

DISTRICT 7 NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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Useful City-wide Numbers

Call Center: 535-3500

Non-Emergency: 311

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: 535-3515

Housing: 975-4480

Dear Residents,

Summer is finally here. I hope you will enjoy the warm months and take a well deserved break by visiting some District 7 stay-cation sites such as History Park, Los Lagos Golf Course, the Japanese Friendship Garden, Capitol Flea Market and many other areas of interest. You can find out more locations on our website www.sanjoseca.gov/district7. Also, don't forget to check out the great deals and events that are happening in downtown San Jose.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

The City Council recently approved a \$4 million dollar agreement with the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority to improve portions of Highway 101 and Tully Road. This project will relieve severe traffic congestion, improve public safety and local access to East San Jose particularly K.O.N.A., Tully/Senter, and West Evergreen.

Mayor Reed and I also hosted a District 7 Community Budget meeting at OB Whaley Elementary School to identify priority city services in the district as well as citywide. It was a successful meeting with many ideas and solutions. I want to thank all residents who took time out to participate.

I am sure that by now you are aware of the \$84 million dollar budget deficit our city is facing. There were many proposals to cut services that would seriously impact the well-being of our residents. I am committed to ensuring that our residents continue to receive the necessary services to keep our neighborhoods safe. I have submitted budget documents to keep Alma Community Center open, continue the operation of Fire Station 33, keep our park rangers, and many other items.

I want to thank the residents of District 7 for your continued commitment to our community. You have organized rallies, petitions, letter and phone campaigns to ensure that these vital services not be cut. There will be some tough decisions to make but I assure you that I will fight to keep these vital services.

Have a good summer. Remember that my office is always open to your ideas and suggestions to ensure a healthy and safe community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Madison".

Councilmember Madison P. Nguyen



OUT & ABOUT IN DISTRICT 7

The month of April and May were very busy for my office. Below are a few highlights of the many events throughout our district.

OPERATION PROM DRESS DRIVE



My office hosted the first annual "Operation Prom Dress Drive"—prom dress drive for families who may not be able to afford prom due to the bad economy. Our office collected over 335 new and used dresses from individuals and bridal boutiques and distributed them to 275 students from local San Jose high schools. We also partnered with several local dry cleaners to clean the dresses free of charge. We want to extend many thanks to the City of San Jose, Tully Community Library, Berryessa Branch Library, Cambrian Library, our dry cleaning partners and the Mayfair Community Center for facilitating the dress donations. The event was a success and we look forward to doing this again next year.

GREAT AMERICAN LITTER

This year we had 46 volunteers from District 7 that came to participate in the nationwide Great American Litter Pick-Up. Our volunteers gathered at Cry Out Christian Fellowship for bagels, coffee and juice before heading out to clean up the SevenTrees area. The day was a success with volunteers collecting 61 bags of litter and 12 bags of recyclables. Thank you to all the volunteers for your dedication and hard work!



ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE



The month of May was designated as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in 1978 by President Jimmy Carter. My office along with Councilmembers Ash Kalra and Kansen Chu, presented a proclamation to Asian American community members such as Campbell Vice-Mayor Evan Low, Michele Lew, Executive Director of AACI and many other Asian American leaders. Asian Pacific American Heritage month is celebrated with community festivals, parades, and educational activities. It is a time to reflect on the contributions of APA's to our society as well as planning for the future.

WHIMSICAL FROZEN YOGURT NOW OPEN!

Whimsical Frozen Yogurt is open at The Plant Shopping Center on Monterey and Curtner. It was a special treat for me to help cut the ribbon and eat some delicious yogurt. They have many different kinds of frozen yogurt in all sorts of flavors. Be sure to drop by and enjoy some frozen yogurt this summer.

Location:

81 Curtner Ave # 4
San Jose, CA 95125





COMCAST CARES DAY

Since 2001, Comcast Cable Company has made a positive impact in neighborhoods across the country by selecting a school or community center that would benefit from much needed improvements. This year Comcast chose Hubbard Elementary School. Hundreds of volunteers gave the school a fresh layer of paint, made minor repairs, and planted flowers and trees. All the work was done by Comcast employees, their families and friends as part of the Comcast Cares Day Program. A big “THANK YOU” to Comcast and the Lanai Cunningham Neighborhood for making our community more beautiful.

REBUILDING TOGETHER SILICON VALLEY

Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley brings communities and volunteers together to rehabilitate homes of low income homeowners, particularly the elderly and disabled, so that they may live in warmth, safety and independence. My office joined volunteers from all over the City for the National Rebuilding Day in Silicon Valley. This year we helped to make major improvements to several homes in the Little Orchard Mobilehome Park.



HOUSING & FORECLOSURE FAIR



The City of San Jose along with various local non-profit agencies held a “Foreclosure Help and Resource Fair,” at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. Over 550 households attended the fair. Attendees received services such as legal assistance, credit counseling, health and human services, employment services and foreclosure prevention counseling.

Surveys conducted at the resource fair indicated that 97% of participants left with an increased awareness of available options and resources, and felt the event was very helpful. The City of San Jose is planning another Foreclosure Fair in Fall of 2009. We hope you will be able to participate and take away some valuable information.

THE VIETNAMESE AMERICAN HERITAGE PROJECT

Recently, I was featured in a short film produced by students of The Digital Clubhouse Network. Their goal is to preserve the history and stories of Vietnamese Americans. They produced 7 short films on how the Vietnam War impacted the lives of hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese and Americans. The event was very successful with over 50 people in attendance along with several of my colleagues on the city council—Pete Constant and Ash Kalra.



CAMBODIAN NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

The Cambodian New Years or Chol Chnam Thmey which means “Enter the New Year ,” signifies the time of year where the harvest season comes to an end. New Year is a time for families to take time to enjoy the fruits of their harvest. This celebration usually lasts for three days where people clean, decorate, and cook lots of foods to welcome the New Year. My office had a chance to attend these events and participate in the customs and traditions of the District 7 Cambodian community at Slonaker Elementary School.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT T-SHIRT DESIGN

On Tuesday, August 4, 2009, neighborhoods throughout San Jose will join forces again with thousands of communities nationwide for the **26th Annual National Night Out**. This significant community driven event is designed to heighten crime and drug awareness, generate participation in local anti-crime efforts, promote police and community partnerships, and put criminals on notice of neighborhood organizing. Last year’s National Night Out united over 600 citizens in District 7, and we expect this year’s event to draw out even more people.

Please join the Office of Councilmember Madison Nguyen and Crime Stoppers in spreading this important anti-gang message through your support of the **3rd Annual National Night Out T-shirt Design Contest**. This contest encourages youth between the ages of 8 to 18 to create a design which reflects an anti-gang message. The t-shirts have become a highlight at National Night Out events throughout District 7 and the city. For the past two years, volunteers, adults and children have proudly put on their t-shirts to send a message that crime and gangs do not belong in their neighborhood.

T-Shirt Design Guidelines:

1. The design must reflect an anti-gang message
2. Work must be exclusively your own
3. Design must be 8.5” x 11 sheet of paper or email
4. Use pencil, markers, crayons, colored pencils, or computer graphics
5. Contestants should be between 8 & 18 years of age

**Deadline:
July 7, 2009**

Sponsors: Mike Fox Foundation, Comcast, PG&E, Dr. Ngai Nguyen, BP, San Jose Water Company, WestCoast Precision, Inc., Association of Retired San Jose Police and Firefighters, Dr. Giao Vu, San Jose Police Officers Association

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