



Dear «Preferred\_Name»,

Last Saturday, Councilmember Nguyen and I joined forces with San Jose's Work2Future Program and The Plant Shopping Center to host a Youth Job Fair. Over 200 youth participated in workshops on resume writing, interview skills and applications writing. They also had an opportunity to meet with employers seeking seasonal help for the annual Holiday Shopping Season. Thank you to everyone who attended!

Job seekers who were unable to attend the event last weekend but are seeking assistance in obtaining employment, are encouraged to visit one of San Jose's One Stop Centers offered through the Work2Future Program. Work2Future provides specialized services for youth, veterans, adults, vocational rehabilitation and older adults. Please visit [www.work2future.biz/s\\_partners.html](http://www.work2future.biz/s_partners.html) for more information.

People with disabilities face even greater barriers to obtaining employment than the general population, especially in this tough economy. To address the specific needs of this segment of the population, the City's Disability



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Advisory Commission is partnering with the Bay Area Coalition for Employment Development to host the Unison in Industries Conference. Please see below for more information:



**Thursday, November 12th, 2009, 8:30am - 4:00pm**

For the first time in almost 20 years, the Unison in Industries Conference will bring together individuals and organizations from across the entire San Francisco Bay Area to promote opportunities for under-served populations such as individuals with disabilities.

**Who should come?**

- **Businesses:** learn how to save on labor costs, increase diversity, and get great employees
- **Community organizations:** learn, get inspired, and connect with peers
- **Government agencies:** network with others in the Employment Development community, attend workshops
- **Educational institutions:** learn how to find opportunities and provide transition options for your students
- **Job-seekers:** gain effective tools and techniques for finding your next job

**For details and easy online registration, go to:  
[www.UnisonInIndustries.org](http://www.UnisonInIndustries.org)**

Stay tuned and stay well,

Nancy Pyle  
Councilmember, District Ten

**Councilmember Pyle's trip to the Baltic States and Russia  
Moscow**



Russia, the largest country in the world, spans 11 time zones, two continents and is nearly twice the size of the US. Russia is still dealing



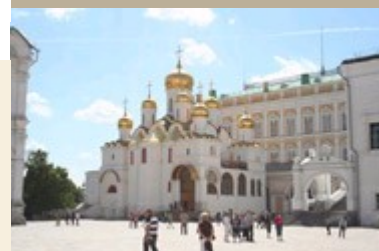
Councilmember Pyle, Work2Future Instructor Fidel Sanchez & Councilmember Nguyen



NBC covers Job Fair & interviews students



Over 200 students attended the Youth Job Fair



The 15th Century Kremlin contains Cathedrals, churches and government buildings

The Kremlin



with its Soviet past overlaid on a culture of age-old religious traditions and contrasts. Moscow, a city of over 8 ½ million people, was founded around 1150 near the headwaters of the Volga River and is situated 523 miles east of Riga, Latvia. Currently Moscow is the third most expensive city in the world behind Tokyo and Osaka. Moscow's incessant change is fascinating. Stalin-era gothic towers next to new skyscrapers; tractors hauling goods down city streets next to Bentley, Mercedes and BMW cars; vendors selling trinkets, internet cafes with long lines; ubiquitous cell phones; Baskin-Robbins, KFC and classic Russian and ethnic restaurants abound.

The Kremlin is a 68 acre medieval fortress and has been home to leaders from Ivan the terrible to Vladimir Putin. This mini-city contains cathedrals, churches and government buildings, a monster antique never-fired cannon, a huge 200 ton never-rung Bronze bell, the Offices of the Russian President and other government officials.

Adjacent to the Kremlin is Red Square with Lenin's tomb on one side, GUM department store on the other and the iconic St Basil's cathedral at the end, making it a magnet for locals and tourists alike. Lenin, Josef Stalin, Yuri Gagarin, all soviet leaders except Khrushchev (who left office in disgrace), plus American John Reed are buried in Lenin's tomb. No living leaders will be buried there from now on. The name Red Square, "Krasnaya Ploschad" in Russian was named in the 17th century, meaning both beautiful and red as reference to the red bricks everywhere. The massive GUM Dept. store pronounced as "groom" is today a mall with high-end designers, services and cafes. Fashion flourishes!!!

Russian fashion has come from the 1980's, when a Russian would buy leather jackets and levis off the backs of tourists, to an industry which rivals Milan, Paris or New York all fueled on the excesses of the nouveau riche after the 1991 Glasnost wealth redistribution. Russian fashion models are world-renowned.

The Moscow Metro is a necessary part of any Moscow tour. Moscow's subway stations are not only the best way to get around the City but are stunning works of art. Each station is uniquely beautiful and the City government keeps them absolutely spotless despite 700,000 riders per day. In fact, in general, Russia seemed very litter and graffiti free. Our guide attributed this to the Babushkas. The Babushka is a women's head scarf but is more commonly known as a grandmother or old woman who supervises certain areas. Our guides informed us to watch out for the babushkas, vestiges of a matriarchal past and a force to be reckoned with.

We strolled the famous Arbat Street shops and discovered the real price of high quality Faberge eggs. Consequently, we took solace in the local Starbucks, a major gathering spot. We walked around the City Hall Square, visited many cathedrals, convents and parks and browsed the local supermarket to see how Moscovites live. The markets seemed smaller than ours but with more locations and fewer product choices.

Moscow is vibrant, exciting, alive with striking digital signage, bold ideas and places which let you know that you are somewhere very special – in a truly must- see City. I hope one day that you will be able to visit.

\*\*\*Please note – This trip was paid for solely by myself and my husband. No City money was used whatsoever.

### **San Jose Police Department is recognized for reducing traffic collision, injuries and DUI incidents!**

The Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol (CHP) announced that the SJPD Traffic Enforcement Unit (TEU) has been awarded first place recognition in the California Law Enforcement Challenge (CLEC) for implementing innovative programs designed to reduce traffic collision,

The Kremlin



The Christ the Savior Cathedral sits on the Moscow River & can accommodate over 2500 worshipers. Built in the mid 1800s, it was demolished by Stalin in 1930, turned into a public swimming pool & then rebuilt by the Moscow citizens in 2000.

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Subway 1

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### **ProduceMobile Now Stops in Hoffman Via Monte Neighborhood**

The ProduceMobile is a project of the Second Harvest Food bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. This special vehicle distributes fresh fruits and vegetables throughout the Bay Area and Hoffman Via Monte is the newest stop! 153 families in Hoffman Via Monte are being helped by the ProduceMobile's monthly stops. HVM is the fourth of the 19 SNI Areas to receive fruits and vegetables from the ProduceMobile.

### **City System Upgrade Improves Efficiency in the Call Center**

Have you ever called the [City of San Jose's Customer Contact Center](#) at 535-3500? The Call Center handles approximately 325,000 utility billing inquiries, animal care and services concerns, code enforcement inquiries, traffic calming requests, street light outage reports and weather-related dispatch needs each year.

The system provides up to the moment reporting, so City staff can see how many calls are waiting and how long they've been waiting. This information allows staff to move to contingency plans during times of heavy call volume. Staff can easily move from one type of call to another because all staff are cross-trained to handle all calls. The phone system also has a reporting capability to provide information about volume, type of call, and hold times. These reports are an important tool for managing staff schedules and allows for flexibility to move staff where they're needed most.

Call center hours are Monday – Friday from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. The City also has a 24-7 answering service to take messages from callers or contact an on-call supervisor if an emergency arises. Residents can also email the call center at [customerservice@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:customerservice@sanjoseca.gov).

### **City Pilots Methods of Reducing Residential Waste**

The City's Green Vision calls for diverting 100% of our waste from landfills by 2020. We are testing three new strategies over the next 18 months to see how much waste can be diverted so that successful strategies can be included in our new garbage and recycling contract in 2013.

Approximately 6000 households from across the city will take part in a pilot program. Residential satisfaction will be measured in addition to the success of each program in reducing landfill waste.

- Pilot 1 – residents will be given a yard trimmings cart free of charge and asked to use it to prevent residue on the street from loose collection
- Pilot 2 – residents will be asked to sort their garbage and place compostable materials in an organics cart
- Pilot 3 – no change for residents, but the recycling center will remove compostable materials from residential garbage after they are collected

### **Almaden Times 10K**

Hats off to the runners who participated in the Almaden Times 10K! The run raised approximately \$11,000 for the Almaden Valley Counseling Service. The Counseling Service is a non-profit counseling agency committed to meeting the mental health concerns of all ages with an emphasis on youth. AVCS offers a full range of counseling services which support and promote personal growth, positive family relationships and emotional well-being. Councilmember Pyle was a platinum sponsor of the event and presented awards to the winners.

### **San Jose's Rock n' Roll Half Marathon**

In the four years since its inception, San Jose's Rock n' Roll Half Marathon has become one of the top 10 largest half marathons in the United States and the largest half marathon in the Bay Area! San Jose's Annual Rock n' Roll Half Marathon was held on Sunday, October 4th and 9,983 runners finished!



Subway 2



Subway 3



Almaden Times 10K race winners with Councilmember Pyle. [Click here for the images of the other winners](#)



District 10 Staff Laura Cowan, Stephanie Holm, Linda Alexander and Rhonda Hadnot (Councilmember

Tragically, two runners competing in the Half Marathon died. Medical personnel were unsuccessful in trying to revive 35-year-old Brandon Whitehurst of Antioch and 34-year-old Rose Lo of South San Francisco. Deaths are uncommon in half marathons and since the temperature high was a mild 68 degrees, it is likely that an unknown heart condition was to blame, although the official causes of death have not yet been released. Our sympathies and condolences are with their families.

Live local Bay Area bands performed a variety of music from alternative to classic rock, punk, funk and blues to jazz it up because music makes up the heart and "sole" of this event! Twenty great bands played on 14 stages positioned throughout the course and Grammy-winning blues and rock and roll artist Jonny Lang finished out the day as the headliner at this year's post-race concert! The bands set the tempo for this 13.1 mile party, where runners and spectators alike danced in the streets to these free mini-concerts! For more information visit: <http://san-jose.competitor.com/>.

## Upcoming Events

### Pumpkin Picking at the Park

Monday, October 19th: 9:00am – 12:30pm  
Almaden Community Center  
6445 Camden Avenue, San Jose, CA 95120

Join us for a fun-filled day at Emma Prusch Park. We will begin at the Almaden Community Center where we will provide art activities for children and adults to enjoy together. Then will we meet at Emma Prusch Park for a guided tour, which will include close encounters with the farm animals, a hay wagon ride, and picking out a pumpkin to take home. Bring the whole family and stay afterwards for a family picnic. Pre-registration is required for all children ages 2 and up.

### 3rd Annual Harvest Festival and Haunted Hallway

Saturday, October 24th: 11:00am – 4:00pm  
Almaden Community Center  
6445 Camden Avenue, San Jose, CA 95120

Join the community in celebrating local artists, buying tasty food and having lots of fun! Pick a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch, get spooked in the Haunted Hallway, and enjoy Story Time with the Library. Children are encouraged to come in costume. Free general admission and parking. For more information, please call (408) 268-1133.

### Almaden Seniors Raffle two tickets to anywhere Southwest flies!

Tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased from the Almaden Community Center front desk until the drawing takes place on Saturday, Oct. 24th at 3:00pm. at the Harvest Festival.

### Family Pumpkin Carving

Wednesday, October 28th: 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
Almaden Winery Community Center  
5730 Chambertin Drive, San Jose, CA 95118

Join us for a pumpkin extravaganza, including creepy cut-outs, ghostly tales from the Vineland Library, witches brew, and a Jack O'Lantern lighting. Pre-registration is required. Please register at [www.sanjoseca.gov/prns](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/prns) or call (408) 268-1133 for more information.

### Friends of the Almaden Library Book Sale

Saturday, November 7th in the Almaden Library and Community Center Community Room. The sale runs from 9am to 3pm and the last hour from

Liccardo's Office) all completed the Half Marathon!

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# HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

from SJPD

Red Square with Lenin's tomb on one side, GUM department store on the other and the iconic St. Basil's Cathedral at the end, make it a magnet for locals & tourists alike



The War Museum includes many huge dioramas of World War II. Actual pieces of artillery pieces and other war machinery are part of the scenes

2–3pm is “Bag of Books for \$5” deal. Be sure to get there early for the best selection! <http://AlmadenFriends.org>

### **Halloween Mask Making**

Saturday, Oct 17, 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Art N Motion joins us again to present a program for all of those trick-or-treaters out there! Make a mask using a combination of paper mache and paper plates. You may try for a humorous, scary or humorous-scary mask! For ages 0-18! Vineland Branch Library (1450 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose, CA 95118)

### **SAT Practice - How Will You Score?**

Saturday, Oct 17, 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Find out how you will do on the SAT. This free, full-length practice SAT is given under simulated testing conditions. You'll learn about the endurance and skill needed to earn a strong score on the SAT. Most importantly, you'll receive a personalized score report from us at the follow-up Scores Back session a week later. Pearl Avenue Library (4270 Pearl Avenue, San Jose, CA 95136)

### **Zumba Dance Aerobic Class**

Wednesday, Oct 28, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Whether you want to trim your waistline, express yourself, or be the life of the party, Zumba has something to offer to you! Zumba is a type of dance fitness that incorporates Latin rhythm and is the craze all over the world. Please wear comfortable shoes, bring water and a towel, and be prepared to have a lot of fun as instructor Connie leads you through the steps. Beginners welcome. Pearl Avenue Library (4270 Pearl Avenue, San Jose, CA 95136)

### **Small Business Resource Center**

Tuesday, Nov 3, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Learn about print and electronic resources to start a small business or boost a current business. Discover local agencies that can help your business become successful. Participants can network with other entrepreneurs and listen to presentations on a variety of business topics such as online marketing, business plan development, bookkeeping, funding sources and more. Pearl Avenue Library (4270 Pearl Avenue, San Jose, CA 95136)

### **Stories Under the Stars and Stargazing Party**

Thursday, Nov 5, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Come join the Almaden Library for a fun "Stories Under the Stars" program. This will be held in the small amphitheater next to the library from 6:00 to 6:20 p.m. (bring blankets and coats). We will then proceed to the stargazing station and with the assistance of the San Jose Astronomical Association; we will be able to observe a brilliant Jupiter, the Ring Nebula, the Great Globular Cluster in Hercules and other star clusters such as the Coathanger, colorful double star Albireo, maybe a galaxy or two if the sky is nicely clear. Almaden Branch Library (6445 Camden Avenue, San Jose, CA 95120)

### **Live Teen Bands**

Friday, November 6th, 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Listen to rock, hang out, and have fun! Vineland Branch Library (1450 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose, CA 95118)

### **Almaden Lions Club Blanket Drive**

Saturday, November 7th, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Drop off new or gently used clean blankets at the American Legion Post #318, 1504 Minnesota Avenue, San Jose, CA 95125. The Lions will donate all blankets to Sacred Heart Community Service.

**“The three great essentials to achieving anything worthwhile are; first, hard work, second, stick-to-it-**



Many Iconic “Soviet Classicist” buildings were constructed during Stalin’s time. Including Moscow University and several residential, multipurpose buildings

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iveness, and third, common sense.”

**-Thomas Edison**

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