



Sunnyvale Neighborhood Association Newsletter #8 – May 2012

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Birdland Neighborhood Association

- Vegetable Seedling Plant Sale
Sunday, May 13th from 11:00am to 3:00pm
Full Circle Farm at 1055 Dunford Way at the East Gate
The farm will be hosting a plant sale event at their Farm Stand in addition to selling select varieties of seedlings during their regular hours. They will have a great selection of summer seedlings including tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, corn, beans, squash, and more. <http://www.fullcirclesunnyvale.org>

Stevens Creek Neighborhood Association

- Neighborhood Wide Garage Sale
Saturday May 5th and Sunday, May 6th starting at 9:00am
This event will take place in the Stevens Creek Neighborhood. To find us, go to Belleville Way from Fremont Avenue or Homestead Road and follow the signs. They will be all kinds of cool stuff--electronics, furniture, music, clothing, household items, and more. Come and check it out and discover a new treasure. For more information contact Rhonda Cooper at rhondalc3@yahoo.com.

GENERAL AND CITY WIDE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Bus Rapid Transit Discussion with Councilmember Chris Moylan

Wednesday, May 2nd at 7:00pm

Sunnyvale Toyota Dealership at 898 W. El Camino Real in the second floor classroom

Sunnyvale Cool hosts Councilmember Chris Moylan to discuss the VTA proposal for a true Bus Rapid Transit line on El Camino.

Meeting begins at 7:00pm with Councilmember Moylan joining in from 7:30 to 8:30pm. All are welcome.

Spring Pottery Sale By the Friends of Sunnyvale Pottery Studio

Friday, May 4th and Saturday and May 5th from 10:00am to 6:00pm

Sunnyvale Community Center in the Creative Arts Center at 550 E. Remington Drive

Come browse a large selection of handmade ceramics and fused glass by over 30 local artists. Find unique Mother's Day presents and help support the arts in Sunnyvale. This event is a fundraiser for the studio, and admission is free.

City of Sunnyvale Fit & Fun Fair 2012

Saturday, May 5th from 11:00am to 3:00pm

Columbia Neighborhood Center at 785 Morse Avenue

This event will include fun events for the whole family, entertainment, and valuable health and wellness information. Admission is free. Some of the planned activities are a 5K Fun Run/Walk (starting at 8:00am), rock wall climbing, obstacle course, jousting, carnival games and prizes, bike inspections, and health screenings. There will also be kids' tours of an emergency evacuation helicopter, fire rigs, squad cars, and an opportunity to meet Sunnyvale's K-9 Officer. Car seat safety Inspections are also available (by

appointment only, call 408-730-7179). Columbia Neighborhood Center Grand Reopening Celebration & Tours will be going on as well, starting at 10:30am. There will be over 65 exhibitors showcasing health and family resources. For more information go to <http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/Departments/CommunityServices/CommunityServicesHotTopics/FitFunFair.aspx> or contact Alicia Gonzales at 408-523-8150 ext. 19 or agonzales@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us

Mercury Fever Thermometer Exchange & MedDrop Event

Wednesday, May 9, 2011 from 11:00am to 1:30pm

Sunnyvale Senior Center, 550 E. Remington Drive

The first 100 residents who bring in their mercury thermometers will receive a free, non-mercury containing fever thermometer in exchange (limited to one (1) per household). To avoid breakage and contamination, mercury fever thermometers must be contained in an unbreakable and closed container such as its original case, a plastic toothbrush holder, or a soda/water bottle with a screw-on cap, and placed in a sealable plastic bag. Other mercury-containing products will not be accepted at this event. For more information call Environmental Outreach at (408) 730-7717.

Sunnyvale/Cupertino League of Women Voters State Proposition Discussion

Thursday, May 17th at 2:30pm

St. Thomas Episcopal Church at 231 Sunset Avenue (at McKinley)

Get objective, nonpartisan explanations of the statewide propositions under consideration when the Cupertino-Sunnyvale chapter of the League of Women Voters presents a free program describing the propositions for the June election and answering your questions. <http://www.cs.ca.lwvnet.org/calendar.html>

National River Clean-Up Day

Saturday, May 19th from 9:00am to Noon

Volunteers for this event will pick up litter and debris from the Sunnyvale East Channel and areas around Baylands Park. Check-in for the event will be at Baylands Park north parking lot, near the Reclaimed Water Garden. This event is open to everyone, however, it may not be suitable for young children due to steep banks in some areas. Youth under the age of 18 must have parental approval, and anyone age 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult. To register or receive further information on the event, call Sunnyvale Environmental Outreach at (408) 730-7717, TDD (408) 730-7501 or send an email to wpcp@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

Safe Routes to School Family Fun Bike Ride

Saturday, May 19th with check-in at 9:30am to Noon

Ponderosa Park at 811 Henderson Avenue

Free helmet and bike checks, safety tips, three mile group ride, and drawings. This is sponsored by the Safe Routes to School program. Free t-shirt for the first 100 to register. Helmets are required. To register, go to www.sunnyvalebikeride.eventbrite.com.

Hands on the Arts Festival (27th Annual)

May 19th from 10:00am to 4:00pm

Sunnyvale Community Center at 550 E. Remington Drive

'Hands on the Arts' is Sunnyvale's signature event, and is a multicultural arts festival especially for children ages 3-12. All-day family-friendly entertainment is featured on the outdoor stage, and there are more than 30 workshops giving children opportunities to learn and try different art forms. Food is available for purchase in the festival's food court area, and picnics are also allowed. Admission to the festival grounds is free, but participation in workshops requires purchase of a wristband, \$10 per child at the festival information booth or in advance online. Wristband allows unlimited workshop participation and includes all supplies. Some workshops do have a minimum age restriction. Please visit HandsontheArts.inSunnyvale.com for more information.

Friends of the Sunnyvale Library Book Sale

Saturday, May 19th and Sunday, May 20th from 10:00am to 4:00pm

Sunnyvale Public Library, 665 W. Olive Avenue

Get great deals on thousands of books, movies and music at the Friends of the Library Book Sale. The sale will be held in the Library Program Room, and proceeds support library programs and services. The event is open to members at 9:00am and to the general public from 10am to 4pm. Not a member? You can join at the sale! Membership is just \$5 for individuals, \$10 for families, or \$100 for lifetime membership.

Councilmember Jim Griffith Town Hall Meeting

Saturday, May 19th from 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Ortega Park Building, 636 Harrow Way

This meeting will focus on this year's budget, which takes effect on July 1st. The City Manager will be unveiling the proposed budget on May 17th, and Jim will go over the highlights of his presentation, give some of his thoughts on it, then see what people think

about what's being proposed (in time for him to do something with any suggestions before the vote on the budget). You can find the full announcement at: <http://www.dweeb.org/TownHall2012.pdf>

Sunnyvale Garden Share

Sunday, May 27th 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.

Lawyers in the Library Event

Tuesday, May 29th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Sunnyvale Public Library at 665 W. Olive Avenue

Have a legal question about patents, trademarks, or copyrights? Call (408) 730-7294 to make a free 20-minute appointment with an attorney.

Shakespeare at Full Circle Farm Returns

Saturday, June 2nd through Saturday, June 30th

1055 Dunford Avenue at the East Gate

Romance, tragedy, belly laughs, and adventure return to Sunnyvale with Shakespeare at Full Circle Farm. Back by popular demand, after overflowing audience attendance last summer, Shakespeare at Full Circle Farm features three plays in repertory: Romeo and Juliet and The Two Gentlemen of Verona by William Shakespeare, as well as an original adaptation of Alice in Wonderland. Friday and Saturday shows begin at 8:00pm, and Thursday and Sunday performances at 7:30. Pay at the door. General seating will be available with a recommended donation of \$10 for adults and \$3 for children. For more information about the season and the Festival Theatre Ensemble, check our website at www.FTEshakes.org or call 408-996-0635.

Full Circle Farm Summer Farm Camp

Monday, June 18th through Friday, July 27th

1055 Dunford Way at the West Gate

Each themed day of these one and two week long summer camps will be filled with a variety of farm-based, age-appropriate activities. Hands-on science lessons, craft projects, food preparation, music, and games will facilitate the exploration of sustainable farming and development, and appreciation of the natural world. Whether it is learning about vermiculture (worms!), concocting edible snacks, making a kite to see how seeds travel, pouring beeswax candles, or building a solar oven, campers will have the chance to get their hands dirty, be outside, and have a week full of fun. Additional information, sign-ups, and date and times can be found at <http://www.fullcirclesunnyvale.org/programming/summer-farm-camp-2011-register-now/>.

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. The parade application is now available on the website as well at <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/>

REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spare the Air Notifications Resume

The Spare the Air smog season starts Wednesday, May 2. During the summer months, the Bay Area Air District will issue Spare the Air Alerts on any day when concentrations of ground-level ozone, or smog, are forecast to reach unhealthy levels. Reduce air pollution and stress by hopping on a bike, joining a carpool or taking transit instead of letting smoke come out of your tailpipe! Get some "me time" back and enjoy your commute instead of driving alone. Visit www.sparetheair.org for more information about air pollution and commute alternatives in the Bay Area or to [download the Spare the Air iPhone or Android App](#). Connect with Spare the Air this summer on Facebook, Twitter or Google+.

Single-Use Carryout Bag Ordinance

This will take effect in Sunnyvale for approximately 100 stores on June 20, 2012. The City is helping stores prepare for the transition by providing reusable bag reminder signs for store parking lots and entrance doors and employee fact sheets in English, Spanish and Mandarin. City staff will also be at community events, the Sunnyvale Farmers' Market, and local grocery stores to hand out reminder door hangers, static window clings, and free reusable bags beginning in May. To find out about upcoming events that the City will be attending, please visit Bringyourbags.inSunnyvale.com. For any questions or concerns about the ordinance itself, please email Bringyourbags@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

City of Sunnyvale Medication Drop-off

Do you have medications piling up and need to get rid of them? Residents can bring in their unneeded prescription and over-the-counter medications for proper disposal. This program does not collect sharps or illegal narcotics. Medications can be taken to any of the Fire Stations in Sunnyvale for drop-off. For more information call the Department of Public Safety at (408) 730-7100 or visit <http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/Departments/EnvironmentalServices/GarbageRecyclingandWasteReduction/HazardousWaste/HouseholdPharmaceuticalsandSharps.aspx>.

Lawrence SAP Citizen Advisory Group for Phase II - Call for Applications

Sunnyvale is inviting applications from Sunnyvale residents and business representatives/property owners in Sunnyvale to serve on the Lawrence SAP Citizen Advisory Group (CAG). Applications are available online, or at the Sunnyvale Public Library, Community Center and City Hall and must be completed, signed and received by the deadline. Submit by Friday, May 18 at 5:00pm to the Sunnyvale Community Development Department, 456 W. Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94086 or via email to Surachita Bose, Project Planner at sbose@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. More details and the online application forms and instructions can be found at <http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/Departments/CommunityDevelopment/CurrentProjectsandHearings/LawrenceStationAreaPlan.aspx>.

NON-PROFIT SPOTLIGHT

Bay Area Older Adults Organization

1111 W. El Camino Real Suite 109-225

Bay Area Older Adults is a charitable 501(c)3 organization in Sunnyvale that helps older adults improve the quality of their lives. It promotes an active and healthy lifestyle by providing free information about a variety of regional outdoor, fitness, social, and cultural activities. Their website is <http://bayareaolderadults.org/> and their email address is info@bayareaolderadults.org.

SUNNYVALE NEWSLETTERS (NEW)

- Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety Newsletter – sign up for the electronic newsletter "Beyond the Badge" for a personal look at Public Safety's Crime Prevention and Community Outreach programs. <http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/Departments/PublicSafety.aspx>.
 - Sunnyvale School District Newsletter – this is an online newsletter that provides information on activities and programs at the ten schools. <http://www.sesd-district-digest.org/>
 - Sunnyvale Department of Environment Services Sustainability Newsletter – each newsletter features articles that approach sustainability from a variety of perspectives and issues such as recycling and waste reduction, water conservation, pollution prevention, green business, green building, transportation, energy conservation, and City Council actions. <http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/Departments/EnvironmentalServices/GarbageRecyclingandWasteReduction/WasteReductionandReuseIssues/Sustainability.aspx>
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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@yahogroups.com

Sunnyvale Composters – sunnyvale_composters-subscribe@yahogroups.com

Sunnyvale Cool - sunnyvalecool-subscribe@yahogroups.com

Sunnyvale Freecycle - FreecycleSunnyvale-subscribe@yahogroups.com

Sunnyvale Garden Share - gardenshare_sunnyvale-subscribe@yahogroups.com

Sunnyvale Politics - SunnyvalePolitics-subscribe@yahogroups.com

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

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

Sunnyvale Trails - Sunnyvaletrails-subscribe@yahogroups.com (NEW)
