



Be Aware of Porch Pirates

IT'S THE TIME OF THE YEAR when many Sunnyvale residents are holiday shopping, including online shopping with package delivery. Many would agree that online shopping is convenient, but there's a downside too. Package deliveries to front porches has created a huge window of opportunity for package thieves referred to as "porch pirates."

Here's how you can help prevent porch pirates from striking your treasure.

Have your packages delivered to a location where someone can receive them in-person. A neighbor or relative who is usually home, for example, or your workplace if your employer allows it.

Have your package delivered to a Smart Package Locker such as Amazon Locker. Amazon allows you to pick up your delivery in an Amazon Locker with a unique code, which you use to retrieve your package. There are approximately 10 Amazon Locker locations in Sunnyvale.

Encourage your neighbors to watch for deliveries and agree to secure each other's packages. This includes being watchful for any strangers who are going onto porches for no apparent reason, or following delivery trucks.

Track deliveries online. Many companies, including the USPS, offer a text notification to your cell phone when a package has been delivered.

Consider installing a camera surveil-

lance system. Many cameras include features, such as high-definition resolution and saved images, which can help law enforcement should an incident occur.

If you discover that your package has been stolen you can report it to the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety online at [sunnyvale.ca.gov/government/safety/services/reportcrime.htm](https://www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/government/safety/services/reportcrime.htm) or by calling a Desk Officer at (408) 730-7110.

If you see a crime in progress call 911 and be prepared to give as much information as possible that describes the potential suspect(s), their vehicles, and direction of travel.

Stay safe Sunnyvale!



Safety Net Provisions Strengthened

EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY, January 1, 2020, the new minimum wage in Sunnyvale will be \$16.05 per hour. Sunnyvale's minimum wage ordinance includes an annual adjustment based on inflation. The 2019 Sunnyvale minimum wage was \$15.65 per hour.

"I am pleased to see this increase in the Sunnyvale minimum wage," said Sunnyvale Vice Mayor Russ Melton. "For a couple with both spouses working full-time at the minimum wage, this means an additional \$1,664 in their pocketbooks over the course of 2020 for rent, groceries and other living expenses." Continued Melton, "I proud to have led the charge in 2018 to oppose a change that would have suspended the automatic increase for 2019. With a lot of support and hard work from the community, we kept the 2019 increase in place, and I'm glad the 2020 increase is happening without any controversy."

Meanwhile, on Tuesday, December 3, 2019, the Sunnyvale City Council passed an emergency ordinance for rent stabiliza-

tion and just cause protection for tenants.

Effective December 3 through December 31, 2019, the Sunnyvale ordinance provides similar protections to the recently passed California State Assembly Bill 1482, which goes into effect on January 1, 2020. The Sunnyvale ordinance is not retroactive. The ordinance focuses on reducing no-cause evictions and reducing the impacts of displacement in Sunnyvale. The emergency ordinance limits rent increases to 9% (5% plus 4% Consumer Price Index) and prohibits owners from terminating a tenancy without just cause.

Said Sunnyvale Vice Mayor Russ Melton, "My main policy focus on housing has been to increase the supply of housing, and especially affordable housing, in Sunnyvale and throughout the region. Sunnyvale has always been a regional leader on housing. Accordingly, I am not a fan of rent control. But with Assembly Bill 1482 coming at us from Sacramento, it made sense to accelerate 1482's requirements in Sunnyvale by 29 days, from January 1 to December 3. I think the ordinance was the right thing to do for Sunnyvale."

A really wonderful event December 8 at the Shiv Durga Temple in Sunnyvale, to celebrate the Temple's 7th anniversary of founding.

A celebration full of love and brightness, and some wonderful song and dance performances! I give a tip of the cap to the Temple and their leader, Krishna Kumar Pandey with best wishes for many more years of success and enlightenment into the future. Jai Mata Di!



With my City Council colleague, Sunnyvale Mayor Larry Klein.

Coyote Sightings in Sunnyvale

COYOTES have recently been spotted in Sunnyvale, especially in the residential area between Ponderosa Park and Reed Ave. Users of the NextDoor social media app reported coyote sightings on Foxglove, Buckeye, Clematis, Fernleaf and Erica Drives.

Coyotes are active throughout the day and night, but become more active around dawn and dusk when they are looking for food. In urban areas like Sunnyvale, they may not be as quick to run in the presence of people, but they will prefer to keep their distance.

To avoid confrontations, take safety precautions if you ever come across a coyote. For example, do not turn and run away. If you are with children, stand between them and the coyote. If you have a small dog with you, pick it up. Stand tall, wave your arms in the air, and make loud noises. If possible, use a whistle or shake a can with coins inside.

Above all else, remain calm. Although attacks on humans are extremely rare they can happen when the animal feels threatened. Taking appropriate precautions will keep you, your family, your pets, and the coyotes safe.

If you happen to spot a coyote in your neighborhood, please use the California Department of Fish and Wildlife online reporting form to report the sighting at apps.wildlife.ca.gov/wir. The City of Sunnyvale Animal Control Unit can be reached at (408) 730-7110.



Coyotes recently spotted in Sunnyvale. Photo via NextDoor social media app.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

- The Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety has completed its professional investigation of the October 28 traffic collision at the intersection of El Camino Real and Poplar Ave. DPS reached the finding of “unknown.” In a December 6 email to Sunnyvale Councilmembers, DPS Chief Phan Ngo stated that the finding “means that [DPS] did not find a preponderance of evidence to determine which party was at fault.” Further information about the investigation was not available at press time.
- The Sunnyvale City Council is tentatively scheduled to hear an agenda item on January 7, 2020 regarding crossing guards. The agenda item has tentatively been titled “Approve an Amendment to the Contract with All City Management Services (ACMS) for Crossing Guard Services to Add Four Additional Crossing Guards and Approve Budget Modification No. X”
- The Fair Oaks Bridge rehabilitation project continues to move forward, with Sunnyvale Council expected to consider the award of a construction contract on January 14, 2020. Council was originally expected to consider the item in December.
- The aggressive patching project on Wolfe Road is on hiatus until January at the earliest, due to the rainy weather and local asphalt providers that are closed for annual maintenance. The Sunnyvale Department of Public Works estimates that two more Saturdays of work are necessary to tackle the open seams and potholes in the Wolfe roadway surface between Inverness Way and Marion Way, and some large potholes on Wolfe in between the City Limit sign and Homestead Road. Stay tuned to **Sunnyvale Report** for further updates as they become available.

Provide Your Inputs on Sunnyvale's Active Transportation Plan

THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE is creating an Active Transportation Plan that will address bicycle, pedestrian and Safe Routes to Schools needs throughout the City. We need your input and ideas!

The Active Transportation Plan will help Sunnyvale strategically invest in programs and projects to make walking and bicycling safer and more convenient for residents. In addition, the Plan will analyze ways to make it safer for Sunnyvale students to walk and bike to school.

We want to hear your input and ideas. Join us to review the City's biking, walking and Safe Routes to School draft recommendations. At this meeting the project team will also recap the main themes and comments heard at the

workshop that took place December 5.

To review the workshop materials, visit: sunnyvale.ca.gov/news/topics/atp/default.htm

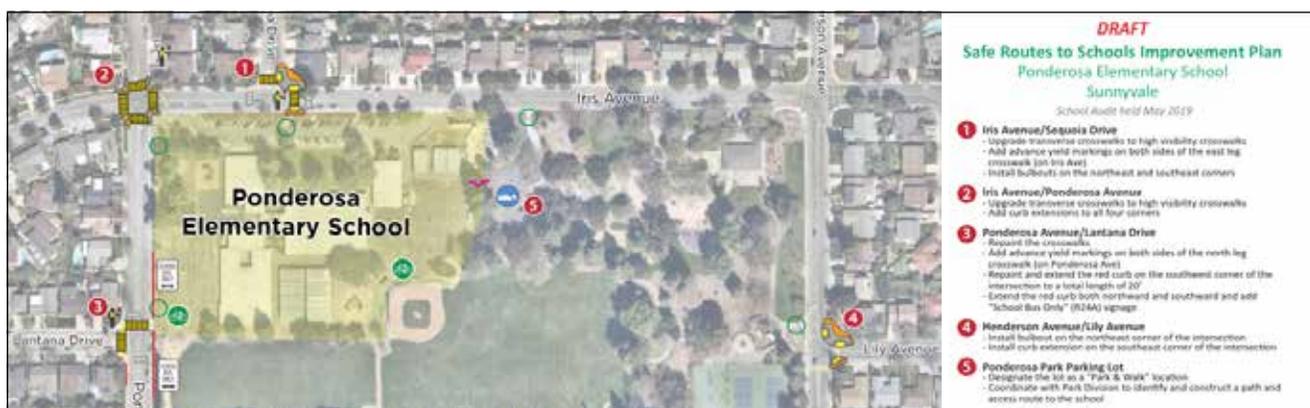
The draft ATP shows potential improvements that could be made at each public school serving Sunnyvale students. Shown here are the draft plans for Peterson Middle School and Braly and Ponderosa Elementary Schools.



What:
Active Transportation Plan Draft Recommendations Recap and Review

When:
Thursday, Dec. 19, 6:30 p.m.
Sunnyvale Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) meeting.

Where:
Sunnyvale City Hall,
Council Chambers,
456 W. Olive Ave.





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B I O G R A P H Y

GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES

- Sunnyvale City Councilmember, 2017-Present
- Sunnyvale Vice Mayor, 2019-Present
- Sunnyvale Planning Commissioner, 2012-2017; Commission Chair, 2014-2016

EDUCATION

- Masters of Business Administration (MBA), Santa Clara University
- Bachelor of Science (BS), Business Administration, California Polytechnic State University - San Luis Obispo

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Executive Vice President / Chief Operations Officer, National 1st Credit Union, 2009-2011
- Senior Finance Manager, National Semiconductor Corporation, 1995-2009
- Honorably Discharged from United States Navy

PERSONAL

- Sunnyvale resident since 2000
- Native Bay Area resident
- Married; two children in Sunnyvale public schools

Sunnyvale Contact Information

Non-Emergency
Police & Fire 408-730-7100

Abandoned Cars 408-730-7706

Graffiti/
Shopping Carts 408-730-7680

Job Center (NOVA) 408-730-7232

Sewer/
Water/Utilities 408-730-7400

Street Lights/
Sidewalks 408-730-7415

Street Trees/Parks 408-730-7506

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