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City Manager's Message

The start of a new year is always busy here at the City. A visible sign of this is the construction around the new City Hall. We're now very close to completing the paving, landscaping and streetscape improvements. This March will be a year since many of our staff moved into the new building. And on April 20, we will host an Earth Day festival and grand opening to celebrate completing the first phase of the Civic Center Modernization project. I invite you to join us to tour the new building, walk the new trails and public spaces, and enjoy many activities and exhibits. As we put the finishing touches on the grounds, we also began the next phase of the project – exploring options for the Main Library. I hope you'll read more about the project on page 3 and take advantage of the many ways to provide your input.

With so much underway, our tradition of long-range planning helps us stay the course. Fundamental to our planning is an all-day workshop we hold with the City Council every year – the Council Strategic Workshop. This is pivotal to guiding the City's direction and allocating our limited resources. We intentionally hold this session prior to the City Council ranking the annual study issues (Feb. 15) and reviewing the proposed budget (May 23). This gives councilmembers essential background and context for their decision-making. It also helps us continue providing you with high quality services while maintaining strong financial stability.

During the Strategic Planning Session on Jan. 25, City staff provided the Council and public with an in-depth update on the Council's strategic priorities – completing our downtown; ensuring our infrastructure's ability to support development and traffic; modernizing our Civic Center; accelerating climate action, the Active Transportation Plan and Vision Zero Plan; supporting the unhoused community; and addressing equity, access and inclusion needs within our services and programs. Our goal is to ensure we remain focused on the organization's strategic direction in support of the community's values and vision outlined in our General Plan. At the end of the session, the Council affirmed their priorities and complimented City staff for the information and progress.

As always, I am very grateful for the strong positive relationship we have with our City Council which will help ensure our long-term success. I'm also incredibly proud of Sunnyvale's accomplishments and hard-working employees. We are underway with many exciting initiatives and I encourage you to stay informed and engaged. Our website is a great source of information, including the Strategic Planning Session presentation materials. On the Study Issues webpage, see how the Council ranked these topics of concern that may result in new or revised city policies. Our Top 30 webpage contains searchable summaries of our most significant ongoing projects. Every other week, I publish Update Sunnyvale, a short newsletter where I share current highlights of City services, events and items of interest. You can subscribe to this and other City mailing lists from our website's Subscribe page. We also regularly post announcements to Nextdoor and the City's social media channels, all of which you can access via the website's Social Media Center.

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On the cover: Rendering of *Arc of Dreams*, the steel sculpture that will frame the back of the amphitheater seating among the redwood trees. Artist Linda Brunker created the interconnected figures that will stand 40 feet wide and 12 feet tall at their highest point.

Service & Program Spotlights

Public Works in the Works



Status: Preparing to bid for construction
Construction: Summer 2024
Completion: Fall 2025

Community Center Grounds

We're underway with a project to update the Community Center grounds around the buildings which are about 50 years old. The renovation will make them more attractive and easier to maintain. It will also improve the recreational opportunities. Updates include playgrounds for toddlers and school-

aged children; a restroom building near the playgrounds; picnic tables and areas for ping pong, cornhole and chess; new walking paths and seating areas; and updated ponds featuring shade trees, cascading water, boulders, and fountains. The buildings will remain open during construction.



Status: In Design
Construction: Early fall 2024
Completion: Fall 2025

Lakewood Park

In October 2023, the City Council approved the preferred concept plan to renovate the nearly 60-year old Lakewood Park. Plans are to replace the existing grass sports field with new natural grass, and add all-

inclusive playground equipment and a new dog park. We will keep access to the John W. Christian Greenbelt pathway and the reservable multi-use sports fields.



Status: Reviewing construction bids
Construction: Summer 2024
Completion: Summer 2025

Lakewood Branch Library and Learning Center

The Lakewood Branch Library and Learning Center will be an approximately 20,000 square foot branch library in the Lakewood Village neighborhood of Sunnyvale. The project is a partnership between

the City of Sunnyvale, the Sunnyvale School District and Fremont Union High School District. The Center will serve as a primary resource for literacy, learning and wellness activities for the residents of north Sunnyvale.

Civic Center Master Plan

What's the Next Chapter for Our Main Library?

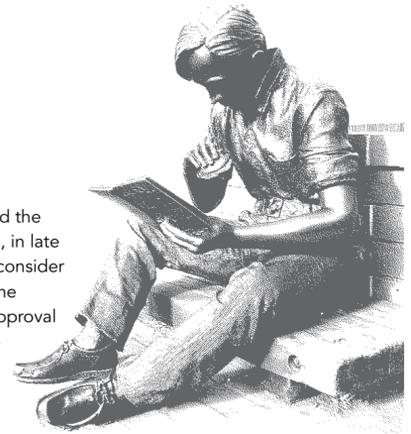
The City's project team is underway with Phase 2 of the Civic Center Master Plan

which focuses on upgrading the main Library. We want the Library to remain a vital place for culture, connection and life-long learning. To do that, we are exploring whether to renovate and expand the existing

facility. Or we could build a new facility across from the new City Hall.

Our first step is to gather community input and establish a vision for the future facility. We'll then develop three concepts: a renovation plus addition; a new building that meets priority needs; and a new building that meets all needs.

This will help us understand the potential project costs. Then, in late spring, the City Council will consider a possible ballot measure. The measure would seek voter approval this November for a bond to fund the project.



We've Outgrown the Existing Library

The existing Library lacks space for children's services, our highest demand. The areas for play, seating, and storytelling are overflowing. There are not enough group study rooms or areas for teens. The many building additions over the years have created a disjointed configuration which limits the number and variety of programs we can host. The outdated building also faces constant maintenance issues. And the data wiring infrastructure cannot support modern technological demands. We've completed some upgrades, but necessary improvements have become expensive and difficult to implement.



Library programs are often overflowing due to high demand and limited space.

Families with children have the highest rates of program attendance and materials borrowed. But they lack enough dedicated space in the Library.

854,619

Children's materials borrowed (58% of annual total)

19,169

Attendees of family programs (55% of annual total)

Current Capacity Can't Meet Demand

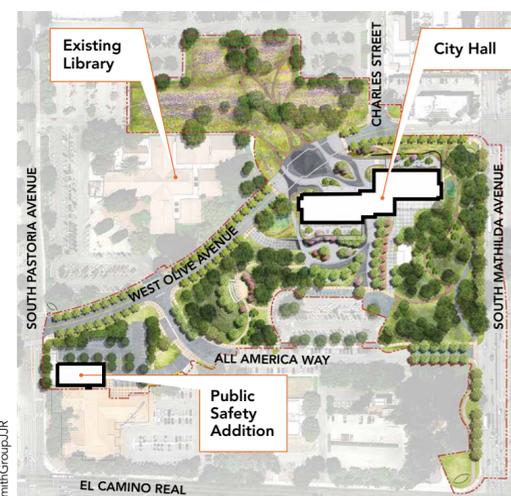
After building the Library in 1960, we last renovated it in 1983. While renovations have doubled the Library's original size, Sunnyvale's population has more than tripled. As a result, we are not able to meet the community's demands for programs and services with the current facility. This chart compares the square footage of library space per person in some nearby cities. Even with the addition of a new branch Library (see Page 2), Sunnyvale will still have far less library space for its population than these comparable communities.

= Number of Libraries

City	Number of Libraries	Square Feet per Capita
Palo Alto	5	1.33
Los Altos	2	1.04
Cupertino	1	1.03
Los Gatos	1	0.90
Santa Clara	3	0.83
Milpitas	1	0.77
Mountain View	1	0.74
Sunnyvale with Lakewood*	2	0.52
Sunnyvale Today	1	0.39

*New branch library to be completed in 2025

SQUARE FEET PER CAPITA



Phase 2 Explores Library Options

The Civic Center Master Plan is a multi-year vision to modernize the 26-acre campus. Phase 1 of the plan built a new City Hall which opened in March 2023. Phase 1 also included an addition to the Public Safety Headquarters. The addition houses an Emergency Operations Center. Phase 2 focuses on the main Library and is underway now. Your input will help the project team develop initial design concepts.

What's Next...

This winter, more than 3,000 community members told us about the programs they'd like to see at the Library. We're now exploring site and building design ideas.

How You Can Get Involved

We'll have pop-up displays at the Library, other City facilities, and local events. Visit and tell us what you think. You can also take an online survey until March 17.

Visit Sunnyvale.ca.gov (Search: Civic Center Phase 2) to subscribe for updates, get event details, and take the online survey.

Make 2024 a Summer to Remember

Make this summer one to remember with over 100 camp options for kids and teens offered through Sunnyvale's recreation programs.

We've added new options in Traditional, Arts and STEM camps that will keep kids ages 2 to 17 active and engaged all day. Read the highlights in this article. Then check out the Camp Schedule charts in the Camp Sunnyvale Splash brochure to see everything available this summer. We're ready and excited to create a dynamic, safe and fun experience for your campers!



Cool Off or Make a Splash with Aquatics



Want to make a splash this summer? Recreation swim hours are a great time to cool off with your family. Daily admission is \$5 for residents and \$6 for nonresidents at the following locations:

COLUMBIA MIDDLE SCHOOL POOL

- June 19 – Aug. 7
- Mon & Wed, 3 to 5 p.m.

WASHINGTON COMMUNITY SWIM CENTER

- June 18 – Aug. 11
- Tues – Sun, 2 to 5 p.m.

WASHINGTON COMMUNITY SWIM CENTER

- Aug. 17 – Sept. 15
- Sat & Sun, 2 to 5 p.m.

Swim lessons of all levels are available from June to August. Youth 6 months to 12 years as well as teens and adults 16+ have options all summer to develop their aquatic skills.

Traditional Camps

Traditional camps include Camp Quest, Camp Voyager, Camp Xscape and – new this year – Camp Adventure and Camp Pioneer. Traditional camps include everything you need to have a full day of summer fun. Campers enjoy lively summer activities led by energetic staff. Start the day with a morning rally then explore arts and crafts, fitness activities, team building exercises, fun contests and challenges throughout the day. Each traditional full day camp features a different weekly activity or field trip, including the Youth Science Institute, California's Great America, the Santa Cruz Boardwalk or Happy Hollow.

Combine your morning camp with Club X to create a full day of fun at the Sunnyvale Community Center. These options support families needing a full day of care for their children. We escort campers between the camps to participate in their choice of Club X activities.

These include a variety of options like board games, arts and crafts, and video games.

Art Camps

Get creative this summer with art camps. Visual art camps like Perler Bead Camp, Pottery Camp and Sewing Camp get campers a hands-on experience with new creative skills. Dance camps keep kids grooving in Cheerleading Camp, Princess Dance Camp or Hip-Hop & Jazz Camp. Performing art camps like Magic Academy Camp and Musical Theater Camp are perfect for the stage loving youth in your life.



Sport Camps

Sport camps are here for all your athletic passions. Aquatic camps like Splash N Dash Camp and Water Polo Camp are great ways to be active in the pool. Baseball, basketball, dodgeball, soccer, volleyball and football camps specialize in your camper's favorite sport. Want variety? Try a multi-sport camp that mixes up the activity every day. Gymnastics, martial arts and track and field camps help level up your camper's skills while having fun and making new friends.

STEM Camps

Have a child who loves experiments, tinkering or working through puzzles? Try a STEM camp. With 35 new camps, there has never been a better chance to broaden their horizons. Campers can learn the science behind theme park rides, build something technical in a robotics camp or get into engineering while creating their own video game. These camps are great for building critical thinking skills, creativity and a collaborative mindset in solving problems.

Opportunities for Teens



Looking for interesting opportunities to keep your teen busy this summer? Join Leaders in Training – an innovative, two-part program designed to train and educate teens to be successful camp leaders. It's a great first step for teens to learn responsibility and build professional connections, all while earning community service hours. These experiences are great for resume building and college applications.

Junior Lifeguard Training is another great source of experience and skill building. Teens learn about basic water safety, rescuing, emergency response and aquatic hazards. After completion of the course, teens can volunteer with the aquatics team to earn community service hours and priceless knowledge.

Turn Summer Into Great Job Experience



The City hires almost 100 staff for camps and aquatics each summer. More than a chance to earn an income, these jobs also provide teens and young adults with professional development, personal growth and resume building experience. Working for the City means having the support of staff, while learning valuable skills in leadership and the importance of responsibility

in the workplace. Summer camp jobs at the City also have the perk of working flexible schedules! Positions for hire include camp site leads, camp counselors, program assistants, pool managers, assistant pool managers and lifeguards. **Apply at Sunnyvale.ca.gov (Search: Jobs).**

Camp Registration

Registration is open now. Summer camps fill quickly so don't delay.

Review camp options and details in the Camp Sunnyvale Splash brochure that can be found online or at our community centers

Use the Camp Sunnyvale Schedule chart to plan out your summer and make registration easy

Apply for a Recreation Scholarship if you are a Sunnyvale resident. Youth ages 17 or younger can receive \$500 scholarships. Qualifying families must have a maximum income of 80% or less of the Area Median Income.

Learn More and Register

Online:
Sunnyvale.ca.gov/Activities

In person:
Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive, or
Columbia Neighborhood Center, 785 Morse Ave.



Talkin' Trash



Swap Your Single Use for Reusables

There are many ways to cut down on the amount of trash we generate. One great way is to exchange single use items for reusable ones. You've heard of bringing your own mug to the coffee shop, or your own grocery bags to the supermarket. Here are some additional swaps. Give them a try to help reduce trash going to the landfill.

Instead of this:	Try this:
Toothpaste in a tube	Toothpaste tablets
Cleaning wipes or paper towels	Swedish dish cloths or rags
Plastic cling film	Beeswax wrap
Dryer sheets	Wool dryer balls
Bottled shampoo or conditioner	Bar shampoo or conditioner
K-cup coffee pods	French press coffee or reusable K-cup pods
Plastic resealable bags	Containers with lids or silicone resealable bags
Plastic straws	Metal, silicone or glass straws
Liquid hand soap, lotion, sunscreen or other home and body products in single use dispensing bottles	Refill dispensing bottles at specialty refill stores

Here at the City, we get many questions about trash and recycling. Our Zero Waste expert, Bailey Hall, is here to answer them.

New Choices for Foodware

Plastic foodware – such as disposable utensils, plates, cups and bowls – are often not recyclable. They tend to end up in landfills or as litter on our streets and in our waterways.

To help reduce plastic foodware in our waste stream, we have been running a pilot program with local Sunnyvale restaurants. The pilot helps them replace disposable plastic foodware with reusable or compostable choices.

Thirteen restaurants throughout the city are trying out reusable foodware for dine-in customers. Five are trying out compostable foodware for to-go orders. Visit Sunnyvale.ca.gov (Search: Reusable Pilot) for a list of participating restaurants.

Why Reusable Foodware?

Waste reduction is an important part of Sunnyvale's Climate Action plan. This plan is our path toward creating a more sustainable, healthy and livable city.



Another component of the reusable foodware pilot is testing reusable cups. Customers at Bambu Desserts & Drinks in Sunnyvale can get a drink in an Okapi Reusables glass cup. They can then return the empty cup to any of the 65 cafés in Okapi's network.

In addition to creating less garbage and litter, reusable foodware also lowers restaurants' costs. Called a "gamechanger" and "money-saver" by pilot participants, this swap is meant to help both local businesses and the environment.

City staff will review results of the pilot after it is completed in March and recommend next steps to the City Council. Our City is interested in taking more steps to reduce plastic foodware, so stay tuned for updates.

Want to do even more to reduce plastic foodware? Several restaurants in Sunnyvale allow customers to bring their own reusable containers or cups. Visit SiliconValleyReduces.org to see the list and some simple instructions to participate.



Paul Chong, with bb.q chicken in Sunnyvale, is one of the restaurant owners participating in the reusable foodware pilot.

More Recyclables Eligible for Redemption Value

Starting Jan. 1, 2024, California expanded the types of beverage containers you can bring to recycling centers for their California Redemption Value (CRV).

For the first time, the California Beverage Container Recycling Program now includes alcoholic beverages and juice. Containers can be glass, plastic, aluminum or bimetal. You can now receive:

- 5 cents for containers less than 24 ounces
- 10 cents for containers 24 ounces or more

Wine and spirits containers aren't limited to glass bottles either. The list now includes wine or distilled spirits contained in a box, carton or pouch. These now have a CRV of 25 cents.

Looking for a recycling center near you?

Sunnyvale's SMaRT Station® accepts these containers. You can also visit Calrecycle.ca.gov (Search: Recycling Centers) and type in your zip code for more locations.



5¢	10¢	25¢
for containers less than 24 ounces	for containers 24 ounces or more	for wine & spirits containers
GLASS, PLASTIC, ALUMINUM		BOX, CARTON, POUCH

Upcoming Sunnyvale Events

Mark your calendars for these fun, family-friendly events and activities. Some dates and activities are still to be determined. Visit the City's events calendar at Sunnyvale.ca.gov for details.

Apr. 20
Earth Day Festival featuring Civic Center Grand Opening
 Explore the new City Hall and renovated grounds while enjoying events and activities for Earth Day



May 11
Hands on the Arts Festival
 Try a variety of art forms from different cultures at the 39th annual all-day children's art festival with workshops, entertainment and food

June – August
Summer Reading Program
 Win cool prizes and feed your love of books by completing our reading challenge over the summer break

June – July
Family Nights in the Park
 Join Library and Recreation staff for a fun family night featuring a different performer each week at a local park

July
Park & Recreation Month
 Help celebrate how parks and recreation activities contribute to strong, vibrant and resilient communities

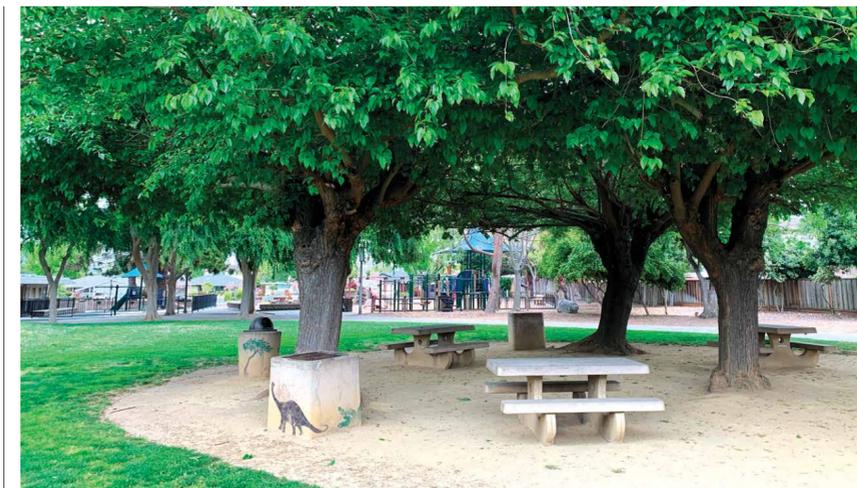
August – September
Sunset Movie Series
 Sit under the stars and enjoy free outdoor movie screenings



Sept. 21
State of the City & Community Awards Celebration
 Celebrate our Community Award winners and hear the mayor's annual address about Sunnyvale's projects and accomplishments

October
Active Aging Week
 Stop by the Senior Center for special classes and activities for adults 50+

December
Winter Wonderland
 Enjoy winter crafts, breakfast with Santa, and festive stories to kick off the holiday season



Picnic Season is Upon Us!

You can make reservations for picnic areas throughout the city during picnic season which starts April 1 through Oct. 31. If you have a birthday party or other event coming up, reserve your spot at one of Sunnyvale's parks now.

How to Reserve a Park Site

Your first step in reserving a picnic area is to visit Sunnyvale.ca.gov (Search: Park Amenities). Navigate to the "Park and Facility Amenities" webpage. There, you can access the links for the following steps.

- Determine your site:** The chart on the "Park and Facility Amenities" page shows what is available at each of the parks.
- Check available dates:** The "Picnic Site Availability Calendar" link takes you to the calendar to see when sites are available.
- Review policies and prices:** Click on "Reservations and Rentals" and scroll down to "Parks, Picnic Areas and Open Space." This has the rates to reserve a picnic area and the policies that govern each.
- Start reservation process:** Click on "Book Now" under the picnic site you would like to reserve, add it to your cart, and acknowledge the Terms and Conditions.
- Submit and pay:** Click on "Proceed to Checkout" and provide your payment information. You'll need to pay in full to complete the reservation.

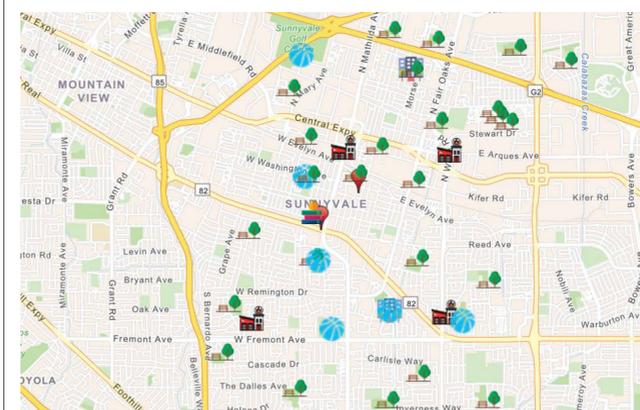
A few notes...

- Only Sunnyvale residents and businesses can rent neighborhood park sites. You'll need an account to reserve a site. If you don't have one, you'll be prompted to create one when you add to cart. You'll provide proof of residency when you create your account.
- Reservations can be made up to six months in advance and at least one day before you need the site.
- If you'd like to reserve the Ortega Park Gazebo or more than two Baylands Park sites, there's a slightly different reservation process. Call 408-730-7350 or email picnics@sunnyvale.ca.gov to learn more.
- You can also make reservations in person. Stop by the Recreation Center Customer Service Desk at 550 E. Remington Drive between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Know the Rules

When reserving a picnic site, there are a few rules we ask you to follow. Be sure to read through them!

These include rules about alcohol usage, not nailing things into furniture or trees, and leaving the park as you found it. When you take care and follow the rules, everyone can continue to enjoy the hundreds of acres of parkland that help make Sunnyvale a beautiful place to live.



Want to know which parks have tot lots or basketball courts? Or where the City's dog parks are? Use the "Parks and Facilities Map" on the City's website. Select amenities from the dropdown menus and the interactive map will display the results.

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Make an Impact

See how your government works up close and help shape policy by applying to one of the City's boards and commissions.

Board and commission members make recommendations to the City Council on policy-related issues covering a range of subjects.

The Council selects community members to serve based on demonstrated interest, special training or expertise.

To learn more and see current vacancies, visit Sunnyvale.ca.gov and search "Boards and Commissions"

Boards and Commissions

- Arts Commission
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission
- Board of Library Trustees
- Heritage Preservation Commission
- Housing and Human Services Commission
- Human Relations Commission
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Personnel Board
- Planning Commission
- Sustainability Commission



Pet waste can wash into storm drains and flow untreated to our creeks and the Bay. Always scoop it, bag it and trash it. Help protect our ecosystems and wildlife.

City Council Meetings and Topics

- March 19**
Climate Action Game Plan 2028 (Study Session)
Minimum Parking Requirements for Residential Uses (Study Issue)
- March 26**
Approve the 2024 Housing Element Annual Progress Report
Potential Grants and Funding Sources to Fund Shuttle Program
- April 9**
Civic Center Phase 2: Main Library Project Update (Study Session)
By-Right Approval process for proposed subdivisions

- April 23**
Establish a Formal Smart Cities Initiative and Potential Program (Study Issue)
Consider Request from MidPen Housing for Extension of Housing Mitigation Fund (HMF) Loan for Carroll Inn
- May 7**
Las Palmas Tennis Center Needs Assessment (Study Session)
Homestead Road, Safe Routes to School Project (Study Session)
Dates subject to change; not a complete list of hearing items

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EARTH DAY FESTIVAL

APRIL 20, 2024
11 A.M. TO 3 P.M.
Sunnyvale Civic Center
456 W. Olive Ave.

- Children's Activities**
- Tree Canopy Tour
 - E-bike Test Rides
 - Electric Car Display
 - Live Entertainment
 - Food Trucks
 - Bike Valet
 - And more!

