



Dear «Preferred_Name»,

As many of you know, the PW Market on Almaden Expressway and Via Valiente closed. We are all concerned and saddened to see the property now vacant. I would like to address some of your concerns. The decision to close PW Market and the decision about what will eventually move into the site must conform to the existing land use designation. Please understand that bringing in a new business to any location takes time. I let the Office of Economic Development know about this vacancy and asked that they do whatever they can to help fill it. In addition, I have let the property owner know the vacancy created by the loss of PW is a concern for both the neighborhood and me. I would like to restate that I do not support changing the land use designation to allow more residential development. I believe the community would benefit most from continued neighborhood retail.

In other grocery news, the first Whole Foods in San Jose (at the corner of Almaden Expressway and Blossom Hill) is still scheduled to open in mid-November. We look forward to welcoming this great addition to District 10!

We also look forward to welcoming two new restaurants to the neighborhood. TGI Friday's and the Almaden Mining Company have just been approved by the Planning Commission to open in District 10. TGI Friday's will open at the corner of Blossom Hill Road and Santa Teresa Boulevard. The Almaden Mining Company is a one-of-a-kind restaurant created by Almaden residents who wanted a family friendly place to eat nearby. The Almaden Mining Company will open in the shopping center on Almaden Expressway and Camden Avenue in the former Blockbuster site.

I look forward to welcoming these new businesses into our community!

All the best,

Nancy Pyle
District 10 Councilmember

Diane Perovich Has Passed

Diane Perovich, a much-loved member of our community, lost her battle with cancer and died peacefully at home in the early morning hours of September 18th. Diane was a wife, a mother and a good friend to many Almaden residents. Diane was a devoted member of the Almaden Community, actively involved in the Almaden Senior Association and the Almaden SeniorNet Program. Diane was a leader, a worker and a



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Diane Perovich with Councilmember Pyle at the brunch held in Diane's honor at the Almaden Community Center back in June.

contributor in every sense of the word. She led the Almaden Senior Association for many years as President, taught SeniorNet classes and participated in hosting many events at the Almaden Community Center. Diane was admired by many for her strength, positive attitude and creativity. Diane was always upbeat, even at the worst of times. She fought cancer for several years and yet continued to be active within the Almaden Community. Diane loved to travel and even though her ability to travel reduced as her chemotherapy treatments increased in intensity, she planned trips around the chemotherapy. Just a few months ago, Diane took a trip to France, her all time favorite country, with her family and Diane came home so very happy to have had that adventure. Although Diane's presence will be missed, the memory of her courage and enjoyment of life will remain with all who came in contact with her. Her friendship and legacy will forever live on at the Almaden Community Center and Senior Program.

Many thanks to Don House for compiling this information.

New Express Light Rail Service

Starting October 4th, VTA will run express light rail service between the Santa Teresa and Baypointe light rail stations. Three northbound trips are being added to the current schedule for the morning commute, and three southbound trips are added for the evening commute. Trains will stop between Santa Teresa and Ohlone/Chynoweth, then operate non-stop to the Convention Center. From Convention Center, trains will stop at all stations until reaching the final station at Baypointe. Express trains will be traveling at speeds up to 45 mph as they pass through the stations without stopping. The new VTA Commuter Express is a fast, convenient, stress-free alternative to driving and we hope you will give it a try! Look for the bright blue and orange trains marked "Express." For more information visit: www.vta.org/services/commuter_express.html.

New Restaurants Open at the Airport

As the Airport's concession program approaches completion this fall, Brioche Doree opened in the Terminal B central food court, and Chiamonte's opened in Terminal A between Gates 6 and 7. Brioche Doe features European-style pastries, coffee, tea, cold beverages, salads and sandwiches in a convenient to-go format. Chiamonte's, San Jose's oldest Italian delicatessen which dates back to 1915, serves a full breakfast, lunch and dinner menu. For more information, contact Bill Sherry, Director of Aviation, at 408-501-7669.

Visit the Unicorn Thrift Shop!

The best kept secret in San Jose is the Unicorn Thrift Shop located at 1181 Redmond Avenue at the corner of Redmond and Almaden Expressway. The Unicorn is staffed entirely by volunteers and offers gently used clothing as well as a changing selection of antiques, collectibles, linens and household items. This time of year there are also many great Halloween costumes! Weekly sales include merchandise at 50% off and \$1.00 per item. Donations of like items are graciously welcomed and appreciated. The Unicorn Thrift Shop benefits Eastfield Ming Quong Families First (EMQ FF), a nonprofit agency which serves children and families in crisis. Learn more about this unique thrift boutique at unicornthriftshop.com or call 408-997-9188.

San Jose City Budget-in-Brief

Developing the 2010-2011 Adopted Budget was extremely difficult, given the magnitude of the General Fund shortfall that had to be addressed, as well



Diane Perovich with husband Frank at an Almaden Community Center Event in years past.



VTA Light Rail Express Service between Santa Teresa and Baypointe begins on October 4th



Unicorn Thrift Shop

as the fiscal problems in several other City funds. A combination of strategies was used to close the budget gap, including service reductions and eliminations, employee total compensation reductions, service delivery changes, and funding shifts, use of reserves, and fee/tax increases. The Budget-in-Brief is a summary of the Adopted Budget for FY 2010-2011. It provides a good snapshot of our overall budget numbers, as well as highlights for every City Service Area including impacts from budget actions and core services that will continue to be provided. It also summarizes the services and corresponding positions which were restored on a one-time basis in 2010-2011. This means that unless other funding sources are identified, these positions and services will end effective June 30, 2011. The recently completed FY 2010-2011 Budget-in-Brief is now available online at www.sanjoseca.gov/budget/FY1011/2010-2011AdoptedBudgetinBriefFINAL.pdf.

New Affordable Rental Housing Listing

The City of San José and the County of Santa Clara are pleased to announce SCCHousingSearch.org, a new affordable rental housing listing for San Jose and Santa Clara County. The free-to-use website is designed to give renters, landlords, housing professionals, and social service providers access to real-time rental housing information. SCCHousingSearch.org can be accessed online at www.scchousingsearch.org or via a toll-free bilingual (Spanish/English) call center at 1-877-428-8844 Monday - Friday, 6am – 5pm.

Upcoming Events Hosted by Councilmember Pyle:

Youth Job Fair—Saturday, October 16th

I, along with Councilmember Madison Nguyen, Work2Future, and Westfield Oakridge, are hosting a youth job fair. Our goal is to provide our youth with job training and job opportunities. We are collaborating with Work2Future to provide job seekers with workshops, which will highlight interviewing skills, resume writing, and guidance for completing a job application. Then we are inviting local businesses to provide and accept employment applications and resumes from youth during the job fair.

Schedule:

8:30am – 9:00am Registration
 9:00am – 11:00am Work2Future Workshops
 11:00am – 2:00pm Job Fair

For more information contact Laura at (408) 535-4979 or email at Laura.Cowan@sanjoseca.gov.

San Jose Downtown Day—Sunday, October 24th

Join me for a day in Downtown San Jose!
 Sunday, October 24th

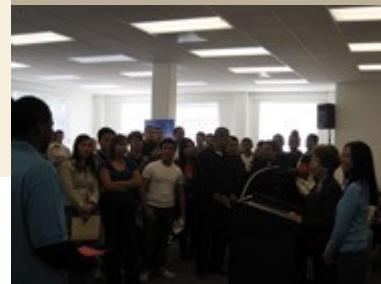
Schedule:

Noon - 1:30pm Enjoy lunch at Sonoma Chicken Coop on San Pedro Square! Purchase an entrée and receive a free soda, coffee or tea.

2:00pm - 4:00pm See “Stompin’ at the Savoy” at Tabard Theatre! There’s a discounted ticket price of \$20 when you call (408) 679-2330 or email boxoffice@tabardtheatre.org and say you’re with Councilmember Pyle’s group. Purchased tickets can then be picked up at Will Call on the day of the show.



[Click here for details](#)



Councilmembers Pyle and Nguyen have co-hosted the Youth Job Fair for years. (2009 event is pictured)



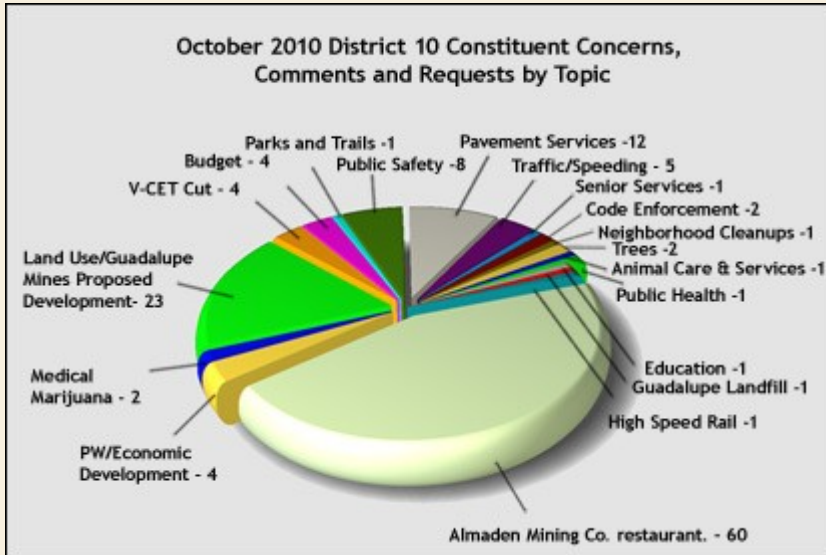
4:15pm - 5:00pm Tour Axis Luxury Condominium Building

Free parking will be available in the Market Street Garage (north of Santa Clara Street between San Pedro Street and Market Street) before 6pm.

Contact Laura Cowan at (408) 535-4979 or email at Laura.Cowan@sanjoseca.gov for more information.

Be sure to sign up with Laura and purchase your ticket through Tabard Theater by Friday, October 15th!

Constituent Concern Chart :



AXIS condominium building in Downtown San Jose.



South First Fridays in the San Jose SoFA District

Additional Upcoming Events:

October's South First Friday—Friday, October 1st

South First Fridays are an eclectic celebration of arts and culture in downtown San Jose's SoFA arts district, centered on South First Street. Held the first Friday of every month, the arts venues are all open from 8pm until 11pm and offer free admission and a wide variety of live entertainment. It's a lively scene attended by arts-lovers of all ages. For more information visit: www.southfirstfridays.com/

12th Annual Tim Brauch Memorial Skateboarding Contest—Saturday & Sunday, Oct 2nd & 3rd

Twelve years after the tragic loss of Tim Brauch, a highly respected skateboarder from San Jose, Sessions skateboard company is holding its annual Tim Brauch Memorial Contest. Tim, a Sessions team rider, was always true to his roots as a skateboarder and possessed a positive attitude that did nothing less than inspire friends, family, and the community around him. Tim's untimely passing in 1999 at the age of 25, led Sessions to create the Tim Brauch Memorial Fund, which donates 100% of the funds raised to skateboard park development and scholarships.

This year's Street Contest will be held on Saturday, October 2nd at the Scotts Valley Skate Park and the Bowl Contest will be held on Sunday, October 3rd at the Lake Cunningham Regional Skate Park in San Jose.

At 68,000 square feet, Lake Cunningham Regional Skate Park is the largest skate park in California and features the world's largest cradle, tallest vert wall, and largest full pipe!

To register for the Street or Bowl Contest email: contest@sessions.com. Spectators at this event are also welcome. For more information call (408)



Tim Brauch Memorial Skateboarding Contest at Lake Cunningham Park in 2009

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San Jose's Rock n' Roll Half Marathon—Sunday, October 3rd

In the five 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!

Live local Bay Area bands perform 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! Bands play at every mile of the run and are also featured at the post race concert—this year the headliner is Blues Traveler. The bands set the tempo for this 13.1 mile party, where runners and spectators alike dance in the streets to these free mini-concerts! For more information visit: <http://san-jose.competitor.com/>.

Police Chief Recruitment Community Outreach Meeting—Monday, October 4th

The City of San Jose is recruiting for a new Police Chief and is interested in receiving community input regarding the ideal qualities of a Police Chief. The City has contracted with Ms. Teri Black-Brann, of Teri Black & Company, a public sector executive recruitment firm, to conduct the search. Over the last month there have been 6 community meetings where input on the ideal qualities of a Police Chief have been collected. If you have additional input you wish to provide or have not yet attended a meeting, please consider attending the final recruitment meeting for the Police Chief on Monday, October 4th.

Monday, October 4th; 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Mexican Heritage Plaza Pavilion; 1700 Alum Rock Avenue

For more information visit: www.sanjoseca.gov/PoliceChiefRecruitment.asp

Disability Awareness Day—Thursday, October 7th

Disability Awareness Day is a celebration of unity, inviting the entire community to participate while promoting awareness and appreciation of people with differing abilities. Disability Awareness Day educates the general public on the many challenges people with disabilities encounter on a daily basis. Disability Awareness Day also seeks to empower persons with differing abilities and their families through information and resource acquisition to overcome those barriers. This day celebrates diversity and strives to build an integrated community in which all people are equally valued.

Thursday, October 7th; 10:00am to 2:00pm *workshops begin at 8:30am
City Hall; 200 East Santa Clara Street, Rotunda and Plaza

For more information please visit: www.dad.sjdistrict1.com/.

13th Annual Walk to End Domestic Violence—Friday, October 8th

Domestic Violence should not happen to anybody. Ever. Period. But sadly, it does. Join the fight against Domestic Violence by attending the 13th Annual Walk to End Domestic Violence. Be one of the first 400 participants to register and receive a free community lunch!

Friday, October 8th; 11:00am - 1:30pm

City Hall, 200 E Santa Clara Street

For more information visit:

www.sanjoseca.gov/pdf/2010WalkEndDVAnnoucement.pdf



A purple and white poster for the 13th Annual Walk to End Domestic Violence. The poster features a central graphic of a city skyline with a purple ribbon around it. Text on the poster includes: "Friday, October 8, 2010 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. San Jose City Hall 200 East Santa Clara St.", "With featured guest: Ronnie Lott", "Registration 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.", "Program/Refreshment Board 11:00 - 12:00 p.m.", "Walk 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. (1.3 miles)", "Sponsored by: City of San Jose", "No cost to participate. No pre-registration required. This is a 501(c)(3) event.", and "Please visit www.sanjoseca.gov for more information." At the bottom, there are logos for "My All Life", "Speak Up Grow Livin'", and "Walk to End Domestic Violence". A purple button at the bottom says "Click here for details".

“Iron-Jawed Angels” Movie Event: Come celebrate 90 years of Women Voting—Saturday, October 9th

Save the date to see this movie starring Hilary Swank and Anjelica Huston that received 4 ½ stars and won a Golden Globe award. It shows the real life experiences of the fiery young suffragettes who worked so long and hard to successfully convince the United States to adopt a Constitutional amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote. Alice Paul and the women of the 1918 Women’s Suffrage movement fought for future generations’ right to vote and run for office. Sacrificing their health, marriages and the limited amount of freedom they had, women were imprisoned and force-fed after picketing and hunger-striking against war-time president Woodrow Wilson, but survived to see the results of their efforts.

Saturday, October 9th; 10:30am to 12:30pm
Cambrian Library Community Room

Pumpkins in the Park—Saturday, October 9th

This great family event is now in its 16th year in Guadalupe River Park. Produced by the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, Pumpkins in the Park is a celebration of the environment, the Guadalupe River, and the fall harvest season. The day will include 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. Pumpkins in the Park will be held at Discovery Meadow, near the Children’s Discovery Museum, in the Guadalupe River Park. Admission is free, and the hours are 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Parking is convenient, and the site is adjacent to a VTA light rail station.

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

4th annual Art of Collecting Symposium and Tour— Saturday & Sunday, October 16th & 17th

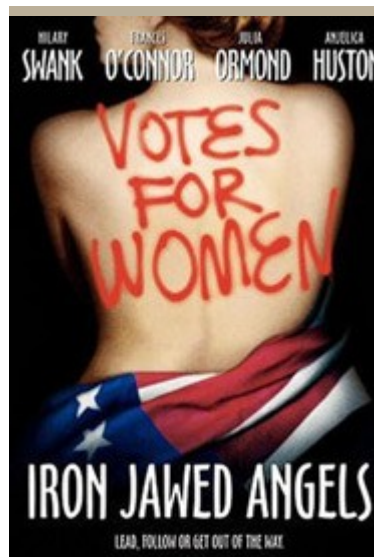
The Art of Collecting Symposium is a unique opportunity to join a conversation about art collecting with internationally renowned artist and art educator Gerhardy Knodel, major collector Dr. Narinder Kapany, and leading Bay Area art consultant Winifred Day. After the symposium, the conversation will continue at J.Lohr Winery’s tasting room with a complimentary wine-tasting.

The Art of Collecting Tour is a rare opportunity to view three major private Bay Area art collections in their natural habitats—the homes of the collectors. The tour includes the homes of collectors Faith and Stephen Brown, Dorothy Saxe, and Sylvia Elsesser. The last stop is the S.F. Tribal Exhibition and Sale where the group will have an insider’s tour of the artworks for sale.

For full details and ticket information visit: www.sjqiltmuseum.org/artofcollecting.html.

Harvest Festival—Saturday, October 23rd

The Almaden Community Center presents the 4th Annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 23rd from 11:00am to 4:00pm. The Festival will feature local artists with one-of-a-kind treasures. There will be a pumpkin patch, haunted hallway, storytime and puppet show, raffle prizes, and tasty food! General admission and parking are free so save the date for this fun event at the Almaden Community Center. For more information call (408) 268-1133.



Thanksgiving Morning Turkey Trot—Thursday, November 25th

Start Thanksgiving Day off on the right foot at the Applied Materials 'Silicon Valley Turkey Trot'™. Before the big games, the big meal, the parades and the pies why not get in a little exercise with a few thousand neighbors? It's an event the whole family will enjoy and many have made the run or walk a Thanksgiving Day tradition! You'll also be giving thanks by helping the Santa Clara Family Health Foundation, Second Harvest Food Bank and the Housing Trust of Santa Clara County. These charities provide families with their most basic needs for health, hope and a home. The Silicon Valley Turkey Trot, founded and produced by the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, is in its 6th year and the total amount given to charity exceeded \$1 million last year. There are several events to choose from in the 5K and 10K runs and walks, along with a kid's fun run. Elite runners, joggers and walkers will enjoy the downtown San Jose course, which is flat, fast and flows through neighborhoods and business areas. For more information visit:

<http://svturkeytrot.com/>.

Downtown Farmers' Market at San Pedro Square

Each Friday until mid-December (except Nov. 26)

Fresh fruits and vegetables, same-day-cut flowers and appetizing fine foods are for sale by more than 35 California certified growers from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Friday May 7-Dec. 17. The San Jose's Downtown Farmers' Market at San Pedro Square, on the charming block of San Pedro Street between Santa Clara and St. John streets, offers some of the best people-watching in the South Bay. For more information, call the (408) 279-1775 or visit www.sjdowntown.com/FarmerMarket.html.

City Calendar:

City Council Meetings

Tuesday, October 5th; 1:30pm and 7:00pm

Tuesday, October 12th – **No City Council Meeting**

Tuesday, October 19th; 1:30pm

Tuesday, October 26th; 1:30pm and 7:00pm

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

www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/agenda.asp

Rules & Open Government Committee Meetings

Wednesday, October 6th; 2:00pm

Wednesday, October 13th; 2:00pm

Wednesday, October 20th; 2:00pm

Wednesday, October 27th; 2:00pm

City Hall, 200 E Santa Clara Street, Wing 118-119

www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/CommitteeAgenda/Rules/Rules.asp

Community Calendar:

South First Friday

Friday, October 1st; 7:00pm

South First Street between San Carlos and E. Reed streets

www.southfirstfridays.com/

San Jose Rock n' Roll Half Marathon

Sunday, October 3rd; 8:00am

Downtown San Jose; Start Line at Santa Clara Street and Almaden Boulevard

<http://san-jose.competitor.com/>

Final Police Chief Recruitment Community Outreach Meeting

Monday, October 4th; 7:00 – 8:30pm

Mexican Heritage Plaza Pavilion; 1700 Alum Rock Avenue

www.sanjoseca.gov/PoliceChiefRecruitment.asp

Almaden Senior Association Meeting

Harvest Festival at Almaden Community Center on Saturday, October 23rd from 11am to 4pm



FARM FRESH FRIDAYS
Rain or Shine



DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE FARMERS' MARKET

The 34th Annual Almaden Art and Wine Festival hosted by the Almaden Women's Club was once again a success.



Many Festival attendees shopped.

Wednesday, October 6th; 9:45am
Almaden Community Center, 6445 Camden Avenue
www.almadenseniors.org/

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 6th; 5:00pm
City Hall, 200 E Santa Clara Street, Wing 118-119
www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/CommissionBoard/Parks.asp

Disability Awareness Day

Thursday, October 7th; 10:00am - 2:00pm *workshops begin at 8:30am
City Hall; 200 East Santa Clara Street, Rotunda and Plaza

VTA Board Meeting

Thursday, October 7th; 5:00pm
County Government Center; 70 West Hedding Street
www.vta.org/inside/boards/calendar/mtgsatglance_current.html#board

Walk to End Domestic Violence

Friday, October 8th; 11:00am - 1:30pm
City Hall, 200 E Santa Clara Street
www.sanjoseca.gov/pdf/2010WalkEndDVAnnoucement.pdf

Pumpkins in the Park

Saturday, October 9th; 10:00am – 4:00pm
Guadalupe River Park; Discovery Meadow
www.grpg.org/PIP.shtml

Columbus Day Holiday

Monday, October 11th

Almaden Valley Community Association meeting

Tuesday, October 12th; 7:00pm
Almaden Community Center, 6445 Camden Avenue, Community Room
Guest Speaker: Mayor Chuck Reed
www.avca-sj.org

District 10 Youth Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 13th; 6:00pm
Almaden Community Center, 6445 Camden Avenue, 2nd Floor

SummerHill Homes Community Meeting

Wednesday, October 13th; 6:30pm
Front Elementary School; 530 Gettysburg Drive

Neighborhood Services and Education Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 14th; 1:30pm
City Hall, 200 E Santa Clara Street, Wing 118-119
www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/CommitteeAgenda/NSE/NSE.asp

Youth Job Fair

Saturday, October 16th; 8:30am – 2:00pm
Westfield Oakridge Mall; 925 Blossom Hill Road, Sears Courtyard

Hoffman Via Monte Strong Neighborhoods Meeting

Wednesday, October 20th; 6:30pm
Hoffman/Via Monte Neighborhood Center, 1180 Blossom Hill Road, #2

Playa Del Rey Neighborhood Association Meeting

Wednesday, October 20th; 6:30pm
Pearl Library; 4270 Pearl Avenue, Community Room



Many Festival attendees enjoyed the live entertainment.



[Click here for details](#)

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Almaden Community Center Harvest Festival

Saturday, October 23rd; 11:00am – 4:00pm
Almaden Community Center, 6445 Camden Avenue

Downtown San Jose Day

Sunday, October 24th; Noon to 5pm
San Pedro Square

Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting

Monday, October 25th; 1:30pm
City Hall, 200 E Santa Clara Street, Wing 118-119
www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/CommitteeAgenda/CED/CED.asp

District 10 Youth Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 27th; 6:00pm
Almaden Community Center, 6445 Camden Avenue, 2nd Floor

Halloween

Sunday, October 31st

Did you know?

San Jose leads the nation in patent generation, and is home to more patent holders than San Diego and Los Angeles combined.

Quote

“The future depends on what we do in the present.”

-Mahatma Gandhi

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