

January 16, 2018

**Saratoga City Council Recognizes Sunnyvale Public Safety Officers** – Public Safety Officers Joel Lockwood, Theodore Tutera, Bill Whitaker, and K9 Kodiak were instrumental in helping the Santa Clara



County Sheriff's Office capture four violent burglary suspects in Saratoga on December 8. The officers and deputies from the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office were recognized and commended for their outstanding teamwork at the City of Saratoga's Council meeting on December 20. Also in attendance were Chief Phan Ngo and Sheriff Laurie Smith. For more information, contact Chief Phan Ngo at [pngo@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:pngo@sunnyvale.ca.gov).

**Drawdown: 100 Substantive Solutions to Global Warming with Chad Frischmann** – The first event of the 2018 Sustainability Speaker Series will take place Wednesday, Jan. 31, 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave. Chad Frischmann, Vice President and Research Director of Project Drawdown, will highlight some of the top 100 solutions to reverse global warming by 2050. Enjoy a hands-on electric vehicle experience and refreshments starting at 6:30 p.m. [Register for this FREE event](#). For more information on upcoming events in the series, visit [Sustainability Speaker Series](#).



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THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE  
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EDITED BY PAUL HAWKEN

**Text to 9-1-1 Now Available** – On January 8, the DPS Communications Unit went live with Text to 9-1-1 in Sunnyvale. This system provides another alternative for the public to request emergency services when it's not possible due to a hearing/speech disability, or when dialing 9-1-1 is not safe. Dialing 9-1-1 in an emergency is still the preferred way to request help, and the public is reminded to "Call if you can, text if you can't." Recent major critical incidents across the country have shown that text messaging has

increasingly been used as an effective form of communication to report an emergency so we are pleased to be able to now offer this service to our residents. In a joint effort, Santa Clara PD and the California Highway Patrol Golden Gate Division are also going live with Text to 9-1-1. For more information, contact Communications Manager Mike Spath at phone 408-730-7165 or [mspath@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:mspath@sunnyvale.ca.gov).

**Holiday Event at the Cold Weather Shelter** – On December 23, Lt. Jose Ramirez and NRO Jahari Tracy acted as Santa’s helpers at the holiday event hosted at the North County Cold Weather Shelter Program, located at 999 Hamlin Ct. The event was arranged for all the families and children who visit the shelter. The shelter transitioned into a winter-wonderland for a day. The families enjoyed food and treats. Each child received a gift from Santa. Over 40 children and their families attended the event. Gifts were donated by local businesses. Lt. Jose Ramirez and NRO Jahari Tracy acted as Santa’s helpers for the event. For more information, contact Lt. Jose Ramirez at 408-730-7114 or [joramirez@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:joramirez@sunnyvale.ca.gov).



**NOVA Awarded Regional Grant** – On December 20, the State awarded NOVA, on behalf of the region that is comprised of four Workforce Boards, a regional plan implementation grant to promote business engagement in the region through the establishment of a regional business services team. The grant award is for \$500,000 for the period of January 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

**NOVA Workforce Review** – On a monthly basis, NOVA produces a [Workforce Review](#) report that aggregates data from the recently released [State jobs report](#) for the NOVA consortium. The December edition includes an article titled, “Beneath the U.S. job numbers: Tech’s influence on the workforce continues to hollow out the labor market” that discusses a growing labor market trend referred to as the “digitalization” of the U.S. economy, where the nation’s high-skill and low-skill occupations are increasing while the middle-skill occupations are declining. This “U-shaped” development can be attributed to the increasing adoption of computer technology leading to rapid growth at the upper and lower ends of the skill distribution. This trend is important to keep in mind when interpreting labor market reports and preparing workers for future employment. The unemployment rate for the San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara Metropolitan Statistical Area was 2.7 percent in November, down from a revised 3.0 percent in October. The state unemployment rate was 4.0 percent in November, down from 4.3 percent in October.

**NOVA in the News** – In the December 27 edition of the *Daily Journal* the article titled, “[College program preps workers for what's next](#)” features the newly opened NOVA Job Center at Skyline College’s Sparkpoint Center in San Bruno.

**Wolfe Road Recycled Water Facilities Completed** – On December 13, the City and the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Wolfe Road Recycled Water Facilities

Project at the San Lucar Pump Station in Sunnyvale. The project involved laying a 2.5-mile-long, 24-inch diameter recycled water pipeline under Wolfe Road from the San Lucar Pump Station Facility to Homestead Road. The pipeline and booster pump station will initially supply recycled water to the Apple 2 Campus in Cupertino. The project cost approximately \$15 million and was funded through a public private partnership between Sunnyvale, District, Apple, Cal Water and a grant through the State of California. Thirty people attended the event, including members of the public; District Director Hsueh and project staff; Cal Water representatives; staff from the cities of Sunnyvale and Cupertino; four members of the Sunnyvale City Council including Mayor Hendricks, Vice Mayor Larsson, and Councilmembers Klein and Melton; as well as representatives from the offices of Congressman Ro Khanna, Assemblymember Marc Berman, and Santa Clara County Supervisor Dave Cortese.

Speakers included Mayor Glenn Hendricks and Director Nai Hsueh. Mayor Hendricks highlighted the importance of regional cooperation and expressed appreciation for the Water District's outreach efforts and thanked the commuters and businesses in the area for their patience during the year-long construction period on this busy commute route. Director Hsueh's remarks highlighted the importance of the funding partnership between public and private agencies for the project and communicated the Water District's commitment to expand the use of recycled and purified water.

**FoodCycle Data Collection Project Begins** – Solid Waste Division staff began collecting data on the new FoodCycle Program during the second week of January and will continue this for several weeks. The goals are to develop statistically significant information on participation in the food scraps program, look at the quality and quantity of the material, and generally observe how residents are interacting with the new carts and service. Early statistics indicate that the program is collecting approximately 21 tons per day, which equates to more than 5,000 tons per year. Staff's initial target was 4,000 tons per year. The operator of the facility processing the food scraps reports that both the quality and quantity of materials exceeds expectations. The data from the project will be used to guide outreach efforts. It will also provide a baseline to compare against over time. Once the data has been collected and analyzed, the information will be shared with Council and the public.

**Data Equity for Main Street Project** – The Sunnyvale Public Library has been selected as a beta tester in the Data Equity for Main Street Project, a unique partnership between the California State Library and the State of Washington's technology agency, WaTech, that looks at ways to increase the use of open data by citizens. Open data is data that can be freely used, re-used and redistributed by anyone. Sponsored by a grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, the grant provides for training of Library staff to beta test the educational resources that were developed under the grant, supporting libraries as they help their communities access open data, use it to affect change, and provide feedback to make the resources more useful for everyone. Free classes for community members will be scheduled for the spring.

**Proposals for Federal Funding for Community Development Projects** – In late January, the Housing Division will release a request for proposals (RFP) for federal Community Development Block Grant and/or "HOME" funds for eligible capital projects to be completed in fiscal year 2018/19. Project types may include affordable rental housing development or rehabilitation, neighborhood facilities serving lower-income neighborhoods, and certain specialized project types. The amount of available funding for CDBG or HOME for this RFP is pending federal budget appropriations for FY 2018. For more information about this process, or to be added to the Housing Division's noticing list for CDBG and/or HOME funding

opportunities, [contact](#) the Housing Division at 408-730-7250. Human services proposals will not be accepted this year.

**New Chief Building Official Joins City Staff** – In December, the Community Development Department welcomed new hire Chuck Clark to the Building Division staff as the new Chief Building Official, filling a critical vacancy. Chuck most recently served as the Chief Building Official in Visalia, CA and was previously the Building Official for San Mateo County. His addition to the Building Division is transitioning smoothly and the experience he brings with him will benefit the Sunnyvale community and staff. For more information contact the Building Division at 408-730-7444.



**Old Mountain View-Alviso Road Bridge Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** – Construction on the Old Mountain View-Alviso Road Bridge began in June 2017 and is near completion. The project includes replacement of a structurally obsolete bridge with a new bridge that meets current seismic safety and design standards. The bridge will also include bike lanes, sidewalks, new lighting and aesthetic features. A ribbon cutting ceremony is planned for January 22 from 11 a.m. to noon and will take place on the bridge located at Old Mountain View-Alviso Road between Reamwood Avenue and Patrick Henry Drive. For more information, contact Public Works Engineering Division at 408-730-7605 or [pubworks@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:pubworks@sunnyvale.ca.gov).



**Murphy Park Preschool Outdoor Play Area Project** – The City is preparing to solicit design proposals for the Preschool Outdoor Play Area project. The outdoor play area is to be constructed within Murphy Park, at 194 North Sunnyvale Avenue. The project will provide for a preschool outdoor space and storage with learning stations, a storage system for housing preschool program equipment/accessories, a new non-slip surface for outdoor play, and fencing with a lockable entry gate. The new play area will address the need for a safe and dedicated outdoor space for Murphy Park’s popular preschool program, which is expected to grow in attendance. For more information, contact Public Works Engineering Division at 408-730-7605 or [pubworks@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:pubworks@sunnyvale.ca.gov).



## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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**Free Legal Clinic by SABA** – Free professional legal assistance is available the first Saturday of every month at the Columbia Neighborhood Center (785 Morse Ave.). The South Asian Bar Association (SABA) will be assisting walk-in clients needing legal advice with various issues. No appointment is necessary. First come, first served. For questions or more information call 408-730-7800.

**Free Chronic Disease Management Support** – Thursdays, Jan. 11 through Feb. 22, 9:30 a.m. to noon at Columbia Neighborhood Center (785 Morse Ave.). Better Choices, Better Health, a six-week, self-management program, will be facilitated by two trained volunteers for anyone dealing with challenges of living with an ongoing health condition like diabetes, asthma, heart disease or high cholesterol. Learn about stress management, dealing with pain and fatigue, weight management, decision making and more. To register or questions, call The Health Trust at 408-961-9877.

**Kindergarten Readiness** – Tuesday, Jan. 16, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Sunnyvale Public Library, (665 W. Olive Ave.). Get tools to help prepare your young children for the kindergarten transition. Parents and caregivers that attend this free workshop will also receive a copy of the First 5 Santa Clara County Parent/Teacher Handbook. Please arrange for your own child care as there will not be any provided. Register online at [bit.ly/KReadyJan16](http://bit.ly/KReadyJan16). For more information call 408-730-7800. Clase en Español el 11 de enero de 6 a 8 p.m. Para mas información llame al 408-245-7285.

**Friends of the Library Book Sale** – Saturday, Jan. 20, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 21, noon to 3 p.m. at the Sunnyvale Public Library (665 W. Olive Ave.) Get great deals on thousands of books, movies and music at the Friends of the Sunnyvale Public Library Book Sale. Proceeds support Library programs and services.