



Councilmember  
**NANCY PYLE**  
District 10

## May 2009 Newsletter



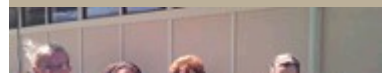
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Councilmember Pyle with  
Smokey the Bear



Mayor Reed chats with event  
organizers Don Ferguson,  
Alex Fraser and Terry Davis



Dear «Preferred\_Name»,

The disaster preparedness conference was a huge success! Approximately 500 people attended and took part in the variety of classes and workshops offered. I am extremely proud that so many people took the time on a Saturday to participate in what many said was the best disaster preparedness event they had attended. The credit goes to the fantastic team of volunteers who organized the conference.

I am enthusiastic to share a couple of highlights and photos with you from the event and announce that the Mayor and I will commend the event organizing team during the evening Council meeting on June 2nd!

April 25th was a busy day in District 10 because there were four community events going on at the same time!

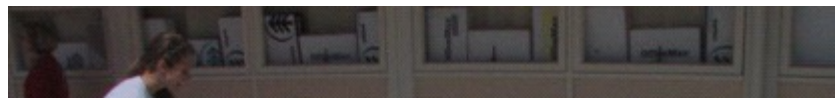
One of those events was the Mayor's annual Great American Litter Pickup where community members get out into the neighborhoods to clean up trash. 50 volunteers met at Pioneer bright and early on Saturday morning and hauled away dozens of bags of trash from the surrounding neighborhoods.



Mayor Reed dropped by first thing in the morning to cheer on the volunteers setting up for the conference and give the litter pickup volunteers a warm send off.

The Girl Scouts and the St. Anthony's Youth Group led crafts and games throughout the day to teach kids to prepare for a disaster.

In one game, the girl scouts taught young children the stop, drop and roll technique, how to escape a home that has caught on fire and how safely go to a meeting place.





Kids at the conference also had a chance to meet a canine search and rescue dog and participate in a live search and rescue demonstration. The Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department canine search and rescue department taught the children about the search and rescue process so that they will know what to do if they are ever lost.



Over 200 people who attended the conference pre-ordered 72 hour disaster survival kits. Councilmember Pyle picked up disaster kits for herself and her husband Roger at the event.

Over 100 additional people have placed orders for the second shipment of kits scheduled to arrive in May. Terry Davis, the event co-chair is shown here with Councilmember Pyle and two volunteers.



Girl Scout Troop 60762 earned their bronze award by assisting with event planning and packing "72 hour" kits



San Jose RACES showed off their mobile communications unit



Young students take a class on safety from the Red Cross



The Old School Rock & Roll band livened up the afternoon classes



The Mounted Patrol was also a big hit with the kids

One of the most popular classes was the disaster preparedness 101 class taught by District 10 resident Alex Fraser. Alex's presentation was extremely engaging and covered everything from how to prepare your home for an earthquake to potential hazardous materials emergencies.



If you were unable to attend the conference, please check out the San Jose Prepared and Red Cross Classes. The City of San Jose has a highly regarded disaster preparedness plan but there are still many families who have no plan in place or provisions set aside should a major earthquake or other disaster strike. The City's San Jose Prepared! program is an excellent resource and offers a free two-hour disaster course to any community organization or neighborhood group desiring to learn. Visit the San Jose Prepared! website for more information

[www.sanjoseca.gov/emergencyServices/SanJosePrepared/Classcal.asp](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/emergencyServices/SanJosePrepared/Classcal.asp).

Many thanks to all who participated!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Pyle".

Nancy Pyle  
Councilmember, District Ten

### Swine Flu Update —

We know people are concerned about the swine flu situation and the Public Health Department continues to share that concern. At this early stage of the outbreak, there is a lot of uncertainty and the situation remains very fluid. We will continue to conduct local surveillance, monitor the situation closely, and inform the public, medical community and other local agencies about the current outbreak of swine flu since it poses a potential risk to the residents of this community.

For more information, please visit the public health department [www.sccphd.org/portal/site/phd/](http://www.sccphd.org/portal/site/phd/).

### Future Leaders Visit City Hall —

Seven teens from the Hoffman Via Monte neighborhood toured City Hall and met with Councilmember Pyle last month to learn more about local



Emergency Supplies vendors sold supplies on site



Hoffman Via Monte Youth Group



Councilmember Pyle visits Los Alamitos 3rd Grade Class



Almaden Customer Service Realty receives a commendation



government and discuss issues affecting youth. These teens are part of a larger youth organization forming in the Hoffman Via Monte neighborhood. They are working together with City staff to promote positive change in the community while also helping the youth develop leadership skills and plan their future careers. Members of the organization have already gotten involved in a number of ways including serving on the City's Hoffman Via Monte Community Center Steering Committee and helping to organize a youth soccer team. The teens were interested in learning about the core functions of city government and gained advice on pursuing a career in government from Councilmember Pyle.

### Dictionary Day —

On April 3rd Councilmember Pyle attended Los Alamitos Elementary School and taught third graders how to use dictionaries! All third graders at Los Alamitos Elementary received free dictionaries from the non-profit group California Dictionary Project. This group is funded and staffed entirely by volunteers who want to increase the literacy rate of our California children. Unfortunately 53% of all California fourth graders read below the national grade level so by giving third graders dictionaries, a vital tool for reading, the group hopes to increase California's literacy rates. The day was fun for both Councilmember Pyle and the students. To learn more about the California Dictionary Project please visit their website at [www.californiadictionaryproject.org/](http://www.californiadictionaryproject.org/).

### Kudos!

#### Councilmember Pyle Commends Customer Service Realty —

The Almaden based Customer Service Realty is a business that not only cares about its clientele but also truly cares about its community! Since Autism affects one in every 150 children in the United States, Customer Service Realty has chosen to raise money annually for early identification and assistance for autistic children in the Silicon Valley area by holding an annual Golf Tournament fundraiser. Through this fundraiser, Customer Service Realty has been able to provide training for over 250 Bay Area pre-school teachers to help recognize the symptoms of Autism, provide training to over 400 Speech and Language specialists and screen over 250 children. Without the dedicated work of the Customer Service Realty team, along with the Autism Tree Project and other Autism organizations in the area, funding for Autism research as well as education for so many Bay Area families affected by Autism would be lacking.

#### Hats off to TJ Martin Park Neighborhood Association and Almaden Rotary Club! —

TJ Martin Park Neighborhood Association, Almaden Rotary Club and the Pioneer Interact Club did a tremendous job beautifying the TJ Martin Park by planting 44 new trees on Saturday, April 25th! The event was also a celebration of arbor day and recognition of the City of San Jose for winning the "Tree City USA" award for our extensive urban forest. Following the tree planting, the Rotary Club cooked a delicious BBQ lunch for everyone who participated. When TJ Martin Park was first built the plans included numerous shade trees, but many were never planted due to funding constraints. Thanks to the generous donation of volunteer hours, and the tree donations from local non-profit "Our City Forest" the park has never looked better!

#### Hats off to Parks and Recreation volunteers! —

On Saturday, April 18th Councilmember Pyle visited Almaden Lake Park to help thank volunteers who help San Jose's Parks and Recreation Department throughout the year keeping City parks and trails looking great. The afternoon included a free lunch, an official thank you ceremony and games! Our City parks need assistance to stay clean and volunteers are wonderful helpers. For more information on adopting a park or trail in San Jose please visit [www.sjadoptapark.org/](http://www.sjadoptapark.org/).

### Upcoming Events

#### Free Family Movie Night —

On Friday, May 8th the District 10 Youth Advisory Council will host their second Movie Night! The first movie night, held in February, was quite successful with nearly 250 people in attendance. Once again, the second Family Movie Night will have free admission but will sell refreshments and

Councilmember Pyle accepts an award declaring the City of San Jose "Tree City USA" for our success in growing a strong urban forest



Councilmember Pyle and husband Roger enjoy a BBQ Luau in honor of Parks and Recreation volunteers

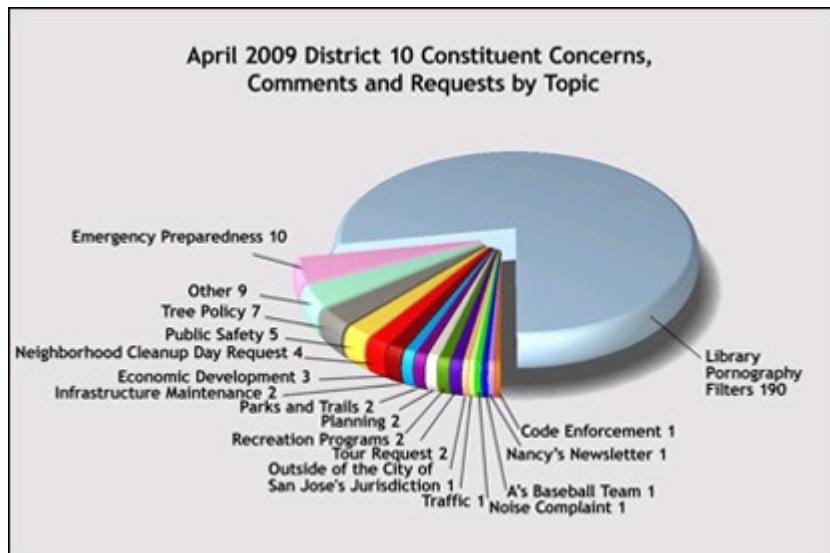
TJ Martin Neighborhood Association Tree Planting Project



raffle tickets to the Youth in the District 10 Youth Advisory Council. For more information please call the District 10 Office at (408) 535-4910.

**Playa Del Rey Neighborhood Association Dessert Meet & Greet** — Councilmember Pyle and the Playa Del Rey Neighborhood Association invite you and your family to the Playa Del Rey Park on Sunday, May 3rd from 3:00pm to 5:00pm for an opportunity to meet your neighbors! The neighborhood surrounding the Playa Del Rey Park has recently established a Neighborhood Association and this is their first Neighborhood Association event. For more information please call the District 10 Office at (408) 535-4910. Also, remember to bring a dessert to share!

## Constituent Concern Chart



## Upcoming Council Meetings

**Tuesday, May 5th**  
1:30pm and 7:00pm

**Tuesday, May 12th**  
1:30pm

**Tuesday, May 19th**  
1:30pm and 7:00pm

**Tuesday, May 26th**  
NO MEETING

**Tuesday, June 2nd**  
1:30pm and 7:00pm

## Community Calendar

### VEP Community Wide Garage Sale

Saturday, May 2nd; 7:00am – late afternoon  
Neighborhoods bounded by Chynoweth, 87, Capitol Expressway and Snell

### E-waste collection

Saturday, May 2nd; 9:00am – 5:00pm  
Parkview Elementary School; 330 Bluefield Drive

### Playa Del Rey Neighborhood Association Dessert Meet and Greet

Sunday, May 3rd: 3:00pm – 5:00pm  
Playa Del Rey Park; 5535 Starcrest Drive

### Almaden Senior Association Meeting

Wednesday, May 6th: 9:45am – 11:00am  
Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Avenue  
[www.almadenseniors.org/](http://www.almadenseniors.org/)



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**Free Family Movie Night**

Friday, May 8th: Doors Open at 6:30pm, Movie Starts at 7:00pm  
Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Avenue  
Call the District 10 Office at (408) 535-4910 for more information

**Mother's Day**

Sunday, May 10, 2009

**Almaden Valley Community Association Meeting (AVCA)**

Monday, May 11th: 7:00pm – 9:00pm  
Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Avenue  
[www.avca-sj.org](http://www.avca-sj.org)

**Hoffman Via Monte Neighborhood Action Coalition Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday, May 20th: 6:30pm – 8:00pm  
Hoffman Via Monte Neighborhood Center; 1180 Blossom Hill Road #2  
[www.strongneighborhoods.org/hoffman06.asp](http://www.strongneighborhoods.org/hoffman06.asp)

**Playa Del Rey Neighborhood Association meeting**

Wednesday, May 20th: 7:00pm – 8:30pm  
Pearl Library Community Room; 4270 Pearl Avenue

**Memorial Day**

Monday, May 25th, 2009

**“I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do”**

**~ Edward Everett Hale**

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