

# The Valley Newsletter

CITY OF SUNSET VALLEY

MARCH 2018

## AN EVENING OF COMMUNITY RECOGNITION— GIVING BACK IN SUPPORT OF OUR OFFICERS AND YOUTH



Cane Rosso is honored to host a very special Happy Hour from 5-7pm on Wednesday, March 28th with the Mayor of Sunset Valley, Rose Cardona and special guests. Comments will be made at 6pm. This is an opportunity to thank our local officers; get to know a neighbor; and support the greater community by taking care of an immediate need.

We will treat officers to free pizza and give local citizens a chance to show their appreciation and shared commitment to the community. We were all recently reminded how prepared our officers must be for anything, and that community policing efforts ensure residential and commercial areas work in unison.

And as a special give back to support our community and youth, a portion of the evening's proceeds from 5-9pm will be donated to our local Elementary, to fund the hiring of a Parent Support Specialist. This is a direct response way to give back to the community and support parents and children in our community.

- For the last four years, this position has been unfunded at Sunset Valley Elementary, but with a continued need. This vacancy has resulted in less access to community resources.
- Historically, this Parent Support Specialist has supported families who need access to food, shelter, medical and/or mental health service; are new to the school; experience tragedy or natural disasters; or who wanted to learn a skill or receive education.
- In the absence of a Parent Support Specialist, we risk missing important safety information that is typically shared from the Superintendent through the Parent Support Specialist.
- We strongly believe that funding this position at our school will positively impact the public safety and mental health of the entire community.

## Citywide Garage Sale—Saturday, April 7th from 9 AM - 1 PM

Clean out those closets and sweep out the garage, March is Spring Cleaning Month; and as a reward for your hard work, turn your “treasures” in to cash! The Citywide Garage Sale is Saturday, April 7th. Just as last year, all Sunset Valley households are invited to participate either at your property, OR, by setting up a table at the SFC Farmer's Market at Sunset Valley at a designated area. There is no cost to reserve a space. Space is limited and will be reserved on a first come first served basis. You are responsible to bring your own table(s), and for set up and tear down of your reserved space. To save a space or for more information, please call Sara Wilson, at City Hall 512-892-1383, or by email to [swilson@sunsetvalley.org](mailto:swilson@sunsetvalley.org).

**Sunset Valley  
City Wide  
Garage Sale**

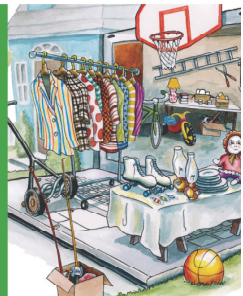
Saturday, April 7, 2018  
9am-1pm

Sunset Valley citizens are cleaning out their closets and sweeping out their garages! Come find treasures throughout the city!

Citizens who can't sell from their own property may set up a table at the west end of the SFC Farmer's Market by reservation, contact 512-892-1383 [swilson@sunsetvalley.org](mailto:swilson@sunsetvalley.org)

Starting at 2pm, donations marked "SA" for Salvation Army, or "GW" for Goodwill, will be picked up at your curb by these agencies.

Sponsored by the Community & Economic Development Committee



**DONATIONS TO GOODWILL OR SALVATION ARMY.** Trucks from Goodwill and Salvation Army have been scheduled to come through the City on the afternoon of April 7th to pick up unwanted items. Donated goods must be placed on the curb, in a box (if practical) and marked “GW” for those items you wish to be donated to Goodwill or “SA” for Salvation Army. The trucks will also come to the Farmer's Market to remove unsold and items.

# City Council Actions

## March 20, 2018

- Approval of the minutes from the February 20, 2018 meeting.
- Approval of a Proclamation declaring April 2018 Environmental Awareness Month.
- Approval of a Temporary Special Use Permit for the Sunset Valley Art Fest at the Burger Center Parking Lot on April 28, 2018.
- Approval of a Watershed Variance from Chapter 4 of the Land Development Code at 16 Sunset Trail for 18.87% Impervious Cover within the Water Quality Transition Zone and Buffer to the Critical Water Quality Zone, with conditions.
- Presentation on the Hiring and Recruitment process for the Sunset Valley Police Department.
- Presentation on the City Facilities Construction Project.
- Approval to conduct a Salary and Benefits Survey of area cities.



**Can't Make It to a Meeting?** Watch the City Council, Zoning Commission, Board of Adjustment and Budget meetings live over the internet anytime. Go on the [SunsetValley.org](http://SunsetValley.org) website and follow the video link on the right sidebar. After the meeting, the recording is saved to the website by meeting group and date. Questions about video recordings, please call or contact Sara Wilson at City Hall (email [swilson@sunsetvalley.org](mailto:swilson@sunsetvalley.org))

## City Facilities Update

Site work on the new facilities continues and residents are advised that the City Hall grounds are still an active construction site. Public access will be maintained at City Hall and city services will be provided throughout the project. Those needing Police or Public Works, please come to City Hall. Public Works and Police department staff will meet residents at City Hall to avoid having residents navigate through equipment and site. **Weekend and evening resident use of City Hall is temporarily suspended to safety concerns when the City Hall site is unattended.**

### Significant accomplishments in the past 30 days:

- Demolition of old Police Department portable
- Excavation for water quality ponds
- Excavation and select fill for building foundations
- Excavation for new driveway and parking lots
- Completion of new parking lot adjacent to the Public Works Garage
- Construction of berm on west side of new Police Building
- Continue construction of ponds and installation of storm drainage system
- Relocate Public Works portable

### Significant items during next 30 days:

- Public Works staff will move back into relocated portable
- Installation of plumbing and electrical prior to pouring slabs
- Installation of grade beams and slabs for both buildings
- Begin Installation of clay liner in ponds



New Facilities Project—March 5, 2018



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Updates, pictures and drone video on the new facilities project can be found on the City's website at [www.sunsetvalley.org/newfacilities](http://www.sunsetvalley.org/newfacilities).

## GOOGLE FIBER UPDATE

Many Sunset Valley residents have signed up for Google Fiber and are anxious to be connected to this new high-speed fiber network. Unfortunately, construction of this network in Sunset Valley as well as the entire Austin market is currently at a standstill. Recent management changes have brought all new construction to a halt. In a recent meeting with local Google Fiber representatives, Sunset Valley staff were

advised that we are in the same holding pattern as the rest of the unbuilt network in Austin.

The last action of the City Council was to approve of Google Fiber's request to use the micro-trenching construction method in Sunset Valley, Google Fiber's staff scheduled a meeting with city staff to discuss submission of construction plans. This and subsequent meetings were cancelled by Google

Fiber. The most recent cancellation occurred in mid-February.

Google Fiber is not a franchised utility, so they are under no obligation to provide service to each household, but if and when they resume construction in the Austin market, we will notify residents of an updated schedule. Google Fiber has agreed to keep the City of Sunset Valley updated.

## Public Safety Notices

Over the past two weeks, Sunset Valley distributed a series Public Safety Notices to notify residents on the latest information from law enforcement related to the Austin area package bombs. The notices were sent via email and posted on the City's website. In response, the City received a number of calls and inquiries from residents as to why they had not received a notice, but their neighbor or friend had. To send these alerts and messages, the City uses a subscription email service that residents (and any other person) can register their email. There is no cost to register and you can manage the information you receive. The City typically uses this service to distribute Council and Committee agendas, Department reports, the monthly newsletter and event information, but on occasion, like we just experienced, it is also the system used to widely distribute non-emergency general public information.

**NON-EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS:** To register your email address and receive non-emergency notifications from the City, go to the city's website—[www.sunsetvalley.org](http://www.sunsetvalley.org) and find the link on the top right hand sidebar. STEP 1—Click on SUBSCRIBE to find the Entry Screen (STEP 2). After you enter your email, name and street, you must sign up for at least ONE list to finish the registration. Staff recommends GENERAL CORRESPONDANCE and NEWSLETTER to get started and in the system. For assistance to register your email, please contact Sara Wilson at City Hall (512) 892-1383 or by email at [swilson@sunsetvalley.org](mailto:swilson@sunsetvalley.org).

**EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS:** If and when the City needs make emergency notifications of an in progress public emergency, the City will use CODE RED. This system allows the City to send emergency messages by voice to a phone (land line or mobile), a text message and/or an email. You decide how best to receive this information by registering your phone number(s) or email. For more information and to register with CODE RED for emergency notifications from the City, go to the city's website—[www.sunsetvalley.org](http://www.sunsetvalley.org) and find the link on the right hand sidebar. Click on CODE RED. For assistance to register your email, please contact LT Richard Andreucci in the Police Department (512) 892-1384 or by email at [randreucci@sunsetvalley.org](mailto:randreucci@sunsetvalley.org).

## FIREWISE POSTER CONTEST DEADLINE TO ENTER IS MARCH 29, 2017

The annual Firewise poster contest is underway. Bring your entry for the Sunset Valley Firewise Poster Contest to City Hall by Thursday, March 29th to be considered for prizes and your place in the 2019 Sunset Valley Calendar. This year's theme 'Wildfire Preparedness—Its Up to Us'. Contest is open to all Sunset Valley children in grades K-8, the children and grandchildren of Sunset Valley residents in grades K-8, but do not reside in Sunset Valley, and all students attending Sunset Valley elementary. Questions contact Sara Wilson, Assistant City Administrator at (512) 892-1383.

## ARTS COMMISSION REPORT

by John Frick

Remember to add our twelfth annual **ArtFest** on **April 28<sup>th</sup>** to your list of fun, free events for the whole family. We are still accepting artists and food vendor applications until April 16th. We're excited to see so many new artists and the wide variety of creativity. There is no fee for Sunset Valley residents to have a booth. We will set up again next to our farmer's market from 9am to 4pm.

The music lineup and children's area is now finalized and everyone is in for a treat. The kids have a full day with their own stage under a tent that extends to cover the front area. They will have craft projects to make supplied by Home Depot and facilitated by some of their employees. Music on their stage starts at 10am with Joe McDermott followed by Mr. Will at 11:30am.

Our wonderful Public Works Department is joining us for the twelfth year and providing a fun mural project using recycled plastic bottle caps. You will be getting a postcard requesting all of us to please save plastic bottles and their caps to incorporate into the design, so start saving now. Green and other colors will be especially appreciated.

A container will be available soon at City Hall. Please stay after Mr. Will finishes because we have three hours or so to complete the mural. All ages can participate in the fun! I'm including a picture of bottle cap art to give you an idea of what is possible. Music on the main stage continues until the 4pm close, and the artists will be selling until then as well. Here's the music lineup:

9am to 10am	Bowie High School Steel Drum Band
10:30am to 11:45am	Our resident star, Carson McHone
12:15pm to 1:30 pm	RattleTree- marimba
1:40pm to 2:00pm	YMCA dancers
2:30pm to 3:45pm	The Eggmen- Beatle cover band

So, that's a full day of fun, laughter, music and enjoyment. Join us!



Recycled Plastic Bottle Top Art



### February 2018 Police Blotter

Abandoned/Endanger Child	1
Accidents	17
Alarms	17
Animal Related	2
Assist EMS	4
Assist Others	29
Attempted Burglary of Resident	1
Auto Theft	1
Blocked Drive/Hwy	1
Burglary Non-Residence	1
Deadly Conduct	1
Disturbance/Other	3
DWI	1
Emotionally Disturbed Person	1
Evading Arrest	1
Fraud	1
Harassment	1
Nature Unknown	2
Open Door/Window	5
Possession of Marijuana	1
Robbery/Assault	1
Suspicious/Check Welfare	42
Thefts	8
Traffic Related	71
Violation of City Ord./Parking	7
Warrant Arrest	1

## This Month in Sunset Valley History

**March 12, 1974.** The City received official designation as the City of Sunset Valley after adopting Chapters 1-10 of the Title 28 Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925.

# April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 City Council 6:00 P.M.	4 CED Committee 6:00 P.M.	5 Planning and Environmental 6:30 P.M.	6	7 Citywide Garage Sale
8	9 Municipal Court 6:00 P.M.	10	11 Board of Adjustment 7:00 P.M.	12	13	14
15	16	17 City Council 6:00 P.M.	18 Arts Commission 6:00 P.M.	19 Public Works Com- mittee 7:00 P.M.	20	21 Spring Fling 6 to 8 PM
22	23	24	25 Zoning Commission 7:00 P.M.	26 Budget Committee 7:00 P. M	27	28 ArtFest 9 AM to 4 PM
29	30 Public Safety 6:00 P.M.					

## Things to Do

### Cheetah Fest—Sunset Valley Elementary School

Saturday, April 7, 2018 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm

Come join the fun at Cheetah Fest. This annual family fun event, carnival, and silent auction, will kick off at 3:00 pm and end at 7:00 pm. There will be carnival games, inflatables, face painting, food trucks, and demonstrations outside, and a silent auction inside the school. Entrance is free, but games require tickets or an all-play wristband. You can purchase discounted wristbands at

[https://sunsetvalleypta.membershiptoolkit.com/Cheetah\\_Fest\\_2018](https://sunsetvalleypta.membershiptoolkit.com/Cheetah_Fest_2018).

Proceeds support grants to teachers for field trips & equipment for classrooms, fund a technology specialist position at our school, and provide student scholarships for after-school programs.



### Spring Fling

Saturday, April 21st from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. (Rain Date: Sunday, April 22nd)

Patio of Doc’s Backyard

All Sunset Valley residents are invited to Spring Fling. This is an annual social event hosted by the Community and Economic Development Committee. Come enjoy food and friends on Doc’s patio. There is no cost to participate. Food, drinks (non-alcohol) and dessert. Vegetarian options will be available.

### Sunset Valley ArtFest

Saturday, April 28th from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. (Rain or Shine)

Toney Burger Center Parking Lot next to SFC Farmer’s Market

Daylong festival featuring local artists, food and loads of family fun hosted by the Sunset Valley Arts Commission.



# ELECTED OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE ROSTERS 2018

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Penny Cedel  
James Hart  
Erika Montero  
Kim Moncus—Honorary—SV Elementary

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Richard Hayes  
John Moore

Alternates

Robert Browning  
Sandy Cox  
Jennifer Fadal

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Melissa Gonzales  
Donny Hurwitz

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Anezeka Carmona  
Sandi Williams,

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Brant Boozer  
John Frick  
Robert Reetz

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Cynthia Nelson

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Lucy Hairston  
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Alternate

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Ruth Dawson  
Erwin Haddon  
Rema Hariharan  
Carla Jenkins

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