



# Update Sunnyvale

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## [Airplane Noise Town Hall Meeting – Date Change](#)

The City of Sunnyvale is hosting a Town Hall Meeting on Airplane Noise, **Thursday, August 23**, in the Community Center Ballroom. 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 Flows final recommendation, and an opportunity to speak during public comment.



Join us: **Thursday, August 23**, from 6 – 7:30 p.m., 550 E. Remington Dr., Sunnyvale.

NOTE: This meeting has been rescheduled from Tuesday, August 21.

## [Community Tours of the Water Pollution Control Plant](#)

On Saturday, July 21, Environmental Services hosted our first community tour of the Water Pollution Control Plant since 2014. Community members viewed progress on the Plant rebuild and potential renderings of the new facility as well as the ongoing operations needed to treat the millions of gallons of wastewater sent to our facility each day. Several appreciated the Plant’s environmentally responsible byproducts: power cogeneration, biosolids and the production of recycled water. In addition, many were surprised with how large the facility is and were impressed by how clean the water is after treatment. The next tour is scheduled for October 20 at 10 a.m. Staff plans to offer future tour opportunities for the community to see the facility in action and learn about this critical infrastructure and ongoing renovation. For more information and to register for the October tour, contact [green@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:green@sunnyvale.ca.gov) or call 408-730-7717.

## [Sunnyvale Names New Park after Longtime City Arborist Loren Wiser](#)

On Tuesday, July 17, City Council voted unanimously to name the City’s newest park at the Vale Development on E. Duane and Deguigne Avenues in memory of longtime city arborist Loren Wiser. As part of the City’s process for naming new parks, the community is asked to submit suggested names. The City received 220 names for consideration which included more than 55 in favor of some variation in Loren’s memory. Loren passed away in 2007 after a battle with leukemia and was remembered for his passion and dedication to City parks and urban forest. “Wiser Park” is scheduled to open by early fall. For more information, please contact the Parks Division of Public Works at 408-730-7506 or via email at [parks@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:parks@sunnyvale.ca.gov).



### Freshest Cargo Returns to Library

Stop by the farmers' market at the Sunnyvale Public Library, 665 W. Olive Ave., Thursdays between 11:15 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Freshest Cargo provides locally grown, fresh fruit and vegetables at low prices. and offers a 50 percent discount to participants of Medi-Cal, CalFresh (SNAP), WIC or SSI (Supplemental Security Income) programs. Additional stops on Thursdays include the Sunnyvale Valley Health Center at 660 S. Fair Oaks Ave. between 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and Columbia Neighborhood Center at 785 Morse Ave. between 2 and 3:30 p.m.



### Suns a Blazin' Community Challenge

From July 30 to August 3, 2018, play the Suns A Blazin' Challenge in the City's free IGreenSunnyvale smart phone application. Buzz your sustainable actions, such as using a room fan instead of an air conditioner or updating your thermostat settings for the season and get rewarded for taking steps towards sustainability this summer! Prizes will be awarded to the top five scores. Download IGreenSunnyvale on your Apple or Android phone. For more information, contact [green@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:green@sunnyvale.ca.gov) or call 408-730-7717.

### Silicon Valley Clean Energy Delivers Clean Power and Customer Savings

Sunnyvale led the way in forming Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) which is a significant component of the City's first [Climate Action Plan](#) (CAP) adopted in 2014. The CAP has served as the City's roadmap for reducing community greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change. SVCE has exceeded the state mandate to procure 50 percent renewable energy by 2030, more than a decade ahead of schedule. In 2017, the Community Choice Energy agency sourced clean power with a lower emissions rate as compared to electricity generation and the average residential customer now saves approximately \$40 per year with SVCE.

Silicon Valley Clean Energy and Pacific Gas and Electric Company have partnered to provide customers in Santa Clara County communities with this cost savings information in an annual mailer. The Joint Rate Mailer which provides a side-by-side comparison on the typical residential electric rates and average monthly charges is also available online at [SVCleanEnergy.org/Compare](http://SVCleanEnergy.org/Compare).

### Collection of Transient Occupancy Tax from Airbnb to Start in August

The City of Sunnyvale recently finalized an agreement with Airbnb to collect and remit Transient Occupancy Taxes (TOT) on behalf of short-term rental hosts using the platform. Collection is scheduled to begin August 1 and is estimated to generate approximately \$500,000 in revenue annually for the City. This change alleviates the need for Airbnb hosts to collect and remit TOT for bookings made on the Airbnb platform. Hosts still need to comply with the City's short-term rentals ordinance. TOT remittance for bookings made on other short-term rental websites other than Airbnb is still required to be completed by the operators. To stay up to date on requirements, please visit the City's [Short-term Rentals page](#).

### City Crews Replace 24-inch Water Valve

On Saturday, July 21, 2018. City crews replaced a 24-inch water valve at the intersection of Mary Ave. and Remington Ave due to failure of the gearbox that opens and closes the valve. The valve, originally installed in 1989, is located on a transmission water line that moves water stored at the Mary Carson Tank on Mary Ave to the southern part of the City. City crews performed the work, proving to be efficient and cost effective considering the current construction bidding environment caused by the booming Bay Area economy. The valve was replaced and the line was put back into service in one day.



### Sunnyvale Community Awards

Do you know a person, group, business or nonprofit making a difference in the Sunnyvale community? Nominate them for a 2018 Sunnyvale Community Award and help us celebrate some of the people and organizations that make Sunnyvale a great place. Community Award categories include Distinguished Resident of the Year, Educator of the Year, High School Student of the Year, Business of the Year, Contribution to the Arts and Environmental Achievement. Nominations will be accepted through August 17. All nominations will be reviewed by a committee of past winners and award decisions will be shared with all nominators by the end of August. The Sunnyvale Mayor and City Councilmembers will present the 2018 Community Awards at the State of the City event on Saturday, September 15, in Downtown Sunnyvale. For more information, including criteria for each award and what to include in the nomination letter, visit [Community Awards Nomination](http://Community Awards Nomination) or contact Alisha Rodrigues at [arodrigues@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:arodrigues@sunnyvale.ca.gov) or 408-730-7343.

### NOVA's Workforce Review for July

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 July edition includes an article titled, "Living in Silicon Valley May Drive You Deep Into Debt." The unemployment rate for the San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara Metropolitan Statistical Area was 3.0 percent in June, up from 2.3 percent in May; the state unemployment rate was 4.5 percent in June, up from 3.7 percent in May; and Sunnyvale's unemployment rate was 2.5 percent in June, up from 1.9 percent in May.

**NOVA WORKFORCE REVIEW**  
July 2018 | A monthly review of labor market information for Silicon Valley

**Living in Silicon Valley May Drive You Deep Into Debt**

**Worst Metro Areas For a Six-Figure Salary**

Metro Area	Percentage
San Jose, CA	~12%
San Francisco, CA	~10%
San Diego, CA	~8%
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	~7%
San Jose, CA	~6%
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	~5%
San Jose, CA	~4%
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	~3%
San Jose, CA	~2%
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	~1%

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

### Sunnyvale Public Safety Officer and K9

Thursday, August 2, 2 p.m. at the Sunnyvale Public Library (665 W. Olive Ave.). Learn about the important work of these highly trained public safety dogs and see a demonstration of the remarkable team work between K9 and handler. For ages 6 and up only and tickets are not required, however, space is limited.

### Summer StoryWalk®

Thursday, August 9, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Sunnyvale Community Center (550 E. Remington Dr.). Families are invited to take a stroll around the community center and discover the pages within the book *If You Take a Mouse to School* by Laura Numeroff. This event is free, no registration required. For more information contact 408-730-7800.



### Community Outreach Meeting for 824 San Aleso Ave.

Wednesday, August 1, at 6:00 p.m. Summit Public Schools (applicant) is hosting an outreach meeting at the Summit Denali school located at **539 E. Weddell Drive**. Summit Public Schools will hold an informational meeting regarding their proposed project to convert an industrial building at 824 San Aleso Ave. into a high school for up to 400 students. The project application will be scheduled for Planning Commission consideration later this year. For more information contact Momoko Ishijima, Project Planner, at [mishijma@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:mishijma@sunnyvale.ca.gov) or 408-730-7532.

