

September 20, 2018

## Coastal Cleanup Day in Sunnyvale

On Saturday, September 15, as part of the state Coastal Cleanup Day, Environmental Services staff coordinated a cleanup along the Guadalupe Slough and the Sunnyvale West Channel. The trash that collects in this area accumulates from several upstream sources such as San Tomas Aquino Creek, Calabazas Creek, Sunnyvale East Channel and Sunnyvale West Channel. These waterways converge at Guadalupe Slough which connects to the South San Francisco Bay. During the three-hour event, a total of 73 volunteers cleaned approximately 2.5 miles and collected about 1,383 pounds of trash and recyclables, preventing this material from entering the Bay and Pacific Ocean. Some unusual items found included a backpack, 7' blue pipe, large metal drum and a wading boot. The most common items found were shotgun shells, recyclable cans and bottles, food wrappers, balls, and foam (packing and food) pieces.



## Environmental Services Hosts a Fulbright Scholar from Stanford

On August 24, representatives from the Environmental Services Department (ESD) hosted a Fulbright Visiting Scholar from Stanford University's ReNewit program. Dr. Dalila Loudyi is a professor of Water and Environmental Engineering at the University of Casablanca, Morocco, North Africa. She is an alumni of the US State Department's TechWomen exchange program from 2011 and is being hosted by a local mentor working at Symantec in Sunnyvale. This is the second year that ESD has hosted women from this program. Water Pollution Control Plant

(WPCP) staff provided a tour and information on the technologies used for treating wastewater. They also discussed the funding and contracting mechanisms for implementing the rebuild of the WPCP.

### 2018 Dinner at the Dump

On Saturday, September 8th, Public Safety officers and managers barbecued steak and chicken for nearly 600 guests at this year's Dinner at the Dump event. The dinner benefits several Sunnyvale non-profit organizations including Sunnyvale Community Services, Sunnyvale Rotary and the Sunnyvale Police Athletic League. This event was welcomed back after a two-year hiatus. The dinner is held at the corporate headquarters for Specialty Solid Waste. Guests enjoy a white table cloth atmosphere with DJ music, appetizer buffet, gift basket raffles, live auction and a generous barbecue dinner. The dinner raised nearly \$15,000 for the non-profit organizations. For more information contact Lt. Jose Ramirez 408-730-7114 or [joramirez@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:joramirez@sunnyvale.ca.gov).



### One Long Table Block Party

Police Chief Ngo attended the Cherry Chase Neighborhood Association's (CCNA) annual One Long Table Block Party on Saturday, September 15. It was a great opportunity to speak with residents and enjoy some good food. As part of the event, the Association also held their 2018 CCNA Neighbor of the Year award which was given to resident Barbara Wright. Barbara is a long-time Cherry Chase resident and one of their most active Neighborhood Ambassadors. She welcomes new neighbors and is one of our most consistent volunteers for all their social events. She is also an excellent communicator and makes sure that her neighbors are informed on upcoming CCNA events. For more information, contact Chief Phan Ngo at [pngo@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:pngo@sunnyvale.ca.gov).



### Flood Zone Program - Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information Annual Report

Sunnyvale is a member of the Community Rating System (CRS) in which floodplain management activities are translated into flood insurance reductions for residents. In 2015, Sunnyvale joined ten other local jurisdictions within Santa Clara County to form the Program for Public Information (PPI) as it relates to the Cities' individual flood programs. Each of the ten cities is a member in the CRS program and is committed to participating in the PPI with the intent of the combined efforts resulting in flood insurance discounts for each City's residents. Sunnyvale is currently a CRS class 7, with a corresponding 15% discount on flood insurance for its residents. The PPI is a voluntary document, but has the potential to earn bonus multiplier points for outreach materials. A requirement of the PPI is to prepare an annual report. The Santa Clara Valley Water District takes the lead on annual report preparation and the period covering July 2017 to June 2018 has been submitted to FEMA for review. A copy of the annual report can be obtained by contacting the Department of Public Works 408-730-7415 or email [pubworks@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:pubworks@sunnyvale.ca.gov).

### Public Safety Graduates Seven Recruits from Police Academy

On September 17, we celebrated the graduation of seven (7) Public Safety Officer Recruits from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office 162nd Police Academy. The police academy consists of 1,064 hours (approximately 28 weeks) of training including firearms, defensive tactics, and emergency vehicle operations. One recruit, Steven Char, received the "Performance Award" for scenario testing. Recruit Char received 2,908 of 3,000 points possible.

The seven recruits will now enter the Public Safety Field Training Officer Program (FTO). FTO is scheduled to be up to 26 weeks before becoming solo beat officers on the street. Two of the seven will need to complete the Fire Academy after FTO which is scheduled for April 2019. The remaining five will become part of departmental staffing which is currently 191 of 201 sworn positions. For additional information, please contact Captain Jeff Hunter at 408-730-7711.



### How did the chicken cross the road...? Safely

For the week of August 27, Public Safety used a traffic campaign to raise awareness for pedestrian and bicyclist safety. This effort, titled, "How did the chicken cross the road," coincided with the start of a new school year and was aimed at showing school aged children the proper techniques for safely crossing the roadway in crosswalks. Each day a new video was posted to social media addressing looking both ways, being an aggressive walker to quickly cross the street, not being distracted by oversized clothing or headphones and making eye contact with drivers. For bicyclist, the video addressed walking bikes instead of riding in the crosswalk. Although these videos are aimed at school aged children, it is a reminder for everyone that it's a shared responsibility for roadway safety. The week culminated with a pedestrian decoy operation, funded by the Office of Traffic Safety, and conducted by our Traffic Safety Unit. ABC 7 live streamed the event on Facebook and showed the dangers posed by pedestrians crossing the roadway (<https://abc7news.com/4109921/>). The operation resulted in more than 40 citations issued for drivers failing to yield to pedestrians (and chickens) in a crosswalk. For additional information, contact Lieutenant Tracy Hern at 408-730-7109.

### Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety (DPS) – 2018 Urban Shield Exercise

On September 7, the Sunnyvale DPS SWAT team took part in a 48-hour non-stop training exercise involving various scenarios taking place throughout Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. DPS SWAT members navigated through scenarios involving terrorist attacks, active shooters, hostage rescues, and a physically and mentally demanding physical fitness obstacle course (O Course). The SWAT team took 3rd place in the "O Course" and 14th overall out of over 30 participating agencies; which included international teams from Korea, Sweden and Taiwan. The SWAT team was led by Lieutenant (LT) Smart and Larkin and consisted of Public Safety Officer (PSO) Fernandez, PSO Mathers, PSO Ochoa, PSO Smith, PSO Foley and PSO Mutz.



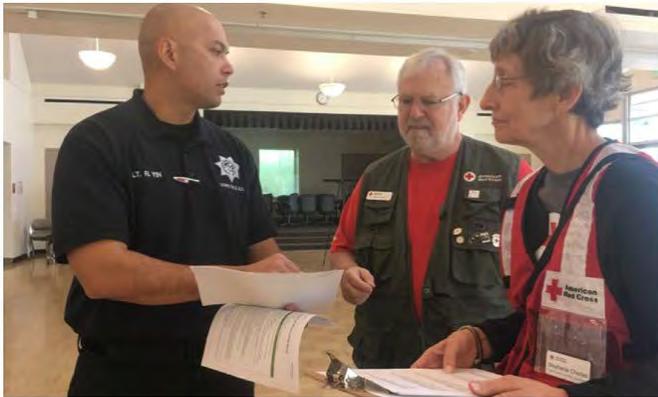
On September 9, members of the Sunnyvale DPS Division of Fire Operations participated in the Urban Search & Rescue (USAR) exercise of Urban Shield. This exercise involved four (4) large scale rescue scenarios at various locations throughout Mare Island in Vallejo. Those scenarios simulated various emergencies including rescuing injured workers on top of a large crane/industrial machine over a hundred feet high, an auto extrication involving a big rig truck on its side on top of a car, an earthquake with collapsed buildings and confined space rescues including one with injured workers within a large ship. The USAR Team finished in second place overall.



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### Yellow Command Exercise

On September 6, staff joined 550 other City and County employees in Santa Clara County to participate in Urban Shield's Yellow Command Exercise. Yellow Command focuses on emergency management and the support that Emergency Operations Centers (EOC) provide for effective response and recovery efforts in the field. This year's exercise tested sheltering capabilities of local governments and their ability to activate and operate EOC in support of care and shelter missions. The scenario was based on a 7.9 magnitude earthquake with an estimated 1,899 displaced Sunnyvale residents. 60 employees from Library and Community Services (LCS) and NOVA underwent American Red Cross shelter worker training. In addition, 5 LCS and 1 NOVA staff members completed the American Red Cross Shelter Manager's training. Having City trained shelter teams allows the City to respond to the needs of our community during a large-scale event when the services of the American Red Cross may not be immediately available. To learn more about Sunnyvale Emergency Response Volunteers programs and how to prepare for an emergency or disaster, please visit the City's Emergency Preparedness webpage at <https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/government/safety/emergency.htm>. Staff contact: Lt. Ryan Yin, [ryin@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:ryin@sunnyvale.ca.gov).



### Sunnyvale Police Athletic League (PAL) Car Show

Sunnyvale PAL and the Sunnyvale Downtown Association partnered to present the first ever customs and classic car show on Historic Murphy St. on Sunday, September 9. More than 60 gorgeous custom and classic cars and trucks were on display from all over the Bay Area. The event drew hundreds of people who enjoyed perfect weather, music from DJ Thumpz (a.k.a. NRO Jahari Tracy), and live music from The Hitmen. Sunnyvale PAL show cased many of the PAL programs that benefit local youth. The People's Choice Award went to a pristine '57 Chevy Bel Air owned by Russ Lindley. The Greatest Distance Traveled Plaque was awarded to Mark Sala, who came from Santa Nella to show his El Camino. For more information contact Lt. Jose Ramirez at phone 408-730-7114 or [joramirez@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:joramirez@sunnyvale.ca.gov).



### NOVA Recognized at Meeting of the Minds Conference

On September 5, NOVA's work was showcased at the California Workforce Association's annual Meeting of the Minds (MMM) conference in Monterey, which was attended by over 750 workforce professionals this year. Director Kris Stadelman and Program Manager Luther Jackson were invited to present on panels to discuss the topics, "New Economy, New Approach: New Models for Developing Talent for Today's Labor Market" and "Upward Mobility, Skills and (Real) Equity Partners: The Future of Work", where NOVA's initiatives including the Boston Tech Talent Exchange partnership and TechLadder were highlighted.



### Resident Feedback on City's Website and Website Awards

At the recent State of the City event, staff spoke to community members about our one-year old website. Comments received were: "intuitive," "simple," "easy to find things" and "I didn't know that was on the site – that's great!" The City also received two more awards for the website. The Web Marketing Association (WMA) presented us with the 2018 Government Standard of Excellence Award for Outstanding Achievement in Web Development, and on September 13, our Web Specialist was on hand at the National Association of Government Web Professionals (NAGW) conference to receive the coveted NAGW Members' Choice Award in the City Medium Population Group category. For more information, contact Communications Officer Jennifer Garnett at 408-730-7535 or [communications@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:communications@sunnyvale.ca.gov).

### Pickleball Courts Now Available at the Las Palmas Tennis Center

The City has its first public Pickleball Courts. The newly created Pickleball courts are located at Las Palmas Tennis Center at 755 S. Mathilda Ave. Court 16 has been converted to four Pickleball courts with a new color scheme of purple inside and green outside that will be used for all courts as they get resurfaced. For more information or to reserve your court time, contact the Las Palmas Tennis Center at 408-735-7285.