



Sunnyvale Neighborhood Association Newsletter #6 – March 2012

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Birdland Neighborhood

- Vegetable Seedling Plant Sales
Sunday, March 25th from 11:00am to 3:00pm
Sunday, April 13th, from 11:00am to 3:00pm
Full Circle Farm at 1055 Dunford Way at the East Gate
The farm will be hosting two plant sale events at their Farm Stand in addition to selling select varieties of seedlings during their regular hours. They will have a great selection of spring vegetables like kale, chard, broccoli, cauliflower, and peas at the March event. The April plant sale will be focused on summer seedlings---tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, corn, beans, squash, and more.
<http://www.fullcirclesunnyvale.org>
- Full Circle Farm Stand
Wednesdays and Fridays from 1:30pm to 6:00pm
Sundays from 11:00am to 3:00pm
Full Circle Farm at 1055 Dunford Way at the East Gate
Features seasonal grown produce year round at their farm stand, all produced following organic practices, which means no synthetic fertilizers, pesticides, or chemicals.

Sunnyvale Neighborhood Association Quarterly Meeting

The next quarterly meeting will be held on Monday, April 30th from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Laurel Room at the Senior Center. This meeting is for neighborhood association leaders, City Council members, those considering starting a new neighborhood association where one does not already exist, and neighborhood association partners. The speakers will be Public Safety Chief Frank Grgurina, Solid Waste Division Manager Mark Bowers, and Recycling Manager Karen Gissibl.

GENERAL AND CITY WIDE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

"HONK" the Musical

March 1st through March 18th at the Sunnyvale Community Center

A musical for families based on the beloved children's story "The Ugly Duckling", this eye popping children's musical tells the story of a little duckling that isn't quite like the others. On the journey to find himself, he discovers it isn't what is on the outside the counts. Winner of the 2000 Olivier Award for Best Musical. The cast features Sunnyvale students.

<http://sunnyvaleplayers.org/honk>

Miniature Art Show and Raffle

Gallery Open: March 1st through March 30th from 9:00am to 7:00pm daily (except Sundays)

Evening Opening Reception: Saturday, March 3rd, 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Afternoon Receptions: Saturday, March 10th, 17th, and 24th from 2:00pm to 5:00pm

Sunnyvale Art Gallery (Kimm's Flower Basket) at 251 W. El Camino Real

Thanks to dozens of talented and generous artists, we have over 110 small masterpieces (sized 10" X 10" or smaller) that will be on display during the month of March. You can also preview all the artwork and print a raffle ticket order form on the show's website. There will be live music and refreshments donated by local businesses at the receptions. All proceeds from the raffle will benefit Sunnyvale Community Services.

<http://www.sunnyvaleartgallery.com/miniartshow/>

Grand Boulevard Initiative - "Walk the Talk" Forum

Monday, March 5th from 6:00pm to 8:30pm

Sunnyvale City Hall Council Chambers, 456 W Olive Avenue

Join us for the third workshop in a series on the Grand Boulevard Initiative, re-imagining El Camino Real as a place for residents to safely walk or ride their bikes, where new apartments open onto public plazas, sidewalk cafes and bustling shop-ping districts, and where the historic downtowns of cities like Sunnyvale enjoy a renaissance.

<http://ga.convio.net/site/Calendar/807597878?view=Detail&id=101461> .

Land Usage and Transportation Element (LUTE) Workshop

Thursday, March 8th from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at the Sunnyvale Community Center, Neighborhood Room, 550 E. Remington Drive

Thursday, March 15th from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at the Fair Oaks Park Building, 540 N. Fair Oaks Avenue

These outreach meetings are about LUTE and climate plans that have been developed during the last many months by the Horizon 2035 Committee, a group of residents and business representatives. The community will have the opportunity to learn more about the plans and register their opinions at these meetings, hosted by Sunnyvale City staff.

www.Horizon2035.inSunnyvale.com.

Chicken Care Class at Full Circle Farm

Sunday, March 11th from 10:00am to Noon

1055 Dunford Way at the East Gate

Our most popular workshop is back again! Learn everything you need to get started raising your own backyard chickens. This class always sells out quickly, so if you are interested in finding out more or to register, contact the Education Office at

programs@fullcirclesunnyvale.org or call 408-394-1464.

<http://www.fullcirclesunnyvale.org>

Safe Routes to School Workshops

Dates vary (please see below) and each workshop is from 9:30am to 11:00am

Neighborhood Room at the Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 East Remington Drive

Traffic Safe Communities Network in Santa Clara County, in partnership with the City of Sunnyvale, is providing a series of workshops for Safe Routes to School volunteers, coordinators and parents interested in promoting walking and bicycling to school:

March 14th - Organizing a Bike Rodeo

April 18th - Finding Out How Many Students Walk/Bike and What Other Parent Really Think About It

RSVP is required. Please contact Alice Kawaguchi, Health Education Specialist in the Santa Clara County Public Health Department at (408) 793-2700 or alice.kawaguchi@phd.sccgov.org to sign up or if you have questions.

Sunnyvale Garden Share

Sunday, March 25th from 11:00am to Noon

Full Circle Farm at 1055 Dunford Way at the East Gate

Join other home edible gardeners in sharing the bounty of your gardens--- homegrown fruit, vegetables, eggs, herbs, honey, seeds, and flowers. Bring what you have to share; take home something you don't have.

Earth Day Fair at Full Circle Farm

Sunday, April 22nd from 11:00am to 4:00pm

1055 Dunford Way at the East Gate

This is a free event that includes children's activities, contests, demonstrations, live music, local food vendors, and more.

<http://www.fullcirclesunnyvale.org/earth-day/>

Sunnyvale Centennial Celebration

Saturday, August 25th and Sunday, August 26th

The celebration will kick off with a parade starting at Fremont High School and ending up at Heritage Park. The State of the City address will take place there, followed by booths all over the park. These attractions will include music and dance from the last 150 years, hayrides, wagon rides, gold panning, blacksmith demonstrations, 1912 General Store, model railroad, horseshoes and shooting marbles in the orchard, and scavenger hunts.

<http://www.sunnyvale100.com> or <http://www.heritageparkmuseum.org>

Sunnyvale City Calendar of Events

This city run calendar has a useful feature where you can limit what you want to view so you can drill down by category. Many Neighborhood Associations have their meetings posted on this calendar. If that is something of interest to you (or you have an event to publicize) please can contact the city at events@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

SCHOOL EVENTS (FOR SCHOOLS THAT SUNNYVALE STUDENTS ATTEND)

Santa Clara Unified School District Science Fair

Wednesday, May 16th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at Wilcox High School Gym

3250 Monroe Street, Santa Clara

<http://www.scunifiedparents.org/>

NON-PROFIT SPOTLIGHT

NOVA Workforce Development

505 W. Olive Avenue, Suite 550, (408) 730-7232

<http://www.novaworks.org/>

NOVA is a nonprofit, federally-funded employment and training agency that provides customer-focused workforce development services. They work closely with local businesses, educators, and job seekers to ensure that their programs provide opportunities that build the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to address the workforce needs of Silicon Valley.

POLITICAL EVENTS

Sunnyvale City Council Meetings

Tuesday, March 6th at 7:00pm

Tuesday, March 20th at 7:00pm

Council Chambers at 456 West Olive Avenue

<http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/Portals/0/Sunnyvale/OCM/Clerk/TCMACWeb.pdf>

BLOGS OF INTEREST

You can learn more about what is going on in Sunnyvale by checking out the blogs below:

Gary Luebbers' City Manager Blog - <http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/Newsroom/Blogs/catid/1/City-Managers-Blog.aspx>

From the past month:

- Sunnyvale currently has 14 youth sports organizations with Special Use Agreements. Nine of the 14 groups attended a special meeting recently with City staff to discuss field use policies and procedures to consider how fields are distributed amongst youth sports leagues and priorities for use. As some of these organizations have grown over time or expanded the length of their seasons there is increased demand on the fields. The next step in this process is development of a report for consideration by the Parks and Recreation Commission and City Council later this year.
- The City has begun to aggressively use postings on Twitter and Facebook during large-scale emergencies and can see they are having an impact. Recently, during a school lockdown that lasted for about six hours, the Communications Office used these tools to keep the community informed. Facebook saw a jump of 157 percent over typical daily usage during the emergency. Twitter gained 20 new followers; on a typical day they may gain two new users.
- Safeway has formally notified the Economic Development Manager that they will be closing the Hollenbeck Safeway in the Loehmann's Plaza in 2013. Safeway will be selling the site as they will be moving down the street to the former PW Shopping Center in Cupertino. The reason for the move is that Safeway needed a larger store with more street presence. The Hollenbeck store is about 40,000 square feet and the new store will be about 65,000 square feet.
- There is a new radio station on the AM dial here in Sunnyvale where you can hear important safety information during local, regional or national emergencies. Alert 1680 is now in operation at 1680 AM on your radio dial.

City Council Member Jim Griffith's Blog - <http://www.dweeb.org/>

From the past month:

- Summer commission recruitment is coming up in April, and there are a large number of vacancies this time out, some with incumbents eligible for reappointment, some not. A couple of them have eligibility requirements and the rest are open to all Sunnyvale residents:
 - Arts Commission (1)
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (3)
 - Board of Building Code Appeals (3)
 - Board of Library Trustees (2)
 - Heritage Preservations Commission (2)
 - Housing and Human Services Commission (3)
 - Parks and Recreation Commission (1)
 - Personnel Board (2) (1-Employee nominated seat; 1-Council nominated seat)
 - Planning Commission (2)
 - Sustainability Commission (2)

Sunnyvale Schools Blog – www.cfscpta.blogspot.com

If you have children in either the Sunnyvale Elementary School District or the Fremont Union High School District you may be interested in checking out the new blog site and Facebook page from the Cupertino-Fremont-Sunnyvale Council PTA. Let's take advantage of the power of the internet to share information about school events, fundraising ideas and parent education opportunities. The blog address is listed above, and the Facebook page is CFS Council PTA.

SUNNYVALE YAHOO GROUPS

Sunnyvale has a number of Yahoo Groups that are moderated by individual residents and open to anyone to join. The links to subscribe to them can be found below. Descriptions of each group will be coming soon to the Sunnyvale Neighborhoods website at <http://sunnyvaleneighborhoods.org>:

Sunnyvale Café - SunnyvaleCafe-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Sunnyvale Composters – sunnyvale_composters-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Sunnyvale Cool - sunnyvalecool-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Sunnyvale Freecycle - FreecycleSunnyvale-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Sunnyvale Garden Share - gardenshare_sunnyvale-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Sunnyvale Politics - SunnyvalePolitics-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Sunnyvale Put Neighborhoods First - PutNeighborhoodsFirstInSunnyvale-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Sunnyvale Sell - sunnyvale-sell-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
