

## Election Process and **Important Dates** and Information

Next local election: **November 8, 2022.**

Open Seats:

\*Mayor (1 spot) and Council Member (2 Spots)

Filing Dates: July 23, 2022 - August 22, 2022

Click [here](#) for eligibility requirements

Click [here](#) for an Application to be placed on the November 2022 Ballot

Confirm voter registration status [here](#)

[Travis County Elections Website](#)

## Did you know...



On September 13, 1954, the citizens of Sunset Valley voted to incorporate as a town. They elected Clinton Vilven to serve as the first mayor of the area which now measures a little over 681 acres.



## Water Conservation

The levels of Lake Travis and Lake Buchanan have fallen below 1.4 million acre feet of combined storage. The City of Austin began Stage 1 Drought Response on June 6th. As a customer of the City of Austin, the City of Sunset Valley has initiated similar response criteria.

The following restrictions are in place:

### Residential:

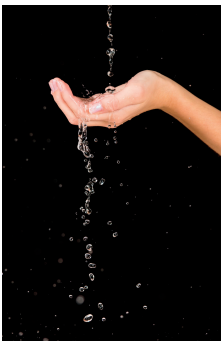
**Hose-end Sprinklers**- two days per week from midnight until 8 a.m. or 7 p.m. to midnight.

· Even Address - Thursday, Sunday

· Odd Address - Wednesday, Saturday

**Automatic Irrigation**- one day per week from midnight to 8 a.m. and/or 7 p.m. to midnight. Customers may water a second day with a hose-end sprinkler) Even Address: Thursday | Odd Address: Friday

To learn more about Sunset Valley's Conservation efforts, [Click Here](#) to for our latest *Water Conservation update*



## Business of the month:

## Casper Fermentables

Owners:

Ben Hollander & Phoebe Raileanu

*This local business is our Featured Business this month! Learn a little more about this new business (pg. 5)- now open at 4715 S. Lamar Blvd!*

[casperfermentables.com](http://casperfermentables.com)



## Can you Solve this riddle?

Two in a corner, one in a room, zero in a house, but one in a shelter. What am I?

Answer on page 4! Don't cheat!

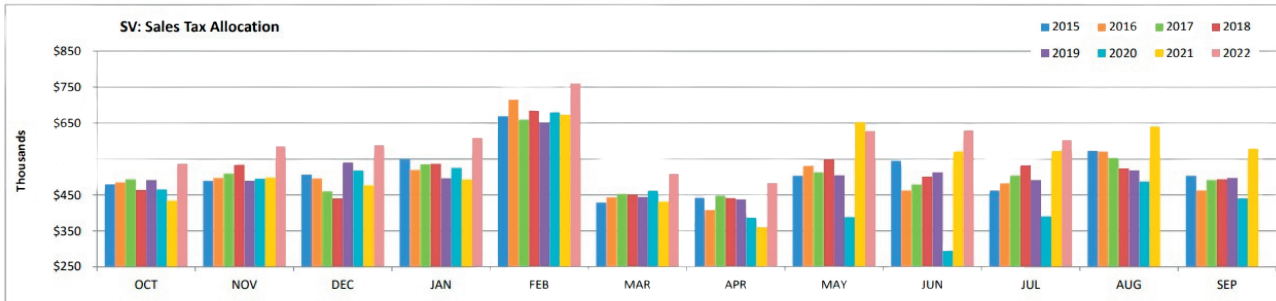
DO YOU HAVE AN EVENT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE HIGHLIGHTED? SEND US A NOTE! [ARAMIREZ@SUNSETVALLY.ORG](mailto:ARAMIREZ@SUNSETVALLY.ORG) OR CALL 512.892.1383

**SUNSET VALLEY SALES TAX ALLOCATION SUMMARY  
JULY 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	\$ 509,905
APR	\$ 442,133	\$ 409,074	\$ 447,500	\$ 442,078	\$ 438,610	\$ 387,192	\$ 360,765	\$ 484,118
MAY	\$ 503,245	\$ 531,559	\$ 513,096	\$ 549,709	\$ 504,872	\$ 388,573	\$ 652,949	\$ 627,823
JUN	\$ 544,803	\$ 462,500	\$ 478,966	\$ 501,082	\$ 512,957	\$ 294,578	\$ 570,943	\$ 630,171
JUL	\$ 463,154	\$ 482,707	\$ 503,723	\$ 533,027	\$ 491,551	\$ 390,053	\$ 572,801	\$ 603,494
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>\$ 5,938,673</b>
YoY Char	7.1%	-1.2%	0.3%	0.9%	-1.3%	-8.9%	15.3%	

Change from FY 2020/2021				
	Month		Year-to-Date	
	\$	%	\$	YTD %
OCT	\$ 104,248	22.4%	\$ 104,248	22.4%
NOV	\$ 88,345	17.8%	\$ 192,593	20.7%
DEC	\$ 113,651	21.9%	\$ 306,244	21.8%
JAN	\$ 116,815	22.2%	\$ 423,059	22.3%
FEB	\$ 86,574	12.7%	\$ 509,633	19.8%
MAR	\$ 78,949	17.1%	\$ 588,582	19.6%
APR	\$ 123,353	31.9%	\$ 711,935	21.2%
MAY	\$ (25,126)	-6.5%	\$ 686,809	17.1%
JUN	\$ 59,228	20.1%	\$ 746,037	16.3%
JUL	\$ 30,693	7.9%	\$ 776,730	15.0%
AUG				
SEP				



July was a good month for Sunset Valley! The city is **up 15%** from FY 2020/2021

**Wildfire Safety**

The City of Sunset Valley has a lot of wonderful open space, however this also means the City has a lot of **Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)**. This is an area where human-made structures and infrastructure meet or intermix with wildlands or vegetation fuels. WUI are places where potentially flammable vegetation fuels meet or overlap with homes.

**We need your help to keep Sunset Valley Firewise!**

This month we take a look at **TWO** Easy things that you can do to help protect your home from the threat of wild fire:



**#1 HOME IGNITION ZONES**-To increase your home's chance of surviving a wildfire, choose fire-resistant building materials and limit the amount of flammable vegetation in the three home ignition zones. The zones include the Immediate Zone: (0 to 5 feet around the house), the Intermediate Zone (5 to 30 feet), and the Extended Zone (30 to 100 feet).

**#2 LANDSCAPING AND MAINTENANCE** To reduce ember ignitions and fire spread, trim branches that overhang the home, porch, and deck and prune branches of large trees up to 6 to 10 feet (depending on their height) from the ground. Remove plants containing resins, oils, and waxes. Use crushed stone or gravel instead of flammable mulches in the Immediate Zone (0 to 5 feet around the house). Keep your landscape in good condition.

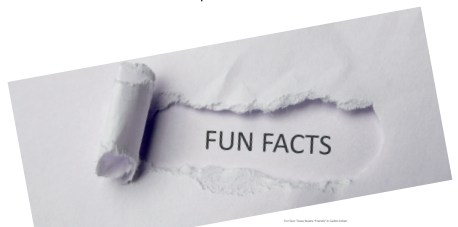
For more ideas visit: <https://www.sunsetvalley.org/departments/public-safety/fire-protection/wildfire-protection>

# Chiefs Corner: Police Blotter



During the month of July, Sunset Valley Police Department responded to 396 calls for service. Of those calls the following resulted in an incident report.

Location	Offense	Details
3200 Brodie Lane	<b>Tampering with Governmental Record</b>	Male issued a citation for false temporary tags and unregistered vehicle.
5400 Brodie Ln	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Theft</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Theft</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Theft</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Theft</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Theft</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Male cut the lock from a barbeque pit and loaded it in the back of his truck.</li> <li>▪ Male lost his wallet outside of the store and several days later he was notified of unauthorized charges on his credit card. Case closed</li> <li>▪ Two males loaded a shopping cart full of merchandise and then fled store with unpaid items.</li> <li>▪ Bicycle stolen after it was left unsecured outside of a store.</li> <li>▪ Subject was arrested after passing all points of sale with unpaid merchandise.</li> <li>▪ Two male subjects worked in tandem to steal woman's wallet out of her purse.</li> </ul>
5000 Brodie Ln	<b>Evading Arrest</b>	Officer attempted to conduct a traffic stop for an illegal U-turn, but the driver of the vehicle sped away crossing all lanes in the intersection and median
4700 Bob Horrigan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Warrant Arrest</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Burglary of Non-Habitation</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Male arrested after colliding with another vehicle</li> <li>▪ Shed on the property burglarized</li> </ul>
5207 Brodie Ln	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Theft</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Theft</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Theft</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Burglary Non-Residence</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Three subjects concealed items on their persons prior to passing all points of sale.</li> <li>▪ Suspect from earlier that day returned to store</li> <li>▪ Female passed all points of sale with unpaid merchandise but employee in the parking lot was able to provide a description of the vehicle and a license plate number</li> <li>▪ Officer responded to a live feed from alarm company reporting that an unknown subject had shattered glass and entered the store.</li> </ul>
Pillow Rd	<b>Criminal Trespass / Evading Arrest</b>	Male arrested on private property after several residents reported him trespassing on their property
4700 James Casey	<b>DWI</b>	Driver arrested for DWI after officer conducted a routine traffic stop for speeding
Reese	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mail Theft / Forgery</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Stolen Vehicle</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Check was stolen out of complainant's mailbox and later cashed at a bank</li> <li>▪ Officers received a stolen vehicle notification from the city cameras and later located the vehicle after the occupants abandoned it and fled into greenbelt.</li> </ul>
3205 Jones Rd	<b>Fraud</b>	Employee reported several attempts to withdraw funds from a city bank account.
Sunset Tr	<b>Property Damage</b>	Vehicle collided with a sign at the corner of Jones and Sunset Tr. The vehicle was captured by city cameras and license plate verified.
4800 Blk Hwy 290	<b>Property Damage</b>	Vehicle struck city camera pole and damaged the camera.
5601 Brodie Ln	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Theft</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Stolen Vehicle / Evading Arrest</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Male's backpack was stolen from table.</li> <li>▪ Suspect abandoned a stolen car and fled on foot into a wooded area after officers received a stolen vehicle notification from city cameras.</li> </ul>
Westgate Blvd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Stolen Vehicle / Warrant Arrest</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Collision / Hit and Run</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 2 subjects arrested after officers received a stolen vehicle notification on their vehicle. Multiple forms of identification and stolen mail recovered from vehicle</li> <li>▪ Vehicle struck woman's vehicle as she backed out of a parking space. The other driver drove away refusing to exchange information, but the complaint was able to provide the license plate number</li> </ul>



Texas' name comes from a Caddo Indian word, "teycha," which translates to friends or allies. This name was given by the native people who lived here before the Spanish conquest.

The land of this native American tribe was transcribed by an early Spanish explorer as "tejas," and eventually made its way to the name we know today.

Still today, Texas' motto is "Friendship," truly embodying the Southern hospitality the state is known for.



# Council Action July 21, 2022

- Denial of the Statement of Qualifications from SimpleCity Design Professional Services for Land Development Code revisions, with direction to staff to bring back an amended RFQ for Land Development Code revisions to include a review of the Comprehensive Plan revisions
- Approval of the May 2022 financial statements
- Approval of an Ordinance amending the FY 2022 Budget (Budget Amendment #13) for various departmental and repair and replacement expenses
- Approval of the purchase of Automated Meter Infrastructure meters and endpoints
- Selection of UniVista's proposal for Information Technology Support Services pursuant to RFP #06072022

## Participation in your local government is important!



The City needs additional resident volunteers for Standing Committees and the Arts Commission.

In April, City Council amended Chapter 31 of the Code of Ordinances to align Standing Committee and Arts Commission appointments with the fiscal year, rather than with City elections.

Standing Committee and Arts Commission applications are due September 1, 2022. Appointments will be made in late September by City Council for a term of October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023. Current members do not need to complete an application.

Standing Committees: Budget and Finance, Community and Economic Development, Planning and Environmental, Public Safety and Public Works

[Click Here to complete an Application.](#)

## August Event Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2 5:00 PM <a href="#">City Council Work Session</a> 6:00 PM <a href="#">City Council Meeting</a>	3 <a href="#">Green Waste Collection</a> 6:00 PM <a href="#">Community &amp; Economic Development Committee Meeting</a>	4 6:00 PM <a href="#">Planning &amp; Environmental Committee Meeting</a> 6:00 PM <a href="#">Budget &amp; Finance Committee Meeting</a>	5	6
7	8 6:00 PM <a href="#">Municipal Court</a>	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 5:00 PM <a href="#">City Council Work Session</a> 6:00 PM <a href="#">City Council Meeting</a>	17 <a href="#">Green Waste Collection</a>	18 6:00 PM <a href="#">Public Works Committee Meeting</a>	19	20
21	22	23	24 6:00 PM <a href="#">Zoning Commission Meeting</a>	25 6:00 PM <a href="#">Budget &amp; Finance Committee Meeting</a>	26	27
28	29	30	31 <a href="#">Green Waste Collection</a>	1	2	3



Answer to Riddle: the letter "R"

## Featured Business of the Month

# Casper Fermentables Restaurant



Phoebe Raileanu and Ben Hollander, owners of Casper Fermentables, are bringing their passion for fermented foods and drinks to our Sunset Valley community. They held a soft grand-opening for their brick-and-mortar location in June and are excited for what the future holds for them. I met Phoebe for a cup of coffee this past week so that we could chat about her business, their inspiration to own a fermented foods brand, and her and Bens goals for the future of the restaurant.

"It is important to me that we build community... I feel that hospitality and education are placed at the forefront of our mission," she told me. "I honestly want people to know that when they come into our restaurant that we are genuinely happy that they stopped by. When I say, 'welcome in'- I sincerely mean that."

Casper Fermentables specializes in fermented breads, veggies and Kombucha or "Buch". In addition to the restaurant, they are also very active on the farmers market scene- hosting a booth in downtown Austin as well as in San Antonio each week. Additionally, they have a line of consumer-packaged goods (Kombucha, Kimchi and Kraut) that are sold at more than 15 grocery store and food co-op's, nationwide.

As we spoke, Phoebe shared with me her passion for clean and healthy food. "All of our [fermented] food is locally sourced, and it is the easiest kind of healthy food you can eat... since switching to a fermented diet, I am happier, healthier and I've lost almost 35 lbs."

Her experience is somewhat common amongst those who are consumers of fermented foods. A 2021 Harvard health study found that fermented foods can, in fact, add depth to your diet. by eating fermented vegetables, a consumer increases access to vitamin B12, which otherwise isn't present in plant foods. Most fermented foods contribute bacteria that have a potential probiotic effect. These microbes have the potential to help restore the balance of bacteria in your gut, support digestive health and alleviate many digestive issues- benefits that can also be beneficial to kids' health.

Some studies have even found that certain strains of probiotic bacteria that are commonly found in fermented foods can assist in managing anxiety and depression. As we chatted, at a table in the corner of the restaurant, a steady stream of customers stopped in to grab breakfast and engage in small talk with the employees as they awaited their made-to-order food. I even had a chance to enjoy some of the locally sourced veggies and Berry Kombucha. Dining at their restaurant was my first *fermentable* experience, but it will likely not be my last.



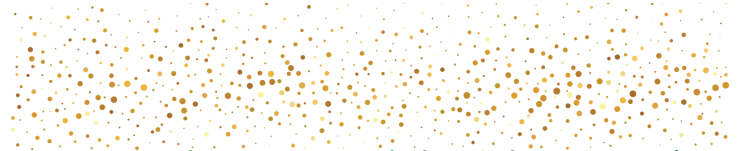
If you are local, please stop in and give this amazing (locally owned) business a try. They are open Thursday-Friday 8-2PM and Sat-Sunday 9-3PM. Located at 4715 S. Lamar Boulevard, Sunset Valley, TX 78745. They are also currently hiring for select positions.



## CITY AND ART COMMISSION Applications

Due September 1st

Click [here](#) for application and  
Information



Would you like to share the art and culture of another country, do an arts workshop, show a movie, present a concert, be involved in ARTFEST or other artistic endeavor?

The Sunset Valley Arts Commission needs your help! The **first 3 people** to sign up will receive gift cards to Mighty Fine and Amy's Ice Cream.

Check us out: <https://www.sunsetvalley.org/government/city-committees-boards-and-commissions/arts-commission>.

Submit your volunteer application:  
<https://www.sunsetvalley.org/residents/volunteer-opportunities/board-committee-and-commission-application>

