

Welcome to the Team!
Officer Richard "Ricky" Forbes



Supriya Kharod
Local Resident and Artist



SV City Engagement
American Youthworks



Star Employee



Business of the Month-
Reverie Books

Featured Resident of the Month

Mrs. Supriya Kharod



With no formal art training in college, Supriya Kharod has been very successful in gaining the attention of people in the Austin community and beyond. When examining the history of art and technique, in recent years, watercolor painting has long been the most under-represented method among all painting processes. To successfully construct a watercolor painting requires the painter to master the art of delicacy and subtlety. Unlike other techniques such as acrylics, oils, and sketch art, watercolor has a very limited corrective measure available and cannot be edited or revised by painting-over errors. This month we sat down with Supriya for a Q & A about her passion for art, her commitment to the Sunset Valley community as well as her dedication to maintaining a work/ family balance.

What influenced your choice to live in Sunset Valley?

My husband Ketan I moved to Sunset Valley in 2008 and it was a 'love at first sight' type of thing. I fell in love with the neighborhood, and my husband and I have enjoyed raising our three kids here. We have been Sunset Valley Elementary parents for 11 years and counting, and have worked hard to build a strong relationship between the school community and the city. One of my first shows was at the 2017 Sunset Valley ArtFest.

When did you first pick up a paintbrush?

Before 2004, I had been too intimidated to pick up a paintbrush!"

!! originally started off working in the advertising field. I soon learned that the lifestyle required for that profession was not something that I wanted. Since then, I have done some freelance graphic design work and I started working with watercolor in 2004.

"MY ENTIRE LIFE HAS BEEN FILLED WITH COLOR AND MY PAINTINGS REFLECT IT"

What inspires your art and why have you selected watercolor as the medium?

My Indian heritage and the city of Austin has served as an inspiration for many of my paintings. I was born in India so I love to use inspiration from my culture. I also really love vibrant colors whether it be nature or the city, so many parts of my life have served as a muse for my paintings.

I use watercolor because it is a very 'convenient' type of art medium, so to speak. It dries quickly and I have the flexibility to step away from it and return when ready. At first, I was somewhat intimidated by how little control I had over the medium. But I realized that embracing the lack of control and dropping my expectations of what my art should look like, helped me paint better and have a stress-free experience."

"I BELIEVE IN USING ANY SKILLS AND TALENT I HAVE TO HELP MY COMMUNITY"

If you woke up and could no longer paint- what other art or profession would you explore?

Painting is one expression of art for me. But, I am always seeking to live artistically in other aspects of my life as well. If I didn't have my painting, I would pursue the art in parenting, the art in cooking, the art in vegetable gardening, the art in taekwondo, and the art in living. And by thinking in this way, I would never live a life without art.

What are your plans for sharing your talent with Sunset Valley (and the surrounding area)?

Currently, I have a solo art exhibit at Cannon Coffee, which will run until September 30, 2022. I also have a piece "Bend in the Rio Grande" that will hang as part of the Peoples Gallery at Austin City Hall until Spring, 2024. In addition to my current exhibitions, I plan to serve on the Sunset Valley Art Commission to increase the art profile and bring together the artist in our city.

If you would like to learn more about Supriya's art or purchase a piece, you can Click [here](#) or visit supriyakhareod.com.



SV City Mural Project Underway

On February 1st and June 21st, 2022, City Council unanimously approved funding for the commission of five murals across the city. Partnering with UP Art Studio and the Austin Department of Transportation, Sunset Valley entered into the Mini Murals program (minimurals.org) to help mitigate vandalism and beautify our city.

Two murals by the fantastic South Austin muralist Avery O are already finished at the corners of West Gate & Jones and Brodie & Ernest Robles. A third is currently in progress at the intersection of Brodie & Home Depot Blvd. The final two will be completed in the coming weeks.



Sunset Valley Wildfire Prevention

By: Helen Basse- *local SV Resident contributor*

Travis County provides helpful information regarding Wildfire Hazards and safety tips (click [here](#) to visit site).

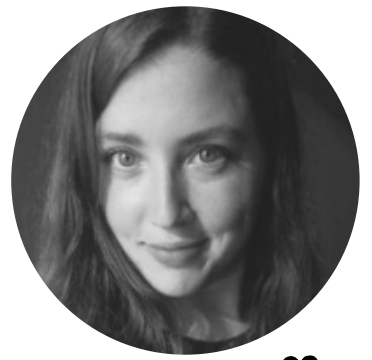
They have pinpointed homes in Sunset Valley that are considered red roof concerns. Red roof homes have an abundance of dead wood on slopes which is particularly dangerous. Once a fire is ignited, the rising temperature creates a wind that pushes the fire quickly. The residents in Sunset Valley have increasing concerns with the number of dead trees on Crystal Mountain and Homestead Hill, as erosion, over many hundreds of years, and neglect has taken away much of the needed topsoil. Consequently, trees have little to no chance of survival. The good news is that this can be remediated with a concentrated effort to remove dead wood and to provide the infrastructure to re-establish the soils needed by resident trees. That infrastructure has shown to be more labor intensive than financially burdensome -which is good news!

You can Help!

If you are interested in joining Sunset Valley resident efforts to remove dangerous fuel sources from our greenspaces, and work to limit the number of Red Roof homes in our community, please contact Helen Besse (Oakdale Dr) at helencb108@gmail.com | 512-415-4578 (via text) and ask for more information on the *Sunset Valley Fire Busters*.

STAR EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

SUZANNA F.



HOW HAVE YOU GROWN, PROFESSIONALLY AND PERSONALLY WHILE WORKING FOR THE CITY OF SUNSET VALLEY?

I've worked for The City of Sunset Valley as the Accounting Manager for 2 1/2 years and, I feel like I have learned more here than I have at any other job. Before this position, I worked for Travis County in the Auditor's Office- specifically, I worked in Accounts Payable, Financial Reporting, and Capital Assets. The Auditor's office houses around 80 employees whereas here at The City of Sunset Valley we have a smaller team. Consequently, I have had the opportunity to become well versed in more areas of accounting- from audit to zero-based budgeting. I have also grown through my work and collaboration with the Budget & Finance Committee and City Council. Working with them has expanded my knowledge of how government works from the inside. This is a view that I hadn't experienced before this position. Not only have I grown in my professional knowledge, but I have also grown personally through working with this team. Creating agendas and the budget with the administration team have helped me learn valuable interpersonal skills that have assisted me in becoming a more well-rounded person- professionally and personally.

IMPORTANT

November 8th Election Information

City of Sunset Valley, Mayor	Council Member Seats, full two-year term (two seats available)	Special Election Council Member Seat unexpired one-year term
Marc Bruner, incumbent running unopposed	Charles Young Robert Johnson Phil Ellett	Horacio Zambrana Karen Medicus

LIGHTS OUT SUNSET VALLEY!

Did you know 1 out of every 3 birds migrating through the U.S. this fall passes through Texas? Most migratory birds fly at night, meaning the bright lights of commercial and residential buildings attract and disorient birds. This distraction can cause collisions and leave birds vulnerable to threats on the ground.

Take action to protect migrating birds by turning out all non-essential lights outside and inside from 11 pm - 6 am from August 15 – November 30, and especially during Peak Migration from September 5 – October 29.

If you'd like to learn more about these efforts check out these websites:
<https://tx.audubon.org/urbanconservation/lights-out-texas>
and
<https://texasbynature.org/projects/lights-out-texas/>

Fun Brain Teaser

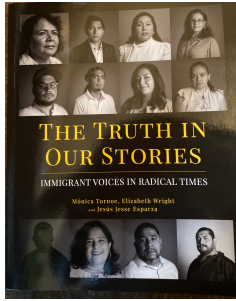
There is a word in the English language in which the first two letters signify a male, the first three letters signify a female, the first four signify a great man, and the whole word, a great woman. What is the word?

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



Reverie Bookstore is a hidden treasure located on the outskirts of Sunset Valley. When you walk in you are greeted with a very personal and welcoming space that is filled with indie books as well as a diverse variety of handmade and specialty items that are curated by local artists.

The store owner, Thais Perkins, took the reins of the store during the pandemic and has worked tirelessly to bring more awareness and attention to social justice challenges and the importance of inclusion.



Reverie Bookstore donates 2% of their profit in addition to allowing for a screen tip at checkout, to organizations that share in the store's mission. Proceeds from August will go to support [Justice for Our Neighbors](#) and [Refugee Services for Texas](#).

October 15th Reverie will hold an Anniversary/ Grand opening Event from 6-10 PM. If you are in the market for a good indie book or simply want to feel the nostalgia of shopping at an independently owned bookshop, stop in Tuesday-Friday 11 AM-7 PM and on weekends 10 AM-6 PM (open to 7 PM on Saturdays)

American Youthworks and The City of Sunset Valley



With a mission to provide young people with opportunities to build careers, strengthen communities, and improve the environment through education and local engagement activities, *American Youthworks* introduced a program called *YouthBuild*. *Youthbuild* is a program that allows for young people to complete their high school education while simultaneously serving the Greater Austin community.

During the months of August and September, YouthBuild has worked with Sunset Valley Public Works employees to clear out wood and other debris from Williamson Creek in Indiangrass Prairie. The downed trees are a flood hazard and place residents in a precarious position during seasons where flood and/ or fire are at significant threat levels. .

Residents like Helen Besse have taken notice of the incredible job that has been done over the past few months, "This group has made such a positive difference in our community," said Ms. Besse. "The staff at the City has worked really hard to help us stay safe. We are a high risk fire area so this is something that is very serious." In addition to the work that Youthworks is doing, Sunset Valley residents Richard Hayes, John Perkins, Lucy Hairston, Matteo Papola, Ketan Kharod, and Dario Leyva decided to start meeting in the early mornings of August to cut and drag branches and logs from approximately 50 feet either side of the trail. Youthworks then comes in and chip the branches and spread the chips back on the trail.

Basse is a member of the city's Sunset Valley Planning & Environmental Committee, which meets every 1st Thursday to discuss recommendations regarding environmental programs and issues including the rules and management of the city's green spaces and conservation lands. .



Members of YouthBuild and SV City Staff

Coming Soon!

Our City-wide Storybook Pumpkin Decorating Contest.

Keep an eye on your email for details.
FYI- Sunset Valley Elementary students will bring home a flyer, in their Friday folders, during the second week of September. Flyers will provide pumpkin pick-up information and registration details



Pictured: Officer Brownlow and Dr. Ramirez

On August 12th Sunset Valley Elementary school hosted their annual *Meet the Teacher Day*.

Corporal Brownlow of Sunset Valley Police Department and Dr. Danielle Ramirez, the Community Coordinator for the City of Sunset Valley, was there to extend a warm welcome to new and returning students. While the school staff finalized registration and directed parents to appropriate classrooms, Officer Brownlow and Danielle chatted with parents and handed out goodies to the kids. The Police badge stickers were very popular!

The City of Sunset Valley wishes all of the teachers, staff, and students a wonderful year.



During the month of August, Sunset Valley Police Department responded to 406 calls for service. Of those calls the following resulted in an incident report.

Chiefs Corner: Police Blotter



Location	Offense	Details
5400 Brodie Lane	Theft	Unknown suspect(s) stole backpack from cab of FedEx while driver was making a delivery
Austin 78745	Assist Austin PD	Male contacted police after an irate woman flagged his car down and reported that her two children had been assaulted and possibly sex trafficked in the area
5400 Brodie Lane	Information	Officers detained three juveniles who stole a pellet gun and placed it into a backpack
4800 Hwy 290	Abandoned Vehicle	A driver involved in a hit and run accident abandoned his vehicle and fled the scene.
5800 Brodie Lane	Warrant Arrest	Officers recognized a male suspected of a prior auto theft walking in the area and contacted him. Officers identified him and arrested him for outstanding aggravated robbery and aggravated assault warrants
5400 Brodie Lane	Theft	Male arrested for shoplifting
4800 W. 290	Stolen Vehicle	Officer received a stolen vehicle notification from city camera and recovered a vehicle that had been stolen from an address in Austin
4900 Hwy 290	Assist DPS	An officer escorted DPS Trooper into a campsite where several stolen vehicles were allegedly hidden. One stolen vehicle was recovered.
5601 Brodie Lane	Hit and run	Driver fled scene after colliding with another vehicle. Victim provided officer with license plate of the suspect's vehicle
5207 Brodie Lane	Vehicle Burglary	Driver's side window of vehicle shattered and contents from inside vehicle were stolen
5600 Blk Westgate	Stolen Vehicle	Officers received stolen vehicle alert from city cameras and located unoccupied, stolen, vehicle parked in apartment parking lot
5207 Brodie	Theft	Manager reported two males stealing items from store.
4715 S. Lamar	Warrant Arrest	Officer conducted traffic stop for speeding and arrested driver for DWI warrant
4800 Hwy 2990	Vehicle Burglary	Unknown suspect stole items from vehicle via unknown point of entry
5601 Brodie Lane	Credit Card Theft	Unknown suspect(s) stole victim's wallet and made unauthorized charges at mall in Austin area.
5207 Brodie Lane	Vehicle Burglary	Vehicle window shattered and items stolen from car
5207 Brodie Lane	Vehicle Burglary	Vehicle window shattered and backpack stolen from car
5800 Brodie Lane	Indecent Exposure	Officers checked welfare of woman who was partially nude and suffering from mental health crisis. She was eventually transported to a hospital for a mental health screening
4800 Hwy 290	Vehicle Burglary	Victim reported that unknown suspect(s) shattered his car window and stole items from inside the vehicle
4900 Hwy 290	Home Burglary	Resident reported finding the front door of her vacated home open and items taken from inside the home.
4000 S. Lamar	Stolen Vehicle	Officer recovered stolen rental vehicle
Pillow Road	Credit Card Abuse	Unauthorized accounts were opened using victim's identity
5207 Brodie Lane	Fraud	Unknown suspect altered check from the business and fraudulently cashed it
4900 Hwy 290	Business Burglary	Unknown suspect(s) shattered window with brick and stole items from inside business
5601 Brodie Lane	Public Intoxication	Officer encountered an intoxicated male passed out in front of a store and transported him to detox center
6900 Brodie Lane	Stolen Vehicle	Officers received stolen vehicle alert from city cameras and arrested driver of a vehicle stolen out of Austin
Reese Drive	Public Intoxication/Possession of Controlled Substance	An intoxicated, male, transient on a bicycle trespassed on several properties and began hurling outdoor furniture. When officers contacted the suspect, he resisted efforts to detain him. After the male was arrested cocaine, methamphetamines, and Xanax were retrieved from his pocket.



Upcoming Events!
 Save the Date
 October 4 Upcoming Event: National Night Out (NNO)
 October 1st-28th: October Storybook Pumpkin Contest
 October 17th- 21st: Volunteer Appreciation Week

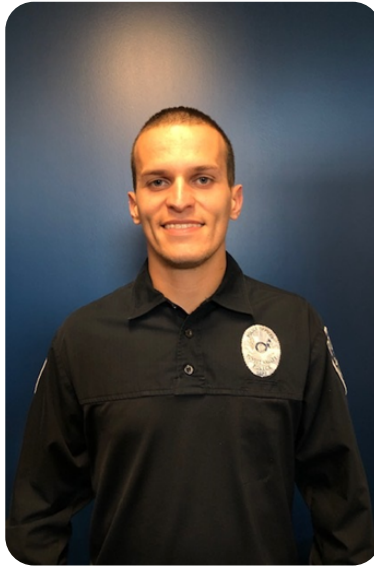
Answer to Brainteaser : Heroine

OFFICER SPOTLIGHT

Sunset Valley Police Department Officer Richard "Ricky" Forbes

Please join us in welcoming the newest member of the SVPD, Officer Richard "Ricky" Forbes.

Ricky brings more than five years of law enforcement experience as a St. Mary's County (MD) Sheriff's Deputy. He looks forward to working closely with the Sunset Valley community. In his spare time, Ricky is a professional motocross racer. Ricky and his wife, Page, have three children. Officer Forbes has been doing some amazing things. Click [here](#) to read more about our new officer!



SVPD Officer Richard Forbes



Travis County Service Opportunity

The Travis County Commissioners Court is currently seeking residents interested in working creatively in public and affordable housing. The Court must fill vacancies on two boards, the Housing Authority of Travis County (HATC) and the Strategic Housing Finance Corporation (SHFC). The deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 23, 2022

Please visit [:https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/intergovernmental-relations/board-appointments](https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/intergovernmental-relations/board-appointments)

for more information and an application packet.

Sunset Valley is Now Taking Applications!

Applications for Standing Committees (Budget and Finance, CED, P&E, Public Safety, and Public Works) and the Arts Commission are due **Friday, September 16th**. Appointments will be made on September 27th by Council for a term of one year, from October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023.

Current members DO NOT need to complete an application if they wish to remain on the Committee. Applications to serve on the Zoning Commission are also being accepted and are due by October 31st. Appointments for the Zoning Commission will be made by Council after the election on November 15th, and appointments are for a two-year term, from November 2022 – November 2024. Applications for alternate members for the Board of Adjustment will also be accepted.

Council Action

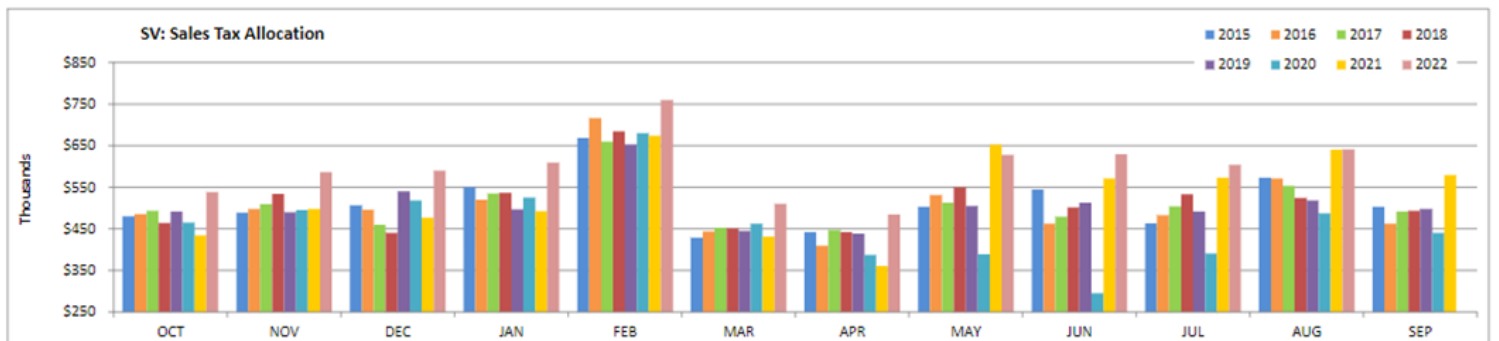
Council	
REGULAR SESSION	
8/2/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved the second regular meeting date in September to Tuesday, September 27th (Budget Adoption) and canceled the first regular meeting date in October – no meeting Tuesday, October 4th • Accepted the resignation of Joe Hutson as a regular member of the Arts Commission, and appointed him as an alternate member • Approval of a Temporary Special Use Permit for the Austin Runner’s Club to hold their Daisy Dash 5k, 10k, and kids race events on Sunday, October 23, 2022 • Approved releasing the Stearns Lane Lift Station Rehabilitation project for bids with the modifications recommended by staff and the Public Works Committee • Adopted Utility Late Fee and Delinquency Policies
8/16/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of a Right of Way License Agreement with Google Fiber • Approval of an Ordinance amending the FY 2022 Budget (Budget Amendment #14) and approving the purchase of speed limit signs, flood warning signs, and the striping of Jones Road and Sunflower Trail • Approval of two (2) easements for the Lone Oak Trail Waterline to Curley Mesquite Cove and Sunset Trail Waterline • Approval of a Preliminary Plat of 4.966 acres out of T. Bissell Survey Abstract 13, also known as 6405 Brodie Lane, under Section 150.281 of the Land Development Code
Council	
SPECIAL SESSION	
8/20/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accepted the resignation of Council Member Justin Litchfield • Approval of an Ordinance calling for a Special Election to be held on November 8, 2022, for the vacant Council position, in accordance with the Texas Election Code
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of Mayor Pro tem, Alfonso Carmona as Council Liaison to the Planning and Environmental Committee • Adopted a revised Vision Statement for the City • Vision Statement, adopted 8-20-2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Sunset Valley is a unique city that: ◦ respects its residents, staff, and the environment, ◦ fosters a sense of community, ◦ encourages a healthful, active, peaceful lifestyle, ◦ supports business opportunities, and ◦ promotes a prosperous economy and sustainable quality of life.

SUNSET VALLEY SALES TAX ALLOCATION SUMMARY
August 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	640,808
SEP	\$	503,341	462,349	491,445	493,832	497,138	440,434	579,028	
YEAR	\$	6,152,171	6,076,902	6,097,434	6,154,191	6,076,919	5,534,535	6,381,516	6,579,481
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	\$	263	0.1%	\$ 776,993	13.4%
SEP					



August was a good month for Sunset Valley!
 We are up 13% YTD from fiscal year 2021



SV Policy UPDATE

Utility bills are due on the 20th of the month.

When that date falls on a weekend, the due date is the following Monday. The bill is considered late 15 days after the 20th.

·Notice will be sent out on the 15th day. A late fee of 10% of the delinquent account balance will be charged on the day after the bill is considered late. If service is disconnected, a \$100 reconnect fee will be assessed a disconnect fee.

·Notice will inform the customer that service will be disconnected 10 days after the late notice is sent.

·Arrangements for payment can be made by the City Administrator to get the account current within a period equal to or less than 6 months. Arrangements with terms longer than 6 months will be approved by Council.

·Payment plan arrangements will be made in writing and will describe the amounts and dates to be paid.

·Failure to pay or honor the agreed upon payment arrangement will result in disconnection of utility services on the next business day following the original payment arrangement date.

In no instance shall the payment arrangement be greater than 6 months without Council approval.