



A Message From Councilmember Madison Nguyen



November & December 2010

Dear Residents,

October has been a very busy month! Our district is thriving with new businesses, affordable housing developments, a youth job fair, and the grand opening of a new community center.

With the current state of the economy, jobs can be extremely difficult to find, especially if you are young. That is why my office, along with Councilmember Nancy Pyle, Work2Future, and Center for Training and Careers, hosted the 3rd annual Youth Job Fair at Westfield Oakridge mall on October 16th.

The event was a huge success! We had over 450 youth in attendance and participate in the workshops that highlighted interviewing skills, resume writing, and guidance for completing job applications. We also provided opportunities for these youth to participate in on-site interviews and receive information about jobs and career tracks in various industries and businesses. We also had over 30 businesses on site to provide information about various job opportunities. Some of our vendors received more than 300 applications. This showed how desperate our youth need jobs, not just for the experience, but to help support their families during these tough economic times. I'm grateful for the participation of the vendors, youth, and partners.

On October 23, over 2,000 residents joined me, Mayor Chuck Reed, Supervisor George Shirakawa Jr., and community leaders, in cutting the ribbon to celebrate the grand opening of Seven Trees Community Center. The new community center has a banquet room, fitness center, gymnasium, kitchen, basketball court, and tennis courts, outdoor projection screen for movies. The center will also house a brand new branch library scheduled to open in 2011, which will include reading areas, learning center, computer labs, and an internet café. The celebration continued throughout the day with cupcakes for all attendees and tours of the center. I hope you take the opportunity to visit the center, use the amenities and participate in the programs.

Thanksgiving and Christmas is just around the corner. This holiday season, I would like to encourage you to make a difference by volunteering with a local organization or community group. Volunteering can be a wonderful change in your daily routine. From collecting canned goods to serving lunch at a food shelter, your efforts can change someone's life. Later this month, my staff and I will be volunteering at Sacred Heart's Thanksgiving Food Box Preparation. You can find out more about this event by contacting Sacred Heart at (408) 478-2171 or call my office for more information.

Thank you for your continued support in making District 7 a better place to live, work and play. I look forward to seeing you at one or more of the neighborhood meetings or community events. Happy Holidays!

In community spirit,

Madison Nguyen



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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

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Sewer Problems: 277-4373

Sidewalks: 277-3158

Street Lights: 277-5517

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Groundbreaking: Orvieto Family Apartments

On September 24, Councilmember Madison Nguyen in partnership with ROEM Development Corporation held a groundbreaking event for the future site of the Orvieto Family Apartments. The Orvieto Family Apartments are a new and affordable multi-family apartment community located at the Southeast corner of Montecito Vista Drive and Goble Lane. The project consists of four stories of high-quality construction with 92 affordable 1, 2, and 3-bedroom residential units. There will also be a one-level parking garage with 163 spaces. The building will have a large landscaped courtyard with a BBQ, tot lot, community room with a kitchen, library, computer center, and fitness room. Construction has started and the project is expected to be completed in December 2011. Applications will be accepted in July 2011. Please call **(408) 298-9003** to get on the interest list or visit www.OrvietoApts.com for more information.



Grand Opening! Monterey Family Villa Apartments

On October 14, Councilmember Madison Nguyen along with Global Premier Development, Inc., LIHTC (Low Income Housing Tax Credit), and the City of San Jose Housing Department celebrated the grand opening of San Jose's newest affordable housing community. The Monterey Family Village Apartments is special because it focuses not only on affordable housing for our residents but also on green living. To keep the development affordable over the long-term, sustainable building methods were incorporated into the design and construction of the apartments. The project was also built to increase energy efficiency such as water-conserving plumbing fixtures and green label carpeting. The Monterey Family Village Apartments will be able to accommodate 70 income residents with 27 two-bedroom and 44 three-bedroom apartments ranging in size between 1,000 and 1,500 square feet with amenities such as picnic and BBQ areas, tot lot, laundry room, and a community center, which includes a small kitchen facility.



Famous Dave's BBQ

Famous Dave's BBQ is now open for business. For over 25 years, Famous Dave's BBQ restaurant has served award-winning barbeque ribs and hickory-smoked meats in a casual, family-friendly atmosphere. Located in the Plant Shopping Center on Curtner Avenue, Famous Dave's serves not only ribs but also mouthwatering sandwiches, burgers, and home-style desserts. We are proud to welcome this wonderful restaurant to District 7!

Eco Off-Site

On September 2, Councilmember Madison Nguyen along with the Redevelopment Agency welcomed Eco Offsite to San Jose. Eco Off-Site's mission is to build sustainable homes. They utilize the latest digital technologies, lean construction processes, and eco-friendly materials to design and build affordable homes for families in the Bay Area. To further advance the City of San Jose's Green Vision goal of ensuring sustainable construction and promoting green building practices, the Redevelopment Agency was able to successfully recruit Eco Offsite to San Jose. For more information about Eco Off-Site, visit their website at www.ecooffsite.com.





September 11 Day of Service and Remembrance



More than a hundred volunteers and over 15 staff members from Sacred Heart Community Service volunteered their time to the Western Trailer Park makeover on Monterey Highway on Saturday, September 11. To improve the lives of individuals living in this mobilehome park, Sacred Heart has made it their goal to rebuild one mobilehome at a time. From caulking, repairing holes and gaps in windows and tarring roofs to installing proper toilets and electrical units, eight families can now live. We would like to thank Sacred Heart

Community Service and their volunteers for this amazing event. For more information on how you can volunteer with Sacred Heart, please contact (408) 278-2171.

Franklin McKinley Children's Initiative Health and Resource Fair

On October 2, the Franklin McKinley Children's Initiative held their first Health and Resource Fair. The resource fair had over fifty organizations and more than two hundred attendees. Services such as whooping cough shots and flu vaccinations were given to residents FREE of charge by Santa Clara County Health Department. The Stanford Screen Team was also there to provide free health screenings for all residents. A big thank you to Catholic Charities and all the volunteers that helped organize this wonderful event.



3rd Annual Youth Job Fair



Over 450 youth from all over San Jose attended the 3rd Annual Youth Job Fair hosted by Councilmember Madison Nguyen, Councilmember Nancy Pyle, Westfield Oakridge, Work2Future and the Center for Training and Careers on Saturday, October 16. Youth had the opportunity to attend workshops where interviewing skills, resume writing techniques, and guidance for completing a job application were highlighted. Stores from Westfield Oakridge, the City of San Jose's Human Resources Department and other neighboring businesses were on hand to offer hiring opportunities. The Youth Job Fair featured over 30 vendors from various industries. Thank you to our vendors and partners for helping to make the job fair a success.

Ice skate under the stars and palm trees

**Get one FREE admission for every adult admission
at San Jose Downtown Ice on**

**District 7 Special Night
Tuesday, December 7
5 pm to 10 pm**

**Please visit <http://www.sjdowntown.com/kidskate.html>
for more information.**



Seven Trees Community Center Is Open!



“Good things come to those who wait” has resonated well with the residents living within the Seven Trees neighborhood of San José. It has been ten years since voters approved the *Safe Neighborhood Park and Community Center Bond*, committing to provide \$228 million for the renovation of community centers, play areas, and restrooms throughout San José.

On October 23, the community celebrated the opening of the Seven Trees Community Center in grand fashion, acknowledging the hard work and dedication of a well deserving neighborhood. At over three times its predecessor (Solari Community Center), the re-named community center boasts 38,000 square feet of

expanded facilities including a banquet room, fitness center, full gymnasium, and kitchen. The facility also houses an outdoor-lighted basketball court, four lighted tennis courts, an outdoor play structure, and 216 outdoor parking spaces. The facility will also house a new branch library which is scheduled to open in 2011.

Operating hours at the center are Monday to Thursday from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The center is closed on Sunday. To contact the Seven Trees Community Center, please call (408) 794-1690.

District 7 Youth Advisory Commission Wins the WAVE Awards

Each year, the Mayor’s Gang Prevention Task Force (MGPTF), led by the Community Engagement Subcommittee, sponsors an annual Crime and Gang Prevention summit to bring together representatives from the City, non-profit organizations, and local neighborhoods to build and expand partnerships that would help make San José a safer place to live, work and play. Earlier this year, the MGPTF held a contest and challenged each of the Council District Youth Commissioners to develop an Anti-Gang Public Service Announcement (PSA). We are pleased to announce that the District 7 Youth Advisory Council (YAC), headed by Youth Commissioner, Amanda Aldama, won the contest.

This year, the D7 YAC teamed up with CreaTV San Jose and producer, Mike Pierce to enter the WAVE (The Western Access Video Excellence) Awards contest with their PSA in the Public Service Announcement category. We are pleased to announce that District 7 YAC won the Alliance for Community Media Western States WAVE awards. The WAVE Awards is an opportunity for groups, organizations, and individuals to showcase their best work along with other community media producers in six states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, and New Mexico. Congratulations!

