



Vice Mayor Madison Nguyen



April & May 2011

Dear Residents,

Earlier this month, we were reminded how quickly disaster can strike when we woke to the news of the terrible earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan. That's why I am urging you to register today for the free AlertSCC emergency notification system. When disasters happen, having emergency information right away can save lives. The best way to get emergency warnings in San José is to sign up now for AlertSCC. It's easy and quick to do.

Option 1: Go online to www.AlertSCC.com and add your contact information

Option 2: Use your cell phone to text "alertsc [your streetname] [zip code]" to 32075

By signing up, you'll receive emergency alerts and instructions about earthquakes, flooding, wildfires and other emergency situations based on your location. I want San José residents to stay safe and have emergency information when they need it. Our emergency responders will let you know what to do through AlertSCC and that information will come directly to you. We don't know when the next emergency situation may happen, but you take this easy step to prepare yourself and your family for the unexpected. Sign up for AlertSCC today!

We recently held the annual Great American Litter Pick Up at Bridges Academy on March 19th. Every year, hundreds of volunteers and community members come out to help pick-up litter throughout our neighborhoods. Picking up litter is a great way to preserve our environment, strengthen the quality of life in our neighborhood, and promote community service to our youngest generations. I am proud to say that despite the pouring rain we had over 100 people join us. I want to thank our friends at McDonalds for providing a nutritious lunch and all the volunteers who came out to help clean up the neighborhood.

One of my favorite events in the district is the annual Operation Prom Dress Drive. On Saturday, April 9th, we hosted the 3rd Annual Operation Prom Dress and distributed dresses at Seven Trees Community Center. We collected over 1,000 dresses, arranged for free dry cleaning and raffled off hair and make-up sessions from local salons. We want to thank all of our volunteers, participating dry cleaners, retail stores, Umbrella Salon, Beauty 360, CoMerica and McDonald's for helping make Operation Prom Dress 2011 a success! We also want to thank all of those who donated to our event, you have made many girls' dreams come true.

As part of my commitment to keep the residents of District 7 informed about the City, I want to let you know about the current budget situation. Next year's General Fund shortfall is projected at \$105.4 million dollars. These numbers will shift over the next few months as City Staff factor in a variety of cost projections to give us a final number in June. As we continue to face many challenges and tough choices ahead, be assured that I will do my best to keep essential services available to you and your family. 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.

Sincerely,

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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

PG&E Energy Savings Assistance Program



PG&E's Energy Savings Assistance Program provides income-qualified renters and homeowners with easy, free solutions to help manage their energy use and save money on their monthly energy bills. With the Energy Savings Assistance Program, customers may be eligible for:

- Improvements to help lower their bill and make their apartment, house or mobile home more energy efficient and comfortable.
- Tips to help them understand how to use less energy and save on their bill.

Home improvements offered may include energy efficient lighting and refrigerators, weather-stripping, caulking, window repair, attic insulation and more. Furnace and water heater repair and replacement may be available to qualifying homeowners. For more information, please visit : www.pge.comenergypartners or call 1-800-989-9744.

Operation Prom Dress 2011

Tough economic times have made it difficult for some families to spend money on prom. In 2008, after the abrupt decline of our nation's economy our office launched Operation Prom Dress from hearing stories from families throughout our community about how they could not afford to send their child to Prom. We knew we had to do something. Operation Prom Dress is a drive that collects dresses for girls so that they can attend their junior or senior prom without burdening their family with the expenses of buying a dress.

On Saturday, April 9th, Vice Mayor Madison Nguyen, the City of San Jose, CoMerica and McDonald's hosted the 3rd Annual Operation Prom Dress: Dress Distribution at the Seven Trees Community Center.

Operation Prom Dress 2011 stayed true to its original goal of finding prom dresses for girls, and this year, we collected more than 1,000 dresses for about 600 girls.

We also had a raffle to give away gift certificates from Umbrella Salon and 45 make-up sessions and 7 skin care kits from Beauty 360.

Breakfast and refreshments were provided by McDonald's and CoMerica.

We want to thank all of our volunteers, participating dry cleaners, retail stores, Umbrella Salon, Beauty 360, CoMerica and McDonald's for helping make Operation Prom Dress a success! We look forward to partnering with you again next year .



FREE HEALTH FAIR

The Human Faces of Health Care

Come to a FREE Health Fair and public discussion on health care. Learn how to access your human right to health care, get free screenings and have your voices heard on health care. Free food and refreshments provided. The Health Fair will be held on Saturday, April 16 from 9 am to 1 pm at Andrew Hill High School in the Auditorium located at 3200 Senter Road, San Jose, CA.

U.S. 101/Tully Road Improvement Project Groundbreaking



The Tully/101 Improvement Project is a 45 million dollar collaboration with Caltrans, VTA, and the City of San Jose that hopes to improve safety and reduce traffic congestion by relieving a major bottleneck along the Tully Road U.S. 101 Interchange. The project will replace the current Tully Road over-crossing and will reconfigure the Tully Rd/U.S. 101 interchange to allow for a better flow of traffic. In addition, Caltrans will construct additional lanes, extend auxiliary lanes and widen the northbound and southbound interchanges to reduce congestion. The project is expected to finish in 2012 and you can visit www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/tullyroad/ for more information and updates on construction.

Tully/Senter NAC Honored

On February 10th, Redevelopment Agency Director Harry Mavrogenes, residents in the Tully/Senter Strong Neighborhood and I celebrated the opening of the Santee Neighborhood Action Center. The center was in great need of cosmetic and structural improvements, so I decided to allocate \$50,000 from District 7 Construction and Conveyance Tax funds towards improvements to the facility and in the end the center received close to \$100,000 worth of improvements through donations from organizations and corporations as well as volunteer labor from our dedicated community members. Members of the Tully/Senter NAC received a commendation from Mayor Chuck Reed and myself at the council chambers on February 15th for their service and great example of what can be done when residents come together to improve their neighborhoods. At a time when the city and our residents need to work together more than ever to make difficult decisions for the future, it brings me joy to know that our residents are behind us.



2011 State of the City Address



On February 17th, Mayor Chuck Reed gave the annual State of the City Address at the newly renovated Civic Auditorium. Mayor Reed also recognized honorees from each Council District and the Pride of San Jose program. Our Youth Advisory Council was given the great honor of accepting the 2011 District Honoree Award for all their hard work towards improving the safety of our community. Through community service, working with residents, and their volunteer efforts the YAC group has provided an opportunity for young people to become involved in the decision making process of the City of San Jose. Thank you for all your great work!

Great American Litter Pickup

On March 19th we hosted the annual Great American Litter Pick-up. Despite the pouring rain, we had over 100 volunteers make it out to Bridges Academy to help clean up the neighborhood. With the help of people from all ages, we collected over 100 bags of litter from the streets. A big Thank You to all of our volunteers for helping to make our city a better place to live and to McDonalds for sponsoring a nutritious lunch. I hope everyone continues to help keep our city clean and safe.



Third Annual Crime and Gang Prevention Summit

On January 22, the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force (MGPTF) hosted the 3rd Annual Crime and Gang Prevention Summit at the Seven Trees Community Center. Over 300 residents and officials participated in workshops with topics including: Gang 101, Faith-Based Partnerships, and Clean, Safe and Connected Communities. The summit continues the City's commitment toward building community awareness, trust and true community engagement. The event ended with a resource fair and luncheon for all attendees.



Silicon Valley Women & Girls 2011 Leadership Summit



On Friday, February 11th, Vice Mayor Madison Nguyen gave a welcome speech for the 2011 Silicon Valley Women & Girls Leadership Summit held at the Franklin McKinley School District Office. The event brought together women from all sectors: policy makers, business owners, community leaders and advocates. The event showed young girls the different career choices available to them with the message that there is no limit on what they are capable of doing. More than 150 girls interacted with 220 women executives. Keynote speakers included Joanne Maguire, Executive Vice President of Lockheed Martin Space Systems, Assemblymember Nora Campos and Superior Court Judge Jacqueline Duong.

San Jose's New Police Chief

The San Jose City Council officially announced its selection of Chris Moore as San Jose's 32nd police chief on February 1st. After a nationwide search and community outreach, City Manager Debra Figone named Moore as Chief with the Council's unanimous approval. With major cutbacks, demotions, and layoffs looming in the Police Department, Chief Moore will have to make some hard choices ahead. I am confident that Chief Moore will build new bridges within our community and help ensure that every resident in the City of San Jose feels safe in their homes and neighborhoods. I wish our new Chief the very best and look forward to our work together.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATES



Medical Marijuana

Over the last year, there have been a growing number of medical marijuana establishments springing up throughout our District and across the City of San Jose. Many of you have called my office to raise your concerns about establishments that have been distributing too close to our schools, violating a number of City codes, not controlling their odors, and the various violence associated with these clubs. I want you to know that I hear your concerns and the Council is taking up action to find a solution to this problem.

On April 12, 2011 the Council began deliberations to pass sweeping reforms regarding medical marijuana establishments in our community. We submitted a recommendation to the Planning Commission to consider allowing these establishments in limited zones. On April 19, 2011 Council will again meet to discuss the issue and vote on issues like a cap for the maximum number of collectives, what type of registration process to adopt, how to ensure that they stay away from our sensitive zones, security, and other pertinent issues to curb the spread of collective in our community.