



Dear «Preferred_Name»,

National Night Out on August 2nd was a great success! I was excited to see three of our District 10 neighborhood associations participate with large events this year: the Hoffman-Via Monte Neighborhood Action Coalition, the Playa Del Rey Neighborhood Association, and the TJ Martin Park Neighborhood Association.

- At Hoffman-Via Monte, nearly 150 bike helmets and 200 backpacks with school supplies were handed out to 338 local school children who attended the event. The bike helmets were donated by the Kiwanis Club of Almaden Valley and the backpacks were donated by the Almaden Hills United Methodist Church. Additionally local bike shops were on hand to do free bike repairs and raffle off 20 gently used kids bikes. Good Karma Bikes brought over 20 volunteers who stayed late working by the headlights of their truck. Spokes for Folks also provided bike repairs. Pioneer and Leland Key Club members helped support the bike events. The Masons Friendship Lodge #210 fingerprinted 112 children and police officers stopped by to meet residents.
- Nearly 200 Playa Del Rey residents enjoyed an energetic evening at the park, featuring the local Viejitos Car Club and the San Jose Sharks hockey team mascot, Sharkie! Adding to the fun was a Baskin Robbins ice cream stand and a balloon twister. The local fire company also came by to show off their fire engine.
- The TJ Martin Park Neighborhood Association held a dessert potluck for the neighborhood and had over 85 residents attend. Police and fire personnel stopped by to join in on the fun.

Thank you to everyone who made these events such a success. National Night Out is a great way to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our fight for a safer City.

It's not too early to mark your calendars for next year. National Night Out always takes place on the first Tuesday of August. I hope to see you at National Night Out in 2012!

Nancy Pyle
District 10 Councilmember

Starlight Cinemas - Still Going!

FREE summer outdoor movies through Aug 31
Downtown in San Pedro Square, Post Street in the Historic District, and the SoFA District



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Belinda Chan with the Kiwanis Club of Almaden Valley pictured helping Good Karma Bikes & Spokes for Folks host the raffle for 20 gently used children's bikes at the Hoffman Via Monte National Night Out.

- August 17 – Viva Las Vegas (1963) No Rating - Viva Elvis!
- August 24 – Swingers (1996) R
- August 31 – Fido (2007) PG-13

Come early for the pre-show, which are always entertaining. Pre-show events include Zombie-O-Rama on August 31, the popular pre- and post-movie zombie crawl. Participating businesses around downtown will offer specials for zombies. Check out www.zombieorama.com for updates. Makeup starts at noon at SLG headquarters (577 S. Market St.) and the action starts at 5 pm. Also don't forget the canned food drive benefiting Second Harvest. For more information on Zombie-O-Rama and the other Starlight Cinemas features visit www.sjdowntown.com/Starlight_Cinemas.html.

Learn What to Do When Stopped by Police

In an effort to address citizen concerns about the San Jose Police Department unfairly targeting minority people during stops, the Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Association of Santa Clara Valley and co-sponsor Councilmember Kansen Chu will hold a special community meeting.

Wednesday, August 24 from 6:00-8:00 pm.
San Jose City Hall, Council Chamber Wing, Rooms 118-119

Presenters will be:
San Jose Police Chief Chris Moore
District Attorney Jeff Rosen
Independent Police Auditor, Judge La Doris Cordell
Independent Police Auditor Senior Analyst, Diane Doolan

The presentation will include:

- What to do when a Police officer stops you
- Information on the Independent Police Auditor's Office
- How to file a complaint with the Independent Police Auditor's Office
- A Police Officer's perspective and responsibility toward citizen safety
- Instruction from, "A Student's Guide to Police Practices"

For more information please contact Kathleen Flynn at 408-861-5323 or vicepresidentmlkscv@yahoo.com.

Italian Family Festa

This year the Italian American Heritage Foundation presents the 31st annual Italian Family Festa. The Festa will be held on August 27 (12pm to 9pm) and August 28 (12pm to 6pm) at the new Little Italy site at Julian and St. John streets. The Italian Family Festa is complete with authentic Italian food, arts and crafts, family fun, bocce ball contests, and fabulous entertainment. Visit www.iahfsj.org or call 408-293-7122 for more information.

Library Hours Update

Your local library hours have changed!

Almaden Branch Library—6445 Camden Ave
Wednesday 11:00 am—8:00 pm
Thursday 10:00 am—6:00 pm
Friday 10:00 am—6:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am—6:00 pm

Vineland Branch Library—1450 Blossom Hill Rd
Monday 11:00 am—6:00 pm
Tuesday 11:00 am—8:00 pm
Wednesday 11:00 am—8:00 pm
Thursday 10:00 am—6:00 pm



Aquarius Project youth pictured with Councilmember Pyle at their end of summer celebration.

The Aquarius Project worked with youth in the Hoffman Vi Monte Community Center for several weeks this Summer.



Playa Del Rey Neighborhood Association Board with Councilmember Pyle and Viejitos Car Club members at National Night Out.



Playa Del Rey Neighborhood Association President Brenda Blomquist with Sharkie and Councilmember Pyle at National Night Out.

The budget cuts the City was forced to make in June have

But www.sjpl.org is open 24 hours a day! Check out the San José Public Library website to get homework help, find electronic materials (books, magazines, music and more!), local history information, and manage your library account.

The library is always looking for volunteers. If you are interested in using your talents, providing valuable service to the community, learning new skills and meeting great people, please visit the San Jose Public Library website.

Scan Jose

The San Jose Public Library has developed a free Smartphone-enabled self-guided walking tour to give residents and tourists alike an interactive way to explore downtown San Jose and learn about the City's history. The tour, called Scan Jose, was developed on a web app made compatible for Smartphones and showcases historic images from the collections of the San Jose Public Library and the Sourisseau Academy. Scan Jose directs users by foot to a variety of downtown landmarks. At each stop, the web app will display an historical photo of that same location or offer trivia about an historical event that once occurred there. The images used in the web app date back as far as the late 1800s. Users can choose from three distinct tour options including; a walk around Plaza de Cesar Chavez Park, a stroll down Santa Clara Street, or a trip through some of Downtown San Jose's most historical tragedies and calamities. To access and learn more about Scan Jose, visit www.ScanJose.org.

Almaden Valley in San Jose raises \$59,000 in Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society

Almaden Valley held its fifth successful Relay for Life in June. The American Cancer Society event, raised \$59,000 for research, treatment and support for cancer victims. This also is the third relay in the South Bay area—beginning with Cambrian and followed by Willow Glen in May. A total of 25 teams participated in the Almaden event this year which equated to 195 participants.

Almaden resident is honored by California Community College Board

Longtime Almaden resident Susan Monahan recently received a statewide Classified Employee of the Year award from the California Community college Board of Directors in Sacramento. Monahan is a career/transfer advisor at Mission college where she meets with dozens of students each week, coordinates the annual college fair, plans the annual college counselors' breakfast, and is involved in a number of outreach programs for the community college as well. She has worked at Mission College for 21 years.

Leland president is honored

The National Forensics League has named Leland High Principal Liz Chamberlin as principal of the year for her continued support for the school's speech and debate program. The program consistently take top honors in tournaments and has almost 400 members making it one of the largest in the nation. Leland was also named a "school of Excellence" in debate, speech and overall at the league's annual tournament in Dallas.

4-G Wi-Fi Service Now Available On Light Rail

The Valley Transportation Authority/VTA says it is the first mass transit agency in the world to offer 4-G Wi-Fi, faster connection service than any used elsewhere, on all light-rail trains. VTA Free onboard internet service is an amenity that has been most requested to make public transit more appealing to non-riders in Silicon Valley. Plans are also under way to add Wi-Fi on VTA express buses later this year or by early 2012. For more information, visit the VTA Website.

Pilot Program Launched to Help the Homeless and Reduce Trash

impacted our Police Department. To see the detailed report on the operations and performance changes in the San Jose Police Department [click here](#)

Events Calendar:



Italian Family Festa
August 27-28
Guadalupe River Park
and Gardens

Music
in the
Park

Presented by
XX Music

Plaza de Cesar Chavez
Thursdays at 5:30pm
until August 25



DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE
FARMERS' MARKET

presented by KAISER PERMANENTE

Fridays from 1am to 2pm on
San Pedro Street between
Santa Clara and St. John

Along Coyote Creek

In July, the City of San Jose launched the Clean Creeks, Healthy Communities project, a 4-year pilot program to reduce pollution and improve water quality along Coyote Creek by employing homeless individuals from creek encampments. The program will also provide assistance to the local homeless population, deter dumping and litter, and engage residents in keeping the creek clean. Learn more about the [pilot program](#).

A majority of the funding for the project is coming from a four-year, \$680,000 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, with a number of local partners contributing matching funds and other forms of support. Read the [press release](#).

Report Graffiti Online

The enforcement efforts of the San Jose Police Department have resulted in a new online tool to receive electronic evidence from the citizens of San Jose.

If you have photos of graffiti that may be useful to investigators as evidence, please click on the following link and be prepared to upload the images from your computer to our online graffiti evidence database:

www.sjpd.org/forms/GraffitiFAQ.asp. You can also report graffiti by calling the City's 24 Hour Hotline at (408) 277-2758.

To pick up your free Anti-Graffiti Tool Kit or to volunteer to clean up graffiti call (408) 277-3208 or e-mail: antigrffiti@sanjoseca.gov.

Community Calendar:

Santa Clara Valley Water District Redistricting Advisory Committee Final Meeting

Tuesday, August 16th; 6:00pm

Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Board Room; 5700 Almaden Expressway

Early Care and Education Commission Meeting Retreat

Monday, August 22nd; 6:00pm

Little Italy School; 350 West Julian Street #8

VEP Community Meeting

Tuesday, August 23rd; 7:30pm

Vista Park Community Room; 475 Hyde Park Drive

<http://www.vepca.net/>

Community Meeting on the San Jose Police Department

Wednesday, August 24th

San Jose City Hall, Council Chamber Wing, Rooms 118-119

South First Friday

Friday, September 2nd; 7:00pm

South First Street between San Carlos and E. Reed streets

www.southfirstfridays.com/

Almaden Senior Association Meeting

Wednesday, September 7th; 9:45am

Almaden Community Center, 6445 Camden Avenue

www.almadenseniors.org/

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Wednesday, September 7th; 5:00pm

Location: TBD

www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/sjcommissions/parks/default.asp

Almaden Valley Community Association Meeting

Monday, September 12th; 7:00pm

Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Avenue

Arts Calendar – *fun things to do around town!*



[Ringling Bros & Barnum & Bailey: Fully Charged](#)
August 17-21
HP Pavilion
[Click here for details](#)



[Comedian Daniel Tosh](#)
August 18
San Jose Center for the Performing Arts
[Click here for details](#)



[Josh Groban](#)
August 23
HP Pavilion
[Click here for details](#)



[Face & Body & Health Aging Conference](#)
August 27-29
San Jose McEnery Convention Center
[Click here for details](#)

Safety Tip

Prior to leaving on vacation, leave your travel plans and an emergency phone number with trusted neighbors or friends.

Did you know?

San Jose/Silicon Valley is consistently ranked as the world's leading innovation center ("World's Most Competitive Innovation Economy" World Knowledge Competitiveness Index, "America's Most Innovative City" Forbes, "Pre-eminent High-tech Cluster in the World" Milken Institute)

Emergency Preparedness Tip

Your earthquake emergency kit should include a minimum three-day supply of any prescription medications you MUST take. Keep this supply fresh by rotating it every week. Also include any special medications you often use: nose drops, antihistamine, allergy remedies, etc.

Quote

"Nothing great was ever accomplished without enthusiasm."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson



September 11th Commemoration

We are inviting our city to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the attacks on 9/11. This faith-based service will honor the 3,000 lives lost that day, the men and women who courageously served protecting our city, and the men and women who are serving in the military.

Sunday, September 11, 2011

10:00 A.M. (early arrival suggested)

San Jose Civic Center - Municipal Stadium 

900 San Francisco, San Jose, CA 95128

Free lunch immediately following the service
Hot dogs, chips, fresh-squeezed tomatoes

Bring Your Children!
Children play area available for parents

This service will feature:
The Pioneer High School Orchestra Band (Confirmation Pending)
Prayers and 9/11 Remembrance
Moments to remember for 10/11
Time to honor those in protective services (the police, military)
Prayer for our military, for our soldiers, and for peace in our world

Additional guests invited:
Members of the San Jose City Council
Members of the San Jose Fire/Police Departments
Members of the Santa Clara County Fire/Police Departments
Clergy and former members of the US Military

**10 YEARS
9.11.11
NEVER FORGET**

Sponsored by:
The James Church
San Jose Christian Reformed Church
Church of the Crosses

For information, call 408.439.8700
www.WeRemember10Years.com