



# The Valley Newsletter

CITY OF SUNSET VALLEY

APRIL 2014

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## ARTS COMMISSION REPORT BY JOHN FRICK

You're invited to bring the whole family on April 26<sup>th</sup> for a fun-filled day at our eighth annual **ArtFest** from 9am to 4pm next to the SFC Farmers Market at the Toney Burger Center. We always get comments from the artists and the people who come about it being the best family-oriented festival around.



Once again the kids will have their own stage featuring the ever-popular **Joe McDermott** and those wild and energetic **Biscuit Brothers** who always get the kids up dancing and engaged. Other activities include an arts and crafts area provided by Home Depot and overseen by their employees who have as much fun as the kids. We will have face painting, balloon twisting, stilt walkers and a caricaturist. Our wonderful Public Works Department will join us again with a wall for the kids to paint a mural, and a group called Snapology will set up an area for Lego fun.



It looks like every artisan space will be filled with a wide variety of great art with many returning vendors and a few residents for a total of around sixty. Sunset Valley Elementary will display their masks and thanks to Arts Commission member James Hart, they have also decorated three huge letters spelling "ART" which will be set up near the entrance. We are again providing a food tent and several food and drink vendors. We will also have an EMT tent to assist anyone who gets too much sun or has an injury.

The music this year is outstanding, thanks to grant funding from the Texas Commission on the Arts. For the eighth straight year the **Bowie High School Steel Drum Ensemble** will get things going in high gear with their island sound leading up to another appearance by popular demand- the **White Ghost Shivers**, a fun and animated group that brings out the dancers. Next up is another high-energy band we had last year that brought a big group of followers- **Del Castillo**. They got an even larger crowd up to the stage grooving to their hot Latin beat.



We'll have a larger stage this year to accommodate big bands like Del Castillo's and our headliner who is bringing a band made up of great musicians, some from other bands. We are so pleased to have **Guy Forsyth and the Hot Nut Riveters** as our headliner. Guy was a founder of the great theatrical acoustic group The Asylum Street Spankers, and is known for a dazzling live show. He is truly an amazing singer/songwriter and an Austin treasure who plays multiple instruments enriching his Americana roots, folk, and blues sound. Guy has won numerous awards and has shared the stage with music legends such as BB King and Ray Charles. Their set is 1:45-3:00pm. Please come, enjoy, and help make ArtFest 2014 a big success!



# COUNCIL ACTION RECORDS

## Council Meeting on March 3, 2014

### AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED ON CONSENT

- Approval of the minutes from the February 18, 2014 meeting.
  - Approval of a Temporary Special Use Permit for Thomas Carnival Inc. to operate a carnival at the Toney Burger Center from March 27, 2014 to April 6, 2014.
  - Approval of a Temporary Special Use Permit for Home Depot to conduct a Bath Remodeling Promotional event in their parking lot March 4, 2014 to April 2, 2014.
  - Approval of Financial Statements for the month of January 2014.
  - Appointment of Lucy Hairston as a Regular Member and change Margaret Bentley from a Regular Member to an Alternate Member of the Planning and Environmental Committee.
  - Appointment of Mayor Pro tem Forrest Arnold as a Sunset Valley's representative on the Balcones Canyon Land Preserve Citizen Advisory Committee.
  - Approval of an Ordinance suspending the implementation of the interim rate adjustment under Section 104.301 of the Texas Utilities Code by Texas Gas Service Company.
- **Approval of a Watershed Variance from Chapter 4 of the Land Development Code at 7 Sunset Trail for the addition of 457 sq. feet of impervious cover within the Critical Water Quality Zone for a retaining wall, driveway expansion, and curbs for a gravel walkway.** Variance is contingent upon the installation of a Rain Garden as referenced in the Sunset Valley Pollution Reduction Manual and to be recorded in a restrictive covenant for the affected property. All voted yes.
  - **Discussion of the recommendation from the Planning and Environmental Committee to amend Chapter 38 of the Sunset Valley Code of Ordinances to expand the coverage of Smoking Regulations.** Staff was directed to draft an ordinance.
  - **Public hearing and approval of a Special Use Permit for alcoholic beverages sold in a restaurant for on-premise consumption by Pizzaball, LLC (St. Philip) at 4715 South Lamar .** All voted yes.
  - **Public hearing and approval of a Special Use Permit for alcoholic beverages sold in a restaurant for on-premise consumption by Maddio's Austin #1, LLC (Uncle Maddio's Pizza Joint) at 5601 Brodie Lane, Suite 1200-A.** All voted yes.
  - **Discussion of the recommendation from the Planning and Environmental Committee to amend Chapter 4 of the Sunset Valley Land Development Code to exclude rainwater harvesting structures from Impervious Cover calculations in residential zoning districts.** Staff was directed to draft an ordinance.
  - **Approval of new rebate programs (funded within approved budget amounts) for residential irrigation upgrades, residential irrigation water timers, and residential compost bins.** All voted yes.
  - **Approval of the conceptual plans for the Villas Landscaping Project without benches.** All voted yes.
  - **Discussion of plans for the Sunset Valley 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.** Council requested that the Committee come back with a plan for a one day event with a concert.

## Council Meeting on March 18, 2014

- **Employee recognition – Cecelia Smith, Retirement from Public Works Department.** Council and Katy Phillips presented Cecelia Smith, who retired from the City on March 31st ,with a plaque.
- **Proclamation declaring March 16-22, 2014 as Flood Safety Awareness Week in Sunset Valley.**
- **Proclamation declaring April 2014 as "Environmental Awareness Month".**
- **Tabled to the April 1, 2014 City Council meeting, consideration of an amended Wrecker Policy 2-1 for the Police Department.**

**Council Meeting on March 18, 2014 (continued)**

**AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED ON CONSENT**

- Approval of the minutes from the March 3, 2014 meeting.
- Review bid tabulations and award bid contract for the Oakdale Drive Storm Water Inlet Rehab project to Underground Water Solutions.
- **Approval of a Watershed Variance from Chapter 4 of the Land Development Code at 32 Lovegrass Lane for 9,140 square feet (15.8%) of Impervious Cover for construction of a new house within the Water Quality Transition Zone.** Motion passed with 4-1 vote. Mayor Pro tem Arnold, Council Members Burdett, Powers and Rosengarten voting yes. Council Member Jenkins voted no.
- **Approval of a Watershed Variance from Chapter 4 of the Land Development Code at 25 Sunset Trail for 2,897 square feet (6.6%) of Impervious Cover for construction of a new house within the Critical Water Quality Zone.** All voted yes.
- **Discussion to amend language to the License Agreement between the City and the Sunset Valley Meadows to address the split rail fence and other landscaping and maintenance issues.** Council directed the City Attorney to amend the License Agreement which will supersede the existing agreement and first amendment, and create a new agreement addressing the entrance sign, including electrical, and flower beds; and the areas under discussion and the fence will be maintained by the City. All voted yes.
- **Approval of the plans as presented for the Sunset Valley 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.** All voted yes.
- Postponed presentations until the April 1, 2014 City Council meeting on follow up actions from October 2013 Flood Event and long term Infrastructure Planning and Future Utility Expenses.

**SUNSET VALLEY  
COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS**

The mesquite trees haven't leafed out yet, but bluebonnets and hummingbirds surely signal that spring has arrived. Folks are getting busy planting their spaces in our community garden.

Would you like to have one of the five remaining beds and join us? Soil is piled nearby for you to add, so buy a bag of organic fertilizer, some seeds and transplants and come on down! A \$20.00 fee will give you the use of a bed for the year. Three or four favorite tomatoes, two basil and two peppers plants would yield a nice variety of summer treats for your family to enjoy if you are a beginner and don't know how to start.

As September is the city's 60th anniversary, the garden committee would like for all the garden beds to be planted and looking nice for the celebration. There are plenty of experienced gardeners and Master Gardeners to offer helpful advice if you have any questions.

See you in the garden.....Betty Dunn



**March 2014  
Police Blotter**

Theft/Shoplifting	3
Accidents	25
Alarm Calls	7
Disturbance/Other	4
Calls for Assistance	31
Traffic Hazard	10
Suspicious Calls	16
Parking Violations	12
Violation of City Ordinance	1
Traffic Stops	115
Welfare Checks	18

## *Spring Fling 2014— Food, Friends and Fun*

Thanks to everyone that came out to Spring Fling. We had a tremendous turnout and tasty food from Doc's Backyard, Stuffed Cajun Meat Market and Specialty Foods and Dickey's Barbecue Pit. A special thank you to Doc's and their staff for their support to make this a great community event. Looking forward to next year.

Your Community and Economic Development Committee,  
Mickie Powers, Karen Flournoy, Penny Cedel and Rudi Rosengarten



# CITY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE CALENDAR

## MAY 2014

Thursday, May 1st  
6:00 P.M.

**Planning and Environmental Committee**  
City Hall Conference Room

Tuesday, May 6th  
6:00 P.M.

**City Council Meeting**  
City Hall

Wednesday, May 7th  
6:00 P.M.

**Community and Economic Development**  
City Hall Conference Room

Wednesday, May 14th  
7:00 P.M.

**Board of Adjustment**  
City Hall

Monday, May 19th  
6:00 P.M.

**Public Safety Committee**  
City Hall Conference Room

Tuesday, May 20th  
6:00 P.M.

**City Council Meeting**  
City Hall

Thursday, May 22nd  
7:00 P.M.

**Public Works Committee**  
City Hall Conference Room

Monday, May 26th

**City Offices Closed**  
Memorial Day Holiday

Wednesday, May 28th  
7:00 P.M.

**Zoning Commission**  
City Hall

Wednesday, May 28th  
7:00 P.M.

**Budget, Finance and Administration**  
City Hall

**Meeting Dates and Time May Change. Please check the City's Website [SunsetValley.org](http://SunsetValley.org) for updates.**

## City of Sunset Valley Lawn Watering Schedule Drought Stage II

ODD ADDRESS	Residential Hose End - Saturday
	Residential Automatic - Wednesday
	Commercial - Friday
Handheld Watering: Anytime Automatic, Hose-end, Soaker Watering Hours: Before 10 A.M or After 7 P.M.	
EVEN ADDRESS	Residential Hose End - Sunday
	Residential Automatic - Thursday
	Commercial - Tuesday
PUBLIC SCHOOL	Monday

# ELECTED OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE ROSTERS

**Rose Cardona, Mayor**  
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**Mickie Powers, Council Member**  
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**Rudi Rosengarten, Council Member**  
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**Arts Commission  
Committee Members**  
John Frick, Chair  
Walter Jenkins, Council Liaison  
James Hart  
Karen Medicus  
Erika Montero  
Sasha Russell  
Melissa Gonzales - alternate  
Cat Quintanilla - alternate

**Board of Adjustment  
Committee Members**  
Thomas Cedel, Chair  
Randall Rosengarten, Vice Chair  
Richard Hayes  
Marshall McHone  
Steve Borochoff  
Sandy Cox - alternate  
Jennifer Fadal—alternate

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**Budget, Finance & Administrative  
Committee Members**  
Rudi Rosengarten, Chair  
Michael Francis, Vice Chair  
John Bellanca  
Mary Black  
Marc Bruner  
J.R. Esquivel  
Robert Harrison  
Melissa Gonzales— alternate  
Walter Jenkins—alternate

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**Community & Economic  
Development Committee Members**  
Mickie Powers, Chair  
Karen Flournoy, Vice Chair  
Penny Cedel  
Rudi Rosengarten  
Sasha Russell

**Planning & Environmental  
Committee Members**  
Forrest Arnold, Chair  
Helen Besse, Vice Chair  
Mitch Chazan  
Edward Grimes  
Lucy Hairston  
Margaret Bentley—alternate  
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**Public Safety Committee Members**  
Jeff Burdett, Chair  
Art Williams, Vice Chair  
Gregg Bell  
John Bellanca Erwin Haddon  
Pam Bellanca Frank Williams  
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**Public Works Committee Members**  
Walter Jenkins, Chair  
Randy Machemehl, Vice Chair  
John Bellanca  
Mary Black  
Melissa Gonzales  
Ken Schroeder  
Randy Williams Richard Leigh - alternate  
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**Zoning Commission  
Committee Members**  
Robert Skewis, Chair  
Margaret Bentley  
Susan Durso  
Miguel Huerta  
Cynthia Nelson John Frick - alternate

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