



# Update Sunnyvale

News From Your City Manager

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## Airplane Noise Town Hall Meeting

Tuesday, August 21, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center Ballroom, 550 E. Remington Dr. The City of Sunnyvale is hosting a Town Hall Meeting on Airplane Noise. Special Guest Congressman Ro Khanna will be in attendance as the city council provides residents with an update on noise mitigation efforts, a report out on the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on South Flow Arrivals final recommendation, and an opportunity to speak during public comment.



## Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, July 21, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, July 22, noon to 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 Library book sale! Proceeds support Library programs and services.

## Fourth of July

This Fourth of July, there were 122 events related to fireworks complaints. Of the complaints, 80 were handled by overtime officers assigned to deal with fireworks related calls; of the 80 calls, 20 were on viewed by those officers. On-duty patrol officers handled the rest of the calls that were related to fireworks. The number events were a minor drop from last year when there were 126. Each event denotes at least one phone call was received, though many events had multiple telephone reports. None of the events involved injuries or property damage from fireworks. For more information contact Lt. Jeromy Lima at 408-730-7124 or [jljima@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:jljima@sunnyvale.ca.gov).

## Annual Water Quality Report

The City of Sunnyvale has prepared the 2017 annual consumer confidence report and has placed copies at several locations throughout the city including City Hall, the Community Center and Public Library. The report which provides information on the source and quality of water is also available online at <https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/WQR>.

More than 60,000 post cards were sent to all the addresses including apartments served by the Sunnyvale water utility to advise them that the report has been posted online and to call 408-730-7400 if they are interested in receiving a hard copy in the mail.



In 2017, Sunnyvale tap water met all state and federal regulations.

### Business Emergency Response Team

The Department of Public Safety is partnering with the Sunnyvale business community creating a new Business Emergency Response Team (BERT) program. The program is a joint effort by DPS, Santa Clara County EMS, and Emergency Response Teams (ERT) from local businesses. The goal of the program is to help ensure a higher level of disaster preparedness for our business community and prepare ERTs to communicate and work with first responders in the event of a major emergency or disaster. The curriculum will consist of medical skills, search and rescue techniques, and an evaluation exercise. BERT will be a training program and is not intended to replace company-funded ERT training. The training will ensure businesses can more effectively respond to and recover from a major emergency or disaster, and minimize the negative impacts to employees and operations. For more information contact Lt. Ryan Yin at 408-730-7198 or [ryin@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:ryin@sunnyvale.ca.gov).

### Hydrant Flushing

After a four-year break, due to the extreme drought conditions that gripped the State, the City is restarting its hydrant flushing program this summer. This will allow us to exercise the hydrants and clean the distribution system from sediment that has built over time.

As part of this program, you may notice Water Department crews working at hydrants and water running down the street. Although it may appear to waste water, the process is part of an essential routine maintenance program that maintains the integrity of the water system and allows us to continue to deliver the highest quality water possible to our customers. Hydrant flushing is also performed to check fire flow capacity.



Due to this flushing, residents in the immediate vicinity of the work may experience temporary discoloration of their water. This discoloration consists primarily of harmless silt and air and has no effect on water quality. If you experience discoloration in your water after crews have been flushing in your neighborhood, clear the pipes in your home by running the water faucets in your home for a few minutes. We recommend using a bathtub or outside faucet.

For any water quality questions, please contact us at 408-730-7400.

### Pedestrian Crosswalk Decoy Sting

On June 27, the Sunnyvale Traffic unit conducted a Pedestrian Decoy Sting Operation on Remington at Michelangelo, just south of El Camino Real. In just over an hour, 18 citations were issued for failing to yield the right of way to a pedestrian within a marked crosswalk. There are two more decoy operations planned in the coming months. The first will coincide with a public education campaign prior to the start of the school year. The campaign is called, "How did the chicken cross the road...Safely!" The second is scheduled for September and will be conducted by the Allied Agency Group Enforcement Operation. For additional information, contact Captain James Boone at [jboone@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:jboone@sunnyvale.ca.gov).

### Light Emitting Diode (LED) Streetlights Project Update

As previously reported on June 15, 2017 via City Manager Biweekly Report, 1,859 cobra-type streetlights were converted to LED in 2012 as part of Phase 1 of this project. Recently, the remaining 6,925 fixtures mostly in residential and downtown areas (and including post-top acorn decorative fixtures), were converted to LEDs as part of Phase 2. Additionally, Phase 2 included installation of Adaptive Streetlighting Control System (ASCS) for

5,749 LED cobra type streetlights mostly in residential areas. ASCS is not available for acorn decorative LED fixtures.

The ASCS allows the City to remotely monitor and manage the streetlights from its Traffic Management Center (TMC). The system allows automatic adjustment of lighting levels on the street depending upon the activity; as the activity on the street(s) goes down, the lighting level will also reduce, saving up to 80% additional power consumption. The system also monitors the power consumption of individual streetlights in real time, and will send streetlight outage alerts to help staff identify and fix the outage in a timely manner. The system will help save city resources by eliminating the need for regular nighttime streetlight checks in these areas. The City currently pays a flat rate fee per LED streetlight to PG&E irrespective of actual power consumption. However, staff is actively working with PG&E to obtain an actual reduction in electricity charges utilizing the data obtained from the field through the ASCS due to power savings from the system installation.

To date, over 3,054 LED streetlights in residential areas have been programmed for remote access through the ASCS and are now actively diming. The remaining 2,695 streetlights in Phase 2 are scheduled for programming in August.

### Library Now Offers Access to Online Learning Platform Niche Academy

Are you unsure how to use some of the Library’s online resources like eBooks, eMagazines and streaming videos? Would you like to do genealogy research in Ancestry, learn a new language with Mango Languages, or learn a new skill with Lynda.com? Niche Academy offers brief, informative video tutorials on many of our eResources. Each tutorial offers full text and closed captions. There are even videos to help you set up a Gmail account or start using social media. Access Niche Academy from the [Online Database](#) page. No library card needed to get started. Niche Academy was made possible with funding from the Friends of the Sunnyvale Public Library.



### NOVA’s Workforce Review for June

On a monthly basis, NOVA produces a [Workforce Review](#) report that aggregates data from the recently released [State jobs report](#) for the NOVA eight-jurisdiction consortium. The unemployment rate for the San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara Metropolitan Statistical Area was 2.3 percent in May, down from 2.4 percent in April; the state unemployment rate was 3.7 percent in May, down from 3.8 percent in April; and Sunnyvale’s unemployment rate was 1.9 percent in May, unchanged from April.



### New Video: Mature Worker Program

In 2016, the Peninsula Family Service (PFS) was awarded a multi-year grant from the County of Santa Clara to launch a mature worker program that would be tailored to the job search needs of mature workers (age 50+), who often face barriers to reentering the workforce. PFS reached out to NOVA to partner on this new project and host the program on the NOVA campus. Since its inception, the program has been tremendously successful and today has served over 500 mature workers, with 140 customers finding employment in just the past year and a half. To highlight this program, a video was produced that showcases the services that the program provides and the experiences that participants have encountered through this program. To view the video, click [here](https://vimeo.com/jumpcutters/review/275338988/7aa66dc1fe), <https://vimeo.com/jumpcutters/review/275338988/7aa66dc1fe> (password is: “pfs”). For more information about the Mature Worker Program, please contact NOVA at 408-730-7232.

## Rescue Training

In addition to responding to calls for service, one of the many activities our public safety officers engage in daily is training. Recently, several of our officers conducted a technical rescue training drill simulating the need to remove a patient from a below grade entrapment and/or lower a rescuer to provide aid to a patient. One of the tools utilized to accomplish this task is pictured to the right and is known as a “ladder gin.” Set up and use of a ladder gin is an important skill and exercise that requires consistent training to maintain proficiency. For additional information, contact Captain Craig Anderson at [canderson@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:canderson@sunnyvale.ca.gov).



## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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### Community Outreach Meetings: Consideration of Usable Open Space in Required Front Yard Study Issue

Thursday, August 2 at 10:00 a.m. and Monday, August 6 at 6:00 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the West Conference Room, City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave. Staff is conducting outreach on the above-mentioned Study Issue to evaluate whether there are instances or criteria that would permit required front yard areas to be counted towards required Usable Open Space. Currently, Usable Open Space is required for multi-family residential projects in the City, and landscaped areas in the required front yard cannot be counted towards Usable Open Space without a deviation request during the Planning entitlement process. The adopted Study Issue Paper can be found [here](#). For more information, contact Kelly Cha, Associate Planner, at 408-730-7408 or [kcha@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:kcha@sunnyvale.ca.gov).

### Flick at Night

Families are invited to enjoy a free screening of *Coco* on Friday, July 27, at Columbia Park, 739 Morse Ave. Bring a blanket or a chair and arrive around 7:45 p.m., the movie starts at sunset. For more information call 408-730-7800.

