



Update Sunnyvale

News From Your City Manager

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LCS Receives Award of Excellence – The Department of Library and Community Services (LCS) is proud to announce that it has received a second consecutive Award of Excellence in Marketing and Communications from the California Parks and Recreation Society. This award recognizes excellence in print, audio visual or electronic communications that externally promote the agency’s public parks, facilities, recreation or leisure services programs and have successfully demonstrated an increased level of public awareness. In 2016, LCS received the award for its “Super Heroes” Public Awareness Campaign. This year, the department was recognized for the complete redesign of its summer camp and aquatics brochure which targeted family audiences by featuring fun graphics, bold colors and a kid-friendly typeface. For more information, contact Trenton Hill at 408-730-7378.



New DPS Initiative: Walk with The Chief – Sunnyvale Public Safety is committed to building and maintaining a safe and strong community for our residents. Public Safety understands the importance of working together to help better our communities. Chief Ngo is pleased to announce a new initiative, “Walk with the Chief”, aimed at building stronger relationships and stronger communities – TOGETHER. The inaugural Walk with the Chief will be held on April 23 from 2 to 3 p.m. at Las Palmas Park, 850 Russet Drive. Walk with the Chief will allow Sunnyvale residents the opportunity to have meaningful and open dialogue with Chief Ngo regarding public safety issues. The Walk with the Chief will enhance the collaboration that exists currently between Public Safety and the community. Keeping Sunnyvale as one of the safest cities in the country takes teamwork and we are fortunate to have such a wonderful and supportive community. To foster a meaningful and personal dialogue, the first Walk with the Chief will be open to the first 10 Sunnyvale residents to sign up. For more information or to sign up, contact Rosalie Brooks at rbrooks@sunnyvale.ca.gov or at 408-730-7161.

Mineta San José International Airport Full Scale Exercise – On March 21, Sunnyvale Public Safety Fire personnel participated in a multi-jurisdictional drill at the Mineta San Jose International Airport. The drill simulated an aircraft emergency resulting in multiple simulated injuries. The exercise involved participants from Sunnyvale DPS, San José Fire and Police Departments, Palo Alto Fire Department, CalFire, Milpitas Fire Department, Mountain View Fire Department, CHP, Rural Metro, County EMS, Red Cross, San José OES, Delta Airlines and Hainan Airlines. This important exercise provided an opportunity for responders to implement the county’s Multi-Casualty Incident (MCI) Plan as well as exercise interagency resourcing and coordination through a multi-jurisdictional response to an aircraft

emergency. For more information on the county's Multi-Casualty Incident (MCI) Plan, contact Deputy Chief Steve Drewniansy at sdrewniansy@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

New Police Canine in Training – Public Safety will soon have a new Police Canine named “Ric” who is a 14-month-old German Shepard born in the Czech Republic. Ric is currently training at the Witmer Tyson Imports facility in San Mateo and is being trained in apprehension, search techniques, and will attend narcotics detection training at a later date. Ric will be ready to serve the community by the end of April and will be handled by PSO Jesse Ashe who has been with Public Safety since 2013. For more information, contact Lieutenant Jeromy Lima at jlima@sunnyvale.ca.gov or at 408-730-7124.



Update on Paid Parking Lots – In July 2017, the City launched the Paid Parking Program, which includes four City-owned pay-for-parking lots near the Caltrain station. Caltrain commuters can take advantage of a less expensive (\$4 and \$3 per day) alternative to parking in the Caltrain lot. Public Safety Parking Enforcement has been tracking the occupancy of these lots since the program's inauguration in July, and has seen daily occupancy grow from an average of 42 percent per day in the month of July 2017 to an average of 66 percent in the months of February and March 2018. Parking enforcement in the residential areas surrounding the paid lots continues every weekday, resulting in citations for vehicles that violate the posted restricted hours on those streets. For more information, contact Elaine Ketell at 408-730-7234 or eketell@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Officer of the Year – On April 2, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and the Santa Clara County Mental Health Department recognized Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Officers from law enforcement agencies throughout the county for their work in 2017 with mental health consumers. Sunnyvale Public Safety Officer Anthony Sult received recognition for his work as CIT Officer of the Year for the Department of Public Safety. PSO Sult has been a CIT member for several years and is always eager and willing to handle CIT cases. PSO Sult worked two significant CIT cases last year. One case involved an individual who was living in a home that was deemed uninhabitable. PSO Sult built a rapport with the person and was able to get her the assistance she needed for mental health services and making her home habitable. Another case involved an individual who was homeless and suffering

from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). PSO Sult worked with the Veteran's Administration to provide the person with mental health services. Congratulations PSO Sult! For more information contact Captain Shawn Ahearn at 408-730-7158 or sahearn@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

Every 15 Minutes – On March 27 and 28, Sunnyvale Public Safety along with the California Highway Patrol, Santa Clara County Sherriff's Office, and Santa Clara County Fire Department participated in the "Every 15 Minutes" event at Homestead High School. The Every 15 Minutes Program is a two-day event which challenges high school juniors and seniors to think about drinking and driving, personal safety, the responsibility of making mature decisions and the impact their decisions have on family, friends, their community, and many others. Twenty-two students were pulled out of class by the grim reaper and mock obituaries of these students were read in class. The junior and senior class gathered in the school parking lot, where a staged auto accident occurred. The scene was dramatic and the students witnessed firsthand the dangerous and deadly consequences of drinking and driving. The second day focused on the reenacting the fatal vehicle collision and a mock funeral. For more information, contact Lt. Jose Ramirez at 408-730-7114 or joramirez@sunnyvale.ca.gov.



Draft 2018 Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Action Plan Public Hearings and Comment Period

On April 18, the Housing and Human Services Commission will hold a public hearing on the City's Draft 2018 HUD Action Plan. This plan covers the proposed uses of two federal grants the City receives each year: the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME Investments Partnership Program grant. These grants typically amount to a total of approximately \$1.3 million each year, and are available for affordable housing and other projects and activities that benefit lower-income Sunnyvale residents. A 30-day public review of the Draft Action Plan will begin on April 22 and end on May 22, 2018. During this time, the public may submit written comments on the plan to the Housing Division via email at Housing@sunnyvale.ca.gov or by mail to: City of Sunnyvale Housing Division, Attn: Housing Officer, P.O. Box 3707, Sunnyvale, CA 94088-3707. Comments may also be made in person during the public hearing held on April 18 by the Housing and Human Services Commission at 7 p.m. in the West Conference Room, or at 7 p.m. on May 22 at the City Council Meeting, in the Council Chambers. Both meeting rooms are located at City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave. For more information call the Housing Division at 408-730-7250, TDD 408-730-7501.

New Appointment to the NOVA Workforce Board – On March 27, the City Council appointed Mr. Micah Merrick, Vice President of Finance, Emerald Cloud Lab Inc. to the NOVA Workforce Board. Mr. Merrick will bring to the Board extensive experience in the business community in sales, business development, finance and human resources leading a variety of teams and initiatives, expertise in the growing life sciences industry, and a deep understanding of the challenges facing workers and employers in Silicon Valley. NOVA would like to thank Councilmember Larsson for his contributions to the Board Nominating Committee.

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 March edition includes an article titled, “Regulation Could Power a New Era in Silicon Valley” which states that the secret use of Facebook data in the U.S. presidential election could spark an end to an unregulated tech sector, which may not stifle growth as some fear. By restricting some actions that may lead to more protections for consumers, the public will be more likely to utilize a company’s products that will ultimately support this dynamic sector’s continued growth. The unemployment rate for the San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara Metropolitan Statistical Area was 3.0 percent in February, unchanged from a revised 3.0 percent in January. The state unemployment rate was 4.5 percent in February, down from 4.6 percent in January; Sunnyvale’s unemployment rate was 2.4 percent in February, down from 2.6 percent in January.

Goats Return to Reduce Fire Danger at Landfill – City grazing vendor, Goats R Us, recently returned to the closed Sunnyvale Landfill. A large herd of goats began browsing the tall grass and brush at the landfill on April 1 and will be on site through April or longer. Grazing achieves several goals. Grazing reduces the fire danger from vegetation that will dry out as soon as the rainy season ends. Grazing protects the City’s ability to perform important work on the closed landfill such as adjusting and repairing the gas capture system, including 79 gas wells, and conducting field monitoring done just inches from the ground surface to demonstrate to regulatory agencies that the landfill methane is being captured, not released to the atmosphere. Staff designates no-graze areas related to management of the Burrowing Owl habitat on landfill. The most recent owl survey observed two owls at the landfill. Goats R Us provides 24/7 on-site staffing that includes a herding dog. The herder makes sure the goats are provided with water and are kept safe inside their fenced grazing areas.



Sign up for Boards and Commissions Meeting Agendas – In addition to the City Council and Planning Commission meeting agendas, you may now sign up to receive meeting agendas via email notification for the following Boards and Commissions: Arts, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory (BPAC), Building Code Appeals, Library Board of Trustees, Heritage Preservation, Housing and Human Services, Parks and Recreation, Personnel Board and Sustainability. [Sign up on our Subscribe page.](#)

World Water Monitoring Challenge – On March 24, Environmental Services staff in collaboration with Grassroots Ecology coordinated our 8th World Water Monitoring Challenge. The event was held behind West Valley Elementary School, near the athletic fields and along Stevens Creek. During the two-hour event, 27 volunteers documented their observations on the weather and conditions of the Stevens Creek (flow, murkiness, color, odor, etc.); performed tests for dissolved oxygen, pH, turbidity and water temperature. In addition, participants conducted biomonitoring by identifying which bugs live in the creek. Finding too many pollutant-tolerant bugs may indicate a pollution problem. Test results showed a “marginal” habitat with a range of pollutant-sensitive organisms, as well as pollutant-tolerant ones. Results from the event will be shared with communities around the world that also hosted events. Participants appreciated the opportunity to become a biologist for a couple hours, as well as learning what they and their families can do to be the solution to water pollution. Many expressed interest in continued monitoring events. Staff plans to collaborate again in 2019 to host another event.



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Fair Housing Workshops – Wednesday, April 18. The Fair Housing Law Project will provide two free Fair Housing Workshops: one at 10:30 a.m. for landlords and property managers; and one at 6 p.m. focused on tenant rights and responsibilities. Both workshops will take place at the Sunnyvale City Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Avenue. Attendees will learn about tenant and landlord rights and responsibilities under state and federal fair housing laws, and how to get help if you or someone you know experiences discrimination. This event is free and open to the public. To register for the 10:30 a.m. workshop, click [here](#). To register for the 6 p.m. workshop, click [here](#). For additional information, contact the City’s Housing Division at 408-730-7250, TDD 408-730-7501.

Graywater Reuse Class – Saturday, April 14, 9 a.m. to noon, Sunnyvale Senior Center – Laurel Room. Water conservation is a way of life for California. Attend this free class to learn how to safely and efficiently reuse water from sinks, showers and washing machines to irrigate your yard. Register [here](#)!



Caribbean Drive Parking and Trail Access Enhancements Project Public Meeting – The project team will be presenting updated design alternatives for the project as part of the upcoming regular meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) on Thursday, April 19, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave. The project team will be available to answer questions after the presentation. For more information, contact the Public Works Engineering Division at 408-730-7605 or email pubworks@sunnyvale.ca.gov.