



Update Sunnyvale

News From Your City Manager

November 20, 2017

2017 Holiday Burglary Suppression Detail – During the holiday season there is a notable increase in home burglaries and package thefts. Since 2012, the Department of Public Safety has operated a holiday burglary suppression team to address the increase. The suppression team is in operation from November 13 to December 21. The team consists of one lieutenant and four officers/detectives. Additionally, the department is using social media to keep citizens informed of the suppression team operations and provide home/vehicle/package security tips. For more information, contact Captain Shawn Ahearn at 408-730-7158 or sahearn@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

Taco Night – On November 7, members of the DPS Command Staff and the Crime Prevention Unit held the first Taco Night graciously hosted by Tia Juana Mexican Grill on Duane Avenue. The event was the idea of Crime Prevention Unit (CPU) staff to better reach out to our diverse community. Over a dozen community members attended the event and interacted with CPU staff. Bilingual CPU staff were present to better interact with community members. The event received positive feedback from the community and CPU staff. Another Taco Night will be held in the next few months. Watch for the announcement. For more information, contact Captain Shawn Ahearn at 408-730-7158 or sahearn@sunnyvale.ca.gov.



DPS Receives \$54,441 Traffic Enforcement Grant – On October 1, Public Safety received an award of \$54,441 in grant funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for the FY2017/18 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. Grant funds will enable the department to expand traffic enforcement activities, provide elementary and middle school education programs, distribute and fit bicycle helmets to children in need, and conduct DUI enforcement operations. The FY2017/18 OTS grant is part of ongoing department activities that will increase public awareness and promote safer conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists in the community. For more information, contact Elaine Ketell at 408-730-7234 or via email at eketell@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

City Manager Recruitment Update – Human Resources is working with the Peckham and McKenney executive search firm to recruit for a new City Manager. Applications for the City Manager recruitment process were accepted from October 4 – November 6. The Council will be meeting the week of November 13 to review qualified applications and select candidates to bring forward to participate in the interview process. City Manager candidates selected for further consideration will be interviewed by a series of panels on Tuesday, November 28. The panels consist of the Mayor and Councilmembers, Department Directors, Bargaining Unit representatives, community members, and business leaders. The City solicited participation from our community and business leader and received 40 applications. The Mayor’s Subcommittee reviewed the applications and selected the following individuals to participate.

Community Panel

Mary Bradley	Michael Serrone
Jennifer Hoppe	Nancy Tivol
Margaret Lawson	David Vossbrink
Christopher Moylan	Kristel Wickham

Business Panel

Katie Ferrick	Dave Hopkins
Javier Gonzalez	Marie Bernard
Kerry Haywood	Patricia Castillo

NOVA Hosts Software Quality Assurance (SQA) Panel – On November 8, NOVA hosted a panel discussion on the "Evolution of the SQA Role" for those exploring career options in engineering,



software, IT, or DevOps (software development/operations), as well as for anyone interested in learning how to market themselves more effectively in Silicon Valley. Moderator Mikhail Portnov (Portnov Computer School) and panelist Amar Panchal (Akraya, Inc.) along with two representatives from the Santa Clara Adult Education High Tech Academy shared knowledge and tips on Bay Area hiring trends, what makes a successful candidate, and how to close the "skills gap." Over 90 job seekers attended the session held at the Sunnyvale Council

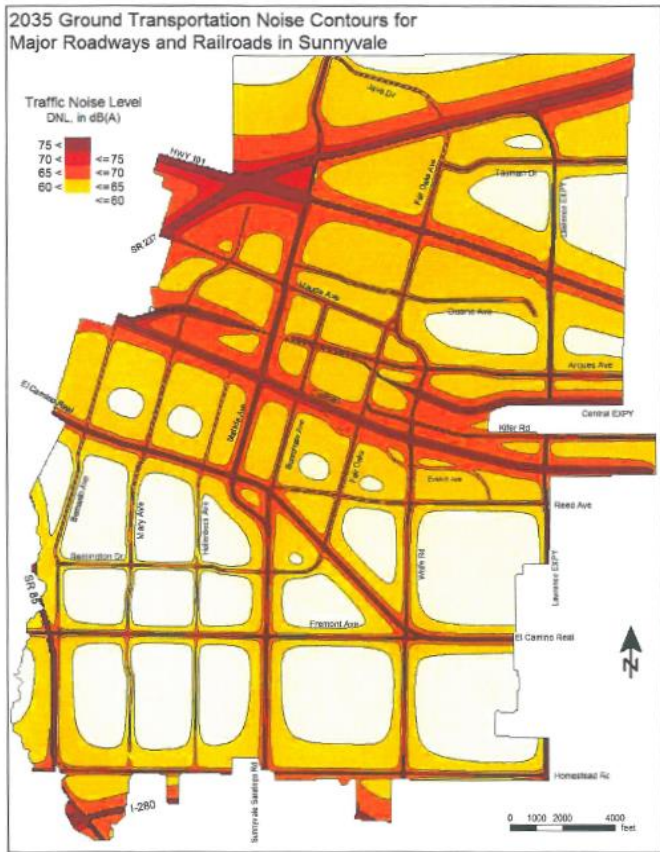
Chambers, and panelists were very impressed with the quality of the audience’s participation, including their many thought-provoking questions.

DPS Update on Waterfowl Hunting Season – In August 2014, City Council was presented with a Report to Council addressing waterfowl hunting and safe access to open space in the recreational area to the north and west of the Water Pollution Control Plant on Carl Road. The issue focused on the multi-use recreational area along the levees bordering the Guadalupe Slough where trail users and waterfowl hunters could be in close proximity. Research and analysis discovered that the levees, tidal waterways, and ponds encompassed a multi-jurisdictional problem as it relates to ownership and enforcement. At that time, DPS confirmed that the increasing number of recreational users, including hunters, on the Bay Trail system within city limits posed a potential safety hazard. To mitigate the safety hazard, City Council authorized Public Safety and Public Works to work collaboratively to create and post proper signage related to trail use and waterfowl hunting. Most of the signage was focused on the levees along the Guadalupe Slough and the Sunnyvale/San Jose border. For the last three years DPS has routinely patrolled the levees for safety and hunting concerns during the waterfowl season and has seen a decline in hunters along the slough. The waterfowl hunting season this year began October 21 and runs through January 28, 2018 (from sunrise to sunset). DPS has continued to patrol on the levees and is not aware of any waterfowl hunting within Sunnyvale city limits. On October 27, a waterfowl hunter was issued a

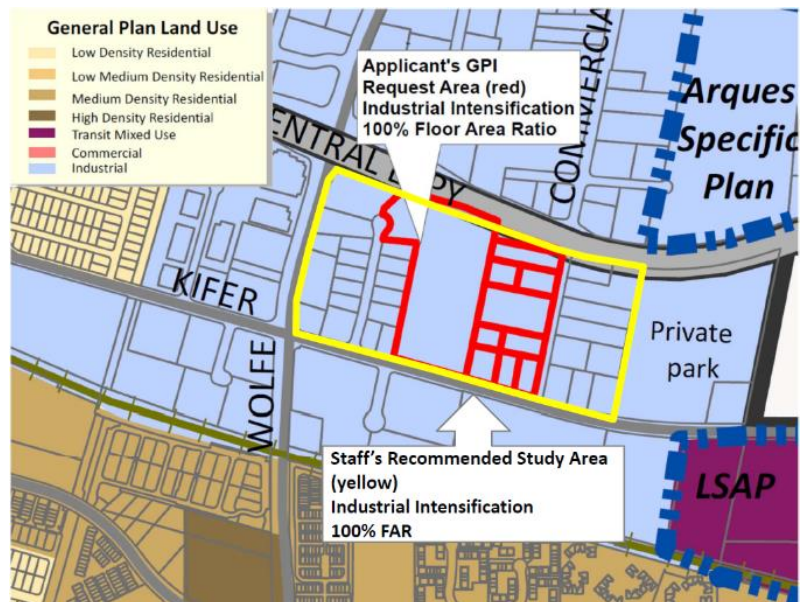
verbal warning for having his Labrador Retriever off leash in violation of the Municipal Code. All Bay Trail recreational users who observe a safety issue are encouraged to call DPS Communications' non-emergency number at 408-730-7180. For more information, contact Lieutenant Donald Discher at 408-730-7100 ext. 4535 or via email at dodischer@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

Noise and Air Quality Elements of General Plan –

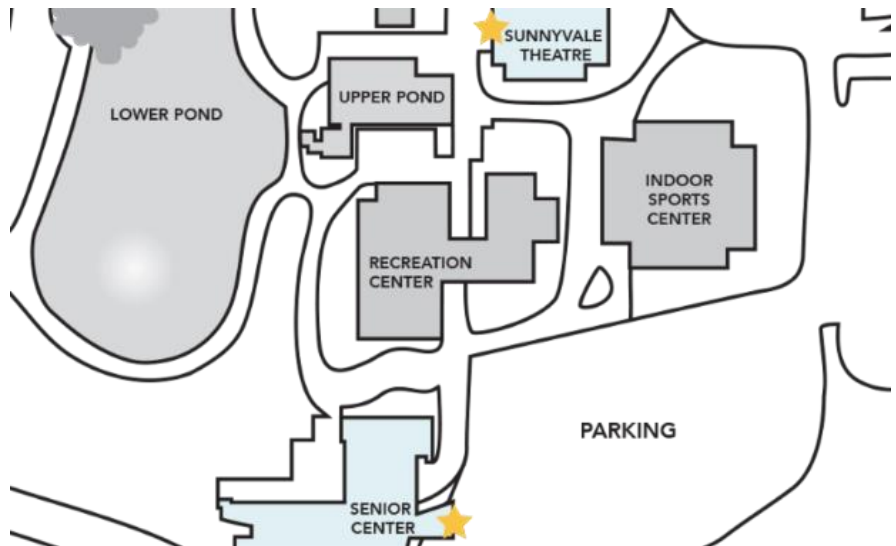
At a recent City Council meeting a request was made for the status on the update to the Safety and Noise Element of the General Plan. There are pending General Plan updates to Air Quality (a section of the Environmental Management Chapter) and Noise (a section of the Safety and Noise Chapter). State law requires that when two or more elements of the General Plan are updated (post 2017), the General Plan should be reviewed (and, if needed, updated) to address environmental justice. The environmental justice review and analysis will be combined with the update of the Air Quality and Noise sections of the General Plan. Staff is requesting a proposal from planning and environmental review firms to assist with the technical components of the update. A signed contract, under the City Manager's authority, is expected in February 2018, which is when the more detailed schedule should be available. Community engagement is tentatively expected to begin in May 2018.



Fortinet General Plan Amendment Study – On August 22, the City Council initiated a General Plan Amendment (GPA) study for a 35-acre area along Kifer Road (east of Wolfe Road). The GPA initiation included an area about twice the size requested by Fortinet, a major property owner in the vicinity and applicant for the request. Staff explained that the applicant would only be responsible for their proportional share of the costs of a GPA study. A budget modification for the remaining share will be brought to City Council for consideration December 19; at the hearing the City Council may decide to fund a portion of the full study area (35 acres) or may consider reducing the study to the applicant's requested 18 acres (and no budget modification would be required)



Community Center Renovations – Improvements to the Community Center complex have been underway since June. At this point, renovations to the Indoor Sports Complex, Theatre and Creative Arts Center have been completed and are now open for programming. The Recreation Center will be closed for renovations which are scheduled to begin Monday, Nov. 20, and will continue through February 2018. Effective Tuesday, Nov. 14, individuals seeking to register for programs can obtain service at the following locations: Senior Center, (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) and the Sunnyvale Theatre, (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.) At this point, all programs listed in the Activities Guide have been scheduled appropriately and no further disruption to service is anticipated. During the renovation process, additional updates will be posted at the Community Center and on Facebook.



Caltrans Changes the Design Standard for Lane Markings – One of the most important aspects of a safe and efficient roadway is the uniform application of pavement markings to delineate the roadway path and specific traffic lanes. Pavement markings can communicate information to road users like no other traffic control device and provide continuous information to road users related to the roadway alignment and vehicle positioning. Studies have shown proper and uniform installation of lane markings can reduce accidents up to 30 percent, especially at night. In an effort to make the roadways safer and prepare for the increasing trend of autonomous vehicles, Caltrans has recently updated the design standards for pavement markings throughout the state of California. The new standards will replace the existing four-inch-wide lane markings with six-inch-wide lane markings. The wider lane markings will aid vehicle positioning in the lane, and is expected to reduce heading errors (across intersections), lane excursions, and roadway excursions. Wider lane marking will also greatly improve the night-time visibility of delineation of roadways and help facilitate the deployment and operation of semi-autonomous and autonomous vehicles. Given the benefits of wider lanes, the City has updated its design standards to match the Caltrans lane marking standards. Existing and future projects will be designed to the new standards.

Retiming of Traffic Signals on Wolfe and Homestead Roads – Last year the City received grant funds for retiming traffic signals on Wolfe Road and Homestead Road. The new traffic signal timings implemented on these corridors varies throughout the day to accommodate changing traffic patterns that allows for improved traffic flow and better progression. Prior to implementation of the new traffic signal timings, the average delay along these corridors was approximately eight to 10 minutes, with the new traffic signal timings this is now reduced to approximately three to four minutes. Wolfe Road and Homestead Road carry around 28,000 and 20,000 vehicles per day respectively as compared to a few hundred vehicles per day on the majority of the side streets. Before implementation of the new traffic signal timing, the side streets were disproportionately favored over the main street traffic, which created stop-

and-go conditions and led to excessive delays and congestion throughout these corridors. Better progression and removal of stop-and-go conditions will also contribute to enhanced roadway safety for all users.