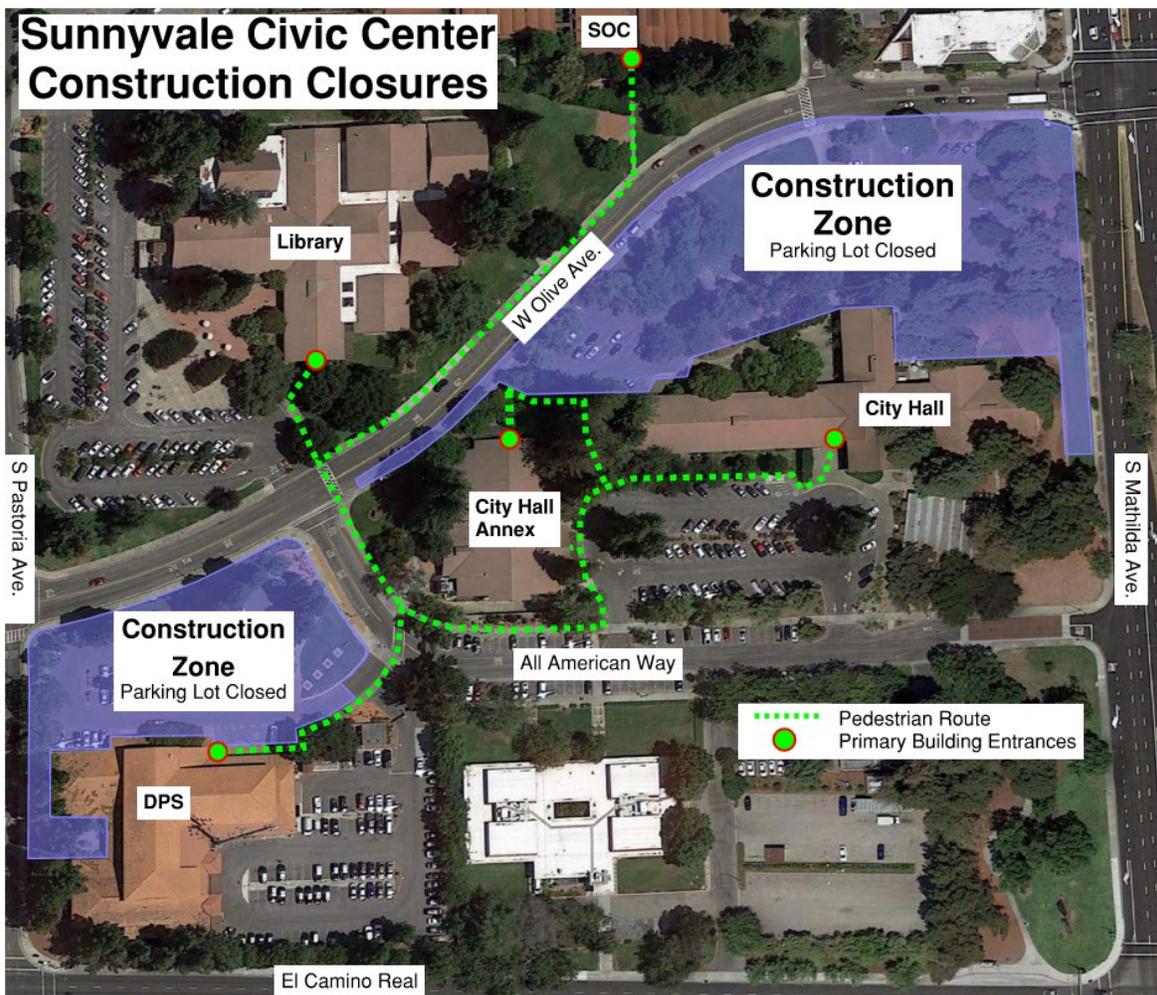


December 17, 2020

Civic Center Construction Closures and Pedestrian Access

Phase 1 of the Civic Center kicked off construction on Wednesday, Dec. 2. This phase includes construction of a new 4-story City Hall, new Emergency Operations Center, as well as improvements to the existing Department of Public Safety building. Also included within this work are more than 11 acres of site improvements to the Civic Center site including green space, walking paths, and an outdoor amphitheater. Construction work hours are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. The contractor, Hensel-Phelps, has begun fencing and staging. Tree protection and removal will begin in early 2021. Several areas of the Civic Center site will be affected. The two north City Hall Parking Lots and the Department of Public Safety front parking lot will close. The pedestrian access to City Hall from Olive will be restricted. See the map below for closure and access information. Please note that all city buildings will remain open during this phase of construction. Additional project information can be found on the [Civic Center Modernization Project](#) page.



[Holiday Collection Schedule and Tree Recycling](#)

The holidays are here – but the trash and recycling still need to be picked up! Pick-up days will remain the same throughout the holidays except on Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. The pick-up scheduled for Friday, December 25, will move to Saturday, December 26; and service on Friday, January 1, will move to Saturday, January 2.

You’ll likely have extra food scraps around the holidays. Items such as trimmings from food prep, plate scrapings, turkey carcass and bones, and spoiled leftovers can all be placed in the yellow side of your FoodCycle cart if you are in a single-family home. Residents in multi-family homes can bring food scraps to the green food scraps bin at the SMaRT Station for no charge.

Be sure to recycle your tree! Residents in single-family homes can put trees at the curb for pickup at no additional cost as part of their yard trimmings collection. Remove all decorations and cut tree to 4-foot lengths. Residents in multi-family units should check with their property manager for recycling options.

[City Seeking Proposals for 2021-22 CDBG/HOME Funds](#)

The City of Sunnyvale is now seeking proposals for eligible Capital and Affordable Housing Projects, Public/Human Services Programs, and COVID-19 Support Programs funded using 2021-22 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funding. For funding amounts, application deadlines, and a timeline, please visit the [City Grants and Loans](#) page on the City’s website. For questions, please contact [Leif Christiansen](#).

[Wrap-up of Vehicle-to-Grid Integration \(VGI\) Project](#)

NOVA Workforce Services recently completed a multi-year grant partnership with the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) and Prospect Silicon Valley (PSV), as part of a state-funded initiative to help develop an electric bus fleet at VTA. The initiative provided VTA with new electric buses, charging stations and an innovative energy management platform that optimizes cost savings and reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. NOVA’s role in the project was to help expose educators and students to the cross-disciplinary skills needed to compete for jobs in the emerging clean transportation industry sector. The initiative concluded with a presentation from NOVA, VTA and PSV about shared lessons learned from the project and ways VGI can be incorporated into the curriculum to prepare the future workforce. Community college, university and high school faculty as well as vehicle fleet managers from throughout California attended.

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>.

[National Jobs Report for November](#)

On December 4, the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) released the national jobs report for November and the unemployment rate was 6.7 percent, down from 6.9 percent in October, with 245,000 jobs added. The pace of recovery has slowed in recent months, with the jobs gain significantly less than forecasted by economists. There were notable job gains in transportation and warehousing, professional and business services, and health care with declines in government and retail trade. In November, 14.8 million individuals reported they have been unable to work because

their employer closed or lost business due to the pandemic. About 3.9 million unemployed individuals (up from 3.6 million in October) were prevented from looking for work due to the pandemic. To read the full report, visit the [BLS website](#). NOVA Workforce Services produces [labor market intelligence reports](#) that capture employment, industry and demographic trends.

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

County Launched COVID-19 Ambassador Program

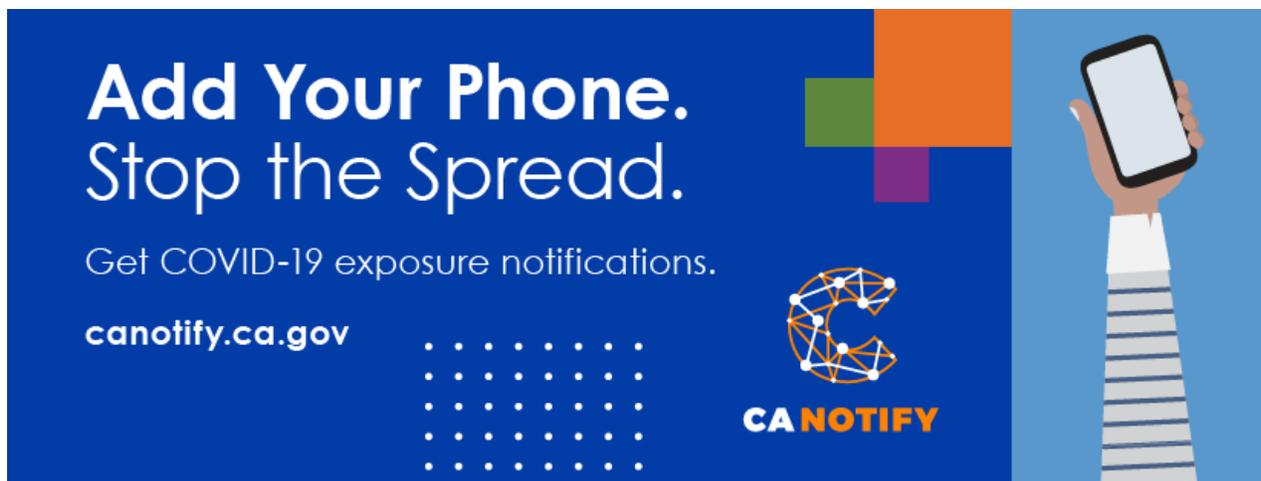
The County is launching a Countywide COVID-19 “Ambassador” Program. Ambassadors will play a key role in educating our community about COVID-19. The goal is to curb the spread as we prepare for vaccine distribution. The County will train ambassadors and provide weekly multilingual toolkits. Ambassadors will have access to the latest updates on COVID tests and cases, hospital capacity, and vaccines. Ambassadors will be asked to get the word out.

Expanded testing and vaccinations are on the horizon. But residents continue to be overwhelmed with information to the point of pandemic fatigue. Ambassadors will serve as a trusted resource for COVID-19 information.

If interested, join us for an Ambassador Program Training this Saturday, Dec. 19, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
<https://tinyurl.com/SCC-CAP-Training-121920>

State Launches CA Notify

This week, California announced the statewide launch of [CA Notify](#), a smartphone application aimed at reducing transmission of COVID-19 through exposure notifications. Californians can opt in to receive notifications if smart phone data indicates they may have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for the virus.



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](#)

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- [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](#) 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.