



# Update Sunnyvale

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## [Council Approves Community Engagement Outreach Plan regarding By-District Elections](#)

On December 11, the City Council approved a Community Engagement Outreach Plan focused on educating residents about requirements under the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) and seeking input on changing the City's current election system to a district-based system. In approving the outreach plan, Council expressed its commitment to having a robust public engagement process prior to making a final determination as to the timing and substance of a ballot measure to switch to district elections. As part of the plan, Council approved the creation of a Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) to advise on outreach efforts and potential district maps. The CAC will be made up of seven or nine Sunnyvale residents that are eligible to vote. The application for membership in the CAC will be available in the next few weeks. Stay informed by visiting the City's website on [District Elections](#).

## [Sunnyvale DPS Burglary Suppression Detail, Detectives and Patrol Units Keeping Busy](#)

Officers assigned to our Burglary Suppression Detail (BSD), Investigation Unit, and patrol continue to make our community safe! On November 28, a residential burglary was interrupted by the resident on the 500 block of Endicott Drive. Neighborhood surveillance video captured the suspects fleeing in an older model convertible Audi. On the same day, an additional residential burglary was reported on the 1600 block of Albatross Drive, where surveillance video captured the same vehicle in the area. On December 4 at approximately 11 a.m., BSD members located the vehicle occupied by three subjects in front of a



residence on Valcartier Dr. officers made contact and at the end of the investigation, three subjects were arrested on various charges and found to be connected to four Sunnyvale burglaries.

On December 3, a residential burglary was reported on the 1100 block of Queen Ann Drive. A witness described male subjects running out of the house and into a white Ford F-150 commercial truck with a business name written on the driver and passenger side doors. Video surveillance footage capturing the license plate was located and the vehicle was determined to be stolen. Another residential burglary was reported on the 900 block of Cambridge Avenue, which occurred within a 1-hour timeframe. The same truck was seen in Mountain View where the occupants were seen throwing out property that was stolen from a burglary in Palo Alto. Sunnyvale detectives forwarded the information to other agency detectives and not long after, the Santa Clara County Regional Auto Theft Task Force (RATTF)

located the vehicle at a pawn shop in San Jose. RATTf detained all three occupants while BSD and Sunnyvale detectives conducted the investigation. All three occupants were arrested for a total of two burglaries in Sunnyvale and one burglary in Palo Alto.

### Sunnyvale DPS Represented as part of CATF-3 at Camp Fire (Butte County)

On November 17, Public Safety Officer (PSO) Christopher Fiene was deployed as member of the FEMA Urban Search and Rescue California Task Force-3 (CATF-3) and was assigned to the Camp Fire in Butte County. CATF-3 is a search and rescue task force represented by 19 public and private agencies from around the Bay Area, specializing in locating, extracting and medically stabilizing individuals in urban disaster areas. On November 18, CATF-3 was assigned to assist with the recovery efforts in the fire zone of Butte County. The team was assigned to the town of Magalia for several days for search and recovery of the many victims in the region. As part of a large contingent of state and local agencies, members of the task force searched through hundreds of homes and structures in the recovery effort. PSO Fiene, along with all members of CATF-3, worked through the Thanksgiving holiday and returned home safely on November 28, after searching through approximately 1400 properties.

### NOVA Hosts Employer Business Support Panel

On December 12, NOVA hosted an employer panel for NOVA job seekers targeting business support occupations. The event included a panel of experts in accounting, administration, finance and human resources, representing Goodwill of Silicon Valley, Randstad, UCSC Extension Silicon Valley and Power Integrations. The discussion was informative and encompassed career tracks in business support occupations and their respective requirements, hiring trends as it relates to job skills in demand, qualifications that employers look for during the hiring process and the panelists' personal experiences transitioning into their current roles. Visit the City's [NOVA](#) webpage to learn more.



### Shop with a Cop

On December 4, Sunnyvale DPS personnel joined 25 bay area law enforcement agencies for the 2018 Shop With a Cop Silicon Valley event. Over 165 children from Santee, K. Smith and McKinley Elementary Schools in San Jose were paired with law enforcement buddies for a holiday shopping spree worth \$150 each at Target. Everyone enjoyed a catered breakfast while students waited for Santa's arrival.



After shopping, items were wrapped while the students took photos with Santa, ate snacks, played games and had their faces painted. Many of the children earned their way to participate in the event by raising their reading scores, while other children were referred by law enforcement and school personnel due to unfortunate circumstances they may have experienced.

### Community Center Complex: Holiday Closure

The Senior Center will be closed from Monday, December 17, 2018 through Tuesday, January 1, 2019. The remainder of the Community Center complex will be closed from Saturday, December 22, 2018 through Tuesday, January 1, 2019. This closure is to allow for annual preventative maintenance projects and necessary repairs with minimal impact to programs and services. [Online program registration](#) will be available during the closure, with in-person registration services re-opening on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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### Noon Year's Eve Party

Saturday, December 29, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Sunnyvale Public Library Program Room, 665 W. Olive Ave. Celebrate 2019 early at the Library! Listen to festive stories, take a New Year's selfie and countdown to noon! Ages 3 and up. No registration required. For additional information, please contact the Library at 408-730-7300.

### Active Caregiving Empowerment Training: Support for Family Caregivers

The Optimal Aging Center will be offering a 4-week program for family caregivers of persons with cognitive impairment at the Sunnyvale Senior Center. The program will be every Thursday starting March 7 until March 28 from 1 to 3 p.m. Active Caregiving Empowerment Skills is based on a program given to caregivers who are part of the Stanford Neuroscience Center. This workshop series is limited to eight participants enabling them to form a cohesive network of support that will benefit them as they continue to care for their loved ones. For additional information please contact the Senior Center at 408-730-7360.