

# Newsletter

## April 2016



## Town Council to Consider Social Hosting Ordinance

At their next meeting on Monday, April 11, 2016, the Sunnyvale Town Council will consider enacting a social hosting ordinance. Social hosting ordinances are a tool for law enforcement to use when responding to parties involving underage drinking and illegal drug use, holding the party host responsible.

### Who wants a social hosting ordinance, and why?

A group of concerned parents and citizens brought this issue to the Town Council because they are concerned about the dangers that accompany teenage drinking and illegal drug use, and want to reduce the potential for injury and harm to minors. There is evidence that underage drinking is a problem in our area, and, at times, parents and other adults sometimes allow and even facilitate underage drinking.

### What is a social hosting ordinance, and what are the penalties for violations?

Social hosting ordinances are designed to discourage people from hosting gatherings where minors under the age of 21 are allowed to drink alcohol or consume illegal drugs, and to hold the host accountable if they do so. Sunnyvale's proposed social hosting ordinance would prohibit anyone from hosting, permitting or allowing a gathering where minors have or consume alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs. Hosts can be held accountable if they know minors are gathering in their home or other places under their control (such as land and barns) and are consuming alcohol or illegal drugs, or they should have known and didn't take reasonable steps to prevent it. If Sunnyvale's social hosting ordinance is enacted, and the Sheriff's Department is called to a party where minors are drinking or using illegal drugs, deputies could issue a citation to the parent or other person responsible for hosting the party, even if guests brought their own alcohol or drugs. If no responsible adults are present at a party, then officers could issue a citation to the juvenile host, and the juvenile's parents or legal guardians would be held responsible for any penalties. Violations would be handled by issuing the host an administrative citation, with a minimum fine of \$1,000.

### Isn't it already against the law for minors to drink, and for adults to furnish alcohol?

Yes, there are state laws against minors possessing alcohol, and adults providing alcohol and other drugs to minors. However, many teenage parties are "bring your own bottle/bong" events, and it's difficult to prove that a host actually provided the alcohol or other drugs. With a social hosting ordinance, the host can be held responsible for minors possessing or consuming alcohol or other drugs, no matter how those substances arrived at the party.

### Exceptions.

Hosts would not be cited if, despite their best efforts to prevent the use of alcohol or other drugs at a gathering, the hosts immediately call for police assistance to remove the guests, or takes other measures to break up the party. The ordinance would not apply to parents or legal guardians serving alcohol to their own children at family gatherings, nor to minors consuming alcohol as part of a religious ceremony.

### When will Council consider this ordinance, and how can the public weigh in?

Sunnyvale's Town Council will consider this ordinance at their April 11th meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. at Sunnyvale Town Hall, 127 N. Collins Road. The public will have an opportunity to comment about the ordinance before they vote on it. If you are unable to attend the meeting but want to comment about it before Council votes on it, you can also email Town Secretary Leslie Black at [leslie.black@townofsunnyvale.org](mailto:leslie.black@townofsunnyvale.org).

# Town of Sunnyvale Recycle & Trash-Off Day

April 9, 2016  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

300 block of  
Jobson Road



Please join us at Jobson Park for the Sunnyvale Annual "RECYCLE & TRASH OFF DAY". Take advantage of an opportunity to recycle or trash things you no longer want such as clothing, household items, brush and limbs. Clear out the clutter and dispose of it free of charge.

#### ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED IN DUMPSTERS:

- Tires
- Concrete
- Chemicals of any kind
- Paint
- Any equipment with oil or gas in them
- Batteries of any kind
- Units with or without freon (freezers, refrigerators, a/c units, etc.)

#### ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

New this year, Verde Tech will be on hand to recycle electronics! The following items (and more) can be recycled at the event:

- Desktop Computers
- Laptops & Laptop Batteries
- Servers, server racks, cabinets, & mounts
- Flatscreen Monitors
- Appliances
- A/V Equipment
- Cameras & Camcorders
- Cell & Office Phones
- Lead, Acid, and Auto Batteries
- Toner Cartridges
- Keyboards & Mice
- Misc. Wires, Cords, Cables & Power Bricks
- Certified Hard Drive Wipe (DOD Level: \$20 fee)
- Tube/Box TV (\$30 fee)
- Cracked Flatscreen Monitor (\$5 fee)
- Printers, Copiers, Faxes (\$2 fee)

Meet with  
the  
Mayor

AT TOWN HALL

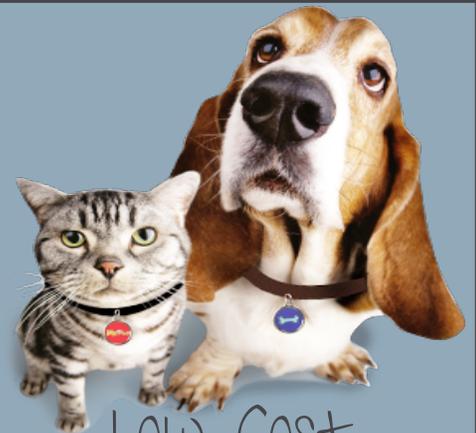
Thursday, April 7th  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturday, April 16th  
9:30 am - Noon

Thursday, March 21st  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturday, April 30th  
9:30 am - Noon

Mayor Phaup welcomes the opportunity to meet with individual citizens or groups at other times more convenient to you. To schedule a time, please call him at home at 972-226-3757.



Low Cost  
Vaccination Clinic

April 23rd

8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Sunnyvale Fire Station  
404 Tower Place

#### Cats:

Rabies \$10  
FVRCP \$15  
Feline Leukemia  
\$15

#### Dogs:

Rabies \$10  
Bordatella \$10  
Distemper/  
Parvo \$10

For more information, contact  
Frank Locke at 972-226-7177.

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