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June 2023

SUNSET  **VALLEY**
IT'S GOOD TO BE HERE

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Dear Sunset Valley Residents,

Spring 2023 has been an exhilarating and vibrant season here in the City of Sunset Valley, brimming with successful community events and promising initiatives. It is with great pleasure that I share some highlights with you, showcasing the remarkable achievements we have accomplished together.

First and foremost, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to each and every one of you for your invaluable support and participation in our recent community events. The first annual Scavenger Hike, Public Works Open House, and Blood Drive were resounding successes, fostering a sense of unity and camaraderie within our community. A special thank you goes out to the Sunset Valley Arts Commission for orchestrating the triumphant 15th annual ARTFEST event. Moreover, their sponsorship of the collaborative Community Mural has resulted in a masterpiece that will be unveiled on Saturday, June 17th. These accomplishments are a testament to the indomitable spirit and dedication of our resident volunteers and city staff.

I am delighted to announce that the long-awaited repairs and renovations to City Hall are now nearing completion. Following the resumption of City Council meetings in the Chambers in late April, the Administrative staff will return to their back offices starting the first week of June. I encourage all residents to visit City Hall and witness the remarkable transformation firsthand. The renovations have introduced exciting new community spaces, including a charming reading nook that occupies the spot where the old court window used to be. As part of our efforts to enrich the community experience, we will be hosting a 'fill the shelves' event throughout the month of June, aiming to stock the nook with a diverse collection of books for everyone to enjoy.

On another note, I am thrilled to inform you that the Planning and Environmental Committee, along with the Zoning Commission, has concluded their joint meetings and finalized the draft revisions of the City's Comprehensive Plan. This comprehensive plan, a collective expression of our community's vision for the future, will be presented to the Council and the public on June 20th. We anticipate adopting the plan during the City Council meeting scheduled for July 18th. I extend my deepest gratitude to the Planning and Environmental Committee, as well as all residents who have contributed to this pivotal update. Your insights and involvement have played a vital role in shaping our community's direction.

Looking ahead, we are excited to embark on the planning process for the next fiscal year's budget, 2023-2024. Of particular interest is the Reimagine Brodie Capital Improvement Project, which holds tremendous potential for enhancing the safety, aesthetics, and overall experience along Brodie Lane—the City's central commercial corridor. This ambitious project will involve multifaceted improvements, including the establishment of multi-use trails, enhanced lighting, safety measures, and beautiful landscaping. While this endeavor will span multiple years, we eagerly anticipate commencing the planning phase and engaging with the community to ensure its success.

As we move forward, I am enthusiastic about continuing to work alongside our elected officials, dedicated staff, and the many resident volunteers who tirelessly contribute to our city's progress. Together, we will bring to life an array of exciting projects, programs, and events that reflect the vibrant spirit of Sunset Valley. Should you have any questions, concerns, or innovative ideas you wish to share, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Your feedback is vital in shaping the future of our community.

Thank you for your support and unwavering dedication. Together, let us continue to create a Sunset Valley that we can all be proud of.

Best regards,

Matt Lingafelter

City Administrator



City Council Action

May 2, 2023

Approval of a Resolution declaring May 2023 as Wildfire Awareness Month in the City of Sunset Valley

Approval for the Sunset Valley Arts Commission to use City Hall as a location for the Bid Medium Studio Tour sponsoring resident artists

Approve "Reimagine Brodie" as an FY 24 project to be included in the budget process for FY24 and staff direction to bring back a revised scope of work for lighting contract based on council discussion

Approval of a Resolution to pursue Dark Sky Community certification and to provide better lighting within the City of Sunset Valley

May 16, 2023

Cancelled the July 4, 2023 regular City Council meeting

Approval of Task Order Amendments #3 and #4 to the Home Depot and Ernest Robles Way Road and Sidewalk Improvement Project in an amount of \$58,870

Award of a contract to Terracon to complete materials testing for the Combined 2022-2023 Capital Improvement Project

Authorized the release of a Request for Bids (RFB) for the asbestos remediation and demolition of residential structures at 6107 and 6401 Brodie Lane, with the option of demolishing one versus both structures

Approval of a Watershed Development Permit with two variances for a garden and courtyard at the Hahn Agency located at 5203 Brodie Lane

Approval of a Software as a Service agreement with Tyler Technologies for the implementation of Tyler One and ERP Pro 10 Financial Management Suite

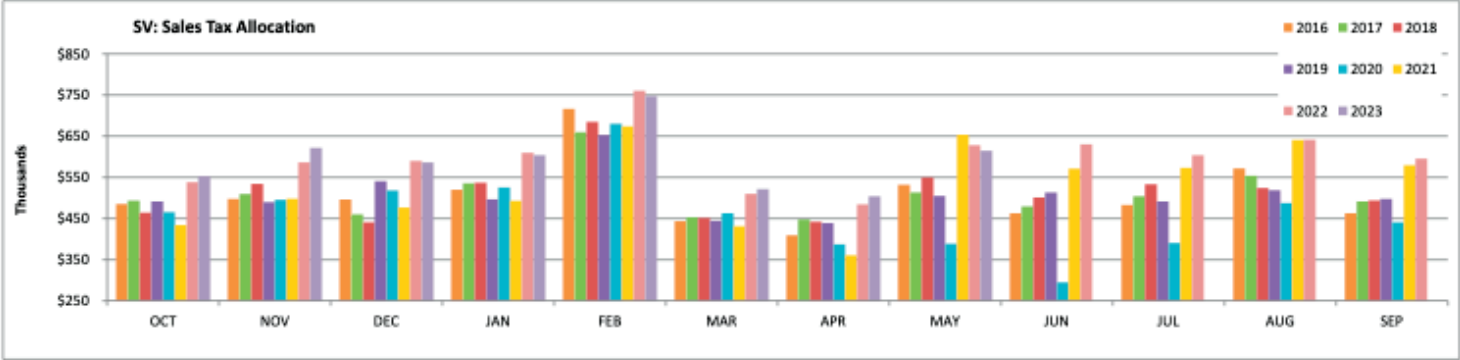
Sales Tax Allocation Summary

**SUNSET VALLEY SALES TAX ALLOCATION SUMMARY
MAY 2023**

Note: this report does not include Crime Control District Revenues

	FISCAL YEAR							
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
OCT	\$ 485,100	\$ 493,183	\$ 463,808	\$ 491,236	\$ 465,420	\$ 433,705	\$ 537,953	\$ 552,771
NOV	\$ 497,492	\$ 509,333	\$ 533,899	\$ 489,434	\$ 495,228	\$ 497,739	\$ 586,084	\$ 621,465
DEC	\$ 495,764	\$ 459,870	\$ 440,419	\$ 540,146	\$ 517,793	\$ 476,091	\$ 589,742	\$ 585,977
JAN	\$ 519,779	\$ 535,108	\$ 536,750	\$ 496,433	\$ 525,321	\$ 492,702	\$ 609,517	\$ 603,435
FEB	\$ 715,822	\$ 659,119	\$ 684,587	\$ 652,244	\$ 679,963	\$ 673,293	\$ 759,867	\$ 747,299
MAR	\$ 443,134	\$ 452,440	\$ 451,270	\$ 444,118	\$ 462,568	\$ 430,956	\$ 509,905	\$ 520,917
APR	\$ 409,074	\$ 447,500	\$ 442,078	\$ 438,610	\$ 387,192	\$ 360,765	\$ 484,118	\$ 503,574
MAY	\$ 531,559	\$ 513,096	\$ 549,709	\$ 504,872	\$ 388,573	\$ 652,949	\$ 627,823	\$ 614,551
JUN	\$ 462,500	\$ 478,966	\$ 501,082	\$ 512,957	\$ 294,578	\$ 570,943	\$ 630,171	
JUL	\$ 482,707	\$ 503,723	\$ 533,027	\$ 491,551	\$ 390,053	\$ 572,801	\$ 603,494	
AUG	\$ 571,622	\$ 553,650	\$ 523,730	\$ 518,181	\$ 487,412	\$ 640,545	\$ 640,808	
SEP	\$ 462,349	\$ 491,445	\$ 493,832	\$ 497,138	\$ 440,434	\$ 579,028	\$ 595,393	
YEAR	\$ 6,076,902	\$ 6,097,434	\$ 6,154,191	\$ 6,076,919	\$ 5,534,535	\$ 6,381,516	\$ 7,174,874	\$ 4,749,989
YoY Char	-1.2%	0.3%	0.9%	-1.3%	-8.9%	15.3%	12.4%	

	Change from FY 2021/2022			
	Month		Year-to-Date	
	\$	%	\$	YTD %
OCT	\$ 14,818	2.8%	\$ 14,818	2.8%
NOV	\$ 35,381	6.0%	\$ 50,199	4.5%
DEC	\$ (3,765)	-0.6%	\$ 46,434	2.7%
JAN	\$ (6,082)	-1.0%	\$ 40,352	1.7%
FEB	\$ (12,568)	-1.7%	\$ 27,784	0.9%
MAR	\$ 11,012	2.2%	\$ 38,796	1.1%
APR	\$ 19,456	4.0%	\$ 58,252	1.4%
MAY	\$ (13,272)	-2.1%	\$ 44,980	1.0%
JUN				
JUL				
AUG				
SEP				





FILL THE SHELVES

Calling all bookworms and literature enthusiasts! Join us for an exhilarating journey into the realm of imagination during our extraordinary book drive event: "Sunset Valley Fill the Shelves Event"!

Do you have books that have captured your heart and imagination, sitting idly on your shelves? It's time to give them a new life! Join us for a fantastic book drive event as we prepare for the reopening of Sunset Valley City Hall! We are asking all residents to bring in 1-2 books during the month of June. All donations will be added to the Book Nook in Sunset Valley City Hall!

Our vision, as a City, extends beyond the book drive itself. By fostering a vibrant reading community, we aim to create lasting connections and foster a passion for lifelong learning. Together, we can ensure that everyone has access to the empowering world of books and the joy of reading.

Share this flyer with your friends, neighbors, and colleagues, and encourage them to join us in this noble cause.



ENTIRE MONTH OF JUNE



DROP OFF
SUNSET VALLEY POLICE
DEPARTMENT
3207 JONES ROAD, 78745



Employee Spotlight

Dakota Burns

Public Works Department

How long have you been with the City of Sunset Valley?

A little more than a year

Briefly describe your role as the City Superintendent and how your position fits into the everyday operations in the Public Works Department

As public Works Superintendent I manage CIP projects and other projects that come up in the department. I also keep track of the equipment and vehicle maintenance. I am not afraid to get my hands dirty and work in the field with the techs as needed.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

In 5 years I hope to continue growing my career by attending trainings, learning from others in the department, and adding more projects to my professional portfolio.

What has been the most challenging aspect of this position?

How have you responded to the challenge?

The biggest challenge I have is splitting my time with office work and field work. I am still working to create the balance but I have made progress.

What would people be surprised to learn about you?

I am not originally from Texas. I was born and raised in a small town called Goshen, Ohio and yes I owned my cowboy hat before I moved to Texas.



Summer Internship Program

We are thrilled to announce the arrival of the 2023 summer interns to our wonderful city!

This incredible program provides valuable summer jobs for talented youth aged 14-17 years old. While applications for this year's program are no longer being accepted, we are excited to continue this initiative in the years to come!

The summer internship program offers a fantastic opportunity for young individuals to gain hands-on experience, learn new skills, and contribute to the betterment of Sunset Valley. Our interns will be working alongside our dedicated Public Works team, engaging in meaningful projects and making a positive impact in our community. We believe in investing in the future leaders of our city, and this program serves as a stepping stone for these young talents to develop their abilities and pave the way for successful careers.

Stay tuned as we share updates on the interns' activities and achievements throughout the summer! Make sure to follow [@cityofsunsetvalley](#) for exciting insights into their experiences and the incredible work they will be doing.

Thank you to everyone who supported this program, including the applicants, their families, and the community. Together, we are shaping a brighter future for Sunset Valley!



Eco-Conscious Art & Sustainable Creativity

In front of the City of Sunset Valley, Public Works Building, you'll find an incredible art installation made entirely out of recycled plastic bottles!

It's a testament to Sunset Valley's commitment to sustainability and creativity.

The artwork is expertly crafted, with the plastic bottles ingeniously secured to a sturdy wooden frame. The combination of materials creates a mesmerizing effect. We invite you to come and experience the unique blend of art and environmental consciousness.



Come to the Unveiling of our Community Collaborative mural!

Mark your calendars - June 17th from 10 am -11:30 am - for the unveiling of our community mural painted by Sunset Valley residents of all ages, staff and friends.



In April the City sponsored three great events: a scavenger hunt, the public works open house, and painting the Community Collaborative Mural. To further promote the arts in our town, the Arts Commission connected with artist Vickie McMillan-Hayes, who worked with the Commission to come up with a mural design and theme representative of Sunset Valley. Some 150 citizens and staff artists created this collaborative mural. Great fun was had by all!

The mural will be installed on the exterior wall of the PD. At the unveiling, the Mayor and participants who painted the mural will talk about their artful experiences.

If you were a painter and would like to say a word, please let Sasha Russell (Sashafree0@gmail.com) know. Continental breakfast items, coffee and juice from La Madeleine will be served in the PD conference room. You'll also get to see a slide show of the development of the mural.

Many thanks to the City Council for supporting this exciting effort. Come be a part of the unveiling of this fantastic Sunset Valley community art event, because it's ' Good to be here'.



Sunset Valley Police Blotter

During the month of May 2023, the Sunset Valley Police Department responded to 494 calls for service. Of those calls the following resulted in an incident report.

Location	Offense	Details
2800 Jones Rd	Warrant Arrest	City cameras alerted officers to a vehicle driven by a male with outstanding felony warrants from another jurisdiction
5207 Brodie Ln	Forgery	Male used counterfeit currency to purchase merchandise
Home Depot Blvd	Aggravated Assault on Police Officer/Recovered Stolen Vehicle	City cameras alerted officers to a stolen vehicle. The suspect vehicle collided with the officer's vehicle in an effort to evade arrest. The driver was arrested but an unknown female passenger fled on foot.
4400 S. Lamar	Recovered Stolen Vehicle	City cameras alerted officers to a stolen vehicle. Officers arrested the driver and also charged him with possession of controlled substance.
Home Depot Blvd	Theft	Male arrested after stealing items from the store.
5400 Brodie Ln	Theft	Male issued citation after placing multiple items in his backpack and passing all points of sale.
Home Depot Blvd	Aggravated Robbery	Unknown suspect shattered a store employee's vehicle window.
5601 Brodie Ln	Recovered Stolen Vehicle/Controlled Substance	Male shoplifting suspect fled from officers after they made contact with him.
5601 Brodie Ln	Theft	Suspect concealed items under his shirt and fled in a vehicle.



Sunset Valley Police Blotter Continued

5601 Brodie Ln	Theft	A male placed multiple items into a black trash bag and exited the store without paying for the merchandise
Reese Dr	Fraud	Unknown suspect purchased two vehicles and other items using the victim's identity.
5207 Brodie Ln	Theft	Officers arrested a male shoplifting suspect.
Home Depot Blvd	Recovered Stolen Vehicle	City cameras alerted officers to a stolen vehicle. Officers arrested the driver in a store parking lot.
5400 Brodie Ln	Criminal Mischief	An unknown suspect shattered the windows of three stores. No entry was made into the stores.
4500 Hwy 290	DWI	Officer contacted the driver of a swerving vehicle and determined that the driver was intoxicated.
Home Depot	Theft	Officers contacted a male theft suspect from a previous theft incident and arrested him for an outstanding warrant.
5207 Brodie Ln	Theft	Employees observed two suspects stealing merchandise and provided the suspects' license plate information.
Home Depot	Theft	Employees were able to retrieve stolen power tools from a suspect who fled in a vehicle after being confronted.
5207 Brodie Ln	Theft/Warrant Arrest	A male suspect caused a disturbance in the store and stole food from customers' plates. Officers contacted the male and arrested him for outstanding warrants.



Sunset Valley Police Blotter Continued

Home Depot Blvd	Theft/Possession of Controlled Substance	Officer stopped a vehicle displaying a stolen license plate and arrested the driver for possession of controlled substance.
5400 Brodie Ln	Theft	A male stole several items and fled on foot.
Home Depot Blvd	Theft	Employees reported a male suspect responsible for a prior theft
5207 Brodie Ln	Theft	Two females working in tandem placed multiple items in their purses and exited without paying.
Pillow Rd	Burglary of Vehicle	Unknown suspect stole items from an unlocked vehicle.



Chief's Corner



We are thrilled to feature Officer James Brownlow in this month's Officer Spotlight. If you've been around Sunset Valley for some time, you're likely familiar with his friendly face. Officer Brownlow has been a dedicated member of our department since 2011, serving in various capacities over the years.

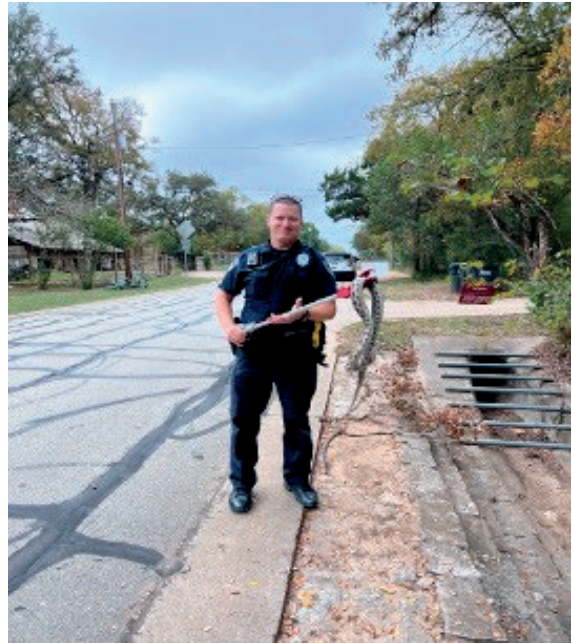
·Currently, Officer Brownlow holds the position of Community Resource Officer, a role that allows him to focus on trail patrols and address quality-of-life concerns within our community.

His commitment to his duties and his genuine care for the residents of Sunset Valley have made him an invaluable asset to our team

Within the department, Officer Brownlow is affectionately known as the "Austin Man" or the "Renaissance Man." It's no surprise why—he possesses a wealth of knowledge about all things Austin. Whether you need recommendations on the best weekend hangout spots, information about a bird you spotted while hiking in the greenbelt, or even the name of a long-gone restaurant on S. Congress, Officer Brownlow is your go-to person. He's like a walking encyclopedia of Austin facts and trivia.

Officer Brownlow's passion for this community shines through in his work. He has built strong relationships with our residents and local businesses, creating a sense of trust and security. His dedication to his role goes beyond his official duties, as he consistently goes above and beyond to ensure that Sunset Valley remains a safe and welcoming place for all.

Outside of his policing responsibilities, Officer Brownlow leads a fulfilling personal life. He is a loving husband and father to three children. In his spare time, he enjoys coaching hockey, exploring the art of Texas leather-working, and indulging in the serenity of fishing.



It is through these hobbies that Officer Brownlow finds balance and rejuvenation, enabling him to continue his exceptional service to our community. Please join us in expressing our gratitude to Officer James Brownlow for his unwavering commitment and dedication to the Sunset Valley Police Department. We are fortunate to have him as a part of our team and as a friend to our community.

Stay safe and stay connected,

Chief L. Carter

CITY OF SUNSET VALLEY



SENIOR FRAUD & SCAM PREVENTION SEMINAR

Are you a Senior or a Caretaker for Senior Parents?
This workshop is for you.



**REGISTER
NOW**

Friday, July 14, 2023

11 am - Noon

Sunset Valley, TX | City Hall Building
3206 Jones Road, Sunset Valley TX 78745

Register [HERE](#)



CPR + First Aid Training



Sunset Valley Police
Department



August 4, 2023



5 pm- 8 pm (tentative)



RSVP to:
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ages 13+ welcome

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