



Update Sunnyvale

News From Your City Manager

August 23, 2018

35th Annual National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 7, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and City staff fanned out across the city attending 15 neighborhood events for the 35th National Night Out. National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug awareness; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. Teams were comprised of Neighborhood Resource Officers, Fire station crews, City Council members, City executive leaders and DPS Staff. The events included block parties, cookouts, live music, ice cream trucks, face painters, dessert socials, and much more. For more information contact Lieutenant Jose Ramirez at 408-730-7114 or joramirez@sunnyvale.ca.gov.



Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety (DPS) Sent Firefighters to Assist in the Mendocino Complex Fire, Largest Wildfire in California State History

On Saturday, July 27, Sunnyvale DPS Fire Engine 41 (EN41), consisting of Lieutenant (Lt.) Charles O’Leary, Public Safety Officer (PSO) Paul Kuczma, PSO Scott Mueting and PSO David Baynes were deployed as part of Santa Clara County (XSC) Strike Team 2303 to the Cranston Fire in Riverside County. Lt. Mick Rose was deployed as Strike Team Leader (XSC 2304) to the Mendocino Fire, the same day. Lt. Rose lead a team made up of firefighters from Milpitas, Santa Clara, Santa Clara County and San Jose. On July 29, EN41 and Strike Team 2303 were redeployed to the Mendocino Complex Fire. Sunnyvale units assisted in cutting hand line, structure protection and active fire suppression. They assisted in preventing the fire from crossing Highway 20 toward the community of Blue Lakes. Both Strike Teams were demobilized and returned to Sunnyvale on August 9. These crews regularly worked long shifts and reported seeing extreme fire behavior. All personnel from both Santa Clara County Strike Teams returned safely. For more information, contact Captain David Sakurai at dsakurai@sunnyvale.ca.gov.



Citizens Public Safety Academy

In September, Public Safety will host a Public Safety Citizen’s Academy. This seven-week program is designed to provide citizens and the business community with a greater understanding of the Public Safety model (Police/Fire/EMS) and provide an in-depth look at the organizational structure, functions, and operational procedures. A few of the topics will be laws of arrest, use of force (including a force simulator), traffic enforcement stops, evidence collection, digital forensics, fire behavior and tactics, and K9 implementation for arson investigations. The program will be an informative and enjoyable experience, and participants will receive training from public safety personnel regarding field procedures and the pressures associated with public safety work. For additional information contact Captain James Boone at Jboone@sunnyvale.ca.gov or 408-730-7188.

Summer Teen Fitness Challenge

This summer, Sunnyvale teens were invited to take on a four-week Summer Teen Fitness Challenge hosted by the Columbia Neighborhood Center in partnership with the Palo Alto Medical Foundation (PAMF). Two days a week, teens spent an hour working with a professional trainer building on strength and endurance. They also spent an hour with a PAMF nutritionist learning about healthy eating through hands-on cooking lessons. Twelve participants completed all four weeks and received a swag bag with a pedometer, apron and reusable water bottle.



Sunnyvale DPS Bicycle Officer Program

For over 40 years, Public Safety has used patrol bicycles to enhance patrol efforts in the community. Bicycle patrol has been proven to be effective in increasing officer visibility in congested areas and their quiet operation provides a tactical approach to crimes in progress. Patrol bicycles are used for regular patrol duty, pedestrian and bicycle traffic enforcement, parking control, and special events. The bicycles are black in color and have a red/blue light and siren. Seven public safety officers were recently selected to the unit and will complete their training in the safe and effective use of police bicycles through a combination of classroom and hands-on skill development. For more information, contact Lieutenant Daniel Moskowitz at dmoskowitz@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

Bay Trail Additional Parking Signs

Two new informational signs have been added to the parking and Bay Trail entrance on Carl Road. Signs alert trail users to the additional trail parking located at the Oath/Yahoo Building (701 1st Ave, Sunnyvale). The signs provide users with a map and directions for how to get to the additional parking as well as how to access the Bay Trail from that location. For more information contact Public Works Engineering Divisions at pubworks@sunnyvale.ca.gov or at 408-730-7605.



Federal Funding Application for Sunnyvale Cleanwater Program

On July 31, Sunnyvale took the first step to apply for significant funds from the US Environmental Protection Agency through the Water Infrastructure Finance and Improvement Act (WIFIA) to support Phase 2 of the Cleanwater Program. Multiple City departments worked together to prepare a "Letter of Interest" outlining the purpose of the projects, description of work, benefits to the City and the environment, and project costs. The City's request for a \$158 million low-interest loan covered about half the costs of the Water Pollution Control

Plant rehabilitation, secondary treatment improvements, and the new administration/laboratory building. The City expects to hear this fall whether it has been selected to move forward in the application process, which could then take most of a year to provide the detailed project and financial information. For more information, contact the Public Works Engineering Division at or email pubworks@sunnyvale.ca.gov or 408-730-7605.

Traffic Safety Enforcement on Duane Avenue

Public Safety was recently asked to monitor the intersection of Duane and San Luisito for traffic violations during school drop-off and pick-up times. The Traffic Safety Unit responded on several different days to educate drivers and provide directed enforcement when warranted. Some of the violations seen were driving on the shoulder of the roadway, crossing over double solid white lines or double solid yellow lines and speed violations. Due to driving behaviors in this area, Public Safety will continue to work with Traffic Engineering to find a long-term solution. Questions related to traffic issues can be directed to Lt. Tracy Hern in the Traffic Safety Unit at 408-730-7109.

3D Printers Donated to the Library

The City recently accepted a donation of three Einstart-C desktop 3D printers from the Friends of the Sunnyvale Public Library. The 3D printers will significantly increase the availability of 3D printers available to the public, reducing wait times for the one MakerBot printer currently in use. The Sunnyvale Public Library is one of the few libraries in the area that offers “hands-on” 3D printing services. The Einstart-C printers were donated to the Friends by Shining 3D, a high-tech enterprise specializing in providing 3D digitizing and 3D printing solutions. To learn more and sign up for a print session, visit the [3D Printing](#) page.



Landfill Post-Closure Erosion Prevention Project Update

Walkers have begun making enthusiastic use of the new wooden stairways installed on the West Hill of the closed Sunnyvale Landfill as part of the landfill erosion prevention project. Pictured is a City staff member enjoying a 115-step climb up the new stairs. The project is nearing completion, with the contractor expected to receive and install new signs in the coming weeks. Areas of the landfill where uncontrolled foot and bicycle use have destroyed the landfill, cover vegetation will receive an application of hydroseed at the start of this fall’s rainy season.

The landfill, which closed in 1993, is an open space area that provides a habitat for wildlife and is open to the public for a variety of recreational activities such as walking, jogging, bicycling and on-leash dog walking. Over the years, heavily-used unauthorized paths caused erosion to the landfill cover and killed the grassy vegetation required to comply with state regulations. The project replaces some eroded areas with cribbed wooden stairways and uses cable barriers to direct foot traffic to the stairs. The innovative design uses concrete pedestals to support the signs and barriers and “floating” staircases to avoid using conventional poles that would penetrate and damage



the clay cap over the landfill. For more information, contact the Solid Waste Program at 408-730-7262 or recycling@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

Additional Funding Awarded for National Dislocated Worker Grant

In 2016, NOVA was awarded a \$3.2 million National Dislocated Worker Grant to serve 920 dislocated workers impacted by the significant churn in this technology-driven economy. This demand has continued and recently NOVA was approved for a modification to this grant for an additional \$1.5 million to serve 450 more job seekers through December 31, 2019.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Public Hearing on the Civic Center Modernization Project Final Environmental Impact Report

A Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared for the Civic Center Modernization Project and incorporates responses to comments and questions received during the 45-day public review and comment period of the Draft EIR. Staff contact: Momoko Ishijima, Associate Planner 408-730-7532. The EIR will be presented and considered at the following public hearings:

Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting:

When: Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 5:30 p.m. (special time)

Where: City Hall, West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Planning Commission Meeting:

When: Monday, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. (special time)

Where: City Hall, Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

City Council Study Session:

When: Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 6 p.m.

Where: City Hall, West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave.

The Civic Center Master Plan and FEIR will be considered:

City Council Meeting:

When: Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m.

Where: City Hall, Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Screening of Straws: A Documentary for a Sea of Change

Monday, August 27, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Sunnyvale Public Library Program Room (665 W. Olive Ave). Learn about a simple way that you can help reduce plastic pollution when the Sunnyvale Environmental Services Department hosts a screening of Straws: A Documentary for a Sea of Change. This half-hour documentary, narrated by Tim Robbins, explores plastic pollution in our oceans and the growing movement to curb it, one straw at a time.

Matter of Balance for Older Adults

Thursdays, Sept. 6 to Oct. 25, 10 a.m. - noon at Columbia Neighborhood Center (785 Morse Ave). Learn to control falls, set goals for increasing activity and make changes to reduce fall risks at home. To register, or for questions, contact Ellen Corman at Stanford Health Care, 650-724-9369.

Free Legal Clinics

Saturday, Sept. 8 from 10 a.m. - noon at the Columbia Neighborhood Center (785 Morse Ave). Receive a free 20 to 30-minute legal consultation on a variety of legal matters from a volunteer licensed attorney. First come, first served with no appointment required. Additional dates: Oct. 6, Nov. 3 and Dec. 1. Call 408-730-7800 for more information.

Neighborhood Outreach Meeting for Proposed Hotel Redevelopment: addition, demolition and renovation to an existing 173-room hotel (Sunnyvale Sheraton Hotel) to result in a 358-room hotel located at 1100 N. Mathilda Avenue

Wednesday, September 5, 2018, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 1100 N. Mathilda Ave. (project site). The outreach meeting, hosted by SOF-X Sunnyvale, LP (the property owner and developer), will provide the neighborhood an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed project. The project includes partial removal of the hotel and construction of a new, 11-story building which will include guest rooms, restaurants, and meeting and banquet facilities. The project also includes construction of a new, three-level parking structure and a spa facility.



For more information contact Shétal Divatia, Project Planner at sdivatia@sunnyvale.ca.gov or 408-730-7637.