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Digital Safety Train the Trainer Course – On February 8, DPS and Oath (formerly Yahoo!) presented a Digital Safety train the trainer course for over 60 law enforcement, juvenile probation and court personnel at Oath’s main campus. The partnership between DPS and Oath began over 10 years ago with the creation of the course. When participants complete the program, they are certified to teach the Digital Safety course to junior high and high school aged students and their parents. Students and parents learn about privacy and safety, digital reputation, treatment of others, online bullying and sexting, and parental responsibilities. The course has been taught throughout the country. NRO’s Amy Pistor and Eric Fujii are primary instructors for the course. For more information, contact Captain Shawn Ahearn at phone 408-730-7158 or sahearn@sunnyvale.ca.gov.



DPS Applies for Grant Funding – During the month of January, Public Safety applied for three major grants. Two grant applications were submitted to the Office of Traffic Safety. DPS is seeking \$86,161 for Selective Traffic Enforcement, which will fund targeted enforcement operations including DUI checkpoints and saturation patrols, Speed and Distracted Driving, and Bicycle/Pedestrian violations. DPS is also requesting \$30,198 for Traffic Safety Education, which will include two community bicycle rodeos, a Pedestrian Safety Education Program for Seniors, and supplies that will enable 14 Sunnyvale Schools to sustain local bicycle rodeos. An Assistance to Firefighters grant application was made through FEMA/AFG to fund full replacement of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus for all DPS officers, a project that is estimated to cost \$951,000. For more information, contact Elaine Ketell at 408-730-7234 or email at eketell@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

Public Safety Celebrates Two Graduations – On February 9, DPS celebrated two separate academy graduations. In the morning, five new Public Safety Officers graduated from the Alameda County Sheriff’s Office Police Academy. The police academy consists of 1,064 hours of training including firearms, defensive tactics, and emergency vehicle operations. Our new officers all ranked in the top of the class. One recruit, Brenden Kalfus, took the top cop including top physical fitness in the academy achieving the highest overall average in each component of the academy. Later in the afternoon the fire academy held its graduation ceremony jointly with Palo Alto Fire Department. Nine new Public Safety

Officers and four Palo Alto Firefighters completed over 600 hours of training including wildland firefighting, auto extrication, and several days of live burn. For more information, contact Captain Jeff Hunter at 408-730-7711.



Requirements for Solar Ready Buildings – At the Study Issues workshop on February 16, there were several questions about the requirements for “solar ready buildings.” The following information provides more detail about solar ready requirements. The general rule, in the California Building Codes, is that

new residential and non-residential construction must comply with solar ready provisions. There are many exceptions to the requirements: e.g., small single-family subdivisions, buildings over specified heights (such as hotels and high-rise multi-family that are 10 or more stories and all other non-residential buildings with four or more stories), single family residences that include solar facilities, homes of three or more stories (and of a certain size), development in certain climate zones, homes with specified appliances, etc. There are many exceptions in the building code which could result in a building not needing to provide the solar ready area.

The regulations require a zone on the roof that is “solar ready” and require information for future wiring pathways and other infrastructure to support future installation for both residential and non-residential buildings. Commercial buildings may locate the solar ready area on another portion of the site (i.e., not the roof) if the location meets all the requirements for size, structural and infrastructure readiness. The building code describes how much area and where on the building or site the solar zone can be located. Structural design load information (how much weight) is specified in the code and needs to be indicated for the identified zone. There are other requirements that address the orientation of the zone, showing the capacity to connect to electrical service, information for the owner and a reserved space on the main electrical service panel. The solar readiness rules are evolving and are likely to be different in the next code updates that will take effect in 2020.

Connect to the Rotary Home Team Program at the Sunnyvale Senior Center – Seniors, age 60 and older, who need assistance with light household chores such as weeding, trimming bushes, minor plumbing issues, rearranging of furniture, changing light bulbs and other household tasks can take advantage of a free program available through the Rotary Home Team Program. This program is a unique, volunteer community service program between the Rotary Club of Sunnyvale and the Episcopal Senior Communities (ESC). Services are offered free of charge and are not subject to income requirements. If you are age 60+ and in need of assistance, call the Care Managers at the Senior Center at 408-730-7360 for a referral.

Tree Removals on Murphy Avenue – Unfortunately, the drought took its toll on trees in Sunnyvale and sadly, four maple trees in the middle of the 100 block of Murphy Avenue have succumbed. In mid-March, the dead maples will be removed and replanted with a new more resilient tree species – *Carpinus betulus* ‘fastigata’, Upright European Hornbeam. The hornbeam is a compact and columnar growing tree with brilliant yellow fall color.

Tu Bishvat Celebrated at Ortega Park – On Sunday, January 28, members of the Israeli Cultural Connection (ICC) from the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center met to celebrate Tu Bishvat – New Year of Trees – at Ortega Park. The ICC has been celebrating Tu Bishvat for several years here in Sunnyvale at various parks. This year families planted two trees and over a hundred shrubs. The shrub planting was for a demonstration test garden of special low-growing shrub varieties that could potentially be used in other park sites.



New Shade Sails Installed at Seven Seas Dog Park – At Seven Seas Park, the Parks Division staff has just completed the installation of two commercial shade structures at the dog park. This will allow dog owners and their pets to get a respite from the sun, enhancing the user experience. The shade sails are commercial quality and will provide shade in the dog park for many years to come.



Now Accepting Exhibitor Registrations for 2018 Fit & Fun Fair – If your organization and/or business is looking for a fun-filled opportunity to showcase the great work that you do in the area of health and wellness, apply to be an exhibitor at the 2018 Sunnyvale Fit & Fun Fair. This free, family-focused event will be held on Saturday, April 28, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Columbia Neighborhood Center, 785 Morse Ave. Applications for exhibitors, performers and community resource providers are now being accepted. For more information or to download the application, visit [Fit & Fun Fair](#) or call 408-730-7800.

NOVA Hosts Visit from Cupertino Mayor – On February 22, NOVA had the pleasure of hosting a visit from Cupertino Mayor Darcy Paul. This was an opportunity to introduce to NOVA’s consortium partner, the City of Cupertino, the programs and services that are provided to Cupertino residents and employers. The visit entailed attending the weekly meeting of NOVA’s ProMatch program serving dislocated workers from the professional fields, followed by a meeting and discussion with NOVA staff and NOVA Workforce Board member Dr. Judy Miner, Chancellor, Foothill-De Anza Community College District, and concluded with a tour of the NOVA Job Center campus. NOVA looks forward to future opportunities to host visits from its consortium partners.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

El Camino Real Plan Advisory Committee (ECRPAC) Meeting – Thursday, March 1, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Senior Center (Sequoia Room), 500 E. Remington Drive. The ECR Corridor Specific Plan Advisory Committee



(ECRPAC) will hold its seventh meeting to continue discussion of development standards and design guidelines for the ECR corridor. The project team will provide a presentation and guide a discussion on topics including appropriate uses along the corridor, district names and

defining characteristics, using a development pool/community benefit concept to allow greater density in exchange for advancing the goals of the plan, and design strategies to ensure minimal impact on adjacent properties. Feedback from the ECRPAC will allow the project team to further develop the concepts and standards that will make up the draft Specific Plan, which will be reviewed by the ECRPAC at a future meeting. The meeting agenda is available on the project website at [PlanSunnyvaleECR](#). For more information, contact Katherine Hall, Administrative Aide, at khall@sunnyvale.ca.gov or 408-730-7416.

Fair Oaks Park Renovation Project Public Meeting – The first public meeting for the Fair Oaks Park Renovation Project will be held on Wednesday, March 7, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Fair Oaks Park Recreation Building, 540 North Fair Oaks Ave. This meeting will discuss the project and gather public input on design elements including the Magical Bridge Playground. A community input survey is also available for public feedback at <https://www.peakdemocracy.com/5979>. For more information, contact the Public Works, Engineering Division, at 408-730-7605 or email pubworks@sunnyvale.ca.gov.



Arbor Day 2018 – Sunnyvale has been honored again this year with the designation of Tree City from the National Arbor Day Foundation. This year we will be celebrating on Wednesday, March 7, California’s official Arbor Day, with the planting of trees at Ellis School. On Saturday, March 10, there will be a community street tree planting in the San Miguel Neighborhood. City staff will be planting approximately 50 new street trees. The event starts at 9 a.m. at San Miguel School, located at San Miguel and Amador Avenues.

Sunnyvale Child Care Fair – Saturday, March 10, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sunnyvale Public Library (665 W. Olive Ave.). Parents looking for child care options in Sunnyvale are invited to this free meet and greet with local, licensed home and center-based child care staff that offer infant/toddler, preschool, school-age, before and after school, full-time and part-time care. For more information, visit us [online](#) or call 408-730-7800.

Cesar Chavez Youth Action Day – The City of Sunnyvale Teen Advisory Committee (TAC) is recruiting middle school and high school student volunteers, ages 13 to 18, to participate in a day of service at Charles Street Gardens (433 Charles St.) on Saturday, March 24, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers will help beautify the gardens by installing new walkways. Volunteers should plan to wear closed shoes and socks (no sandals). A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Volunteers must pre-register no later than March 16. [Register online](#) or call 408-730-7350 for more information.