



Dear Community Member,

Please join me at our next District 10 Neighborhood Leadership Group meeting to learn about NeighborWalk. NeighborWalk is a simple and effective crime prevention tactic that involves organized walks around your neighborhood.

NeighborWalk is already happening in other areas of the City. The McKinley / Bonita Neighborhood Association (located in District 3) recently organized an evening NeighborWalk. Walking throughout the community, 26 volunteers picked up litter and removed 236 graffiti tags. Also in District 3, the Spartan/Keyes and St James Park neighborhood associations organized a NeighborWalk on Saturday September 24th. During their walk 28 volunteers picked up litter and painted out graffiti in the neighborhood.

Join us on November 3rd from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Almaden Community Center (Room 1) to learn about how your neighborhood can benefit from using the NeighborWalk technique.

All the best,

Nancy Pyle
District 10 Councilmember

Pension Reform Update

Earlier this month, five unions representing San Jose police officers (POA), firefighters (IAFF Local 230) and other workers (AEA, AMSP, and CAMP) submitted a pension reform proposal that, by their estimates, would save the City of San Jose \$467 million dollars in retirement costs over five years and avoid a long, costly court fight with the City. These unions should be thanked for their demonstrated commitment to working with the City to solve our financial issues, as it is only through truly working together that we will develop a solution enabling us to once again provide the level of services that our residents deserve.

The City Council has scheduled a study session on October 17th to review the POA/IAFF/AEA/AMSP/CAMP proposal. The negotiating teams from the City and the unions, as well as actuaries from both sides, will be present at the study session to allow the Mayor and City Council a thorough examination of the proposals.

Information about retirement reform, including the proposal, can be found online at: www.sanjoseca.gov/employeerelations/RetirementReform.asp

SR 85 Express Lanes Project Meeting

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) will hold a



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community meeting featuring plans and exhibits to provide information to the public about the State Route (SR) 85 Express Lanes Project. VTA, in cooperation with Caltrans, is proposing to convert existing high occupancy vehicle (HOV), or carpool lanes, on SR 85 to express lanes. SR 85 is a freeway that extends between South San Jose to Mountain View.

The community meeting will be held on:
Wednesday, October 19, 2011
From 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saratoga Senior Center
19655 Allendale Avenue, Saratoga

For more details please call VTA Community Outreach 4083217575, or email community.outreach@vta.org. To subscribe to the latest information about this project, please click on the blue envelope on www.vta.org/expresslanes.

Start Shopping with Reusable Bags Now

In December 2010, the City adopted a Single-Use Carryout Bag ordinance that bans single use plastic carryout bags. The ordinance will go into effect on January 1, 2012 at which point consumers at all grocery and retail stores in San José will have the option to bring their own reusable bags or pay a minimum price for recycled-content paper bags. Consider the following to prepare for the ordinance:

A high-quality reusable bag has the potential to replace over 600 single-use plastic bags over its lifetime. Plastic bags are one of the most common litter items found in creek cleanups. Paper bags are just as problematic taking 14 million trees each year in the United States to produce a year's supply for retail use. Shopping with reusable bags is a great way to take part in reducing litter and conserving natural resources. Consider the following to help you avoid the bag charge:

Start shopping with a reusable bag now.

- Keep reusable bags by the door, in your car, or near car keys.
- Keep foldable bags in pockets, backpacks, or your purse.
- Give your friends and family a reusable bag, and encourage them to start shopping with them today.

For additional resources and updates, visit www.sjrecycles.org/bags. If you have questions, please e-mail Bring-ur-Bag@sanjoseca.gov or call (408) 534-BYOB (2962).

Tree Permits

Trees can be badly damaged during severe winter storms. Heavy wind and rains can cause branches to fall, damaging your property, pulling down power lines, and even causing personal injury. By identifying problems and dealing with them before winter storms occur, some of these emergencies can be avoided. For example, if you regularly prune your trees to remove structurally weak branches, your trees will be more resistant to storm damage.

Trees in the street area: Per the City's Municipal Code, it is the property owner who has maintenance responsibility for the street trees adjacent to their property. Permits are required to prune or remove street trees, including dead trees. Applications for street tree permits are available by calling the Arborist's Office at (408) 794-1901 or email at arborist@sanjoseca.gov. For more information, visit www.sanjoseca.gov/tree/trees_street_permits.asp.

Trees on private property: A Tree Removal Permit is required for the removal of any tree on private property which has a trunk circumference (measured two feet above grade) of 56 inches or greater. Permits for trees on private

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**FREE SPEECH,
SOCIAL NETWORKING
& CYBERBULLYING**

**A COMMUNITY FORUM FOR
YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS & PARENTS**
(BUT EVERYONE IS WELCOME!)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2011, 1-4PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
200 E. SANTA CLARA STREET, SAN JOSE

- Judge Cordell (Ret.), Independent Police Auditor - Free Speech: What CAN you say? What SHOULD you say?!
- Attorney B.J. Fabian - Social Networking: What are the benefits & pitfalls of Facebook, MySpace, YouTube, Twitter, Texting, etc.?
- SFPD Detective John Kickart - Cyberbullying: What is it? What can you do about it?

Seating is limited to 250 people. First come, first served!

This forum is co-sponsored by the City of San Jose's Youth Commission & the Independent Police Auditor's Teen Leadership Council, with support from the Office of Mayor Chuck Reed. For more information, please call Diane Doolan-Diaz 408.794-6226 or Betty Montoya 408.793-5559.

To arrange an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act to participate in this public event, please call 408.794-6226 or TTY 408.296-9337 at least three business days before the event.

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What You Want is Here:
San José offers a wide array of fascinating shopping choices that help satisfy anyone's need for retail therapy from quaint neighborhood shops with one-of-a-kind merchandise to amenity-filled malls with internationally recognized luxury brands.

Create Jobs Here: Metro reports that money spent at local businesses "stays in our community, multiplying as it circulates." It concludes that "every dollar spent at a local business is ultimately worth \$1.68 to the community."

Keep it Green Here: Climbing into your car to drive to another city not only costs you time and gas, it contributes to greenhouse gasses.

Support Public Services Here: Sales taxes pay for a big part of San José's parks, libraries, police and fire and other public services. With the declining economy these services are in jeopardy. By buying locally you can make a difference.

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property can be obtained from the City's Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement. Applications can be found online at www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/counter/faq/tree_remove.asp.

Almaden Business Association Special Event to Feature New CEO of San Jose/Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce

Matthew Mahood, recently appointed CEO of the San Jose/Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce, will be the featured speaker at the next Almaden Business Association event. Mr. Mahood will be discussing the future direction of the Chamber as well as issues of specific interest to businesses in the Almaden and Blossom Valley areas. Business leaders are invited to attend on Tuesday, October 25 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the offices of Case Design & Remodeling, 6155 Almaden Expressway in San Jose. The office building parking lot is accessed from the southbound lanes of the expressway just before the Redmond Avenue intersection.

This event will include time for attendees to expand your valuable list of contacts in the local area. Please join for a profitable evening of informal business networking and the chance to speak with Mr. Mahood. Refreshments will be served.

To register for this event visit the Almaden Business Association website, at <http://www.almadenbiz.com> and click on the "Event Calendar" tab.

Wonders of Our Water Works Tours

Sign up to tour your local wastewater treatment facility located at the San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant, 700 Los Esteros Road in San Jose.

Upcoming tours are scheduled on:

Thursday, November 3rd at 9:30am

Saturday, November 5th at 9:30am

Saturday, November 19th and 9:30am and 1:30pm

Or groups of more than 15 people can schedule tours upon request

Visit www.rebuildtheplant.org/go/doc/1823/258436/Wonders-of-Our-Water-Works-Plant-Tours for more information and to register.

Collaborative Clean-Up Effort On The Guadalupe River Park Trail

The Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department (PRNS) recently completed a successful collaboration with the non-profit Downtown Streets Team from Palo Alto and the San Jose Downtown Association to clean up blight on the Guadalupe River Park Trail between Santa Clara Street and Woz Way. Through the coordination of PRNS and the Downtown Association, the Downtown Streets Team provided 450 volunteer hours of service over a 3 week period resulting in the removal of approximately 1,500 square feet of graffiti, 180 pounds of litter, and 500 pounds of organic waste from the trail. Collaborative efforts like these continue to prove that we can enhance our community through people, parks and programs.

Council Meetings:

Tuesday, October 18th; 1:30pm

Tuesday, October 25th; 1:30pm (7:00pm canceled)

Tuesday, November 1st; 1:30pm

Tuesday, November 8th; 1:30pm

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

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

www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/agenda.asp

[Please view this memo for a Senior Nutrition Program Transition Update](#)

Alaska Airlines Adds Silicon Valley-Palm Springs Service starting in February 2012
[For more information view the news release](#)



Fridays from 1am to 2pm on San Pedro Street between Santa Clara and St. John

Arts Calendar –
fun things to do around town!



San Jose Fall Home Show
October 21 -23
San Jose Convention Center
[Click here for details](#)

Community Calendar:

Almaden Valley Community Association Meeting

Monday, October 17; 7:00pm
Almaden Community Center, 6445 Camden Avenue
www.avca-sj.org

Hoffman Via Monte Meeting

Wednesday, October 19; 6:30pm
Hoffman Via Monte Neighborhood Center, 1180 Blossom Hill Road

Playa Del Rey

Wednesday, October 19; 6:30pm
Pearl Library; 4270 Pearl Avenue

Early Care and Education Commission Meeting

Monday, October 24; 7:00pm
MLK Library, 150 E. San Fernando Street, Room 455
<http://www.sjpl.org/ecec>

VEP Community Meeting

Tuesday, October 25; 7:30pm
Vista Park Community Room; 475 Hyde Park Drive
<http://www.vepca.net/>

Almaden Business Association Special Event Featuring new CEO of San Jose/Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce

Tuesday, October 25; 5:30pm-7:30pm
Office of Case Design & Remodeling, 6155 Almaden Expressway
<http://www.almadenbiz.com/upcoming-events.html>

Almaden Senior Association Meeting

Wednesday, November 2; 9:45am
Almaden Community Center, 6445 Camden Avenue
<http://www.almadenseniors.org/>

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Wednesday, November 2; 5:00pm
San Jose City Hall, 200 E Santa Clara Street, Room W120
<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/sjcommissions/parks/default.asp>

The Tech Museum After Hours

Wednesday, November 2; 6pm-11pm
http://www.thetech.org/plan_visit/afterhours/

South First Friday

Friday, November 4; 7:00pm
South First Street between San Carlos and E. Reed streets
<http://www.southfirstfridays.com/>

District 10 Youth Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 9; 6:00pm
Almaden Community Center, 6445 Camden Avenue

Did you know?

Over 60 years, San Jose has grown rapidly with Silicon Valley's high-tech success, from less than 100,000 residents in 1950 to more than one million today.

Quote

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."

—Aristotle



Cabaret
Now – October 23
San Jose Stage
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The Story of My Life
October 28 – November 20
Tabard Theatre
[Click here for details](#)



So You Think You Can Dance: Live Tour 2011
October 30
HP Pavilion
[Click here for details](#)



Pagliacci & La Voix Humaine
November 12 – 27
Opera San Jose
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