



SUNSET VALLEY



IT'S GOOD TO BE HERE



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Can you Solve this riddle?

I speak without a mouth and hear without ears. I have no body, but I come alive with wind. What am I?

Answer on page 4! Don't cheat!



Mr. Matt Lingafelter: Interim City Administrator

On September 13, 2022 Sunset Valley City Council appointed former Assistant City Administrator, Matt Lingafelter, to now serve as Interim City Administrator-effective October 1st.

Matt Lingafelter has been with the City, in a full-time capacity, since 2010. During his time with the Sunset Valley, Mr. Lingafelter has served in multiple roles. Most notably, he has served as City Secretary, Court Administrator, and Administrative Assistant. While attending St. Edwards University (Austin, TX), Mr. Lingafelter served as an Accounting and Budget intern (2007-2009).

Mr. Lingafelter holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from Texas State University and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from St. Edward's University.



The City of Sunset Valley Presents

STORYBOOK PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST



**PUMPKIN
SUBMISSIONS
DUE OCTOBER 28TH**

You are only limited by your imagination in this family edition Storybook Pumpkin Decorating Contest! Simply work as a family to design, decorate and display your favorite Storybook Character as a pumpkin. Then **bring your pumpkin Character to the Public Works building, located at 3205 Jones Road, Sunset Valley, TX 78745.** A team of judges will determine three winners who will each receive gift cards and prizes from local businesses and restaurants. The winners will also be featured in the November issue of the Sunset Valley Newsletter. Submissions will be accepted from October 1st - October 28th. | **DUE FRIDAY OCTOBER 28th** by 4:00 PM.

Winners are announced: on October 31st during school announcements (at participating schools) and posted on www.sunsetvalley.org. All Pumpkins will be displayed at Sunset Valley City Hall.

Those entering the contest qualify for a free pumpkin! Pick up at the Annual SVPD National Night Out Event, on October 4th. Supplies are limited.

OFFICIAL RULES:

- *One entry per Child. *Pumpkins can be real or artificial. *All entries must be school appropriate. *All entries must be received by 4:00 PM on Friday, October 28th.



The City of Sunset Valley
Community Partners & Sponsors for this event



QUESTIONS?
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Chiefs Corner: Police Blotter

During the month of September, Sunset Valley Police Department responded to 578 calls for service. Of those calls the following resulted in an incident report.

Location	Offense	Details
Reese Dr	Theft	Witnesses reported male trespassing on multiple properties. Officers contacted the man, and he resisted arrest. After arresting the suspect, officers found numerous controlled substances on his person.
4900 Hwy 290	Criminal Trespass	Officers conducting a close patrol of the property arrested a man and woman who entered the home without the owner's permission.
5601 Brodie Lane	Hit and Run	Witnesses observed the suspect's vehicle strike another and flee the scene without leaving information. Witnesses were able to provide a license plate number for the suspect's vehicle.
Home Depot Blvd	Vehicle Theft	A rental truck was not returned per the rental contract.
5601 Brodie Lane	Theft/Recovery	The suspect cut the lock of a bicycle and stole the bike. Officers located the suspect and bicycle in a nearby campsite where the suspect was arrested.
5207 Brodie Lane	Warrant Arrest	Officer arrested bicyclist with known outstanding warrants.
4800 W. 290	Aggravated Sexual Assault	The victim reported prior sexual assault to another law enforcement agency and the case was referred for investigation.
4900 Hwy 290	Vehicle Theft	City cameras alerted officers to stolen vehicle. Vehicle was recovered after being abandoned.
Sunset Trail	Found Property	Suspect tossed a bicycle into shrubs and then fled after he noticed that officers were in area.
8000 Brodie Lane	Vehicle Theft	City cameras alerted officers to stolen vehicle. Officer assisted another agency with recovery of stolen vehicle.
5500 Brodie Lane	Stolen Vehicle	Officers received stolen vehicle alert from city cameras, recovered the stolen vehicle and arrested the driver for theft and possession of stolen firearm.
Home Depot Blvd	Hit and Run	Unknown driver struck complainant's vehicle and failed to leave information prior to leaving the scene.
5500 Brodie Lane	Possession of Controlled Substance	Officer observed female in drainage ditch injecting a suspected controlled substance. Suspect was detained pending further investigation.
5400 Brodie Lane	Theft/Possession of Controlled Substance	Employees witnesses suspected attempting to steal shoes from store. Officers located a syringe with a suspected controlled substance on the suspect after contacting him about the theft.
5207 Brodie Lane	Theft	Store employee reported suspect from a prior theft incident had returned to the store.
5400 Brodie Lane	Possession of Controlled Substance	Officer observed suspect inside of a commercial trash bin and arrested him for possession of controlled substance.
4800 Hwy 290	Hit and Run	Witnesses provided license plate information of vehicle that struck another vehicle and fled scene without leaving information.
3200 Country White	DWI	Officers assisted another agency with intoxicated driver arrest.
3400 William Cannon	Stolen Vehicle/Possession of Controlled Substance	City cameras alerted officers to stolen vehicle. Officers stopped the stolen vehicle, but occupants managed to escape on foot. Officers discovered a quantity of controlled substances inside of the vehicle.
6200 Brodie Lane	Graffiti	Officer observed red spray paint on the Sunset Valley city marker stone.
5400 Brodie Lane	Credit Card Abuse	Unknown suspect stole a woman's wallet and made fraudulent charges on her credit card.
5400 Brodie Lane	Theft	Unknown suspects stole the catalytic converter from the victim's vehicle while he was inside of store.
5601 Brodie Lane	Vehicle Theft	City cameras alerted officers to stolen vehicle. The driver fled on foot but was apprehended by officers and transported to jail.

FY 2022-2023 Standing Committee Appointments

****New members are in bold*

Arts Commission

John Frick
Myles Fox
Ruth Pifer-Hutson
Julie Kestner
Karen Medicus
Sasha Russell
Barbara Wilson
***Supriya Kharod**
***Cara Shackelford**

James Hart, alternate
Joe Hutson, alternate

Budget & Finance

Ariel Cloud
Terry Cowan
Jose Flores
Shakthi Shrima
Charles Young
***Marion McMillan**
***Corbin Graham**

Community & Econ. Development

Penny Cedel
Mickie Powers
John Kestner
Jennie Lou Leeder
Clayton Stice
Horacio Zambrana
***Zoe Trieff**

Public Safety

Joe Koizen
Art Williams
Ian Kasnoff
Jeff Burdett
John Kestner
Joseph Labahn
Michael Moore
Roberta Grimes
Ruth Dawson
Melissa Gonzales
Richard Leigh
Randy Machemehl
Randy Rosengarten
Ken Schroeder

Planning and Environmental

Helen Besse
Dawn Dickson
Melissa Gonzales
Katherine Johnson
Karen Medicus
Zoe Trieff
Jennie Lou Leeder, alternate
***Burton Pierson**

Short-term Rental Registration

In June 2021, the City Council of the City of Sunset Valley adopted Short-term Rental (STR) Registration regulations. STRs are allowed within the Single-family Residential Districts of the City of Sunset Valley.

The Ordinance adopted by City Council went into effect on October 1, 2022. Registrations are effective for two (2) years and are approved administratively. Short-term Rentals are assessed a bi-annual registration fee of \$200. Short-Term Rental Registration can be completed here

Please visit the city website (www.sunsetvalley.org) or click [here](#) for additional information, and for a list of what information you will need to provide to complete the STR Registration. For more information on the STR Registration process, please contact the Administration Department at 512-892-1383. *note: a web-based form will be used until the STR Registration process is built out in MyPermitNow, the City's online permitting software by MyGovernmentOnline

Solid Waste Waste Increase

Starting in October 2022, Solid Waste rates have increased to \$2.96 per month for residents. Trash and recycling collection will remain weekly, with bi-weekly green waste collection. Per City Financial Policy #105, Council passed along the rate increase of \$1.12 from Texas Disposal Systems for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Water, wastewater, and drainage rates are not increasing. If you have any questions regarding the solid waste rate increase, please contact the City at 512-892-1383.

Sunset Valley Community Engagement



September was filled with so much activity! Our wonderful local businesses and community partners have worked hard to support residents and community initiatives through generous donations toward the annual National Night Out event + The City-wide Storybook Pumpkin Contest. Sunset Valley also bid farewell to (former) City Administrator, Sylvia Carrillo.



What is the Autumn Equinox?

Autumn Equinox 2022 in Northern Hemisphere occurred at 8:03 PM



Have you ever wondered what happens during the Autumn Equinox? Radifah Kabir and Bob Berman explore some of the most interesting facts about this natural phenomenon. Here are a few of the facts that they share with readers.

During an equinox, the Sun crosses what we call the “celestial equator”—an imaginary extension of Earth’s equator line into space. The equinox occurs precisely when the Sun’s center passes through this line.

For those in the Northern Hemisphere, when the Sun crosses the equator going from north to south, this marks the autumnal equinox; when it crosses from south to north, this marks the vernal equinox. In the Southern Hemisphere, it’s the reverse.

Equinox is a single moment in time.

When the Sun crosses the celestial equator, which is an imaginary line in the sky above Earth's equator. Equinox is a moment when Earth's axis neither tilts away nor towards the Sun. After Autumn Equinox, there will be earlier sunsets and later sunrises in the Northern Hemisphere.

Aequus, meaning 'equal', and **nox**, meaning 'night', are the Latin words from which the word equinox has been derived. However, day and night are not precisely 12 hours each on the day of fall or spring equinox. In some places in the Northern Hemisphere, the Sun will appear to be above the horizon when it is actually below it, because of the refraction of sunlight, according to National Weather Service.

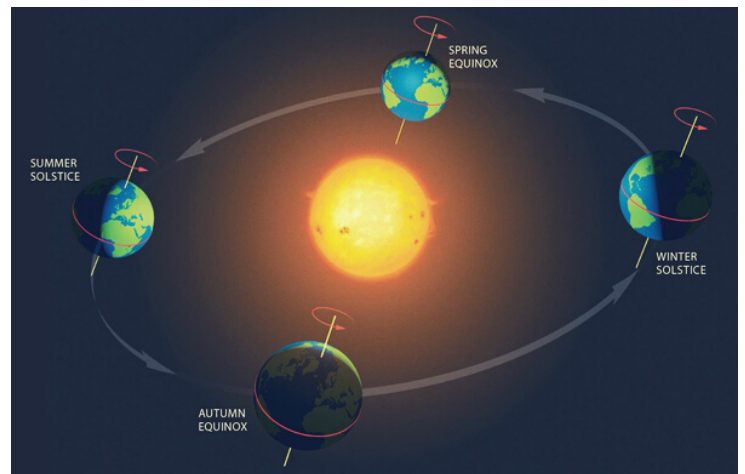


Photo Credit: BBC Sky at Night Magazine

Equinoxes signal the start of the Northern Lights. Aurora Borealis refers to a spectacular view of colorful lights in the night sky. Autumn Equinox is the prime time for viewing Aurora Borealis or Northern Lights. This is because geomagnetic storms happen twice as frequently as the annual average. During the equinox, solar winds or the particles of plasma are better able to reach Earth's atmosphere, due to the Earth's axial tilt, through our geomagnetic field, and this interaction results in the strongest geomagnetic storms. The particles of plasma interact with atoms of oxygen, nitrogen, and other elements in the atmosphere, and release photons of different wavelengths, causing beautiful colors of the aurora.



To read the complete article(s) please click the links below.

[Autumn Equinox 2021: 12 Interesting Facts You Must Know About This Day.](#)

[Autumnal Equinox 2022: The First Day of Fall](#)

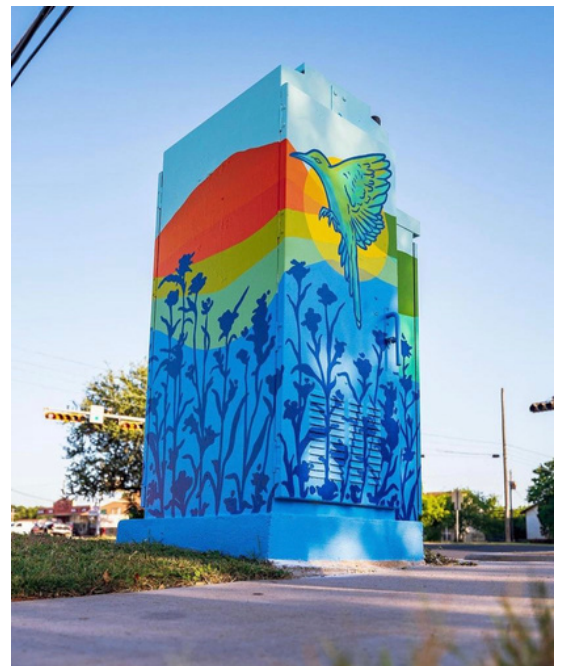
Avery Houser of Avery O Design

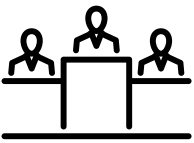
Driving along Brodie Lane in Sunset Valley and at Westgate and Jones Road you may have noticed something different. Art is popping up everywhere on electrical boxes. This is the work of Avery Houser a talented mural artist. Her company Avery O Design, a mural design and installation studio, is where the magic happens. Many of her murals start as simple illustrations the morph into full-scale mural concepts as the process of positive energy takes over the narrative as the driving force. Her work expresses a joyful and playful spirit we are excited to have in Sunset Valley.

Sunset Valley City Council member Robert Johnson coordinated the electrical box beautification project involving the police department, the Arts Commission, the Community and Economic Development Committee, and Council. The response to the project is very positive and the Village Shopping Center is now interested in doing murals on their electrical boxes. This is a great start to bringing art to our public spaces in Sunset Valley.



<https://www.instagram.com/averyodesign/?hl=en>





September 6th

- [Approval](#) of an Ordinance amending the FY 2021-2022 Budget (Budget Amendment #15) for security system upgrades and emergency wastewater repair services as recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee.
- [Approval](#) of Amendments to the Land Development Code Sections 150.014 and 150.019 for improvements to the City's development process and requiring more detailed information to be required at submittal for development applications.
- [Acceptance of the Bid](#) for the Public Works Reception Area Enclosure Project by HCS, Inc. In an amount not to exceed \$54,900.
- [Approval](#) of payout of the City Administrator's accrued vacation time over 120 hours.

September 13th

- [Appointment of Mayor Marc Bruner as the City of Sunset Valley's General Assembly Representative for the Capital Area Council of Governments \(CAPCOG\).](#)
- [Approval](#) of the renewal of the Interlocal Agreement for Public Health Services with the City of Austin, effective October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023.
- [Approval](#) of variance based on the findings as presented, for Petco from Section 150.729 (A) Specific Requirements Related to Permanent Signs Requiring a Permit at 5601 Brodie Lane.
- [Appointment of Matt Lingafelter as Interim City Administrator with a 10% salary increase effective October 1, 2022.](#)

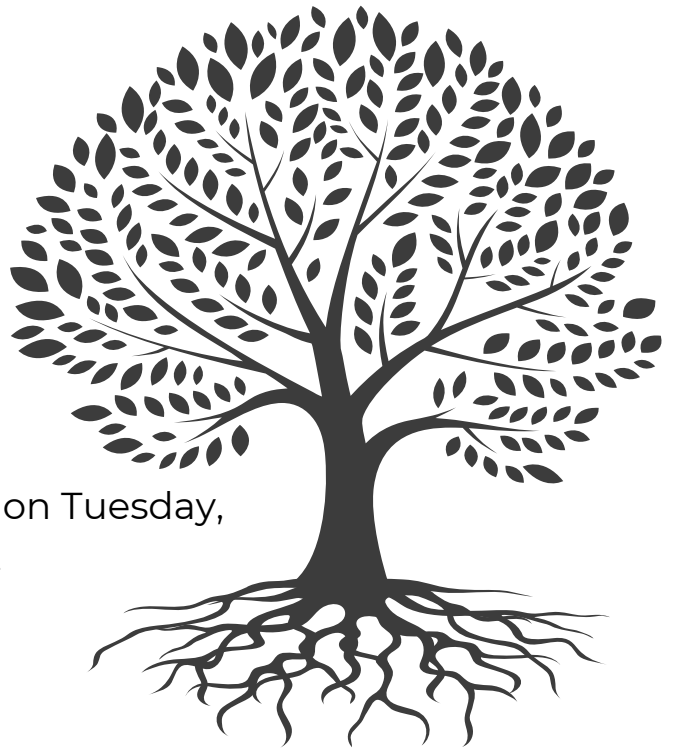
September 27th

- [Approval](#) of an Ordinance adopting and approving a Budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022, and terminating September 30, 2023, and making appropriations for projects and accounts; and continuation of a Surplus General Revenue Fund a committed fund balance, for Parks, Open Spaces and Beautification, derived from any surplus general fund revenue above actual expenses at the end of the fiscal year up to a maximum of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollars
- [Approval](#) of Financial Statements for June and July 2022, as recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee
- [Approval](#) of an Ordinance amending the FY 2021-2022 Budget (Budget Amendment #16) for the outgoing City Administrator's vacation payout.
- [Approval](#) of an Ordinance adopting water, wastewater, solid waste and drainage utility rates for residential and commercial customers of the City of Sunset Valley, Texas for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022. The solid waste fee for residents increased to \$2.96 per month.
- [Approval](#) of annual contracts for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2022, including a new contract with UniVista for Information Technology services
- [Award of bid](#) and approval of a three-year contract with TexaScapes to provide landscaping services for the City
- [Authorization](#) of Engineering Task Orders for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023
- [Approval](#) of an Ordinance amending the Commercial and Residential development fee schedules, effective October 1, 2022
- [Acceptance of the resignation](#) of Barbara Wilson from the Board of Adjustment
- [Appointment of resident volunteers](#) to the five (5) Standing Committees and the Arts Commission for a one-year term beginning October 1, 2021
- [Approval](#) of the purchase of fuel storage tanks for emergency response operations

Meet the Candidates

10.11.22

Meet the Candidates will be held at City Hall on Tuesday,
October 11th from 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.



The event will be livestreamed via the City's [YouTube Channel](#)

There are five (5) candidates for a total of three (3) Council Member Seats.

Running for two (2) regular, two-year term Council Member Seats:

- Phil Ellett
- Charles Young
- Robert Johnson, incumbent

Running for one (1), vacant one-year term Council Member Seat:

- Horacio Zambrana
- Karen Medicus

Click [Here](#) for more November 8, 2022 Election Information

