News Flash

Friday, Oct. 4, 2019

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

Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT)
Volunteer!

Volunteers are needed for various committees

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**Harris Sewer Project Information**

The Town of Sunnyvale has contracted with an engineer to design the replacement of sanitary sewer lines in the Harris Addition. We recently held an open house to discuss the project and ongoing work. A [webpage](http://www.townofsunnyvale.org/) has been developed to help keep community members informed on the status of the project. If you would like to be added to the email distribution list for updates delivered to your inbox, please email Leslie Black.

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**Barnes Bridge**

The bridge on Barnes Bridge Road remains closed. We are working to evaluate options for repair and erosion control.

**Town to Hold Special Election for Sales Tax Distribution**
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Some background:
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- 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. This is approximately $900,000. The ½ cent that currently funds the 4A Corporation would instead be used for the Town’s General Fund for general fund expenses, which includes things such as Police and street maintenance.

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- Oct. 31 through Nov. 01 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
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For a complete list of polling locations and times, and to view a sample ballot, visit
DallasCountyVotes.org

*For information on Senate Bill 2, visit townofsunnyvale.org/SB2.
Sales Tax Election Q&A

Thursday, Oct. 17

Have questions about the Town’s Sales Tax Election?

Please join us for a Q&A Session

Thursday, Oct. 17
at Town Hall
5 - 7 p.m.
Come & Go

Contact Us

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Early Voting Begins Monday

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Sunnyvale Raider Alumni Hangout

Hey Raider Alumni! Don't forget this event is Thursday! We can't wait to see you! The more, the merrier!

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Feeling Ghoulish? Safety Tips for Trick or Treating

When You're on the Prowl
- A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you
- Agree on a specific time children should return home
- Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home or car
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends
- Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home
- Children and adults are reminded to put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street

Safety Tips for Motorists
- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing
- Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween
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Christmas Extravaganza

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