

November 29, 2018

## Rides for Toys

On Saturday, November 24, the Department of Public Safety held its annual Rides for Toys to benefit Sunnyvale Community Services. The event was held in the Macy's parking lot near downtown. DPS Fire engines provided rides to children and family members who donated new unwrapped toys. This fun and unique opportunity allows community members to meet their Public Safety Officers, while helping families in need this holiday season. The event was a great success with record-breaking participation. More than 1,000 participants donated 545 toys. PetSmart handed out stuffed animals to the young children participating in the event. Additionally, *the force was strong* with Star Wars characters interacting with participants. Personnel from Stations 1, 3, and 4, the Crime Prevention Unit, Sunnyvale Joint Fire Academy, Sunnyvale Explorer Post 417 and Sunnyvale Community Services all participated to make the event a great success. [Enjoy a slide show of the Rides for Toys festivities.](#) For more information contact Lieutenant Dan Moskowitz at [dmoskowitz@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:dmoskowitz@sunnyvale.ca.gov).



## Free Sandbags Available

During the winter rainy season, the City of Sunnyvale offers residents free sandbags to help protect against localized flooding. Residents can pick up sandbags at the Sunnyvale Corporation Yard located at 221 Commercial Street in the cul-de-sac on East California Avenue. Filled and unfilled sandbags are available Monday to Friday from 7 am to 4 pm, with a limit of 10 filled sandbags per address. Should residents require more than 10 sandbags, unfilled sandbags are available as well. Residents must bring a valid ID with Sunnyvale residence. [Check out additional tips on how to protect yourself and your property from flooding.](#)

### Bikeshare Program Coming to Sunnyvale in December

Sunnyvale residents will soon be able to rent electric-assist bicycles as part of a new 12-month pilot program with LimeBike launching December 17 with 300 bikes. Up to 1,000 e-bikes (no electric scooters) will eventually be placed throughout Sunnyvale at popular locations such as the Civic Center, Sunnyvale Public Library, Community Center, City parks and Sunnyvale's downtown. Users simply ride the bikes from their starting location and leave them at their destination. Rental fees are \$1 to unlock the bike and 15 cents for every minute of use thereafter. Fees are assessed through a phone app and qualified low income users can apply for rebates of up to 50 percent through the Lime Access program. The pilot program will allow the City to evaluate the use of the bikes and determine the long-term viability of a permanent program. For questions about the pilot program, contact Lillian Tsang, Principal Transportation Engineer at 408-730-7415.



### Lane Closure on Sunnyvale Saratoga Road at East Remington Drive

Beginning Monday, Dec. 3, 2018, a segment of the number 3 lane (closest to the curb) will be closed on northbound Sunnyvale Saratoga Road at the intersection of East Remington Drive to construct a new Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) bus pad and shelter. Merging down to two lanes will begin at Crescent Avenue south of Remington and the third lane will reopen just past the construction project on the north side of the intersection. The VTA bus stop and driveway entrances along this segment will remain accessible. The lane will be closed until the work is completed which is scheduled for late December 2018. For more information, please contact the Department of Public Works at [pubworks@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:pubworks@sunnyvale.ca.gov) or 408-730-7415.

### NOVA Workforce Review for November

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 November edition (a 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Issue) includes an article titled, "Manufacturers say their worker shortage is getting worse. Here's why." According to the National Association of Manufacturers, 2.4 million manufacturing jobs could go unfilled between now and 2028, which some attribute to a skills gap in response to the industry's technological changes, while others cite insufficient low wages or factors specific to an employer as the cause for the shortage.



### Measure K - Election Results

Measure K received the majority vote in the recent local elections increasing the City's Transient Occupancy Tax (the tax hotel guests pay when they stay in Sunnyvale), from 10.5% to 12.5% of the room rate effective January 1, 2019. The public hearing item will be presented to City Council on Dec. 18, 2018 to certify the changes to the ordinance and ratify the vote. Increased revenues will support City operations through the general fund, keeping our community safe and welcoming for visitors and residents. For more information please contact Anna Lewis in the Department of Finance at [alewis@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:alewis@sunnyvale.ca.gov) or 408-730-3053.

### New Housing Officer Joins City Staff

In November, the Community Development Department welcomed new hire Jenny Wiseman Carloni to the Housing Division as the new Housing Officer, filling a critical vacancy. Jenny previously worked for the cities of Dublin, CA and San Luis Obispo, CA. As Housing Officer, Ms. Carloni will oversee the City's housing programs, including the Home Improvement, Below Market Rate Housing, First-time Home Buyer, and Tenant-Based Rental Assistance programs. The Housing Division also manages three special revenue funds and their associated loan portfolios: the Housing Mitigation Fund, the CDBG Fund (federal grants generally for affordable housing, improved living environment and human services/economic opportunities), and the Home Investment Partnerships HOME Program Fund. A key role for Ms. Carloni in 2019 will be managing the Housing Strategy study issue. For more information contact the Housing Division at 408-730-7250.



### 2018 Silicon Valley Crime Stopper Law Enforcement Awards Banquet

On November 15, DPS members attended the annual Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers Law Enforcement Awards Banquet in San Jose to honor Detective Matthew Hutchison as one of the "Crime Stoppers of the Year." Detective Hutchison was recognized for his outstanding service to our community and his work for the past 5 years as a detective. During the 5 years, Matthew served as a Property Crimes Detective, Sexual Assault Detective and as a Robbery/Homicide Detective.

In 2018, Detective Hutchison was assigned as a Robbery/Homicide detective and volunteered to review and manage the 12 cold case homicides that were currently open in Sunnyvale. With careful study and review, he worked on each case and re-submitted evidence to the Santa Clara County Crime Lab for forensic review using modern day investigative techniques and equipment.

Because of Detective Hutchison's hard work and dedication, he was able to solve and close-out 4 of the 12 cold case homicides. Steve Del Porto, Supervising Deputy District Attorney (SDA) for North County, was so impressed with Detective Hutchison's work that he sent a two-page commendation letter to Sunnyvale DPS. SDA Del Porto wrote in part, "Detective Hutchison's work ethic and devotion to duty brings honor and distinction to the Sunnyvale DPS and makes him an exemplary role model for others in law enforcement. His proactive nature, positive attitude and professional demeanor has made it a distinct privilege to work with him."



We are very proud of Detective Hutchison. For more information related to this award, please contact Captain Jim Choi at [hchoi@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:hchoi@sunnyvale.ca.gov) or 408-730-4524.



## New Fire Inspection and Permitting Database Goes Live

After nearly six years in development by Tyler Technologies, a new inspection and permitting database for use by the Department of Public Safety's Fire Prevention and Hazardous Materials work units went live October 1. The database is expected to increase efficiencies for inspectors and support staff and fully complies with the State of California's requirement to interact and exchange hazardous materials data with CalEPA's state-wide California Environmental Reporting System (CERS). Regulated businesses are required to report and update chemical inventory and business information annually in CERS. Permit holders and business owners will see an immediate change as inspection reports and correction notices are emailed directly to business owners by field inspectors from hand-held tablet computers. If you would like more information, please contact Fire Marshal Lynne Kilpatrick at [lkilpatrick@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:lkilpatrick@sunnyvale.ca.gov) or 408-730-7219.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

### Preschool Outdoor Play Area

Public Works recently developed two design concepts for a preschool age play area, located within Murphy Park, at 194 North Sunnyvale Avenue. The concepts will be presented to the public at a community meeting at the park building scheduled for Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. The project will provide for a preschool outdoor space and storage, including learning stations, a storage system for housing preschool program equipment and accessories; a new non-slip surface for outdoor play; and fencing with lockable entry gate. The new play area will address the need for a safe and dedicated outdoor space for Murphy Park's popular preschool program, which is expected to grow in attendance. Any questions regarding this project can contact Public Works, Engineering Division, at [pubworks@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:pubworks@sunnyvale.ca.gov) or 408-730-7605.



### Neighborhood Outreach Meeting for Proposed Google Office/R&D Buildings on Caribbean Drive

Thursday, December 6, 6 to 7 p.m. at 111 Java Drive (Google). The outreach meeting, hosted by Google, will provide the neighborhood and business community an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed project. The project would result in a net increase of 331,890 s.f. and includes: the demolition of 13 existing office/industrial buildings (approximately 710,000 s.f.); and, construction of two new five-story office/research and development buildings totaling 1,041,890 s.f. along with a five-story parking structure and associated site improvements. The project includes several properties: 360-394 Caribbean Drive, 1330-1368 Bordeaux, 140-146 Caribbean Drive, 1325-1395 Borregas Avenue and 141 Caspian Court. For more information contact Ryan Kuchenig, Senior Planner at [rkuchenig@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:rkuchenig@sunnyvale.ca.gov) or 408-730-7431.

