



Dear «Preferred_Name»,

On Wednesday, February 16th I traveled to Sacramento with Vice Mayor Madison Nguyen, Councilmembers Ash Kalra and Donald Rocha and Redevelopment Agency Executive Director Harry Mavrogenes. Our mission was to discuss the governor's plan to eliminate Redevelopment Agencies statewide.

While there we met with Assembly Members Bob Wieckowski, Rich Gordon, Paul Fong, Nora Campos, Jim Beall, Bill Monning and Luis Alejo as well as Senators Ellen Corbett, Joe Simitian, Elaine Alquist and Sam Blakeslee. We were encouraged by their understanding of the need for Redevelopment.

In the past ten years the City of San Jose has had a cumulative budget deficit of \$565 million and an employee reduction of 1,614. There is no capacity for more cuts. I am an advocate for redevelopment because redevelopment is essential to the economic health of San Jose, the Bay Area and California. Redevelopment agencies and [enterprise zones](#), which offer tax incentives for businesses to locate here, provide some of the most powerful economic development tools cities have. For example, San Jose's Redevelopment Agency has been vital in transforming North San Jose into a vibrant economic area which is now home to more than 1,400 companies with 66,000 employees. In the Edenvale Technology Park, San Jose's Redevelopment Agency has attracted more than 300 companies employing more than 13,000 people since 1980.

San Jose's Redevelopment Agency is the best in the state regarding low cost housing and is second to Los Angeles in productivity. I am concerned that San Jose may lose one of the very few tools it has to attract and keep business.

The State of California offers no incentive packages for corporate community while Texas, Arizona and several other states do. Consequently Mayor Reed and the other top ten Mayors of our state have presented to Governor Brown a very sound proposal which alters Redevelopment operations. A decision should be forthcoming within the next week or so. I will keep you posted.



March 2011
Newsletter
print version is
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Nancy Pyle
District 10 Councilmember

Social Host Ordinance and Teen Safety Forum

On Wednesday, March 9th a forum on the proposed San Jose Social Host Ordinance as well as a discussion on youth drinking and driving will be held at the Almaden Community Center. This forum is being co-hosted by the district 10 Youth Advisory Council, Voice United and my office. The forum will begin at 6:30pm and include information on

- What is a Social Host Ordinance?
- How does it affect parents and teens?
- What can you do to prevent underage drinking and driving?

This forum is open to all parents and teens. Come find out more information and voice your opinion! For more information contact Laura Cowan at 408-535-4979 or laura.cowan@sanjoseca.gov.

Wednesday, March 9th; 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Almaden Community Center, 6445 Camden Avenue
Refreshments will be provided!

Cinequest Film Festival

From March 1 to March 13, downtown San Jose is home to Cinequest, one of the most exciting film festivals around! Cinequest is one of the last big festival bastions for the discovery of new and emerging film artists. Cinequest Film Festival (CQFF) presents a dynamic 13-day event of 200 international films with over 600+ film artists, technologists, and professionals from 44 countries in attendance. Over 10,000 artists have attended CQFF to date. Visit www.cinequest.org/indexCQ.php for more information about films, tickets, and special events.

Sign Up, Pick Up and Clean Up Your Community!

Help the City of San Jose and your neighbors clean up litter at the Great American Litter Pick Up on Saturday, March 19th. Councilmember Pyle and District 10 residents will meet at the front of Pioneer High School, 1290 Blossom Hill Road. Registration begins at 8:00am and upon registration you will receive litter clean-up supplies and information on which areas in District 10 need cleaning. From 8:30am to 11:30am we will pick up litter and drop off full bags. Following the event, we will meet back at Pioneer High School for a celebratory lunch. Think about organizing your neighborhood to join! For more information contact Servando Perez at 277-3208 or Servando.perez@sanjoseca.gov.

Join the City of San Jose's Youth Commission

The San Jose City Council will be accepting applications until Friday, March 25, 2011 at 5:00 pm for an appointment to the Youth Commission. The Youth Commission was formed to foster greater involvement of youth in municipal government and studies any problems, activities and concerns of youth relating to municipal policies, programs or projects of the City.

There are eight positions available on the Commission, including one for District 10. Applicants must be between the ages of fourteen and twenty at the time of appointment and must live in the Council District they represent.

Applications may be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 200 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose, CA 95113 (408) 535-1252, or on the City's Web site at www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/forms/youthappl.pdf. If you would like additional information regarding the Commission, please call (408) 793-5559.

San Jose Family Camp

District 10
Social Host Ordinance & Youth Drinking and Driving Forum
Wednesday, March 9
6:30 - 8:30pm
Almaden Community Center
(6445 Camden Avenue)

- What is a Social Host Ordinance?
- How does it affect parents and teens?
- What can you do to prevent underage drinking and driving?

Come find out more information and voice your opinion!

This forum is open to all parents and teens

For more information contact:
Laura Cowan, District 10 Youth Commissioner
laura.cowan@sanjoseca.gov
Or:
Laura Cowan, District 10 Council Office Representative
Laura.Cowan@sanjoseca.gov
408.535.4979

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COUNCIL DISTRICT 10
NANCY PYLE

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MARCH 1-13, 2011
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don't let LITTER trash your community!

Sign Up, Pick Up and Clean Up Your Community!

Great American Litter PICK UP

Saturday, March 19, 2011
Clean-up 8:30 - 11:30 AM
For more information or to sign up, call (408) 277-3208

Para información sobre este día de limpieza comunitaria, llame al (408) 277-3208.
Para más información o para registrarse, llame al (408) 277-3208.

Logos of various participating organizations including the City of San Jose, Almaden Community Center, and various local businesses and groups.

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!

Early Registration begins Saturday March 5, 2011 from 7:00am-1:00pm. Download the [registration pdf](#).

Mail-in Registration begins April 11, 2011. All applications received on or before April 11th will be randomly processed starting April 11th.

Walk-in Registration begins May 17, 2011. Office hours are Monday – Friday 10:00am to 3:00pm

Fax-in Registration begins May 17, 2011. Fax number (408) 286.3682

For more information visit www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/familycamp/ or call 408-794-6523.

City of San Jose Welcomes Irish Delegation

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the San Jose-Dublin sister city relationship. Initiated in 1986 by then Mayor of San Jose, Tom McEnery and the current Taoiseach (Prime Minister) Bertie Ahern, then Lord Mayor of Dublin, Ireland, the San Jose-Dublin sister city designation celebrates the important civic bond that the two cities share. Each March, a delegation of City officials and business representatives from Dublin visits San Jose for "Irish Week." Events include a welcome breakfast, a City Hall flag raising ceremony, and the Spirit of Ireland awards ceremony. For more information, please visit www.sanjosedublin.org.

San Jose Museum of Art

The San Jose Museum of Art (110 S. Market St., downtown) has a very unusual exhibition on view. It is called "Roots in the Air, Branches Below," and it consists of about 50 pieces of modern and contemporary art done by artists born or living in India. This show is remarkable because the art is on loan from eleven private collectors living in Silicon Valley and the Bay Area. The art is bright and lively. While there are occasional references to Indian deities and fables, the art is very international, and miles away from any clichés about Indian art.

In addition to the art from India, there is a show of 103 portraits by the photographer Robert Mapplethorpe. The subjects are artists, friends, authors, benefactors and a few from the demimonde. The photography scene is rounded out by another exhibit, "The Modern Photographer," from the first half of the 20th century, when photography found its place as art. Photographers like Paul Strand, Dorothea Lange, Edward Weston and their contemporaries are represented. For more information please visit www.sjmusart.org/.

Free Tax Services

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) offers free tax help to low- and moderate-income (generally, \$49,000 and below) people who cannot prepare their own tax returns. Certified volunteers sponsored by various organizations receive training to help prepare basic tax returns in communities across the country. VITA sites are generally located at community and neighborhood centers, libraries, schools, shopping malls, and other convenient locations. Most locations also offer free electronic filing.

Volunteers are trained to prepare basic 2010 Forms 1040EZ, 1040A, 1040 with Schedule A, B, limited Schedule CEZ, C and California State Income Tax returns ONLY.

To find a VITA site near you, download the VITA Sites and [Schedules pdf](#) or dial 2-1-1 from any phone in Santa Clara County. Most sites are walk-in (no



San Jose Youth Commission



San Jose Family Camp



2010 San Jose –Dublin
Sister City visit



This is a Tyeb Mehta piece
from his Diagonal Series on
display now at the
San Jose Museum of Art

appointment necessary). Questions? Call (408) 345-4311.

Meet the City's Customer Contact Center

Where can I find old plans on the house I just bought? What is on the next City Council agenda? How do I start my own business? Answers to these questions are found all-year-round at the very busy Customer Contact Center.

The Customer Contact Center, which provides information in a variety of languages, responds to over 325,000 calls, 45,000 walk-ins and 15,000 electronic requests every year. The staff is trained to know about department specialties, City events, weather-related emergency information, Council directives and more. Whatever the question, this resourceful staff strives to reduce call wait times, improve customer service and proudly represent the City of San José as the first contact for City service.

You can reach the Customer Contact Center on the City's main line at (408) 535-3500 or at customerservice@sanjoseca.gov for answers.

Join the Neighborhood Watch Program

Want to learn how you and your neighbors can discourage, deter and prevent crimes in your community? Schedule a Neighborhood Watch meeting for your neighborhood!

Neighborhood Watch is a collaborative effort between the San Jose Police Department and the community which focuses on preventing crimes such as burglary, auto theft, car break-ins, and personal crimes which often occur near homes.

The Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit has provided Neighborhood Watch presentations to neighborhood groups for nearly 25 years. To request a Neighborhood Watch meeting, call the Crime Prevention Unit at (408) 277-4133. The Crime Prevention Specialist that represents the area of San Jose where you live will work with you to schedule the meeting date (usually at least three to four weeks notice is required).

Frank McLaughlin in my office is another resource for information about crime prevention and other safety issues. If you would like advice on how to avoid being a victim of crime, contact Frank at frank.mclaughlin@sanjoseca.gov or 408-535-4910.

Training & Tools Available When You Volunteer at a Park!

Volunteers make a difference at city parks, every day! The City of San Jose's Adopt - A - Park program and One Day Volunteer events, volunteers are helping to keep parks clean and safe! Through the Volunteer Management Unit, city staff coordinates all events. Training and tools are provided on-site, which makes each volunteer event easy and rewarding! [click here for more information.](#)

Calling All Ham Radio Operators!

San Jose RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) is a group of volunteer amateur radio operators that provides additional communications channels to the City of San Jose in times of declared emergency. Sponsored by the City's Office of Emergency Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), RACES volunteers are an important part of our City's emergency preparedness. All volunteers go through training and use their own equipment to assist the community in times of disaster.

In addition, RACES provides communications support for public service events of a non-emergency nature, such as parades, races and other events. If you would like more information about RACES, please visit www.sjraces.org/index.php.



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

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Happy Hollow Marketing Campaign Wins Award of Excellence

The Happy Hollow Park & Zoo (HHPZ) Grand Re-Opening Marketing Campaign received the 2010 Award of Excellence from the California Park & Recreation Society (CPRS) for its Open/or New Memories Campaign. The CPRS Award of Excellence is one of the highest statewide recognitions a parks and recreation agency can receive. The Grand Opening in March 2010 resulted in an all-time record number of visitors in April with initial peaks exceeding 16,000 visitors per weekend. HHPZ has shown continued success in bringing in diverse visitors from all around the Bay Area. The award will be presented at the 2011 California and Pacific Southwest Recreation and Park Training Conference in Sacramento on Friday, March 11, 2011. For more information, contact Suzanne Wolf, Recreation Superintendent, at 794-6406.

Smoke Detectors Save Lives

Every year in the US, 5,000 people are killed in house fires. Most home fire fatalities occur at night while people are asleep. If a fire occurs in your home, your chances of survival are increased by 50% if smoke detectors are present and working. For information about smoke detector installation and care, please read this fact sheet. Additional fire safety information, including tips on home fire drills, can be found on the San Jose Fire Department [website](#)

Almaden Relay for Life—June 25-26 (Sat – Sun)

Help the American Cancer Society save lives by joining a Relay For Life in your community. Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back. Join the fight against cancer!

June 25-26 (Sat – Sun); 10am – 10am
Leland High School; 6677 Camden Avenue, San Jose

Email: relayforlifealmaden@yahoo.com
Phone: 408-688-0117
Website: www.relayforlife.org/almadencia

Constituent Concern Chart :

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City Calendar:

City Council Meetings

Tuesday, March 1st; 1:30pm
Tuesday, March 8th; 1:30pm
Tuesday, March 15th; 1:30pm and 7:00pm
Tuesday, March 22nd; 1:30pm
City Hall, 200 E Santa Clara Street, City Council Chambers



Arts Calendar –
fun things to do around town!



[The Drowsy Chaperone](#)
Presented by Children's musical Theater San Jose at Montgomery Theater
[Click here for details](#)

www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/agenda.asp

Community Calendar:

Almaden Senior Association Meeting

Wednesday, March 2nd; 9:45am
Almaden Community Center, 6445 Camden Avenue
www.almadenseniors.org/

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Wednesday, March 2nd; 5:00pm
City Hall, 200 E Santa Clara Street, Wing 118-119
www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/CommissionBoard/Parks.asp

South First Friday

Friday, March 4th; 7:00pm
South First Street between San Carlos and E. Reed streets
www.southfirstfridays.com/

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Wednesday, March 9th; 6:00pm
Almaden Community Center, 6445 Camden Avenue, 2nd Floor

Neighborhood Services and Education Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 10th; 1:30pm
City Hall, Council Chambers

Almaden Valley Community Association Meeting

Monday, March 14th; 7:00pm
Almaden Community Center, 6445 Camden Avenue, Room 3
www.avca-sj.org

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

VEP Community Meeting

Tuesday, March 22nd; 7:30pm
Vista Park Community Room; 475 Hyde Park Drive
www.vepca.net

Early Care & Education Commission Meeting

Monday, March 28th; 7:00pm
MLK Library
<http://sjpl.org/ecec>

Did you know?

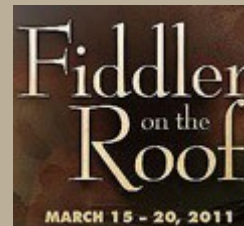
WeddingWire brides rated San Jose's City Hall Rotunda a



Follies Concert Version
The Tabard Theatre
Company
March 4 – 27
South Bay Premiere!
[Click here for details](#)



San Jose Spring Home Show
Presented by American
Consumer Shows at San
Jose McEnery Convention
Center
March 11 - 13
[Click here for details](#)



Fiddler on the Roof
Presented by Broadway
San Jose at San Jose
Center for the Performing
Arts
March 15 - 20
[Click here for details](#)

4.5 out of 5 stars for Quality of Service, Responsiveness, Professionalism and Value for Cost. This is the second year that WeddingWire, a leading technology company serving the \$70 billion nationwide wedding industry, has recognized the City Hall Rotunda for the "Bride's Choice Awards".

If you are interested in renting the Rotunda or another space at City Hall [please click here for more information.](#)

Quote

“Focusing our attention—daily and hourly—not on what is wrong, but on what we love and value, allows us to participate in the birth of a better future, ushered in by the choices we make each and every day”

-Carol Pearson



Man of La Mancha —
Broadway in Concert
Series

Presented by Symphony
Silicon Valley at California
Theatre

March 18 - 20

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