



Update Sunnyvale

News From Your City Manager

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Text SPDSJOBS Recruitment Project

On November 1, DPS became the first agency in Santa Clara County and one of only a handful of agencies in the state to use a texting app for recruitment. With challenges facing many law enforcement agencies in recruiting, DPS is teaming up with Interview Now, a new app service, to reach more viable candidates. Interview Now is a conversational Artificial Intelligence text messaging software that interacts with potential applicants and provides a unique platform for DPS to connect with potential recruits. Applicants will feel like they're texting a live person that will give them any information we would like to pass on to them about the application process, interview process, and will link the applicant to recruiting information about the department. Candidates can text "SDPSJOBS" to 408-755-9686 and experience an interactive process. [The new program was highlighted in a KTVU segment on October 22 by reporter Maureen Naylor.](#) For more information, please contact Captain Craig Anderson at canderson@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

JOIN OUR TEAM!
TEXT SDPSJOBS
TO: 408-755-9686

DO NOT TEXT WHILE DRIVING

Library Celebrates First Graduates from Career Online High School (COHS)

On November 3, spouses, children, Library staff, and trustees celebrated the high school graduation of two adult learners, made possible through completion of the Library's Career Online High School program. Both students received scholarships from the Library to complete a fully-accredited 18-month, all-online program, putting in an average of 10 hours per week to complete their courses on time. The scholarships were funded by the California State Library and Friends of the Sunnyvale Public Library. Ceremony presenters included California State Librarian Greg Lucas, Library and Community Services Director Cherise Brandell, and San Jose Public Library COHS graduate Theophilus Booker.

Career Online High School is for adults 19 and older who do not have a high school diploma. Learn more at [earn your high school diploma](#).

Library Celebrates Sunnyvale's Diversity with Diwali and Day of the Dead Programs

The Library recently held two special celebrations to promote a deeper understanding and connection with the cultures represented in Sunnyvale's community. The Diwali and Day of the Dead celebrations held in October had averaged 260 people at each event. Programs included professional performances, arts and crafts, and specific activities to each holiday. These cultural celebrations were led by Librarian Karina Huerta and were made possible with support from [California Humanities](#), a nonprofit partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.



City Issuing Notice of Funding Availability for Development of Affordable Housing

On November 15, the City of Sunnyvale will issue a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to develop new affordable housing projects in Sunnyvale to be funded with the City's Housing Mitigation and/or Housing Successor Agency Low-Moderate Income Housing Funds. Up to \$21 million in funding may be awarded through this NOFA to support new construction and/or rehabilitation of housing affordable to lower income households in Sunnyvale. This funding is intended to fill the financing gap between the projected total development costs, the applicant's available resources, and other available funding sources for affordable housing.



Applications are available Friday, November 15, 2019 and are due by Friday, January 3, 2020 at 4 p.m. The application and additional information will be available on the City's website at:

<https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/people/affordability/citygrants.htm>.

For questions, please contact the Housing Division at 408-730-7250 or housing@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

ESD Rear-Yard Household Hazardous Waste Program Provides Needed Service to Residents

In late October, ESD completed its semi-annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Rear-Yard service for single-family residences in coordination with Santa Clara County Household Hazardous Waste Program (SCCHHWP). This service is vital to Sunnyvale residents that are unable to move their carts to the curb for collection or attend one of the City's HHW events. For residents receiving rear-yard service, SCCHHWP drivers will pick up hazardous material from any accessible area on their property. This past month 13 residents received this service.

Paint cans, fertilizer/pesticides, motor oil, medications, florescent light bulbs and batteries are among the most commonly collected items. For residents interested in learning more about rear-yard service or to sign up, please contact Sunnyvale Utilities at 408-730-7400.

DPS and Santa Clara County Human Trafficking Task Force Operation

On October 28, Sunnyvale DPS detectives and members of the Santa Clara County Human Trafficking Task Force conducted a joint prostitution operation at a local Sunnyvale hotel. The operation was specifically aimed to reduce and deter human trafficking-related sex crimes, including prostitution, pimping, pandering, and other illegal sex acts. A total of 17 law enforcement personnel worked together during the eight-hour operation. Eleven adult males were arrested at the hotel for misdemeanor charges of solicitation for prostitution. The arrestees were cited and educated on the victims created by Human Trafficking. Prostitution enforcement efforts will continue, making our community a safer place to live and visit. For more information please contact Captain Ava Fanucchi at afanucchi@sunnyvale.ca.gov.



2019 Annual Peninsula Burn Relay

The 2019 Annual Peninsula Firefighters Burn Relay occurred on October 24. The relay consists of antique and modern emergency vehicles, traveling up the peninsula from Moffett Field to San Francisco to raise funds and awareness for the [Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation](#) (AARBF). The relay stops at multiple fire departments along the way, starting with Sunnyvale DPS Headquarters. At each stop, AARBF representatives receive a giant ceremonial check representing funds raised by that department during the past year.



The Department of Public Safety (DPS), in partnership with the Public Safety Officers Association (PSOA) hosts an annual Firefighters Pancake Breakfast to raise funds for the AARBF. The most recent event, on October 12 at Fire Station #2, raised \$6,500. The PSOA contributed \$1,000 for groceries and supplies. Chief Phan Ngo, on behalf of DPS, and PSO Frank Bellucci, on behalf of the PSOA, presented this year's ceremonial check.

For more information please contact Captain Ava Fanucchi at afanucchi@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

Sunnyvale Sports Leagues Moving to a Cloud-Based Management System

Sunnyvale's Youth Basketball and Adult Sports Leagues will soon utilize Team Sideline, a cloud-based sports league management system to provide game schedules, standings and timely communication to league participants. The software allows staff to quickly create game and practice schedules and communicate updates via text or email. Participants will have all their league's information in the palm of their hand through the Team Sideline mobile app. This will conserve staff time, and more importantly, allow participants to acquire league information quickly and efficiently. For questions, email Community Services Coordinator Jesus Raygoza at JRaygoza@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

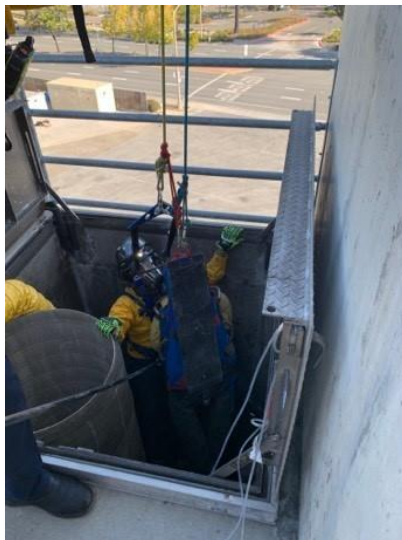


Department of Public Safety (DPS) Receives Donations

Since the beginning of the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) has received several donations from community members. A donor who prefers to remain anonymous contributed \$3,000 for the purchase of Combat Application Tourniquets for Public Safety Officers. The Shah family donated \$500 to the Crime Prevention Unit for Children, Youth, and Family Support programs. Alfo One Korea LLC donated \$1,200 which DPS can use as needs determine to support its operations. DPS is grateful to these generous donors, and to Fremont Union High School District for committing \$10,000 per year in support of DPS services. With the help of our community partners, we have been able to supplement our Crime Prevention and K9 units, and DPS Investigations Unit was able to update the technology that assists in investigating crimes against youth and children. For further information, please contact Sr. Management Analyst Elaine Ketell at 408-730-7234 or eketell@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

Vortex Tripod Rescue System

In October, members of the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety Bureau of Fire Operations conducted confined space rescue training using the Vortex Tripod Rescue system. The Vortex is an artificial high directional system (AHD) that can be used in a variety of situations including confined space, mountain, rope, and work access.



The Vortex system replaces the need to find an anchoring point such as a large tree or I-beam at the scene of a rescue. Because it is portable, the Vortex can be deployed in a variety of rescue scenarios. In the urban environment, the Vortex can be well suited to mitigate difficult situations such as a blind-shaft elevator rescue by serving as both a high directional system, and anchor point. For more information please contact Captain Ryan Yin at ryin@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

[Housing Strategy Final Open House: Prioritizing Sunnyvale's Housing Needs](#)

Join us for the Housing Strategy's final community open house to review and provide input on draft housing strategy approaches for addressing the current and future needs of housing in Sunnyvale.

When Thursday, Nov. 21 at 6 p.m.

Where Sunnyvale Community Center Ballroom, 550 E. Remington Dr. (ADA accessible)

For questions, please contact the Housing Division at 408-730-7250 or housing@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

[Evening of Cultural Arts](#)

Buy your tickets now for the 2019/20 season of Sunnyvale Theatre's Evenings of Cultural Arts series. The series is celebrating its 20th season of presenting outstanding musical entertainment to our community. Evenings of Cultural Arts performances showcase a diverse lineup of artists and genres, from samba to Celtic to transcendent guitar and more. The season runs October through April, with monthly performances beginning at 8 p.m.

[Get tickets for Evenings of Cultural Arts](#)



[Holiday Pottery Sale](#)

Shop for handmade ceramics created by local artists and support the Sunnyvale Pottery Studio.

When Nov. 15 and 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where Sunnyvale Community Center, Creative Arts Center, 550 E. Remington Dr.

[Learn more about the Pottery Studio](#)



[Breakfast with Santa](#)

Kickoff the season at this inter-generational event with holiday cheer, a delicious breakfast, fun crafts, photos with Santa and live performances. Bring nonperishable, easy-to-open food items for community seniors in need (please no expired or soon-to-expire food).

When Dec. 7 from 8 to 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. to noon

Where Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E. Remington Dr.

Admission \$5 (\$7.50 if purchased after Nov. 27)

[Get tickets to Breakfast with Santa](#)



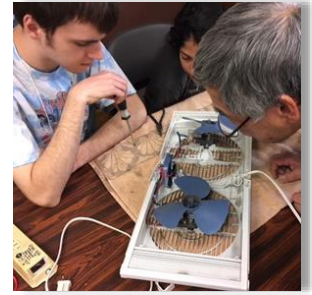
[Give Your Goods a New Life at the Repair Café](#)

Have broken stuff? Need your bike tire changed or chain repaired? Got a PC or a toaster that won't behave? Want to learn how to become more resourceful at home and in the garden? Bring your broken stuff and your curiosity -- Repair Café will help you with your repairs.

When Sunday, Dec. 8 from noon to 4 p.m. (last repair intake at 3:40 p.m.)

Where Sunnyvale Public Library, 665 W. Olive Ave., first come, first served.

[Lean more about the Repair Café and the Fix-It Movement](#)



[Friends of the Library Book Sale](#)

Get great deals on thousands of books, movies and music at the Friends of the Sunnyvale Public Library book sale. Proceeds support Library programs and services. Members-only shopping starts at 9 a.m. on Saturday, November 16. Membership is \$10 for individuals per year or become a life member for \$200. Membership fees are tax-deductible. For non-members, the book sale will be held in the Sunnyvale Public Library Program Room between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 16 and between noon and 3 p.m. on Sunday, November 17. For more information, contact 408-730-7300.

