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Dear District 7 Residents,

Season's Greetings! I can't believe it's December. The holiday season is approaching us with all of its many rituals and traditions - visiting family and friends, putting up lights, drinking eggnog, and of course, preparing the perfect holiday dinner. I like to think of December as a month of togetherness. Whether it is with family, friends or the community, one of the greatest things about the holiday season is being together.

And speaking of being together, it would be a pleasure to see you at two upcoming events to honor District 7 volunteers and leaders for their exemplary work and commitment to community service at 6pm on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at Hubbard Elementary School for the *King-Ocala December Fest* and 6pm on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at O.B Whaley Elementary School for the *WENAC Holiday Fest*. I hope to see you there.

For the residents who live in the King/Aborn area, I am happy to announce that the Towers Lane Project is finally complete. After many years of planning, the area that was once a dirt road is now a newly constructed public street with curbs, sanitary sewers, storm drain systems, sidewalks, wheel chair ramps, streetlights, and trees. I would like to give my appreciation and gratitude to the Baker family, Public Works, and the Redevelopment Agency for making this improvement project possible for the residents of Towers Lane.

Lastly, I want to let you know that City Hall will be closed December 23 to January 2 in observance of the holidays. We will resume normal office hours on Tuesday, January 3. I wish the best for you during this season of love, caring, giving and joy.

Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season and a Successful New Year in 2006!

Sincerely,

Madison P. Nguyen

## Center for Employment Training

Learn how the Center for Employment Training can put you on the path to success through career training. The Center for Employment Training (CET) is one of the country's leading employment training programs that specialize in training unemployed, low-income, and individuals of all ethnic backgrounds to build specific skills that will assist them in finding the right jobs and career paths. CET students stay in training until they are placed in a job.

*Additional services from the Center for Employment Training:*

Free GED & VESL classes offered; Immigration/Citizenship services

Center for Employment Training, 701 Vine Street, San Jose, CA 95110

For more information, please contact (408) 534-5360 or visit: [www.cetweb.org](http://www.cetweb.org)

## Meadows Neighborhood Scholarship

The Franklin McKinley Education Foundation (FMEF) will be awarding the 2006 Meadows Neighborhood Scholarship to qualified students living in the Meadows Neighborhood. Thanks to the generosity of residents in the Meadows Neighborhood, this scholarship will be awarded annually to the most qualified students in need of financial aid to support their academic career.

**Guidelines:**

1. Applicant must be a graduating High School senior attending college the following academic year and living in the Meadows Neighborhood (within the vicinity of Tully Road and Holly Hill and McLaughlin Avenue and Highway 101).
2. Applications are currently being accepted. Please submit no later than May 26, 2006.
3. The scholarship may be used for tuition, books, supplies, or other expenses seen fit by FMEF.
4. The Scholarship must be spent within the 2006-2007 school year. The applicant may reapply for the scholarship the following year.
5. Recipients must submit an article to The Exchange, the community newsletter of FMEF.
6. Complete application and submit electronically to [Christina@FMEFoundation.org](mailto:Christina@FMEFoundation.org) or mail to Franklin McKinley Education Foundation, 645 Wool Creek Drive, Suite A, San Jose, CA 95112.

## FREE REPAIR WORK FOR LOW INCOME HOMEOWNERS & NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

**Rebuilding Together**, formerly Christmas in April, is a non-profit organization that brings volunteers to do repair jobs for low-income homeowners and non-profit facilities. All work is provided at no cost to the applicant.

Repair work will focus on neighborhood revitalizations and safety improvements such as grab bar and railing installation and repairs such as minor plumbing, flooring, electrical & carpentry. Additional work can also include interior or exterior painting and yard clean-up.

Applications are accepted year-round for consideration on spring projects. Applications should be submitted by December 1.

For more information or an application, please contact Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley at 408-578-9519 or visit [www.rebuildingtogether-sv.org](http://www.rebuildingtogether-sv.org).

### District 7 Internship Program

We accept internship applications on a quarterly basis. If you are interested, please submit your resume early.

**Mail:**  
Office of Councilmember  
Madison Nguyen  
Attn: Kim Ngo  
200 E. Santa Clara  
Street, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Jose, CA 95113

**Fax:** (408) 292-6468

**Email:**  
[kim.ngo@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:kim.ngo@sanjoseca.gov)

## Volunteers Needed

### Friends of Guadalupe River Park & Gardens

#### Rose Garden Work Days

*Every Wednesday & Saturday 9:00AM-12:00 PM*

Groups are welcome! Assist with garden maintenance and plant care in the Heritage Rose Garden. Volunteers can help on a weekly basis, or occasionally as their time allows.

#### Courtyard Garden Work Day Weeding, raking, mulching, planting and much more...

*Flexible hours available during the week.*

Groups are welcome. Please call Lucy Perez at [lperez@grpg.org](mailto:lperez@grpg.org) or (408) 298-7657.

Office Volunteers are always needed for various tasks.

*Times and tasks vary.*

Education Volunteers are needed to help inspire kids of all ages at events.

**For more information, visit our website [www.grpg.org](http://www.grpg.org) or call 408-298-7657.**

### Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Mover of Mountains Award

Nominate someone for the Mover of Mountains Award (formally the Good Neighbor Award). This individual should be an active member of the community who has made significant contributions to the welfare of others.

**To nominate someone** (please include the following information and mail to the listed address):

**I Nominate:** (required information), Name, Address, Phone Numbers

**Submitted by:** (required information), Name, Address, Phone Numbers

**Nomination reasons:** (the back of the sheet may be use or a sheet may be attached)

**\*\*You may make as many nominations as you like. The last date for nominations is December 15, 2005\*\***

#### THE MOVER OF MOUNTAINS AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Association of Santa Clara County

P. O. Box 32306, San Jose, CA 95152

408-881-5464

#### **Event Details:**

**Organized by:** The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Association of Santa Clara Valley

**When:** Monday, January 16, 2006.

**Breakfast on the National Holiday** celebrating the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Where:** Wyndham Hotel 1350 North First Street (and Gish Road) in San Jose.

### Neighborhood News

#### **Neighborhood Clean Up**

It is time to clean out your closets, basements and garages! Help us keep our neighborhoods clean and safe. Clean-Up dates are for residents that reside in:

**Stongate East/West.** (McLaughlin Corridor Neighborhood Association)

*Saturday, January 28, 2006 from, 8:00a.m. – 11:00 a.m.*

**Alma-Almaden** (Alma Neighborhood Association / Monticello)

*Saturday, February 4, 2006 from, 8:00a.m. – 11:00 a.m.*

Our office will distribute flyers in these neighborhoods two weeks prior to Clean Up Day. Please show the flyer to the bin monitor in order to be allowed to use the dumpsters on Neighborhood Clean Up Day. For more information, please contact Javier Gonzalez at (408) 535-4962 or [Javier.Gonzalez@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Javier.Gonzalez@sanjoseca.gov).



Councilmember Madison Nguyen visits **Lola Williams Senior Center** for a Thanksgiving luncheon.

There are two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle The other is as though everything is a miracle.

- Albert Einstein



## **District 7 Projects**

For more information please visit: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district7/> and click on District 7 Projects.

### **Streetsweeping "No Parking" Signs**

This eight-mile project will be part of an overall 40-mile program throughout the City in 2006-07.

### **Tully/McLaughlin Pedestrian Traffic Devices**

The installation of this project is anticipated to be complete by June 2006.

### **Lucretia Avenue Widening**

Construction scheduled for February 2006 with completion in December 2006.

### **Towers Lane Project**

This project started in September 2001 and finished ahead of schedule in November 2005.

### **Senter Road Tully to Singleton**

This project will widen Senter Road to accommodate 6 lanes between Tully Road and Singleton Drive. Construction will start February 2006 with completion in August 2006.

### **Traffic Signal Installation at Burke Street and Senter Road**

Lights at Burke and Senter Road. Project completed October 26, 2005.

### **Bellevue Park**

Agency funded project calls for the development of a park to include turf, trees, landscape, pathways, fencing, security lighting, group picnic areas, restrooms, basketball courts, and a plaza with fountain. Construction of a neighborhood park: street improvements (asphalt, curb, gutter, sidewalk), restroom, play area, picnic areas, water feature, grading, drainage, irrigation, concrete, electrical, planting, fencing, & site amenities. Construction started July 2005 with expected completion in July 2006.

### **Happy Hollow Park and Zoo**

The project is structured to reflect a funded two-phase development with Phase I to be completed in 2007 and Phase II in 2008.

### **Vietnamese Heritage Garden**

The City and the Viet Heritage Society have reached a 15-year agreement for the development of plans and specifications, construction, maintenance and operation of a 4.2-acre garden highlighting the Vietnamese culture. Preliminary design work started in mid November 2005.

### **Spartan Little League**

Spartan Little League is in year one of a two-year agreement with the City allowing for use of the Tully Community Ball Fields and concessions building. The City has established use fees specific to the site built around the cost to maintain the fields. The agreement allows the League to offset the field use fees through maintenance activities at the site. In addition, the League is to pay 15% of net operating costs of the concession operation to the City. The agreement allows for a third year option with the concession fees going up to 20% in that year.

## **Upcoming Events and Meetings**

### **● City Council Meetings**

The council meets every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. & every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Council Chambers, San Jose City Hall

### **● Christmas in the Park**

In San José, it's the place to be with family and friends every holiday season. Come tour the wonderful park filled with trees, ornaments, lights and more at Plaza De Cesar Chavez (between San Carlos and San Fernando Streets).

**Friday, November 25th and open until January 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 am until Midnight.**

### **● Towers Lane Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

Join Councilmember Madison Nguyen, West Evergreen Strong Neighborhood, City of San José Public Works, and the San Jose Redevelopment Agency in celebrating the completion of the

**You only live once, but if you  
work it right, once is enough.**

**- Joe Lewis**

**City Wide Phone List**  
Area code 408

<b>Call Center</b>	<b>277-4000</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 Center	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

Towers Lane Project located at Towers Lane and Aborn Road west of King Road.

**Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**

For more information, please contact Rene Punsalan at (408) 793-4141.

• **Franklin McKinley Education Foundation (FMEF) Miniature Golf Open**

Councilwoman Nancy Pyle, the Women Working Wonders and the Franklin McKinley Education Foundation (FMEF) cordially invite you to join the FMEF Miniature Golf Open to help raise funds for inner-city youth and family programs.

**Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon for registration, 1:00 p.m. start of Golfand USA Emerald Hills** located at 976 Blossom Hills Road, San Jose, California 95123.

For more information, please contact Christina Moses at Christina@FMEFoundation.org or 408.361.1559. Sponsorships are available and individual tickets are available at \$50 per ticket.

• **Area improvement Celebration – Tropicana Shopping Center**

Join Councilmember Madison Nguyen in celebrating the completion of façade and streetscape improvements at the Tropicana Shopping Center, 1690 Story Road on

**Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.**

• **King-Ocala December Fest**

Join Councilmember Madison Nguyen, Councilmember Dave Cortese and residents of Lanai-Cunningham Neighborhood Association and the King Ocala Strong Neighborhoods Initiative Area to celebrate and recognize volunteers and community leaders for their hard work and dedication to community service.

*Free Catered Food (Mexican and Asian Food) and Family Giving Tree gifts will be given out*  
**Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.**

at Hubbard Elementary Cafeteria, 1745 June Avenue.

For more information please contact Omar Torres at (408) 277-2982 or [Omar.Torres@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Omar.Torres@sanjoseca.gov)

• **WENAC Holiday Fest**

Come join residents of West Evergreen Neighborhood Association and West Evergreen SNI/NAC to commemorate and acknowledge volunteers and community leaders for their hard work and dedication to community service.

*Free Catered Food (Mexican and Asian Food) and Family Giving Tree gifts will be given out*  
**Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.**

at O.B. Whaley Elementary School, 2655 Alvin Avenue

For more information please contact Omar Torres at (408) 277-2982 or [Omar.Torres@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Omar.Torres@sanjoseca.gov)

**District 7 Neighborhood Association Meetings**

For more information please visit: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district7/neighborhoods.asp>

• **CANCELED: December Neighborhood Association Meetings**

All NAC and SNI meetings have been “Cancelled” for the month of December. Meetings will resume in January. Please check our website under [Upcoming Events and Meetings](#) for future events.

• **Note New Address:**

**Tully-Senter SNI NAC, Meetings at Santee Community Action Center**  
**1535 SANTEE DRIVE, San Jose, CA**

**Future Topics**

We hope you found District 7’s newsletter helpful. We welcome any feedback you may have on the topics discussed. Please feel free to contact our office at your convenience.

If you would like to share announcements or post events from your neighborhood, please contact Kim Ngo at (408) 535-4959 or email [kim.ngo@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:kim.ngo@sanjoseca.gov)

Once again, our office is ALWAYS open to you and we look forward to serving you.

# Happy Holidays!

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district7/>



*Javier Gonzalez, Yen-Chi Nguyen, Councilmember Madison Nguyen, Louansee Moua, and Kim Ngo*

*From:  
Councilmember Madison P. Nguyen  
and District 7 Staff*