

March 25, 2019

National League of Cities (NLC) Congressional City Conference



Left to Right: Councilmembers Glenn Hendricks, Nancy Smith, Congressman Ro Khanna and Vice Mayor Russ Melton

Recently, Vice Mayor Russ Melton and Councilmembers Glenn Hendricks and Nancy Smith attended the annual NLC Congressional City Conference in Washington, D.C. Councilmembers met with elected representatives and other officials that may have influence on issues of significant impact to Sunnyvale. This year, advocacy meetings centered around climate action efforts such as fuel efficiency and carbon emission standards as well as funding for clean water projects. Advocacy topics also included increased funding for housing, transportation, and workforce development initiatives. Equally important was the topic of mitigating airplane noise that was discussed with Federal Aviation Association (FAA) officials. Learn more about the City Council's [2019 Advocacy Positions](#).

Arbor Day 2019

Sunnyvale has been honored again this year with the designation of *Tree City* from the National Arbor Day Foundation. On March 7, California's official Arbor Day, students from Ellis Elementary School along with City Park's staff planted four Valley Oak trees on the school campus. Six more trees were planted on March 12 with help from over 300 students at Cumberland Elementary School, and this past weekend a community street tree planting event was held in the San Miguel Neighborhood where approximately 50 new street trees were planted

in this neighborhood. The San Miguel Neighborhood Street Project is a multi-year project seeking to fill all vacant street tree sites, fulfilling one of the goals of the Council adopted Urban Forest Management Plan.

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Santa Clara County Joint Fire Academy Graduation 2018-2 Graduates

On Friday, March 8, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) hosted the Santa Clara County Joint Fire Academy (JFA) Class 2018-2 graduation ceremony at the Sunnyvale Community Center. JFA Class 2018-2 was one of the largest classes to graduate in Sunnyvale. A total of 23 recruits graduated with eleven recruits coming from the Sunnyvale DPS, four recruits from the Palo Alto Fire Department and eight recruits from Santa Clara Fire Department. Recruits spent the past 17 weeks learning and developing their skills in areas such as fire suppression, property conservation, auto-extrication, technical rescue, basic HAZMAT operations, and community service. About 600 hours of instructions were provided with the assistance from members of each agency. Special thanks to retired Lieutenant Dave Grubaugh and Public Safety Officer Lance Bauer for coordinating the JFA. For more information, contact Captain Jim Choi at hchoi@sunnyvale.ca.gov.



Santa Clara County Gang Task Force

On March 8, DPS hosted the Santa Clara County Gang Task Force (SCCGTF) operation. The focus of this multi-agency operation was to conduct gang compliance checks and proactive enforcement in Mountain View, Sunnyvale and central San Jose. The mission is to collaboratively enable uniformed and plain clothed gang officers to pro-actively address gang violence in Santa Clara County. In addition to probation and parole compliance checks, the Task Force worked on suppression through high visibility and proactive patrol enforcement throughout Santa Clara County. This year's efforts resulted in the arrest of 11 subjects along with the seizure of a loaded

firearm and illegal narcotics. Several local law enforcement agencies participated to make this event a success. For additional information contact Lieutenant Bryan Smart at 408-730-7110 or at bsmart@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

Department of Public Safety Holds First “Hands-On” Recruitment Seminar

On March 16, DPS held the first-ever “hands-on” recruitment seminar to give participants a chance to see firsthand the specific job functions of a public safety officer (PSO). Thirty-four potential PSO candidates attended the seminar held at Fire Station #2. Attendees also received instruction on: patrol operations, SWAT equipment, criminal investigations, crime scene investigation and role of the traffic safety unit. Fire related activities included: donning fire turn-outs and self-contained breathing apparatus, and use of thermal imaging equipment in a smoke-filled training tower. Attendees were also given a detailed look at the PSO hiring process and potential timelines for police, fire, and EMT academies. For information related to the event, contact Captain Jim Choi at hchoi@sunnyvale.ca.gov.



City Council Ranks 18 Study Issues for 2019 and Three Budget Issues at March 7 Workshop

Annually, Council uses the annual Study/Budget Issue Workshop to review and prioritize proposed study issues that may result in a new or revised city policy. For 2019, Council reviewed 38 proposed study issues and four budget issues, and ranked 18 study issues. Three budget issues were referred for further consideration as part of the upcoming budget review process. The next step in the study issue process is for City Manager to assess the organization’s capacity to undertake the 18 study issues, evaluate their connection to Council policy priorities and operational initiatives, and balance the study issues with the delivery of core services. Visit the City’s [Study Issues page](#) for more information about the study issues process.

There’s Music at the Community Center

The sound of music has now arrived at the Community Center with new play equipment installed February 22 on the north side of the Community Center Campus near the theater. The Freenotes Harmony Park instrument ensemble is a deluxe four-piece instrument set that offers an interactive musical experience for all ages to enjoy. The morning opening was immediately greeted by a young boy and his grandfather.



Draft Climate Action Playbook Available for Public Review

Sunnyvale's [Draft Climate Action Playbook](#) is the City's game plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change. The first Climate Action Plan outlined how to reduce emissions through 2020. Our new Playbook reveals a plan to reduce carbon emissions by 60% by 2030 and 80% by 2050. We are seeking public input online via [Open City Hall](#) and at upcoming public meetings. Read the Playbook, share your thoughts on it, and check out additional public meeting dates [here](#).

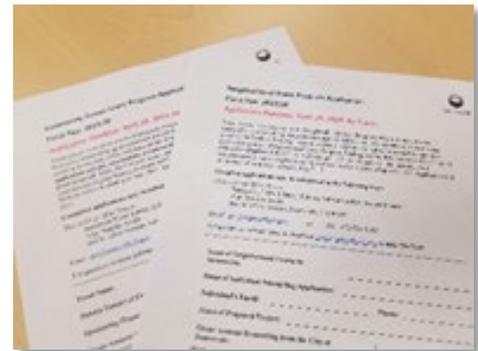


Community Workshops on District Elections

The City held the first of three Community Input Workshops regarding district elections on March 21. Over 30 community members attended to hear about the City's approach to proposing a move to district elections and provide their feedback on how the mayor should be elected and factors that should be considered when drawing district boundaries. [Watch a short informational video](#). Residents are encouraged to attend one of the two remaining Community Workshops on April 4 or April 11 at 6:30 p.m. [Click here for location details](#). Residents can also [participate online](#) if they cannot attend a public meeting.

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's Community Events and Neighborhood Grant Programs. Each year, the City allocates funding to support organizations and neighborhood groups dedicated to organizing activities that build community throughout Sunnyvale. Applications are now being accepted through 5 p.m., April 19, 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 determined by City Council in June 2019. Learn more about the [grant programs](#), or contact Jennifer Acuña at 408-730-7599 or ncs@sunnyvale.ca.gov for questions.



U.S. Census Bureau is Hiring

Working as a census worker can be a great way to make extra money while helping your community. The Census Bureau is recruiting thousands of people across the country to assist with the 2020 Census Count. In Santa Clara County alone, the Bureau is looking to hire over 1000 census workers for a variety of temporary jobs, including census takers (also referred to as enumerators), recruiting assistants, office staff, and supervisors. Positions offer excellent pay (\$24-\$33 hourly rate), flexible hours, and paid training. To apply, visit the [2020 Census](#).



NOVA Workforce Review Released for February

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 February edition includes two articles under the heading, “Contrasting Realities in Silicon Valley” that compares two very different perspectives of the California economy and quality of life: one article cites the results of an online survey that found that 53 percent of Californians surveyed are considering moving from the state due to the sky-high cost of living; and the contrasting view that more wealthy people are moving to California than leaving because they are making more money here and with the pleasant climate see no reason to leave. It’s the poor and middle class that are leaving.



Friends of the Sunnyvale Public Library Donate Chromebooks to the Library

Thanks to a generous donation from the Friends of the Sunnyvale Public Library, Library patrons can enjoy expanded technology programs and instruction with the addition of 18 new Chromebooks. This new equipment will facilitate group instruction for adults and youth on programs such as Tinkercad, Python, Java, and more! Do you have a program suggestion? Stop by the front desk at the Library and share your ideas!



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Cesar Chavez Youth Action Day



Come join in a day of service to celebrate Cesar E. Chavez’s legacy where youth can earn up to four hours of community service. Youth ages 13 to 18 are invited to participate in a service project benefiting the community at Sunnyvale Community Services, 725 Kifer Road, on Saturday, March 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. City of Sunnyvale [volunteer registration](#) is required. For more information, call Bitian Zhang, Community Services Coordinator II by phone 408-730-7357 or via [email](#).

English-Mandarin Community Health Fair

Sunday, March 31, 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the Sunnyvale Public Library, Program Room at 665 W. Olive Ave. The Health Resource Fair will be held where you can receive information on health and nutrition resources, hear a lecture from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. on Nutrition – Healthy Eating & Exercise in English and Mandarin, and connect with others in the community. Snacks and giveaways available, while supplies last. The Health Fair has been made possible by a partnership between the City of Sunnyvale and Sunnyvale Community Services.

