



The Valley Newsletter

CITY OF SUNSET VALLEY

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New Businesses Coming to Sunset Valley

Three new businesses plan to open in Sunset Valley within the next few months. Please plan to visit these new stores and welcome them to the City.

Cane Rosso is a restaurant that serves Neapolitan style pizza using traditional Italian methods and wood burning ovens. The company started with a mobile catering oven in 2009 and quickly developed a large and loyal following in Dallas. Attention and accolades, both locally and nationally, have allowed the company to expand to five locations in the Metroplex. The Sunset Valley restaurant will be one of two planned to open this year outside of DFW; the other will be in Houston. Cane Rosso will be located at 4715 South Lamar, next to Stouthaus Coffee Pub.



Also coming to 4715 South Lamar is Tipping Cow Creamery. This location will be the first "brick and mortar" site for the business which is currently a family owned and operated food truck. Tipping Cow Creamery serves soft serve ice cream treats: shakes, floats, cones and "stackers". Stackers, as the menu states, is like a sundae but much better! All the ingredients are layered (or stacked) so you get great flavors throughout. Tipping Cow Creamery uses organic whole milk and unique toppings to differentiate its product from others. Tipping Cow Creamery will be located next to Cane Russo.



Results Physiotherapy will be opening in the Village Shopping Center at 5601 Brodie Lane, near Nordstrom Rack. Results Physiotherapy offers hands on manual physical therapy. Based in Franklin, Tennessee, the company manages 95 clinics throughout the southeast United States. The Sunset Valley location will be one of the first sites for the company in Texas; the other is planned to open in Leander.



At the March 8th City Council meeting, the City Council approved Cane Rosso for an Special Use Permit for On site Sale of Alcohol and Results Physiotherapy for a Special Use Permit for medical use. Both permits were approved as recommended by the City's Zoning Commission in February.

City Council Highlights

Council Highlights February 2, 2016

The City Council approved three Watershed Development Permits. In accordance with the City's Land Development Code (LDC), any person proposing to develop land within the City of Sunset Valley or its extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) must first be issued a Watershed Development Permit by the City Council, unless specifically exempted by the LDC. Only the following types of projects do NOT require a Watershed Development Permit:

1. Construction of one single-family residence on a legal lot, provided the lot is located within the uplands zone and the property complies with the impervious cover requirements (not to exceed 18% per lot).
2. Minor fill activities, as defined in the City Code, do not require a Watershed Development Permit. In general, minor fill activities must consist of less than 10 cubic yards of fill, and must not be deposited within the critical water quality zone, the water quality transition zone, or any drainage easement.

The Council approved a watershed permit for the following projects:

- New residential construction at 786A Oakdale Drive for 5,073 square feet or 17.97% of Impervious Cover within the Water Quality Transition Zone;
- Improvements at Sunset Valley Elementary School; and,
- Replacement of HVAC units and slab at the Toney Burger Center.

The City Council continued discussion of financing alternatives for the City Facilities project. This is the 3rd Council meeting where the financing options have been discussed. At the November 10, 2015 meeting, the City Council first discussed financing for new facilities and referred the matter to the Budget, Finance and Administrative Committee. The Council again reviewed financing options on December 15th. No recommendation or action has been taken by the City Council.

Council Highlights February 16, 2016

The City Council authorized purchase of six (6) 35' barrier gates to be installed on the Sunset Valley Tributary at Lone Oak Trail, Pillow Road and Sunset Trail. The barrier gates will be placed to stop vehicles from entering low water crossings when the road has been closed. In August 2015, the City Council approved the gates over other options, signage or additional lighting following the recommendation of the Public Safety and Public Works Committees.

The City Council discussed a recommendation of the Public Safety Committee to restrict parking on portions of Pillow Road and Reese Drive. Following a presentation by Chief Ford, that focused on emergency access on residential streets, the Council discussed the recommendation of the PSC to restrict parking in front of 1 and 3 Pillow Road and 1 and 2 Reese Drive. These residents have repeatedly brought their parking and access issues to the PSC and the Council. Council directed an ordinance to be brought for consideration.

Following a presentation, the City Council discussed eligible uses and projects for the "Green Tax" (Edwards Aquifer Venue Project). Last November Sunset Valley voters approved the measure to expand the sales tax to allow for projects throughout the City. Previously, projects were restricted to watershed protection along Brodie Lane and Country White. The Council is interested to consider how this revenue source could be used. The presentation outlined four possible uses: property acquisition and environmental easements, ecological restoration, program development and education and infrastructure improvements. The Council directed staff to bring back the items with estimated costs.

Storage Yard Rules

The City of Sunset Valley operates a storage yard for the exclusive use of Sunset Valley residents. The current rules for the Storage Yard were adopted in 2010. Over the past few months, staff has seen an increase in reports from residents using the yard regarding access, suspected improper use and unallowable materials left in the yard. The Public Works Department has recently repaired the entry gate and changed the access code in an effort to thwart access by unauthorized users. As a reminder, listed below are the basic rules of the Storage Yard:

RESIDENT USE. The Storage Yard is for Sunset Valley residents only. Residents should contact the Public Works Department for the access code. Contractors working for a resident may use the yard, but **must sign in** at Public Works building. Please do not give the access code to your contractors

All items brought to the storage yard for disposal must originate within the Sunset Valley City Limits. Residents involved in commercial activities such as lot clearing, general construction, rental properties, or other services that generate such waste, must properly dispose of these items at a commercial facility.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. Hazardous material of any kind is forbidden. Hazardous materials includes items such as paint, oil, antifreeze, pesticides, and household cleaners. The Austin/Travis County Household Hazardous Waste Facility is located at 2514 Business Center Drive. Call 974-4343 for hours of operation.

ILLEGAL DUMPING. Illegal dumping is an environmental crime in Texas. Unless prior arrangements have been made with the Public Works and Environmental Services Department, the following activities will be considered violations of Texas Health and Safety Code Section 365 and considered illegal dumping: Items left outside the gate and/or items left outside the dumpster.

BULK ITEM DUMPSTER. Unless prior arrangements have been made **only one** pick-up truck load of trash per week per Sunset Valley address is allowed. All items are to be placed inside the dumpster. If you require assistance, please ask. No tires, appliances, electronics, or metals are permitted in the dumpsters.

BRUSH PILE. NOTHING SHOULD BE PLACED IN THIS PILE BUT BRUSH. Unless prior arrangements have been made **only one** trailer load of brush per week per Sunset Valley address is allowed. Plastic bags, concrete, wire fencing, painted or treated lumber, are not permitted in the brush pile. Please place invasive clippings such as cactus, Johnson grass, or weeds in the dumpster.

TIRE RECYCLING. Dispose of tires in the marked location. Tires are not permitted in the dumpsters.

METAL RECYCLING DUMPSTER. Recycle metal responsibly. Hazardous materials, electronics, closed gas cylinders, metal drums, wood fencing are not permitted.

FOR QUESTIONS, ASSISTANCE, SPECIAL REQUESTS, OR TO REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING CALL PUBLIC WORKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AT (512) 891- 9103.

OUTDOOR LIGHTING IN THE NEWS

Contributed by Helen Besse

People living in cities illuminated by street-lights and neon signs are more likely to have trouble sleeping than residents of more rural areas, a new study shows. Over the course of eight years, researchers from Stanford University interviewed 15,863 people about their health and sleep quality, while also using satellite data to determine how much outdoor light exposure the subjects experienced on a nightly basis.

The study found urban dwellers in well-lit neighborhoods were 6 percent more likely to get less than six hours of sleep each night. They were also more likely to report poor sleep quality, complain about daytime drowsiness, and wake up disoriented during the night. Paper to be presented at the American Academy of Neurology in April. For more information, go to: <http://www.news-medical.net/news/20160302/Research-shows-nighttime-lights-may-affect-sleeping-habits.aspx>

Things to Do

Sunset Valley Elementary—Cheetah Fest

Saturday, April 9th 3 PM to 7 PM

Sunset Valley Elementary

The annual Cheetah Fest is Sunset Valley Elementary School’s fun family event and the PTA’s primary fundraiser for the year. Everyone is invited to the school playground. This year brings activities including: inflatables, a magic show, a dunk tank, cake walk, photo booth, food trucks, face painting, Mariachis, and more. The silent auction will feature fun experiences with teachers, classroom baskets and donations from TreeHouse, Alamo Drafthouse, Austin School of Music, Crossfit Oakhill, Vespaio Italian Restaurant, Jump! Gymnastics, ABGB, and much more!



To donate to the silent auction or become a sponsor, please email fundraising@ssvpta.org. Discounted prices for wristbands and tickets may be purchased in advance online at www.ssvpta.org/support-the-pta/cheetah-fest/. Tickets and wristbands will be on sale at the event.

Citizens Awareness Self Defense

Saturday April 16th 2 PM to 4 PM

The Police Department will be presenting an informational personal safety course. Some of the topics to be covered: personal awareness, unexpected confrontations, and legal considerations. The last hour of the course will be self-defense techniques clinic. This portion is voluntary and will involve hand to hand defense techniques and physical contact. If you would like to attend this course please contact Officer Hall at jchall@sunsetvalley.org

10th Annual ArtFest

Saturday, April 23rd 9 AM to 4 PM

Toney Burger Center

Plan to come to the 10th annual ArtFest, hosted by the Sunset Valley Arts Commission. Lots to do, at this family friendly outdoor music, food and local art festival.

Kids Stage: Joe McDermott and the Biscuit Brothers

Main Stage: Beto and the Fairlanes, Warren Hood, Joel Laviolette and Rattletree, and the Gorizsky Steel Drum Band.



Spring Fling

Saturday, April 30th 6 PM to 8PM


Doc’s Backyard Patio

Join your family, friends and neighbors at the annual Spring Fling on the patio of Doc’s Backyard. Gifts while supplies last.

Sunset Valley Craft Get Together

1st Sunday of the Month 2 PM to 5 PM

Crafters meeting in the City Hall Conference Room

 February 2016 Police Blotter	
Accidents	13
Abandoned Vehicle	1
Alarms	9
Animal Related	2
Assist Others	38
Att. Burglary of Vehicle	1
Community Policing	353
Disturbance/Other	2
Disorderly Conduct/Language	1
DWI/PI/Drugs	2
DWLI	5
EDP	1
Fraud	1
Indecent Exposure	1
Minor/Possession	2
Public Intoxication	2
Reckless/Aggressive Driving	5
Suspicious/Check Welfare	25
Thefts	7
Traffic Related	220
Vehicle Fire	1
Violation of City Ord./Parking	17
Warrant Arrest	2
Criminal Investigation Unit (CID)	
Action	
New Cases	4
Active Cases	62
Closed Case	14

CITY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE CALENDAR

Thursday, March 24th 6:00 P.M.	Arts Commission City Hall Conference Room
Thursday, March 24th 7:00 P.M.	Public Works Committee City Hall
Thursday, March 31st 7:00 P.M.	Budget, Finance and Administrative Committee Meeting City Hall
Tuesday, April 5th 6:00 P.M.	City Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 6th 6:00 P.M.	Community and Economic Development Committee Meeting City Hall
Thursday, April 7th 6:00 P.M.	Planning and Environmental Committee Meeting City Hall
Wednesday, April 13th 7:00 P.M.	Board of Adjustment City Hall
Tuesday, April 19th 6:00 P.M.	City Council Meeting City Hall
Thursday, April 21st 7:00 P.M.	Public Works Committee City Hall
Monday, April 25th 6:00 P.M.	Public Safety Committee City Hall
Thursday, April 28th 7:00 PM	Budget, Finance and Administrative Committee Meeting City Hall
Tuesday, May 3rd 6:00 P.M.	Joint City Council and Zoning Commission Meeting City Hall

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

FIREWISE POSTER CONTEST DEADLINE TO ENTER IS MARCH 31ST



Bring your entry for the Sunset Valley Firewise Poster Contest to City Hall by Thursday, March 31st. Prizes will be awarded from to students for the “hottest” artwork on the theme ‘Wildfire Preparedness—Doing Little Things Can Make a Big Difference’. [More information](#) available online at www.sunsetvalley.org.



Keep Up on the Latest: New Facilities Project Information. Find latest information on the facilities project on the New City Facilities page on the City's website at www.sunsetvalley.org/newfacilities

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Matt Young, Vice Chair
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Kim Moncus—Honorary—SV Elementary

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Robert Browning
Jennifer Fadal
Richard Hayes

Alternates
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Thomas Cedel
Sandy Cox
Marshall McHone
John Moore

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Marc Bruner, Council Representative
Rudi Rosengarten, Chair
John Bellanca, Vice Chair
Patricia Murphy
J.R. Esquivel
Michael Francis
Ketan Kharod

Melissa Gonzales, alternate
Wanda Reetz, alternate

**Community & Economic
Development Committee Members**
Mickie Powers, Council Representative, Chair
Karen Flournoy, Vice Chair
Penny Cedel
Sandi Williams

Robert Reetz

**Zoning Commission
Committee Members**
Robert Skewis, Chair
Miguel Huerta, Vice Chair
Brant Boozer
Bridget Robinson—alternate

Cynthia Nelson
John Frick

**Planning & Environmental
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Walter Jenkins,
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Helen Besse, Chair
Forrest Arnold
Terry Cowan
Edward Grimes
Lucy Hairston
Karen Medicus
Zoe Treiff

Public Safety Committee Members
Jeff Burdett, Council Representative, Chair
Art Williams, Vice Chair
Pam Bellanca
Rob Case
Ruth Dawson
Erwin Haddon
Ketan Kharod
Frank Williams
John Bellanca—alternate

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Rudi Rosengarten, Council Representative
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