



Update Sunnyvale

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City of Sunnyvale Named Safest City in America

The City of Sunnyvale was named the safest city in America for the 4th year in a row by SmartAsset.com. In determining the safest cities in the country, the company analyzed data from the largest 200 cities around the nation. The following factors were used in determining the ranking; violent crime rate, property crime rate, traffic death rate, solo commuters, air quality, excessive drinking and drug overdose mortality. Sunnyvale again secured the number one spot by ranking in the top half in every metric and in the top 25 for both the lowest violent crime and property crime rate. Keeping Sunnyvale safe is a team effort between our city departments, city leaders and members of our community. We are proud the city has earned this distinction for the fourth year in a row. For questions or additional information, [see the full article](#) or contact Captain Ava Fanucchi at 408-730-7100.



New Mobile Food Rescue Program, A La Carte, Serves Sunnyvale Community

An innovative “food rescue” effort is redistributing edible surplus food to needy people, including some in Sunnyvale’s San Miguel neighborhood. A La Carte, a Joint Venture Silicon Valley (JVSV) project, uses a customized, refrigerated food truck to collect edible surplus food from corporate and university campuses and serves it directly to residents of neighborhoods with high densities of people in need. Wasting food creates negative impacts culturally, environmentally and financially. A recent



national study found that the U.S. spends \$218 billion a year growing, processing, transporting and disposing of food that is never eaten, while many people, especially children and the elderly go to bed hungry each night. In fact, according to Second Harvest Food Bank, 1 in 4 people in Silicon Valley is at risk of hunger.

With this problem in mind, in 2016, Santa Clara County's Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission provided funding to JSV to develop a system to address these issues. Stakeholders in the food rescue space and recycling staff from the county jurisdictions, including Sunnyvale's Environmental Programs Manager, Karen Gissibl, worked with JSV to develop A La Carte. In November, 2018, the A La Carte truck began daily collection of food from 12 locations on Stanford's campus. To date, over 60,000 pounds of food have been collected, which translates to 50,000 meals. The food was initially being delivered to the non-profit Martha's Kitchen to assist with feeding its clients, but in late December the truck began delivering to specific neighborhood sites around the county. In Sunnyvale, the program serves San Miguel school with Bishop school to be added in the weeks ahead. A La Carte received [coverage in a local newspaper](#) this past month, highlighting the success of the program to date.

Traffic Delays Expected on S. Wolfe Road and E. Fremont Avenue

Beginning Monday, January 28, there will be expected traffic delays on S. Wolfe Road between Maria Lane and Fremont Avenue, and on eastbound Fremont Avenue between Kingfisher Way and Eleanor Way to replace a PG&E gas main and associated services. Affected properties have been notified by PG&E. The traffic delays will continue during non-commute hours between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. for southbound Wolfe Road and eastbound Fremont Avenue, and between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. for northbound Wolfe Road, until the work is completed which is scheduled for late August 2019. For more information, please contact Public Works at 408-730-7415 or pubworks@sunnyvale.ca.gov.



Sunnyvale Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Session 51

On Tuesday, January 15, the Department of Public Safety (DPS), along with Mayor Larry Klein, welcomed community members to the 51st CERT training session. For the next 7 weeks, these community members will be trained in disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact our area and trained in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the skills learned during CERT, these volunteers can assist others in our communities following a disaster when first responders are not immediately available to help. This hands-on and exciting training opportunity is open to anyone. Registration for our Spring 2019 session is now open. To learn more and register for the various emergency preparedness training offered by our Office of Emergency Services, please visit [the City website](#). A huge thank you to our CERT committee members who volunteer countless hours to make our program a great success, we couldn't do this without you! For more information, contact Captain Jim Choi at hchoi@sunnyvale.ca.gov

Department of Public Safety (DPS) and Senior Center Teach Pedestrian Safety for Older Adults

On January 17, 15 Sunnyvale residents attended a three-hour workshop focusing on Pedestrian Safety for Older Adults, hosted by the Senior Center in partnership with the DPS. The workshop covered topics such as Skills for Safe Walking, the Walking Environment, and Education and Enforcement programs in the City. Attendees participated and gave feedback about the challenges facing seniors in the walking environment in Sunnyvale neighborhoods, and the group brainstormed strategies and solutions. One participant commented that they developed an action plan including “Educate the neighbors (seniors) and encourage people to join this class.” The workshop will be offered again in May and August of 2019 with funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety. For more information, contact Elaine Ketell at 408-730-7234 or eketell@sunnyvale.ca.gov



Sunnyvale DPS Takes Part in Digital Safety Train-the-Trainer at Yahoo!

On Wednesday, January 23, Public Safety staff, Verizon Media Group (formerly Yahoo!), and Flickr partnered to provide and present a “Digital Safety” Train-the-Trainer class to law enforcement officers throughout the State. The training provides valuable tools and resources needed for law enforcement officers to engage our adult and youth community members through talks on online safety. The training includes an overview of child safety efforts and how law enforcement may encounter online safety issues during an investigation. Chief Phan Ngo and Verizon Media Group CEO, Guru Gowrappan, kicked off the training with a welcome to all the law enforcement personnel from throughout the Bay Area.



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Sunnyvale Elections – Open House

Sunnyvale is exploring changes to its current at-large electoral system for City Council Members to address concerns with the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA). We invite residents to learn about the CVRA, how it impacts Sunnyvale, why the City is exploring a change to our election system for Council members, and options being considered for a potential ballot measure. Two open houses have been scheduled on Wednesday, February 6, from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Sunnyvale Community Center, or on Saturday, February 9, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at Columbia Middle School (Staff Lounge) – both will have the same information. The meetings will be a drop-in format and have real-time translation in Spanish, Mandarin and Hindi. Child care and light refreshments will also be provided. For more information visit: SunnyvaleElections.org.

Free Federal and State Tax Preparation Assistance at the Sunnyvale Library

Volunteers will be available at the Sunnyvale Public Library, 665 W. Olive Ave. to help low to moderate income taxpayers with the preparation of their state and federal tax forms. To make an appointment, [click here](#). For walk-ins, Sunnyvale Public Library will have volunteers on Wednesday evenings beginning January 30 to April 10, 2019 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. (except Wednesday, February 27). For additional information, call the Library at 408-730-7300.

Super Safari Preschool Program Information Nights

The Library and Community Services Department will hold information nights, February 4 - 7 to inform parents about the City's Super Safari Preschool programs. This dynamic play-based recreation program is designed to provide children their first experience in a structured environment. For additional information and to find a detailed schedule of locations and times, visit sunnyvale.ca.gov or send an [email](#).

Community Baby Shower

The City is hosting a Community Baby Shower on Saturday, February 2, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Sunnyvale Public Library, 665 W. Olive Ave. This free community event honoring new and expecting parents includes: baby shower games, light refreshments, prize drawings, parenting resources, information on local child care and the opportunity to meet other new parents. Registration is not required. For additional information, call 408-730-7800.

