



Dear «Preferred\_Name»,

On June 14th, the City Council voted to approve the Mayor's Budget Message and close a \$115 million budget deficit through a combination of one-time revenues, employee concessions, and new service delivery models and efficiencies. The magnitude of the budget shortfall has also required significant service reductions from every City department. Altogether, the City's workforce has shrunk by about 500 positions, each of which performed essential City services such as public safety, road and parks maintenance, and library services.

While there is very little to be happy about in this budget, we were able to save some of the programs and positions that were slated for elimination in the City Manager's [Proposed Operating Budget](#), released in May. The budget that we adopted restored some public safety positions and added some funding for other key services.

Most prominently, the budget we adopted:

- Keeps San Jose's 18 branch libraries open four days per week (the City Manager's proposed budget included a reduction to three days per week)
- Restores 49 firefighter positions via funds from the federal SAFER grant
- Rehires police officers from any increase in sales tax receipts and federal COPS grants
- Restores park rangers, crossing guards, code enforcement officers and funding for senior wellness programs

I am very grateful to all of our City employees for working with us to reduce employee compensation. Without their cooperation, the service cuts would have been much deeper and much more painful. Going forward, we need to keep this spirit of collaboration going. We need to continue to work together – the City, our residents, and our employees – to ensure that the City regains its financial footing and can once again provide the same high-quality services that the City is known for.

For my part, I am committed to finding new ways to provide services, whether through new revenue streams or new service delivery models. To that end, I have committed \$24,000 of my office budget to help support some of the valuable City services that have been impacted by the budget:

- \$20,000 to support the Domestic Violence Prevention Program, which was slated for elimination. Mayor Chuck Reed and Councilmembers Pete Constant and Donald Rocha have also



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contributed to the program for a grand total of \$55,000 that will go towards keeping the City's Domestic Violence Prevention Coordinator for a limited amount of time. The intent of allocating this funding is to facilitate a smooth transition from the current service model to one that is able to operate with fewer City resources.

- \$2,500 to support the Office of Emergency Services Community Emergency Response Training (CERT), a 20-hour program that educates people about disaster preparedness and emergency response for hazards that may impact their community. These much-needed funds will go towards training community members to be self-sufficient immediately following a wide-scale disaster when resources are scarce.
- \$1,500 to keep the Hoffman-Via Monte Community Center open for the next six months. The rent for the storefront community center, located in a Strong Neighborhoods Initiative neighborhood, has been paid through December by the Redevelopment Agency. These funds will enable the Community Center – an important meeting place for the neighborhood – to remain open until the lease expires and a new community support plan can be developed.

There are ways that you can help, too, and I continue to encourage you to find ways to help the programs you care about. If libraries are your passion, consider making a donation to the San Jose Library Foundation. If well-maintained parks and trails are important to you, think about joining the Adopt-A-Park/Trail or the Anti-Graffiti programs. My office would be more than happy to help connect you with the appropriate program that meets your needs.

Lastly, I know the loss of 100 police officers is of particular concern to many of you. If your neighborhood does not already participate in the Neighborhood Watch program, I encourage you to join. Neighborhood Watch is a community-based program that focuses on informing neighborhoods how to discourage, deter and prevent crimes such as burglary, auto theft, car break-ins, and personal crimes which often occur in or near homes. The San Jose Police Department has a wonderful Crime Prevention Unit that can walk you through the program and make sure that your neighborhood has all the crime prevention knowledge you need. In addition, Frank McLaughlin on my staff is another resource on community safety you can utilize. Please call 408-535-4910 if you would like to talk to Frank.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer. We will be taking a break from our regular newsletter schedule, but will return in August with a mid month newsletter.

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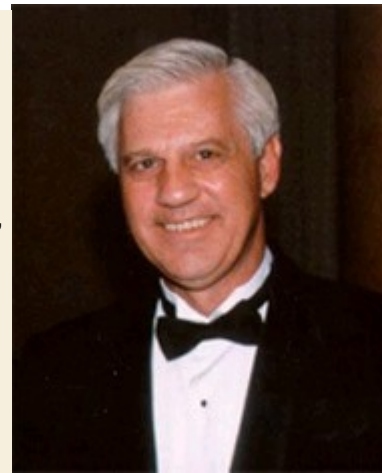
Commendation presented on June 21st for the San Jose – Ekaterinburg Sister City Exchange of Photographers



Councilmember Pyle with photographers Denis Tarasov and Sophia Nasyrova from Ekaterinburg, Russia

## San Josean Elected to Sister Cities International National Board of Directors

Long time resident and community builder, Stephen T. "Tim" Quigley, Jr. has been elected to a three year term on the Sister Cities International (SCI) National Board of Directors. Sister Cities International promotes peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation by focusing exchanges and public programs on sustainable and economic development, youth and education, arts and culture, and humanitarian assistance. Today, SCI supports approximately 2,000 international partnerships in 136 countries on 6 continents around the world. San Jose is currently partnered with seven sister cities: Okayama, Japan; San Jose, Costa Rica; Dublin, Ireland; Veracruz, Mexico, Ekaterinburg, Russia; Tainan, Taiwan; and Pune, India. Mr. Quigley has been involved with the San Jose Dublin Sister City Program for many years and joins a long line of San Joseans involved with SCI leadership. [Click here](#) for more information.



Newly Elected Sister Cities International National Board of Directors Member Tim Quigley

## Alzheimer's Café opening at the Theatre on San Pedro Square

Cathy Spielberger Cassetta, executive director of The Tabard Theatre Company at Theatre on San Pedro Square, is opening an Alzheimer's Café! The Café will offer an opportunity for people to come together and share stories, gain information and, if they choose, participate in creative outlets such as art, writing, music, or comedy. It will provide caregivers with a chance to relax and connect with others in the same situation and give people with dementia the opportunity to socialize and enjoy a day out in a creative environment. The Alzheimer's Café will meet at Theatre on San Pedro Square on the second Wednesday of every month, from 2pm to 4pm. The first meeting will take place July 13. For more information email [cathy@tabardtheatre.org](mailto:cathy@tabardtheatre.org) or call 408-979-0231.



## Graystone Park Summer Concert Series

This series is FREE thanks to the generous support of the Almaden Senior Association, the District 10 Youth Advisory Council, the Almaden Community Center Advisory Council and the City of San Jose's Almaden Community Center.

Come join us on:

Thursdays in July from 6:30pm – 8pm

At Graystone Park located on the corner of Mt. Carmel and Camden Avenue

July 7: The Hitmen (Funk, Soul, disco, Latin)

July 14: The Groove Kings (Danceable. Party Music)

July 21: Silicon Valley Houserockers (Rock-n-roll and R&B)

July 28: Sage (Top 40, R&B, Motown and Big Band)

For more information on this fabulous event please call the Almaden Community Center at 408-268-1133 or view the flyer. (link: document in folder)



## Starlight Cinemas – FREE Summer Outdoor Films Enjoyed Under the Stars

Take advantage of San Jose's warm, summer nights and enjoy a movie under the star-studded sky at Starlight Cinemas, brought to you by the San Jose Downtown Association. These FREE summer outdoor movie classics are shown on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. through Aug. 31.

Here are the upcoming films:

July 6: The Big Lebowski (1998) R

July 13: Spaceballs (1987) PG

July 20: The Birds (1963) No Rating

July 27: Toy Story (1995) G

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

Aug 10: Dazed and Confused (1993) R  
Aug 17: Viva Las Vegas (1963) No Rating  
Aug 24: Swingers (1996) R  
Aug 31: Fido (2007) RG-13

Movies are screened Wednesdays in one of three downtown locations. Pre-show entertainment begins at 7pm, and movies begin at dusk. Bring your own chair or blanket, as well as some snacks – or an entire meal from a nearby downtown restaurant!

For more information, including the full movie schedule and locations, contact (408) 279-1775 or visit [www.sjdowntown.com/starlight](http://www.sjdowntown.com/starlight).

### Music in the Park

The San Jose Downtown Association has put together another solid lineup of free concerts this summer. Shows are every Thursday starting at 5:30pm at Plaza de Cesar Chavez in Downtown San Jose. Music in the Park is presented by Dos Equis and Metro Newspapers

Here are the upcoming shows:

July 7: Led Zepagain (Led Zeppelin Tribute)  
July 14: Neon Trees (Power Pop)  
July 21: English Beat (Ska/New Wave)  
July 28: Cracker (Alternative Rock/Americana)  
Aug 4: Dredg (alternative Rock)  
Aug 11: Marcia Griffiths (Reggae)  
Aug 18: Sergent Garcia (World/Latin/Reggae)  
Aug 25: Pete Escovedo Orchestra (Latin/Jazz)

More information is available at [www.sjdowntown.com](http://www.sjdowntown.com) or 408-279-1775.

### Downtown Farmers' Market at San Pedro Square

10am to 2pm every Friday (except July 1) on San Pedro Street at Santa Clara Street. Check [www.sjdowntown.com](http://www.sjdowntown.com) for more information.

### Community Calendar:

#### South First Friday

Friday, July 1st; 7:00pm  
South First Street between San Carlos and E. Reed streets  
[www.southfirstfridays.com/](http://www.southfirstfridays.com/)

#### Almaden Senior Association Meeting

Wednesday, July 6th; 9:45am  
Almaden Community Center, 6445 Camden Avenue  
[www.almadenseniors.org/](http://www.almadenseniors.org/)

#### Almaden Valley Community Association Meeting

Monday, July 11th; 7:00pm  
Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Avenue  
[www.avca-sj.org](http://www.avca-sj.org)

#### Hoffman Via Monte Meeting

Wednesday, July 20th; 6:30pm  
Hoffman Via Monte Neighborhood Center, 1180 Blossom Hill Road

#### Playa Del Rey Meeting

Wednesday, July 20th; 6:30pm  
Playa Del Rey Park; 5500 Sunny Oaks Drive

#### National Night Out

Tuesday, August 2nd  
\*Time and location vary by neighborhood



Wednesdays at 7pm  
until August 31



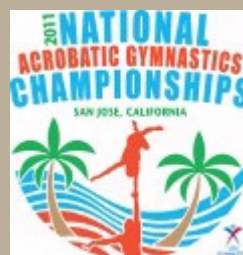
Plaza de Cesar Chavez  
Thursdays at 5:30pm  
until August 25



Avenue Q  
Extended until July 17!  
The Stage  
[Click here for details](#)



The Wiz  
July 15 – 24  
Children's Musical Theater  
San Jose at Montgomery  
Theater  
[Click here for details](#)



2011 USA Gymnastics  
Acrobatic National

### **Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting**

Wednesday, August 3rd; 5:00pm

Location: TBD

<http://www.sanjosed10.com/prns/sjcommissions/parks/default.asp>

### **South First Friday**

Friday, August 5th; 7:00pm

South First Street between San Carlos and E. Reed streets

[www.southfirstfridays.com/](http://www.southfirstfridays.com/)

### **Did you know?**

San Jose has a diverse, international population mix unmatched by any other big city, nationally or globally. Thirty-six percent of San Jose residents are foreign-born and ten percent of residents are new to the US, having arrived since 2000.

### **Quote**

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”

-Helen Keller

### **Ghampionships**

July 22 – 27

San Jose McEnery  
Convention Center

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