



Update Sunnyvale

News From Your City Manager

November 12, 2020

[Local Health Officials Issue Recommendations for Safer Holidays and Travel](#)

Health Officers from the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, Napa, San Mateo, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and Sonoma, and the city of Berkeley issued [joint recommendations](#) for staying safe during the holidays. The recommendations cover gatherings and travel, with recommended steps to reduce risk. The safest gathering is one that is a small, stable group that meets outdoors for a short duration and uses face coverings, distance and other safety measures. Any activity outside of your household increases chances of exposure to the virus. Be selective and space out which public activities you choose. If you gather in person, keep it *safe, small, short, and stable*.

[Introducing eHub: Making Your Home More Efficient, Safe and Comfortable](#)

Burning fossil fuels, like natural gas or gasoline, contributes to climate change. But how can we run our homes or cars without those?

Say hello to [Silicon Valley Clean Energy's \(SVCE\) eHub](#). The eHub compiles various tools to help residents lower their home's carbon impact all in one place. The eHub provides resources to help you incorporate [clean energy](#), [electric appliances](#) and [electric vehicles](#) into your lifestyle. Check out the SVCE eHub to make your home efficient, comfortable and all-electric without stressing your wallet!



[DINOVember at the Library](#)

It's DINOVember at the Library and time to celebrate all things dinosaur-related! To kick off the month, children enjoyed a take-and-make craft program, picking up supplies for a toilet-paper-roll dinosaur and then completing the activity online with a children's librarian. Please visit the [library's website](#) for complete program information, or give the library a call at 408-730-7300. Activities include:

Fossil Fest with paleontologist James Preston
Monday, Nov. 16, 7 to 8 p.m.
Grades 1 to 5
[Register for this Zoom program.](#)

Virtual Dinosaur Sleepover
Wednesday, Nov. 18, 11 a.m.
Ages 0 to 5
[Join us on Sunnyvale Library Facebook Live.](#)
Registration not required.

Winter Reading Program at the Library

Sign up for the Winter Reading program during the month of December. Winter Reading is for all ages, children, teens, and adults. Read just three books for a chance to win a gift card bundle. Read more books for more chances to win! Each age group will have its own drawing. Winners will be notified after Jan. 4, 2021. [Click here to register.](#)

Winter Reading is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Sunnyvale Public Library. For more information, please call the library at 408-730-7300.

Diwali Dance Celebration

In celebration of Diwali, the Festival of Lights, Sunnyvale Public Library will host a virtual dance performance from PAMPA Dance Academy on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 2:00 p.m. via the library's Facebook page. This festival marks the victory of light over darkness and the triumph of good over evil. The program is suitable for all ages and registration is not required. This event is made possible with the generous support of the Friends of the Sunnyvale Public Library. For more information, please call the library at 408-730-7300.



OTHER NEWS

2020-2021 Sustainability Speaker Series

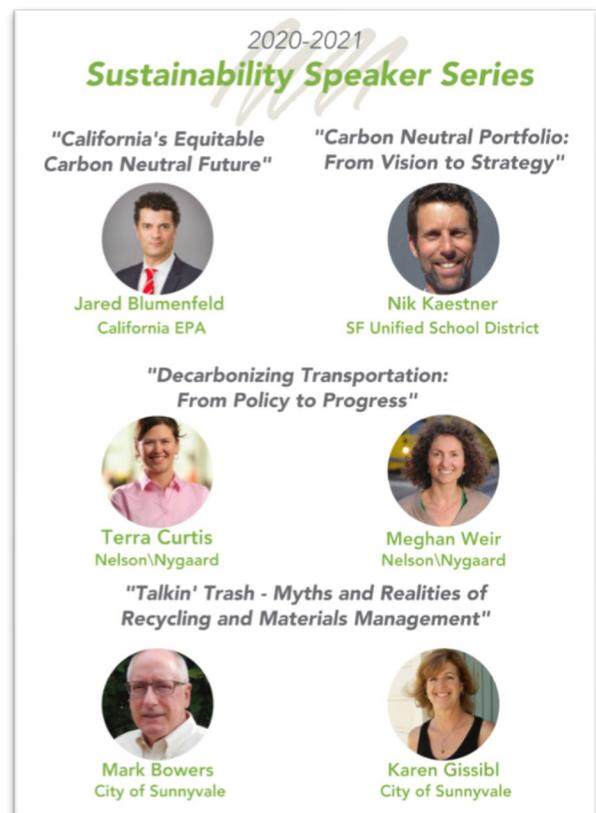
The 2020-2021 [Sustainability Speaker Series](#) is here – now virtually on Zoom! This series brings experts in various fields of sustainability to share their ideas and innovations with our community. This year's events align with strategies outlined in the City's [Climate Action Playbook](#), a plan to reach carbon neutrality by 2050. Our first event entitled California's Equitable Carbon Neutral Future, featuring Jared Blumenfeld, Secretary of California EPA, takes place Dec. 3, at 6:30 p.m.

[Register for this free event.](#)

Edible Gardening Online Workshop

On Nov. 17, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) and the City's Environmental Services Department will cohost a virtual workshop on edible low-water gardening. This class, ideal for new gardeners, will focus on the best practices for in-ground beds, raised beds, and container gardening for fruits and vegetables.

[Register for the free workshop.](#)



2020-2021
Sustainability Speaker Series

"California's Equitable Carbon Neutral Future" "Carbon Neutral Portfolio: From Vision to Strategy"

Jared Blumenfeld, California EPA Nik Kaestner, SF Unified School District

"Decarbonizing Transportation: From Policy to Progress"

Terra Curtis, Nelson\Nygaard Meghan Weir, Nelson\Nygaard

"Talkin' Trash - Myths and Realities of Recycling and Materials Management"

Mark Bowers, City of Sunnyvale Karen Gissibl, City of Sunnyvale

Mercury Thermometer Exchange

Help keep mercury out of our environment. Exchange your mercury thermometer for a new digital thermometer during the Friends of the Library Outdoor Book Sale in the parking lot behind the Library on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. To avoid breakage, transport the thermometer in a closed container such as its original case, toothbrush holder, or plastic water bottle with screw-on cap. Additionally, place the closed container in a sealed plastic bag. Digital thermometers are available as long as supplies last. For more information, email green@sunnyvale.ca.gov or call 408-730-7717.



National Jobs Report Released for October

On Nov. 6, the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) released the national jobs report for October. The unemployment rate was 6.9 percent, down from 7.9 percent in September, with 638,000 jobs added, representing the 6th consecutive month of increases. There were notable job gains in leisure and hospitality, professional and business services, retail trade, and construction, with local and state government education declining by 98,000 jobs and 61,000 jobs, respectively. To read the full report, visit the [BLS website](#). NOVA Workforce Services produces [labor market intelligence reports](#) that capture employment, industry and demographic trends.

San Mateo County Grant to Serve COVID-19 Impacted Workers

NOVA Workforce Services has been awarded \$400,000 in funding from the County of San Mateo to implement two projects in support of San Mateo County residents who have lost their jobs due to the COVID-19-related economic downturn. The first project will provide paid work experience during the holiday season for residents, in partnership with the Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center in East Palo Alto. NOVA will administer the work experience and support services for up to 30 individuals and the Entrepreneurship Center will provide the work sites at local small businesses. The second project will entail a strategic planning process to explore the feasibility of creating a six-month work experience initiative in 2021 that would serve several hundred San Mateo County residents. NOVA is excited about this new partnership with San Mateo County and looks forward to future opportunities to work together.

NOVA Workforce Services, hosted by the City of Sunnyvale, serves an eight-jurisdiction consortium comprised of seven cities in northern Santa Clara County and San Mateo County. To learn more about NOVA, visit the [NOVA website](#), email info@novaworks.org or call 408-730-7232. To access free-of-charge job search assistance webinars for workers affected by layoffs, closures or furloughs, visit <https://novaworks.org/covid>.

SUNNYVALE IN THE NEWS

[Whole Foods, AMC Theaters open in downtown Sunnyvale](#)

The Mercury News – October 31, 2020

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Watch Sunnyvale public meetings online at [YouTube.com/SunnyvaleMeetings](https://www.youtube.com/SunnyvaleMeetings). Live and recorded City Council, Board and Commission, and community meetings are available.

COVID-19 RESOURCES

Sunnyvale

- **City Service Impacts** – Before calling or visiting a City facility, check the [City COVID-19 webpage](#).
- **Sunnyvale Serves Phoneline** – If you need assistance related to the shelter-in-place order, call the City at 408-730-7360, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., or submit inquiries online at [Access Sunnyvale](#).
- **Sunnyvale Community Services** – SCS helps low-income families and seniors with financial aid, food distribution and case management. [Learn about services and how to donate](#).
- **Support Sunnyvale Businesses** – Support Sunnyvale restaurants and businesses providing essential services. Find store listings and information on the new [Sunnyvale Business webpage](#).
- **Entertainment** – Find creative ideas and helpful tips while sheltering in place by following us on Facebook: [@sunnyvalelibrary](#); [@SunnyvaleRecreation](#); [@SunnyvaleEnvironmentalServices](#)

Regional

- [2-1-1 phone and text services](#) are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in 150 languages to answer your questions about COVID-19.
- **COVID Testing** – COVID-19 testing is free, easy, and safe. [Get a free test near you](#).
- **Meals and Groceries** –
 - [Second Harvest of Silicon Valley](#): Call 800-984-3663 or text GETFOOD to 408-455-5181 to request assistance with food resources.
 - [Senior Nutrition Program](#): Serves adults aged 60+, their spouses, and disabled adults living with older adults. Following a take-out model at most locations.
- **Housing** – If you are at risk of losing your housing or missing an upcoming rent payment, contact the [Homelessness Prevention System](#) to request financial assistance and supportive services.
- **Employment** – [File a claim](#) with the California Employment Development Department if you are unable to work, have reduced hours or are caring for an ill or quarantined family member.
- **Give Blood** – The Red Cross needs healthy, eligible people to give blood or platelets. Visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcross.org) or call 800-RED-CROSS (800-733-2767).
- **Avoid Scams** – The Federal Trade Commission has [tips to protect yourself](#) and a way to report scams.