



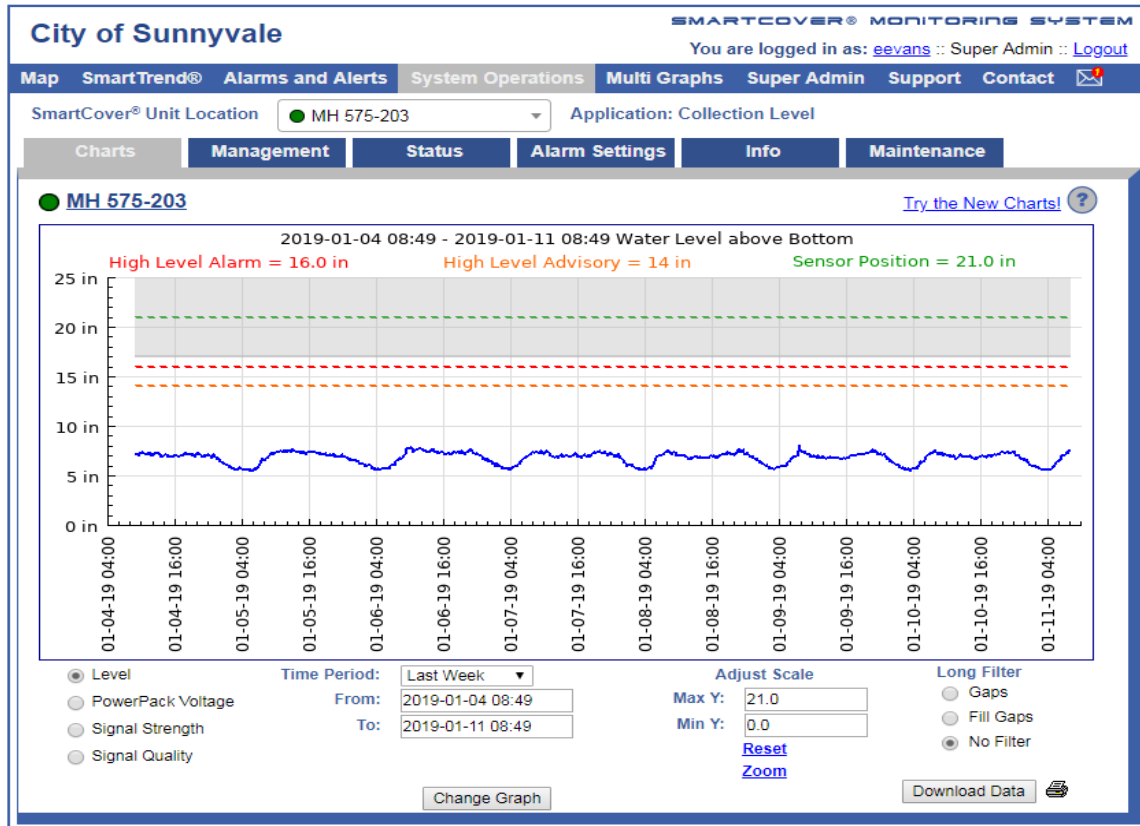
# Update Sunnyvale

News From Your City Manager

January 10, 2019

## Sewer Smart Cover Installed

The City owns and maintains over 310 miles of sewer mains. Under federal and state regulations, sewer lines must be regularly cleaned and repaired to prevent sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs). To assist with proper prevention and ensure that all feasible steps are taken to mitigate the impacts of SSOs, the City has deployed a Hadronex SmartCover monitoring system. The SmartCover system is a web-based smart technology that provides real-time notification of sewer overflow, security intrusion detection and monitoring of sewage levels in manholes. SmartCover units are installed on the underside of existing manhole covers and can be moved to various locations, as monitoring needs change. Staff is evaluating adding another five units to manhole locations with a history of previous surcharges and overflows. Each cover costs \$4,800 and includes one year of monitoring. This technology has shown to drastically reduce the number of SSOs and enhances the City's ability to respond before a manhole starts overflowing.



### [Water Main Break at Mathilda and Highway 237](#)

On December 11, 2018 at 11:40 p.m. a boring contractor working on a project for the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) punched a 6-inch hole in the side of a 16-inch concrete cylinder pipe that crosses Highway 237 causing a water main break. City crews responded and were able to isolate and shut off the water around 4:30 a.m. without impacting water services to customers.. However, the east bound off-ramp of Highway 237 at Mathilda Avenue was closed to traffic due to extensive damage to the pavement. VTA retained a contractor to repair the pipe and coordinated efforts between Sunnyvale, VTA, VTA contractors and Caltrans resulting in the reopening of the off-ramp at 8 a.m. on December 13, 2018. The accident caused a loss of 2,750,000 gallons of water. The City has invoiced VTA \$20,864 for the loss of water, City labor and administration costs, and for equipment and material costs.



### [Now Accepting Applications for Election Advisory Committee](#)

The City is now accepting applications for the Citizens Advisory Committee on (CAC) on District Elections and the California Voting Rights Act. Recently, many cities in California have been challenged in court with allegations that their at-large election systems violate the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) by preventing members of a protected class from electing candidates of their choice or influencing election outcomes. For this reason, Sunnyvale is seeking to inform and engage our community on transitioning to an electoral system that meets the requirements of the CVRA, with the goal of sponsoring a ballot measure in 2020. Consisting of up to nine Sunnyvale residents, the CAC will play an advisory role for the City Council electoral system outreach process. Members will be responsible for providing feedback on outreach plans to engage diverse communities, understanding and communicating potential changes to the electoral system, serving as ambassadors to encourage resident engagement, and attending public outreach meetings. Knowledge of election systems is not required. Interested residents are encouraged to [apply for the CAC](#). Visit our [District Elections webpage](#) for more information on the issue.

### 15 Mile Per Hour Speed Zones Installed at Three Schools

At the October 30, 2018, City Council Meeting, the City Council voted to establish 15 mile per hour (mph) speed zones adjacent to 16 public schools in Sunnyvale. Over the holiday break, 15 mph signs were installed at Nimitz Elementary School, Stockmeir Elementary School and Vargas Elementary School. The City will continue to install 15 mph school zones at the remaining 13 public schools during the summer of 2019 for the Fall Semester.



### NOVA Workforce Review Released for December

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 December edition includes an article titled, “Tech is (still) concentrating in the Bay Area: An update on America’s winner-take-most economic phenomenon” that dispels the hope that the tech industry’s success in the Bay Area will spread to other parts of the country in a “rise of the rest” scenario. While the tech industry is growing in other places, it is concentrating even faster in the same top metro areas. The unemployment rate for the San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara Metropolitan Statistical Area was 2.4 percent in November, down from a revised 2.5 percent in October; the state unemployment rate was 3.9 percent in November, down from 4.0 percent in October; and Sunnyvale’s unemployment rate was 2.0 percent in November, down from 2.1 percent in October.



### NOVA Hosts Multi-Regional Forum



On January 11, NOVA is hosting an invitation-only forum to raise awareness among two regions’ workforce service providers about a new kind of regional networking program. The program will bridge the gap between disadvantaged workers and higher paid, high growth tech careers. Several years ago, NOVA was awarded a regional grant from the State to increase access to tech occupations through training and apprenticeships. One of the barriers identified to gaining entry into these occupations was insufficient networks in these industries, so NOVA launched a research study, conducted by Social Policy Research Associates, to benchmark a successful method to address this issue. As a result, a new networking program has been launched that is modeled after Tech Hire Oakland, which uses a unique ecosystem approach that combines training, job-based workshops, internship/apprenticeships, networking/mentoring and hiring in partnership with a coalition of training providers and employers. Participants at the forum are expected to represent a wide range of organizations and leadership from two regions—Bay Peninsula and the East Bay—and will be encouraged to join this exciting new initiative. For additional information, contact NOVA manager Luther Jackson at [ljackson@novaworks.org](mailto:ljackson@novaworks.org).

### [Silicon Valley Clean Energy Adopts \\$6.02 Million Budget for Decarbonization and Programs](#)

In December, the Board of Directors at Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE), the public agency that provides clean, carbon-free electricity to Sunnyvale and much of Santa Clara County, adopted a [Decarbonization Strategy & Programs Roadmap](#) (Roadmap). The Roadmap includes programs to help Sunnyvale residents and businesses reduce carbon emissions, which contribute to climate change, by changing how they use energy. SVCE's strategy emphasizes maintaining an affordable and clean power supply, electrifying transportation by promoting electric vehicles, electrifying buildings by promoting appliances that use electricity instead of natural gas, and providing resources and information to customers. With approval of the Roadmap, the SVCE Board also approved a budget of \$6.02 million for community programs over the next two years. Residents and businesses interested in becoming early adopters for the first programs are encouraged to sign up for updates on [SVCE's website](#). The City will be working to partner with SVCE to leverage the funding available for these programs to advance the City's [Climate Action Plan](#).

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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### [Lawrence Station Area Plan \(LSAP\) Housing Study and Boundary Expansion, Notice of Preparation and Environmental Scoping Meeting](#)

The City is releasing a Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the project's Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The EIR is a technical document required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The City is studying additional housing potential in the LSAP area and the potential expansion of the western boundary to include three additional office/research and development (R&D) sites. Agencies and interested parties may provide the City with written comments on environmental topics to be addressed in the EIR. The 30-day NOP circulation period is from January 11, 2019 to February 11, 2019. Written comments may be sent to George Schroeder, Senior Planner, at [gshroeder@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:gshroeder@sunnyvale.ca.gov) or the Community Development Department, Planning Division, 456 W. Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94086. The City will hold a public scoping meeting to receive comments on environmental issues that should be addressed in the EIR as well as the range of alternatives to be evaluated in the EIR. The meeting will occur on Thursday, January 31, 2019 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave. The scoping meeting is not a public hearing on the project. For additional information, contact George Schroeder, Senior Planner at 408-730-7443 or visit [Lawrence Station Area Plan](#).

### [Calendar Set for First Time Home Buyer Presentation throughout 2019](#)

Registration dates for First Time Home Buyer Presentations are now available [online](#). The first presentation is scheduled for January 24, 2019 at noon, in the City Council Chambers, located at 456 W. Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale. Please RSVP [online](#) to secure a spot. This event is free, open to the public and attendance is required prior to submitting your Below Market Rate (BMR) Eligibility Application. Presentations cover local programs that help lower- and moderate-income households buy their first home, and other helpful resources for home buyers. For more information about this event or about any of the City's Housing Programs, please contact the Housing Division by [email](#), phone at 408-730-7250 or visit the Housing Division [webpage](#).