



Back to School Season is here!



Shopping tips for Caregivers

Ask for student/ teacher discounts

(although they may not be advertised, many businesses often have them!)

For example, this month Target is offering 20% to all College students with valid ID

Shop around

Just because it is online, doesn't make it cheaper. Often times the online price doesn't reflect discounts that you can get in-store. There are a few apps out there that will search for the lowest price online. Simply download the app to your device!

Sign up for the Store loyalty program

You will be glad that you did! Most major retailers have a rewards program. Ask about it next time you shop at your favorite store.

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

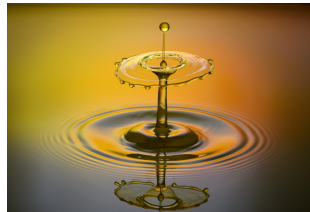
· Odd Address - Wednesday, Saturday

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*

Did you know?

According to a survey done by Volunteeringjourney.org, 96% of volunteers believe that volunteering makes people happier in their lives. This is backed with further research that shows that volunteers answer questions more positively if they have been taking part in regular volunteering activities. This could be anything from helping to fundraise for their favorite charity, to travelling across the world to work in a underprivileged community!



Resident Spotlight



Ms. Mickie Powers

Ms. Powers is our Featured Resident of the Month! Serving on City committees, and running a non-profit are just a couple of things she does in her free time. In this issue, we will take a stroll with her down memory lane as well as explore her vision for the future of Sunset Valley.



Can you Solve this riddle?

What kind of room has no doors or windows?

Answer on page 3. Don't cheat!

DO YOU HAVE AN EVENT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE HIGHLIGHTED? SEND US A NOTE! ARAMIREZ@SUNSETVALLY.ORG OR CALL 512.892.1383

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](#)

The City of Sunset Valley have a variety of events planned for this month. Click [here](#) to explore what's happening in our City.



August Council Action |

- For the month of September, the standing Sunset Valley City Council meeting will be held September 27th
- The October 4th regular council meeting has been canceled
- The Arts Commission appointed Joe Hutson as an alternate member and accepted his resignation as a regular member
- Council approved a Temporary Special Use Permit for the Austin Runner's Club to hold *Daisy Dash* 5k and 10k events on October 23, 2022.
- Council released the Stearns Lane Rehabilitation project for bids with modifications recommended by staff and the Public Works Committee, and with acknowledgement from the City Engineers that they are responsible for the construction and operation of the project and the TCEQ process.

Continued Business:

Comprehensive Revisions in-house, taking applicable sections to the Budget and Finance, CED and Public Works Committees, bringing revisions and additions, compile and receive feedback from the Community, and remain on the schedule to potentially adopt the Comprehensive Plan in January 2023, and to postpone the RFQ for Land Development Code Revisions.

Chiefs Corner: Police Blotter



During the month of July, Sunset Valley Police Department responded to 395 calls for service. Of those calls the following resulted in an incident report.

Location	Offense	Details
4600 S. Lamar	Vehicle Theft	Officers arrested driver of stolen vehicle after alert from city camera
5601 Brodie Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Warrant Arrest ▪ Theft ▪ Theft 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Officers stopped driver for traffic violation. Driver was arrested for outstanding warrant ▪ Employee reported two repeat offenders from prior theft incident ▪ Employee reported a prior theft involving a repeat offender
Home Depot Blvd	Theft	Customer failed to return rented equipment and trailer
Home Depot Blvd	Theft	Employee reported organized retail theft suspects targeting multiple stores
5600 Blk Westgate	Stolen Vehicle	Officers received stolen vehicle alert from city cameras and located unoccupied, stolen, vehicle at illegal campsite
Pillow Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vehicle Theft ▪ Missing person 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vehicle reported stolen but investigation revealed that incorrect plates were placed on trailer ▪ Roommate didn't return from walk and was reported missing
Oakdale	Suspicious Person	Driver had mental health emergency and was transported to hospital
5400 Brodie Lane	Disturbance	Employee reported that co-worker head butted her during dispute
5207 Brodie Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Theft ▪ Aggravated Assault w/ deadly weapon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Suspect stole items from store but employee wrote down license plate information prior to suspect fleeing ▪ Employee stabbed co-worker 3 times and fled scene on foot
4900 Hwy 290	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Burglary ▪ Hit & Run ▪ DWI ▪ Graffiti 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Victim reported that unknown suspect(s) entered residence through broken window ▪ Driver struck another vehicle and fled scene ▪ Caller reported that driver fell out of vehicle while it was parked in roadway ▪ Tagging reported on highway wall
5400 Brodie Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stolen Vehicle ▪ Theft 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Officers received stolen vehicle alert from city camera and located vehicle. Owner of vehicle reported that he had previously recovered the vehicle ▪ Suspect(s) cut off vehicle's catalytic converter
5490 Brodie Lane	Credit Card Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Victim reported that someone removed the contents of her wallet from her purse and then returned the wallet to her purse while she ate lunch. Unauthorized credit card charges were made at nearby stores
4800 Hwy 290	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DWI ▪ Vehicle Theft ▪ DWI ▪ Vehicle Burglary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Suspected intoxicated driver arrested after driving in the wrong direction on the highway ▪ Truck was stolen from parking lot after customer left keys in unlocked vehicle ▪ Intoxicated driver arrested after traffic stop ▪ Customer noticed that his vehicle lock was damaged, and items were stolen



Save the Date

Upcoming Event: National Night Out (NNO)

October 4th

National Night Out is an annual community-building event that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. There will be food, activities and more



September 1st: Arts Commission Committee Applications Due

October 4th: National Night Out Event (Sunset Valley PD event)

October 1st-28th: October Pumpkin Decorating Contest

October 17th- 21st: Volunteer Appreciation Week

Answer to Riddle: "A Mushroom!"

Featured Resident of the Month

Ms. Mickie Powers



As city girl, born in the outskirts of Chicago, Mickie Powers was intrigued by the idea of moving to Texas. She had just received a job offer from the University of Texas at Austin, where she would serve as the Assistant Director of Jester Center and Men's residence halls.

When Powers prepared for the move, she knew that she wanted to live somewhere that offered a rural feel and allowed for her to have open space and enjoy her animals. "I remember our real estate agent mentioned to us that there was a place closer to the south side of Austin, called Sunset Valley, that we may be interested in viewing," says Powers. "I wasn't as familiar with the South Austin area, but I thought that it couldn't hurt for us to go take a look."

In 1978, when Sunset Valley was still very newly incorporated, the city reflected 4-5 streets that were mostly surrounded by open fields and large, beautiful trees. The citizens of Sunset Valley voted to incorporate as a town on September 13, 1954. The first City Hall was built in 1977 and the police department was formally created in 1979. "As soon as we entered Sunset Valley, it was something about the area... the trees, the land... I just wanted to live here," she said. "Even before we arrived at the actual property, before I even saw the actual house... I knew that I wanted to live here."

Powers went on to teach at Porter Middle school (now known as Ann Richards school for girls) as a science teacher. She also became very involved with the local SSV city government committees. Currently she serves on the Community & Economic Development committee (CED) and the Committee for Public Safety. "We used to be very instiller, in many respects, but now that has changed a bit," says Powers. "We have refined ourselves more, as a city... We have had people come and bring us to the 21st century, so to speak." Powers credits Former Mayor Mickie Underwood with many of the advances that were made in Sunset Valley. "She brought so many positive changes to our city... we were able to make so many great advances while under her leadership."

Outside of her service to the Sunset Valley community, Powers is also the director of Common Ground ATX, a 170-bed facility, located in South Austin. "We are able to feed the residence three meals a day and try to help them get back on their feet," said Powers. "Some of the men living here have been incarcerated or have some type of criminal history so this gives them a place where they can try to get on a good path." Powers also oversees a food bank and clothes closet that assist in providing much needed resources to the residents at Common Ground ATX. Along with the South Austin Rotary Club, Powers has worked tirelessly to serve and nurture her community. This month we salute Ms. Powers for her tirelessness and passion. She brings the type of infectious positive energy to SSV that our neighbors and the community have come to rely on.

Anyone interested in supporting the clothes closet at, Common Ground ATX, or the food bank please email Mickie Powers at ieinc2005@yahoo.com. Currently they have a need for prepackaged utensils, old cell phones, hygiene products and towel donations.