



# The Valley Newsletter

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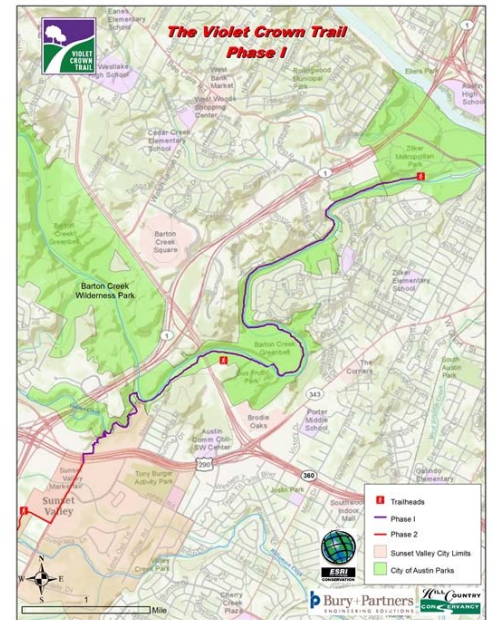
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## Violet Crown Trail Construction Begins in Gaines Greenbelt

In January 2009, the Sunset Valley City Council adopted a resolution supporting the Walk for a Day program. A year later, the City joined the Hill Country Conservancy in a Memorandum of Agreement for the Walk for a Day Trail to come through Sunset Valley. Over the last four years, the project has been renamed the Violet Crown Trail and the City Council and staff have worked with the Hill Country Conservancy to resolve community issues, trail routes, maintenance, and operational issues. The Violet Crown Trail is a regional trail system that will begin at Barton Springs Pool in Zilker Park and wind more than 30 miles south into Hays County. When completed the trail system will provide a unique opportunity for business, conservation, education, and recreational interests to benefit the entire region.

The project is beginning to enter the construction stage in Sunset Valley. Crews started work in the Gaines Greenbelt developing the first phase of the trail system. This phase will connect Zilker Park to the City of Sunset Valley and consist of a more rugged hiking and biking trail. The Gaines and Barton Creek Greenbelts are home to the endangered Golden-cheeked Warbler. These small songbirds will return in March for nesting season. Due to the presence of these birds most construction activity will end in March and resume later in late summer or early fall. The final connection to Highway 290 will hopefully be completed by the end of the year. After Phase 1 is completed, focus will shift to Phase 2. The second phase of the trail will link Sunset Valley to the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. This is an exciting project and within the next few years Sunset Valley residents will have the opportunity to walk from their homes to Zilker Park or south to Hays County.



## City Council Meeting moved to Monday, March 3rd

The Sunset Valley City Council will move its normally scheduled first Tuesday meeting to Monday to allow for the March 4, 2014 Joint Primary Election. Registered Sunset Valley voters can vote on election day at Sunset Valley City Hall. Remember Texas law now requires voters to show photo identification when voting in person. When you go to a polling location to vote, you must present an approved form of photo ID issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) or the United States government. All IDs (except the citizenship certificate) must be current or no more than 60 days expired. For more information, please go to <http://www.traviscountyclerk.org/eclerk/>.

# COUNCIL ACTION RECORDS

## Council Meeting on January 7, 2014

### AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED ON CONSENT

- **Approval of a Temporary Special Use Permit for Home Depot to conduct a Bath Remodeling Promotional event in the parking lot at 1200 Home Depot Boulevard from January 9, 2014 to February 8, 2014.**
- **Approval of Financial Statements for the months of August and September 2013.**
- **Approval of an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 130521-A amending the City of Sunset Valley Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.**
- **Approval of a template for Emergency Access agreements.**
- **Staff presentation and discussion of Villas Greenspace Landscape Project.** Carolyn Meredith, Environmental Manager, presented the proposed conceptual plans for each of the three City owned properties in the Villas subdivision. Council sent the project to the Planning and Environmental Committee to make a recommendation back to the City Council.
- **Staff presentation and Discussion of recently acquired property at 3617 Country White Lane.** Clay Collins, City Administrator, reviewed three options for the property. Council sent the project to the Planning and Environmental Committee to make a recommendation back to the City Council.

## Council Meeting on January 21, 2014

### AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED ON CONSENT

- **Approval of the purchase of a 2013 Vermeer BC1000XL, 12" Brush Chipper in the amount of \$28,076.56 from Vermeer of Texas.**
- **Approval to authorize submission of a grant application to the Texas Commission on the Arts for financial assistance with the 2014 ArtFest event.**
- **Consideration of request from Myles and Jo Fox, 29 Pillow Road for an exception from the City of Sunset Valley Drought Contingency and Water Conservation Plan to allow for the filling of a new swimming pool while the City is in Level II Drought Alarm Status.** After Council discussion, a motion was made to request staff to bring back the plan (DCWCP) for consideration to amend the variance procedure to allow for an appeal to Council and/or revise the requirements for granting a variance. All voted yes.
- **Approval of Revised Operational Policies for the Sunset Valley Police Department.** After Council discussion, a motion was made to approve the Operational Policies for the Sunset Valley Police Department with amendments. With regard to the video recording, the policy reads: *The Taser Axon Flex shall be recording at all times when officers are conducting police business and/or having contact with any citizen or person in regards to possible criminal activity, complaint, or any call for service. **Subject to the concerns identified in the following sentence, officers will inform** citizens that they are being recorded during non-emergency or non-hazardous police related interactions where the system is activated. The need **or requirement** for notification shall not outweigh the need for evidentiary collection.*



You can watch the City Council, Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment meetings live over the internet! During the meeting, just go on the [SunsetValley.org](http://SunsetValley.org) website and follow the video link on the sidebar. After the meeting, the recording is saved to the website.

## EMAIL NEWSLETTERS AND MORE...

The City of Sunset Valley uses a web based electronic marketing service, IContact, to deliver routine, non-emergency and just in time email communications with residents. If you have received an email with a link to this newsletter, or an email with the City Council or a Committee agenda, you are registered in this database. This program allows residents to voluntarily sign up and manage what type of information they would like to receive. Listed below are the 14 subscriptions to this service currently available. There is no limit to the number of subscriptions that you can sign up to receive.

- Email Newsletter
- City Council Agendas
- City Events
- Public Works Committee
- Public Safety Committee
- Community & Economic Development Committee
- Budget, Finance & Admin Committee
- Planning & Environmental Committee
- Arts Commission
- Board of Adjustments
- Zoning Commission
- Departmental Reports
- Lost and Found Pets
- Eco-Kids Events

To SUBSCRIBE, as a new user, or to add a distribution list you are not currently receiving, go to the City's website [www.sunsetvalley.org](http://www.sunsetvalley.org) and click on SUBSCRIBE located on the right sidebar. After you complete the form, you will receive an email to confirm your choices. You must confirm the email to begin receiving your selected distributions.

To REMOVE your email from this service, or to UNSUBSCRIBE, go to the bottom of an email received from the City. Click on Manage Subscriptions. You will only be able edit those distributions that you are currently a member.

Should you have any questions, please contact Sara Wilson at City Hall at (512)892-1383 or email [swilson@sunsetvalley.org](mailto:swilson@sunsetvalley.org).

## SAVE THESE DATES

### PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE

**SATURDAY MARCH 1ST 9:30 A.M. -Noon**

Sunset Valley City Hall, 3205 Jones Road

**FREE SPRING CLEANING GIFTS!!**

**Drought Tolerant Plants, Cleaning Supplies, Light bulbs and more!**

### LAST CHANCE FOREVER

**BIRD OF PREY CONSERVANCY**

**FLIGHT SHOW**

**SATURDAY MARCH 8TH 10A.M.**

Sunset Valley City Hall, 3205 Jones Road

**See rehabilitated and rescued raptors such as hawks, owls, eagles, vultures, and falcons up close and flying overhead.**

### SPRING FLING

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH**

**6—8 P.M.**

Doc's Backyard

### ARTFEST

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH**

**9:00 AM—4:00 P.M.**

Toney Burger Center

## DOING BUSINESS IN SUNSET VALLEY

### UNCLE MADDIO'S PIZZA JOINT

Coming to Sunset Valley this spring is Uncle Maddio's Pizza Joint. This new eatery will be located in the Village Shopping Center (5601 Brodie) tucked behind FedEx Office and across the parking lot from Mighty Fine Burgers.

Celebrating its 5th year, Uncle Maddio's Pizza Joint is the original create-your-own pizza restaurant. Operating just 18 restaurants in six states, Uncle Maddio's is the fastest growing fast casual pizza brand in the US. The Sunset Valley store will be first location in Texas.

Uncle Maddio's pizzas are completely customizable, made-to-order, and served up in just six minutes. Uncle Maddio's offers four pizza sizes, three types of crusts, including gluten-free, six sauces, and 48 fresh toppings, many vegan, organic, and hormone-free.



### 2014 Sunset Valley Citizen Police Academy

The Sunset Valley Police Department is recruiting residents for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Citizens Police Academy starting in April. The class is scheduled to run 10 weeks with participants meeting once a week on Wednesday from 6 P.M. to 9 P.M. Participants are provided training in several areas of law enforcement, including; the court and legal system, narcotics and drug enforcement, patrol operations, DWI intervention, traffic enforcement, arrest, search and seizure, and use of force. Instruction includes guest speakers, mock traffic stops, weapons handling, and a hands on use of force/shooting scenarios.

The class requires a minimum of 10 students. Interested residents are encouraged contact Sgt. R. Stern or Officer M. Zajac at the Sunset Valley Police Department. Registration closes February 28th.

## THINGS TO DO IN Sunset Valley

### Sunset Valley Craft Get Together

1st Sunday of the Month, 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
Crafters meet the 1st Sunday of each month in the City Hall Conference Room.

### CPR and First Aid Training

Monday, April 7 6:30 P.M. —City Hall  
Sunset Valley hosts a CPR and First Aid Training Course each month. Residents can register and take the class at no cost. Contact Matt Lingafelter at City Hall to register or email Matt at [mlingafelter@sunsetvalley.org](mailto:mlingafelter@sunsetvalley.org)

### Farmers Market/Artisan Market

Every Saturday, the Farmers Market is open rain or shine from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at the Toney Burger Center.  
[www.sfcfarmersmarketsunsetvalley.org](http://www.sfcfarmersmarketsunsetvalley.org)



### January 2014 Police Blotter

Alcohol Offenses	1
Theft/Shoplifting	10
Accidents	26
Alarm Calls	23
Disturbance/Other	2
Calls for Assistance	29
Traffic Hazard	13
Suspicious Calls	13
Parking Violations	13
Violation of City Ordinance	3
Traffic Stops	147
Welfare Checks	17

## CITY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE CALENDAR

### MARCH 2014

Monday, March 3th 6:00 P.M.	<b>City Council Meeting</b> City Hall
Wednesday, March 12th 7:00 P.M.	<b>Board of Adjustment</b> City Hall
Thursday, March 13th 6:00 P.M.	<b>Planning and Environmental Committee</b> City Hall Conference Room
Tuesday, March 18th 6:00 P.M.	<b>City Council Meeting</b> City Hall
Thursday, March 20th 7:00 P.M.	<b>Public Works Committee</b> City Hall Conference Room
Monday, March 24th 6:00 P.M.	<b>Public Safety Committee</b> City Hall Conference Room
Wednesday, March 26th 7:00 P.M.	<b>Zoning Commission</b> City Hall
Wednesday, March 26th 7:00 P.M.	<b>Budget, Finance and Administration</b> City Hall

**Meeting Dates  
and Time May  
Change.  
Please check the  
City's Website  
SunsetValley.org  
for updates.**

## Water Saving Tips

When it comes to conserving water, small adjustments can have a big impact. Here are some tips to help conserve.

- Use porous material for walkways and patios to prevent wasteful runoff and keep water in your yard
- Group plants with the same watering needs together to avoid overwatering some while under watering others.
- Plant species native to our region.
- Plant in the spring and fall, when the watering requirements are lower.
- When sprucing up your front or backyard, consider xeriscaping. This landscape method uses low-water-use plants to limit your water use.
- Avoid planting grass in areas that are hard to water, such as steep inclines and isolated strips along sidewalks and driveways.
- Layer mulch on the surface of your planting beds to minimize weed growth that competes for water.
- Start a compost pile. Using compost adds water-holding organic matter to the soil.
- Spread a layer of organic mulch will help retain moisture, saving water, time and money.
- Next time you add or replace a flower or shrub, choose a low-water-use plant
- Direct water from rain gutters and HVAC systems to water-loving plants in your landscape.
- Collect water from your roof by installing gutters and downspouts. Direct the runoff to plants and trees.

Questions on plants, trees, mulch and composting, please contact Carolyn Meredith or Sam Cantu in the Public Works Department at 512-891-9103.

# ELECTED OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE ROSTERS

**Rose Cardona, Mayor**  
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**Rudi Rosengarten, Council Member**  
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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  
Richard Hayes  
Marshall McHone  
Randall Rosengarten  
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  
Margaret Bentley  
Mitch Chazan  
Edward Grimes  
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**Public Safety Committee Members**  
Jeff Burdett, Chair  
Art Williams, Vice Chair  
Gregg Bell  
John Bellanca  
Pam Bellanca  
Erwin Haddon  
Frank Williams Pam Bellanca  
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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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