



Dear «Preferred_Name»,

In March of every year the City of San Jose welcomes the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Ireland, San Jose's Sister City, and a delegation of city officials, and business representatives. This year we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the San Jose—Dublin Sister City Program. The dignitaries, including Lord Mayor of Dublin Gerry Breen and Dublin Deputy City Manager Philip Maguire, and representatives from the Dublin City Council, the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, the Digital Hub and Dublin's leading universities (Trinity College, University College of Dublin, and the Dublin Institute of Technology) arrived on March 8th for Irish Week. The week began with a welcome breakfast at the Silicon Valley Capital Club and was followed by a ceremony for the raising of the Irish and American flags held outside San Jose City Hall and led by the Lord Mayor of Dublin and the Mayor of San Jose. The St. John Vianney children's choir sang the anthems of both countries beautifully.

Several business meetings were held throughout Irish Week to discuss continued and expanding collaboration between Dublin and San Jose. Dublin has been designated by the EU as "City of Science 2012" so the Lord Mayor and delegation met with the Tech Museum of Innovation to discuss opportunities for collaboration between the Tech and Dublin museums. They also attended a reception at the Irish Innovation Center and received a briefing about the Center's work in promoting two-way investment between Ireland and San Jose. The US Market Access Center was also on their itinerary as it is the only business incubator in the U.S. developed to attract foreign companies to the United States. Additionally The Lord Mayor and delegation met with Intel officials at the company's headquarters in Santa Clara as Intel is the largest U.S. investor in Ireland and is expanding their Dublin facility.

Other events such as attending a San Jose Shark's game and the Stage Company's rendition of "On the Waterfront" were held throughout the week and culminated in the 'Spirit of Ireland' Award Dinner. This Award is presented to those individuals and/or companies whose accomplishments have exemplified the relationship between San Jose/ Silicon Valley and Ireland. This year the award was given to John Hartnett, the President and Founder of the Irish Technology Leadership Group (ITLG). ITLG was established in 2007 and is committed to helping Ireland address the challenges of embracing new technology opportunities. The ITLG's core leadership team is comprised of a number of high-level leaders in Silicon Valley who are Irish or Irish-American. Hartnett is also the Founder of Irish Technology Capital (ITC) and the Irish Innovation Center (IIC) which



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print version is
[available here](#)



The St. John Vianney
Children's Choir at the 2011
San Jose –Dublin Sister City
Flag Raising

provides entrepreneurs access to venture capital firms, customers, suppliers and employees to enable their companies to grow and thrive.

Although our relationship with Ireland is very serious I would like to highlight some “fun facts” about Ireland.

Business

There are approximately 600 U.S. subsidiaries currently in Ireland that employ roughly 100,000 people and span activities from manufacturing of high-tech electronics, computer products, medical supplies, and pharmaceuticals to retailing, banking, finance, and other services. Additionally, U.S. firms year after year account for over half of Ireland's total exports.

Literature

The Irish have a long tradition of literary excellence, and have been awarded several Nobel Prizes in Literature (Seamus Heaney, Samuel Beckett, George Bernard Shaw, and William Butler Yeats). The Irish are also known for their “Gift of Gab” and tradition of storytelling. The Department of Irish Folklore at University College Dublin has over 100,000 tales, myths and legends on record, the largest collection of its kind in the world!

For more information visit www.sanjosedublin.org.

Nancy Pyle
District 10 Councilmember



John Hartnett



Go Green to Fight Cancer—Saturday, March 19th

Join the Power In Purple and go green to fight cancer on March 19th at the Almaden Golf & Country Club! Tickets are \$35 and will include a traditional Irish dinner, dancing and live music provided by the SilverBacks who play 80s music. A cash bar, raffle and silent auction will also be part of the evening. For more information and to purchase your tickets (by March 14th!) visit www.powerinpurple.com. All proceeds will benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Happy Hollow Foundation’s Hoot & Howl—Saturday, March 26th

All fans of Happy Hollow Park & Zoo over age 21 are invited to Happy Hollow Foundation’s Signature Fundraising Event of the year, benefitting Happy Hollow Park & Zoo. It’s an adults-only evening full of childish behavior. This one of a kind event features the newest, hottest medleys & mash-ups cover band in the valley. Enjoy the Peelers, food and beverages, animal encounters and playing in the park after dark with plenty of fun surprises in store. Come find out what Danny the Dragon and his park friends do after the park closes.....shhhh! Don’t tell the kids! For more information visit www.hhpz.org/index.cfm/id/111/.

Pet Food Express Grand Opening

On March 5, I attended the Grand Opening of the new Pet Food Express on Blossom Hill Road with some of the furrer members of the San Jose Police Department – the two brand new Canine Unit dogs! I am so happy to welcome this wonderful store to the neighborhood. In addition to hosting adoption events and providing low-cost vaccinations, Pet Food Express stores throughout the Bay Area raise money to buy protective vests for Canine Unit dogs by donating proceeds from their pet washes. In the past 2 years, Pet Food Express has raised over \$165,000 to buy vests, first aid kits and heat sensors for the patrol cars. For more information, please visit <http://petfoodexpress.com/giving-back/annual-k-9-fundraiser/>.



The top FIVE finalists will compete for prizes at a live concert on Saturday, March

408 Area Code Public Meetings

The California Public Utilities Commission is holding public meetings March 16, 17, and 18 to discuss plans to make changes to the 408 area code. The North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) estimates that the 408 area code will be exhausted during the third quarter of 2012.

There are two options for introducing a new area code, a geographic split or an overlay. A split requires a change in area code for part of the geography now served by the 408. An overlay retains the same area code for currently assigned numbers, but requires dialing the area code with every call made. Both options will be reviewed and discussed at the public meetings. Additional information about both options is available at www.cpuc.ca.gov/408areacode.

Subsequent to the public meetings, NANPA will submit a petition to the CPUC for authorization to implement an area code change plan in the 408 area code.

Written comments may be submitted to the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at public.advisor.la@cpuc.ca.gov. The CPUC's area code hotline (866-340-6147) is also available to answer your questions.

Wednesday, March 16, 2011
7:00 pm

San Jose City Hall, Council Chambers
200 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose

Thursday, March 17, 2011
2:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Los Gatos Civic Center, City Council Chambers
110 E. Main Street, Los Gatos

Friday, March 18, 2011
10:00 am

Morgan Hill City Hall, City Council Chambers
17555 Peak Ave, Morgan Hill

If you have additional questions, please contact Lauren at lauren.profeit@sanjoseca.gov or (408) 535-4910.

Clipper Card Launches on VTA

VTA has begun to phase-in the use of Clipper cards as valid fare on VTA buses and light rail vehicles. Passengers can purchase Clipper Cards at VTA locations and can load "electronic cash" for immediate use on VTA and Monthly Flash Passes starting with March 2011 passes.

In case you haven't heard, Clipper is an all-in-one transit "smart" card, which allows you to load passes and "electronic cash" value, for use on Bay Area transit systems. Clipper makes taking transit super convenient; you no longer have to carry multiple passes, just load what you need on one card and you're good to go! While the passes you choose to load on your Clipper card will continue to be transit-system specific (example, a VTA monthly pass), you also have the option to load cash value that can be used as fare on any of the transit systems that accept Clipper. Clipper makes travel around the bay area simple and convenient. You can check out VTA's sample trip Around the Bay, or contact VTA at (408) 321-2300 to help you create your own.

19, held at [Almaden Branch Library and Community Center](#). All are invited to attend this exciting concert event, which will showcase local talented youth, and the judges will determine the grand prize winner of San Jose Public Library's Battle of the Bands! For more information, contact (408) 808-2175.



Councilmember Pyle and fellow Councilmembers at the proposed San Jose Earthquakes Soccer Stadium Site



Please visit www.clippercard.com to obtain your card, visit a participating Clipper retailer (a complete list can be found at www.clippercard.com/retail, or you may obtain a card at VTA ticket offices, at these two locations:

Downtown Customer Service Center
2 North First Street
San José, CA 95113

River Oaks Administrative Offices
3331 North First Street Building B
San José, CA 95134

Parks Community Meeting—Alternate Service Delivery

Community meetings will be held to discuss the business case for alternative service delivery options for small park landscape maintenance, graffiti eradication and park restroom custodial services.

The Parks Division is seeking input from the community to determine whether to include the proposals as part of the 2011-2012 Proposed Budget in accordance with Council Policy 0-41. At this time, the Department is undertaking a business case analysis to evaluate service delivery changes in order to develop a recommendation to the City Council.

The meetings will be held from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the following locations:

March 23, 2011
Willows Community Center
2175 Lincoln Ave.

March 24, 2011
Edenvale Community Center
330 Branham Lane East

March 29, 2011
Alum Rock Youth Center
137 N. White Rd

Council Salary Setting Commission meetings

The San José Council Salary Setting Commission has announced its meeting schedule to gather input regarding compensation for the Mayor and City Council. Under the City Charter, the Council Salary Setting Commission is appointed by the Civil Service Commission and meets in odd-numbered years to establish compensation for the City's elected officials. The Commission makes recommendations to the City Council regarding its compensation, which the City Council must either accept or reject. The Commission will issue a report by April 30, 2011 that will recommend compensation and benefits for the Mayor and City Council beginning July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013.

As a part of its process, the Commission invites comments during public meetings from current and former Mayors and members of the City Council, candidates from the 2010 City elections, other public officials, and members of the public. These meetings will be held:

San José Family Camp is located in the heart of the Sierras near Yosemite National Park. The Stanislaus National Forest and the middle fork of the Tuolumne River serve as the scenic backdrop to this mountain playground. Family Camp provides a retreat where guests of all ages can fish, hike, swim, participate in organized programs or just sit back, relax and take it easy. It's a great experience for the entire family!

Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.
City Hall Wing – City Clerk's Office



**City of San José
PARKS COMMUNITY MEETING**

Join us to discuss the Business case to contract out:

- Parks Restroom Custodial
- Small Park Landscape Maintenance (< 2 acres)
- Graffiti Eradication

ALTERNATIVE SERVICE DELIVERY

March 23, 2011 Willows Community Center 2175 Lincoln Ave.
March 24, 2011 Edenvale Community Center 330 Branham Lane East
March 29, 2011 Alum Rock Youth Center 137 N. White Rd

To arrange an accommodations needs for persons with disabilities, call to participate in the public meeting, please call (408) 784-6886 or (408) 284-8337 (TTY) at least two business days before the meeting.



Councilmember Pyle with the District 10 Youth Advisory Council at their recently held Social Host Ordinance & Youth Drinking & Driving Forum

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City Hall, Room W-242

Saturday, March 19, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.
Tully Branch Library
880 Tully Rd., San José CA 95111

Monday, March 21, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
Vineland Branch Library
1450 Blossom Hill Rd., San José CA 95118

Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
Roberto Cruz Alum Rock Library
3090 Alum Rock Av., San José CA 95127

For further information, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at (408) 535-1260 or cityclerk@sanjoseca.gov.

The Civil Grand Jury needs new members

The Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara is accepting applications for the 2011-2012 term of the Civil Grand Jury. The Civil Grand Jury serves as the County's investigatory body and may examine the operations of city and county government, special districts, and school districts. The Grand Jury also has the authority to inspect adult and juvenile detention facilities. Applicants must be residents of Santa Clara county, United States citizens, and 18 years of age or older. Grand Jury service gives citizens a special and unique opportunity to contribute to the efficiency of local government. The time commitment is significant—20-25 hours per week. The Court is seeking volunteers willing to make the commitment for the one-year term, which runs from June 23, 2011 to June 30, 2012. The application deadline is Monday, March 21st. Persons interested in applying may contact Gloria Alicia Chacon at the Office of the Civil Grand Jury at 408-882-2722, or visit the website at www.sccourt.org to obtain an application online.

Adult Fitness Class at Guadalupe River Park Conservancy

Do you sit all day at work and need an energy boost? Did your exercise routine fall apart during the holidays? Burst out of winter with a fun, new way to get fit this spring! Join Guadalupe River Park Conservancy for an eight week spring walking series, led by fitness instructor Kristin Strellis. Step by step, you will improve your health as you walk on the paved trails along the beautiful Guadalupe River. Learn proper stretches, toning exercises and wellness tips as you meet others who enjoy outdoor exercise.

Classes will meet at the Guadalupe River Park & Gardens Visitor & Education Center, located at 438 Coleman Avenue in San Jose. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. To register, visit www.grpg.org or call 408-298-7657.

Spring Walking Series
Saturdays, March 19th through May 7th (8 weeks)
8:30 to 9:30 am
\$40/members, \$50/non-members

Lauren Profeit
Council Assistant

Nitila Patel
Council Assistant

Frank McLaughlin
Council Assistant



Master Gardeners of Santa Clara County present the Spring Garden Market

The 17th annual Spring Garden Market will be held on Saturday, April 2nd at History San Jose (1650 Senter Road) starting at 9:00am. This is more than a plant sale (although 20,000 vegetable, herb and ornamental flowers will be on sale). This event will provide gardening advice through the form of talks and plant clinics throughout the day. For more information visit <http://mastergardeners.org/sgm> or call 408-282-3105.

City Calendar:

City Council Meetings

City Council Meetings

Tuesday, March 15th; 1:30pm and 7:00pm

Tuesday, March 22nd; 1:30pm

Tuesday, March 29th, 1:30pm

Tuesday, April 5th; 1:30pm

Tuesday, April 12th; 1:30pm

City Hall, 200 E Santa Clara Street, City Council Chambers

www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/agenda.asp

Community Calendar:

Hoffman Via Monte Meeting

Wednesday, March 16th; 6:30pm

Neighborhood Center, 1180 Blossom Hill Road

Playa Del Rey Meeting

Wednesday, March 16th; 6:30pm

Pearl Library, 4270 Pearl Avenue

St. Patrick's Day

Thursday, March 17th

Great American Litter Pick Up

Saturday, March 19th; 8:30am-11:30am

Pioneer High School, 1290 Blossom Hill Road

Meet at the front of the school

Call 408-277-3208 or 408-535-4979 for more information

Work2Future Job Fair

Tuesday, March 22nd; 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Mexican Heritage Plaza; 1700 Alum rock Avenue

For questions call 408-794-1177

*More information coming

VEP Community Meeting

Tuesday, March 22nd; 7:30pm

Vista Park Community Room; 475 Hyde Park Drive

www.vepca.net

Oak Grove School District's Cultural Arts Exposition

A multicultural visual and performing arts showcase of student talent

Friday, March 25th ; 6:00pm

Edenvale Community Center; 330 Branham Lane East

Tickets may be purchased at the door: \$5 individual or \$10 per family (up to 6)

For more information please contact Jenay Kiddoo, Coordinator at 408-227-8300x251 or jkiddoo@ogsd.k12.ca.us

Early Care & Education Commission Meeting

Monday, March 28th; 7:00pm

MLK Library

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
March 22, 2011
JOB FAIR
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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opportunity • jobs • success

EMPLOYERS:

- A&P
- American Red Cross
- Bank of America
- Best Buy
- Burger King
- Dunkin' Donuts
- Home Depot
- Kmart
- Lowe's
- Oldemark
- Petco
- PetSmart
- Safeway
- Sears
- Target
- The Home Depot
- Wal-Mart
- Walgreens
- Whole Foods Market
- Z Gallerie

• Meet with major local employers
• Limited Free Parking (subject to local government approval)
• Bring your resume to help in making an impression
• Dress: business casual, no tie
• Free admission, no fee
• Open to all ages

See reverse for application instructions

Mexican Heritage Plaza
1700 Alum Rock Avenue
San Jose, CA 95133
For questions call
(408) 794-1177

FREE Electronic Waste Recycling

Benefits
THE HOLY SPIRIT PARISH COMMUNITY

When: **SATURDAY**
APRIL 9, 2011
9am to 3pm

Where: **1200 REDMOND AVE.**
SAN JOSE, CA 95120
Parking Lot

Visit our website at
www.earthcarerecycling.com

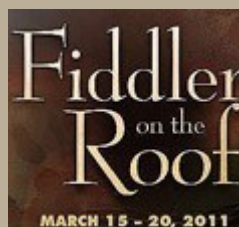
For a list of items we recycle, including:

- Computer Systems & Peripherals
- Desktops, Laptops & PDAs
- Mice and Keyboards
- Monitors and Televisions
- Printers, Copy & Fax Machines
- Stereos, Radios & Players
- Telephones & Cell Phones
- VCRs, DVD Players, Media, etc.

We do not accept fridges, air conditioners, household appliances or anything with motor oil.

For more information contact Steve Remora at
(408) 943-9943 or email
info@earthcarerecycling.com
See you there!

Arts Calendar –
fun things to do around town!



Fiddler on the Roof
Presented by Broadway
San Jose at San Jose
Center for the Performing
Arts
Now - March 20
[Click here for details](#)

<http://sjpl.org/ecec>

Cesar Chavez Day Holiday

Thursday, March 31st

South First Friday

Friday, April 1st; 7:00pm

South First Street between San Carlos and E. Reed streets

www.southfirstfridays.com/

Spring Garden Market

Saturday, April 2nd; 9:00am

History San Jose, 1650 Senter Road

<http://mastergardeners.org/sgm>

408-282-3105

Almaden Senior Association Meeting

Wednesday, April 6th; 9:45am

Almaden Community Center, 6445 Camden Avenue

www.almadenseniors.org/

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Wednesday, April 6th; 5:00pm

City Hall, 200 E Santa Clara Street, Wing 118-119

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

FREE Electronic Waste Recycling

To benefit the Holy Spirit Parish Community

Saturday, April 9th; 9am to 3pm

1200 Redmond Avenue, Parking Lot

For more information contact Steve Ramona at 408-943-9943 or email

info@earthcarerecycling.com

Neighborhood Services and Education Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 14th; 1:30pm

City Hall, Council Chambers

www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/CommitteeAgenda/NSE/NSE.asp

Safety Tip

Help Prevent burglaries. Never leave a house key available: under a doormat, in a flower pot, or on the upper ledge of a door frame. These are the first places a burglar will look.

Did you know?

San Jose has over 200 miles of bike lanes. For more information on biking or walking to work, [please click here for more information.](#)

Quote

“A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination”

-Nelson Mandela



[Follies Concert Version](#)

The Tabard Theatre

Company

Now - March 27

South Bay Premiere!

[Click here for details](#)



[Man of La Mancha — Broadway in Concert Series](#)

Presented by Symphony Silicon Valley at California Theatre

March 18 - 20

[Click here for details](#)