

January 23, 2020

New Lakewood Branch Library Approved for North Sunnyvale

A new branch library and learning center is coming to the Lakewood neighborhood and will serve as a primary resource for literacy, learning and wellness activities for residents of north Sunnyvale. The 20,000-square foot facility will be located on approximately 2.15 acres of the Lakewood Elementary School property on the site of the unused and closed Lakewood Pool. The City of Sunnyvale, Sunnyvale School District (SSD), and Fremont Union High School District (FUHSD) partnered on the plans and cost sharing for the new facility. All three agencies have now approved the agreement, the key terms of which include:



- The City will lease the site from SSD for 50 years with an option of an additional 25 years for total cost of \$1 over the term of the lease
- Each school district will contribute \$3 million towards construction
- The City will be responsible for the design, bidding and construction management
- SSD will contribute 10% and FUHSD will contribute 15% of ongoing operations, staffing and maintenance costs
- A joint task force, similar to the City's current arrangement at the Columbia Neighborhood Center, will provide oversight and guidance to operations

The project is scheduled to begin in spring 2020 with a design phase and community input opportunities. The Lakewood Branch Library and Learning Center is planned to open in early 2024. The current estimate for design and construction is approximately \$28.3 million. [View project background.](#)

Pedestrian Safety

Pedestrian safety is a shared responsibility between motorists, bicyclist and pedestrians. On Friday, Jan. 10, the Division of Traffic Safety partnered with the Division of Police Operations to conduct a pedestrian decoy operation at the intersection of El Camino Real and Helen Avenue. This operation was specifically designed to enforce pedestrian safety related laws.

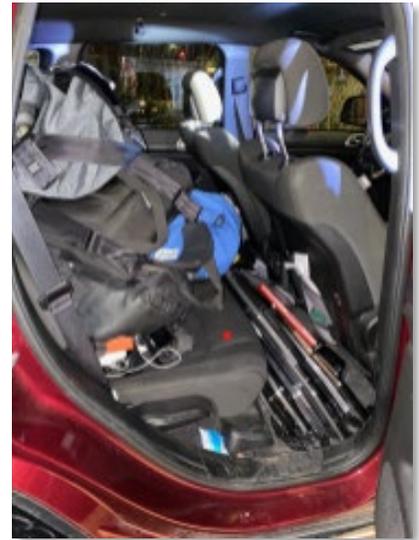
More than 30 citations were issued with numerous visual and verbal warnings. This operation provided an opportunity to educate motorists, pedestrians and all those that share the road to be aware of pedestrian safety.



Several more pedestrian decoy operations are planned throughout the City of Sunnyvale in the future. Public Safety will continue to deploy resources during peak commute hours to focus on traffic enforcement and pedestrian safety. For additional information regarding traffic safety in the City of Sunnyvale, contact Lieutenant Tracy Hern in the Division of Traffic Safety at 408-730-7109.

Investigations Unit

On Jan. 7 between 7 and 9 p.m., Sunnyvale DPS received reports of 43 vehicle break-ins occurring throughout the City. The suspects were reported to be smashing windows and removing items from the vehicles. DPS patrol officers were immediately assigned to the case. Officers worked closely with several victims and traced some of the stolen property to the City of Oakland. By working closely with the Oakland Police Department, two suspects were arrested in connection to the vehicle break-ins in Sunnyvale. The suspects were arrested a little over 3 hours from the last reported break-in. This case is an excellent example of the good outcomes that can occur when citizens and DPS officers work together to fight crime in Sunnyvale.



Suspect vehicle photographed.

This investigation is ongoing and DPS will be working with surrounding law enforcement agencies to identify additional suspects. Anyone with information is asked to contact Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety Detective Grant Smith at 408-730-7128 or gsmith@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

The case received considerable media attention. A link to the KGO-TV report was included in the Sunnyvale in the News portion of the [Jan. 9 Update Sunnyvale](#).

Burglary Suppression Detail

Public Safety's Burglary Suppression Detail (BSD) operated from Dec. 2 through Dec. 20. The detail consisted of five officers and one lieutenant whose sole mission was to make proactive pedestrian and vehicle contacts, identify burglary suspects and suppress their activity, and to supplement patrol operations during in-progress burglaries.

This year, the detail also strategically placed several bait packages on porches throughout Sunnyvale to deter potential package thieves. Public Service Announcements were incorporated through our social media platforms to educate Sunnyvale residents on burglary prevention.

BSD made a total of twenty-five arrests in the three-week period. Those arrests included; eight narcotics arrests, six warrant arrests, four arrests for stolen vehicles (two vehicles recovered), one for possession of burglary tools and stolen property, three for shoplifting and felon in possession of a firearm, and three for package theft.

For additional information contact Lieutenant Jeromy Lima at jlima@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury Recruitment

The Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara is currently recruiting volunteers for the 2020-2021 Civil Grand Jury. The Civil Grand Jury serves as the county's civil watchdog agency, authorized to inspect audit books, records and financial expenditures of county and city governments, special districts and school districts, in order to ensure accountability of public funds. Applicants must be over 18 and a position on the jury requires a commitment of an average of 25 hour per week. The term lasts for one year and the panel begins on June 18, 2020. Persons interested in applying may obtain an application online at www.scscourt.org under "Civil Grand Jury". Questions about the Grand Jury may be directed to CGJ@scscourt.org or by contacting Britney Huelbig, Deputy Manager for the Civil Grand Jury, at 408-882-2721. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, April 1, 2020.



New Regulations for Accessory Dwelling Units

Accessory dwelling units (ADUs – sometimes called granny flats or in-law units) are now allowed on all properties with a single-family home. State legislation passed in 2019 led to substantial updates to the City's ADU Ordinance. In general, the new regulations remove minimum lot size requirements, allow larger ADUs, remove the owner occupancy requirement (except for the Junior ADUs which are smaller units that share a bathroom with the main residence) and reduce certain setback and parking requirements. Additional ADU options are available for multi-family properties. [Staff created a brochure to assist the public in understanding these new regulations](#). Questions on new regulations should be directed to Community Development staff at the One-Stop counter in City Hall or by phone at 408-730-7444.



Fall Teen Fitness Challenge

This past fall, Columbia Middle School teens were recruited to take a free, 4-week Teen Fitness Challenge focusing on health and fitness at the Columbia Neighborhood Center. Two days a week, teens spent one hour after school working with a fitness trainer building strength and endurance. They also spent 1.5 hours per week with a nutritionist learning about healthy eating through hands-on cooking lessons. Fifteen teens completed the challenge, and in the last session, participants received a certificate of completion, as well as a swag bag with measuring cups, a fitness towel and a reusable water bottle. The El Camino Healthcare District provided funding for this program. For information on future fitness challenges at Columbia Neighborhood Center, call 408-730-7800.



[NOVA Workforce Board Retreat](#)

The [NOVA Workforce Board](#), appointed by the City Council, is comprised of 28 exceptional leaders representing diverse sectors and charged with ensuring that the local workforce development services effectively meet the needs of residents and employers in an eight-jurisdiction consortium. On an annual basis, the Board holds a retreat to plan for the coming year. This year's retreat focused on the employer perspective. The Board hosted an employer panel with executives from a wide range of industries that discussed local talent needs and was followed by a keynote on the future of work from a global perspective. The information gathered will be used to shape the Board's future work.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

[California's Rise to Water Resiliency: What Will It Take?](#)

Wednesday, Jan. 29, 7 to 8:30 p.m., City Hall – Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave. Join Felicia Marcus, former chair of the California State Water Resources Control Board, to discuss how we can improve water resiliency in the coming years. Ms. Marcus will discuss California's challenging water context, how it is being addressed and what is needed in the face of climate change. For more information, visit [Sustainability Speaker Series](#) or email green@sunnyvale.ca.gov.



[Register for this FREE event.](#)

[Babies in Bloom: Community Baby Shower](#)

Saturday, Feb. 1, 2 to 4 p.m. at the Sunnyvale Public Library, 665 W. Olive Ave., a 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. No registration required. For more information, call 408-730-7800.



[Community Outreach Meeting for Proposed Hotel](#)

A Community Outreach Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 6 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel (1300 Chesapeake Terrace, Sunnyvale). The meeting, hosted by the applicant team (Baywood Hotels), will provide community members an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed project. The existing office building at 1296 Lawrence Station Road is proposed to be replaced with a new, six-story extended-stay hotel with 128 rooms. For more information, contact Kelly Cha, Associate Planner, at kcha@sunnyvale.ca.gov or 408-730-7408.

SUNNYVALE IN THE NEWS

[New Lakewood Branch Library Approved For North Sunnyvale](#)

Silicon Valley Voice - January 20, 2020

[Man Arrested In Sunnyvale For Allegedly Setting Trash Cans On Fire](#)

CBS KPIX - January 20, 2020

[1 dead, 1 hospitalized after fire at Sunnyvale mobile home park](#)

ABC KGO - January 21, 2020