

# SUNSET VALLEY



IT'S GOOD TO BE HERE

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## The Valley Newsletter

### The Newsletter Returns!

You asked, and we listened This month marks the third monthly newsletter. It will be created in a digital version and be posted online. *It will also be mailed to any resident requesting a print copy.* To join the list requesting a print copy, please call the office at 512-892-1383 or send an email to [mmarquez@sunsetvalley.org](mailto:mmarquez@sunsetvalley.org).

In the coming months, you'll find a new format that aligns with our new logo and branding, some of which is shown here.

***For article ideas or information you'd like included, please email [mmarquez@sunsetvalley.org](mailto:mmarquez@sunsetvalley.org) or give us a call!***

### Public Safety/Speeding Survey Results

Over the past several months, a survey was presented to the residents discussing Public Safety and Speeding. Key elements of the survey included the questions:

Do you believe there is an issue with speeding on your street? Result: No: 54.79%.

Are you favor of traffic calming devices (Speed humps) on your street? Result: No: 64.38%

The street that appeared to need a more detailed and individual approach was in the Villas. Chief Carter will be meeting with the neighborhood individually to determine how to best assist.

WHAT'S GOOD?



GREENBELT NATURE WALKS.



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## City's Financial Health

Post lockdowns, the City continues to see record sales tax numbers, drastically different than initial projections of reduced revenues. A portion of that is at-

tributable to the Travis County economy as a whole, far outpacing the national economy.

### SUNSET VALLEY SALES TAX ALLOCATION SUMMARY FEBRUARY 2022

*Note: this report does not include Crime Control District Revenues*

	FISCAL YEAR							
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
OCT	\$ 479,737	\$ 485,100	\$ 493,183	\$ 463,808	\$ 491,236	\$ 465,420	\$ 433,705	\$ 537,953
NOV	\$ 489,261	\$ 497,492	\$ 509,333	\$ 533,899	\$ 489,434	\$ 495,228	\$ 497,739	\$ 586,084
DEC	\$ 506,341	\$ 495,764	\$ 459,870	\$ 440,419	\$ 540,146	\$ 517,793	\$ 476,091	\$ 589,742
JAN	\$ 549,517	\$ 519,779	\$ 535,108	\$ 536,750	\$ 496,433	\$ 525,321	\$ 492,702	\$ 609,517
FEB	\$ 668,782	\$ 715,822	\$ 659,119	\$ 684,587	\$ 652,244	\$ 679,963	\$ 673,293	\$ 759,867
MAR	\$ 428,522	\$ 443,134	\$ 452,440	\$ 451,270	\$ 444,118	\$ 462,568	\$ 430,956	
APR	\$ 442,133	\$ 409,074	\$ 447,500	\$ 442,078	\$ 438,610	\$ 387,192	\$ 360,765	
MAY	\$ 503,245	\$ 531,559	\$ 513,096	\$ 549,709	\$ 504,872	\$ 388,573	\$ 652,949	
JUN	\$ 544,803	\$ 462,500	\$ 478,966	\$ 501,082	\$ 512,957	\$ 294,578	\$ 570,943	
JUL	\$ 463,154	\$ 482,707	\$ 503,723	\$ 533,027	\$ 491,551	\$ 390,053	\$ 572,801	
AUG	\$ 573,336	\$ 571,622	\$ 553,650	\$ 523,730	\$ 518,181	\$ 487,412	\$ 640,545	
SEP	\$ 503,341	\$ 462,349	\$ 491,445	\$ 493,832	\$ 497,138	\$ 440,434	\$ 579,028	
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 6,152,171</b>	<b>\$ 6,076,902</b>	<b>\$ 6,097,434</b>	<b>\$ 6,154,191</b>	<b>\$ 6,076,919</b>	<b>\$ 5,534,535</b>	<b>\$ 6,381,516</b>	<b>\$ 3,083,163</b>
YoY Char	7.1%	-1.2%	0.3%	0.9%	-1.3%	-8.9%	15.3%	

### Year To Date Budget Information

- Adopted budget: \$7,858,375
- Amended budget (via Council Actions since Budget Adoption): \$8,574,651
- Actuals to date: \$2,358,297

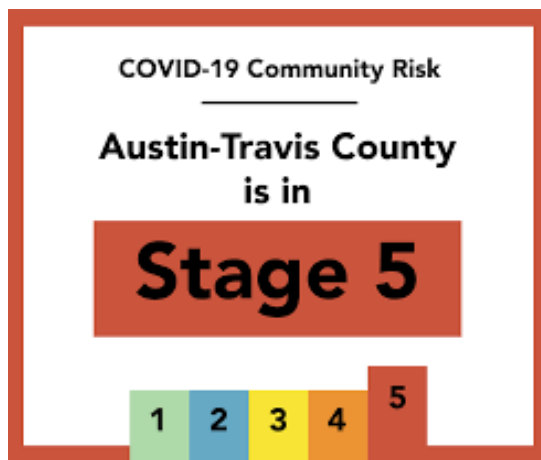
## City Council Retreat—Rescheduled

As COVID numbers continue to rise in the January timeframe, the Mayor and Council decided to postpone the retreat until such time as it is deemed safe to gather in public once again. A new date has been set for March 4th and 5th. The Retreat will be held at City Hall.

## Travis County/City of Sunset Valley remain at Stage 5 Guidelines.

On January 13, 2022, Travis County and the City of Austin re-entered Stage 5 COVID risk guidelines with restrictions on gathering size, etc. As of the print of this newsletter, Stage 5 is still in effect.

The City continues to follow the guidelines set forth by the County. The City will require all visitors to wear a mask when entering the building. Additionally, the buildings will be closed to walk-in traffic and visitors can be seen by virtual appointment or a scheduled appointment with staff.



## A New Website is Coming!

Staff has been hard at work getting ready to unveil a new website on 2.22.22. We think you will enjoy the new features which allow you to more easily find and request information.



### COVID Information

Effective March 2022, the regional infusion center providing monoclonal antibodies will move from Travis County to Bell County.

New therapies including a 2-shot series and a pill are in the tool chest for medical professionals to provide assistance to individuals who are COVID positive and have a strong chance of ending up in the hospital. Ask your physician for more information.

## Council Action - February 2022

February 1-2, 2022

- Approval of the destruction/recycling of outdated computer equipment assets
- Approval of a Statement of Work with Canales and Co. to act as Creative Development Director for the City of Sunset Valley in an amount not to exceed \$86,525 and authorizing the Mayor and City Attorney to execute a contract based on an approved Statement of Work
- Approval of an interlocal agreement with the City of Austin for a Utility Box Mini-Mural Project in an amount not to exceed \$3,750 to be funded from the Economic Development line item for beautification purposes
- Award of bid to Asakura Robinson in an amount not to exceed \$49,993 to complete the Parks and Open Space Plan and creation of an Ad hoc Committee to facilitate the final recommendations to Council
- Approval of a Request for a Zoning Change at 6405 Brodie Lane from SF (Single Family Residential) to NC (Neighborhood Commercial)
- Approval of a final site plan and landscaping plan for 4800 W. Highway 290, including several variances, from Townbridge Homes, LLC
- Award of bid from Thomas Graphics Inc. for banner production in an amount not to exceed \$8,089.24 from the Economic Development line item allocated for beautification purposes

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- Authorizing Engineering Task Order #13 for replacement of the Highway 290 Wastewater Line in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 to be funded from the FY22 CIP Project List
- Approval of a Proclamation declaring March 2022 as Spring Cleaning Month in Sunset Valley
- Approval of Guidelines for Display of Art in Public Places as recommended by the Sunset Valley Arts Commission
- Acceptance of the 2021 Racial Profiling Report to be submitted to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement
- Changed the regular City Council meeting dates in March 2022 to the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Approval of an Ordinance amending the Zoning Classification for 6405 Brodie Lane (SF to NC) and amending the City's Zoning Map as previously approved by City Council on February 1, 2022
- Appointments to the Parks and Open Space Ad hoc Committee
- Approval of an Ordinance amending the FY 2021 Budget (Budget Amendment #2 – FY 21) and appropriation of a budget surplus

## Looking Ahead to 2022

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February 2022

- No Parking Signs at the Meadows and Oakdale trail-head
- 6405 Brodie Lane
  - Special Use Permit for a Restaurant
  - Variances for Impervious Cover, parking dimensions, and landscaping buffers will all be asked of the Council.

## City Hall as a Community Center

City Hall is currently serving as a place for Council meetings and also a storage center, as staff works through the potential to create a community center.

CED is currently reviewing potential options and will present their ideas to Council who will then create a feasibility study.

In the interim, more events are planned to be held throughout

## Game Night at City Hall

The CED Committee with Sponsorship from Councilmember Reetz and Councilmember Johnson, are sponsoring the first of what they hope will become a resident norm, and that is participating in Game Night at City Hall.

The first game night is proposed for February if COVID guidelines will allow. Tentative time is from 6:30-8:30PM. The City will provide some games such as dominoes, cards, scrabble, and Pictionary to name a few. Residents can join any game they are interested in, or start a game of their own!



Water and light snacks will be served and donations accepted for food.

Games for young children will also be provided, however, parent oversight will be required at all times.

***Would you be interested?***

## Spring Cleaning Month

Every year the city declares March “Spring Cleaning Month” in which the Public Works Department will promote a cooperative city-wide effort to encourage recycling and facilitate in the removal of bulky refuse and hazardous waste from the residences of Sunset Valley, Texas. If Covid numbers decrease, the Public Works Department will host an outdoor Spring Cleaning Month Open House event in March (most likely later in the month). Stay tuned for more info!


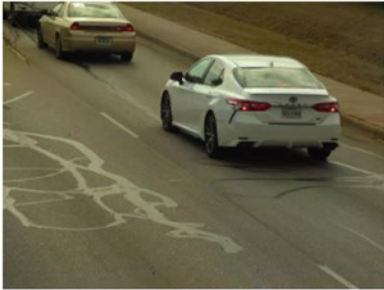
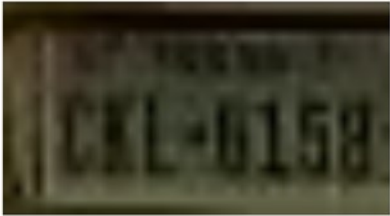
# Crime Control and Prevention District Funds

Ten security camera/license plate readers have been installed around the city to assist with the detection of criminal activity and apprehending offenders. The cameras record license plates and vehicle descriptions. Within seconds of a wanted vehicle passing any of the cameras, an alert is sent to police officers. Officers are then able to track the wanted vehicle as it passes through the city. Not only do the cameras help with real-time apprehension of wanted subjects, police officers can access the cameras' historical data to develop investigative leads for reported crimes. The police department anticipates that case clearance rates will dramatically increase, particularly for crimes involving vehicle burglaries and organized retail theft.

## Did You Know?

Crime Control and Prevention District is a special portion of the sales tax. The funds are used to help offset expenses for the Police Department and public safety expenses.

Plate	<b>TX</b> <del>████████</del>	Source	<b>NCIC</b>	Camera	<b>#07 Brodie Ln SB at Academy</b>
Date	<b>2/12/2022, 2:48:46 PM</b>	Topic	<b>Stolen Vehicle</b>	Network	<b>Sunset Valley TX PD</b>
	<b>3 days ago</b>	Description	<b>YEL HOND ACC</b>		



## Beautification and Branding Efforts

Plans for this effort can potentially include:

- Additional banner poles on Brodie Lane, 290, and other areas
- Benches
- Mini-murals on electrical boxes
- Signage

## Rebranding Our City

Keep an eye out for new and colorful banners throughout the City in the coming weeks. Here is a sneak peak of the amazing work!

Soon, there will be pilot program launched that creates wonderful art on the plain grey electrical boxes that have become so prone to graffiti in our City. We are hopeful the art and medium become a deterrent to the vandals.



## Bringing Art Home

### Happy New Year!

While the new year was celebrated on January 1 by much of North America, in much of East Asia the new year will be celebrated this year on February 1, thus beginning the year of the Tiger.

The reason for the difference is that most Western cultures, including the U.S., follow a solar (Gregorian) calendar for both civil and holiday purposes; however, much of Asia follows a lunar calendar for traditional purposes such as holidays.

In Taiwan, similar to a new year celebration in the U.S., there are lots of fireworks, food, and gatherings. New Years in Taiwan is also a time for giving out red envelopes with money inside and shopping for new clothes.

The Sunset Valley Arts Commission's program, Bringing Art Home, has sent January recipients a gift bag including rice crackers made in Taiwan in bags hand decorated by Sunset Valley resident Maggie Cowan. The top Chinese character reads, "Hǔ," (tiger), and the characters on the right read, top to bottom, "Xīnnián kuàilè," (new year happy). Adult recipients also received a polymer clay jewelry art kit and a decoupage trinket box art kit. Children recipients also received a Valentine's sun catcher art kit and a Kid's Workshop Toss Game kit from The Home Depot. Bringing Art Home is a cooperative project between the Sunset Valley Arts Commission, Sunset Valley Police Department, and The Home Depot. For more information: [arts@sunsetvalley.org](mailto:arts@sunsetvalley.org)

### Did You Know?

#### 8 Chinese New Year Traditions in Taiwan

- Spring cleaning. Before the New Year, a spring clean is a must. .
- Red envelopes.
- Spring couplets (red scrolls)
- Firecrackers. .
- Family gatherings.
- New clothes (preferably red)
- Mahjong and dice.
- The New Year's Eve meal.



## Calendar

The Calendar can change pretty frequently, we suggest you keep an eye on the City's website for the most up to date information.

The link on the new website will be:  
[www.sunsetvalley.org/calendar](http://www.sunsetvalley.org/calendar)

## Calendar of Events

### February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1 6:00 PM <a href="#">City Council Meeting</a>	2 6:00 PM <a href="#">Community &amp; Economic Development Committee Meeting</a>	3 6:00 PM <a href="#">Planning &amp; Environmental Committee Meeting</a>	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 2:00 PM <a href="#">Arts Commission Meeting</a>	15 6:00 PM <a href="#">City Council Meeting</a>	16	17 6:00 PM <a href="#">Public Works Committee Meeting</a>	18	19
20	21	22	23 6:00 PM <a href="#">Zoning Commission Meeting</a>	24 6:00 PM <a href="#">Budget &amp; Finance Committee Meeting</a>	25	26
27	28 6:00 PM <a href="#">Public Safety Committee Meeting</a>	1	2	3	4	5

### March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	1	2 6:00 PM <a href="#">Community &amp; Economic Development Committee Meeting</a>  6:00 PM <a href="#">Board of Adjustment Meeting</a>	3 6:00 PM <a href="#">Planning &amp; Environmental Committee Meeting</a>	4 <a href="#">City Council Retreat</a>	5 <a href="#">City Council Retreat</a>
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27	28	29	30	31 6:00 PM <a href="#">Budget &amp; Finance Committee Meeting</a>	1	2

## Community Cleanups

A special THANK YOU to families from the Magellan School for helping to cleanup Williamson Creek. They removed over 20 bags of trash and shopping carts from the creek. Their work to keep our watershed clean is greatly appreciated.



### Did You Know?

- Williamson Creek remains a project in the City of Austin for Flood Risk Reduction

## Police Blotter—January 2022

Between January 1, 2022 and January 31, 2022, the Sunset Valley Police Department responded to 363 calls for service. The following calls resulted in completion of an incident report:

4800 Blk Hwy 290	Vehicle Burglary – officers observed a vehicle with shattered windows and later discovered that the vehicle’s trailer had been stolen.
Pillow Rd	Hit and Run – complainant reported seeing an Amazon van strike a mailbox
5100 Blk Brodie Ln	Hit and Run – complainant reported that her car was struck from behind and the other driver fled without leaving information.
5207 Brodie Ln	Theft – owner reported a male on a bicycle took propane tanks from the patio area
4900 Blk Hwy 290	Assault – victim stated that a male subject followed her into the parking lot and threatened her after she cut off his vehicle in traffic
5207 Brodie Ln	Hit and Run – a witness provided information about vehicle that hit another car in the parking lot
5601 Brodie Ln	Security Tag Removal – 2 subjects were issued criminal trespass notices after a witness saw them removing tags and placing item into their purses; the items were dropped prior to them passing all points of sale
Home Depot Blvd	Theft of Service – subject rented a truck and did not return it according to the rental agreement; the truck was later found and towed back to the store with substantial damage
5601 Brodie Ln	Fraud / Use of Counterfeit Currency – one subject purchased items with a counterfeit bill; another subject entered the store to get a refund on the items previously purchased; employee was able to recover the items and license plate of the subject’s vehicle
Reese Dr	Dog Bite – resident reported an incident where a neighbor’s dog bit her horse and attacked her dog; she also reported a prior attack by the same dog
5601 Brodie Ln	Vehicle Burglary – complainant reported her left rear window was shattered and her purse stolen from inside
5601 Brodie Ln	Theft – subject was issued a citation after passing all points of sale with unpaid merchandise

## Police Blotter—January 2022 (Continued)

5207 Brodie Ln	Assault – subject was arrested after getting into a physical altercation over the tab
5000 Blk Hwy 290	Hit and Run – complainant reported a prior incident and was able to provide the license plate number of the other driver
Home Depot Blvd	Stolen License Plate – complainant reported his license plates were stolen while he was working
5601 Brodie Ln	Theft – employee reported a prior incident where 2 subjects passed all points of sale with a basket full of unpaid merchandise
5601 Brodie Ln	Theft – employee reported a prior incident where a female subject passed all points of sale with unpaid handbags; the subject dropped the merchandise and drove off after the employee confronted her in the parking lot
4800 Blk Hwy 290	Vehicle Burglary – complainant reported items had been taken from the bed of his truck
4200 Blk ERW	Vehicle/Pedestrian Accident – complainant reported being struck by an unknown vehicle; officers observed no signs of injuries but he was transported by EMS
5601 Brodie Ln	Theft – employee reported a prior incident and believes the subject is a known repeat offender
5601 Brodie Ln	Theft –employee reported a prior incident where an unknown female placed several items in a basket and proceeded to pass all points of sale
5207 Brodie Ln	Theft – manager reported a prior incident and provided a description the vehicle and license plate number

City of Sunset Valley

There are many big projects on the horizon for 2022 and some will have notable impact on shaping the city for the future.

Keep an eye out for opportunities for resident engagement and have your voice heard.

## Future Community Engagement Opportunities

- Art Fest 2022
- Branding and associated creative elements
- Beautification within the City
- Comprehensive Plan Updates
- Land Development Code Rewrite and Updates
- Parks and Open Space Master Plan

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