



Dear Community Member,

On August 25th, I joined federal, state and local leaders to celebrate the return of nearly two dozen firefighters to the line of duty. The City received a \$15 million grant, awarded from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) program, that has allowed the Fire Department to reinstate 22 firefighters who were laid off in July 2010. These firefighters have completed a refresher Fire Academy training, and reported to duty the following day.

The firefighters' return was the result of a collaborative effort between multiple agencies. Thanks to the support of U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer, Congressman Mike Honda, Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, and the International Association of Firefighters Local 230, the SAFER Grant was awarded to aid the return of the San Jose firefighters. In addition, Elizabeth Harman and Catherine Patterson from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security were instrumental in providing accommodations to previous grant rules that took into account the City's current fiscal limitations.

Also as part of the grant, the San José Fire department will host two additional academies in the next six month and train 27 additional firefighters recruited in July.

I am very pleased to have these firefighters back on duty.

All the best,

Nancy Pyle
District 10 Councilmember

Almaden Art and Wine Festival

Join me this Sunday, September 18 at the 35th Annual Almaden Valley Art and Wine Festival! As usual the Festival is at the Almaden Lake Park from 10am to 6pm. This is a wonderful event hosted each year by the Almaden Valley Women's Club featuring artists, entertainment, food, breweries, wineries, and a children's play area. Admission is fee. Parking and shuttle service are also free and available at the Santa Clara Water District site and the VTA Light Rail Almaden Station. Bring your family and friends as there is something for everyone at this festival.

The Almaden Valley Women's Club is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that donates all the proceed from the Art and Wine Festival to non-profit organizations and local schools in addition to using the funds to support merit based scholarship programs for local students.

For more information visit www.almadenwine.com/index.htm.



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Forums on Bullying

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Association of Santa Clara Valley and Councilmember Kansen Chu are co-hosting two events about how to identify and prevent bullying.

On Wednesday, September 21 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm at San Jose City Hall (200 E. Santa Clara Street, City Council Chambers), representatives from the San Jose Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit and Sexual Assault Unit will discuss types of bullying (including cyber bullying) and bullying prevention strategies for children, parents & school staff members.

On Wednesday, September 28 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm at San Jose City Hall (200 E. Santa Clara Street, Rooms 118-119), speakers from Silicon Valley FACES and Network for a Hate Free Community will explore tools to manage bullying. The documentary film "Bullied," produced by the Southern Poverty Law Center, will also be shown.

For more information, please contact Kathleen Flynn at vicepresidentmlkscv@yahoo.com, or 408-861-5323.

4th Annual Disability Awareness Day

Disability Awareness Day is a celebration of unity, inviting the entire community to participate while promoting awareness and appreciation of people with differing abilities. This year's celebration will be held on Thursday, October 6, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, at the San José City Hall Rotunda and Plaza, 200 E. Santa Clara Street. There will be educational opportunities for the general public to understand the many barriers disabled people encounter in our society. The hope is to empower those with differing abilities by hosting informational workshops that provide the resources to overcome those barriers. The workshops will be held from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. You can also join us in the afternoon for our Lunchtime Program and Wheelchair Basketball Demonstration starting at 12:30 pm. For more information, call the Office of Councilmember Pete Constant, at (408) 535-4901.

Photo Contest

One of San Jose's newest publications, Content Magazine, www.content-magazine.com is hosting a photo contest to showcase the City's diverse neighborhoods. Content Magazine invites you to submit your original photographic image(s) that displays and/or reflects your neighborhood—your community. Whether your 'hood is a place or a person, submit your best image(s) which will be judged by San Jose creative professionals. Winners will be published in Content Magazine Issue 3.4 Nov/Dec. 2011.

The Contest is open to South Bay resident photographers of 18 years and older of every skill level. Photos must not be previously published and must be suitable for publishing by Content Magazine. The contest began on September 9th and all submissions must be received by mid-night Monday, October 10. To enter, send your photograph to dp.gallery-3kpd@post.me.com and include your full name in the file name. For more information, contact Content Magazine at web@content-magazine.com.

Walk to End Domestic Violence

Mark your calendar for the City's 14th annual Walk to End Domestic Violence. Please join me, Mayor Chuck Reed, Councilmember Pete Constant, City Manager Debra Figone and the City's Family/Domestic Violence Advisory Board on Friday, October 14 for this important event.

Registration begins at 10:30am, followed by a program at 11:00 am and a walk at noon. A community lunch and resource fair will start at 12:30pm. Please visit www.sanjoseca.gov for more information.

Pumpkins in the Park

Pumpkins in the Park returns this October for its 17th year in Guadalupe



Assemblymember Nora Campos invites you to a marvelous festival!

Mariachi Family Day

Sunday, September 18th - 12pm-5pm

Children Discovery Museum of San Jose
1901 West Bay in San Jose

FREE ADMISSION

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Assemblymember Nora Campos invites you to a FREE Foreclosure Workshop

Taller GRATIS sobre la Crisis Hipotecaria

Saturday September 24
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Center for Employment Training
100 West Street
San Jose, CA 95108

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Bullied: A Community Forum

Jamie endured bullying from his fellow students for years, beginning in middle school. It ended with a beating in high school that put him in the hospital and required abdominal surgery. His subsequent lawsuit in federal court established a new standard for student safety across the nation.

WEDNESDAY
September 28, 2011
6:00-8:30 PM

San Jose City Hall, Wing Rooms 118-119
200 East Santa Clara Street

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HEALTH & SAFETY FAIR

OCTOBER 2nd
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
OF SAN JOSE (SJC)
1940 HAMILTON AVENUE
SAN JOSE

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River Park! Produced by the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, this great family event is a celebration of the environment, the Guadalupe River, and the fall harvest season. Admission is free, and the hours are 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday, October 8.

A bright orange pumpkin patch and a fanciful scarecrow display will welcome you to the park. We'll have varieties of specialty apples to taste, fresh pressed apple cider, and entertainment by popular children's entertainers Zun Zun, Andy Z and many more. There will be tons of fun activities for children, including pumpkin decorating, bounce houses, and environmental education activities. A variety of food and beverages will be available for sale.

Pumpkins in the Park will be held at Discovery Meadow, near the Children's Discovery Museum, in the Guadalupe River Park. Admission is free, parking is convenient, and the site is adjacent to a VTA light rail station.

Volunteers are needed!

For more information, call 408-298-7657 or visit www.guadalupeconservancy.org

Safe and Green Halloween

Help CommUniverCity reach its goal of collecting 1,000 gently used children's costumes by cleaning out your attics, basements and storage spaces!

Donations can be dropped off at:

McKinley Elementary School (651 Macredes Avenue)
Olinder Center (848 E. Williams Street)
Roosevelt Community Center (901 E. Santa Clara Street)
or City Hall (200 E. Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor)

Every costume will be distributed to families from Olinder, McKinley and Anne Darling Elementary Schools. Every costume means a smile on a child's face!

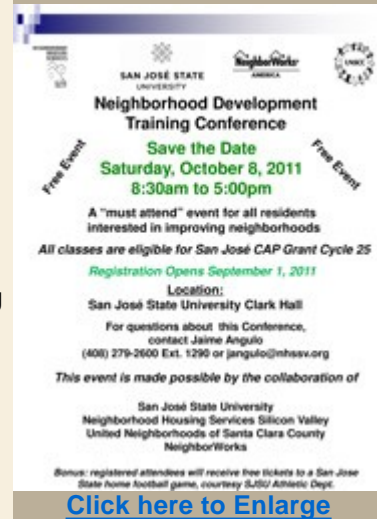
For more information: elizabeth@communivercitysanjose.org, (408) 297-3301, www.CommUniverCitysanjose.org, or www.Facebook.com/communivercitysj.

Happy Hollow's Zoo Curator Wins Award

Valerie Riegel, Happy Hollow Zoo's Curator has been selected by the American Association of Zoo Keepers (AAZK) to receive the 201 Jean M. Hromadka Excellence in Animal Care Award. This award is based on her outstanding animal husbandry, enrichment for all species, research, exhibit-design, public education, and her part in the Re-Accreditation of Happy Hollow zoo. Especially noted is her development of a conservation project called "Conserving and Nurturing Natural Ecosystem Diversity." Valerie was also instrumental in creating both the zoo's first education and volunteer program, and largely responsible for the success of the Parma Wallaby breeding program at Happy Hollow Zoo. The award will be presented at this year's AAZK National Conference in San Jose, CA.

Buck for a Bike

The Valley Medical Center Foundation is asking everyone in Santa Clara County to donate just a dollar to provide brand-new bikes to underprivileged kids with the new "Turning Wheels for Kids Buck for a Bike" campaign. This campaign is generously supported by Tap Plastics. Over the years, VMC



Neighborhood Development Training Conference
Save the Date
Saturday, October 8, 2011
8:30am to 5:00pm

A "must attend" event for all residents interested in improving neighborhoods
All classes are eligible for San José CAP Grant Cycle 25
Registration Opens September 1, 2011
Location:
San José State University Clark Hall
For questions about this Conference, contact Jaime Angulo (408) 279-2600 Ext. 1290 or janguilo@mhssv.org
This event is made possible by the collaboration of
San José State University
Neighborhood Housing Services Silicon Valley
United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County
NeighborWorks

Bonus: registered attendees will receive free tickets to a San Jose State home football game, courtesy SJSU Athletic Dept.

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DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE FARMERS' MARKET
presented by KAISER PERMANENTE

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

Arts Calendar – fun things to do around town!

has distributed more than 11,000 bikes to kids in need. You can help do more by giving a buck for a bike.

Visit the [campaign website](#) to donate or donate at one of the following bicycle shops:

[Bicycle Express](#) (San Jose)

[Willow Glen Bicycles](#) (Willow Glen/San Jose)

[Summit Bicycles](#) (Los Gatos)

[Performance Bike](#) (multiple Bay Area locations)

[Tread Bikes](#) (Campbell)

National Forum on Youth Violence

San Jose is one of six cities participating in the National forum on Youth Violence Prevention launched by President Obama in 2010. The forum focuses on sustaining and enhancing multi-disciplinary partnerships, balanced approaches, and data-driven strategies to engage youth and reduce violence. On August 25-26, 2011 the Departments of Justice, Education, Health and Human Services and Labor sent a delegation to conduct their second site visit to San Jose. Highlights within the two-day visit included the Franklyn-McKinley School Initiative and Re-entry roundtable discussions. The site visit culminated in a National Forum overview presentation to the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force Police Team and the announcement of a "Second Change Act" grant in the amount of \$50,000.

Neighborhood Watch

The San Jose Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit has provided Neighborhood Watch presentations to neighborhood groups for nearly 25 years. Although crime trends have changed since the 1970's, the basic principle behind Neighborhood Watch remains the same; to bring communities together with the police to achieve the common goal of preventing crime.

Neighborhood Watch focuses on informing the community how to discourage, deter and prevent crimes such as burglary, auto theft, car break-ins, and personal crimes which often occur in or near homes. Issues such as vandalism, graffiti, drug dealing and gang activity are also addressed when applicable.

For more information about Neighborhood Watch, or to set up a Neighborhood Watch presentation for you and your neighbors, call Crime Prevention at (408) 277-4133.

Council Meetings:

Tuesday, September 20th; 1:30pm

Tuesday, September 27th; 1:30pm and 7:00pm

Tuesday, October 4th; 1:30pm

Tuesday, October 11th –no meeting

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

www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/agenda.asp

Community Calendar:

Calero Master Plan Community Meeting

Thursday, September 15th; 6:00pm - 8:30pm

Almaden Library and Community Center; 6445 Camden Avenue

www.parkhere.org/portal/site/parks/

Special Community Meeting for Medical Enrollees

Saturday, September 17th; 9:30am – 12:00pm

O'Conner Hospital Medical Office Building Auditorium; 2101 Forest Avenue
To RSVP for this free event call the Office of Assemblymember Jim Beall at 408-282-8920 or visit www.asmdc.org/yp.



Spring Awakening
Now – September 25
San Jose Repertory
Theatre

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Idomeneo
Now – September 25
Opera San Jose at
California Theatre

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Bandstand Beat
September 16 – October 9
Tabard Theatre Company
at Theatre on San Pedro
Square

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Shrek the Musical
September 20-25
San Jose Center for the
Performing Arts

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Day of the Bay: A Multicultural Festival

Saturday, September 17th; 11:00am – 4:00pm
Alviso Marina County Park; 1195 Hope Street, Alviso
For more information, contact Steve Blomquist at 408-299-5030 or steven.blomquist@bos.sccgov.org

Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival

Sunday, September 18th; 10:00am - 6:00pm
Almaden Lake Park
www.almadenwine.com/

Learn How the NSP2 Program Can Help You Purchase Foreclosed Homes

Tuesday, September 20th; 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Rose Garden Library; 1580 Naglee Avenue
<http://www.sjhousing.org/program/NSP/NSP-E.pdf>

Hoffman Via Monte Meeting

Wednesday, September 21st; 6:30pm
Hoffman Via Monte Neighborhood Center, 1180 Blossom Hill Road

Playa Del Rey

Wednesday, September 21st; 6:30pm
Pearl Library; 4270 Pearl Avenue

Early Care and Education Commission Meeting

Monday, September 26th; 7:00pm
MLK Library, 150 E. San Fernando Street, Room 455

VEP Community Meeting

Tuesday, September 27th; 7:30pm
Vista Park Community Room; 475 Hyde Park Drive
<http://www.vepca.net/>

World's Largest Grassroots Solar Event

Saturday, October 1st; 10:00am - 2:00pm
<http://www.piersystem.com>

Almaden Senior Association Meeting

Wednesday, October 5th; 9:45am
Almaden Community Center, 6445 Camden Avenue
<http://www.almadenseniors.org/>

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Wednesday, October 5th; 5:00pm
Location: TBD
www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/sjcommissions/parks/default.asp

The Tech Museum After Hours

Wednesday, October 5th; 6:00pm - 11:00pm
www.thetech.org/plan_visit/afterhours/

South First Friday

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

Columbus Day Holiday

Monday, October 10th

Almaden Valley Community Association Meeting

Date: TBD
Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Avenue
www.avca-sj.org



[Keith Urban](#)

October 1

HP Pavilion

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[H.M.S. Pinafore](#)

October 1-9

Lyric Theatre at

Montgomery Theater

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[Enrique Iglesias](#)

October 7

HP Pavilion

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[So You Think You Can](#)

[Dance: Live Tour 2011](#)

October 30

HP Pavilion

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CyberSecurity Summit

Thursday, October 13th; 8:00am – 4:00pm
San Jose city Hall; 200 E Santa Clara Street
For more information call 408-535-4901

Safety Tip

While walking to and from your vehicle, awareness of your surroundings will greatly help you in not becoming a victim. If a stranger approaches you, make as much noise as possible. Even consider carrying a whistle!

Did you know?

60 percent of Bay Area high-tech and software employment is in the San Jose area.

Quote

“You must take change by the hand or, rest assured, change will take you by the throat.”

—Winston Churchill

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