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[City's Horizon Newsletter Wins State Award](#)

The City of Sunnyvale's [Horizon](#) newsletter received the EPIC Award of Distinction from the California Association of Public Information Officials (CAPIO). CAPIO received a record number of submissions this year and announced the winners at their annual conference in April. The awards recognize outstanding public agency information and communications programs; Horizon won in the newsletter/magazine category. For more information, contact Communications Officer Jennifer Garnett at 408-730-7476.



[Crisis Intervention Team Officer of the Year](#)

Public Safety Officer (PSO) Kirk Kim was recently selected as Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety's (DPS) Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Officer of the Year. On April 8, PSO Kim was formally recognized for his achievement by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. Crisis Intervention Team members are trained with skills and knowledge to recognize individuals with mental illness, identify potential disorders, and minimize escalations in crisis situations. They focus on communication, de-escalation, listening skills, suicide risk factors, cultural issues and community resources. PSO Kim has played a vital role in the Sunnyvale DPS CIT program as a past Coordinator and on-going advocate. He has collaboratively engaged with various Mental Health organizations, creating lasting relationships which have benefited the citizens of Sunnyvale and those in need of assistance.



[City's Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\) Action Plan](#)

The [2019 Draft Action Plan](#), that serves as an application for funds under two federal grant programs, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME, is now available for public review and comment. The 30-day public comment period began Friday, April 5 and closes after the City Council public hearing meeting on Tuesday, May 7. As Fiscal Year 2019/20 federal funding has not yet been released by HUD, the document contains estimated funding amounts that Sunnyvale would receive. City Council will consider approval of the Action Plan at its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 7. Once approved, the Action Plan will be sent to HUD by May 15 for application of CDBG and HOME

funds. Comments on the Action Plan should be sent to Jenny Carloni, Housing Officer, at jcarloni@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

LinkedIn Youth Event

On April 12, LinkedIn collaborated with NOVA to host a special event at its Sunnyvale headquarters for Columbia Middle School students. Twenty-eight eighth-graders from the Advanced Math and Advanced Robotics classes participated in a version of the Coding DoJo bootcamp, where they had an opportunity to work on website coding and programmed a simple game utilizing the Python programming language. For most of these students, this was their first introduction to a high-tech corporate campus, which provided inspiration for future technology careers. More than 20 LinkedIn employee volunteers interacted with the participants throughout the day. Overall, it was a wonderful event and rewarding experience for both the students and LinkedIn employees. Over the past few years, LinkedIn has partnered with NOVA on a variety of career exploration ventures for Sunnyvale's youth.



Progress on Downtown Affordable Housing Development

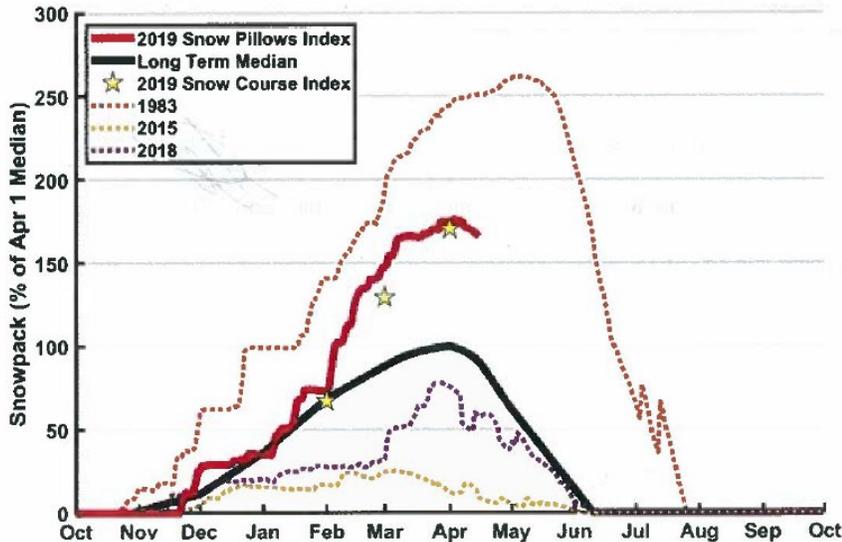
Early this year, the City entered into a disposition and development agreement (DDA) with developer, Related CA, to develop an affordable housing project on the City-owned site between Charles Street, S. Mathilda and Iowa Avenues, also known as, "Block 15" of Sunnyvale's Downtown Specific Plan. The development will feature 90 affordable apartment units with 25% of the units set aside for persons with developmental disabilities.

An initial outreach meeting was held to gather information from the neighborhood residents and other interested parties regarding the design of the project. The public is invited to participate in future outreach meetings during the planning phase. Sign up on the interest list through the project [website](#) to receive status updates and public meeting notices. For more information about this project, contact Andrew Schorfaar, Related CA Project Manager, at ASchorfaar@Related.com or 415-653-3172, or for information about the Block 15 proposal, contact Shila Behzadaria, Associate Planner at sbehzadaria@sunnyvale.ca.gov or 408-730-7254.

2019 Water Supply Outlook

The above average snow and rainfall experienced this past February has resulted in an excellent 2019 water year. As of April 1, the Hetch Hetchy watershed, where Sunnyvale gets 50% of its water supply, experienced exceptionally wet conditions with the snow course index at 170%. Water available to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission (SFPUC) under the Raker Act has well exceeded what is needed to ensure filling the entire water system by July 1, 2019. Valley Water, Sunnyvale's other water resource, also does not anticipate any water shortfall this year and will be able to meet Sunnyvale's water demands.

Water conservation efforts in Sunnyvale will continue. This will allow SFPUC and Valley Water to carryover water in their reservoirs from one year to the next. Also, continued conservation efforts will improve water supply reliability and reduce the risk of water shortages if next year is dry. During the last nine months of the current fiscal year, Sunnyvale residents and businesses saved 1,050 million gallons of water compared to the same nine months in 2013.



Tobacco Free Sunnyvale Decoy Operation

The Santa Clara County Public Health Department awarded the City a grant to focus on reducing youth access to tobacco products by conducting quarterly decoy operations and participating in a multi-agency and multi-jurisdiction task force. In the first quarter of 2019, Sunnyvale’s Crime Prevention Unit (CPU) conducted two operations, with the assistance of the Sunnyvale Explorer Post 417. The Explorers were sent into local tobacco retailers operating in Sunnyvale in an attempt to purchase tobacco and/or any tobacco paraphernalia. A total of 40 businesses were inspected and all businesses were found in compliance with the exception of one business employee who was cited for selling an e-cigarette to a youth decoy. For more information contact Management Analyst, Jhoanne Navarro-Tran at jnavarro-tran@sunnyvale.ca.gov or 408-730-7162.

Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety Featured in The Silicon Valley Voice



On April 11, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) was featured in [The Silicon Valley Voice](#) as being “One of the Largest Combined Departments in the U.S.” Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety (DPS) is a fully integrated public safety department that provides police, fire and EMS services under one department. Members of DPS come from all backgrounds, to include but not limited to, military service, business, technology and education. Why choose between careers when you can have all three at Sunnyvale DPS. Visit [Sunnyvale’s DPS](#) to learn more about the department and to sign up for alerts and community information.

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week (April 14-20, 2019)

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week is dedicated to the men and women who serve as Public Safety Telecommunicators throughout the United States. On April 12, the Public Safety Communications Managers Association recognized Senior Public Safety Dispatcher Gerald McCoy and Public Safety Dispatcher Marianne Siu as our agency's Dispatchers of the Year for their dedication, hard work, and support of our community. They were honored at a "Cowboys & Cowgirls" themed celebration emceed by Deputy Chief Steven Drewniani and Mountain View Police Chief Max Bosel.



Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety Volunteer Appreciation BBQ

On April 3, DPS hosted its annual Volunteer Appreciation BBQ dinner. During 2019, our volunteers provided about 4,500 hours to our department, which comes to a service value of nearly \$110,000. Volunteers within DPS contributed to various work groups and crucial functions such as Radio Emergency Services (SARES), Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and explorers assigned to Explorer Post 417. They also performed duties by providing support to our staff in administrative functions. Thank you to all the volunteers! For further information on how to become a DPS volunteer, please contact Dori Fontaine at dfontaine@sunnyvale.ca.gov.



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Fit & Fun Fair

Saturday, April 27, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Columbia Neighborhood Center, 785 Morse Ave. This free family event celebrates healthy and active lifestyles. Check out over 60 exhibitors featuring safety, nutrition, and health information. The event will provide health screenings for adults: Diabetes, Cholesterol, Blood Pressure, Body



Mass Index and Vision. Residents can bring their bicycles for a safety inspection and repairs. Public Safety staff will host mobile unit tours and offer car seat safety inspections. In conjunction with the Fit & Fun Fair, the Columbia Middle School Parent Teacher Student Association will host a fundraiser carnival featuring family friendly games and food vendors to support Columbia Middle School. For additional information, call Columbia Neighborhood Center at 408-730-7800. To schedule a car seat safety inspection, please call 408-730-7179.

[Sunnyvale Roadway Safety Plan Workshop](#)

Monday, April 22, 6 p.m., Sunnyvale Public Library, Program Room, 665 W. Olive Ave. Help plan the future of safe transportation in Sunnyvale. Come to a public Sunnyvale Roadway Safety Plan Workshop to discuss the City's Roadway Safety Plan. Learn about the plan and share your thoughts on existing safety challenges in Sunnyvale. For more information contact Ralph Garcia, Senior Transportation Engineer, 408-730-7551.

[Bike to Work Day 2019](#)

Thursday, May 9, is the 25th Annual Bike to Work Day! Thousands of Bay Area residents are expected to bike to work that day. The City will host two Energizer Stations: one at Plaza del Sol (S. Frances St./Evelyn Ave.), and one at Butcher's Corner (Wolfe Rd./El Camino Real). Pedal by one of the two City-hosted Energizer Stations between 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. to get a free snack, a reusable tote bag filled with goodies, and tons of encouragements. For more information contact the Transportation and Traffic Division at 408-730-7415.

[Day of the Book, Day of the Child](#)

Wednesday, May 1 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Columbia Middle School Multipurpose Room, 739 Morse Ave. Sunnyvale will be hosting a free special event to celebrate the Day of the Book, Day of the Child. Sing and dance with special musical guest, *ZunZun!* Each child receives a free book. This year's program has been funded by the California State Library and the Friends of the Sunnyvale Public Library. For additional information, call Columbia Neighborhood Center at 408-730-7800.

