

# THE GREAT BOX COVER-UP!

The Great Box Cover-Up! is a public art program designed to bring local artists and their artwork to the community, while converting the City's non-descript, gray signal boxes into attractive and engaging artworks. The boxes have been transformed in multiple phases; Phase 1 included 12 utility boxes located in, or near, downtown Sunnyvale and Phase 2 included 16 boxes outside of the downtown and throughout the City.



**1 Homestead Road @ Belleville Way**  
*Jayashree Sadasivan, 2023*

This design celebrates community with imagery of the surrounding neighborhood, including Stevens Creek (fish and dragonflies), an active playground, school and apartments/houses with hearts on top.

**2 Fremont Ave. @ Wright Ave.**  
*Ria Sharma and Geeta Taneja, 2023*

*Entangled* represents the need to escape from the online world by showcasing a young woman entangled with a laptop while trying to escape to the outside world of blossoming peach and apricot trees.

**3 Remington Dr. @ Bernardo Ave.**  
*John Vellequette, 2023*

This design depicts Sunnyvale sunsets with a nod to Sunnyvale's aviation past, including the sky's vibrant pinks, oranges and purples with a blimp gracing the same sky on its way to Moffett Field.

**4 Wolfe Road @ Marion Way**  
*Alexandra Muddle, 2023*

This design represents Sunnyvale's innovation and creativity through turning gears and a brain generating "fuel" necessary to produce great ideas. The "fuel" is shown as water that nourishes light bulb topped flowers.

**5 Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road @ Remington Dr.**  
*Pablo Ruiz Arroyo, 2023*

This design was inspired by the vibrant colors of flowers native to Sunnyvale: Poppies, Checker Bloom and Blue-eyed Grass, as well as the free-spirited Brown Headed Cowbird and Western Bluebird. On the cowbird's back is a rider wearing a backpack full of houses to show the relationship between community and nature.

**6 Fair Oaks Ave. @ Iris Ave.**  
*Stephanie Tsao, 2023*

This design features gold sun rays on a blue background with colorful and vibrant local plants, fish, birds and animals.

**7 Mathilda Ave. @ Sunnyvale Ave. & Talisman Dr.**  
*Jemal Diamond, 2023*

These playful, colorful figures display bold exaggerations of movement. They signify community and our active connection with technology and the diverse people of Sunnyvale. White clouds are included to represent the beautiful Sunnyvale skies, while simultaneously representing cloud technology of Sunnyvale and Silicon Valley.

**8 Mathilda Ave. @ Tennis Center**  
*Linda Nystrom, 2023*

*Baylands on a Box* consists of shoreline birds (pelicans, seagulls and black-necked stilts) playing tennis on a "wetlands" surface with birds either watching or stealing tennis balls.

**9 Mathilda Ave. @ El Camino Real**  
*Deirdre Weinberg, 2023*

A young person of color holds a geometrical prism that catches light, throwing colors in all directions, representing the beauty and possibility that come with taking chances to achieve innovation and inclusion.

**10 Mathilda Ave. @ Olive Ave.**  
*Susan Seichrist, 2022*

Inspired by the new Civic Center, this design incorporates graphic representations of Redwood trunks, California Poppies and Blue-Eyed Grass native to the site with butterflies, flowers and an insinuated gentle breeze intertwined.

**11 Mathilda Ave. @ Iowa Ave.**  
*Harumo Sato, 2022*

Inspired by Sunnyvale's agricultural history, this design incorporates stylized fruits, including apricots, prunes, strawberries, peaches and cherries while employing playful line work with gold accents that catch the changing light and temperature at the site throughout the day.

**12 Iowa Ave. @ Taaffe Street**  
*Madeleine Yung, 2023*

This design includes an oversized peach, pear and cherries stacked on top of each other, which become increasingly more pixelated as you walk around the box. Inspired by the City's agricultural history, this design also reflects the area's progress towards modernity and automation.



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**13 Sunnyvale Ave. @ Iowa Ave.**

*Christine Oliver, 2022*

This box pays homage to native California Poppies and Delphiniums with white clouds drifting through the blue skies of Sunnyvale.

**14 Sunnyvale Ave. @ McKinley Ave.**

*Skye Becker Yamakawa, 2022*

This box features a pop surrealist design of colorful flowers on a sky-blue background with a large bee, parrot and butterflies. The design represents the City's native ecosystem, while also honoring the Sunnyvale parrots.

**15 Mathilda Ave. @ McKinley Ave.**

*Neela Shukla and Geeta Taneja, 2022*

This box includes a colorful tree full of apricots, a young girl picking fruit and the Sunnyvale Heritage Museum amid an abundance of bright sunshine and green grass which pay homage to the City's Apricot orchards.

**16 Mathilda Ave. @ Washington Ave.**

*Dotti Cichon, 2022*

Honoring the City's fruit orchards and agricultural heritage through stylized pink and white cherry, plum, apricot and peach blossoms.

**17 Washington Ave. @ Taaffe Ave.**

*Michelle Taniguchi, 2022*

This design incorporates local, brightly colored wildflowers (Sky Lupine, Common Yarrow, Douglas Iris, California Poppies, California Wildrose, Blue-Eyed Grass and California Buttercup) with lines reminiscent of a circuit board, which when viewed closely represent a map of Sunnyvale.

**18 Sunnyvale Ave. @ Washington Ave.**

*Lila Gemellos, 2022*

Representing the City's industrial and agricultural history, this design includes a steam train carrying fruit past Murphy Station and continuing through orchard lands.

**19 Evelyn Ave. @ Frances Street**

*Winnie Lam and Anagha Mishra, 2022*

These designs represent Sunnyvale's sunny climate, emphasize diversity, inclusion and the LGBT community and pay homage to the City's advancement in technology. Box #1 includes robots with rain boots and umbrellas, using emojis to forecast the weather. Box #2 is a large gray robot. Boxes #3 and #4 include robots falling in love with romantic imagery (flowers, candles, heart-filled eyes and smitten grins).

**20 Evelyn Ave. @ Mathilda Ave. (under overpass)**

*Alexandra Underwood, 2022*

This design highlights Sunnyvale's diverse ecosystem and, by extension, its community through stylized graphic representations of plant species native to the Sunnyvale area, such as Valley Oak, Crystal Springs Fountain Thistle and the Marin Dwarf Flax.

**21 Evelyn Ave. @ Mathilda Ave. (along Evelyn)**

*Caitlin Gilbert, 2022*

This design is an artistic interpretation of the historical meaning of Sunnyvale or Sunny Valley, and the foothills native to the area. The shading and contrasting of colors illuminate the natural lighting throughout the day: sunset/dusk, early morning/dawn and the lighting transitions in between.

**22 Mathilda Ave. @ California Ave.**

*Deepti Nanawati, 2022*

This impressionist style design includes poppy fields, native California blooms and hummingbirds, with stargazers looking at the night sky and a hidden universe.

**23 Fair Oaks Ave. @ Kifer Road**

*Artcircle Studio (Deepti Nanawati, Anusha Joshi, Elaine Wong, MJ Fajardo, Konner Macias, Mystie Cho), 2023*

*The Spirit of Sunnyvale* showcases multi-colored silhouettes, representative of Sunnyvale's diverse community, engaged in a range of activities. The background is an early 20th Century visionary map created by Sunnyvale founder Walter E. Crossman.

**24 Mathilda Ave. @ Maude Ave.**

*Greg Cheung, 2023*

This box features a colorful aquarium housing fantail goldfish, which are considered symbols of perseverance, abundance, success and wealth in Chinese celebrations, chosen to represent Sunnyvale's diversity and position at the center of technology.

**25 Mathilda Ave. @ Innovation Ave.**

*Kristen Calderon, 2023*

This design honors Sunnyvale's aerospace and tech industry through blue skies with puffy white clouds, purple blue hills, green leaves of native fruit trees and orchards, circuitry and a birds-eye view of Moffett Field with historic military planes and the USS Macon overhead.

**26 Caribbean Drive @ Crossman Ave.**

*Yen Nguyen, 2023*

Illustrated by a window with an expressive human face next to a window with an emotionless robot face, the artist references the growth of Silicon Valley and asks the question "Will the world be completely controlled by technologies and robots?"

**27 Lawrence Station Road @ Elko Dr.**

*Katerina Spaeth, 2023*

Highlighting the endangered Monarch Butterfly, original characters named Patchy Monsters carry the world amongst native white yarrow, teach a cherry blossom crowned child to garden and plant milkweed flowers to rebuild the Monarch's habitat.

**28 Arques Ave. @ Oakmead Parkway**

*April Gee, 2023*

This design includes an original character, Harmonia the Wise, who represents technology in harmony with nature, while wearing a dress patterned from different cultures. Additional imagery includes Earth surrounded by Harmonia's song, a whale once hunted to near extinction, metallic gold music notations, a monarch butterfly seemingly protected by circuitry and a "rational eye" with an earth centered pupil inset to a larger heart.



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Full Map of Sunnyvale  
Boxes 1-28



