

The Valley Newsletter

CITY OF SUNSET VALLEY

SEPTEMBER 2017

Meet the New Chief of Police

Everyone is invited to come out to this year's National Night Out and meet the new Chief of Police Lenn Carter. Chief Carter was appointed by the City Council on September 12th, following a three month search, review and interview process. Chief Carter has spent his 23-year career in Law Enforcement with the Denton Police Department and most recently served as the Deputy Police Chief. Chief Carter will be in town and meeting with residents at the National Night Out on Tuesday, October 3rd. His first official day of work is October 16th.

Sunset Valley Arts Commission
Proudly presents a World Art & Culture event

South Asia

Saturday, September 30, 2017
3:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Sunset Valley City Hall
3205 Jones Road

Everyone is invited to this community event, featuring Anuradha Naimpally Dance Austin India, Baharata Natyam and other dances & lessons, Sunset Valley residents concert, Nisha henna arts, Tarka food tasting, Rangoli making and artifact viewing.



**Sunset Valley
National Night Out**
Tuesday, October 3, 2017
6:00 P.M. to 8 P.M.

Brodie Homestead
5211 Brodie Lane

Due to limited parking, only those vehicles with issued handicapped plates or placard will be allowed to park in the Event Center parking lot.

Shuttle Service from Burger Center Parking Lot (in front of City Hall) to the Event Center will begin at 5:30 P.M. and end at 8:30 P.M.

Be The Change:

Gardening Work Day

**Saturday,
September 30, 2017
9:00am to 12:00pm**

**Sunset Valley
Elementary**

Be the Change is a day of service, in celebration of Mahatma Gandhi's birthday and inspired by his message to "be the change you wish to see in the world."

One of the largest projects every year in the area is hosted at **Sunset Valley Elementary School**, where parents, students, teachers, and other community members come together for a gardening workday to build and maintain organic garden beds which are used to teach children throughout the year.

There are numerous other family-friendly projects available as well throughout Austin. To sign up for a service project of your choice, please visit www.bethechangeaustin.org. For more information, you can visit the BTC website or contact Ketan Kharod (512-293-1556 or ketan@utexas.edu).

City Council Actions

August 15, 2017

- Approval on consent of a temporary Special Use Permit for JDRF One Walk on Sunday, November 12, 2017. **The route will be the same as the last two years and will impact persons entering and leaving Sunflower Trail, Lone Oak Trail, Pillow Road, Jones Road, and all traffic on Ernest Robles Way.** Limited access will be allowed by the on site patrol officers to these streets during the walk.
- Approval on consent of a request for a variance to place two off-premise real estate signs on Ernest Robles Way during weekends for Open House events.
- Approval on consent of a recommendation of the Budget, Finance and Administrative Committee to allow for library card fee reimbursements to be paid from funds from all rebate programs for the last quarter of FY 16-17.
- Approve a Watershed Variance from Chapter 4 for a patio at 45 Pillow Road for the addition of 300 square feet of Impervious Cover within the Critical Water Quality Zone with conditions of approval, and a Restrictive Covenant.
- Presentation of the Proposed FY 2017-18 City Budget.
- Presentation and discussion of the results of the 2017 Community Survey.
- Approval of a release from service and severance agreement for Officer Michael Zajac.

September 5, 2017

- Discussed the appointment of a candidate to the position of Chief of Police.
- Public Hearing and approval of a request for a Special Use Permit for alcoholic beverages to be sold in a restaurant by HZ LM Casual Foods, LLC. (La Madeleine).
- Public Hearing and approval a request for a Special Use Permit for a Veterinary Services within Petco.
- Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for the City of Sunset Valley for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.


September 12, 2017 (Called Meeting)

- Approved the appointment of Lenn Carter to the position of Chief of Police
- Council Work session on the Proposed Budget for the City of Sunset Valley for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

September 19, 2017

- Conditional approval of three requests from the Austin Curling Center LLC, related to “The Barn” development at 6818 Brodie Lane/3505 Country White Lane.
- Appointment of Kenton D. Johnson to a two-year term as Municipal Court Judge.
- Approval of a Resolution to approve the Travis County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
- Approval of a commercial rate schedule with Texas Disposal Systems for Commercial Solid Waste and Recycling Services and increase the amount of brush to be collected for residential customers.
- Approval of a temporary relocation of the SFC Farmer’s Market on October 7, 2017.
- Approval of a lease extension for the SFC Farmers Market for use of city property for a weekly farmers market and city-leased parking area for parking
- Approval of an Ordinance adopting and approving a Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2017 and terminating September 30, 2018
- Approval of an Ordinance levying taxes (0.00 rate) for the use and support of the Municipal Government of the City of Sunset Valley Texas for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017.
- Approval of an Ordinance adopting water, wastewater, solid waste/recycling and drainage utility rates for residential and commercial customers for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017.
- Approval of a Resolution and agreement with the Sustainable Food Center authorizing the reimbursement of expenditures of up to \$41,900 from Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenues.
- Approval of a Resolution and agreement with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund authorizing the reimbursement of expenditures of up to \$15,000 from Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenues.
- Approval of Annual Contracts and Purchases for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2017.

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3  National Night Out 6 to 8 PM	4 Community and Economic Development Committee 6 PM	5 Planning and Environmental Committee 6:30 PM	6	7
8	9	10 City Council 6 P.M.	11 Board of Adjustment 7 PM	12	13	14
15	16 Municipal Court 6 PM	17	18	19 Public Works Committee 7 PM	20	21
22	23	24 City Council 6 P.M. (Meet the Candidates Night)	25 Zoning Commission 7 PM	26 Budget, Finance and Administrative Committee 7 P.M.	27	28 Arts Commission Presents: Fire and Art
29	30 Public Safety Committee 6 PM	31 Halloween	All City Meetings are held in City Hall or City Hall Conference Room			



August 2017 Police Blotter

Abandoned/Endangered Child	1
Accidents	15
Alarms	34
Animal Related	4
Assist EMS	23
Assist Others	30
Burglary of Vehicle	3
Criminal Mischief	2
Criminal Trespass Warning	4
Disturbance/Other	1
DWI/PI/Drugs	1
DWLI	1
Emotionally Disturbed Person	2
Evading Arrest	1
Fight in Progress	1
Forgery/Passing	1
Harassment	1
Nature Unknown	1
Open Door/Window	2
Reckless Driving	5
Strike Road Fixture/Landscape	1
Suspicious/Check Welfare	18
Thefts	12

Sunset Valley Elementary Bike and Walk to School Day

Wednesday, October 4th
7 AM to 7:30 AM

Sunset Valley Elementary will host the annual Bike and Walk to School Day on October 4th from 7-7:30 a.m. Those who live too far to bike or walk have the option to Park and Walk.

There will be a drawing for three bikes complete with a helmet and lock. Students can register for the daily Walk & Roll incentive program at the event.

Sunset Valley residents are invited to volunteer or join in the celebration the morning of the 4th. This event is possible thanks to support of the City of Sunset Valley, Bikealot, Bicycle Sports Shop, Go Austin! ¡Vamos Austin!, Safe Routes to School, The Yellow Bike Project, Whole Foods, Pure Smiles Orthodontics and Juiceland. Email walkandroll@ssvpta.org for more information.



ELECTED OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE ROSTERS 2017

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Walter Jenkins, Council Member
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Mickie Powers, Council Member
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Rudi Rosengarten, Council Member
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Arts Commission

Committee Members

Walter Jenkins, Council Representative

John Frick, Chair

Sasha Russell, Vice Chair

Karen Medicus, Secretary

James Hart

Erika Montero

Wanda Reetz

Cat Quintanilla, alternate

Betty Dunn- alternate

Kim Moncus—Honorary—SV Elementary

Board of Adjustment Committee Members

Randall Rosengarten, Chair

Susan Durso, Vice Chair

Robert Browning

Jennifer Fadal

Richard Hayes

Alternates

Wade Buckner

Thomas Cedel

Sandy Cox

John Moore

Marshall McHone

Budget, Finance & Administrative Committee Members

Rudi Rosengarten, Council Liaison

J.R. Esquivel, Chair

Michael Francis, Vice Chair

John Bellanca

Melissa Gonzales

Donny Hurwitz

Wanda Reetz

Community & Economic Development Committee Members

Mickie Powers, Council Liaison

Karen Flournoy, Chair

Sandi Williams, Vice Chair

Anezeka Carmona

Penny Cedel

Ruth Pifer

Zoning Commission

Committee Members

Robert Skewis, Chair

Miguel Huerta, Vice Chair

Brant Boozer

John Frick

Robert Reetz

Cynthia Nelson—alternate

Philip Ellett—alternate

Planning & Environmental Committee Members

Walter Jenkins, Council Liaison

Helen Besse, Chair

Zoe Treiff, Vice Chair

Forrest Arnold

Terry Cowan

Edward Grimes

Lucy Hairston

Karen Medicus

Myrna Zapata

Public Safety Committee Members

Ketan Kharod, Council Liaison

Jeff Burdett, Chair

Art Williams, Vice Chair

Rob Case

Ruth Dawson

Erwin Haddon

Rema Hariharan

Carla Jenkins

Public Works Committee Members

Marc Bruner, Council Liaison

Randy Machemehl, Chair

Ken Schroeder, Vice Chair

John Bellanca

Mary Black

Alfonso Carmona

Melissa Gonzales

Charles Goyette

Richard Leigh—alternate



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National Flood Insurance Program Fact Sheet

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) was established with the passage of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968. The NFIP is a federal program enabling property owners in participating communities to purchase flood insurance as protection against flood losses, while requiring state and local governments to enforce floodplain management ordinances that aim to reduce future flood damage. More than 22,100 communities in the U.S. participating in the NFIP and more than 5.1 million NFIP policies in force, providing \$1.25 trillion of content and building coverage.



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Financial Protection Against Flood Loss

Floods are the most common and costly natural disaster in the United States. Fortunately, property owners who live in communities participating in the NFIP can purchase affordable protection to insure against flood losses. Since 1978, the NFIP has paid nearly \$52.5 billion dollars in flood insurance claims that have helped hundreds of thousands of families and businesses recover from flood events.

To participate in the NFIP, a community must adopt and enforce floodplain management ordinances that meet or exceed the minimum requirements of the Program. These requirements are intended to prevent loss of life, loss of property, reduce taxpayer costs for disaster relief, as well as minimize economic and social hardships that result from flooding. The specific requirements that a community must adopt depend on the type of flood hazard faced by the community.

The NFIP has an arrangement with private insurance companies to sell and service flood insurance policies. See a list of those companies at: http://www.fema.gov/wyo_company.

Myths and Misconceptions

A common misconception is that homeowners' policies cover flood damage. In fact, most homeowner . In fact, most homeowner and business multi—peril policies do not cover flooding. In addition, federal disaster assistance will not always pay for flood damage. The President must declare a major disaster before most forms of federal disaster assistance can be offered and most forms of disaster assistance are loans that must be repaid with interest. In 2016, the average flood policy costs about \$700 a year and the average total paid claim has been more than \$31,000.

Everyone Needs Flood Insurance

While flood insurance is not mandatory for homeowners outside of a high-risk area, anyone can be financially vulnerable to floods. People outside of high-risk areas file more than 20 percent of NFIP claims and receive one-third of disaster assistance for flooding. Residential and commercial property owners who are not located in high-risk areas should ask their agents if they are eligible for the Preferred Risk Policy, which provides affordable flood insurance protection, starting as low as \$137 a year in 2016.

Flood Insurance Requirements

Residents and business owners who own property in high-risk areas (sometimes referred to as Special Flood Hazard Areas [SFHAs]) are required to purchase flood insurance if they have a mortgage from a federally regulated or insured lender. They also must carry the insurance for the life of the mortgage. Residents and business owners with a mortgage on a building outside high-risk areas can also purchase flood insurance and may be eligible for lower-cost Preferred Risk Policies.

Waiting Period

In general, a policy does not take effect until 30 days after the purchase of flood insurance. However, if a policy is purchased in connection with making, increasing, extending, or renewing a loan there is no waiting period and only a one day waiting period if purchase is related to the revision or update of a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) within 13 months of the new FIRM's effective date.

What Is Not Covered by Flood Insurance

Physical damage to a building or personal possessions that are directly caused by a flood are generally covered by flood insurance. For example, damage caused by a sewer backup is covered if the backup is a direct result of flooding. However, if the backup is caused by some other problem, the damage is not covered.

The Flood Insurance Program is Evolving

The NFIP is focusing making America truly "Flood Smart." The NFIP is a comprehensive program that encourages property owners to seriously consider their risks and ways they can lessen those risks—and flood insurance is obviously a key component.

Purchasing flood insurance is still the most powerful action survivors can take to mitigate the financial risk of flood before and recover after a flood event. Flood insurance is both a mitigation and recovery tool. This means customers need to understand how flood insurance works, the value of the product, and be able to navigate processes—like the claims process.

In addition to building trust with policyholders, improving communication and making processes simpler to understand and navigate, the NFIP is also focusing on its commitment to strengthening partnerships and engagements with communities. Historically, with things like Climate Change occurring, and population movements into flood-prone areas, floodplain management

has never been more important. Communities must make excellent decisions that will help them reduce damage from future flood events and the NFIP is supporting them in new, innovative ways.

For Additional Information

For additional information about the NFIP or the FloodSmart campaign, visit: [FloodSmart.gov](https://www.floodsmart.gov) or [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov).

Sunset Valley residents: During and following the recent hurricanes I have received a few inquiries about flood insurance. Sunset Valley is a participating community which affords insurance benefits to property owners and renters. Please contact me at City Hall should you have questions, Sara Wilson, Assistant City Administrator.

"FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards."