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AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Dear District 7 Residents,

Do you want to do your part in preventing crime and have fun at the same time? Well you can, because on Tuesday, August 7th, neighborhoods throughout San Jose, including your own, will unite with thousands of communities nationwide for the “24th Annual National Night Out.”

The event is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send the message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

This year, along with the traditional display of outdoor lights, front-porch vigils, and neighborhood block parties--- I, along with Mayor Chuck Reed, Chief Rob Davis and Crime Stoppers, will pass out, free anti-gang t-shirts to various neighborhoods in San Jose, in an effort to raise awareness about the importance of gang prevention.

National Night Out events are effective, inexpensive and enjoyable programs that help promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our fight for safer communities.

Please join us in kicking off a successful National Night Out at O.B. Whaley Elementary School on Tuesday, August 7th at 6:00pm as we continue to work together to prevent our children from joining gangs.

**A Night Out Against Crime and Gangs Press Conference  
Tuesday, August 7, 2007 at 6:00PM  
O.B. Whaley Elementary School**

Sincerely,

Madison P. Nguyen

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# District 7 Projects

## Neighborhood Association Meetings

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

**Alma Neighborhood Association**  
(408) 297-9135  
Alma Senior Center  
3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 pm

**Tully-Senter SNI NAC**  
Santee Community Action Center  
(408) 277-2980  
1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm

**Lanai Neighborhood Association**  
Resources For Families and Communities  
(408) 277-2982  
2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm

**Washington Area Comm. Coalition SNI NAC**  
(408) 297-9135  
Alma Senior Center  
2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm

**KONA SNI NAC Meeting**  
(408) 277-2982  
Boys & Girls Club  
3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 pm

**Lucretia Area Neighborhood Asso.**  
(408) 277-2980  
Kennedy Elementary School  
3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm

**McLaughlin Corridor Neighborhood Association**  
(408) 365-1300  
Tully Community Library  
2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm

**Senter-Creekside Neighborhood Asso.**  
St Maria Goretti Church  
3rd Wednesday of the month 7:00 pm

**Rocksprings Neighborhood Asso.**  
(408) 277-2980  
Playground at Rocksprings and Needle Dr.  
4th Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm

**West Evergreen Neighborhood Action Comm.**  
(408) 224-0415 or (408) 277-2980  
O.B. Whaley School  
4th Monday of the month at 6:30pm

## **Proposed VACC- Advisory Board Members Needed**

The objective of the Vietnamese American Community Center is to provide a broad range of youth and adult classes, senior services, and art and cultural programming to serve the Vietnamese American community, and the community at large. The City of San Jose will provide capital funding to assist with site development or renovation. However, the future facility will be operated and maintained by a non-profit organization. We are looking for Advisory Board Members to assume responsibility for fundraising and to provide direction on the master plan, design, and implementation of the future Vietnamese American Community Center. We hope you will nominate individuals who are committed to take on this responsibility. With your help, we will create a special place for everyone to enjoy.

Nominations are due by 5pm on Friday, August 31, 2007. For more information, please call (408) 535-4907 or [district7@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district7@sanjoseca.gov).

## **Proposed Vietnamese Business District**

The City of San Jose and the San Jose Redevelopment Agency invite the community to provide input on the design of banners and two gateway signs for the proposed Vietnamese Business District. On June 5, 2007, the San Jose City Council directed staff to conduct community outreach on the designation of Story Road (between Senter/Keyes Road and US 101) as a Vietnamese Business District. The community meeting will be held on August 15, 2007 from 6:00pm-7:30pm at the Tully Community Library. For more information please call (408) 535-4907 or [district7@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district7@sanjoseca.gov).



## **Los Lagos Golf Course Safety Improvements Update**

A community meeting was held on June 28 to address community concerns regarding the Los Lagos Golf Course Safety Improvements. City Staff, Los Lagos staff, and a trajectory consultant were present to explain the scope of the project. Only four community members attended the meeting; two from the Lone Bluff side and two from Tuers Road side. The Lone Bluff residents were concerned that the netting will block their view of the foothills but understood the safety concern. Staff elaborated on the high quality of the project materials that will be used and their minimal visual impact. The two residents from the Tuers Road side are eager to see netting installed. The plans are scheduled to go out to bid in late July to early August with construction beginning in September 2007.



# Legislative Update

## Youth Advisory Commission

### **District 7 is in search for a Youth Commissioner.**

The Youth Commission, modeled after the City Council, provides a system where young people are the official youth advisory group to the City Council, the Departments of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, and the San Jose Police Department.

The Youth Commissioner's key responsibilities include serving as a sounding board for city government, and consulting policy recommendations with San Jose City Council and the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services on youth-related issues.

Are you, or do you know, a youth who has the drive to bring awareness of youth-related issues to the city government, will be committed to serve a two year term, and who is between the ages of 14-20 and resides in District 7?

Applications may be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 200 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose, CA 95113 (408) 535-1252, or on the City's Web site at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/forms/YouthAppl.pdf>

**Applications due Friday, August 10, 2007 at 5pm.**

### **Coyote Valley Plan**



At its June 26th meeting, the San Jose City Council, voted to reaffirm the Coyote Valley Specific Plan (CVSP) process. The Council voted to allow the community-based Coyote Valley Specific Plan Task Force to finish its work and present the plan for final Council consideration in as early as six months. The vote included a recommendation to continue working on a specific plan and environmental review for Coyote Valley development. However, city council won't consider

changing the "triggers" that allow home building before the general plan is updated. The triggers now say housing can't be built until 5,000 jobs are added to the development. These jobs are necessary in order to generate taxes to pay for police, fire protection and other services. One of the goals of the CVSP is to build a thriving, mixed-use community, without diverting city services from existing neighborhoods.

### **San Jose has a New City Manager**

Mayor Chuck Reed and the City Council have appointed San José native Debra Figone as San José City Manager. Previous to this position, Figone served as Town Manager for the Town of Los Gatos and was Assistant City Manager of San José from 1995 to 2000. Figone's selection comes after an open process in which community members were asked to share the characteristics that the new City Manager should possess. As City Manager, Figone will oversee and manage the day-to-day operations of the City and its 15 departments, including Police, Fire, Mineta San José International Airport, Environmental Services, Housing and others. In addition, the City Manager's Office directs the development and implementation of the City's Operating and Capital Budgets, which combined, total \$3.2 billion annually.

### **Recycle Plus Transition**

Starting July 2, 2007 a new team of haulers — **Garden City Sanitation, California Waste Solutions**, and **GreenWaste Recovery** will be coming to most San José neighborhoods for weekly collection of garbage, recycling, and yard trimmings. GreenTeam customers have no service changes. Collection days and services will remain the same, but there will be changes in the time of collection. Additionally, two separate trucks will collect garbage and recycling – a white truck for garbage and a gray truck for recyclables. They will come to your neighborhood at different times. Some services may be delayed during the month of July, as drivers learn their new routes. Route supervisors and City staff will be checking routes daily for any missed collections. **If any of your carts have not been emptied by 6 p.m. on the day AFTER your regular collection day, call the appropriate hauler.**



**Garden City Sanitation 988-4500**

**California Waste Solutions 213-7800**

**Green Waste Recovery 283-4800**

# Announcements

## Waitlist for Paseo Senter Affordable Housing Units Now Open

Paseo Senter at Coyote Creek is managed and owned by Charities Housing. It is located at 1900 Senter Road, a few blocks north of the intersection of Tully and Senter Road in the City of San Jose. Paseo Senter includes 214 apartments of permanent affordable housing. The target population is primarily individuals with incomes between 15% and 45% of the area median income. Construction completion is estimated by early 2008. Charities Housing is currently taking applications from interested individuals.



For more information about the application process and income requirements please visit: [www.charitieshousing.org](http://www.charitieshousing.org) or call, 408-282-1133 or TTY: 408-894-9012

## PG&E's New Climate Protection Program: ClimateSmart

ClimateSmart is a voluntary program where PG&E's residential and business customers can help to fund environmental projects aimed at removing greenhouse gases (GHG) from the air or avoiding the emissions in the first place. Customers who enroll will pay a separate amount on their monthly utility bills to remove the equivalent carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) associated with their energy use—making them “climate neutral.” The amount a customer will pay for ClimateSmart will be determined after a calculation of exactly how many pounds of greenhouse gas emissions the customer's electricity and natural gas usage produces. PG&E estimates that the cost for the average residential customer will be less than \$5 per month. Prior to enrolling, customers can view an estimate of their carbon emissions via a carbon footprint calculator on PG&E's ClimateSmart Web site, [www.pge.com/climatesmart](http://www.pge.com/climatesmart)

## Water-Related Rates

All San Jose property owners were notified in late April of proposed increases to both the Sewer Service and Use Charge rates and the Storm Sewer Service Charge rates. Customers of the Municipal Water System also were notified of proposed increases to potable water rates and recycled water rates. For more information please visit <http://www.sjmuniwater.com/ratesheet.htm>

# Events/Meetings

## Community Meeting: Proposed Vietnamese Business District

Councilmember Nguyen and representatives from the city's Redevelopment Agency will be present to listen to concerns and answer questions during a community meeting intended to discuss plans for the proposed Vietnamese Business District.

Wednesday, August 15, 2007 from 6:00-7:30pm  
Tully Community Library

## Secondary Granny Units Pilot Program

A community meeting has been scheduled for August 16, 2007 to discuss the results of the Secondary Unit (Granny Unit) Pilot Program and to receive input regarding the potential adoption of a permanent secondary unit ordinance. The meeting location and time are as follows:

Thursday, August 16, 2007 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
West Valley Library Branch Community Room

If you are not able to attend this community meeting, please send any comments or questions you may have regarding the Secondary Unit Program directly to: Carol Hamilton, Senior Planner, Department of Planning, Building & Code Enforcement, 200 East Santa Clara Street, Third Floor Tower. San Jose, CA 95113 Phone: (408) 535-7837 or

Email: [carol.hamilton@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:carol.hamilton@sanjoseca.gov)

## Neighborhood Litter Pick Up Day

Join Councilmember Nguyen and District 7 staff in the community litter pick up day on September 15, 2007 to pick up litter and trash in the neighborhood. We hope to see you there!

Saturday, September 15, 2007 from 9am-12pm  
Solari Community Center