

April 2009 Citywide Update

Dear «Preferred_Name»,

Spring is upon us and that means one thing in City Hall– it is time to talk budget. Due to declining sales tax revenues, lower than anticipated property tax revenues and structural budget problems, San Jose must balance an estimated \$75 million dollar deficit this year alone. The City is streamlining operations to deliver services more efficiently but it will not be possible to close the budget gap without increasing revenue and decreasing costs.

I highly value your feedback and perspective during the course of the budget discussions and I would like to invite you to take my online budget survey here.

Public opinion and policy analysis firm Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin and Associates (FMM&A) have developed this survey for the Mayor and Council to gather community feedback to inform the budget discussions.

In addition to providing this survey, I would like to invite you to attend the District 10 budget forum on April 28th at 8:00 pm in the VEP Community Room (475 Hyde Park Drive, just east of New Compton Drive). The VEP Community Association is generously hosting my budget forum this year. Representatives from the Mayor's Office and the City Manager's Office will present information regarding the budget process and proposed balancing strategies at the meeting.

All the best,



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Citywide Update

Nordstrom Rack Opening at the Westfield Oakridge Mall ---

It's now official! Seattle-based Nordstrom, a leading fashion specialty retailer, announced it will open a 30,000 square foot Nordstrom Rack at Westfield Oakridge Mall. This will be the retailer's second Nordstrom Rack in San Jose and it's sixth in the greater San Francisco Bay Area.

City Receives Silicon Valley Water Conservation Award ---

In March, the City received recognition for implementation of its Water Efficient Technologies Rebate Program in the Large Agency/Utility category. This program provides financial incentives to businesses that install or retrofit water saving devices or technologies in their facilities. The program is administered by Environmental Services Department staff and funded by the San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant. The Program has achieved an estimated total water savings of approximately 1.6 million gallons per day since it began in 1992!

San Jose's Multi-Family Recycling Program was Featured on ABC

7 News --- On March 11th, ABC 7 News (KGO) televised a news story

maturing the City's innovative multi-family recycling program. Multi-family properties in San Jose are now able to divert nearly 80% of their waste from local landfills due to the City's garbage processing system which removes recyclables and composts the remaining organic material. Similar programs are commonplace in Europe and Canada but this system is one of the first of its kind in the United States.

City Seeks Feedback From Business Community --- The City has launched a survey intended to seek feedback from the Business community regarding the City's bidding process. The survey will be available on the City's homepage during the next few weeks, and will ask questions pertaining to various components of our process such as: Request for Quotes, Request for Construction Bids, Request for Proposals and Request for Qualifications, in an effort to identify opportunities for improved efficiencies. The survey can be accessed directly by visiting the following link: <http://survey.sanjoseca.gov/strategicsupport/2008purchD.htm>. This information will enable San Jose to promote job growth by being more business friendly.

San Jose Trails Chosen to Participate in National Initiative --- The City of San Jose Trails Program was chosen to participate in the Rails to Trails Conservancy Urban Pathway Initiative. The initiative seeks to study and report on innovative practices in urban pathway development and community involvement. San Jose was one of only seven cities selected nationwide, and the only city west of the Mississippi! Rails to Trails chose to study San Jose's Los Gatos Creek Trail alignment from Lonus Street to Auzerais Avenue because of its documented user data, well documented demographic data, and opportunities for related improvements to increase usage such as the development of the Willow Glen Spur Trail. The resulting grant will bring technical experts to San Jose to plan the study with the anticipated outcome of improved trail development throughout the network!

Trail Program Website Receives State Award --- The City of San Jose's award-winning Trail Program website has received more recognition. Staff will accept the Award of Merit at the California Trails and Greenways Conference in Yosemite on April 23rd. The award acknowledges the website's quality maps, photos, videos and resources on the development of trail systems within our boundaries as well as nationally. It also cites the provision of developer resources to encourage private sector trail building, resources for volunteering and methods for community engagement and on-going trail planning. The Trail Program website serves as an important tool in reaching the Green Vision's 100-mile trail network goal by 2022! Check out San Jose's trail program website for yourself at www.sjparks.org/trails/.

Fourth Annual Job Shadow Day Awards --- On March 24th, several City departments were recognized for their outstanding participation and creativity as hosts at the Fourth Annual Citywide Job Shadow Day, designed to encourage 125 youth to consider careers in local government.

In addition, the Video Team released the 2009 Job Shadow Day Film which you can enjoy on the City's student website or by visiting the following link: http://sanjose.granicus.com/ASX.php?publish_id=259&sn=sanjose.granicus.com. Citywide Job Shadow Day is hosted in conjunction with Junior Achievement of Silicon Valley.

Upcoming Events

Ready or Not! --- Disaster and Emergency Preparedness Conference

On Saturday, April 25th join me at Pioneer High School for disaster

Citywide Phone List

Call Center 535-3500

Police Emergency- 911
(277-8911 from a cell phone)

Anti-Graffiti/Litter- 277-3208

Animal Care- 578-7297

City Arborist- 277-2762

Crime Prevention- 277-4133

DOT- 277-4373

Environmental Services-
535-8550

Hazardous Materials-
277-4659

Housing- 535-3860

Neighborhood Development
Center- 723-4114

Parking Enforcement-
534-2900

Vehicle Abatement-
277-5305



Los Alamitos Creek Trail
with spring flowers in bloom

preparedness workshops, kids activities, a resource fair, a blood drive, a BBQ fundraiser and live music. The conference goes from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm and the schedule of activities can be found on the website www.sjdep.org. You are encouraged to register for classes online before they fill up, but you may also drop in any time!

72 hour emergency kits are on sale on the website www.sjdep.org for only \$19.50. They include a three day supply of food, water, toiletries and a space blanket in an easy to carry backpack. Kits will be available for sale until April 30th.

Upcoming City Council Meetings ---

April 21st, 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm

Commendation Presentation at 1:30 pm to the Almaden Customer Service Realty Autism Golf Tournament for their efforts to help children with Autism and their families

April 28th, 1:30 pm

Agendas are available online at www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/agenda.asp. Residents are able to view Council meetings live online or on Comcast Cable Channel 26. Archive videos are also available online.

Pat's Run --- Join your neighbors on April 25th for the 4th annual Pat's Run, benefiting the Pat Tillman Foundation. This is a truly inspiring event that unites all ages in a 4.2 mile Run / Walk plus a free 0.42 mile Kids' Run. This run honors the man who has motivated so many to engage in active leadership, community service and personal goal attainment. The 4.2 mile course honors the number 42 jersey that Tillman wore for the Leland Chargers and ASU Sun Devils. In addition to the run, enjoy the expo area with entertainment and refreshments.

Pat's Run gives us the opportunity to celebrate the life of one of our own. Pat grew up in New Almaden and attended Leland High School. After graduating from Leland in 1994, Pat played football for Arizona State University, graduating Summa Cum Laude with a 3.84 GPA in Marketing prior to being drafted by the Arizona Cardinals. Following September 11th, Pat walked away from the NFL, enlisting in the US Army with his brother, Kevin. On April 22, 2004 Pat died in Afghanistan. Pat's Run is an opportunity for our community to celebrate Pat's life.

To learn more, register to run or walk, or register to volunteer, please go to www.patsrun.com/sanjose.php.

VEP hosts Garage Sale & E-Waste --- VEP Community Association is hosting a Community Wide Garage Sale and E-Waste Collection on Saturday, May 2nd! The Garage Sale will run from 7:00 am – late afternoon in the neighborhoods roughly bounded by Chynoweth, Hwy 87, Capitol Expressway and Snell. The E-waste Collection will run from 9am - 5pm, at Parkview Elementary School, 330 Bluefield Drive, near Vistapark Drive. Proceeds benefit Parkview Elementary School and VEP Community Association. For information on the e-waste collection event, contact Steve at 408-943-9943 or steven@earthcarerecycling.com.



Students participating in the City's job shadow day tour the IT department



Don't forget to order your 72 hour disaster kit!

www.sjdep.org

**PAT'S
RUN**

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