Meet the New Chief of Police at National Night Out - Oct. 1

Tuesday, Oct. 1
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Town Center Park

Town Manager Susan Guthrie has announced that Andrew Hawkes will become Sunnyvale's first police chief.

“This is a very important step for the Town of Sunnyvale as we stand up our own Police Department.” Guthrie said. “We are pleased to have someone with Andrew's experience to serve as our first police chief.”

A highly experienced law enforcement professional, Hawkes comes to Sunnyvale from the City of Jacksonville, Texas, where he has served as chief of police since 2016. He previously served as lieutenant of the Operations Division for the Collin County Sheriff's Office from 2001 to 2016. Additionally, he was a columnist for Praetorian Group LLC/Policeone.com from 2007 to 2017; police officer/canine officer for the Grapevine Police Department from 1998 to 2001; deputy sheriff for the Rockwall County Sheriff's Office from 1992 to 1998; and a communications operator for the Rockwall Police Department from 1990 to 1991.

Hawkes obtained his master's degree in criminal justice leadership and administration from the University of Texas at Dallas, and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Dallas Baptist University.

Hawkes said, “I am honored to have been chosen as the first police chief for the Town of Sunnyvale from such a competitive group of candidates. My wife Tammy and I are excited to return to the Dallas/Ft. Worth metroplex and begin this formidable task.”

Hawkes added, “I want to thank the Town Manager, the town staff, and community leaders who had a hand in this important decision. We will develop a premier law enforcement agency led by servant-leadership with a community-policing philosophy. I look forward to getting started very soon.”
The Town selected Strategic Government Resources (SGR) to assist in conducting the extensive search that resulted in an impressive candidate pool. SGR is an executive recruitment firm based in Keller, Texas, specializing in recruiting, assessing, and developing innovative, collaborative, and authentic leaders for local governments.

SGR's proprietary recruitment and vetting process produced an incredibly strong field of candidates. The Town received 96 applications from candidates in 14 states.

Hawkes will begin his duties on Oct. 1. An opportunity to meet the new chief will be held in conjunction with the Town's National Night Out Celebration on Oct. 1, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Town Center Park.

**Barnes Bridge**

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**Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT)**
Volunteers Needed

Are you interested in becoming more involved in the happenings of your Town? Are you interested in volunteering some of your time to become more involved in your local government and its processes? The Town of Sunnyvale is seeking volunteers to fill upcoming vacancies on several of its Boards and Commissions. Visit our website for more information.

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Sunnyvale Town Hall • Sept. 19, 2019, 6PM
$10 Light Refreshments / Bring a Friend

Send checks to
Sunnyvale Garden Club
Attn: Joyce Taylor
340 Town East Blvd
Sunnyvale, TX 75182-9122

Reservations and Tickets at the Door:
Laurie - 214.668.4798

Inquiries: Ginny 214.405.6944

Local Organization Hosting Food Drive
Canned Food Drive

Cans can be dropped off at the Town Hall and Sunnyvale ISD Admin building (old Sunnyvale Elementary School) will be picked up at the end of each month. All donations will go to North Texas Food Bank & Salvation Army.

*Please DO NOT donate: Meats, perishables, and glass containers*

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Harris Sewer Project Open House

The Town of Sunnyvale has contracted with an engineer to design the replacement of sanitary sewer lines in the Harris Addition. We welcome members of the community to attend a Project Open House on Monday, Sept. 16. The Open House will be come and go from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Town Hall.

Town to Hold Special Election for Sales Tax Distribution

Earlier this year, the Town Council voted to hold an election for Sunnyvale voters to consider discontinuing one of the Town’s two economic development corporations (EDCs) (4A) and to instead utilize these funds for General Fund expenses – particularly Police services and street maintenance. The measure would keep the Sunnyvale sales tax rate level.

Background:
- Sunnyvale currently has two EDCs: 4A and 4B.
- By law, 4B can essentially do the same things that a 4A can do.
- It is estimated that less than 10% of towns have both a 4A and 4B.
- EDCs are funded through sales tax revenues.

The election would result in the Town having only one EDC – the 4B Corporation - that would continue receiving ½ cent of sales tax revenues generated in Sunnyvale. The ½ cent that currently funds the 4A corporation would instead be used for the Town’s General Fund for expenses such as Police and street maintenance.

“During the 2019 Texas Legislative Session, a bill was passed that limits the amount a Town’s property tax revenue could grow each year to 3.5 percent – down from 8 percent,” explained Mayor Saji George. “As a homeowner, that is good news. However, as a Town that is experiencing growth greater than 3.5 percent, this change limits our funds for road maintenance and other operating expenses. Going to one EDC is an option to offset this decrease in funding that we wanted voters to consider.”

For more information, visit our elections website.
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News Flash

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GRAND OPENING
SUNNYVALE FIRE RESCUE FIREFIGHTER TRAINING FACILITY
Come see our new training facility, built completely from community donations. Watch our firefighters in action with car fires, roof ventilation, building fires and more.

Saturday
Oct. 5
10 a.m.
to
NOON
404 TOWER PLACE
SUNNYVALE
Census Community Committee (CCC)
The Census Community Committee (CCC) is a temporary committee charged with educating Sunnyvale residents of the importance of the federally mandated population count. The 2020 Census data guides funding and local planning decisions, including where to provide additional social services, build new roads, schools, and where to locate job-training centers. The data is also used when attracting commercial development to the area.

Code Compliance Focus Group
The Code Compliance Focus Group is a temporary group assembled to participate in a guided discussion as a result of feedback received from the citizen survey. The purpose is to clarify what residents want from their code compliance program, while keeping our Town safe, clean, and pleasant to live in or visit.

Events Subcommittee
The Events Subcommittee is a committee charged with the responsibility of reviewing Town-wide events and making recommendations to the 4B Economic Development Board of Directors and Town Council regarding the projects included therein. Plan and implement a select number of Town sponsored events. Create and consider cost/benefit analysis to participate in the events. Create an events calendar for the website of all events within Sunnyvale.

Visit townofsunnyvale.org/committees to apply today.

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During the 2019 Texas Legislative Session, Senate Bill 2 passed with the intent to limit the amount a Town’s property tax revenue could grow annually to 3.5 percent – down from 8 percent (without holding an election). Sunnyvale’s annual growth is higher than 3.5 percent, so the result is the Town cannot receive property tax revenues for any growth in excess of 3.5% (unless an election is called) but the Town must still pay to provide services for the growth over 3.5%.
At the regular Council meeting held on July 22, the Town Council voted to hold an election for Sunnyvale voters to consider discontinuing one of the Town's two economic development corporations (EDCs) (4A). Instead of these sales tax funds going to 4A, they would go toward General Fund expenses – particularly Police and Street Maintenance. The measure would keep the Sunnyvale sales tax rate level.

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Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT)
Mobile App Now Available

The Town's new mobile app is available. From the app, you can view upcoming meeting agendas, our calendar, staff directory and more.

Google Play
Apple

For the Apple consolidated app, users will download the app and the icon that will display on their device will be the CivicMobile app icon. Once you have opened the app, you have the option to search for “Sunnyvale, TX” or they can use the ‘Find Your Location’ feature. Once you have selected Sunnyvale, TX, the app will return to the main menu upon opening.

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