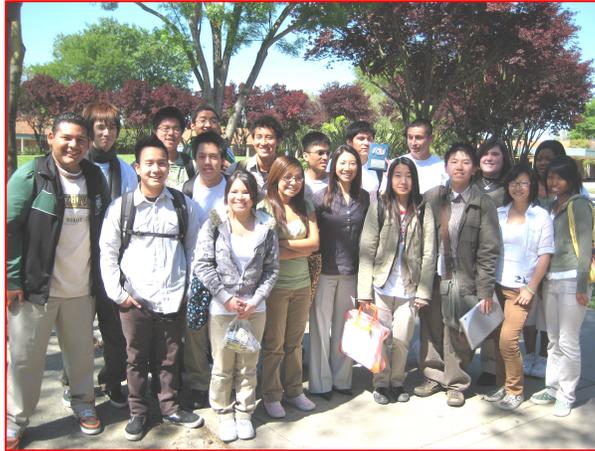


DISTRICT 7 NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER MADISON NGUYEN

Yerba Buena High School American Government Class “We the People”



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Dear Residents,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to continue to serve you. Your support helped defeat the wasteful and unwarranted Recall effort. We won because of you and the hundreds of volunteers that came out week after week and knocked on doors and picked up the phone. I have a lot of things planned for the District and I look forward to working with all of you.

In the past month, Yerba Buena High School has continued to stand by its commitment of providing resources to our kids so they can be more competitive and productive members of our community. On March 18th, I attended the Parent/Student Resource Night at Yerba Buena High School. There was an overwhelming number of participants at the meeting, a testament to our commitment to providing a safe and secure environment for our children.

Each year, we help sponsor senior year students in the Yerba Buena High School American Government class to compete in the “We the People” contest in Sacramento. Thirty-two students participated in debate and essay-writing competitions about topics covering government, citizenship and civil rights. The students also toured the Capitol building and visited State Assemblymember Joe Coto’s office.

I am proud of Yerba Buena High School students and hope to further assist them in becoming more productive members of the community. This issue also highlights the past events that were held in District 7, important legislative updates, grant information and introduces our new District 7 hero!

It’s that time of the year again. Yes, it’s budget season! These upcoming weeks will be very busy for my office as we try to formulate and gather important data in order to form the best budget proposal possible that will allow growth and expand opportunities in District 7. Remember that my staff and I are always open to your suggestions on how to make our community a great place to live.

Sincerely,

Madison

News and Updates

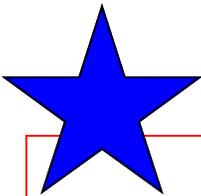
Transportation Updates

On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009, a \$789 million dollar package, to provide a stimulus to the United State's economy. These funds will be allocated for Pavement Maintenance, Freeway Performance Initiative, and VTA projects.



Census 2010

From April 6 to June 19, 2009, U.S. Census workers will be "address canvassing" in Santa Clara County. Census field workers can be identified by an official Census Enumerator ID badge, and a U.S. Census Bureau canvas bag. An accurate Census count is important to the City of San José because the data is used to make important decisions about how much funding our agencies receive. For more information, contact the Local Census Office at (408) 343-8140.



Out and About in District 7

Black History Month

On February 21, 2009, Councilmember Nguyen presented a proclamation to the African American Community Service Agency during the celebration of Black History Month.. Efforts to bring national awareness to the African-American experience expanded into Black History Month in the late 1960's. It continues today to commemorate the struggles, sacrifices and achievements of those who dedicated their lives for the advancement of society. The Iola Williams Seniors held their own celebration at the George Shirakawa Community Center (pictured on the right).



Grand Opening of Coffee Stop

On Sunday, March 22, 2009, the Tully Library welcomed its latest on-site café, the *Coffee Stop*. Owned and operated by James Franklin Davis, the *Coffee Stop* will provide library guests the convenience of refreshments without having to leave the library. Please stop by and enjoy a delicious drink or snack.



Pedestrian Safety Townhall Meeting

On March 26, 2009, Councilmember Nguyen hosted the 11th District 7 Townhall meeting, with a focus on Transportation and Pedestrian Safety at the Tully Community Library. Residents got a chance to bring forward their concerns about traffic calming and pedestrian safety to representatives from the Department of Transportation, Code Enforcement and the San Jose Police Department. This was also a chance to introduce the new Western Division Commander, Captain Junior Gamez.



Out and About in District 7

Graffiti Clean-Up and Litter Pick-Up

The St. Maria Goretti Church Youth Group along with Councilmember Madison Nguyen, the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force and Supervisor George Shirakawa hosted a District 7 Graffiti Clean Up and Litter Pick Up on March 21, 2009. More than one hundred members of the community came out and joined the effort to clean up and beautify the neighborhoods. Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services' staff provided the necessary equipment and identified over 15 locations in District 7 that were in need of clean up. A big "Thank-You" to the Association of Retired San Jose Police and FireFighters for the BBQ lunch. The event was a success and we hope to see you at the next clean-up.



SJ Giants Season Preview and RDA Improvements

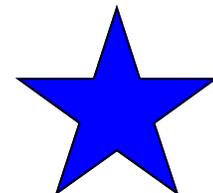


Through the teamwork of Mayor Chuck Reed and Councilmember Madison Nguyen, the San Jose Giants received a \$600,000 grant from the City's Redevelopment Agency, to upgrade fan amenities at historic Municipal Stadium. Projects included in the grant are new outfield bleachers, expansion of the outdoor concessions areas, an integrated Point of Purchase system, installation of security cameras to enhance fan safety, expansion of the Family Fun Zone, improvements to the home clubhouse and major upgrades to the electrical system. Councilmember Nguyen attended the Press Conference unveiling these new improvements on April 2, 2009. She is pictured here with top SJ Giants players, Pablo Sandoval and Buster Posey.

DISTRICT 7 HERO: CORA TOMALINAS

Every quarter, District 7 honors an extraordinary community member that has dedicated their time and energy to helping make District 7 a better place to live. A former nurse, long time District 7 resident and community activist, Cora Tomalinas is this quarter's District 7 hero. Cora is a member of the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force Policy Team and is committed to combating crime and gang activity, as well as providing educational opportunities for at-risk youth. She recently helped initiate a successful Graffiti Clean Up and Litter Pick up with the St. Maria Goretti Church Youth Group. She is also Chair of the Santa Clara County's First 5 Commission and a board member of the Silicon Valley Education Foundation. In her community work, she strives to connect systems and services to that they work together effectively. Cora was also named one of the 100 most influential Filipinas in the United States in 2008 by the Filipina Women's Network.

Thank you, Cora for your dedication and commitment. District 7 is proud to have your energy and passion in the community!



District 7 Calendar of Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
City of San Jose Housing Department: Foreclosure Prevention and Resource Fair	Thursday, April 23	12:00pm-5:00pm	Santa Clara County Fairgrounds: 344 Tully Road, San Jose, CA 95111 For more information, contact Robert Lopez: (408) 975-4402
Great American Litter Pick-Up	Saturday, April 25	Registration: 8 – 8:30am Clean-Up: 8:30-11:30 am Lunch 12nn- 1pm	Cry Out Christian Fellowship 3167 Senter Road For more information or to sign up call: (408) 277-3208

Grant Opportunity – Safe Summer Initiative

The Safe Summer Initiative Grant (SSIG) Program was established to fund safe recreational and educational opportunities to all San José youth ages 6-18, with an emphasis on at-risk, high-risk, impacted, and intentional youth. The SSIG Program is currently accepting Request for Proposals (RFP) applications for summer 2009. The RFQ application packet are now available at the Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, San José City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara Street, 9th Floor online at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/grants/SSIG2009.asp>.

Completed hardcopy applications: (1) original, (5) double-sided copies, and (1) digital copy on a compact disc **must be received on Wednesday April 29 by 3:00 p.m.**

Workshops designed to review the RFQ packet are scheduled for **Wednesday, April 22, 2009** from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and **Thursday, April 23, 2009** from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Roosevelt Community Center, 901 E. Santa Clara Street

Useful City-wide Numbers

Call Center: 535-3500	Garbage & Recycling: 535-3515
Non –Emergency: 311	Neighborhood Development: 723-4114
Graffiti/Litter: 277-2758	Parking Enforcement: 534-2900
Child Abuse Reporting: 299-2071	Senior Programs: 277-4561
Code Enforcement: 277-4528	Sewer Problems: 277-4373
Crime Prevention: 277-4133	Sidewalks: 277-3158
Crime Stoppers: 947-7867	Street Lights: 277-5517
Domestic Violence Ctr.: 277-3700	Street Maintenance: 277-4373
Dept. of Transportation: 535-3850	Street Sweeping: 535-3515
Gang Hotline: 277-4264	Housing: 975-4480

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