



# THE VALLEY NEWSLETTER

The Official Newsletter of Sunset Valley

Sunset Valley, TX

May 2011



**FROM THE  
MAYOR  
Barbara Wilson**

Dear Sunset Valley Resident,

The unofficial results of the May 14th General Election are as follows: John Moore 94 votes (21.17%), Rose Ann Cardona 126 votes (28.38%), Forrest Arnold 107 votes (24.10%) and Rudi Rosengarten 117 votes (26.35%). In accordance with State Law, the results can not be made official by Travis County Election Official, until at least 5 days after the election to allow for any overseas votes to be counted. The final canvass results will be available and picked up by the City Secretary on May 23rd. The new Council will be sworn in on June 7th during the regularly scheduled Council meeting. I hope you can come to wish the new Council well and join me in thanking our Council for a year of hard work and service to the community.

A first task of the new Council will be to make appointments to serve on the City's advisory Boards, Commissions and Committees. Over the past few meetings, the Council has made two significant changes that hopefully will encourage residents to get involved. The first, during the April 19th meeting, the City Council approved changes to the Standing Committee Ordinance to allow the committee members to decide who will lead each committee. Previously, the Chair of the Standing Committee was the Councilmember appointed to the Committee. The second change approved by Council during the May 17th meeting simplified the application for Committee membership. This new application is enclosed in the newsletter. On the back of the form is a listing and description of all the Boards, Commissions and Committees of the City. I encourage everyone to review the list and, if you are interested in serving, please complete and return the application to the City within the next few weeks. Council will be reviewing applications and making appointments starting on the June 7th meeting.

**ARTFEST 2011.** I would like to thank the Sunset Valley Arts Commission for another great ArtFest. The addition of the children's stage brought a whole new element of fun to the event. Thank you to all the Arts Commission members and volunteers for your tireless work on this successful venture. Pictures from the ArtFest are posted on the City's website. Next for the Arts Commission is the Summer Concert Series. This is the fourth year for the Free Concert Series and enclosed in this newsletter is the full schedule. The Summer Concert Series are free events for the whole family, so bring a blanket or lawn chair, and come to City Hall to hear some great local musicians.

## LEVEL II DROUGHT RESTRICTIONS

The City of Sunset Valley has initiated Level II Drought Restrictions. The goal of this conservation stage is to achieve a 20% reduction in monthly water usage per commercial meter and achieve a monthly residential maximum of 12,000 gallons per household (or 4,000 gallons per person). During this conservation stage, residents are required to water only on the day designated for watering, fix leaks promptly and to eliminate all non essential water use. The City Council has issued a clarification that watering by hand held hose will be allowed any day before 10 am and after 7 pm.

The adopted version of the Water Conservation plan is available to residents by request and may be viewed on the City website at [www.sunsetvalley.org](http://www.sunsetvalley.org).

Please direct questions, comments and variance requests to Public Works Director, Katy Phillips at [kphillips@sunsetvalley.org](mailto:kphillips@sunsetvalley.org).



RESIDENTIAL ODD ADDRESS	RESIDENTIAL EVEN ADDRESS	COMMERCIAL, MULTIFAMILY ODD ADDRESS	COMMERCIAL, MULTIFAMILY EVEN ADDRESS
AUTOMATIC IRRIGATION SYSTEMS: BEFORE 10 A.M. HOSE-END SPRINKLERS, SOAKERS: BEFORE 10 A.M. or AFTER 7 P.M.			
Saturday	Sunday	Tuesday	Friday



## COUNCIL ACTION RECORDS

### Council Meeting on April 19, 2011

- Approval on consent of a Temporary Special Use Permit for the ACTIVE Life Festival on May 14, 2011 at the Toney Burger Center. All voted yes.
- Approval on consent to renew the Special Use Permit for the SFC Farmers Market with the addition of more Artisans than were included on the original permit application, but still in compliance with Section 2.503 of the Sunset Valley Land Development Code. All voted yes.
- Approval on consent of an off premise real estate sign to be located in the City right of way on the southeast corner of Brodie Lane and Lovegrass Lane at the entrance of the Meadows. All voted yes.
- Approval of an Ordinance amending Chapter 50 of the Code of Ordinances, adding a new Section allowing for planning and discussion of options for water sources and water supply areas. All voted yes.
- Approval of an Ordinance amending Section 31/16 of the Code of Ordinances related to Structure of the five standing City Committees. All voted yes.
- Postponed a decision on flooring options in the City Council Chambers.
- Presentation by staff on the 2011 Salary Survey and Pay Plan Review.
- Approval of the implementation results of the Salary Survey and Pay Plan recommendations. All voted yes.

### Council Meeting on May 3, 2011

- Approval on consent of a Temporary Special Use Permit for the Donkey Dash 5K Fun Run on Saturday, October 22, 2011. All voted yes.
- Approval on consent of the disposition of obsolete and surplus equipment. All voted yes.
- Postponed a decision on an Ordinance approving an increase in Gas Rates charged by Texas Gas Service. All voted yes.
- Direct staff to develop a letter of strong support for Water Conservation in the State of Texas to be forwarded to H2O4Texas group and to delay action on a financial contribution to the group until such time as the Finance Committee can review and place into the budget process.. All voted yes.
- Staff presentation on the revisions to the Land Development Code, Chapter 5 Flood Loss Control.
- Directed staff to bring back flooring samples of connecting carpet squares with cost estimates to have the entire Council Chamber floor carpeted.
- Approval of options to be considered for the Water System Planning Project. All voted yes.
- Staff presentation on proposed Long Term Financial Planning project.

## CITY DIRECTORY

Dear Residents,

Thank you for your response to the City Directory Survey. Due to the positive response we received, the City is moving forward with the Directory and a new edition will be printed, after the City Committee members have been appointed.

If you have not turned in your survey and would like to be included in the Directory, this is the last chance to do so. Please return your form no later than Friday, May 27th. If you no longer have your form, please email Matt Lingafelter at [mlingafelter@sunsetvalley.org](mailto:mlingafelter@sunsetvalley.org) for an electronic copy, or come by City Hall and pick one up. We must have an original signature.

If you would like to confirm that we have received your Directory information, please contact Matt by email or by phone at 892-1383.



### May's Employee of the Month is Rich Andreucci.

Detective Rich Andreucci has been employed with the Police Department since January 2009. Since becoming the Detective for the City of Sunset Valley last year, he has solved many high profile cases. Most recently was a burglary case which took place at Doc's Backyard. Unknown persons had burglarized the storage yard at Doc's and with very little information, Detective Andreucci was able to obtain search warrants, leading to the recovery of Doc's property and the arrest of an individual who makes his living stealing other people's property.

On 4/28/11, Detective Andreucci was one of three officers that responded to a call of an unconscious person in the Villas. Upon arrival, the person was found to be unconscious and not breathing. Detective Andreucci initiated the Automated External Defibrillator and the patient's pulse was recovered. She was transported to the South Austin Emergency Hospital, where she later passed away. His willingness to take on tasks and perform them in an exemplary manner reflects the finest traditions of the law enforcement and the Sunset Valley Police Department.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT** *by Lieutenant Sean Ford*



The Police Department would like to remind everyone of the current process for contacting a Sunset Valley police officer or for requesting a Sunset Valley police officer response to your location after hours. The Public Safety Committee along with the voices of the citizens who attended the Public Safety Committee meeting three weeks ago have come up with an amended process for all Sunset Valley citizens to use when needing a police interaction or contact. This system was originally set up last year and overall has had a remarkably smooth transition, but slight adjustments may be required for clarity.

Remember that when reporting an emergency, in-progress incident, or a just occurred incident, DIAL 9-1-1. Do not call 892-1384 for emergencies or for in-progress calls. Calls for 9-1-1 can include incidents involving, but not limited to, traffic accidents, medical emergencies, disturbances, suspicious persons or vehicles, thefts, burglaries, or any other incident needing a police response. One thing to remember is that the 9-1-1 dispatcher can redirect the call if they feel it needs to be handled by a non-emergency dispatcher or the 9-1-1 dispatcher can input the information themselves.

When requesting that an officer contact you about a prior report or to make them aware of police related information, please contact 892-1384. Upon calling the Police Department phone line, you will either reach the police administrative assistant, Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m.-3 p. m., or if calling after hours, you will receive a recording that will direct you on how to proceed. Upon hearing the recording, remember that if you choose option #1 to have an officer dispatched for a non-emergency issue, you will be transferred to the Travis County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center. Once you have been transferred to the Dispatch Center, you will select #3 and a live person will assist you shortly. Remember that the person assisting you is a 9-1-1 operator who is assigned to the non-emergency administrative lines. The Sunset Valley Police Department is dispatched by the Travis County Sheriff's Office and as such, the policies and procedures that the Dispatch Center uses are standard and do not change for any of the six agencies that the Travis County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center oversees. The dispatcher that answers the phone line will request certain information from you. Please be patient and answer all the questions they ask. Failure to answer the questions will result in a delay in the request being processed. Additionally, dispatchers will not dispatch a Sunset Valley Police Officers without the information requested. Standard questions that may be asked on the non-emergency phone line are; what is your name?, what is your address?, what is your phone number?, most importantly...what is this in reference to? Please be prepared to answer these minimal questions in order to receive contact from a Sunset Valley police officer.

Another option on the phone system for the Police Department when dialing 892-1384, is option #2. If you select #2, you will be forwarded to the on-duty Sunset Valley Police Officer cell phone. This option is NOT to be used to report criminal offenses, in progress calls, or suspicious persons or activity. It is for non-urgent messages only. Additionally, this message system will be routinely checked by the officers when they are not involved or tied up with other incidents. So please understand there may be a delay in returning calls.

The next two options on the phone system allow you to leave messages for the PD Administrative Assistant or for the Chief of Police. They will return the messages as soon as they become available. Once again, these options are not to report incidents or criminal situations or to request a police officer, they are for report follow-ups, information on police events or to relay non-immediate or non-emergency information.

We at the Sunset Valley Police Department want to ensure that our residents have the most up-to-date information as it relates to police services for the City. We hope that the above information helps clarify any confusion some may have had with the new system. If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Chief Houston.

### **UTILITY BILLING QUESTIONS???**

Questions regarding your utility bill should be directed to Tonya Coley, in the Administration Department at 892-1383 or you can email her at [tcoley@sunsetvalley.org](mailto:tcoley@sunsetvalley.org)



### **Congratulations Graduate!**

Congratulations Angelique Figoura, Sunset Valley Police Reserve Patrol Officer. Angelique graduated with honors, Summa Cum Laude from Huston-Tillotson University with a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice.

**If you or someone you know is graduating from High School, Technical School or College this May or June, send their name, school and degree and any honors received to Sara Wilson at [swilson@sunsetvalley.org](mailto:swilson@sunsetvalley.org), to be posted in next month's newsletter.**

## Employee Spotlight

Employee Spotlight is a monthly article to feature City of Sunset Valley employees.  
Sponsored by the Mayor



**Matt Lingafelter**  
**Administration Department**

Matt Lingafelter was hired in August of last year and is the City's Receptionist. Matt has worked with Sunset Valley since 2007, first as the part-time Accounting Clerk for two years and then as a Budget and Finance Intern in the summer of 2010. After growing up in Longview, Texas, Matt attended Wheaton College before moving to Austin to attend St. Edward's University in 2006. In 2010, Matt completed his Bachelor's of Business Administration with a Major in Entrepreneurship. He plans on furthering his education and hopes to earn an MBA and perhaps a degree in Art History.

In his free time, Matt enjoys cooking, watching movies, going out with friends, reading history books and attending art openings and shows around Austin. Matt has a passion for travelling, and has been to Belize, the United Kingdom and several countries in Africa. He is looking forward to his first excursion to Continental Europe in November, and hopes it will be the first of many trips.

Matt enjoys his job at Sunset Valley and appreciates working for a community with a commitment to social responsibility and environmental awareness.

### **Sunset Valley Police Department Joins *Click It or Ticket* To Crack Down on Seat Belt Use – Especially at Night**

The Sunset Valley Police Department will join local and national law enforcement officers and highway safety advocates all across the country for the 2011 national *Click It or Ticket* seat belt enforcement mobilization, May 23-June 5, 2011.

During the mobilization, officers will be cracking down on motorists who fail to wear their seat belts – both day and night. Because nighttime passenger vehicle occupants are among those least likely to buckle up and most likely to die in crashes when unrestrained, nighttime enforcement has become a priority of the *Click It or Ticket* mobilization. Of those who died in nighttime crashes in 2009, nearly two-thirds (62 percent) were not wearing seat belts at the time of their fatal crashes. In 2009, 11,593 passenger vehicle occupants died in motor vehicle crashes nationwide between the nighttime hours of 6 p.m. and 5:59 a.m., according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Many more nighttime traffic deaths can be prevented if more motorists simply start wearing their seat belts. That's why the Sunset Valley Police Department is strongly supporting enhanced nighttime enforcement of seat belt laws during the May 23 – June 5, 2011, *Click It or Ticket* campaign. We will be out in force to remind drivers and occupants to always wear their seat belts – both day and night. High-visibility enforcement such as the *Click It or Ticket* mobilization is credited with increasing the national belt usage rate from 58 percent in 1994 to an observed usage rate of 85 percent in 2010. Belt use saves thousands of lives each year across America. In 2009 alone, seat belts saved 12,713 lives nationwide.

Law enforcement will be cracking down on *Click It or Ticket* violators around the clock. Local motorists should be prepared to buckle up. If law enforcement finds you on the road unbuckled anytime or anywhere, you can expect to get a ticket — not a warning. No excuses and no exceptions.

In addition, local law enforcement will be cracking down on other driving habits that pose a significant risk to the safety and wellbeing of other drivers on the road like your families. These violations include things such as impaired drivers and aggressive driving habits related to speed and reckless driving.

Remember this May 23 to June 5: It's *Click It or Ticket*. Buckle up and encourage your loved ones to do the same. *You'll save the cost of a ticket and may even save a life.*

# UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

**May 30th** City Offices Closed  
**June 5th** Summer Concert Series, 7:30 PM - Wendy Colanna Band  
**June 7th** City Council Meeting, 6:00 PM  
**June 19th** Summer Concert Series, 7:30 PM - Butch Miles Jazz Express

## ~ This Month in Sunset Valley History ~

May 27, 1975: The City applied to join the National Flood Insurance Program. The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is a Federal program that enables property owners to purchase flood insurance. Participation in the program requires the City to adopt and enforce a floodplain management ordinance. Development in the floodplain must comply with both the local ordinance and the minimum Federal requirements. Because our community is a participant in the NFIP, flood insurance is available to every citizen in the community, even renters.

Maps of the City's Special Flood Hazard Areas, development requirements, and information on the National Flood Insurance Program are available at City Hall. For more information please contact Sara Wilson, Flood Plain Administrator at 892-1383 or email [swilson@sunsetvalley.org](mailto:swilson@sunsetvalley.org).



## From the City Administrator's Desk

*Clay Collins*

The City of Sunset Valley operates a "dual supply" water system. This means that the city has two sources of water: 1) well water from the Edwards Aquifer, which is pumped, treated, stored and distributed from the City Water Plant located behind City Hall, and 2) treated surface water purchased under contract from the City of Austin. The City's well was for years the primary source of water, but as commercial development occurred, a contract with the City of Austin was secured and now provides for a larger portion of the City's water supply. In 2007, an interconnection was achieved to allow for water from the City of Austin to provide an alternate emergency supply of water to the area of the city that was served by the well. In 2008, the interconnection was used while repairs were made to the pressure tank. In 2009, during a period of extreme drought, the City Council took action to temporarily cease pumping from the Edward's Aquifer. While the water plant was out of service, City staff performed annual tank cleaning and determined one of the storage tanks was no longer suitable for continued use. As the drought continued, further mechanical problems developed due to age and lack of use. Even though the drought ended, attempts to put the well back in service during 2010 were not successful and both of the storage tanks now are in need of replacement. The newest tank was installed in 1980 and both tanks have exceeded their expected life span.

In reviewing cost estimates for the design of replacement storage tanks, the City Council discussed financial issues related to the continued operation of the "dual supply" system. Permanently changing the source of water for any area of the City is currently prohibited without a petition from the residents in the affected area(s); however, prior to committing significant dollars into the City Water Plant, the City Council charged the city staff to prepare a financial analysis of two different scenarios: 1) continuation of the current "dual supply" system with the replacement and upgrade of City Water Plant components and 2) conversion to a system that is solely supplied by water purchased from the City of Austin. The cost analysis will cover a 25 year period of time and will incorporate full capital costs for the City Water Plant as well as projected cost increases from the City of Austin over the same time frame. The Council did not express an intent to change the current sources of water for the different areas of the city, but there was unanimous support to perform the cost analysis prior to the commitment of significant dollars into the City Water Plant. The first draft of the cost analysis is expected to be completed in July and presented to the city committees for review and comment prior to presentation at City Council public meetings in September.



## April 2011 Police Blotter

Crimes against Persons	3
Burglary of (bldg/vehicle)	1
Alcohol Offenses	6
Fraud	1
Property Offenses	13
Disturbances	5
Animal Offenses/Calls	7
Drug Offenses	5
Offenses Against State	25
Warrant Arrests	11
Accidents	27
Alarm Calls	18
Calls for Assistance	41
Violation City Ordinance	1
Selective Traffic	27
Traffic Hazard	9
Welfare Checks	6
Suspicious Calls	19
Parking Violations	6
Traffic Stops	163
Missing Adult	1

# ELECTED OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE CONTACTS

**Barbara Wilson, Mayor**  
[bwilson@sunsetvalley.org](mailto:bwilson@sunsetvalley.org)

**Rose Cardona, Mayor Pro tem**  
[rcardona@sunsetvalley.org](mailto:rcardona@sunsetvalley.org)

**John Moore, Councilmember**  
[jmoore@sunsetvalley.org](mailto:jmoore@sunsetvalley.org)

**Nancy Porter, Councilmember**  
[nporter@sunsetvalley.org](mailto:nporter@sunsetvalley.org)

**Bruce Smith, Councilmember**  
[bsmith@sunsetvalley.org](mailto:bsmith@sunsetvalley.org)

**Liz Wright, Councilmember**  
[lwright@sunsetvalley.org](mailto:lwright@sunsetvalley.org)

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**Sunset Valley Zoning Commission**  
**Robert Skewis, Chair**  
[skewistx@msn.com](mailto:skewistx@msn.com)

**Committee Members**  
 Miguel Huerta      Cynthia Nelson  
 Karen Medicus      Margaret Bentley  
 Helen Besse—alternate  
 Walter Jenkins—alternate

**Sunset Valley Arts Commission**  
**John Frick, Chair**  
[arts@sunsetvalley.org](mailto:arts@sunsetvalley.org)

**Committee Members**  
 Betty Dunn              Erika Montero  
 Bob Lehmirt              Karen Medicus  
 Irene Moore              Sasha Russell  
 Michael Melinger

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**Budget, Finance & Administrative Committee Members**  
 John Bellanca              Nancy Porter  
 Zubair Hamir              Brad Roberts  
 Walter Jenkins

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**Sunset Valley Board of Adjustment**  
**Susan Durso, Chair**  
[skd360@hotmail.com](mailto:skd360@hotmail.com)

**Committee Members**  
 Sandy Cox              Steve Borochoff  
 Thomas Cedel              Marshall McHone  
  
 Richard Hayes—alternate

**Community & Economic Development Committee Members**  
 Robert Browning      Dave Porter  
 Suzanne Corbo  
**Community Events Sub-Committee**  
 Penny Cedel              Anne Gault  
 Vicki Chazan

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**Planning & Environmental Committee Members**  
 Forrest Arnold              Mitch Chazan  
 Margaret Bentley      Carla Jenkins  
 Helen Besse              Tricia Murphy

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**Public Safety Committee Members**  
 John Bellanca              Art Williams  
 David Cardona              Frank Williams

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**Public Works Committee Members**  
 John Bellanca              Richard Leigh  
 Mary Black              Ron Light  
 Robb Buchanan              Randy Machemehl  
 Rob Harrison              Randy Williams



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 Sunset Valley, TX 78745

## SUNSET VALLEY 2011 FREE CONCERT SERIES

Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m. SV City Hall, 3205 Jones Road

### **June 5th Wendy Colonna Band**

Wendy's music is a savory gumbo of Southern soul and poetic lyricism borne of her rich Gulf Coast heritage. Evocative and powerful, her voice ignites both memory and desire. Wendy was voted "Best Singer Songwriter" by the Austin American-Statesman, received Grand Prize in the FameCast International Talent Competition and has earned multiple songwriting awards. Join us for a spirited kickoff to the 2011 season!

### **June 19<sup>th</sup> Butch Miles Jazz Express**

Fans of the Count Basie Orchestra know that Butch Miles' drumming was the engine powering that great group for fourteen years. He has also worked with Frank Sinatra, Dave Brubeck, Ella Fitzgerald, and many others. Since settling in central Texas, he has assembled a sextet of the area's finest jazz musicians into a unit that swings hard. Don't miss this rare Fathers Day treat!

### **July 10th john Arthur martinez**

john Arthur's blend of country, folk, and Latin, coupled with his extraordinary songwriting ability, make him one of the area's musical treasures. In 2004, he gained national exposure as a finalist on the USA Network's *Nashville Star* program. His recent ninth album, *Purgatory Road*, contains some of his most incisive songwriting to date. If you have not experienced this deep-rooted Texan's talent, here is an opportunity you won't want to miss.

### **July 24th John Mills Times Ten**

Woodwind wizard John Mills, a founding member of Starcross, CO2, and Beto y los Fairlanes, showcases his compositional skills with ten of Austin's top musicians, and the result is contemporary jazz fusion at its finest. Their recently released CD *Caffeine Dreams* is a perfect balance of exceptional writing and breathtaking improvisation. Catch the amazing musicianship live!

### **August 7th Son Y No Son**

Son y No Son plays eclectic and innovative renditions of the classic repertoire of Cuban son, Colombian cumbia and Mexican bolero and ranchera. This exciting Afro-Latin music ensemble is led by vocalist, conguero and bongocero Rey Arteaga, formerly of La Tríbu, Centzontlé, Charanga Cakewalk, and others. Also featuring JJ Barrera, Mary Harsh, Russell Scanlon, Glenn Rexach, and Rob Kazenel.

### **August 21<sup>st</sup> Vitera**

The powerful sound of Haydn Vitera's quartet is driven by his vocals and technical prowess on guitar and 'viper'--the V-shaped violin he has made his trademark. Formerly with Asleep at the Wheel and Los Super Seven, Haydn now fronts a band that specializes in presenting his bilingual, high-energy originals. The sizzling finale to the 2011 season!



**CITY OF SUNSET VALLEY**

**BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPLICATION**

The City of Sunset Valley relies heavily on volunteer participation to make our city government effective and responsive to our residents. There are a variety of opportunities to serve and even if you are not able to commit the time to be a regular member or there are not enough openings on a committee of interest, you can be considered for appointment as an alternate member. A full list of Boards, Commissions, and Committees is provided on the back of this form.

**Please print legibly in black ink. This form is a public record. Please return to:**

**Board, Commission or Committee requested (list in order of preference):**

**City of Sunset Valley  
3205 Jones Road  
Sunset Valley, TX 78745**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First M.I.*

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address*

\_\_\_\_\_

*City State Zip Code*

**Home Phone** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Alternate Phone** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Information about you to assist the City Council in considering your appointment:**

**Community Service (including prior committee service):**

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**Experience, Expertise, and/or Interests that you think would be useful in your service on a Board or Committee:**

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## **City of Sunset Valley Committees, Boards and Commissions:**

### **ARTS COMMISSION**

The Arts Commission serves in an advisory capacity to assist and make recommendations to Council and department heads to research, develop, implement, and evaluate policies, programs, and projects related to the Arts.

### **BUDGET, FINANCE and ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

The Finance Committee has two main tasks. The first is to review the financial statements for the city and vote for their approval or disapproval. The second is to review budget requests from council members, committees, boards, commissions, departments, and the public at large and make recommendations for the city budget to the City Council.

### **COMMUNITY and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Ongoing committee efforts include suggesting website and newsletter enhancements, providing support to the Police Department at events, working with the business community to address concerns and provide support, promoting wellness among Sunset Valley residents and staff, and supporting external events as appropriate.

### **MARKETING AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

This Ad Hoc Committee was formed during 2010 to provide assistance with the City's Marketing and Promotional Campaign. The Committee reviews marketing strategies and provides input on specific creative designs and campaigns.

### **PLANNING and ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

The Planning and Environmental Committee makes recommendations towards decisions regarding management within the city's conservation lands including those toward vegetation, restorations, wildlife, trailways and recommendations to council for greenspace acquisitions to expand and refine the trail links and neighborhood buffers.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

The Public Safety Committee is involved with making recommendations that impact hiring, personnel issues and career progression within the Police Department. The group also works on creating new ordinances that ensure public safety. The Public Safety Committee also coordinates and advocates for the citizen response programs like CERT and the local SAR Team 8.

### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

The Public Works Committee is made up of citizens with both technical and non-technical backgrounds who provide support to the Public Works Department, the Mayor, and City Council on city infrastructure and planning issues.

### **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

The members of the Board of Adjustment hear and decide special exceptions to the terms of the zoning provisions within the City's Land Development Code when strict compliance of these provisions would result in undue hardship, due to unusual circumstances or conditions peculiar to the subject property, such as size, shape, topography, location or surroundings. An application for a variance must be approved by the Board before a permit is issued for the proposed construction.

### **ZONING COMMISSION**

The Zoning Commission studies the zoning questions of the City and makes recommendations to the City Council on applications for annexations, rezoning of property and special use permits.