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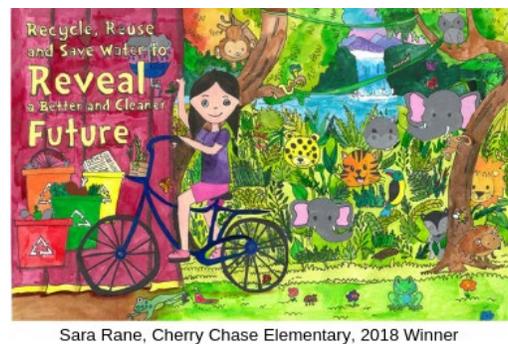
## [Department of Public Safety \(DPS\) Graduates Ten Recruits from the Police Academy](#)

On February 8, DPS celebrated the graduation of 10 Public Safety Officer (PSO) Recruits from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office 163<sup>rd</sup> Police Academy. The academy consists of 1,064 hours (approximately 28 weeks) of training including: firearms, defensive tactics, and emergency vehicle operations. The 10 recruits will now enter the Public Safety Field Training Officer Program that can take up to 26 weeks before becoming solo beat officers on the street. Seven of the graduates have already completed the fire academy and the remaining three are scheduled for fire academy in October 2019. PS currently has 182 fully trained personnel out of the 201 authorized sworn positions. There are currently 25 personnel in training phases which includes police, fire academy and police field training.



## [Registration is now open for City of Sunnyvale's 2019 Earth Day Poster and Video Contest](#)

The City invites students living in Sunnyvale or attending school in Sunnyvale to participate in our annual Earth Day contest! The poster contest is open to Sunnyvale students in kindergarten through 5th grade. The video contest is open to Sunnyvale students in elementary, middle and high school. This year's theme is "A Greener Future" with a focus on the following topics: Zero Waste, Preventing Litter, Saving Water, Energy Champions, Walk & Roll, and Climate Change. Online registrations for the [Poster Contest](#) and [Video Contest](#) are



Sara Rane, Cherry Chase Elementary, 2018 Winner

open now through March 22. Grand prize winners will be announced on Earth Day, April 22, and awarded recognition at the City Council meeting on May 7.

### [Sunnyvale DPS Explorer Post 417 Takes 1<sup>st</sup> Place Overall at the California Highway Patrol \(CHP\)-Stockton Invitational Explorer Competition!](#)

Over the President's Day weekend, DPS Explorer Post 417, comprised of students and volunteers from Sunnyvale, took an overall 1<sup>st</sup> Place finish at the CHP-Stockton Invitational Explorer competition. The two-day event consisting of challenging scenarios involving Driving Under the Influence, medical emergencies, crisis intervention, officer down, active shooter, traffic stops and marching drills. DPS Explorers took 1st Place in six events, 2nd Place in three events and 3rd Place in two events for an overall 1<sup>st</sup> Place finish in the competition. Great job by our Explorers and our Neighborhood Resource Officers (NRO) in preparing the team. Thank you to PSO Amy Pistor and Raymond Strom for leading the team to a win! For more information, contact Captain Jim (Hyun) Choi at [hchoi@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:hchoi@sunnyvale.ca.gov).



### [Sunnyvale Awarded Tobacco Prevention Grant](#)

The Santa Clara County Public Health Department recently awarded a \$67,000 grant to the City of Sunnyvale to help reduce tobacco use among youth and exposure to all residents. Specifically, the funding will be used to implement strategies to prevent youth access and exposure to flavored tobacco products through research, outreach to stakeholders, recommendations to City Council, and implementation. The funding is provided through Proposition 56, the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Act of 2016, which increased the tax on cigarettes and other tobacco products by two dollars. For more information, contact Neighborhood Preservation Manager Christy Gunvalsen at [cgunvalsen@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:cgunvalsen@sunnyvale.ca.gov) or 408-730-7255.

### [Exhibitor Registration Now Open for 2019 Fit & Fun Fair](#)

The Department of Library and Community Services is currently seeking exhibitors for the 2019 Fit & Fun Fair taking place on Saturday, April 27 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Columbia Neighborhood Center, 785 Morse Avenue. This free event attracts over 1,200 residents annually and is focused on offering Sunnyvale residents a whole new perspective on



health and wellness. As such, we are seeking exhibitors who provide programs and services in the areas of social, physical and mental health. There is no cost to exhibit. To participate, complete and submit an exhibitor packet by March 22. To request a packet, [email](#) or call 408-730-7800.

### [Grants Available for Events and Projects Focused on Building Community in Sunnyvale](#)

Are you a non-profit organization planning to host a community event in Sunnyvale for at least 500 people, or a neighborhood group interested in organizing activities to increase community engagement and improve the quality of life in your neighborhood? If yes, you may be eligible to receive financial support through the City of Sunnyvale's Community Events and Neighborhood Grant Programs.

Each year, the City of Sunnyvale allocates funding to support organizations and neighborhood groups dedicated to organizing activities that build community throughout Sunnyvale. The application cycle opens February 25 and closes April 19 at 5 p.m., for events and projects occurring between July 2019 and June 2020. All funding requests will be considered as part of an annual competitive application process and will be awarded by City Council in June 2019. To learn more about the grant programs, visit [Sunnyvale.ca.gov](http://Sunnyvale.ca.gov) or contact Jennifer Acuña at [ncs@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:ncs@sunnyvale.ca.gov) or 408-730-7599.

### [Sunnyvale Reads to the Crowd at the Sunnyvale Public Library Lunar New Year Festival](#)

On Saturday, February 16, Sunnyvale celebrated the Lunar New Year at the Sunnyvale Community Center Ballroom. It was a fun-filled day of events with PSO Nelson Williams surprising the crowd of about 400 with his story-time welcome in Mandarin, Chinese. The fun continued with Chief Phan Ngo reading "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?" in Vietnamese while PSO Williams translated in Mandarin. Mayor Klein, Councilmember Fong, Chief Ngo, and LCS Director Cynthia Bojorquez led the crowd in a song and dance to "Head, shoulders, knees and toes" before the lion dancer performance. Lunar New Year is celebrated throughout the Asian culture to signify the new year based on the lunisolar calendar. The year, based upon birth year, is associated to the 12 Asian Lunar Zodiac, which is said to have a lucky meaning. 2019 is the Year of the Pig.



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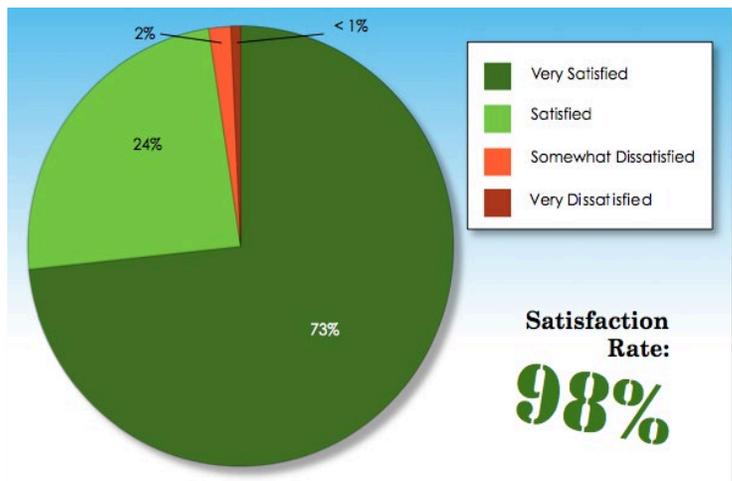
### [Installation of Fencing Along Caltrain Train Tracks](#)

As part of Caltrain's effort to improve railroad infrastructure, Caltrain is installing fencing to enhance safety from Bernardo Avenue to the Sunnyvale Station on the western side of the train tracks. The fencing will help prevent trespassing and the illegal discarding of refuse on the train tracks. Installation is anticipated to begin the week of February 18 and last approximately six weeks. Crews will work from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please note the schedule is subject to change. If you have any questions, please contact Caltrain directly: Customer Service 1-800-660-4287 or the Construction Hotline 650-508-7726.

### NOVA Customer Satisfaction Survey Results Released

Biannually, NOVA surveys its customers about their level of satisfaction with the services they receive at the NOVA Job Center. Highlights of the mid-year survey results (July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018) for the NOVA Job Center in Sunnyvale included:

- 98% of respondents were satisfied with the quality of customer service they received at the Job Center.
- 95% were satisfied with the overall quality of offerings provided at the Job Center.
- 97% would recommend NOVA to family and friends.



Some comments received included: “This is an amazing and highly valuable service. It was exactly what I needed to get back on my feet”, and “This place is a hidden gem. It’s very retro looking, but the information is very modern! The key is that people treat you like you matter.” NOVA plans to use this survey information to improve upon the services it provides to the community. For more information about NOVA, visit the [NOVA website](#).

### Sunnyvale Police Activities League and Santa Clara University Hosts the 6th Annual Dodge Ackerman Memorial Bouts

On Saturday, February 16, Sunnyvale PAL and SCU hosted the Annual Dodge Ackerman Memorial Bouts at the Gateway Neighborhood Center in Sunnyvale. This annual event brings collegiate boxers from all over California, Washington and Nevada to a one day boxing tournament. The money raised supports the Sunnyvale PAL in providing services and programs to the children in our community. Special thanks to Public Safety Specialist Dori Fontaine for organizing a great event. For more information, contact Captain Jim (Hyun) Choi at [hchoi@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:hchoi@sunnyvale.ca.gov).



## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

### Sunnyvale Child Care Fair

Saturday, March 9, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Washington Park Building, 840 W. Washington Ave. Parents seeking child care (infant/toddler, preschool, school-age, before/after school, full-time or part-time) are invited to meet local home and center-based child care staff and learn about their programs. For more information or questions, call 408-730-7800.



[Neighborhood Outreach Meeting for a Proposed Project at 946 W. El Camino Real](#)

Monday, March 4, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the De Anza Park Building, 1150 Lime Drive. The outreach meeting will provide the neighborhood and business community an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed project. Silicon Valley Billiards, the applicant, is requesting a Use Permit to allow for a 7,200 square-foot pool billiard with craft beer sales at 946 W. El Camino Real. For more information contact Cindy Hom, Associate Planner, at [chom@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:chom@sunnyvale.ca.gov) or 408-730-7411.

