

December 18, 2017

Animal Assisted Happiness Opens at Baylands Park – On November 16, a grand opening ceremony was held to celebrate Animal Assisted Happiness (AAH) opening their new facility at Baylands Park. AAH enriches the lives of children and their families experiencing special needs, health or family challenges. AAH is a nonprofit organization that provides barnyard friends so children and their family members can interact with animals to bring moments of happiness and smiles into their lives. AAH not only provides private and small-group visits so children can interact at their own pace with minimal distractions, but they also offer mobile barnyard visits to bring the barnyard friends directly to groups with limited mobility and provide more convenient access. For more information on schedules and dates AAH is open to the public, visit: [Animal Assisted Happiness](#).



Shop with a Cop – On December 6, Public Safety personnel along with other Bay Area law enforcement agencies participated in the Shop with a Cop event. The event kicked-off at the University of Santa Clara's Locatelli Center where 125 children from Santee Elementary School in San Jose were paired with law enforcement buddies. Everyone enjoyed a catered breakfast at Locatelli Center while students were honored and all waited for Santa's arrival. After breakfast, the students rode buses to a nearby Target for a holiday shopping spree worth \$150 per child.

Each child had a preplanned shopping list and budget to shop for their family members and themselves. Many were surprised by the generosity of the students who took care to purchase gifts for their family members while being quite frugal regarding gifts for themselves. Officers encouraged them to choose additional items for themselves even chipping in a few extra dollars if those extra gifts went over budget. After shopping, items were wrapped while the students got photos with Santa, ate snacks, played games and got their faces painted.

About 90 of the children earned their way to participate in this year's event through raising their reading scores from the beginning of the year to the end of the semester. The other children were referred by law enforcement and school personnel due to unfortunate circumstances they may have experienced. For more information, contact Captain Shawn Ahearn at 408-730-7158 or sahearn@sunnyvale.ca.gov.



2017 Cops Care for Cancer Fantasy Flight – On Saturday, December 9, Public Safety personnel along with other Bay Area agencies participated in the Cops Care for Cancer Fantasy Flight event. This is the Department's 12th year participating in the event. The event provides a fun atmosphere where children with life-threatening illnesses get to bring their entire family to a fun-filled day that starts at Juniper Networks. The children and their families are caravanned in police and fire vehicles to San Jose PD Air Division hangar at the Mineta-San Jose Airport. The VIPs and their family are greeted by police officers and fire fighters from throughout the Bay Area. The VIP's are treated to food, carnival games and the arrival of Santa by police helicopter. They then receive gifts from Santa. For more information, contact Captain Shawn Ahearn at phone 408-730-7158 or sahearn@sunnyvale.ca.gov.





Security Awareness Training – On December 6, Fire Station 5 hosted a Security Awareness Training for the Congressional staff representing Congressman Ro Khanna, Eric Swalwell, Jackie Speirs, Anna Eshoo, and Jimmy Panetta. Capital Police Officer Jason Bell and the House Sergeant of Arms Dorian Coward provided security training to congressional staff to better prepare them for unplanned emergencies. For more information, contact Lieutenant James Boone at jboone@sunnyvale.ca.gov.



Statewide Initiative Mandates Lead Monitoring in School Water Systems by July 2019 – California generally and Sunnyvale particularly have water infrastructure where lead service lines are not a prevalent problem. However, the issues in Flint, Michigan have elevated concerns about any potential exposure to lead in water service lines, particularly for children, who are the most vulnerable to lead exposure. In 2016, the City of Sunnyvale completed lead and copper testing as required under the Federal Lead and Copper Rule. All results met standards and were well below the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) action level; however, this testing focuses on residential homes and does not include testing at schools.

In January, the State Water Resources Control Board – Division of Drinking Water (DDW) directed all water agencies to provide testing for lead in drinking water upon request for all K-12 public, private, and charter schools directly served by the water agencies. At the request of the Sunnyvale School District, the City assisted with testing 11 schools and found all to be in full compliance with EPA and State

standards. More recently, AB 746 was signed on October 13 and made lead testing mandatory for all local education agencies (including K-12, preschools and child daycare located on public school property) with buildings constructed before January 1, 2010. This new statewide initiative now requires schools to test their onsite water fixtures for lead by July 1, 2019. The City is prepared to assist additional schools as requested. Results from the testing will be given to state and school officials and will be published in the City's annual Consumer Confidence Report. For more information on lead sampling visit: [Lead Sampling of Drinking Water in California Schools](#).

Adobe Wells Mobile Home Community, UPS, and City Staff Meet to Discuss Noise Complaints – On December 1, a meeting was held at the Adobe Wells Mobile Home Community clubhouse to discuss noise complaints from residents of the mobile home park concerning the nearby UPS facility. Adobe Wells and UPS are separated by Tasman Drive and VTA Light Rail. Staff from the Department of Public Safety (DPS) coordinated the meeting. In attendance were the Community Relations Manager and Plant Engineering Manager from UPS, the Sunnyvale Mobile Home Park Alliance Founder and Lead Coordinator, an Adobe Wells board member and two residents, and the Chief and several staff from DPS. Residents stated that ongoing noise from UPS at all hours of the night is disrupting their sleep. Complaints pertained to truck drivers regularly honking their horns and loudly closing truck doors, squeaky package transport carts, etc. Meeting participants discussed a variety of potential solutions to mitigate the noise and agreed that the meeting was productive and pledged an ongoing commitment to work together to resolve the noise issues negatively impacting Adobe Wells residents. There will be a follow-up meeting in 30 days. For more information, contact Christy Gunvalsen at 408-730-7255 or cgunvalsen@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

DPS Applies for Emergency Management Grant – On November 28, DPS submitted a project request to Santa Clara County Office of Emergency Services for \$19,500 in FY 2018 EMPG (Emergency Management Performance Grant) funds. If awarded, grant funds will be used to purchase an additional large-screen projector and screen, four large HD Monitors and a large-size laminator for the Emergency Operations Command (EOC) center located in Public Safety Headquarters. This equipment and technology will enhance the department's ability to share information with other agencies and track resources, and will enable the EOC team to create a common operating picture when responding to emergencies, natural disasters, and large-scale events that impact the community. For more information, contact Elaine Ketell at 408-730-7234 or via email at eketell@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

Minimum Wage Increase on Jan. 1, 2018 – Effective Monday, Jan. 1, 2018, the new minimum wage rate in Sunnyvale will be \$15 per hour. In 2016, the Sunnyvale City Council adopted an ordinance increasing Sunnyvale's minimum wage per the following schedule:

- \$11 on July 1, 2016
- \$13 on Jan. 1, 2017
- \$15 on Jan. 1, 2018

The ordinance includes an annual adjustment based on inflation starting on Jan. 1, 2019, and every Jan. 1 thereafter. Any potential increase will correspond to the prior year's Consumer Price Index based on the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose regional index as reported by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. For more information, contact Connie Verceles, Economic Development Manager, at 408-730-7256 or cverceles@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

2018 Study/Budget Issues Workshop – The 2018 Study/Budget Issues Workshop will be held in the Council Chambers on Friday, February 16. At this annual workshop, the City Council will identify, prioritize and manage the review of various topics of concern that arise during each calendar year that may result in new or revised City policy. Visit [Study Issues Underway](#) for proposed Study Issue papers and supplemental workshop materials; additional materials will be posted as they become available. The [Study Issues Overview](#) provides more information about the annual process.

Construction Underway on Package 2 for Headworks and Primary Treatment Facility at The Water Pollution Control Plant – The project includes the construction of the new headworks and primary treatment facilities including a new switchgear building, standby generator, ancillary facilities and lighting at the Plant. This project was awarded to C. Overaa & Co. for just over \$100 million making it the largest Capital project in Sunnyvale’s history. Work for Package 2 is expected to be complete by 2020. This project is part of the Sunnyvale Clean Water Program to replace existing and aging facilities at the Plant. The contractor recently completed native planting for habitat mitigation to the north of the Plant near the Bay Trail as part of this project. Installation of a portion of the primary effluent pipeline along the northern edge of the project site has also begun. Next, soil material will be relocated on the site for future use and crews will install shoring and complete excavation for the pump station facility, which will move wastewater to the primary sedimentation basins and is the deepest structure for this project.

Additional information on this project and the Sunnyvale Clean Water Program can be found at www.sunnyvalecleanwater.com.



Planting activities in the habitat mitigation area near the Bay Trail.



Installation of the primary effluent pipeline.

Light Emitting Diode (LED) Streetlights Project Update – Phase 2 for the conversion of existing High Pressure Sodium (HPS) streetlights to LEDs that were approved by Council in December 2015 has started. Approximately 6,584 HPS-type fixtures will be converted; mostly in residential areas. Crews will start replacing HPS fixtures on the south end of the city and move north. It is projected that approximately 150 to 200 fixtures per day can be installed. Installation is expected to be completed by February 2018. Converting to LEDs will save energy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, cut down on maintenance costs and support the City’s Climate Action Plan.

New NOVA Job Center Opens at Skyline College SparkPoint Center – At the start of the new fiscal year, NOVA contracted with the San Mateo County Community College District to operate a new Job Center at Skyline College’s SparkPoint Center in San Bruno. Over the past few months, Skyline College has been working on launching this new endeavor and last month officially opened the new NOVA Job Center at Skyline College. [SparkPoint Center](#), modeled after the Annie E. Casey Foundation’s Centers for Working Families, is dedicated to serving individuals and families through a network of services and resources with the goal to achieve financial self-sufficiency. This new NOVA Job Center fits in well with SparkPoint’s portfolio of programs where NOVA customers will be able to access Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act-funded services, as well as other resources offered at SparkPoint. NOVA will continue to directly operate the Job Center on the Sunnyvale campus and contract with the Central Labor Council Partnership to operate a Job Center in San Mateo.

FoodCycle Service Rollout Update #6 – Specialty Solid Waste & Recycling’s cart delivery vendor completed the 29,000 FoodCycle cart exchanges the week of December 4. The final route in this process was the Friday collection area serving Raynor Park. Toward the end of the week, cart removal outpaced the delivery crews, leaving some customers without carts overnight. The vendor confirmed that all cart deliveries were completed by 3:30 p.m. Saturday, December 9. SAFE, the vendor that accepts and processes the FoodCycle material has indicated that both the quantity and quality of the food scraps collected has exceeded their expectations for a new program. City staff will be collecting data on routes and observing as trucks unload the food scraps to confirm SAFE’s observations.

City’s Comprehensive Annual Finance Report Completed – The Finance Department completed the preparation of the City’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for FY 2016/17 and submitted to the Council on December 12. A CAFR is a set of governmental financial statements presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and in compliance with the accounting requirements promulgated by the [Governmental Accounting Standards Board](#) (GASB).

Macias Gini & O’Connell LLP (MGO), a certified public accounting firm, conducted the City’s financial audit and rendered their audit opinion. Based upon the audit, the auditor rendered an unmodified opinion which states that the City’s financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, are fairly presented in conformity with GAAP and GASB reporting requirements. Receiving an unmodified opinion is the optimal result from the independent audit. For more information, contact Inderdeep Dhillon, Finance Manager at idhillon@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

City Offices Holiday Schedule – This is just a reminder that City offices will be staffed at a reduced level between the Christmas and New Year’s holidays. Due to the low volume of service demand during this period, staff is encouraged to take off and enjoy the holidays. This is the final *Update Sunnyvale* for 2017; the next issue is scheduled for Jan. 15, 2018. Happy holidays to everyone!