

April 19, 2018

**Murphy Avenue Extension Opening Celebration in Redwood Square** – On May 11 at 3 p.m., CityLine Developers, Hunter Storm and Sares Regis Group of Northern California, invite the public to celebrate the opening of the new Murphy Avenue extension – a major step in the progress of the multi-phase CityLine Sunnyvale Project. The extension will connect the 100 Block of Historic Murphy Avenue to a new two-story building currently under construction at the corner of Murphy and McKinley Avenues that will house a Whole Foods Market and an AMC Theater.

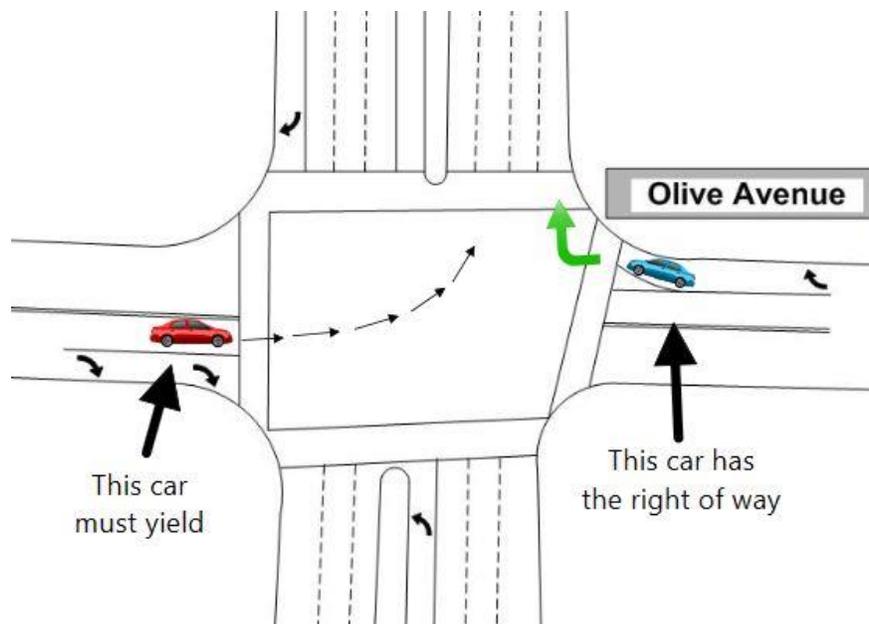
**National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week** – Each year, the second full week of April is dedicated to the men and women who serve as Public Safety Telecommunicators throughout the United States. This year, we recognized Senior Public Safety Dispatcher Andrea Atkinson and Public Safety Dispatcher Melissa Murillo as our agency’s Dispatchers of the Year for their great work and dedication to our community. Additionally, Sunnyvale DPS Dispatch received two countywide awards. Public Safety Dispatcher Marianne Siu was recognized as the County’s Emergency Medical Dispatcher of the Year. The Dispatch Centers for both Sunnyvale DPS and the City of Santa Clara were awarded a Special Achievement Award for their implementation of Text to 9-1-1 service – the first in Santa Clara County. For more information, contact Public Safety Communications Manager Michael Spath at 408-730-7165 or [mspath@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:mspath@sunnyvale.ca.gov).



**Sunnyvale’s New High Rises Offer State-of-the-Art Safety Feature** – Sunnyvale’s newest high rises use innovation and technology to enhance the delivery of breathing air to firefighters during emergency operations. Firefighter Air Replenishment Systems (FARS) simplify the delivery of air and allow firefighters to refill their air-supply cylinders inside the structure at multiple designated built-in filling stations located adjacent to the stairwell. This increases the efficiency of highly-trained firefighters deployed for operations such as fire suppression, search and rescue, and evacuation. While you can find FARS in most Sunnyvale high rises now, the newest Sunnyvale high rises are equipped with an additional state-of-the-art feature, “quick-fill stations” inside the stairwell, that allow firefighters to fill their air-supply cylinders without even removing the cylinder from their back. The stairwell is a smoke-controlled environment that is usually the safest place for firefighters and occupants. Sunnyvale was one of the first cities in the country to mandate the installation of FARS in high-rise buildings which are now installed in

more than 500 buildings in 10 states. For more information about FARS, contact Fire Marshal Lynne Kilpatrick at 408-730-7219 or [lkilpatrick@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:lkilpatrick@sunnyvale.ca.gov).

**Distracted Driver Awareness Month and Enforcement Efforts on El Camino Real** – April is Distracted Driver Awareness month. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nine people are killed and more than 1,000 injured in crashes every day that are reported to involve a distracted driver. Anything that takes your attention away from driving can be a distraction. Throughout the month of April, Public Safety officers are participating in a campaign focusing on distracted driver violations and displaying a “zero tolerance” towards enforcement. In the first week and a half of the campaign almost 200 citations for distracted driving have been issued to drivers in Sunnyvale. Most of these violations have been focused on Mathilda Avenue or El Camino Real, two of our main commute corridors, in an effort to ensure the safe travel of bicyclists, pedestrians and drivers through our city. A social media campaign has also been undertaken, with the focus of pedestrian safety and awareness. Daily messages on Facebook and Twitter are aimed at reminding our citizens to stay safe while traveling on the roadways. Our Traffic Safety Unit has also developed flyers to distribute to problematic areas which educate the neighborhoods on rules of the road and proper driving techniques. If you have questions regarding the distracted driver campaign or enforcement efforts within the city, contact Lieutenant Tracy Hern in the Traffic Enforcement Unit at 408-730-7109 or at [thern@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:thern@sunnyvale.ca.gov).



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The driver of a vehicle intending to turn to the left or to complete a U-turn upon a roadway, or to turn left into public or private property, or an alley, shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching from the opposite direction which are close enough to constitute a hazard at any time during the turning movement, and shall continue to yield the right-of-way to the approaching vehicles until the left turn or U-turn can be made with reasonable safety.

**Updated Planning Commission and City Council dates for the Lawrence Station Area Plan (LSAP) Housing Study** – The City has updated the public hearing dates to discuss proposed study options for increased housing opportunities in the Lawrence Station Area Plan (LSAP) district. The Planning Commission hearing to review alternatives to be studied and recommend a preferred alternative is now scheduled for May 14 (previously noticed for April 23). The City Council hearing to select the preferred

alternative to study is scheduled for June 26 (previously noticed for May 22). On April 11, City staff held a community meeting at the Ponderosa Park Building to discuss the proposed housing study scenarios, which was attended by over 40 community members. For more information, contact George Schroeder, Project Planner, at [gschroeder@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:gschroeder@sunnyvale.ca.gov) or 408-730-7443.

**Submit Applications for the Community Events and Neighborhood Grant Programs by May 2** – Each year the City of Sunnyvale allocates funding to support organizations and neighborhood groups dedicated to organizing activities that build community throughout Sunnyvale. Organizations planning to host a community event in Sunnyvale for at least 500 people or a neighborhood group interested in organizing activities to increase community engagement and improve the quality of life in their neighborhood may be eligible to receive financial support through the City’s Community Events and Neighborhood Grant Programs. Applications are currently being accepted by May 2 for events and projects occurring between July 2018 and June 2019. All funding requests will be considered as part of an annual competitive application process and will be determined by City Council in June 2018. To learn more about the grant programs, visit [Sunnyvale.ca.gov](http://Sunnyvale.ca.gov) or contact Alisha Rodrigues at [arodrigues@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:arodrigues@sunnyvale.ca.gov) or 408-730-7343.

**NOVA Customer Satisfaction Survey Results** – On a biannual basis, NOVA conducts a customer satisfaction survey of its job seeker customers. Highlights of the survey results for the period of July 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 are as follows:

- Quality of customer service received at Job Center: 97 percent satisfied
- Overall quality of offerings provided at Job Center: 97 percent satisfied
- Recommend Job Center to family and friends: 98 percent

NOVA will continue to incorporate the recommendations from these surveys to continuously improve upon its services to the community.

**City Website and FoodCycle Video Awarded CAPIO Honors** – The City received two awards from the California Association of Public Information Officials ([CAPIO](http://CAPIO)) at their annual conference in Santa Rosa in April. The first place EPIC award (Excellence in Public Information and Communications) in the Website category went to the [Sunnyvale Website](http://Sunnyvale Website) Redesign project; the runner-up Award of Distinction in the Video category was given to the City’s [FoodCycle video](http://FoodCycle video). Award entries are judged on overall quality, effectiveness, creativity and appropriate use of budget. For more information, contact Communications Officer Jennifer Garnett at 408-730-7476.



**Summer Golf and Tennis Camp Registration is Now Open** – Sunken Gardens Golf and Tennis Camp registration is now open for summer 2018. These camps for youth and teens are great for beginning and intermediate players in either sport where they will learn to play golf and tennis in this combination camp. Spend the morning at the Tennis Center and then head to Sunken Gardens for an afternoon of golf. Lunch is provided by the Sunken Garden onsite restaurant, Gold Rush Eatery. To learn more about

the camp and registration details, call Sunken Gardens at 408-739-6588 where you can also sign up to play ball!



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## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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**29th Annual Storytelling Festival** – Saturday, April 21, 2 to 4 p.m. at the Sunnyvale Public Library Program Room, 665 W. Olive Ave. Enjoy listening to talented storytellers of all ages telling traditional folk and fairy tales. No registration required.

**Living Green Fair** – Sunday, April 22, noon to 4 p.m. at Sunnyvale Public Library, 665 W. Olive Ave. Learn how easy it is to green your life without breaking the bank through hands-on activities and demonstrations. Repair Café volunteers will be on hand to help you repair your broken items and reuse them. There will also be battery and cell phone recycling, medication disposal, and mercury fever thermometer exchange services available. View the complete [schedule of events](#).

**Fair Oaks Park Renovation Project Third Public Meeting** – The third and final public meeting for the Fair Oaks Park Renovation Project will be held on Wednesday, April 25, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Fair Oaks Park Recreation Building, 540 North Fair Oaks Ave. This meeting will discuss conceptual plans prepared based on input received from previous public meetings. For more information, contact the Public Works Engineering Division at [pubworks@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:pubworks@sunnyvale.ca.gov) or 408-730-7605.

**2018 Fit & Fun Fair** – Saturday, April 28, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Columbia Neighborhood Center, 785 Morse Ave. This free family event celebrates healthy and active lifestyles. Check out over 50 exhibitors featuring safety, nutrition and health information. The event will provide health screenings for adults: diabetes, cholesterol, blood pressure, body mass index and vision. Residents can bring their bicycles for a safety inspection and repairs. Public Safety staff will host tours of their mobile units and offer car seat inspections. Car seat inspections are available by appointment, call 408-730-7179 to reserve a space. For more information about the event, call 408-730-7800.

**Public Safety Seeking Community Input Regarding Drone Program** – The Department of Public Safety (DPS) is exploring a drone program to enhance the department’s operational capabilities in limited emergency situations. DPS will be presenting the department’s proposal at the Sunnyvale City Council Chambers on May 3 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. The presentation will include information on how the program will be managed and the authorized uses for a drone. A second meeting will be scheduled at a future date. The meetings will be shared over social media including the department’s Facebook, Twitter and NextDoor accounts. For more information related to this proposed program, contact Captain Jeff Hunter 408-730-7100 x.4567 or via email [jhunter@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:jhunter@sunnyvale.ca.gov).

**Corn Palace Residential Development Project** – Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Scoping Meeting Thursday, May 10, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave. The purpose of this Scoping Meeting is to solicit comments from the public on potential environmental issues/concerns that need to be addressed in the EIR for the proposed project. The 8.8-acre project site (1142 and 1150 Dahlia Ave.), a former cornfield also known as the Corn Palace, is located along the eastern boundary of the city, on the west side of Lawrence Expressway between Dahlia and Lily Avenues. The proposal includes redevelopment of the site with 58 single-family, two-story residential homes and up to a 2-acre public park. The EIR is a technical document required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Scoping Meeting is not a public hearing on the project. City staff, Ascent Environmental (CEQA consultants), and Trumark Homes (applicant) will provide a brief overview of the project and accept comments about environmental issues that need to be examined in the EIR. Additional information and project plans can be viewed at [Corn Palace](#) on the City’s website. For additional information, contact [Shétal Divatia](#), Senior Planner, or call 408-730-7637.



**Water-Efficient Edible Gardening Class** – Saturday, May 12, 9 a.m. to noon, Sunnyvale Senior Center – Laurel Room. Attend this free class to learn how to use sustainable techniques to grow your vegetable garden while saving water. Register [here!](#)