



DISTRICT  
**MADISON NGUYEN**  
COUNCILMEMBER  
CITY OF SAN JOSÉ

## January/February 2007 Newsletter

Dear District 7 Residents:

Happy New Year! I hope 2007 brings much peace and prosperity to you and your families. The start of a new year signifies fresh ideas and encourages new opportunities to become involved in our communities and neighborhoods.

Just as in 2006, I look forward to working with residents who are passionate about community enhancement. In this upcoming year, your input and collaboration will continue to be needed as we work towards various goals for our district. We will continue to work on projects such as improvements to the Alma Senior and Youth Center, and planning and designing the Solari Community Center and Seventrees Library Project, as well as many other projects. Needless to say, I am very excited to see what 2007 holds for us, and I am eager to take on new projects that will benefit our district.

One event that our office is currently working on, and I am very excited about, is District 7's Family Day, which will take place on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at History Park. In order to make this event a successful one that many families will enjoy, we need your help! That is why, in the next few months, we will be reaching out to many of you to help coordinate and participate in ensuring that Family Day is an event our community will be proud of.

With the many projects and events in the works in District 7, 2007 looks like it will be an exciting year...

Sincerely,

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### TOWN HALL Transportation and Traffic Calming

Thursday, January 18, 2007  
6:30pm-8:00pm  
Tully Community Library  
880 Tully Road, San Jose



## **Neighborhood Association Meetings**

Dates and locations are subject to change. Please contact associations to confirm meeting details.

### **Alma Neighborhood Association**

(408) 297-9135

Alma Senior Center

3rd Monday of every month at 7:00 pm

### **Tully-Senter SNI NAC**

Santee Community Action Center

(408) 277-2980

1st Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm

### **Lanai Neighborhood Association**

Resources For Families and Communities

(408) 277-2982

2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm

### **Washington Area Community Coalition SNI NAC**

(408) 297-9135

Alma Senior Center

2nd Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm

### **KONA SNI NAC Meeting (408) 277-2982**

Boys & Girls Club

3rd Monday of every month at 6:30 pm

### **Kennedy Neighborhood Association**

(408) 277-2980

Kennedy Elementary School

3rd Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm

### **McLaughlin Corridor Neighborhood Association (408) 365-1300**

Tully Community Library

2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm

### **Senter Road Creekside Neighborhood Association**

St Maria Goretti Church

3rd Wednesday of Every Month 7:00 pm

### **Rocksprings Neighborhood Association**

(408) 277-2980

Social Services Agency, 1919 Senter Road

4th Wednesday of every month, 6:30pm

### **West Evergreen Neighborhood Action Committee SNI NAC**

(408) 224-0415 or (408) 277-2980

O.B. Whaley School

4th Monday of every month at 6:30pm



## ***District 7 Projects***

### **LOS LAGOS GOLF COURSE**

Due to environmental concerns this project has been separated into two phases. Phase I is design and Phase II will be construction. Designs to improve the golf course are expected to be submitted by March 30 for City review. This item will come to council for construction approval in May. If all goes well, construction could start as early as mid June and be completed by September.

Please stay tuned for a community meeting regarding this project after the design is approved. The design work will provide us with the detail and imagery to share with the community.

### **NISICH PARK DEVELOPMENT**

The Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) staff is planning on conducting a final community meeting to give residents a last chance to voice their opinions on the latest park layout. The date for the meeting has not yet been decided, but it is expected to occur sometime in late February.

Please check the department's website at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/> for more information.

### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS**

It is our goal to provide City of San Jose residents with affordable housing and to give more people the opportunity to purchase a home. In order to realize this goal, the city has built 10,136 affordable housing units to date and there are 1,407 more units currently under construction. We are fortunate to have 3 of these affordable housing projects in our district, which will open the doors for a better living to many District 7 residents. Here are the projects in our community:

1. Almaden Family at 1525-1541 Almaden Road.
2. Corde Terra at 150 Tully Road.
3. Paseo Senter I & II at 1970, 1986 & 1099 Senter Road



Useful Numbers: City-Wide  
Phone List

<b>Call Center</b>	<b>535-3500</b>
<b>Non –Emergency</b>	<b>311</b>
Graffiti/Litter	277-2758
Animal Care	578-7297
Child Abuse Reporting	299-2071
City Arborist	277-2762
Code Enforcement	277-4528
Crime Prevention	277-4133
Crime Stoppers	947-7867
Drug Hotline	971-3784
Domestic Violence Ctr.	277-3700
Department of Transportation	535-3850
Education, Office of	453-6500
Gang Hotline	277-4264
Garbage & Recycling	535-3515
Hazardous Materials	535-7750
Housing	975-4480
Neighborhood Development	723-4114
Parking Enforcement	277-5305
Senior Programs	277-4561
Sewer Problems	277-4373
Sidewalks	277-3158
Street Lights	277-5517
Street Maintenance	277-4373
Street Sweeping	535-3515
Volunteer San Jose	535-3500
Vehicle Abatement	277-4477
Yard Waste Collection	535-3515
Youth Services	535-3570



**EEHVS**

During the council meeting on December 12, 2006, City Council voted to delay the vote on the Evergreen East Hills Vision Strategy (EEHVS). The decision came after it was determined that additional time was needed to clarify questions and concerns posed by the City Council and the community. After the resolution to uphold the Environmental Impact Report for EEHVS was adopted, city staff was directed to develop a funding agreement and present it to City Council with a target date to be set during March 2007. General plan amendments were deferred until Spring 2007.

**SAN JOSE AWARDED ENTERPRISE ZONE**

The State of California announced the conditional designation of 23 new enterprise Zones including the City of San Jose. San Jose’s new Enterprise Zone became effective on January 1, 2007 for a period of 15 years. The new Enterprise Zone is approximately 10 square miles and includes the Monterey Corridor area of District 7. The program provides targeted incentives to promote business investment and job creation in designated communities.

**SAN JOSE HAS A NEW MAYOR**

Chuck Reed was elected on November 7, 2006, for a 4-year term with over 59% of the vote. Prior to serving as Mayor, Chuck served as a Councilmember representing District 4. Mayor Reed promises to run an administration under the beliefs of honesty, fiscal responsibility, and open government. The November 7 election also generated two vacant seats in the City Council and a special election will be conducted on March 6<sup>th</sup> to elect new councilmembers for Districts 4 and 6.

**NEW COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Councilmember Nguyen was recently appointed to the following committees and commissions:

- Chair of Public Safety and Finance Committee
- Vice Chair of Neighborhood Services and Education
- San Jose Beautiful Commission
- Small Business Development Commission
- San Jose/Santa Clara Treatment Plant Advisory Commission
- Santa Clara County Health Benefits Commission
- Silicon Valley Rapid Transit (BART)
- Traffic Appeals Commission
- CDBG Steering Committee
- Evergreen Visioning Project
- Human Rights Commission
- Library Commission
- Mobile Home Advisory Commission

## INAUGURAL CEREMONY 2007

On Tuesday, January 9, 2007 Councilmember Madison Nguyen was sworn into office for four years. Councilmember Nguyen won her first full term during the November 7, 2006 election where she ran unopposed.



Councilmember Nguyen was first elected to the District 7 council seat during the September 2005 special election.



### **SAY NO TO DRUGS, SAY YES TO LIFE**

"Say No to Drugs, Say Yes to Life" is a community drug education and drug prevention program. It educates youth and adults about the facts of drugs so they can make informed choices to remain drug-free. The program acts through clubs by and for young people. These clubs reinforce a positive message of drug-free living through the distribution of educational literature that provides facts about illicit drug use and the effects of drugs on the spirit, mind and body, through group activities to popularize drug-free living, and through the support of civic leaders and members of other groups with similar aims.

To schedule a lecture in your group, school or church contact Bear Silber at (408)375-3452.

### **ANEWAMERICA**

AnewAmerica is a nonprofit organization, committed to advancing the long-term economic empowerment of new Americans—immigrants, refugees, and new citizens. They offer workshops to provide coaching and resources for those interested in producing a business plan for launching, operating and expanding a small business. Their program offers families an opportunity to grow and expand their business, purchase their first home, increase their net worth, create jobs and give back to the community. New classes in San Jose will be conducted in Spanish only and begin Wednesday, 1/24/2007.

For more information, please contact Linda Snook at (408) 494-0215 or visit [www.anewamerica.org](http://www.anewamerica.org).

### **UPDATE ON CROSSING GUARDS**

San Jose needs more crossing guards! Vacancies occur on a daily basis due to sick leave or vacation. Furthermore, the City generally loses about 35 cross guard employees per year. The City of San Jose hopes to correct this issue in the future by hiring more guards.

For more information, or to fill out an application, please visit <http://jobs.cityofsj.org>

# EVENTS/MEETINGS

## **Family Day-Planning Meeting**

On Monday, February 5, 2007 there will be a planning meeting from 6:30pm-7:30pm at the Tully Community Library with District 7 staff, Neighborhood Group Leaders, volunteers and anyone interested to hear ideas, get community comments and suggestions to coordinate Family Day activities. Family Day is a community resource fair- it will be a fun event with performances, entertainment, and activities for the whole family. Please join your neighbors and friends to help organize this exciting event.

Where: Tully Community Library-880 Tully Road, San Jose, CA

When: Monday, February 5, 2007 from 6:30p.m.-7:30p.m.

Contact: Lorena Roman (408) 535-4907

## **Aquatics**

The Aquatics Master Plan will serve the City for the next 30 years. At this point, Phase I of the project, assessment and data collection, has been completed. However, residents have expressed a desire for additional community input opportunities. Therefore, the Aquatics Master Plan has been extended through June 2007 to allow for approximately 8-10 additional community meetings. Here is a list of future public hearings:

- *January 17, 2007* 5:30 PM Southside Community Ctr. Public hearing with Park & Recreation Commission
- *February 12, 2007* 7:00 PM City Hall  
Council Study Session to discuss implementation strategies, follow-up
- *February 2007*  
Submit recommendations to Council to lease school sites for 2007 Summer Season  
Follow-up meeting with the community regarding Council Study Session

## **Tree Planting!**

The San Jose Neighborhood Improvements Coalition invites you to participate in a Neighborhood Tree Planting. Come beautify your neighborhood, make friends, and make a difference in your community!

**Saturday January 27<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00 a.m.– 1:00p.m.

Meet at Hubbard Elementary School, 1745 June Ave

## **Evergreen\*East Hills Vision Strategy (EEHVS) Meeting Notice**

### **Updates for 2007**

As a result of the City Council Hearing on December, 12 2006, the EEHVS project was deferred to March 2007. In order to continue updating the community on the EEHVS process the city has scheduled the below public meetings over the next two months. These meetings are also listed on the EEHVS website, Announcements and Work Plan pages. Meeting materials will also be available on the website approximately one week prior to each meeting date. Please continue to periodically check the EEHVS website for these and other updates and materials: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/evergreen/>

#### **2007 Community Meeting #1: 2007**

Monday, January 29, 2007

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Carolyn Clark Elementary

3701 Rue Mirassou Drive

#### **Community Meeting #2:**

Thursday, February 15, 2007

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Hank Lopez Community Center

1694 Adrian Way

In addition to the above community meetings, two City Council meetings have **tentatively** been scheduled, and listed below.

### **City Council Hearing**

Tuesday, January 30, 2007

PURPOSE: Request approval for the continuation of a funding agreement for city staff to continue the work involved with the completion of the EEHVS, Evergreen Area Development Policy update, and related documents.

See City Council Agenda for times and project related documents

(<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/agenda.asp> )

### **City Council Study Session**

Thursday, February 1, 2007

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

PURPOSE: Provide background and progress updates to the City Council

Meeting materials will be available at the Study Session and posted on the EEHVS website ( <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/evergreen/announcements.asp>)

### **Who's Your Hero?**

The Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross has extended the nomination deadline for their Local Heroes Award Breakfast. The awards will be presented at **2007 Real Heroes Breakfast** to be held on March 15, 2007 at the Fairmont San Jose.

Nominations for Real Heroes can now be submitted to the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross for any heroic act that took place between April 1, 2004 and December 31, 2006.

Nominations may be submitted online at [www.santaclaravalley.redcross.org](http://www.santaclaravalley.redcross.org) or faxed to (408) 577-2050. **NEW Deadline for nominations is January 31, 2007.**

## **COMMISSION VACANCIES**

### **Planning Commission**

The San Jose City Council is accepting applications until **Friday, February 2, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.** to fill one seat on the Planning Commission with an unexpired term ending June 30, 2008. Applicants to this Commission must be citizens of the United States, residents of the City of San Jose for one year preceding appointment, and registered voters in the City of San Jose at the time of appointment.

The Planning Commission advises and makes recommendations to the City Council on all matters relating to the future physical development of the City with respect to land use and development zoning and subdivision regulations, and the City's Capital Improvement Programs.

### **Election Commission**

The San José Elections Commission will be accepting applications for appointments to the San José Elections Commission until **5:00 p.m. Friday, February 16, 2007.**

The San José Elections Commission monitors compliance with all campaign and ethics ordinances in the San José Municipal Code. The Commission reviews and investigates allegations of violations of the Code and makes recommendations for enforcement action where appropriate. The Elections Commission also makes recommendations to the Council with regard to campaign and ethics regulations and policies. The San José Elections Commission (Commission) is charged under Chapter 12.04 of the San José Municipal Code to investigate complaints alleging violations of [Title 12](#) of the San José Municipal Code and take enforcement action.

\*\*Applications and additional information including information regarding the appointment process may be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk, 200 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose, California 95113, Telephone: (408) 535-1272, or on the City's website [www.sanjose.gov/clerk/vacancy.asp](http://www.sanjose.gov/clerk/vacancy.asp).

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# Tet: Vietnamese New Year

IT IS THE SPIRIT OF TẾT THAT BRINGS GENERATIONS OF ALL BACKGROUNDS TOGETHER FOR A JOYOUS SPRING. FROM ALL OF US IN DISTRICT 7 OFFICE WE WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY, VIBRANT AND PROSPEROUS YEAR OF THE PIG!

