



July 2009 Newsletter



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Dear Residents and Friends,

I am happy to report that the City Council unanimously approved the FY 2009-2010 budget during our June 23rd meeting. The budget preserves public safety, neighborhood services, economic development and other essential City services by streamlining administration and utilizing one-time revenues to balance the budget.

Closing the budget deficit of \$84 million would not have been possible without the support of the City's employees. Nearly all of our employee union groups came forward to renegotiate their contracts and forego raises in order to save City services and jobs.

Once again, San Jose received a positive credit rating from three national rating agencies. S&P rated our City with an AAA rating, Fitch rated San Jose AA+ and Moody rated us Aa1. Having a sound fiscal profile enables San Jose to borrow at favorable interest rates and it shows confidence in our financial management.

The City is facing an unusually large budget deficit this year because the poor economy has lowered the amount of tax revenue we are receiving. By implementing these budget balancing strategies, the approved budget saves many of the programs that were slated to be cut. Unfortunately, some programs will be reduced including traffic calming and street landscape maintenance. The City will remove the higher maintenance types of landscaping in the coming months and will only implement traffic calming projects that improve safety.

Proposed Cut	How the cut would have effected services in District 10 (will not be implemented)	Final budget that was approved
Close Fire Station 30 & 33	Reduced services in the Communications Hill area	Both Fire Stations will remain open
Reduce Library hours to 4 days per week	Almaden Library would only be open Wednesday – Saturday and Vineland Library would only be open Monday - Thursday	All City libraries will be open at least five days per week, possibly six days depending on labor negotiations outcomes with two unresolved contracts
Eliminate park ranger program	Almaden Lake Park would not have any rangers and the trail system would not be patrolled	Almaden Lake Park will continue to have park rangers
Close 6 neighborhood and satellite community centers	No District 10 neighborhood centers would be closed	All neighborhood and community centers City wide will remain open this year and

		the City will try to identify non-profits to run the centers next year
Reduce Code enforcement staffing by 2.35 positions	District 10 would have had reduced code enforcement staff and greatly increased response times to reports of blight	The current level of funding and response times will continue
Elimination of the Crime Prevention unit	The Neighborhood Watch program would have been eliminated	Neighborhood Watch program will continue
Eliminate 1 of 7 police traffic enforcement units	Reduction in speeding patrols and school safety patrols	The current level of traffic enforcement will continue
Eliminate the police mounted unit	The mounted unit would not have been available for class presentations and District 10 events	The City will keep the mounted unit
Reduce support for non-profits and arts organizations	Fewer cultural events and arts events would have been available in San Jose	The current level of funding will continue

All the best,



Nancy Pyle
Councilmember, District Ten

Ultratech, Shocking Technologies, Borgata Recycling and Solar Junction are all growing in San Jose —

The San Jose Redevelopment Agency Board's recent approvals of Reimbursement Agreements with Ultratech, Shocking Technologies, Borgata Recycling and Solar Junction will make available over \$1.5 million in funds for the four companies to purchase manufacturing equipment, which will allow the companies to expand their facilities and production capacity while creating new jobs in San Jose.

The four companies are expected to generate an estimated 285 new jobs in two years and nearly 800 new jobs within five years. Additionally, the companies will invest a combined total of more than \$7 million for tenant improvements, and approximately \$30 million for capital equipment purchases.

San Jose Develops First Organics to Energy BioGas Facility —

The San Jose City Council has moved San Jose closer to becoming 100 percent energy independent by authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to develop guidelines and potential lease terms for the development of an organics-to-energy biogas facility on a 40-acre site near the San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plan.

For this project, GreenWaste will partner with Harvest Power, Inc. which provides industry-leading technology and project development capability to harness the renewable energy in organic waste.

The proposed facility would be the first in the United States and it

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



Ultratech Offices



Solar Junction

could take in up to 150,000 tons of organic waste per year to process and produce energy—from waste what would have been destined for a landfill. The resulting energy could supply power to the adjacent San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant (Plant) or be sold back into the regional electrical utility power grid. So Awesome!

FREE Wonders of Our Water Works bus tours —

Find out where your wastewater goes on a 90-minute tour of the San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant (Plant) and the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Tour the largest, most advanced wastewater treatment facility on the West Coast — serving YOU and 1.4 million residents and 16,000 businesses in eight South Bay cities.

Sign up for a tour today at www.sanjoseca.gov/esd/plantmasterplan and select “Take Plant Tour” or Email PlantTours@sanjoseca.gov or Call 408-975-2556. Participants must be at least 10 years old (all children must be accompanied by an adult). Tours are offered on the first and third Thursdays and Saturdays of the month, June through October. Group tours available upon request.

San Jose Summer Reading Program —

In San Jose Library’s Summer Reading Program, children can develop their reading skills by setting their own goals and working towards prizes. There are also great events going on at the library all summer. Here is a sample of events coming up in the District 10 area: (for more information, visit the San Jose Library Website

<http://sjlibrary.org/gateways/kids/src/index.htm>).

Cartoon Workshop and Manga/Anime Character Card

Sat, July 11, 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Vineland Branch Library; 1450 Blossom Hill Rd

Kid's Creative Adventures presents how to draw cartoons for your Preschool to 3rd Grade children. Children will be provided with all materials and they will learn how to draw some popular cartoon characters. There is a sign-up for this popular program. 20 seats are available. There will be an anime/manga design class for 4th – 8th Graders after this program. (408) 808-3000

Family Book-to-Movie Nights

Mon, July 20, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Pearl Avenue Branch Library; 4270 Pearl Ave

Join us for our Family Book-to-Movie Nights featuring G or PG movies based on books or fairy tales. Family Movie Nights are good ways to beat the heat and spend time with the whole family. All ages are welcome. Light snacks will be provided courtesy of the Friends of the Pearl Avenue Branch Library. (408) 808-3053

Airplane Craft Project

Sat, July 25, 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

Almaden Branch Library; 6445 Camden Ave

Be creative! Make your own airplane. This program is part of the Summer Reading Celebration and is sponsored by the Friends of the Almaden Library and Friends of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library. (408) 808-3040

Kudos!

Commending Marilyn Wright! —

On June 1st, Councilmember Pyle presented Marilyn Wright with a commendation honoring her lifelong commitment to helping children! Marilyn Wright is a retired Graystone Elementary school teacher and the current President of the Almaden Valley League of Eastfield Mine Owners



San Jose Water Pollution Control Plant



Almaden Children's Library



Children's Reading Signup

current President of the Almaden Valley League of Eastfield Ming Quong (EMQ). The Almaden Valley League of EMQ runs the Unicorn Thrift Shop where Marilyn manages a team of 63 women each of whom volunteer a minimum of four hours every month at the store. The Unicorn Thrift Shop was created for the purpose of raising money for EMQ's Children and Family Services which provides mental health and social services for over 6,600 emotionally disturbed and abused children throughout Northern California. The Unicorn Thrift Shop has raised \$2,000,000 and donated \$1,500,000 to EMQ's Children and Family Services over the years which has been in large part due to Marilyn's hard work and dedication.

June 2nd was Miss Stephen Day —

Councilmember Pyle declared June 2nd to be Miss Stephen Day at Williams Elementary school to honor her hard work and dedication to the children of San Jose. Colleen Stephen has poured her heart and soul into educating the children at Williams and Olinder Elementary schools. It is estimated that Miss Stephen has taught over 1,000 students in her 38 years of teaching—that's 1,000 students she supported through creativity, sensitivity and motivation. Thank you so much Miss Stephen!

SeniorNet Classes at Almaden Community Center —

The Almaden Community Center is helping seniors to learn how to use computers through Senior Net!, a national non-profit membership organization for people 50 and over dedicated to building a community of computer-using seniors. At the Almaden Community Center sixteen IBM compatible computers are used in a dedicated classroom for instructional and lab use. A large overhead projector connected to the instructor's computer displays the contents of the instructor's monitor so that students can easily follow along. Courses range from the Introduction to Computers where no prior computer knowledge or skill is required to Intermediate/Advanced courses which include instruction on Word Processing, Windows XP, and the Internet. Classes are taught year round but some summer courses still have openings and are starting soon! For more information and a list of course availability please visit www.snicsj.org/almaden/index.html.

Community Calendar

Stay Cation San Jose this summer!

Visit www.sanjoseca.gov/district10/staycation.asp for Stay Cation ideas.

Council does NOT meet in July. We'll see you again in August!

Independence Day, July 4th 2009

Sage Plays at the First Graystone Summer Concert Series Night

Thursday, July 9th; 6:30pm—8:00pm

Graystone Park, Corner of Camden Ave and Mount Carmel Drive, San Jose, CA 95120

Almaden Valley Community Association Meeting

Monday, July 13th; 7:00pm-9:00pm

Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Avenue

Topic: A's Baseball Team's move to San Jose

Playa Del Rey Neighborhood Association Meeting

Wednesday, July 15th; 7:00pm—8:30pm

Pearl Library, Community Room

Hoffman Via Monte Neighborhood Action Coalition

Wednesday, July 15th; 6:30 pm—8:00 pm

Hoffman Via Monte Neighborhood Center; 1180 Blossom Hill Road

Grove Kings Play at the Second Graystone Summer Concert Series Night

Thursday, July 16th; 6:30pm—8:00pm

Graystone Park, Corner of Camden Ave and Mount Carmel Drive, San Jose, CA 95120

Silicon Valley House Rockets Play at the Third Graystone Summer Concert Series Night

Thursday, July 23rd; 6:30pm—8:00pm



Pearl Library



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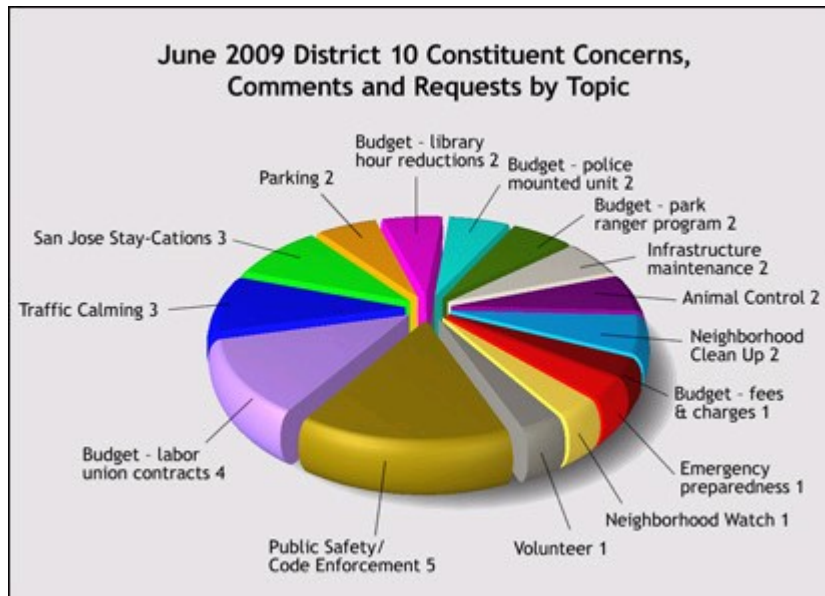
Under Cover Plays at the Final Graystone Summer Concert Series Night

Thursday, July 30th; 6:30pm—8:00pm
Graystone Park, Corner of Camden Ave and Mount Carmel Drive,
San Jose, CA 95120

Save the Date! August 4th is National Night Out

www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/

Constituent Concern Chart



“Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”

~ Harold R. McAlindon

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