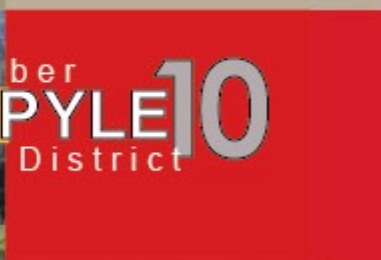




Councilmember
NANCY PYLE 10
District

June 2009 Newsletter



Dear District 10 Resident,

It seems as if the whole world is jumping on the “Green” bandwagon now but San Jose can proudly boast that we have had our “Green Vision” for quite some time. Now, our City has been selected as one of the 12 greenest cities in the Nation! We have achieved this ranking by aggressively pursuing the [Green Vision Goals](#) set forth by the Mayor and Council. Our accomplishments so far include developing one of the best recycling programs in the nation (we divert 60% of our waste from landfills), reducing City energy use by 21% since 2001 and building one of the most advanced water pollution control plants in the nation.



San Jose residents have also made significant changes in their daily lives to reduce their carbon footprint. I would like to invite each of you to take a quick [online survey](#) so that we as a city can find out what residents are doing to green our valley.

Residents make an enormous difference by simply reducing their use of disposable goods, recycling, cutting back on car trips and curbing water use. Unfortunately, Santa Clara County is facing a drought this year and the City of San Jose is asking each household to cut their water use by 15%. We are also asking that residents water their lawns between the hours of 6:00 pm and 8:00 am only. The city does require that all homes landscape their front yards, but native plants and drought resistant plants are encouraged.

June 2009 City wide update print version is [available here](#)

Thank you for all of your conservation efforts – together, we are making a difference!



San Jose has also been ranked a Tree City USA for our extensive Urban Forest

Nancy Pyle
Councilmember, District Ten

District 10 Update

Whole Foods expected to open in 2010 —

Due to the poor state of the economy, Whole Foods is delaying the opening of their store on Almaden Expressway and Camden Avenue from late 2009 to the end of 2010. We look forward to the addition of this grocery store to Council District 10!

Graystone 2nd Graders Visit City Hall —

Second graders from Miss Chappelle’s Graystone Elementary school class toured City Hall, visited with Councilmember Pyle and helped lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the council meeting on May 12. Encouraging children to learn about local government is important to Councilmember Pyle and therefore she enjoys meeting with classes touring City Hall immensely.



Graystone students in Councilmember Pyle’s office

Kudos!

Gold, Silver and Bronze award recipients —

Fourteen girl scout troops were awarded Gold, Silver and Bronze awards on Sunday, May 17th. All of the troops earned their awards by completing a community service project ranging from planning children's activities at the District 10 Disaster and Emergency Preparedness Conference, to raising donations for the homeless or animal shelter. Each project was unique and took exceptional leadership and organizational skills. We are so proud of our girl scouts!

United States Treasury Nominee Rosie Rios Gumataotao —

President Obama has nominated Bay Area resident Rosie Rios Gumataotao to the position of Treasurer of the United States. We learned about her nomination from Rosie's sister Ofelia Rios Hawk, a resident of Council District 10. Congratulations to the Hawk, Gumataotao and Rios families!

Montevideo Improvement Association —

Hats off to the Montevideo Improvement Association for jumpstarting a community beautification project! Neighborhood volunteers are clearing overgrown brush, installing an irrigation system and planting native plants along Camden Avenue. To learn more and see video footage of the planting project, visit the MIA website <http://blog.miahomeowners.com/>.

Teacher Appreciation Month —

Teachers are vitally important to society because they bear the weight and responsibility of teaching the youngest members of the community. Apart from parents, teachers are the main source of knowledge and values for children. Therefore, May was declared Teacher Appreciation Month by Councilmember Pyle and the San Jose City Council!

NAACP Receives Commendation for 100 Years of Service —

For one hundred years, the NAACP has grown on the collective courage of people of all races, nationalities and faiths united with one major premise—that all men and women are created equal. The San Jose/Silicon Valley branch of the NAACP received a commendation to honor the NAACP's one-hundred year anniversary and commend the local branch for their courage and commitment to the fulfillment of freedom, justice and equality to all in the City of San Jose.

Kiwanis Turnaround Scholarship Luncheon —

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. The Almaden and Willow Glen Kiwanis Clubs have joined forces over the last 14 years to help local youth with academic scholarships so they can reach their potential and attend college. On May 15th, 24 local high school students were honored with a scholarship for having been able to "turnaround" their academic life and finish high school with strong grades. Councilmember Pyle was honored to be a part of the celebration and grateful to be able to share the joy with these amazing soon-to-be graduates!

Hoffman Via Monte Strong Neighborhoods Initiative Staff Honored —

SNI staff members Jose Villarreal and Greg Cajina received the "High 5" Award from the First 5 Association of California. Nominated by Go Kids, a non-profit agency, they were praised for "participating in the vision to provide access to programs and services through Go Kids' FIRST 5 grant" and exhibiting a "do whatever it takes" attitude.



Councilmember Pyle welcomed honorees & guests to the Girl Scout Gold, Silver & Bronze Award Presentation



Councilmember Pyle & former Chief of Staff Lee Wilcox bowled for the SJPD fundraiser Bowling for Badges



Janice Allen, President of the San Jose Teachers' Association accepted the Teacher Appreciation Month Proclamation



Jose and Greg accept their award from First Five

New Location – Children’s Musical Theatre now holding summer camp at Almaden Elementary! –

Children’s Musical Theater San Jose, the nation’s largest theater for youth, is holding its annual summer training program at Almaden Elementary. Due to unforeseen maintenance at its longstanding home, Schallenberger Elementary, CMT’s Summer Camp is thrilled to build a new partnership with this lovely neighborhood school.

For over three decades now, CMT has hosted a summer conservatory (formerly known as COPA) for young performers looking to have an exciting, fun summer while exploring the disciplines of acting, singing, dancing, and more! Each session culminates in a final performance for family and friends.

- Session 1: June 15-July 2 (Location: Almaden Elementary)
- Session 2: July 6-July 23 (Location: Almaden Elementary)
- Session 3: July 27-August 13 (Location: CMT Rehearsal Hall & San Jose City College)

For more information, please visit www.cmtsj.org/camp. Hope to see you at Almaden Elementary this summer!

Upcoming Council Meetings

Tuesday, June 2nd

1:30pm and 7:00pm

Tuesday, June 9th

1:30pm

Tuesday, June 16th

1:30pm and 7:00pm

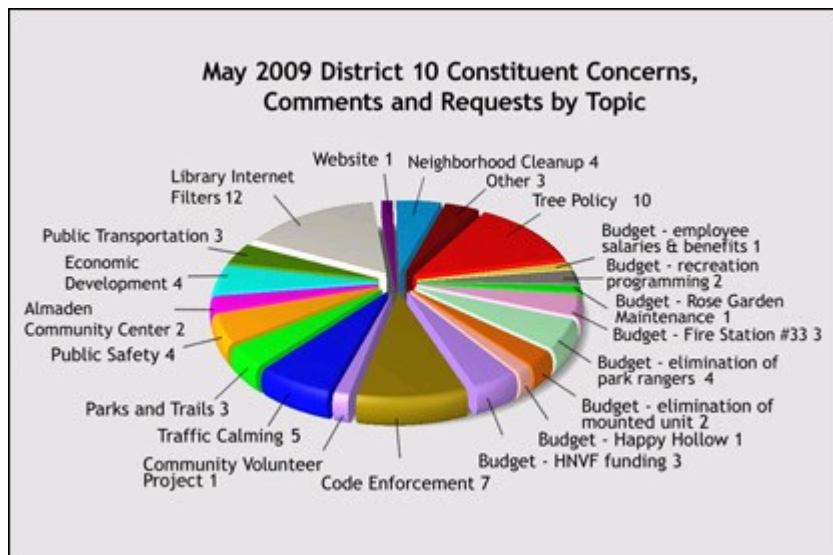
Tuesday, June 23rd

1:30pm

Tuesday, June 30th

1:30pm

Constituent Concern Chart



Community Calendar

Almaden Senior Association Meeting

Wednesday, June 3rd; 9:45am – 11:00am

Almaden Community Center; 6445 Cemden Avenue

www.almadenseniors.org/

Almaden Valley Comedy Night

Saturday, June 6; Hors D'oeuvres 6:00pm, show 7:00pm

Santa Clara Country Horsemen's Association; 20350 McKean Road

Presented by the Kiwanis Club of Almaden Valley

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The Playa Del Rey Neighborhood Association Meet & Greet was a success! Neighbors shown above enjoyed the dessert potluck.



Mayor Reed & Councilmember Pyle proclaim better Hearing & Speech Month

All of the comedians are professional and two of them have been openers for Robin Williams. There will be a silent auction with sports memorabilia and gifts from Almaden merchants. Wine, beer, soft drinks will be offered for minimal price. Funds raised will benefit local community programs such as Almaden Valley Counseling Service, Turn Around Scholarships, and youth activities at Simonds, Leland and Pioneer schools.

Tickets available at www.almadenvalleykiwanis.org/ comedy or from Chris (408) 314-9939 or Martha (408) 997-6520

Mayor's Community Resource Fair

Sunday, June 7th; 11:00am – 4:00pm

History Park; 1650 Senter Road

This fair will feature several cultural performances and entertainment on two stages, a children's activity area, a resource fair with nearly 100 organization tables and free hotdogs for the first 1500 guests!

Almaden Valley Community Association Meeting (AVCA)

Monday, June 8th; 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Avenue

www.avca-sj.org

Flag Day

Sunday, June 14th

Hoffman Via Monte Neighborhood Action Coalition Meeting

Wednesday, June 17th; 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Hoffman Via Monte Neighborhood Center; 1180 Blossom Hill Road #2

www.strongneighborhoods.org/hoffman06.asp

Playa Del Rey Neighborhood Association Meeting

Wednesday, June 17th; 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Pearl Library Community Room; 4270 Pearl Avenue

Father's Day

Sunday, June 21st

Message to Graduates

I would like to congratulate all 2009 graduates! Graduation is a time filled with excitement, no matter what level of graduation you are completing – be it from college, high school, middle school or even elementary school. I encourage you to take these words to heart:

“To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.”

~ Anatole France

“If you can imagine it, you can achieve it; if you can dream it, you can become it.”

~ William Arthur Ward

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