



Dear «Preferred_Name»,

On April 19th, the City Council voted 6-5 on a draft ordinance that would set out rules and regulations for the legal operation of medical marijuana dispensaries in San Jose. After two years of research and discussion, I am pleased that we have come up with a group of sensible regulations that will allow for compassionate use of medicinal marijuana while ensuring our neighborhoods and businesses are not negatively impacted.

The regulations include:

- Only ten collectives will be permitted, with no more than two per Council District to prevent oversaturation in some areas.
- Collectives will be limited to operating in certain commercial and industrial zones.
- Collectives will not be allowed to locate within 600 feet of schools; 500 feet from child daycare facilities, churches with child daycare, community/recreation centers, parks, libraries, substance abuse rehab centers, or other collectives; and 150 feet from residences
- Collectives will not be allowed in retail areas with heavy pedestrian traffic, such as downtown, major shopping malls and neighborhood business districts.
- Collectives will be required to grow their marijuana on-site in order to ensure that the medical marijuana is not diverted from, nor to, non-legal uses and to enable adequate regulation.

This proposal needs CEQA clearance and will be the subject of public hearings by the Planning Commission and the City Council before it is adopted. The City Planning Commission will review these regulations and provide recommendations to the City Council next month.

Nancy Pyle
District 10 Councilmember

Community Budget Meeting, May 5th

Just a reminder – Mark your calendars for the District 10 Community Budget Meeting. The meeting will take place on May 5th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Almaden Branch Library. Join Mayor Chuck Reed and me to hear about the 2011 -2012 budget process and the challenges and choices that we face as a City. I hope you will all be able to attend!

On May 2nd, the City Manager will release her 2011-2012 Proposed Operating Budget. In addition to the Community Budget Meetings (full schedule here: www.sanjoseca.gov/budgetinfo.asp), there will also be a public hearing in May and again in June for community feedback on the budget.



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Key Dates

May 2nd – Proposed Operating Budget released.
June 3rd - Mayor's June Budget Message Released
June 21st – Council Approval of Final Budget

City Council Study Sessions

May 11th - 19th – Proposed Budget & Fees and Charges

Public Hearings

May 17th - Initial public hearing
June 14th – Final public hearing at Council meeting

Reader's Digest Competition Continues: Keep Cheering San Jose!

Reader's Digest is hosting the "We Hear You America" campaign to help towns during these difficult economic times. The more cheers a municipality receives the better the City's chances for winning one of ten prizes including the top municipal prize of \$40,000. Out of nearly 10,000 cities competing, San Jose is ranked in the top 100! Only the top ten towns will be rewarded with promotional and economic stimulus so we need more cheers. Cheering continues until May 16th but remember you can vote up to 10 times each day so please cheer often! Visit <http://wehearyouamerica.readersdigest.com/> to start cheering!

Wildfire Awareness Week 2011

Governor Jerry Brown and CAL FIRE have designated May 1st-7th as Wildfire Awareness Week this year. Fire departments and fire safe councils throughout the state of California are educating the public about the need to practice fire safety in our parks and wildland areas.

As we've witnessed in recent years, Santa Clara County is not immune to the devastating effects of wildfires. With summer – and Wildfire Season – around the corner, residents should consider ways to improve their community's fire safety.

If you live in the hillside (or Wildland Urban Interface) areas around Santa Clara County, the Santa Clara County FireSafe Council has resources available to assist you to keep YOUR home Fire Safe. A recently revised step-by-step guide for homeowners and residents is available on-line or by calling 408-975-9591. The guide, Living With Fire in Santa Clara County, is available at www.sccfiresafe.org/FireSafe/LivingWithFire.htm and includes recently updated information on fire resistant plants and roofing materials.

Information on the California Fire Safe Council may be found at www.firesafecouncil.org.

H&M Opening at Westfield Oakridge Mall

On May 5th at 12 noon, Westfield Oakridge Mall will be unveiling its newest store: H&M!

I have long been advocating that Blossom Hill should be the premier retail corridor in the area, and I am excited to add H&M to the list of new retail openings in our area within the last year.

H&M or Hennes & Mauritz AB (operating as H&M) is a Swedish retail-clothing company, known for its affordable chic clothing offerings for women, men, teenagers and children. It has almost 2,200 stores in 38 countries and as of 2011 employed around 87,000 people. I hope you will join me in welcoming H&M to the neighborhood.

Clean Slate Tattoo Removal Program Begins Enrollment

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CM Pyle with Boy Scout Troop 290

The Clean Slate Tattoo Removal Program has begun enrollment for their summer session that launches on May 5th. The program provides free tattoo removal and lifestyle alternatives to ex-gang members between the ages of 14 to 25 in exchange for a commitment to education, employment, and community service activities. Participants must be San José residents and are required to attend a life skills support group and complete community service hours. For more information contact Mario Maciel, Recreation Superintendant, at 408-277-2741 or mario.maciel@sanjoseca.gov.

The logo for the Clean Slate program, featuring the words "CLEAN SLATE" in a bold, sans-serif font. A stylized black silhouette of a hand with a paintbrush is positioned to the right of the text, with the brush tip pointing towards the word "SLATE".

Downtown San Jose Farmers' Market at San Pedro Square 19th season opens Friday, May 6th

The Downtown San Jose Farmers' Market takes place 10 a.m.-2 p.m. every Friday, May 6th – Nov. 18th, 2011, at San Pedro Square (along San Pedro Street between Santa Clara and St. John streets). Call 408-279-1775 or visit www.sjdowntown.com for information.

For the second season, Kaiser Permanente has teamed with the San Jose Downtown Association to present the market and focus on healthful and "green" living. The market does not use plastic bags anymore so customers are encouraged to bring their own reusable bags.

Along with a variety of fresh seasonal produce, handmade goods, and ready-to-eat fare, averaging 35 booths per week, the Farmer's Market features fun activities each month.

Opening Day Highlights on May 6th:

Free flowers for Mother's Day (with \$10 in produce purchase)

Live Music by Big Dog and the Bite

Free samples from Morocco's restaurant, starting at noon

Bike to Work Day

Help reduce pollution, save money, and promote health by cycling to work and elsewhere! Silicon Valley Leadership Group is working to support cycling as a way of alternative transportation! Join the movement and support cycling events throughout the month of May! Mark your calendars for May 12th—Bike to Work Day! [Click here](#) for more information.

Bowling for Badges

Come strike up some fun at the San Jose Police Foundation's 4th annual Bowling for Badges fundraiser on Thursday, May 12th at the ooh-so-cool 300 San Jose Bowl at 5420 Thornwood Drive!

All funds raised will help provide safety and technology equipment for the San Jose Police Department. For more information, contact info@bowlingforbadges.org or visit www.bowlingforbadges.org/.

Free Community Day at the San Jose Museum of Art

Spend the day experiencing the "Art of India" at the San Jose Museum of Art on Saturday, May 14th! There is free admission all day and opening hours are from 11am to 5pm. Celebrate the visual and performing arts of India at this fun-filled day for the whole family. Enjoy live music and strolling performers as you take in the art in the galleries. Get creative with hands-on activities inspired by traditional Indian crafts, and see demonstrations of Rangoli (traditional sandpainting), Bhangra dance, and more. For more information, visit <http://www.sanjosemuseumofart.org/event/community-day-art-india>.

National River Cleanup Day

Be part of the solution to creek pollution! Join the Creeks Connections Action Group on Saturday, May 21st from 9:00am to noon for National River Cleanup Day. There are 20 clean-up sites in San Jose, including areas of the Los Alamitos Creek, Coyote Creek and Guadalupe River. For a complete list of clean-up locations, please visit:



http://www.cleanacreek.org/upcomingcleanupevents_NRC11d.asp

City Refunding Surplus Special Assessment District Funds to Current and Former Property Owners

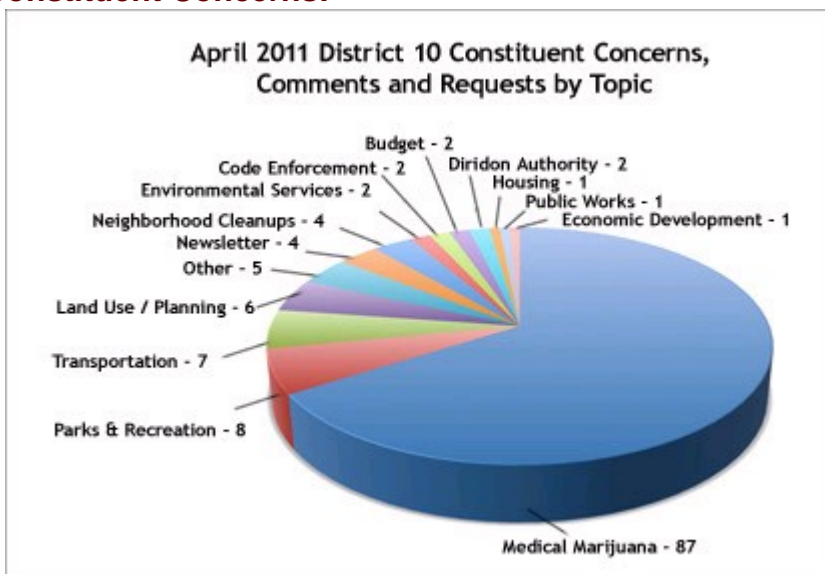
The City of San José is refunding approximately \$6.9 million in surplus funds from 35 expired special assessment districts in the City. If you or a related entity owned or had an interest in real property in the City anytime between 1974 and 2005, you are strongly encouraged to review the additional information provided below in order to determine whether you are eligible for a refund. For additional information, [click here](#).

Relay for Life of Almaden: Saturday, June 25th—Save the date!

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life unites communities across the country each year to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, to remember loved ones lost, and to fight back against a disease that takes far too much. Visit http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=29184&pg=entry for more information.



Constituent Concerns:



Early Care and Education Outstanding Contributors honored at City Council



[Click here](#) to help us name the new falcons!

City Calendar:

City Council Meetings

Tuesday, May 3rd; 1:30pm
Tuesday, May 10th; 1:30pm
Tuesday, May 17th; 1:30pm and 7:00pm
Tuesday, May 24th; 1:30pm
City Hall, 200 E Santa Clara Street, City Council Chambers
www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/agenda.asp

Community Calendar:

Chihuahua Palooza: Adopt a Chihuahua for \$25

May 3rd – 8th
San Jose Animal Care Center
<http://sanjoseanimals.com/ChihuahuaPalooza.asp>

Almaden Senior Association Meeting

Wednesday, May 4th; 9:45am
Almaden Community Center, 6445 Camden Avenue



Arts Calendar –
fun things to do around town!

www.almadenseniors.org/

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Wednesday, May 4th; 5:30pm
San Jose City Hall, 200 E Santa Clara street; Room # W-120
www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/sjcommissions/parks/default.asp

H&M Opening at Westfield Oakridge Mall

Thursday, May 5th; 12 noon
<http://westfield.com/oakridge/specialoffers/HMGrandOpening.html>

District 10 Community Budget Meeting

Thursday, May 5th; 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Almaden Community Center, 6445 Camden Avenue

South First Friday

Friday, May 6th; 7:00pm
South First Street between San Carlos and E. Reed streets
www.southfirstfridays.com/

Almaden Valley Community Association Meeting

Tuesday, May 10th; 7:00pm
www.avca-sj.org

Bike to Work Day

Thursday, May 12th
<http://bikesiliconvalley.org/btwd>

Bowling for Badges

Thursday, May 12th;
300 Bowl; 5420 Thornwood Drive
www.bowlingforbadges.org/

Free Movie Night

Friday, May 13th
Almaden Community Center, 6445 Camden Avenue

Hoffman Via Monte Meeting

Wednesday, May 18th; 6:30pm
Neighborhood Center, 1180 Blossom Hill Road

Playa Del Rey Meeting

Wednesday, May 18th; 6:30pm
Pearl Library, 4270 Pearl Avenue

Sweatin' for Sammy 5K

Saturday, May 21st; 9:00am
Almaden Quicksilver County Park
Mockingbird Hill Entrance
www.sweatinforsammy.com/

Early Care and Education Committee Meeting

Monday, May 23rd; 7:00pm
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library; 150 E. San Fernando Street

VEP Community Meeting

Tuesday, May 24th; 7:30pm
Vista Park Community Room; 475 Hyde Park Drive
www.vepca.net

Safety Tip

When shopping, always lock your packages and other articles in your trunk



Galileo's Daughters
Now – May 8th
Theatre on San Pedro Square
[Click here for details](#)



La Boheme
Opera San Jose
Now – May 8
California Theatre
[Click here for details](#)



Free Movie Night Almaden Community Center Fundraiser
Friday, May 13; 6pm
Almaden Community Center
[Click here for details](#)



The Secret Garden
Children's Musical Theater
May 6 – 15
Montgomery Theater
[Click here for details](#)

so they will be out of sight of strangers. Never leave your purse under the front seat as this is the first place an intruder will look.

Did you know?

Lake Cunningham Skate Park has been named a top 10 best skate park in the world and cited as one of the best in the U.S. by the Wall Street Journal.

Emergency Preparedness Tip

Make sure to have a light source in your emergency kit. A chemical light stick provides long shelf life and a sparkless source of light. A flashlight with a special long-life battery, or a long-burning candle may be used after you have checked the area to be sure that there is no leaking gas or petroleum in the area. Do not rely on a regular flashlight as ordinary batteries lose their power quickly in the heat of a car. You might consider an electric light with an attachment to your cigarette lighter available at camping stores.

Quote

“By three methods we may learn wisdom: first, by reflection, which is noblest; second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is the bitterest.”

-Confucius



[Diane Keaton—Unique Lives and Experience Series](#)

Monday, May 16
San Jose Center for the Performing Arts

[Click here for details](#)

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