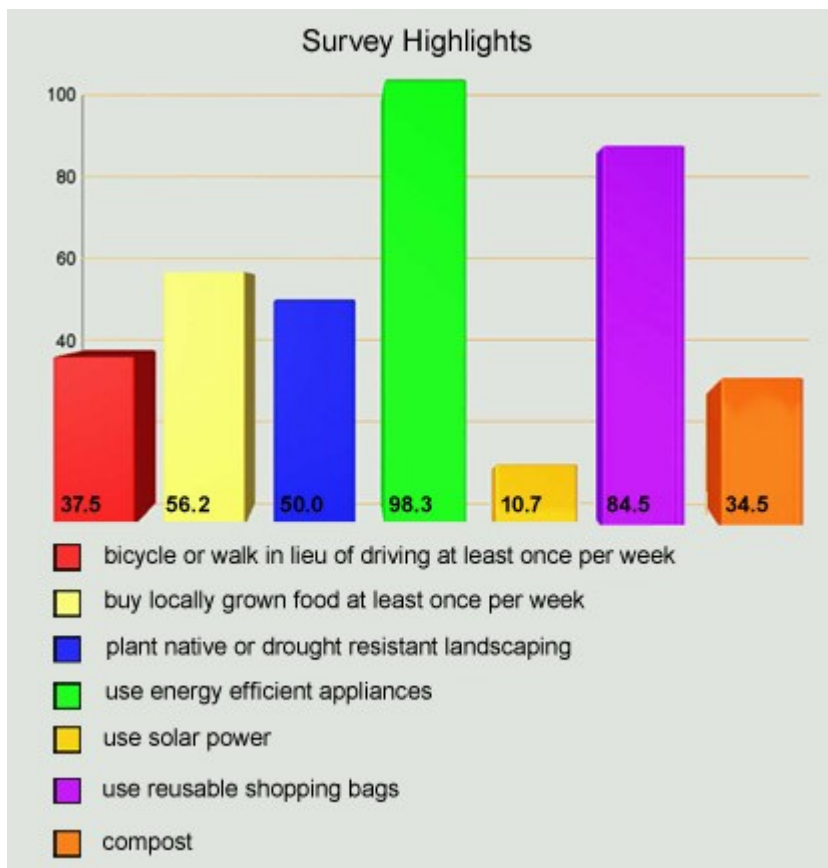


## September 2009 Newsletter

Dear «Preferred\_Name»,

The survey results are in! Sixty-three District 10 residents responded to my survey about what people are doing to be green at home. Of the people who responded, many have already taken huge steps to improve the environment.



[For the full survey results, click here](#)

If you are looking for some ideas to green your home and neighborhood, take a look at these opportunities:

### Compost

Organic material makes up approximately half of San Jose's municipal waste. By composting, you can keep waste out of the landfill and turn organic material into valuable fertilizer for your garden. The City of San Jose has a great composting program including free composting classes and discounts on supplies. For more information, please visit [www.sjrecycles.org/residents/home\\_compost.asp](http://www.sjrecycles.org/residents/home_compost.asp).

### Plant Daffodils

On Saturday, November 7, 2009, Keep San Jose Beautiful will host a



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Newsletter  
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San Jose Cultural  
Calendar –  
*fun things to do around  
town!*

South First Friday Art Walk  
Friday, October 2nd  
[www.southfirstfridays.com/](http://www.southfirstfridays.com/)

As You Like It San Jose  
Repertory Theatre  
08/29/09 -09/27/09  
[www.sjrep.com/](http://www.sjrep.com/)

Schoolhouse Rock  
Sept 4-Oct 4, 2009  
[www.guggyent.com/](http://www.guggyent.com/)

Monte Python's Spamalot  
Broadway San Jose  
Sept 15-Sept 20, 2009  
[www.broadwaysanjose.com/](http://www.broadwaysanjose.com/)

citywide Daffodil and Native Bulb planting event. The program will distribute 30,000 Daffodil bulbs and 10,000 California native flower bulbs to schools, neighborhood and community groups for planting in publicly viewable sites throughout the City. For more information please call the office of Keep San Jose Beautiful at (408)723-1574 or visit them on the web at [www.sjbeautiful.org](http://www.sjbeautiful.org).

**Volunteer for the 25th annual Coastal/Creek Cleanup Day – September 19th, 9:00 am**

**Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association Cleanup of Canoas Creek**

Meet at the creek entrance on Snell Ave. near Santa Teresa High School (between Santa Teresa Blvd and Suisse Drive) - no RSVP needed

**Friends of the Los Alamitos Watershed Cleanup**

Meet in the Hacienda Parking Lot in Quicksilver Park

RSVP to Mike Boulland by phone (408) 268-2703 or email

[mikeboulland@yahoo.com](mailto:mikeboulland@yahoo.com)

Visit [www.cleanacreek.org/](http://www.cleanacreek.org/) for more cleanup locations.

**Dispose of Hazardous Waste and get a free reusable shopping bag during Pollution Prevention Week (September 21-26)**

[Click here for details and drop off locations.](#)

All the best,



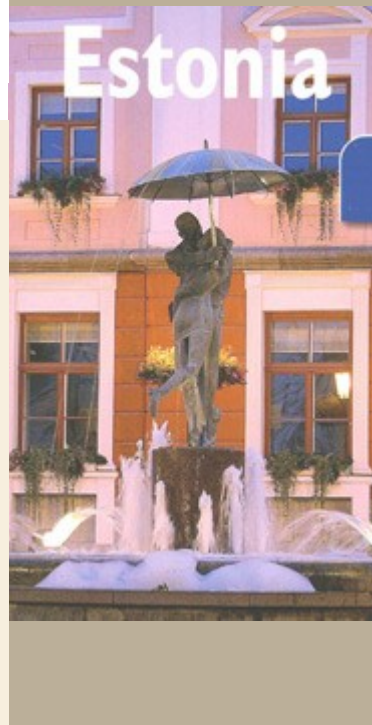
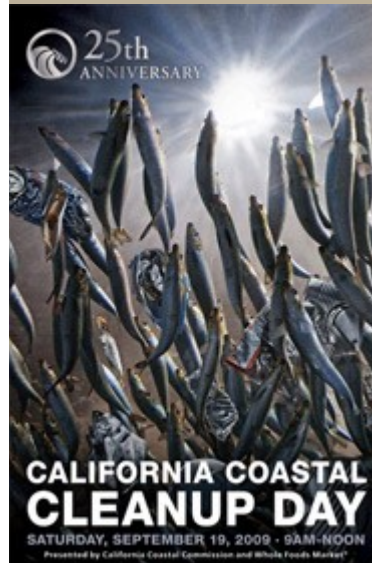
Nancy Pyle  
Councilmember, District Ten

**Councilmember Pyle's trip to the Baltic States Part III – Tallinn, Estonia –**

Estonia, bordered by the Gulf of Finland, the Baltic Sea, Latvia and Russia is about the size of Vermont and New Hampshire combined and has a population of 1.4 million. The Estonians speak a language that is similar to Finnish, have a democratic parliamentary republic and are divided into fifteen counties. The capital and largest city is Tallinn, whose population is 404,000. Despite being one of the least-populous members of the European Union, the current GDP is higher than its neighbors Latvia and Lithuania. Estonia, a member of NATO is working toward converting to the Euro in January 2010.

The settlement of modern day Estonia began around 8500 BC, immediately after the ice age. The Danes conquered Tallinn in 1200 and converted the population to Christianity. After 1285, Tallinn became one of the Hanseatic Cities and achieved growth and prosperity due to their ability to store vast amounts of grain in their attics, which they then sold when the demand was highest. The Danes sold Tallinn to the Teutonic Knights in 1346. In the 1500s Estonia passed to Swedish Rule where it remained until 1721 when

Miley Cyrus  
HP Pavilion  
September 20, 2009  
[www.aeglive.com](http://www.aeglive.com)



it was ceded to the Russian Empire.



Estonia was independent for brief periods in the 20th century, was occupied by the Third Reich and then the Russians in WWII. World War II losses in Estonia are estimated to have been approximately 25% of the population and were among the highest in Europe. War and occupation deaths listed in current reports total 81,000 including deaths in Soviet deportations in 1941, Soviet genocides, German deportations and Holocaust victims. Estonia is known for the “Forest brothers” freedom fighters and the “singing revolution” in the 1980s.

Since its independence in 1991, Estonia has embarked on a rapid and aggressive program of social and economic reform. Today, the country has gained recognition for its economic freedom, its adaptation of new technologies and it has become one of the world’s fastest growing economies. Its hi-tech sector includes the original start-up, Skype, which was sold to Ebay in 2005. Estonian companies also produce cell phones for Nokia.

We were well taken care of by the Tallinn City officials, Deputy Mayor Janus Mutli, Mart Repnau, Business Development Manager and Ingrid Hindrikson, Coordinator of Development Projects. Ingrid also took time to join us on a guided tour of old Tallinn. We visited the Hanseatic era City Hall, where I sat in a centuries old council chair. We also visited the oldest Pharmacy in Europe dating from the 1300s.

I met with Sten Tamkivi, Skype Chief Executive Officer, Gert Jostov, CEO of Ulemiste Innovation City and Pritt Vimbert, CEO of Yoga, a home/office automation start up who has expressed interest in expanding to San Jose. Mr. Jostov has an interesting challenge. He is repurposing old Soviet era military buildings to be used for High Tech start-ups. The buildings are in truly dreadful condition, but the “bones” are good.

The outdoor eating scene is fantastic. The food is very cosmopolitan and much less expensive than Helsinki. I recommend Tallinn as a place to visit. It is really “old Europe” without the usual hoards of tourists and seems very prosperous, despite less than 20 years of independence.

### San Jose Airport Opens New Eateries

Four new restaurants are opening in the San Jose Airport. Terminal A will now be home to Peet’s Coffee and Tea and Sora’s Sushi and Terminal B will feature the Brit and Le Boulanger. Among the local restaurants and shops that will join the airport mix in San Jose over the next year are Hicklebee’s Children’s Books from Willow Glen; Schurra’s Candies, a San Jose favorite since 1912; Sonoma Chicken Coop; and Chiaramonte’s Deli,



Centuries Old Council Chair



Tallinn Deputy Mayor Mutli



Yoga CEO Pritt Vimbert



Skype CEO Sten Tamkivi

San Jose's oldest Italian deli dating back to 1908.

### **D10 YAC Movie Night Friday, Sept 18th**

Interested in seeing a film about an absent-minded professor who discovers a super bouncy rubber-like substance he calls "flubber"? On Friday, September 18th the District 10 Youth Advisory Council (YAC) will host a movie night at the Almaden Community Center. This group of middle and high school aged youth host special events, participate in volunteer activities and address the needs of their community through becoming civically involved. Please come and support them in their efforts.

**Admission is free!** A raffle and refreshments will be available for purchase as a fund raiser for the D10 YAC. Doors open at 6:30pm and the movie starts at 7:00pm. For more information contact the District 10 council office at (408) 535-4910 or email [laura.cowan@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:laura.cowan@sanjoseca.gov).

### **10th Annual CommunityFest, Sept 19th**

On September 19th from 11:00am to 5:00pm the Santa Teresa Citizen Action Group and San Jose City Councilmember Ash Kalra will host a free community event called CommunityFest. This event will feature all day entertainment, community information, children's games, old fashioned field games, craft booths, concession booths, great food, give-a-ways, and much more family fun! The event will be held at George Page Park on Santa Teresa Boulevard (located at Miyuki in San Jose South of Cottle Road). For more information, please contact the Santa Teresa Citizens Action Group at (408) 365-8270, or email them at [info@communityfest.org](mailto:info@communityfest.org).

### **33rd Almaden Valley Art and Wine Festival, Sept 20th**

The Almaden Valley Women's Club and Councilmember Pyle are hosting the 33rd Annual Almaden Art and Wine Festival on Sunday, September 20th from 10:00am until 6:00pm at Almaden Lake Park. Admission, Parking and Shuttle Service are free. This festival features local wineries and breweries, a wide variety of arts and craft vendors, and a children's play area with entertainment and activities for kids of all ages! Food will be available for purchase from a number of for profit vendors. For more information visit: [www.almadenwine.com/index.htm](http://www.almadenwine.com/index.htm).

Since 1965, the Almaden Valley Women's Club has been committed to serving the needs of the Almaden community and those of greater San Jose through funds raised at this annual Art and Wine Festival. Their mission is to provide charitable financial assistance to children's foundations, educational facilities, teen programs, and other non-profit community organizations. Come out and have some fun while you support this worthy cause!

### **Almaden Times Classic 10K & 2 Mile walk/run – Sunday, Sept 27th**

Join the Almaden Valley Counseling Service on Sunday, September 27th for their 16th annual 10K race and 2 mile walk/run. The race features a flat, paved course through residential neighborhoods and along the beautiful Los Alamitos Creek Trail. The race begins and ends at Leland High School (6677 Camden Avenue).

All proceeds benefit the Almaden Valley Counseling Service; a community-based, nonprofit counseling agency committed to meeting the mental health concerns of all ages. AVCS offers a full range of counseling services which supports and promotes personal growth, positive family relationships and emotional well-being. Visit [www.avcounseling.org/race.htm](http://www.avcounseling.org/race.htm) for more information.

### **Almaden Community Center Golf Tournament Raises Approximately \$6000!**

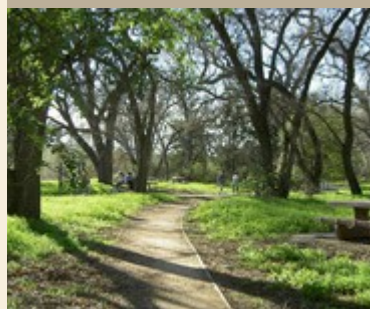
Hats off to the Almaden Community Center staff for organizing another successful Golf Tournament! The event raised approximately \$6,000 for scholarships for youth from low income families to participate in City athletic programs. The money will be able to provide scholarships for 71



The Brit Restaurant & Pub



Sora's Sushi Restaurant



Almaden Times 10 K route along the Los Alamitos Creek Trail



Almaden Community Center Golf Tournament Team Members Mark Marney, Dan Wax, Ed Solis and Dan Pascal

youth to take an 8 week soccer class, or 20 youth to go to an afterschool program every day for one school year; or 105 youth to take an 8 week dance class; or 80 youth who can participate in a youth sports league. What a fantastic achievement!

### Star Trek Convention coming to The Tech Museum

Star Trek: The Exhibition, a traveling museum exhibit of Star Trek history, is headed to San Jose! This exhibition features simulators, original costumes, genuine props and authentic recreations of sets from all five Star Trek television series and the Star Trek feature films. San Jose's Tech Museum is one of the premiere science and technology museums in America. The Tech puts an emphasis on hands-on technology and education. Star Trek seems like a perfect fit for the museum, as noted by The Tech president Peter Friess who said in a statement: "Once again, we've successfully endeavored to bring our visitors an exhibition that everyone on the planet—and even strange new worlds—can relate to, learn from and enjoy. Star Trek is deeply grounded in science and technology topics such as physics and astronomy. We think visiting scientists, engineers, educators and others will agree that hosting the Exhibition at The Tech Museum is perfectly logical."

Star Trek: The Exhibition opens at The Tech on October 23rd and will run through the holidays, but The Tech may extend the exhibit into 2010. Tickets are now on sale online at [thetech.org/startrek](http://thetech.org/startrek). It costs \$25 for adults, \$19 for children, and \$22 for students and seniors but tickets do include admission to the rest of the Tech museum. For more information visit <http://www.thetech.org/StarTrek/>.

### 3rd Annual Harvest Festival & Haunted Hallway - Saturday, Oct 24th

11:00am-4:00pm

Almaden Community Center

6445 Camden Ave. San Jose, CA 95120

The Harvest festival Planning Committee is looking for local artists and non-profits who would like to sell their craft. They welcome clay, clothing, glass, leather, plant and flower, and specialty food artists just to name a few. Space is limited! Please call Jamie McChristian, at (408) 268-1133 for more information.

Interested in coming to the event? General Admission and parking are free. Join us in celebrating local artists, pick a pumpkin in the pumpkin patch, get spooked in the Haunted Hallway and enjoy special story times from the Library. Children are encouraged to come in costume!

**“When you do nothing, you feel overwhelmed and powerless. But when you get involved, you feel the sense of hope and accomplishment that comes from knowing you are working to make things better.”**

**- Unknown**

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Star Trek Exhibit Re-creation  
of the original Enterprise  
Bridge



Harvest Festival 2008

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