



Update Sunnyvale

News From Your City Manager

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Murphy Avenue Extension Opening Celebration – STC Venture, LLC, a joint venture between Sares Regis Group of Northern California and Hunter Properties, has completed the extension of Murphy Avenue connecting the heritage downtown district to McKinley Avenue – a major step in the multi-phase CityLine Sunnyvale downtown redevelopment project. A ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the road’s opening took place on May 11, with all the City Council in attendance. The Murphy Avenue extension will connect the Historic Murphy Avenue block 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 AMC Theaters. Scheduled to open in 2019, the 52,000-square-foot theater and 52,000-square-foot grocery store will anchor the downtown district and help attract additional appealing retail and restaurant tenants to the area.



Best in the West SWAT Competition – Every year, the Santa Clara County Office of the Sheriff hosts a SWAT competition and training exercise called “Best in the West.” The Best in the West event is designed to test the proficiency of each team in various SWAT-based scenarios. On May 10 and 11, a team consisting of six Sunnyvale SWAT personnel participated in the event and competed against teams from 26 other cities and counties throughout the state. Overall, Sunnyvale placed 12th. For more information, contact Captain Craig Anderson at canderson@sunnyvale.ca.gov.



City's New Website Wins Prestigious National Award – The City of Sunnyvale's new website has received another award, this time a national honor from the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA), the nation's largest professional association for communicators spanning every industry sector. Annually, their prestigious Bronze Anvil competition recognizes the best in public relations tactics and attracts entries from global communications firms working for well-known companies. For our new City website, Sunnyvale was awarded the Bronze Anvil Award of Commendation in the New Digital Media category which is a runner-up to the Bronze Anvil. Global communications firm Weber Shandwick submitted the winning entry in this category for the Mars Corporation; 525 entries were submitted overall. [PRSA's Bronze Anvil webpage](#) lists the 2018 winners. For more information, contact Communications Officer Jennifer Garnett at 408-730-7476.



Public Safety Police Academy Graduation – On May 7, the Department of Public Safety graduated three recruits from the Alameda County Sheriff's Regional Police Academy. The recruits completed more than 1,064 hours of training involving firearms, defensive tactics and emergency vehicle operations. The three recruits are now in the three-week, in-house training program. Once this in-house program is completed they will begin their 20-week Field Training Program where they will be evaluated to the level of a solo beat officer. For more information regarding training and recruitment, contact Captain Jeff Hunter at 408-730-7711.



Exchange Zone – On May 9, DPS announced a new Exchange Zone. The Exchange Zone is a specific space in Public Safety's parking lot for community members to conduct private-party transactions and custody exchanges. DPS is one of several law enforcement agencies now offering an Exchange Zone as an alternative to other meeting locations, such as a private residence or retail center parking lot. The Exchange Zone is located in two well-lit parking spaces in front of DPS Headquarters (700 All America Way) and the lot is recorded by video 24-hours a day. While video will record the area, the optimal transaction time of Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (DPS business hours), is recommended. Availability is on a first come, first serve basis. No reservations will be taken. The parking limit is 30 minutes. Public Safety Officers will not be present during transactions and video will not

always be monitored in real time. Department employees will not get involved or actively monitor transactions and employees of the City of Sunnyvale will not be able to act as an official witness, provide legal advice, or settle civil disputes.

Exchange Zone Rules: The exchange of drugs, weapons, alcohol and other illegal items is not permitted. All exchanges must be person-to-person. In the case of custody transfer, the Exchange Zone is not a drop-off where parents can leave children for a later pick-up time.



Black Bear Diner Tip a Cop Event – On May 3, DPS held a Tip a Cop event for Special Olympics at Black Bear Diner. DPS personnel helped seat and serve guests during a busy mid-day shift from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Five local Special Olympics athletes, Lindsay, Ryan, Robert, Diane and Louis were there to meet and greet customers. They shared their experiences in the program and showed off a few of the many medals they have won in their various sport competitions. Many familiar faces came to support the event including City employees, Councilmembers, members of the Sunnyvale Moose Lodge, the Kiwanis Club and a large group from Specialty Solid Waste. At the end of the day, over \$2,800 was raised for Special Olympics athletes! The 2018 Law Enforcement Torch Run will pass through Sunnyvale on Thursday, June 15, between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. For more information, contact Captain Shawn Ahearn at 408-730-7158 or sahearn@sunnyvale.ca.gov.



DPS Youth Leadership Academy – Sunnyvale DPS accepted 29 youth into the 2018 Youth Leadership Academy. The youth ages range from 11 – 14 years old and attend school or live in Sunnyvale. Participants’ parents have been invited to attend the Parent/Guardian Orientation on June 18 where they will have the opportunity to meet the City’s executive leadership and members of the Youth Leadership Academy coordination team. Parents will also be provided an overview of the academy, youth expectations, and have any questions answered. The first day of the academy is June 19. For more information, contact Nancy Thome, Senior Management Analyst, at nthome@sunnyvale.ca.gov or 408-730-7162.

Public Safety Holds First Drone Public Outreach Meeting – On May 3, Public Safety held its first public outreach meeting regarding a proposed drone program. The meeting was attended by 15 members of the community who provided valuable input to potential concerns and support for a program to be utilized. Chief Ngo and other members of the command staff presented the proposed plan for the type of drone, potential uses and the prohibited uses. This program has been modeled after several programs that have been implemented and incorporate recognized best practices related to privacy concerns and operational guidelines for use. Two additional meetings will be held for the community to provide input. The second meeting will be held at the Columbia Neighborhood Center on June 2 from 11 a.m. to noon. For more information, contact Captain Jeff Hunter at 408-730-7711.

City Website Gets New Site Search – We just launched a new website search tool for improved, targeted search results. This tool replaces the previous search that came as part of the new content management system and was not meeting our search needs. The search results are now aggregated and have visual icons to distinguish between files and web pages. On the Library site, you may select to search the Library’s catalog, the Library’s web pages or the City’s web pages. Calendar events are still searchable through the calendar module. We will continue to improve search results over time through analysis of site search terms and customizable keyword additions.

Final Stretch to Share Your Ideas for the City’s Climate Action Plan (CAP 2.0) – Sunnyvale’s online challenge platform is open through the end of the month. Submit your ideas for how Sunnyvale can become a carbon-neutral community at ideo.to/sunnyvale. Don’t miss this chance to have an impact on your community!



Grant Applications for Traffic Projects – In the March 22 Update Sunnyvale, it was reported that staff submitted three separate grant applications to compete for \$288,584 in Transportation Fund for Clean Act (TFCA). The City has been notified of the award of all three grants that will fund retiming and synchronization of 39 traffic signals along Mathilda Avenue, Sunnyvale Saratoga Road, Maude Avenue, Tasman Drive, and Java Drive. As previously reported, the grant requires a local match of \$26,230.

A “Beautiful Day” in Sunnyvale – There is an expanding group of government agencies, community organizations and people from all walks of life called Beautiful Day, that are working hard to service others by addressing the different needs we have throughout the city and county. These individuals came together on April 28 at the John W. Christian Greenbelt, between Lakewood Park and the shopping center to the east of Silverlake Drive, where there was a need to complete the restoration project that

began last year. More than 100 people attended the event and 500 new plants were planted along with 150 yards of mulch spread. A big thank you goes out to the hard-working Beautiful Day volunteers!



Bike to Work Day 2018 – May 10 was the 24th Annual Bike to Work Day. The City hosted two Energizer Stations between 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. – one at Plaza del Sol (S. Frances St./Evelyn Ave.), and one at Butcher’s Corner (Wolfe Rd./El Camino Real). In 2017, there were a total of 784 bicyclists who either stopped or passed by, this year’s count totaled 812 bicyclists, which is equivalent to a 4 percent increase. The bicyclists were excited to obtain a copy of the newly released 2018 Citywide Bike Map provided at the stations, which is also available on the City’s [website](#).



One-Stop Permit Center Improvements – To address the high volumes of building activity, physical and operational changes are in process to better serve customers at the One-Stop Permit Center. A new storage area for large plans has been built – which helped clear clutter from the front counter and individual staff work areas – creating space for two additional workstations at the One-Stop counter. The new workstations will provide full-service capabilities once network infrastructure is set up (coming

soon). One of the new workstations will support a streamlined express plan check process beginning May 21 for expediting minor permits/projects over the counter (reducing the overall line); dedicated staff has been assigned for these simpler projects. The second new station provides additional plan review area for One-Stop projects. The express counter and additional station will help reduce the overall wait times for all customers and projects reviewed at the One-Stop Permit Center. For more information, visit the [Permit Center Webpage](#) or call 408-730-7444.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Friends of the Library Book Sale – Saturday, May 19, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, May 20, noon – 3 p.m. at Sunnyvale Public Library Program Room, 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.

Free Drop-In Energy Bill Clinics – Sunnyvale residents can attend a free drop-in energy clinic. Bring your PG&E bill to learn about a free program that can help save energy and money at home. Renters and homeowners are all welcome. Energy Clinics will take place on Wednesday, May 23, from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. at the Senior Center and Saturday, June 2, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Columbia Neighborhood Center.



Summer StoryWalk® – Thursday, June 7, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Murphy Park, 194 N. Sunnyvale Ave., families with children of all ages are invited to take a stroll through the park and discover the pages within the book entitled *Over in the Forest: Come and Take a Peek* by Marianne Berkes. Future StoryWalk events include July 12 at Lakewood Park and Aug. 9 at the Community Center. This event is free, no registration required. For more information contact 408-730-7800.