



MEMBERS NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC) is looking for new members for its Community Advisory Committee. This group advises CNC staff by providing input and expertise on CNC services and programs in order to assist in enhancing the neighborhood's quality of life.

The Committee identifies community needs in the CNC service area, helps evaluate the effectiveness

of services, serves as a resource in operating, planning and advertising CNC programs, and assists staff with special projects. They also act as ambassadors for the CNC in the community.

Membership is comprised of parents living within the CNC service area (north of Central Expressway and within Sunnyvale borders), students attending an area school (Bishop, Columbia, Fairwood, Fremont High School,

Lakewood or San Miguel), staff of CNC service area schools, members of local businesses or organizations, Sunnyvale residents, and experts in areas related to the CNC's goals and services.

If you are interested in joining, or would like more information, contact Carolyn Lutticken, Program Coordinator, (408) 523-8150, or visit CNC.inSunnyvale.com for information and an application. 🌟

SUNNYVALE OFFICERS RECEIVE CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING

Recognizing the impact that individuals in emotional and psychological crisis have on the City's 9-1-1 system, as well as the potential for tragic consequences of a violent confrontation between the mentally ill and police, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) has created a Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) program with emphasis on providing those in crisis with both immediate and long-term care alternatives.

Since 2006, DPS has been sending patrol-based public safety officers through a 40-hour crisis intervention training academy presented by the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. The academy, a joint partnership of law enforcement, mental health professionals and the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is based on a highly successful and nationally recognized training program begun by the Memphis Police Department in 1988 in response to a series of tragic police shootings involving mentally-disordered individuals.

The training provides officers with an overview of common mental disorders they will encounter on the streets, an awareness of associated behaviors and how they compare and contrast with criminal behaviors, and enhanced understanding of the capabilities of both the criminal justice and mental health systems. Practical training includes intervention techniques intended to diffuse crisis, appropriate use of force options, mental status evaluation methods, and available social services resource referral alternatives.

In April 2008, all patrol-based public safety officers attended an eight-hour overview of the CIT response model. Through this compressed training format, all officers were exposed to the key learning components of the CIT academy, with emphasis on initial awareness and recognition of mental and developmental disorders as well as intervention responses intended to stabilize and

diffuse a crisis situation until arrival of a CIT-trained officer. The impact of this training bore immediate results within the first week when a knife-wielding, schizophrenic young man was successfully taken into protective custody without injury to himself or responding officers. 🌟

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL,

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genres and cultures are represented. Those who are selected are paid a stipend for the day and receive a commemorative Hands on the Arts T-shirt. Supplies required for their projects are provided by the City and prepped by City Arts staff and volunteers. The day of the festival, Artists are assisted at their booths by community volunteers.

For an artist application or more information, please phone artist coordinator Tegan McLane at (408) 730-7725 or e-mail tmclane@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. ☀

LEAVES, LEAVES – LOVE THOSE LEAVES



Here are the best practices for handling leaves using the City-provided ChoiceCollect garbage and recycling program.

It is important to gather leaves for proper recycling and to keep them out of the storm drains and creeks where they become a problem. The best practice is to gather leaves and put them in the yard trimmings recycling cart or your own 32-gallon metal or plastic garbage can. Do not put leaves in a plastic bag – they will need to be collected as garbage and end up in the landfill.

Leaves are organic material and the best use for them is to be put with other organic material so they can be recycled with other organic materials such as tree branches, limbs, and other plants. These organics will be turned into compost - an organic material that can be used in the yard or garden to promote healthy, water-efficient, pest-reducing soil.

There are several ways to recycle leaves:

1. Put them in the City-provided yard-trimmings cart where they will be collected by the garbage company, taken to the SMaRT Station and later processed into compost that is available to residents. If your cart is full, save leaves in a plastic bag and then dump them into your yard trimmings cart the next week.
2. Put them in your own 32-gallon garbage can that will be collected and processed just like the leaves in the City-provided cart are processed.
3. Put leaves in your own back yard compost bin or pile. It's a great way to recycle leaves so that they become available to feed and enrich the soil in your own back yard. Compost workshops are available on the third Saturday of each month, except November and December. See the calendar at www.sunnyvalerecycles.org.

SUSTAINABILITY, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Sunnyvale is also partnering with Acterra, a nonprofit organization that provides eco-information and education, to offer a new service that will help Sunnyvale residents reduce their own greenhouse gas emissions. Through its Green@Home program, Acterra is recruiting and training community volunteers to visit interested Sunnyvale households and perform basic home energy audits, including some simple but effective changes to save energy and calculate their carbon emissions. Acterra offers this new service free of charge. Contact Acterra's Liz Muir at lizm@acterra.org or (650) 962-9876 x350 to volunteer or receive a Green@Home HouseCall.

Whether it is reclaiming and reusing digester and landfill gas to operate the Water Pollution Control Plant, helping community members to reduce greenhouse emissions, conducting solar panel trials on fire stations and the Senior Center, or installing LED traffic signals, Sunnyvale is committed to being a regional leader in environmental sustainability. For more information about how you can be a part of a sustainable Sunnyvale, contact Clark at dclark@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us, or go to the City's environmental information Web page at Green.InSunnyvale.com. Watch for updates to the City's sustainability efforts in future *Quarterly Reports*. ☀

SUNNYVALE ADOPTS NEW GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS

The year 2009 will mark a significant change for the Sunnyvale community, as a series of new green building or sustainable standards become the goal of new residential, office, retail and industrial projects throughout the City. In August 2008, City Council adopted a program that includes a broad range of strategies to promote and institute sustainable and environmentally-sensitive practices within the various development sectors of the City.

Sustainable development is that which "meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

In order to meet these goals, the City has adopted phased requirements and incentives. Residential projects will be required to meet the criteria established by the Build it Green program. Commercial projects will be required to meet the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED standards. These standards change

as the size of the project increases. Larger projects are required to meet a higher green building standard.

In order to assist property owners in meeting some of the higher green building standards, certain incentives have been added, including allowing more project floor area and lot coverage for green buildings. In addition, the building and planning staffs will be trained to become proficient in green building practices in order to better assist applicants, and to review projects quickly and efficiently.

City staff will hold a number of workshops with the public in order to best describe the new requirements, and to answer questions that may arise. These new requirements will be rolled out to the community the first of the year, and projects will be required to meet the standards in mid-2009.

For more information, visit the City's green building Web site for more information about the workshops, requirements and resources at GreenBuilding.inSunnyvale.com. ☀



CPR ANYTIME

This January, the City of Sunnyvale will begin offering a series of workshops for seniors called CPR Anytime. CPR Anytime is a self-directed learning program developed by the American Heart Association and Laerdal Medical. The program allows users to learn CPR skills in a comfortable environment with minimal time commitment.

The workshops, offered at the Sunnyvale Senior Center, will be presented by members of the Teen Advisory Committee with guidance from Public Safety Lieutenant Steve Drewnany. By taking the unique approach of having teens teach seniors, believe the training will be a fun, energetic and educational experience for both generations.

According to the American Heart Association, about 75 to 80 percent of all out-of-hospital cardiac arrests happen at home, so being trained to perform CPR can mean the difference between life and death for a loved one.

The City will host four workshops to the community. The workshops will provide the attendees the CPR Anytime kit. For more information on the workshops, call (408) 730-7360, TDD (408) 730-7501.

OLD BATTERIES TAKING OVER YOUR HOUSE?

DON'T PUT THEM IN THE TRASH. RECYCLE THEM.

Batteries from toys, games and other household cordless products contain hazardous materials that do not belong in the landfill.

If batteries are disposed of in the garbage, they end up in the landfill where the hazardous materials can eventually leak into and pollute our groundwater.

Here are some options for proper disposal:

- Residents with curbside collection service may put household batteries in a clear plastic bag and place it on top of the recycling cart on collection day.
- Recycle the rechargeable batteries that power most common household cordless products at your local Radio Shack, Orchard

Supply Hardware or the SMaRT® Recycling Center Station.

- Bring batteries to a scheduled HHW drop-off event: the third Saturday of every month (except December), at 164 Carl Road, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, contact the City of Sunnyvale Recycling Program (408) 730-7262, TDD (408) 730-7501 or visit Recycling.inSunnyvale.com.

DO YOU NEED FLOODZONE INSURANCE?

The following information may be helpful in determining whether you should consider floodzone insurance for your property in Sunnyvale.

Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs)

Certain areas of the City have been designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA). Approximately 2,000 acres of the City are located within an SFHA. SFHAs are areas within the 100-year flood boundary as mapped by FEMA. A "100-year flood" refers to a flood level with a 1 percent or greater chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.

In Sunnyvale, SFHAs are generally located near Calabazas Creek and the Sunnyvale East Channel. The Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) is responsible for improvements to and maintenance of creeks and channels in Sunnyvale.

Flooding in our City is generally caused by the following: a creek overtopping its banks or clogged catch basins or storm drains. If you should observe flooding in any part of the City, please call the Public Works Field Services Division at (408) 730-7510.

To find out whether your property is in a flood hazard area, or for flood protection assistance questions, visit the City's flood zone Web site at <http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/Departments/Public+Works/Flood+Zone> or call the City Public Works Administrative Division at (408) 730-7415. Elevation certificates are available through the Community Development Building Division and flood maps and flood protection reference materials are available at the Sunnyvale Public Library.

Flood Insurance

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) makes flood insurance available to everyone in the City. Renters can also purchase flood insurance to cover their possessions. For information about flood insurance, call your insurance agent or the NFIP customer service line at (800) 638-6620.

Homes and businesses located within SFHAs are required to be covered under a flood insurance policy as a condition of federally funded loans or mortgages.

Community Rating System (CRS)

The NFIP created the Community Rating System (CRS) to promote flood awareness and reduce flood losses in communities throughout the United States. The City of

Sunnyvale has been a participant in this program since 1998. As a result, residents and businesses in the City of Sunnyvale who purchase flood insurance currently receive a 10 percent reduction on their flood insurance premiums.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY MULTIPLE PATIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN EXERCISE 2008

In mid September of this year, Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety teamed up with Santa Clara County fire, law, EMS and public health agencies and Regional Hospital personnel to exercise components of the county's multiple patient management plan in Morgan Hill. Using a vacant hospital building, approximately 400 first-responders and medical professionals participated in the three-day exercise, which simulated an act of domestic terrorism. In the exercise, participants responded to a car bomb which disrupted power to the hospital facility, requiring a quick and efficient evacuation of staff and patients.

Sunnyvale was well represented at the exercise, with nearly 20 public safety officers, cadets, explorers and lieutenants. Captain Doug Moretto served as the event's safety officer, making sure all participants remained safe throughout the three-day exercise.

Personnel from fire station 2 were responsible for handling specialized equipment that allows first-responders to electronically track patient movements. This was one of the first opportunities to use the new equipment in a realistic situation.

GET RID OF YOUR UNWANTED VEHICLE — FOR FREE

Sunnyvale residents who have an unwanted vehicle that is taking up parking space may have the vehicle disposed of at no cost during Sunnyvale's Spring Clean-up Tow-away program.

Throughout April, residents may call the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety (DPS) and request a pick-up appointment. Requests will be sent to a City-approved towing company, which will call residents directly to arrange for tow-away of

the vehicle. Vehicle owners must sign over ownership and turn in the vehicle's pink slip to the approved towing company. Vehicles must be towable, with four inflated tires, and have all debris and garbage removed.

Vehicles removed during the spring clean-up do not qualify for a tax deduction. For additional information on the program and to schedule vehicle pick-up, contact Michelle Tani in DPS at (408) 730-7104, TDD (408) 730-7501.

WHAT TO DO WITH THAT OLD COMPUTER?

Residents of the City of Sunnyvale have the option of dropping off their unwanted computers and other electronic products at the SMaRT Station®, 301 Carl Road, free of charge. The station is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and may be reached at (408) 752-8530.

Other options for dropping off your computer for safe disposal and recycling can be found at www.sunnyvalerecycles.org.

For more information, contact the Sunnyvale Recycling Program at (408) 730-7278, TDD (408) 730-7501.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

January 1 – March 31, 2009

Community Calendar also available online: www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/events

In addition to City-sponsored events, the Community Calendar includes non City-sponsored events. Events posted to this calendar do not necessarily imply endorsement by the City of Sunnyvale. The calendar serves as an information-only resource for the community. All dates and times are subject to change.

City Holidays

January 1

City Offices Closed
(in observance of New Year's Day)

January 19

City Offices Closed
(in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

February 16

City Offices Closed
(in observance of Presidents Day)

Recurring Meetings and Events

City Council: Meets most Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Arts Commission: Meets on the third Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission: Meets on the third Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m., West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Board of Building Code Appeals: Meetings are held only when necessary. For more information call (408) 730-7444.

Board of Library Trustees: Meets on the first Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave. If the first Monday is a City Observed holiday, the meeting will be held on the second Monday of the month in the Library Program Room.

Heritage Preservation Commission: Meets on the first Wednesday of every other month starting January and on first Wednesday of alternate months when needed, 7 p.m., West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Housing and Human Services Commission: Meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Parks and Recreation Commission: Meets on the second Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Personnel Board: Meets on the third Monday of the month, 5 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Planning Commission: Meets on the second and fourth Monday of the month, 8 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Recurring Community Meetings and Events

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Monthly Meeting: Meets the first Wednesday of the month, 1:30 p.m., Sunnyvale Senior Center, 550 E. Remington Drive. For more information, contact Nellie Durand at (408) 296-3805.

Business Mixer: Evening networking events held at 5 p.m., every fourth Thursday of the month. For more information or to make a reservation, contact the Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce at (408) 736-4971.

Farmer's Market: Saturdays (rain or shine), 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., S. Murphy Ave. between Washington and Evelyn Avenues. For more information, call (510) 745-7100 or visit www.urbanvillageonline.com/sunnyvale

Fair Oaks Toastmasters: Meets Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Fair Oaks West Club, 655 S. Fair Oaks Ave. For more information, contact Hanh Chau, (408) 251-2521, bchau1@aol.com or visit www.geocities.com/fairoakstoastmasters

Glaucoma Support Group Of The South Bay: Meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m., Camino Medical Group Urgent Care Center; Conference Room #2, 201 Old San Francisco Road. For more information, contact Sally Twestens, Health Education Department, Camino Medical Group at (408) 523-3221 or Chris Saleh, Moderator/Founder at (408) 404-8479.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off: Drop-off at Sunnyvale Event Site (164 Carl Road), 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Held on the third Saturday of every month (except December). For more information, call (408) 730-7262, TDD (408) 730-7501.

Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting: Meets Wednesdays, 7:20 a.m., Lookout Inn, 605 Macara Ave., (Sunnyvale Golf Course). For more information, contact Bruce Carlson at (408) 774-0609 or e-mail bruce@carlsonfun.com.

Silicon Valley Toastmasters: Meets Wednesdays, 5 p.m., 260 S. Sunnyvale, Suite #4. Become a better speaker and leader. For more information, contact Sarah Newman at (866) 387-4086 or visit <http://siliconvalley.freetoasthost.com>.

Sunnyvale America Legion Post 344: Meets the second Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m., Sunnyvale Moose Lodge, 905 Kifer Road. Membership drives held Saturdays, 8:30 a.m., during the Farmer's Market in Downtown Sunnyvale. For more information, call (408) 313-7310 or visit <http://post344.org>

Wake-Up Sunnyvale: Monthly networking breakfasts held every second Thursday of the month, 7:30 a.m. For more information or to make a reservation, contact the Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce at (408) 736-4971.

Neighborhood Association Meetings

Heritage District Neighborhood Association Meetings: Meets the first Friday of each month, 7 p.m., Murphy Park Building, 260 N. Sunnyvale Ave. For more information, call Tom Carrig at (408) 736-6147.

Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association Meetings: Meets the second Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m., Lakewood School, 750 Lakechime Drive. For more information, email Michael Majchrowicz, president@lvna.net or visit www.lvna.net.

San Miguel Neighbors Association Meetings: Meets the second Monday of each month, 7 p.m., San Miguel School Teachers' Lounge, 777 San Miguel Ave. For more information, call Tara Martin-Milius at (408) 733-5778 or taramil@sbcglobat.net.

SNAIL (Sunnyvale Neighbors of Arbor Including La Linda): Meets the first Thursday of each month, 7 p.m., Columbia Middle School Teacher's Lounge, 739 Morse Ave. For more information, contact Michael Rose at (408) 736-4811.

Classes and Programs

Compost Workshop, Sunnyvale Community Center Arboretum, 10 a.m. - noon. Workshops are held on the third Saturday of every month (except November and December) with registration deadline the day before. For more information, call the Recycling Program at (408) 730-7262, TDD (408) 730-7501.

January 2009

City Council Meetings: Please note the 2009 City Council meeting schedule will be approved and posted in late January. City Council meets most Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

January 1
City Offices Closed
(in observance of New Years Day)

January 2
Heritage District Neighborhood Association meeting, 7 p.m.

January 3
Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.

January 4
Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.

January 5
Board of Libraries Trustees, 7 p.m.

January 7
Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley weekly meeting, 7:20 a.m.

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), 1:30 p.m.

Silicon Valley Toastmasters, 5 p.m.

Heritage Preservation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

January 8
Wake-up Sunnyvale, 7:30 a.m.

January 10
American Legion Post 344 membership drive, 8:30 a.m.

Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.

Evenings of Cultural Arts presents – San Jose Taiko, 8 p.m. Sunnyvale Theatre, Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive. To purchase tickets or for more information, call (408) 733-6611.

January 11
Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.

January 12
San Miguel Neighbors Association meeting, 7 p.m.

American Legion Post 344 meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Planning Commission, 8 p.m.

January 14
Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley weekly meeting, 7:20 a.m.

Silicon Valley Toastmasters, 5 p.m.

Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association Meeting, 7 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission, 7 p.m.

January 15

Free Parent Education Workshop – Parenting for Toddlers, 6:15 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave. For more information or to register, call the City of Sunnyvale's Youth, Family and Child Care Resources at (408) 523-8150, ext. 22.

January 17
Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.

Compost Workshop, 10 a.m.

California Theatre Center presents – Dear Mr. Henshaw, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (408) 245-2978 or visit www.ctcinc.org.

January 18
Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.

January 19
City Hall Offices Closed (in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

January 21
Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley weekly meeting, 7:20 a.m.

Silicon Valley Toastmasters, 5 p.m.

Arts Commission, 7 p.m.

January 22
Business Mixer, 5 p.m.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission, 6:30 p.m.

January 23
City Council Study/Budget Issues Workshop, 8:30 a.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave. Workshop will be shown live on KSUN-15 and on the Web at Webcasting.inSunnyvale.com.

January 24
Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.

California Theatre Center presents – Dear Mr. Henshaw, 11 a.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (408) 245-2978 or visit www.ctcinc.org.

January 25
Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.

January 26
Planning Commission, 8 p.m.

January 28
Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley weekly meeting, 7:20 a.m.

Silicon Valley Toastmasters, 5 p.m.

Glaucoma Support Group Of The South Bay, 6:30 p.m.

'For Your Health' Community Wellness Presentation – Functional Foods for a Healthier Life, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave. The lecture is open and free to the entire community. Reservations are recommended as seating is limited. For more information or to reserve your spot, call (408) 523-3295.

Housing and Human Services Commission, 7 p.m.

January 31
Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.

February

City Council Meetings: Please note the 2009 City Council meeting schedule will be approved and posted in late January. City Council meets most Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

February 1
Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.

February 2
Board of Libraries Trustees, 7 p.m.

February 4
Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley weekly meeting, 7:20 a.m.

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), 1:30 p.m.

Silicon Valley Toastmasters, 5 p.m.

February 5
Community Workshop: 2007-2014 Housing & Community Revitalization Sub-element Update, Sunnyvale Community Center, Neighborhood Room, 550 E. Remington Drive, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. For more information, call (408) 730-7250 or visit Housing.inSunnyvale.com.

SNAIL Neighborhood Association meeting, 7 p.m.

February 6
Heritage District Neighborhood Association meeting, 7 p.m.

February 7
American Legion Post 344 membership drive, 8:30 a.m.

Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.

California Theatre Center presents – Really Rosie, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (408) 245-2978 or visit www.ctcinc.org.

February 8
Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.

February 9
San Miguel Neighbors Association meeting, 7 p.m.

February 9

American Legion Post 344 meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Planning Commission, 8 p.m.

February 11

Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley weekly meeting, 7:20 a.m.

Silicon Valley Toastmasters, 5 p.m.

Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association Meeting, 7 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission, 7 p.m.

February 12

Wake-up Sunnyvale, 7:30 a.m.

Free Parent Education Workshop -

Parenting Adolescents - Presented in Spanish, 6:15 p.m., Bishop Elementary School Auditorium, 450 N. Sunnyvale Ave. For more information or to register, call the City of Sunnyvale's Youth, Family and Child Care Resources at (408) 523-8150, ext. 22.

February 14

Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.

California Theatre Center presents -

Really Rosie, 11 a.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (408) 245-2978 or visit www.ctcinc.org.

Evenings of Cultural Arts presents -

The Canote Brothers, 8 p.m. Sunnyvale Theatre, Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive. To purchase tickets or for more information, call (408) 733-6611.

February 15

Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.

February 16

City Hall Offices Closed (in observance of Presidents Day)

February 18

Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley weekly meeting, 7:20 a.m.

Silicon Valley Toastmasters, 5 p.m.

Arts Commission, 7 p.m.

February 19

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission, 6:30 p.m.

February 20 - March 14

Sunnyvale Community Players Presents - *Once On This Island*. Sunnyvale Theatre, Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive. To purchase tickets or for more information, call (408) 733-6611.

February 21

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.

Compost Workshop, 10 a.m.

February 22

Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.

February 23

Planning Commission, 8 p.m.

February 25

Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley weekly meeting, 7:20 a.m.

Silicon Valley Toastmasters, 5 p.m.

Glaucoma Support Group Of The South Bay, 6:30 p.m.

Housing and Human Services Commission, 7 p.m.

February 26

Business Mixer, 5 p.m.

February 28

Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.

California Theatre Center presents -

I Don't Want To Go To Bed, 11 a.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (408) 245-2978 or visit www.ctcinc.org.

March

City Council Meetings: Please note the 2009 City Council meeting schedule will be approved and posted in late January. City Council meets most Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

March 1

Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.

March 2

Board of Libraries Trustees, 7 p.m.

March 4

Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley weekly meeting, 7:20 a.m.

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), 1:30 p.m.

Silicon Valley Toastmasters, 5 p.m.

Heritage Preservation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

March 5

SNAIL Neighborhood Association meeting, 7 p.m.

March 6

Heritage District Neighborhood Association meeting, 7 p.m.

March 7

American Legion Post 344 membership drive, 8:30 a.m.

Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.

California Theatre Center presents -

I Don't Want To Go To Bed, 11 a.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (408) 245-2978 or visit www.ctcinc.org.

March 8

Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.

March 9

San Miguel Neighbors Association meeting, 7 p.m.

American Legion Post 344 meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Planning Commission, 8 p.m.

March 11

Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley weekly meeting, 7:20 a.m.

Silicon Valley Toastmasters, 5 p.m.

Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association Meeting, 7 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission, 7 p.m.

March 12

Wake-up Sunnyvale, 7:30 a.m.

March 14

Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.

March 15

Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.

March 16

Personnel Board, 5 p.m.

March 18

Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley weekly meeting, 7:20 a.m.

Silicon Valley Toastmasters, 5 p.m.

Arts Commission, 7 p.m.

March 19

Free Parent Education Workshop - *Parenting for Positive Behavior*, 6:15 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave. For more information or to register, call the City of Sunnyvale's Youth, Family and Child Care Resources at (408) 523-8150, ext. 22.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission, 6:30 p.m.

March 21

Walkability Event, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Washington Park. Are you interested in helping make Sunnyvale a more walkable community? This free workshop, hosted by the City of Sunnyvale and Santa Clara County Supervisor Liz Kniss, will include a neighborhood walk and discussion under the guidance of a California walkability expert and City staff. For more information, or to register for this event, visit Walkability.inSunnyvale.com, or contact Neighborhood and Community Resources at (408) 730-7599, TDD (408) 730-7501.

Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.

Evenings of Cultural Arts presents -

Patrick Ball, 8 p.m. Sunnyvale Theatre, Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive. To purchase tickets or for more information, call (408) 733-6611.

March 22

Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.

March 23

Planning Commission, 8 p.m.

March 25

Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley weekly meeting, 7:20 a.m.

Silicon Valley Toastmasters, 5 p.m.

Glaucoma Support Group Of The South Bay, 6:30 p.m.

'For Your Health' Community Wellness

Presentation - *Meet Your Feet* - Care For Common Foot Problems, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave. The lecture is open and free to the entire community. Reservations are recommended as seating is limited. For more information or to reserve your spot, call (408) 523-3295.

March 28

Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.

California Theatre Center presents -

The Ugly Duckling, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (408) 245-2978 or visit www.ctcinc.org.

March 29

Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.

Ongoing Events**Fun On The Run**

The City of Sunnyvale's mobile activities program for children. For more information on the program, contact Angelique Wilson at (408) 730-7520 or e-mail awilson@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us

Sunnyvale Family Child Care Network Provider Meetings

A group of family child care providers who meet on the second Tuesday of each month for support, networking and education. For more information, contact Thena Gee at (408) 737-1031 or e-mail thenagee@botmail.com or IrisAnn Nelson at (408) 733-4828 or e-mail tasbina@gorillasites.com.

SNAP (Sunnyvale Neighborhoods Actively Prepare) Program

The Sunnyvale Office of Emergency Services works with our citizens to prepare them for catastrophic emergencies such as fires, earthquakes or other natural and man-made disasters that can be applied in the home, school, neighborhood or wherever needed in Sunnyvale. To view the current schedule of classes visit SNAP.inSunnyvale.com. For more information, call Cheral Sampson at (408) 730-7190 or e-mail csampson@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

Water Pollution Plant Tours

Sign up for a tour of the Sunnyvale's Water Pollution Control Plant. To schedule a tour or for more information, call (408) 730-7717.

SMaRT Station® Tours

See how garbage and recyclable materials from Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale are processed and sorted for recycling at the Sunnyvale Materials Recovery and Transfer Station. Tours are available by appointment and are appropriate for persons 8 years of age and older. To schedule a tour or for more information, call (408) 752-8530 or visit www.sunnyvalerecycles.org.

SMaRT Birding Tours

The City has collaborated with the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society to offer free one-hour bird-watching tours at Sunnyvale's closed landfill. Interested parties should meet at noon on the first Wednesday of the month at 1444 Borregas Ave., north of Caribbean Drive, in Sunnyvale. For additional information, call Silvana Ruiz, at (408) 730-7545 or e-mail sruiz@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

Community Calendar Online

Events.inSunnyvale.com

RESIDENT DISCOUNT FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

The City of Sunnyvale recently approved a policy to grant all active-duty military and their immediate families resident rates and reservation advantages for recreation activities, programs and services. The discount is Sunnyvale's way of honoring the contributions active duty service men and women make to the safety and security of our Community.

This benefit is available only to active military members and their dependents. If you would like to find out how to apply to receive this benefit, participate in City of Sunnyvale recreation and programs or to reserve Sunnyvale public facilities, please bring your military identification card to the Sunnyvale Community Center at 550 E. Remington Drive, or call the Sunnyvale Community Center at (408) 730-7341 for more information.

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