



A Message From Vice Mayor Madison Nguyen



January & February 2011

Dear Residents,

Happy New Year! I wish you and your family a prosperous and wonderful year. We have many things planned for our district and the City, and I look forward to working with all of you on some of these projects and issues. Recently, I was appointed by Mayor Chuck Reed and my council colleagues to serve as Vice Mayor. As Vice Mayor, I will continue to perform my duties as your Councilmember in addition to more responsibilities that will have greater impact to our community.

During the holiday season, many exciting things happened in District 7. I had the opportunity to attend a wonderful event at History Park where hundreds of employees from NVIDIA volunteered an entire day to help renovate and build a brand new garden in the park. Victory Garden will provide residents with garden beds to grow fresh and nutritious produce. I hope that residents make time to visit the new garden at History Park. I would like to thank NVIDIA for their continued support and volunteerism in making our district more beautiful and vibrant.

Another exciting project that I would like to share is our annual Operation Prom Dress event. This will be our third year launching this special prom dress drive. We collected over 800 dresses last years and gave away over 400 dresses to high school girls throughout our city. We hope to surpass that number this year. So I need your help. You can donate a new or gently used dress by dropping it off at City Hall or at any of our local libraries and community centers. On Saturday, April 9, 2011, we will give away prom dresses at the Seven Trees Community Center. Again, please help us reach our goal of collecting 1,000 dresses for the 2011 prom season. Donate today!

As we begin the planning process for the next fiscal year, many adjustments will need to be made for the betterment of the city. The Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Preliminary General Fund Forecast was released in December to reveal a projected shortfall of almost \$90 million for next year. This projection is higher than previously anticipated because the General Fund revenue collections continue to be insufficient to keep up with the projected growth in expenditures. With your support and assistance this past year, we were able to close the largest budget deficit in the City's history and minimized detrimental impacts to the community. As always, I appreciate your patience and understanding as we move forward with working with the community to balance another tough budget. We will hold many meetings throughout the city in the next couple of months to discuss budgetary issues and other critical matters. I hope to see you at some of these community meetings. As always, please do not hesitate to call me at (408) 535-4907 or email me at: district7@sanjoseca.gov if you have any questions.

In community spirit,

Madison Nguyen



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Useful City-wide Numbers

Call Center: 535-3500

Non-Emergency: 311 or 277-8900

Graffiti: 277-2758

Child Abuse Reporting: 299-2071

Code Enforcement: 277-4528

Crime Prevention: 277-4133

Crime Stoppers: 947-7867

Domestic Violence Ctr.: 277-3700

Dept. of Transportation: 535-3850

Gang Hotline: 277-4264

Garbage & Recycling: 535-3515

Neighborhood Develop: 723-4114

Parking Enforcement: 534-2900

Senior Programs: 277-4561

Sewer Problems: 277-4373

Sidewalks: 277-3158

Street Lights: 277-5517

Street Maintenance: 277-4373

Street Sweeping: 277-2571

Housing: 975-4480



Third Annual Crime and Gang Prevention Summit

On behalf of the City of San José, we would like to invite you to attend the Third Annual Crime and Gang Prevention Summit sponsored by the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force. The purpose of this Summit is to promote and encourage partnerships among the community, the City of San José, and our local community-based organizations to build a safer and more vibrant city. The Summit is the culmination of a year-long outreach effort to work with residents to build safer neighborhoods. The Summit is scheduled for **Saturday, January 22,**

2011, from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm, at the Seven Trees Community Center, located at 3590 Cas Drive in San Jose. The summit will feature hands-on workshops, a community resource fair, and a free lunch for participants. Workshop topics include: Gang Awareness 101, Faith Based Approach, and Cleaner, Safer and Engaged Communities. To register, please visit www.sanjoseca.gov/mayor or call the Mayor's Office at (408) 535-4800. All interested individuals are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP online by Tuesday, January 18, 2011. Space is limited, so please sign-up early. If you have any questions, please call the Mayor's Office at (408) 535-4800.



2011 State of the City Address

Registration is now open for the 2011 State of the City Address. The State of the City Address will be held on **Thursday, February 17, 2011.** This year's event will be held in the evening from **6:00 pm to 7:30 pm** and will be at the San Jose Civic Auditorium. This event is free, but all attendees **MUST** register to attend. Individuals are encouraged to register online, but may also call the Mayor's office at (408) 535-4800 if they do not have internet access or an e-mail address. This event will **NOT** include a meal but refreshments will be available for purchase. There is open seating for the general public. To encourage residents to dine at our many downtown restaurants, the Mayor's office is partnering with the San Jose Downtown Association to promote dining downtown after the event. We look forward to seeing everyone there. If you have any questions, please contact the Mayor's Office at (408) 535-4800.

Operation Prom Dress 2011

Operation Prom Dress began in 2008 due to the downfall of our economy. Because of the tough economic times, we know attending junior or senior prom would not be a top priority for most families. Our prom dress drive serves as an opportunity for high school girls in the City of San Jose to attend their junior or senior prom without the financial burden of having to buy a prom dress. We are asking residents to help out with this event by donating new or gently used dresses to be distributed from **9:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday, April 9, 2011** at the Seven Trees Community Center, located at 3590 Cas Drive. With the generous donations we received last year, more than 400 girls took home a prom dress. This year, our goal is to collect 1,000 dresses. We hope you will help us ensure that the girls in our city have lasting memories of their prom. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at (408) 535- 4959 or visit our website at www.sanjoseca.gov/district7.

You can drop off new or gently used dresses at the locations listed below:

Libraries

Almaden Branch Library
Alviso Library
Cambrian Library
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library
Dr. Roberto Cruz Alum Rock Library
Edenvale Library
Evergreen Library
Rose Garden Library
Santa Teresa Library
Tully Library
Vineland Library
West Valley Library
Willow Glen Library

Community Centers

Evergreen Community Center
Roosevelt Community Center
Seven Trees Community Center
Southside Community Center
West SJ Community and Policing Center
Willow Glen Community Center
San Jose City Hall, First Floor





Santee Neighborhood Service Day

On November 13, residents from the Santee area volunteered their time to help improve the Santee Neighborhood Action Center. In an effort to get the most out of the funds allocated for the upgrades of this center, residents helped with painting and other exterior cosmetic fixes. With their tremendous help, the funds can now be used to provide more services and programs for the neighborhood. Thank you to our wonderful community members!



Barberry Lane Service Day

Students from Silver Creek High School Interact Club came out to help beautify the streets and sidewalks by planting trees on Barberry Lane on November 13. With the help from Our City Forest, a non-profit organization in San José whose mission is to cultivate a greener, healthier urban environment and a renewed sense of community by involving Silicon Valley residents in the understanding, planting and care of the urban forest, they planted over 15 trees that Saturday. The students worked very hard all morning long. They also stayed an extra half hour to make sure the job was completed!

NVIDIA Project Inspire 2010

Every year, NVIDIA gathers over a thousand people on a Saturday afternoon to spend the day transforming a community. This year, NVIDIA partnered with City Year, History San Jose, and Schmahl Science Workshops to provide much needed improvements to History Park at Kelley Park. On December 11, 2010, NVIDIA employees and their families helped to renew a hidden gem in the City of San Jose and build a large community garden and greenhouse where youth can learn about science in a hands-on environment. They helped to supply the Rocksprings neighborhood with the tools to grow and maintain their own fresh and nutritious produce while teaching youth about the importance of healthy eating and the science of food. A special thank you to NVIDIA and the NVIDIA Foundation for their help and support of our local communities!



Sacred Heart Community Service Day

Amidst the uncertain economy, the holiday season can become a tough time for our local families. These heartbreaking circumstances remind us of the true spirit of the holiday season, such as generosity and compassion for others and our communities. This holiday season, my staff and I had the pleasure of helping to pack food boxes at Sacred Heart Community Services for families on Thanksgiving. We packed over 7,000 food boxes that fed more than 20,000 people throughout the community. A big thank you to Sacred Heart Community Service for hosting this event every year.

District 7 Hero *Sister Miriam Daniel Fahey*

The District 7 Hero Award honors extraordinary community members that dedicate their time and energy to improving District 7. This quarter, we would like to honor a long-time hero of ours, Sister Miriam Daniel Fahey. For over 14 years, Sister Miriam has lived and served as an advocate for the Santee Community, where she and three other nuns have run a small library and literacy program. From the moment she set foot in the community, she served as the voice for the community, speaking out against drugs and crime in the neighborhoods. Through Sister Miriam's tireless work and dedication, she slowly transformed a community that has constantly lived in fear into a vibrant neighborhood. Sister Miriam's tenacity became something of an urban legend throughout the years. In addition to her advocacy in the community, she also conducted "Moral Training" classes that serve over 50 youth per year, providing them with valuable lessons and preparing them for better futures. On behalf of the residents in the Santee area, I would like to say thank you to Sister Miriam Daniel Fahey for her tireless dedication, leadership and invaluable service to improving the quality of life for the residents of Santee.





Plastic Bag Ban

On December 14, 2010, San Jose became one of the largest cities in the United States to place a ban on plastic carryout bags. This far-reaching measure aims to encourage the use of reusable bags, decrease plastic consumption, and protect our environment. Retailers, with limited exceptions, will be prohibited from dispensing plastic bags and will charge for paper bags. The new ban will take effect starting January 1, 2012.

Medical Marijuana

After a rise in the number of medical marijuana establishments in San Jose, the City Council has decided to install a 7 percent tax on medical marijuana sales and subject these establishments to periodic compliance audits. This tax will be instrumental in funding the oversight of these establishments and in raising revenue for the City. Council is still studying the issue and will consider further regulatory measures in the future.



District 7 Receives Prop 84 Grant

On November 8, 2010, District 7 received a \$400,000 dollar grant related to Proposition 84. Proposition 84, passed in 2006, provides funds for the acquisition and development of park and recreational facilities. Nisich Park is 60% complete and with these funds, we expect this park to be open shortly. The 1.3 acre project will provide a great landscape with playgrounds, picnic areas, sports facilities, and walkways for all to enjoy.

Tobacco License

In response to the rise in youth consumption of tobacco and the health hazards associated, the City Council has passed a tobacco-licensing program for all retailers selling tobacco-related products. All existing and new retailers must apply and pay for this license. The fees associated with the license will pay for additional inspectors to ensure that tobacco retailers follow the law and do not sell their products to minors.



High Speed Rail

California State officials have approved a \$4.3 billion dollar plan to begin construction on the first segment of California's high-speed rail line. Construction will begin in the Central Valley and connect to San Francisco, Sacramento, Los Angeles, and San Diego. Once completed, the train is projected to travel up to 220mph along its 800-mile track. This project will bring thousands of jobs and revenue to our City and State.



Large Trash Capture Device Pilot Project

In Spring 2011, the Department of Public Works, in collaboration with the Environmental Services Department, will be installing a "Large Trash Capture Device" along Wool Creek Drive, east of Senter Road in Council District 7. This device is the first of several that will be installed throughout the City of San José in order to meet new regulatory requirements established by the Regional Water Quality Control Board in their Municipal Regional Storm water Permit. The goal of the regulation is to reduce trash and debris in our local creeks and rivers. Local jurisdictions, such as the City of San José, must reduce trash loads by 40% by 2014, 70% by 2017, and by 100% in 2022.

A Large Trash Capture Device is a single device that can capture trash as small as a cigarette butt. The device resembles a manhole with a metal screen to filter and capture trash from storm water before it enters into a creek or river. Maintenance crews can clean and service the device using a maintenance vacuum truck. We anticipate that at least six additional Large Trash Capture Devices, in addition to some small trash capture devices (inserts) installed within drain inlets, will be installed throughout the City in order to meet the Storm water Permit targets.