

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

INFORMATION

Following are key activities and information to be highlighted:

Recreational Marijuana – On November 8, 2016, California voters passed Proposition 64 which legalized recreational marijuana. The law allows persons 21 years of age or older to smoke/ingest marijuana or marijuana products, possess up to 28.5 grams of marijuana, or eight grams of concentrated marijuana, and cultivate up to six marijuana plants for personal use. The law prohibits the smoking of marijuana: in any public place, where smoking tobacco is prohibited, within 1,000' of a school, daycare center, and while driving/passenger in a vehicle. On September 26, 2017, Sunnyvale City Council unanimously voted to prohibit all commercial marijuana activities in Sunnyvale. Council also banned personal outdoor cultivation of marijuana; allowing the personal indoor cultivation of up to six plants per residence (as required by state law). For more information, contact Deputy Chief Carl Rushmeyer at crushmeyer@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

Public Safety Personnel Supporting Hurricane Recovery Efforts – In addition to the deployment of Public Safety Officer (PSO) Chris Fiene on California USAR Task Force 3 and Captain Vinicio Mata on National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) CA-6, PSO William Rapoza was activated and deployed as part of the US Coast Guard (USCG) Pacific Area Command (PAC) Strike Team to Texas due to the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey. As part of the PAC Strike Team, which is a world-wide Hazardous Materials Team for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), PSO Rapoza will be working through October as he will be re-deployed from Texas to Puerto Rico providing emergency support after Hurricane Maria. He will be leading a team responsible for setting up the liaison/HAZMAT ID group for the USCG National Strike Force (NSF). For more information, contact Captain Choi hchoi@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

Recent Multi-Agency Directed Traffic Enforcement Operation – Public Safety's Traffic Safety Unit participated in a multi-agency directed traffic enforcement operation in Sunnyvale on September 27. The eight agencies that assisted were the California Highway Patrol, Santa Clara Police Department, Mountain View Police Department, Los Altos Police Department, Morgan Hill Police Department, Gilroy Police Department, Campbell Police Department, and the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office. Twenty-two locations were targeted in Sunnyvale that included nine schools and one commercial inspection station. This operation concluded with 232 citations issued; 44 citations issued were for vehicles failing to yield to pedestrians in the roadway and 50 for red light violations. The next largest group of violations included violations such as speeding, U-turns and distracted driving. For more information, contact Lieutenant David Chong, Patrol Staff Lieutenant, at 408-730-7124.

Digital Safety Training for Educators – On September 22, Det. DiGiovanna, NROs Eric Fujii and Amy Pistor attended a "train the trainer" class which allow attendees to educate students and members of the community about digital safety. Topics included promoting digital safety on campus and how internet service providers can assist in keeping our children safe online. Representatives from Facebook/Instagram, Google and Twitter along with school administrators, members from the District Attorney's Office and law enforcement agencies participated in a panel discussion about

hate speech, being “internet awesome” and communicating with and reporting criminal activity through Cybertips. NROs Fujii and Pistor presented their first class to 9th graders at Fremont High School on September 25. For more information, contact Captain Shawn Ahearn at phone 408-730-7158 or sahearn@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

Home Improvement Program Available to Help Lower-Income Sunnyvale Home Owners – Does your home or mobile home need re-roofing, wheel chair lifts or ramps, grab bars, exterior painting, or emergency repairs to fix a broken heater or water heater? Is your home ready for the rainy season? If your household (including all occupants and parties on title) meets the [low-income limits](#) (80 percent of Area Median) for your household size, you may qualify for a loan or grant from the [Home Improvement Program](#). The home must be owner-occupied and located in Sunnyvale. If your home needs major renovations, such as electrical, windows, roofing, plumbing, heating, and/or energy efficiency improvements, you may apply for a larger housing rehabilitation loan, with all payments deferred for up to 30 years or until the home is sold or refinanced. For details or to apply, contact [Richard Gutierrez](#) at 408-730-7459, or call 408-730-7250 for assistance in Spanish.

Below Market Rate (BMR) Homes Available Now at The Vale in Sunnyvale – Several new BMR homes at the Vale (925 DeGuigne Drive) will be listed for sale beginning this month. BMR homes will continue to be listed periodically through 2019 as construction progresses through this large new development located in north Sunnyvale. Two, three, and four-bedroom BMR homes, with prices ranging from \$362,500 to \$458,000, will be available. BMR homes in several other new developments will also be listed in the next several months. Prospective BMR buyers are encouraged to apply for the BMR Program now, or as soon as possible, if they are interested in homes in any of these developments. Details on each new development are available on the [interactive map](#). For more information or to apply, visit the BMR Program [website](#) or call the Housing Division at 408-730-7250.

Cold Weather Shelters Opening October 15 – This year the County of Santa Clara will open the [Cold Weather Shelters](#) in Sunnyvale, San Jose and Gilroy on October 15, with the cold weather shelter season running through April 15. The Sunnyvale shelter is located at 999 Hamlin Court and is available only to clients with a referral from Sunnyvale Community Services (408-738-4321), Downtown Streets Team (408-318-1996), or one of several other regional referring agencies. Neighbors with any concerns about the Hamlin facility may contact HomeFirst at 408-854-4670 for a response, available 24/7. Shelter beds are available year-round for Sunnyvale homeless clients with mental illnesses at the Julian Street Inn, operated by [LifeMoves](#), located at 546 W. Julian Street in San Jose. To check availability or to refer a client, call 408-271-0820.

Visit from Google.org – In June, NOVA was awarded a Google.org grant to prepare low-income youth for careers in the innovation economy. On September 27, Google staff visited NOVA to take photos of NOVA’s customers and programs for their library archives that they can use for future events and materials. As a result of this new grant, Google is now viewing NOVA as a valuable partner and a potential resource to tap for future opportunities. Google has also assigned NOVA an ambassador who will work with NOVA on this grant going forward.

Invitation to Special Technology Forum – On October 13, NOVA Director Kris Stadelman will be participating in an invitation-only forum in Boston on skills, technology and lifelong learning, hosted

by Google, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Initiative on the Digital Economy and the National Association of Workforce Boards. The event will be limited to an intimate gathering of 50 participants representing a cross-section of Google foundation staff, the MIT initiative researchers and just eight directors from local workforce development boards across the country. The goals of this forum are to highlight promising approaches to lifelong learning and skill building; identify challenges to accomplishing the work; and foster collaborative projects to address these challenges.

No Local Measures for November Consolidated Election – Sunnyvale City Council has an opportunity every election to take positions on local measures. There are no local measures for the upcoming November 7, 2017, consolidated election and, therefore, there will be no Report to Council. Elections that are taking place are for the Burbank Sanitary District, San Martin County Water District, Aldercroft Heights County Water District, Lion's Gate Community Services District and the Stanislaus County Board of Education. For more information, contact Catlin Ivanetich at civanetich@sunnyvale.ca.gov or 408-730-7915.

Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information Annual Report – In 2015, Sunnyvale joined 10 other local jurisdictions within Santa Clara County to form the Program for Public Information (PPI) as it relates to the cities' individual flood programs. Each of the 10 cities is a member in the Community Rating System program; the program allows cities to earn points relative to their efforts to promote and undertake flood awareness activities within the jurisdiction. Points translate into discounts for flood insurance. Sunnyvale is currently a class 7, with a corresponding 15 percent discount on flood insurance for its residents. The PPI is a voluntary document, but has the potential to earn bonus multiplier points for outreach materials. A requirement of the PPI is to prepare an annual report. The Santa Clara Valley Water District takes the lead on annual report preparation and the period covering July 2016 to June 2017 has been submitted to FEMA for review. A copy of the annual report can be obtained by contacting Public Works 408-730-7415 or email pubworks@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

City Partners with Sunnyvale Downtown Association and Vudu to Offer Outdoor Movies at Plaza Del Sol – In an effort to activate Plaza Del Sol with family-friendly events, the City partnered with the Sunnyvale Downtown Association and Vudu, a content delivery and media technology company located in downtown Sunnyvale, to offer free outdoor movies on two consecutive Saturday nights (September 23 and 30). The approximately 200 residents who attended also enjoyed a wide variety of free refreshments courtesy of New Seasons Market. Due to the success of the event, plans are underway to make this an annual tradition as a fall follow-up to the summer concert season.

Volunteers Needed for Special Event – On Saturday, October 28, from 2 to 5 p.m., the Columbia Neighborhood Center will host the annual Halloween "Family Fun Day" event, featuring children's activities and games, a mini-pumpkin patch and safety tips. Volunteers are essential to the event and your participation as a volunteer is greatly appreciated. Groups are also welcome to apply. For more information and/or to register as a volunteer visit Sunnyvale.ca.gov.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Outreach Meeting for 838 Azure St. – Thursday, October 12, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Senior Center Sequoia Room, 550 E. Remington Ave. The outreach meeting will be held by the applicant

and property owner for a proposed project located at 838 Azure St. which includes the demolition of two existing single-family homes and the construction of four new two-story single-family homes. The property will be subdivided into four separate lots. This project is subject to Planning Commission review at a public hearing, anticipated for November 2017. For more information, contact Ryan Kuchenig, Project Planner, at rkuchenig@sunnyvale.ca.gov or 408-730-7431.

Outreach Meeting for 1023 N. Fair Oaks Ave. – Wednesday, October 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Lakewood Park Building at 834 Lakechime Drive. An outreach meeting will be held by the developer for a proposed project located at 1023 N. Fair Oaks Ave. which includes the demolition of the existing restaurant building and the construction of 14 new three-story townhouses. This project will be subject to Planning Commission review at a public hearing, anticipated for November 2017. For more information, contact Ryan Kuchenig, Project Planner, at rkuchenig@sunnyvale.ca.gov or 408-730-7431.

FoodCycle – Wednesday, October 11, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Sunnyvale Public Library Fiction Room, 665 W. Olive Ave. Join in an exchange of ideas about FoodCycle, the new Sunnyvale program to collect food scraps. Get answers to commonly asked questions, learn kitchen transition tips and view samples of the new carts and tools residents will receive this fall.

Family Fun Day – Saturday, October 28, 2 to 5 p.m. at the Columbia Neighborhood Center, 785 Morse Ave. Bring your family to the 19th Annual Family Fun Day. Enjoy children’s activities and games, discover the pumpkin patch and get Halloween safety tips. Local community agencies will also be providing information about accessible health and education programs. Costumes and treat bags are encouraged, however, this is a candy-free event. For more information, call 408-730-7800 or email cnc@sunnyvale.ca.gov.