

October 4, 2018

[NOVA Hosts Holiday Job Fair](#)

On September 27, NOVA hosted its 5th annual Holiday Job Fair at the Sunnyvale Community Center. This is an opportunity for NOVA customers to obtain temporary jobs during the holiday season while continuing to look for full-time employment in their careers. This is also a chance for businesses to obtain high-caliber talent to fill jobs during this busy time of the year. This year's event attracted more than 120 customers and residents and 37 employers that included Amazon, dd's Discounts, Goodwill of Silicon Valley, Macy's, Southwest Airlines, Sunnyvale Community Services, Target, and Trader Joe's. In a tight job market, retailers often face difficulties attracting candidates, and those in attendance rated their experience highly, stating, "Great turnout" (Amazon) and "We like the variety of candidates" (Macy's). Job seekers, including many local high school students, commented "Employers were friendly, knowledgeable, and helpful" and "It felt so good to meet employers." The Job Fair was also featured in a segment about holiday hiring on [KRON4 Bay Area news](#). To learn more about NOVA services for both businesses and job seekers, visit the [NOVA website](#) or call (408) 730-7232.



[2018 North County Gun Buyback Event](#)

On Saturday, September 29, the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office, the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety, along with the police departments of Los Altos, Mountain View, Palo Alto and Santa Clara hosted the first ever [North County Gun Buyback event](#). The event was held at the Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church. The goal for this event was to reduce the availability of unwanted, unsafe, and illegal guns in communities by providing an opportunity for the safe and anonymous disposal of firearms. A total of 567 firearms were surrendered: 264 handguns, 182 rifles, 98 shotguns and 23 assault weapons. For more information contact Lieutenant Jose Ramirez at phone 408-730-7114 or joramirez@sunnyvale.ca.gov.



[The Countywide Traffic Enforcement Comes to Sunnyvale](#)

On September 19, in efforts to reduce pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle collisions, nine law enforcement agencies from Santa Clara County joined Public Safety for a [directed traffic enforcement](#) operation in the City of Sunnyvale. The operation targeted 22 high complaint locations including seven schools. Two pedestrian decoy operations were also conducted resulting in numerous citations and educational experiences for drivers. In total, more than 200 citations were issued for unsafe driving behaviors. Santa Clara County agencies collaborate each month to

assist each other in these high profile, directed enforcement activities in an attempt to gain compliance by drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians. For more information contact Lieutenant Tracy Hern at 408-730-7109.

NOVA Workforce Review for September

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 September edition includes an article titled, “Nearly half of California’s gig economy workers struggling with poverty, new survey says,” which states that nearly one in 10 adult residents in the state currently work in the gig economy and nearly half of them are barely getting by. The unemployment rate for the San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara Metropolitan Statistical Area was 2.7 percent in August, down from 2.8 percent in July; the state unemployment rate was 4.3 percent in August, down from 4.4 percent in July; and Sunnyvale’s unemployment rate was 2.2 percent in August, unchanged from July.



Public Safety Citizen Academy 2018-1

September 20th marked the start of Public Safety’s first Citizen Academy in two decades! The 21-person class is composed of local politicians, business owners, school district board members, and Sunnyvale residents. The Citizen Academy meets Thursdays evening for seven (7) consecutive weeks. Its mission is to provide attendees with an inside view of the department’s unique and effective approach to public safety.



The first two sessions provided attendees an overview of the department’s organizational structure, recruitment efforts and the training required to become a public safety officer, as well as, attendees processing a “crime scene” for fingerprints, learning how and why officers make vehicle stops and operating a police vehicles emergency equipment.

Over the next five sessions, the class will perform arrest and control procedures, discuss using force, experience a force option simulator and learn other day-to-day operations. For more information contact Detective Elizabeth DiGiovanna at 408-730-7297 or edigiovanna@sunnyvale.ca.gov

2018 Explorer Competition

On September 21 - 23, Sunnyvale Explorer Post 417 participated in the 2018 Explorer Competition hosted by the Stockton Police Department. The competition provides explorers the opportunity to test their skills against other Explorer teams in a variety of law enforcement scenarios, including knowledge and tactics individually, and as a team. Sunnyvale Explorer Post 417 finished first place overall out of 13 teams. The Sunnyvale Explorer program is for young people who are interested in a law enforcement career. For more information contact Lt. Jose Ramirez at phone 408-730-7114 or joramirez@sunnyvale.ca.gov



Public Safety Dispatcher Receives Award

Every year, the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) gives recognition to Public Safety Dispatchers that go above and beyond to enhance their profession. Public Safety submitted a nomination for Public Safety Dispatcher Carolyn Nicholson who has been a dispatcher since 2011 with the department. Carolyn's nomination was for Public Safety Communications Trainer of the Year in the Northern California APCO chapter. On September 25, Public Safety was notified that Carolyn had received the award for 2018. She will be recognized on October 11th at the annual awards luncheon.

Carolyn has been an outstanding trainer constantly showing her dedication to the training program. Carolyn is a caring, firm, and supportive trainer that quickly recognizes needs and resources to provide the best opportunity for success to new employees. She was described as finding unconventional approaches to help trainees with understanding of difficult concepts. She utilizes a flexible training style to provide the best possible support to the trainees. Carolyn was described by one of her supervisors as "a positive light" that "never gives up."



Fee Waiver Applications Now Available for Youth Recreation Activities

The City of Sunnyvale's Fee Waiver Program offers financial assistance for youth activities, classes and camps. Eligible Sunnyvale residents can apply to receive \$234 per child (17 and under), per 12-month funding cycle, to help pay for registration fees. Approval is based on income qualifications and the applicant must be a Sunnyvale resident. Fee waiver funding cycle is from Oct. 1, 2018 to Sept. 20, 2019. Apply at Columbia Neighborhood Center, 785 Morse Ave. or Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive. Download the [application](#). For more information call 408-730-7800.

Some Library Systems to be Offline Oct. 26 to Oct. 29

There will be some service impacts at the Library beginning Friday, Oct. 26 at 6:10 p.m. through Monday, Oct. 29 at 6 a.m. due to a planned data center migration. The City data center migration will increase the efficiency, reliability, security, and disaster recovery capabilities of the City's Information Technology systems. During the migration, systems that will not be operational at the Library include self-check, automated return, and automated telephone renewal systems. Staff will still be able to assist with reference, accounts, checkouts and check-ins; however, there may be delays during this time. Systems that are expected to remain available include WiFi, Technology Center PCs, and Library Catalog search personal computers. The Library website and catalog will also remain available. Contact the Library at 408-730-7300 for more information and/or questions.

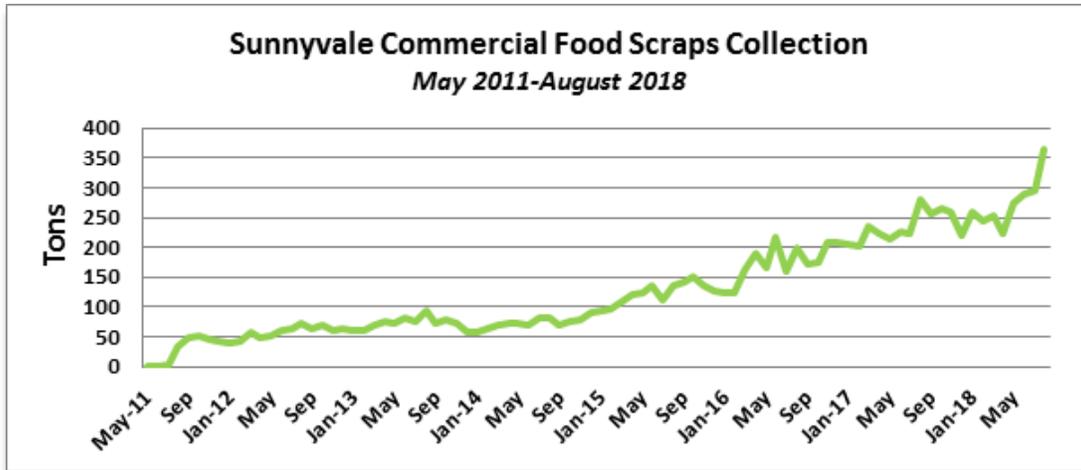
Library Pop-ups for Library Card Sign Up Month

During Library Card Sign Up Month in September, Library staff brought the BIKE-Mobile to Plaza del Sol, Caltrain Station, Benefits Fair, and Walmart eCommerce Business Park. Staff registered 52 new library cards, and spoke to hundreds about Library services. The BIKE-mobile and pop-ups are an integral part of the department's effort to "turn outwards" and increase accessibility of Library services by getting out into the community.



Record August Commercial Food Scrap Tons

August was a banner month for commercial food scrap collection, weighing in with the highest monthly tonnage yet collected, a hefty 365 tons. This represents 8% of the total garbage collected from businesses and sources that have garbage collected in dumpsters, during August. Recent California recycling laws require businesses to separate organics from other wastes. The law takes a phased approach over the course of several years, beginning with larger generators in 2016 and adding smaller ones over time. City staff provides outreach and education to Sunnyvale businesses, helping with everything from interior container recommendations to free bin stickers and employee training. The recent addition of two groceries, a retail strip mall with 19 restaurants, account for the big jump in tons.



Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors Awards Green Business Commendations to Sunnyvale

On September 12, Supervisor Joe Simitian, on behalf of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, presented certificates of commendation to the City of Sunnyvale. Each year the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors recognizes newly certified or recertified Green Businesses at its annual recognition event. Sunnyvale's Zero Waste Program staffers Alyssa Rice-Wilson and Mary Lindemuth accepted the awards on behalf of the City.



From left: Richard Santos, SCVWD Chair, Alyssa Rice-Wilson, Susan Landry, Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission Chair, Mary Lindemuth, Supervisor Joe Simitian, Commissioner Kathy Watanabe

In April, the California Green Business Network (CAGBN) recertified all Civic Center buildings, the Sunnyvale Public Library, the Sunnyvale Senior Center, the Community Center, the Columbia Neighborhood Center and the SMaRT Station® administrative offices. The CAGBN certifies businesses that meet benchmarks in the areas of waste, energy, water, pollution prevention and air quality. Practices the City implemented over the past three years saved 35,372 pounds of carbon dioxide, which is the equivalent of planting 54 acres of urban trees, diverted more than five tons from landfill, saved nearly 12,000 kWh of electricity and conserved 310,364 gallons of water. To find out more about the Green Business program visit greenbusinessca.org.

Tree Walks in Sunnyvale

Sunnyvale Urban Forest Advocates (SUFA), a volunteer group supporting the City of Sunnyvale and its residents in the planting and care of the City's Urban Forest has sponsored numerous tree walks. On September 8th, the Sunnyvale Tree Division and SUFA celebrated the Fall Forest Festival at Ortega Park which included two tree walks, story time reading by the Library staff, demonstration of our tree division aerial lift and a new tree planting.



SUFA also is in the process of developing their 'Trees of Distinction' program, where trees of special interest throughout Sunnyvale are noted and one can independently tour the city to see these magnificent trees. They are taking nominations of trees of special interest. You can nominate special trees to SUFA.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Neighborhood Outreach Meeting for Proposed Redevelopment of the Calstone/Peninsula Building Materials Site (1155-1175 Aster Ave)

Wednesday, October 10, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 1175 Aster Ave. (project site). The meeting, hosted by Olympic Residential Group, will provide the community an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed project. The project includes demolition of the existing site and construction of 741 residential units (412 apartments, 189 condominiums, and 140 townhomes), parking facilities, a community open space area, and small cafe. For information contact George Schroeder, Senior Planner at gschroeder@sunnyvale.ca.gov or 408-730-7443.



Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Celebration

Wednesday, Oct. 24, 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Columbia Middle School Library, 739 Morse Ave. Children of all ages are invited to learn about Dia de los Muertos traditions and create fun art projects with special guest artist Rachel Palacios. Free, no registration required. First come, first served while supplies last. For more information call 408-730-7800.



Traffic Safety Improvement Walking Tours

Join us for Traffic Safety Improvement **Walking Tours** and find out about potential traffic safety improvements in selected areas. The tours are part of developing the City's **Vision Zero Plan**, which aims to eliminate traffic fatalities and injuries for all modes of transportation within Sunnyvale.

Walking tours and meeting locations will take place at the following areas:

El Camino Real between S. Taaffe Street and S. Fair Oaks Avenue

When: Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2 to 4 p.m.

Where to Meet: Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road and El Camino Real (meet at corner near Safeway)

RSVP for El Camino Real tour

E. Fremont Avenue between Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road and Floyd Avenue

When: Thursday, Oct. 11, 2 to 4 p.m.

Where to Meet: Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road and E. Fremont Avenue (meet at corner near Fremont High School)

RSVP for Fremont tour

S. Mary Avenue between W. Remington Drive and W. Fremont Avenue

When: Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2 to 4 p.m.

Where to Meet: Meet at S. Mary Avenue and W. Fremont Avenue (meet at corner near Westmoor Village)

RSVP for Mary Ave. tour