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Digital Literacy Training Coming to Sunnyvale Schools

On Tuesday, January 29, City Council approved grant funding in the amount of \$313,466 from the CA Public Utilities Commission’s to advance a joint venture with the Sunnyvale School District. The funding will provide 650 low-income families with basic digital literacy training, access to internet-ready devices and low-cost broadband internet services. Qualifying school sites include: Bishop, Columbia, Ellis, Lakewood, San Miguel and Vargas. The program launch will be on a rolling schedule with the first training session tentatively scheduled for late Spring 2019. City Council accepted the grant award at its January 29 meeting and at that time requested staff explore a similar program for low-income seniors. Staff has incorporated that request into its Age-friendly initiative and will be exploring options to support a digital literacy initiative for seniors. For more information, contact the Library at 408-730-7300.

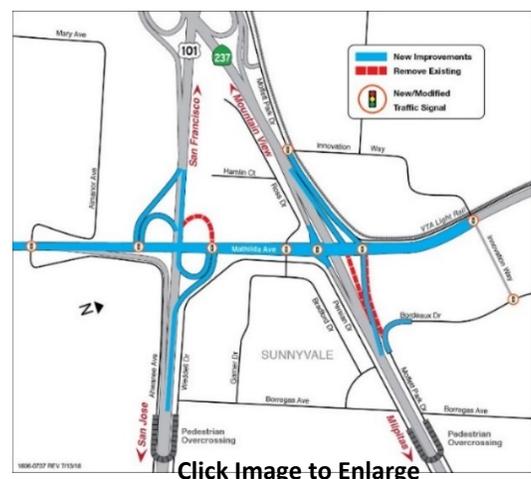
Quarterly Update for Sunnyvale’s Top 30 Projects

As part of the City’s commitment to enhancing communication and transparency, [Sunnyvale’s Top 30 Project Summaries](#) page was released on the City’s website in late October of 2018. The Project page provides the community consistent and frequent updates of high profile City projects. Updates for all 30 projects have been completed and will be updated at least once every quarter.



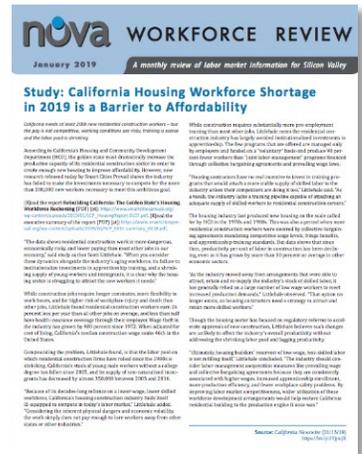
Construction Begins on Mathilda / 101 / 237 Interchange Improvement Project

Construction operations for the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Mathilda / 101 / 237 Interchange Improvement Project began earlier this month. This project was designed to help alleviate traffic congestion on Mathilda Ave. while enhancing safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists. Please be advised that lane closures will be needed to construct the improvements and that slowdowns are to be expected. The project is anticipated to be completed in summer 2020. For project related questions, call the VTA’s public outreach project staff at 408-321-7575 or email community.outreach@vta.org, or contact Public Works at pubworks@sunnyvale.ca.gov.



NOVA Workforce Review Released for January

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 January edition includes an article titled, “Study: California Housing Workforce Shortage in 2019 is a Barrier to Affordability,” which states that California needs at least 200,000 new residential construction workers in order to create enough housing to improve affordability, a difficult challenge to achieve given the industry’s more dangerous working conditions, lower wages with fewer benefits, insufficient apprenticeship training and a shrinking supply of young workers to replace the retiring workforce. A key to addressing this shortage is improving labor market competitiveness and labor-management cooperative agreements in this sector.



Innovation Way Extension Opening Soon

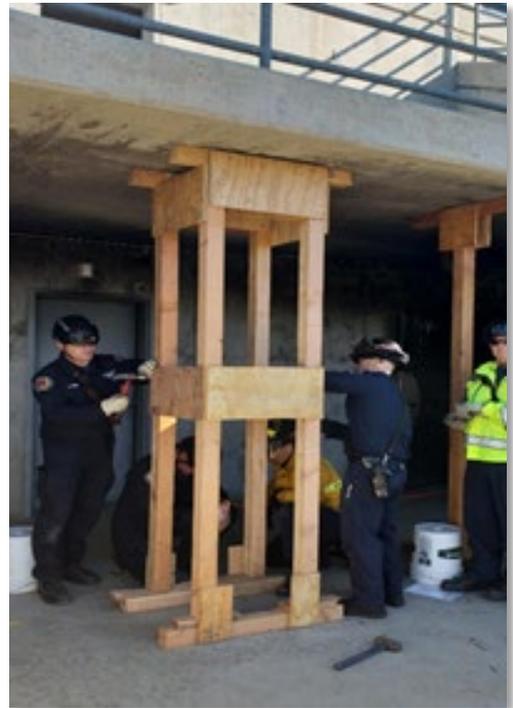
A new segment of Innovation Way between North Mathilda Ave. and Bordeaux Dr. is scheduled to be opened for public use by the end of February. Improvements include traffic signal modification and signing & striping at the intersection of North Mathilda Ave. and Innovation Way. These improvements were constructed by Jay Paul Company as part of the Moffett Place development. While this segment of Innovation Way extension is a private, it will be available for public access. It is strongly recommended that travelers pay extra attention and drive carefully through this intersection given changes in traffic signals; statistics show, it usually takes a couple of weeks and sometimes up to six months for travelers to get used to a new traffic pattern. For more information, contact the Department of Public Works at 408-730-7415 or email pubworks@sunnyvale.ca.gov.



Public Safety Technical Rescue Training at Fire Station #2

Public Safety personnel recently practiced creating shoring devices for the stabilization of buildings which may become damaged during an earthquake, fire or some other destructive event. The creation of these shoring members is what allows fire personnel to enter structures with relative safety to rescue and treat victims. Careful building techniques are necessary to properly construct the shores so they can safely support the weight of a building. These shoring devices are built on site to fit the specific need of the building. Special attention is given to the spacing, bracing and nail patterns for these support members to help prevent catastrophic failure.

It is important to remember that if a building, house or other structure you are in is involved in fire or some other type of structural damage, do not attempt to go back inside to gather belongings. Regaining personal property, that is likely already damaged, is not worth losing your life. For more information, contact Acting Captain Ron Locke at rlocke@sunnyvale.ca.gov.



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

NASA Mission Update: New Horizons

Monday, February 11, 7 p.m. at the Sunnyvale Public Library, Program Room, 665 W. Olive Ave., Eric B. Norris, Solar System Ambassador for NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, will provide an update on the New Horizons spacecraft flyby of Ultima Thule. Ultima Thule is part of a population of objects in space, known as the Kuiper Belt, which has remained mostly unperturbed for billions of years. Launched in 2006, New Horizons was the speediest spacecraft in history and it still took nearly a decade to reach the edge of the solar system. Eric will also be discussing NASA's robotic geologist "InSight Lander" on Mars and other missions throughout the solar system. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Sunnyvale Public Library.

Housing Strategy Community Outreach Meeting

Tuesday, February 12, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Sunnyvale Community Center Ballroom, 550 E. Remington Drive, *(please note this revised location)*. This kick-off meeting will explain the Housing Strategy project and present information about housing and mobile home parks in Sunnyvale, including current regulations and options to consider. The discussion will also focus on pressing housing issues and needs, particularly related to mobile homes. Attendees will be able to ask questions and provide input on the presented topics. Please register [online](#) or for more information, contact Jenny Carloni, Housing Officer, at 408-730-7250 or email jcarloni@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

Lunar New Year Celebration

Saturday, February 16, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E. Remington Dr., come celebrate the Lunar New Year Festival! This event features lion dancing, music, crafts, and story times in Mandarin, Vietnamese, and English. The event has been generously sponsored

by the Friends of the Sunnyvale Public Library and the Shimmersky Foundation. Don't miss this once-a-year event with fun for the whole family! View the [detailed schedule](#) or contact the Library at 408-730-7300 for more information.

[Free Tax Preparation Assistance for Families](#)

Get free assistance filing taxes for households who earned less than \$55,000 in 2018. Walk-ins are available on a first-come, first-served basis on Feb. 16, March 2, March 16 and March 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Columbia Neighborhood Center. Call 408-730-7800 with any questions and to get a list of documents to bring to the appointment.



[Community Workshop for Lawrence Station Area Plan \(LSAP\) Sense of Plan](#)

Wednesday, March 6, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Ponderosa Park Building, 811 Henderson Avenue. City staff and the project consultant will hold the first community workshop for the LSAP Sense of Place Plan. The Sense of Place Plan will address design criteria for streetscape elements that would improve the pedestrian and bicyclist experience in the LSAP. The community workshop is intended to inspire participants to share their vision for the area and obtain initial input on project components and priorities for improvements. For more information, contact George Schroeder, Senior Planner, at 408-730-7443 or email gschroeder@sunnyvale.ca.gov.