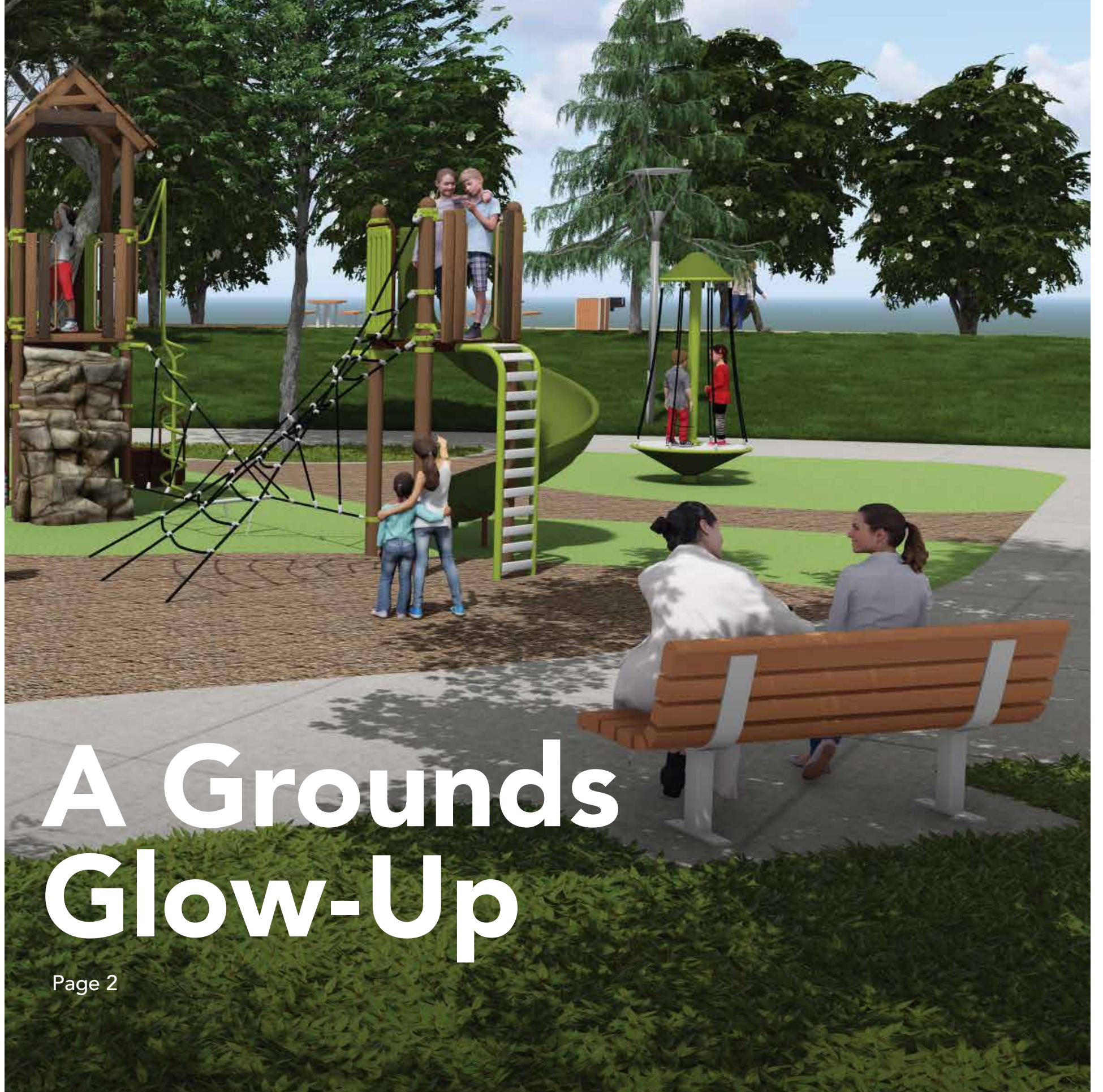




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City Manager's Message

Hello Sunnyvale! As we head into warmer weather, I'm looking forward to celebrating several upcoming events and completed projects with you. I hope you'll join us Downtown on July 4th for a festival honoring our nation's 250th anniversary. Start getting your red, white and blue ready – this special semiquincentennial event will have two entertainment stages, carnival games and amusement rides, and a 72-foot Ferris wheel! We'll also get things rolling with a bike parade starting at the Library and ending Downtown. And that's not all. Check out the great line-up of other events from Earth Day and Hands on the Arts to numerous summer concerts and movie nights listed on page 7.

Speaking of Hands on the Arts, our beloved annual children's art festival will be in the fall this year. That will give us time to finish the Community Center grounds renovation and reopen those areas to the public. I'm really looking forward to seeing the new playgrounds, walking paths, and updated ponds. We are nearing completion and will be planning a grand opening ceremony in the coming months. I'm also very excited about the pending opening of the Lakewood Branch Library and Learning Center. Working with our school district partners, we're creating an amazing new facility that will expand library and learning services for our residents in north Sunnyvale. We're also planning grand opening events for this facility so stay tuned for details.

These projects are just a few we have underway. To see more, I want to call your attention to our new Strategic Workplan Dashboard. The online dashboard shares progress on nearly 150 significant projects. These all support five strategic goals adopted by the City Council. The article on page 4 explains the dashboard and the new City Council Priority Projects process. Some of you may remember this as Study Issues and Budget Proposals. The Council asked us to improve and streamline that process. And we just completed the first revamped Priority Projects Workshop on Feb. 26. That resulted in nine new project ideas for additional staff analysis. We'll bring these back to the Council for their final consideration, pending funding availability, during the annual Budget Workshop on May 19.

The nine projects are:

- **2026-1:** Support Neighborhood-Serving Retail in Sunnyvale (Revised scope to remove \$3M Relocation Assistance Fund)
- **2026-4:** Clearing the Sidewalk Maintenance Backlog
- **2026-6:** Establish a Community Funding Program for Sunnyvale Nonprofits
- **2026-11:** Expand the Roles of Age-Friendly, Accessibility, and Teen Staff Advisory Committees
- **2026-13:** Reinventing and Revitalizing Sunnyvale's Safe Routes to School Program
- **2026-14:** Public Sector Workforce Housing Feasibility Study
- **2026-16:** Re-evaluate Nonresidential Sign Code Standards for Improvements and Compliance with the First Amendment
- **2026-18:** Formal Analysis for creation of a Food Co-Op, State-Sponsored Market or Commissary
- **2026-22:** Streamlining the Permitting Process (Combined 2026-15, 2026-17, 2026-19 and revised scope to remove AI)

As always, I encourage you to stay informed and engaged. Our website is a great source of information. I also publish *Update Sunnyvale*, a short e-newsletter every other week. You can subscribe to this and other City mailing lists from our website's Subscribe page.

Happy spring!

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Service & Program Spotlights

Public Works in the Works



Status: Under construction **Construction Completion:** Late spring 2026

Lakewood Branch Library and Learning Center

The Lakewood Branch Library and Learning Center will be an approximately 20,000 square foot facility in the Lakewood Village neighborhood of Sunnyvale. The project is a partnership between the City of Sunnyvale, the Sunnyvale

School District and Fremont Union High School District. The Center will serve as a primary resource for literacy, learning and wellness activities for the residents of north Sunnyvale. We'll have a community celebration when the facility opens later this year.



Status: Under construction **Construction Completion:** Summer 2026

Community Center Grounds

We're nearly complete with updating the Community Center grounds. This project is renovating the areas around the buildings which are about 50 years old, making them more attractive and easier to maintain. It will also improve the recreational opportunities. Updates include playgrounds for toddlers and school-

aged children; a restroom building near the playgrounds; picnic tables and areas for ping pong, cornhole and chess; new walking paths and seating areas; and updated ponds featuring shade trees, cascading water, boulders, and fountains. We've also begun planning a grand opening for this summer.



Status: Reviewing construction bids **Construction Completion:** Fall 2027

Lakewood Park

We're about to begin construction to renovate Lakewood Park. Plans include a new dog park, all-inclusive playground equipment, and new natural grass sports fields. During construction, the John W. Christian Greenbelt pathway and courts for basketball, tennis and handball will

remain open. Access to remaining areas of the park will be closed for about a year until all work is completed in 2027. The all-inclusive playground will be built first. It is scheduled to be completed and open to the public late this summer.

Transportation & Mobility

Active Transportation Improvements

Sunnyvale's Active Transportation Plan guides how the City improves walking and biking across our community. This article is part of an ongoing series highlighting recent projects and the neighborhoods they serve.



Shared-use path along Caribbean Drive

Moffett Park Shared-Use Paths

We've completed several bike improvements in north Sunnyvale. A new shared-use path along Moffett Park Drive adds almost a mile of new bike path connections between Innovation Way and Enterprise Way. And it connects to the existing shared-use path between Innovation Way and Borregas Avenue. Another recently completed shared-use path begins on Mathilda Avenue just before the start of Caribbean Drive and continues past Borregas Avenue.

These improvements make biking more comfortable and help connect people to nearby jobs, neighborhoods and the San Francisco Bay Trail.



Curb Extension at Mathilda and Maude avenues

SNAIL Neighborhood Improvements

In the SNAIL neighborhood around Columbia Park in north-central Sunnyvale, we completed several pedestrian improvements. New curb extensions were added at residential intersections, including Borregas and Ahwanee avenues and Del Norte avenues. Along busier streets, curb extensions were also added at Maude and Mathilda avenues and at Borregas and Maude avenues. These changes shorten crossing distances and help slow down turning vehicles, making it easier and safer to walk.

At the nearby intersection of Maude and Bayview avenues, we also upgraded the existing crosswalk warning lights to be flashing yellow. This improves the route to Bishop Elementary School.



Buffered bike lanes on Borregas Avenue

Columbia Middle School: Safe Routes to School

Improvements around Columbia Middle School have recently been completed, including new curb ramps and curb extensions, crosswalks, red-painted curbs and speed feedback sign to help slow traffic. A raised crosswalk was added at East Ferndale Avenue and Morse Avenue. New buffered bike lanes were also added on Borregas Avenue between Ahwanee Avenue and East Maude Avenue.

These changes give students and families comfortable options to walk or bike to school and can help reduce traffic during drop-off and pick-up times.



Stay Tuned

This is just the beginning of how Sunnyvale is putting the Active Transportation Plan into action. Future articles will take a closer look at the Safe Routes to School program, highlight other completed projects and share more ways the City is improving walking and biking across Sunnyvale.

Visit Sunnyvale.ca.gov, Search: Transportation to read the Active Transportation Plan and learn more about transportation-related projects underway.

A More Walkable, Bikeable Community



Sunnyvale's Active Transportation Plan guides how we are making our walking and biking network more connected and usable for everyone. The plan includes a Bike Plan, a Pedestrian Plan and a Safe Routes to School Plan. Together, they guide where and how the City improves sidewalks, bike routes and street crossings. Each project supports the goal of making it easier for people of all ages and abilities to move around Sunnyvale.

153

Projects started or completed*

36

Miles of bike lanes added*

126

Total miles of bike lanes citywide

*Since Plan adoption in 2020

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This series of articles is a Strategic Workplan project. Read more on page 4.

Setting & Achieving Strategic Goals



Use our new Recreation registration system to request picnic reservations, buy drop-in passes and sign up for classes and activities.

The City Council adopted five strategic goals for July 2025 through June 2027 to create:

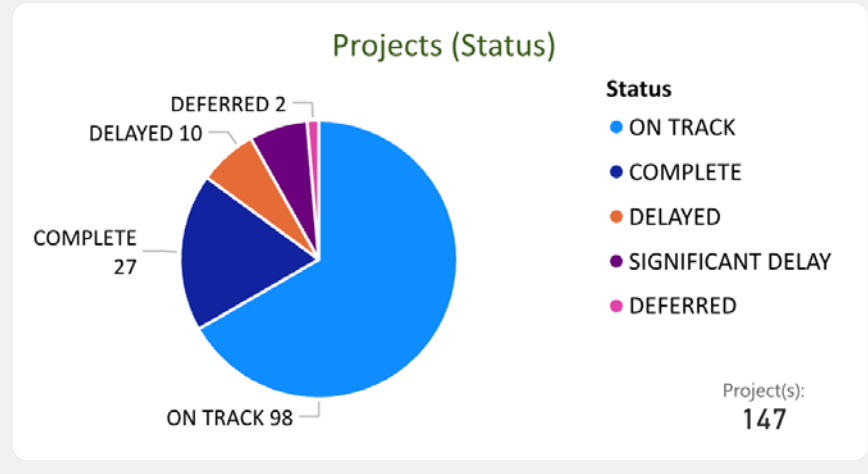
- 1 A responsive, transparent and efficient City government (GO)
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- 3 A sustainable City: advancing climate action, active transportation and the Vision Zero Plan (SU)

4 A model to prevent homelessness, prioritize new housing and support the unhoused community (HO)

5 A City that invests in modern public infrastructure (IN)
In addition to our normal City operations, we have nearly 150 special projects that support the goals. In this article, we share updates on a few of these projects.



You can view projects that support the Council's five goals in our Strategic Workplan Dashboard. Sort and view projects by goal, department and status. We update the status quarterly. Access the dashboard at Sunnyvale.ca.gov, Search: Workplan Dashboard.



What is a Council Priority Project?

Nearly 150 projects in the Strategic Workplan Dashboard support the Council's strategic goals. They are considered significant projects that are outside of or support normal City operations. Thirty of them are Council Priority Projects. They include policy exploration, feasibility studies, one-time projects, budget or service level changes, or other initiatives. Previously we called them Study Issues or Budget Proposals.

The Priority Project Process is a structured method for identifying, prioritizing and implementing new priority projects. The annual process balances community needs with staffing and fiscal capacity. The process culminates with Council adoption of select projects as part of the annual budget.

To learn more, visit Sunnyvale.ca.gov, Search: Council Priority Projects

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

GO-19

Website Accessibility

The U.S. Department of Justice has set requirements for state and local governments. All websites and mobile apps must be accessible to people with disabilities. We are taking a variety of steps to meet the ADA requirements. We reviewed our websites, mobile apps and documents to identify needed changes. We're training staff how to create accessible PDF documents. We added a new service called DocAccess to our website. This service creates ADA-compliant versions of PDFs. There is more work to do on our journey to accessibility. We will continue to make progress to ensure our website meets the community's needs.

When you open a PDF on our website, you can now use a toggle button to view an accessible transcript with DocAccess.

Print-Friendly View Accessible Transcript View

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

CO-18

Community Equity Assessment

We are conducting a Community Equity Assessment this spring. Our goal is to better understand how residents experience City programs and services. This process will help us make our services fairer, more inclusive, and responsive to community needs. We are partnering with consultants to lead the research, community engagement and analysis. They will conduct a representative survey of randomly selected residents. Respondents can take the survey in English, Spanish or Chinese. Residents can also take part in other ways like focus groups and a community forum. We plan to have a draft summary available for public review this June. We'll release the final report later this summer. [Learn more and sign up for updates at Sunnyvale.ca.gov](http://Sunnyvale.ca.gov), Search: Community Equity Assessment.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

HO-3

Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness

Our Draft 2026-2030 Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness is a five-year plan. It explains how we will work to reduce homelessness in Sunnyvale. The plan focuses on helping people who are unhoused or at risk of losing their housing. We have conducted community meetings and interviews with stakeholders to get feedback on the Plan. We also have an online survey available through March 20. Your feedback will help us present a revised Plan to the City Council in summer 2026. [To learn more and take the survey, visit Sunnyvale.ca.gov](http://Sunnyvale.ca.gov), Search: Homelessness Response.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

GO-5

Recreation Registration Software



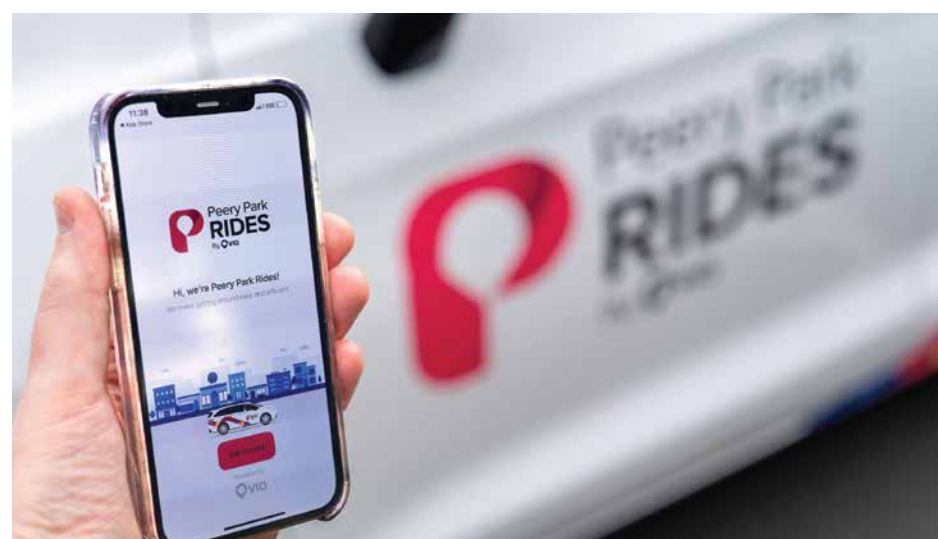
We launched a new recreation registration system in January. We'll be phasing in new features and functions. You can use the system to register for programs like classes, swim lessons and summer camps. You can also request picnic and facility reservations and buy drop-in passes. Passes are available under the Membership tab. Here are other important things to know:

- All customers need to create a new account to use the online registration system. [Sign up at Sunnyvale.ca.gov/Activities](http://Sunnyvale.ca.gov/Activities).
 - We recommend creating your account prior to busy registration periods like Summer Swim Lessons.
- Key Dates:**
- March 30:** The Summer Activities Guide will be available.
 - April 30:** Use any existing drop-in passes from the old system by this date.
 - April 6:** Summer Classes and Activities, and Summer Swim Lesson registration opens in the new system at 9 a.m.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

SU-30

Citywide Microshuttle



After securing a \$4.18 million CalSTA grant, we are preparing to launch an all-electric microtransit shuttle this year. It will offer citywide service and help riders make first-mile/last-mile connections. In the meantime, if you live or work in northwest Sunnyvale, take advantage of Peery Park Rides. This free on-demand shuttle is a two-year pilot program. [Visit City.ridewithvia.com/peery-park](http://City.ridewithvia.com/peery-park) for details or download the Peery Park Rides app

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

GO-36

Access Sunnyvale/New CRM and Mobile App



We are building a new customer service portal called MySunnyvale. It will replace Access Sunnyvale. The new system will make it easier for you to report issues and submit service requests. It will also use AI and a chatbot named "Sunny" to help answer questions and create service requests. And the new mobile app will have improved GIS mapping functionality. We're currently configuring the new system. Once we're further along, we plan to get community and City Council feedback this spring.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

IN-16

Murphy Avenue Pedestrian Mall



Historic Murphy Avenue in Downtown Sunnyvale is a popular dining and entertainment destination. Pre-pandemic, it was open to vehicle traffic. We are now converting it to a permanent pedestrian-only mall. This will allow restaurants to continue using the street for outdoor dining. Construction work included making improvements to meet ADA requirements like ramps and railings. The project will be completed this March.

Talkin' Trash



How to Throw a Zero Waste Party

Planning your next barbecue or dinner party? We make it easy – and free – for you to go zero waste. Instead of buying disposable plates and utensils, you can borrow a Reusable Party Pack.

Each pack includes 25 sets of plates, bowls, cups and utensils. Using reusables gives your food a better presentation, elevates the look of your event, and cuts down on trash.

Borrowing is simple:

- Submit a request online at least three business days before your event.

- We'll confirm your request by email.
- Pick up your Party Pack at the Senior Center.
- After your event, give the items a quick rinse and return them within five days.

We'll take care of the rest so the next neighbor can enjoy a zero-waste celebration too.

Request your Reusable Party Pack and learn other simple actions you can take to lower the impact on our planet. Visit Sunnyvale.ca.gov, Search: Take Action



Impress your guests and waste less with reusable foodware party packs.

Here at the City, we get many questions about trash and recycling. Our Zero Waste expert, Bailey Hall, is here to answer them.

“I wanted to throw a zero-waste birthday party for my kid and was thrilled to discover the City’s partyware share program. Sunnyvale makes celebrating sustainably incredibly easy and fun. Our guests were amazed by the idea and happily worked together to sort and pack the dishes back into their boxes at the end of the party. This program is a total win for the community and the planet!”

Harini J., Sunnyvale resident

How to Recycle an Old Mattress

Are you having a new mattress delivered? Remember that California retailers must offer to take your old mattress at no cost if you no longer want it. This law applies to retailers using common carriers as well. Before 2021, they were exempt. Now they must offer to pick up your used mattress within 30 days of delivering the new mattress.

What if you aren't buying new and only need to get rid of an old mattress? You can take advantage of the City's on-call collection service. All residents – including those living in apartments – can schedule two curbside collection appointments at no charge. You can also bring your mattress to the SMaRT Station® for recycling, also at no charge. It is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit Sunnyvale.ca.gov, Search: Extra Garbage

Mattresses collected by the City get taken apart and recycled into new, useful products.



City Charter Review: What's Happening and Why It Matters

Sunnyvale's City Charter functions as the City's constitution. It explains how we govern and make decisions in the City. Any changes to the Charter must be approved by a majority of Sunnyvale voters. In December 2024, the City Council created a Charter Review Committee (CRC). They asked the CRC to review the entire Charter. Then recommend possible updates for the November 2026 ballot.

What the Committee Reviewed

In June 2025, the Council met with the CRC, reviewed their ideas, and asked them to focus on five topics:

- City Council and Mayor compensation
- How to fill City Council vacancies
- How often to hold City Council meetings
- Whether the City Manager should have more authority to settle legal claims
- Whether the City can use more modern methods for public works projects



Between June and December 2025, the CRC researched these issues. They also held public meetings and conducted a community survey.

What the Committee Recommended Studying Further

Based on their work, the CRC recommended that the Council first poll likely voters on these items:

- Council and Mayor pay: Increase compensation to better reflect the workload and responsibilities. Propose a monthly salary of \$6,000

for councilmembers and \$9,000 for the mayor. Continue annual cost of living (CPI) adjustments.

- Filling Council vacancies: Appointed councilmembers would serve until the next November general election in an even year. This would make the process more predictable.
- Legal claim settlements: Allow the City Council to set, by ordinance, a higher limit for legal claims the City Manager can settle (up to \$150,000).
- Public works projects: Allow more project delivery methods

permitted under state law, such as design-build. This would be in addition to the traditional design-bid-build method. And it would give the City more flexibility when delivering projects.

What Happens Next

At their Feb. 3 meeting, the Council directed staff to poll likely voters on these topics.

For Council and Mayor pay, they want the poll to test support for both the amounts recommended by the CRC and lower. For legal claim settlements, they want to also test support for a higher limit up to \$250,000.

If you are contacted to take part in the poll, please share your views. Staff will bring the polling results back to the Council this spring. The results will help the Council decide whether to put any of these items on the November 2026 ballot.

For more information, visit Sunnyvale.ca.gov, Search: Charter Review Committee.

Upcoming Sunnyvale Events

Mark your calendars for these fun, family-friendly events and activities. Some dates and activities are still to be determined. Visit the City's events calendar at Sunnyvale.ca.gov for details.

March

Sustainability Speaker Series (March 18)

Attend the next event in the series to get a virtual drone tour of the City's SMaRT Station and learn what happens to your waste after you toss it.

Friends of the Library Book Sale (March 21-22)

Find books, movies and music to add to your collection. Sales support library programs and promote literacy.

Evening of Cultural Arts:

In the Spirit of Lennon (March 28)

Join singer-songwriter Drew Harrison and his band in a heartfelt tribute to John Lennon.



July

4th of July Festival (July 4)

Celebrate our nation's 250th birthday in Downtown Sunnyvale with free live music, a 72-foot Ferris wheel, carnival games, amusement rides and concessions.

Family Fun Nights in the Park

(Washington Park: July 9, 16; Fairwood Park: July 23, 30)

August

Sunset Movie Series

Sit under the stars and enjoy free outdoor screenings of classic animated movies.

- Aug. 7 – The Wild Robot (Raynor Park)
- Aug. 14 – The Super Mario Galaxy Movie (Columbia Park)
- Aug. 21 – Minecraft (Murphy Park)
- Aug. 28 – Elio (Community Center)

September

State of the City & Community Awards Celebration

Celebrate our Community Award winners and hear the mayor's annual address about Sunnyvale's projects and accomplishments.

October

Tech Business Expo

Sunnyvale businesses will demonstrate their technology and products developed for your home and business.

Hands on the Arts Festival (Oct. 17)

New date! Experience the newly renovated Community Center grounds and try a variety of art forms from different cultures at this annual all-day children's art festival.



April 11

Earth Day Festival

Enjoy entertainment, food trucks, e-bike test rides, tours and activities inspired by the theme "Empowering Our Community."

May 16

Evening of Cultural Arts: Pride and Joy

Get ready to dance to the ultimate mix of Motown, R&B and classic soul with the Bay Area's favorite party band.



May – August

Summer Reading Program

Win cool prizes and feed your love of books by completing our reading challenge over the summer break.

June

Evening of Cultural Arts: James Garner's Tribute to Johnny Cash (June 13)

Celebrate the life and music of the legendary "Man in Black" with James Garner's tribute performance.

Family Nights in the Park

(Washington Park: June 18, 25)

Join Library and Recreation staff for a fun family night featuring a different performer each week at a local park.

Proud of Someone? Nominate them!

Do you know a person or group who is making a difference in our community? Or has made a special contribution with their time and talents? Then celebrate them with a nomination for one of Sunnyvale's annual Community Awards. These awards recognize the dedication and hard work of community members across several fields: Distinguished Resident of the Year; Community Volunteer of the Year; Educator of the Year; High School Student of the Year; Businessperson or Business of the Year; Contribution to the Arts; and Environmental Achievement.

Submit a Nomination

Visit the City's website for the nomination form, entry details and past winners. You may submit multiple nominations.

Nomination form:

Sunnyvale.ca.gov/Awards

Deadline:

June 1, 2026



Volunteers with the Sunnyvale Education Foundation talk with 2025 State of the City attendees at the community resource fair.

EARTH DAY FESTIVAL

Sunnyvale Civic Center
456 W. Olive Ave.
We will cancel this event if it rains.

APRIL 11, 2026
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Environmental Games
Community Booths
Guided Nature Tours
E-Bike Test Rides
Entertainment
Children's Activities
Local Food Trucks
Bike Valet



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See how your government works up close and help shape policy by applying to one of the City's boards and commissions.

Board and commission members make recommendations to the City Council on policy-related issues covering a range of subjects.

The Council selects community members to serve based on demonstrated interest, special training or expertise.

Requirements, unless otherwise noted:

- You must be a resident of Sunnyvale to apply
- Members serve four-year terms

Application Deadline:
Thursday, April 16 by 4 p.m.

Tentative Interview Dates:
Monday, April 27 and
Tuesday, April 28

For current vacancies, position qualifications, and the application, visit Sunnyvale.ca.gov, Search: Boards and Commissions



VTA is offering free trees for Sunnyvale. Trees must be from an approved list and the program includes free planting or delivery service. Learn how you can receive a free tree by visiting OurCityForest.org/free-trees

City Council Meetings and Topics

March 24
PG&E Local Government Forum (Presentation)
Preferential Parking Zone for Charles Street segment

April 7
Long-term operations of Orchard Heritage Park and Heritage Park Museum
Replacement groundwater extraction well

April 21
Cleanwater Program Update (Study Session)

Agreement with FLOCK for Automated License Plate Readers
Safe Parking Program
Awards for Housing Mitigation Funds

May 5
General Plan Initiation requests
Downtown Sunnyvale Business Improvement District

May 19
Budget Workshop

Dates subject to change; not a complete list of hearing items

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 Watch Council meetings on Comcast channel 15, AT&T Channel 99; replays Wed 7 p.m., Sat and Sun 4 p.m. Watch meetings online at YouTube.com/SunnyvaleMeetings

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JULY 4, 2026
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Live Music
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Carnival Games
Amusement Rides
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And more!

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