



MAY/JUNE 2007 NEWSLETTER

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TOWN HALL MEETING Budget

Thursday, May 10, 2007
6:30pm-8:00pm
Tully Community Library
880 Tully Road, San Jose

Dear District 7 Residents,

I would like start by thanking all those who attended our **Partnership for Safe Schools and Neighborhoods Forum** on April 22, 2007. This meeting allowed youth, teachers, parents, administrators and community members to voice their concerns on gangs and violence in schools and in their neighborhoods. There were many good ideas on how to alleviate some of these issues. I hope that school officials, parents, and community members will continue to meet and organize so that these ideas will be carried out into reality.

Every year, as a community, we must decide what is most important to our district. This year, your input is crucial in the budget process. Please attend our Town Hall on the proposed 2007-2008 budget on May 10, 2007 at the Tully Library. In order for us to prioritize community needs, we need to know what your priorities consist of. I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

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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

Playground at Rocksprings and Needle Dr.
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

Safety improvements at Los Lagos will be conducted in two stages due to the funding constraints. The first phase is installation of additional and higher netting at the perimeter holes (6, 17, 18). The second phase is additional tree planting and barriers at the internal holes (1, 10, 12, 15). The plan is currently being reviewed by city staff. After review, the plan will be submitted for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance. Pending CEQA approval, PRNS will go to Council with an agreement to allow Courseco to be the project manager of construction.

ABANDONED VEHICLES

Abandoned vehicles continue to be a problem in some areas of our district, a problem which SJPD may not always be able to address immediately due to other higher priority issues. As a community, you can help to alleviate this issue without SJPD intervention by reporting abandoned vehicles to the city's **Vehicle Abatement line 277-5305**. The recording will ask for: (press 8 after each response)

- your name, address and telephone number
- the license plate number
- the address
- the closest cross street
- the color of the vehicle
- a description of the vehicle

A Vehicle Abatement Officer will respond to investigate on their next circuit through the district.

HAPPY HOLLOW PARK AND ZOO UPDATE

The Happy Hollow Park and Zoo Project is currently on schedule to begin construction in the summer of 2007. The project provides for a significantly enhanced facility with improvements spanning over 19 acres including: expanded parking and picnic facilities on the Roberts Avenue side of Coyote Creek, a pedestrian bridge across the creek, expansion of the zoo and ADA improvements.

MOBILEHOME TENANT'S RIGHTS WORKSHOP UPDATE

Recently, Councilmember Madison Nguyen, who is Council Liaison to the Mobilehome Advisory Commission, together with the California Mobilehome Resource and Action Association (CMRAA) hosted a Mobilehome Tenants' Rights Workshop on April 18th at the Spanish Cove Mobilehome Park Clubhouse. Representatives from the City of San Jose's Housing Department, the Fair Housing Law Project, and CMRAA were in attendance to answer residents' questions and concerns. Over 100 residents filled the Clubhouse and received information on where to find help for their tenants' rights problems. Because of the success of the event, our office is planning on holding a similar workshop, in another District 7 mobilehome park. Details will be provided in the near future.



**Useful Numbers: City-Wide
Phone List**

Call Center	535-3500
Non –Emergency	311
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	534-2900
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



GREEN BUILDINGS

In March, the San Jose City Council unanimously voted to require that all new buildings over 10,000 square feet obtain a minimum *Silver* level certification, according to the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards. According to Mayor Reed, the new requirements will push San Jose towards fiscal and environmental responsibility. The LEED green building principles guide developers to construct buildings that are more energy and water efficient, promote healthy living and working environments, conserve natural resources and reduce waste and operational costs. City projects like the Airport Terminal Modernization Project and the Roosevelt and Bascom community centers are examples of projects that are already underway and are utilizing the green building guidelines.

BERRYESSA FLEA MARKET UPDATE

On April 24th, the San Jose City Council voted to adjust the plans of the Flea Market development project, a plan originally approved in 2002. The recent decision approved a change to the original plans that would allow for more housing and less commercial space to be built. The owners of the land that house the San Jose Flea Market have been looking to transition the property into a hub of housing, retail and office space and a possible BART station. The owners have also expressed interest in finding a new location for the Berryessa Flea Market vendors.

PROPOSED SOCCER FIELD

San Jose State University and Oakland A's owner Lew Wolff had been in negotiations to build a new stadium to house the San Jose State athletic teams and bring a professional soccer team to San Jose. However a deal could not be agreed on by Wolff and San Jose State University over the payment for the use of campus property. Improvements of San Jose University's Spartan Stadium will now be done by the school.

MCLAUGHLIN LAND USE

On April 17, 2007, Councilmember Madison Nguyen recommended to the City Council to deny a request to rezone land in the McLaughlin area to medium residential. At numerous community meetings, concerns over the density of planned housing, and the impact to the neighborhood, had been expressed. A petition was signed by nearly 200 residents who opposed the project. In order to retain the integrity of the area and listen to the wishes and best interests of the residents already living in the McLaughlin area, Councilmember Nguyen recommended the denial of the request to change zoning to allow more homes to be built on the parcel of land.



SALLIE MAE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Sallie Mae Fund offers millions of dollars in scholarships each year to help deserving students go to college. All scholarships are based on need. Applications for the following programs are currently being accepted.

- **Unmet Need**

Scholarship: The Unmet Need Scholarship is open to families with a family adjusted gross income of \$30,000 or less for the 2006 calendar year. This program is intended to supplement financial aid packages that fall more than \$1,000 short of students' financial needs. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents who are accepted or enrolled as full-time undergraduate students at approved, accredited institutions. Students must have a GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) to be eligible to apply. Scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$3,800. Download the application at www.salliemaefund.org.
Deadline: Thursday, May 31, 2007

TEACHER INNOVATION GRANTS

The San Jose Education Foundation is a local organization that awards grants of up to \$500 to San Jose teachers. The grants can be used for professional development, purchase of technology or materials, access to field trips or other innovative ideas that are implemented in the classroom. This year, two of our very own District 7 teachers are recipients of a grant. Cathe D'Arcy and Kevin Wilbon of O.B. Whalley Elementary School will be receiving a grant to help offset the costs of a planned field-trip to the Oakland Zoo. Congratulations!

LENDERS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (LCD)

LCD is a non-profit lender based in San Jose offering loans ranging from \$1,000-\$200,000 to low-income small business owners or the self-employed. They offer an alternative to business owners who cannot access bank financing but do not want to pay high-interest rates on credit cards.

- *Poor Credit OK
- *No collateral required
- *Fixed interest rates
- *Free business consultation

For more information, call 866-299-8173 or visit www.l4cd.org

RECYCLE RATE INCREASE

The San Jose City Council will be holding a public hearing on May 8, 2007 regarding the proposed rate increases for the Recycle Plus program. The proposed rate increases, if approved, will become effective July 1st of this year. Complete information about the rate increases is available online at: www.sanjoseca.gov/esd/rates-notice.asp. All are encouraged to attend the public hearing. Anyone wishing to protest the rate increases must send a *written* protest before the hearing on May 8th. For your protests to be counted, you must indicate the assessor's parcel number of the property you own (the parcel numbers printed at the top of your notification letter) Those written protests can be sent to: Recycle Plus Rate Increase, City Clerk, 200 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose, California 95113.

REPORTS OF SAN JOSE CODE VIOLATIONS GO ONLINE

The City of San Jose is launching a new website to help residents file and monitor code violations. The new website is a part of the mayor's plan to make government more transparent. Residents will now be able to go online to: www.sanjoseca.gov/codeenforcement and check the status of, or file new code violation reports. Once online, click on "case search", then search the database using address, street name or case number. Residents will be able to see the status of all code violation complaints filed in their area. The new website will save the city of San Jose about \$12,000 in paperwork a year and allow residents more free and open access to public records.

District 7 2007-2008 Dumpster Days!!

It is time to clean out your closets, basements and garages! Help us keep our neighborhoods clean and safe. The following are Clean-Up dates for fiscal year 2007-2008,

- September 29, 2007:
Rock Springs-Bevin
Brooks/Albanese/Hermes-
Brenning/Artic Sue
- November 17, 2007:
Lone Bluff/Senter Creek
- February 9, 2008:
Hillsdale/Garden Villa
- March 1, 2008:
Santee
- April 5, 2008:
Alvin-
Burdette/Whaley/Stallion-
Shadowspring

Events/ Meetings

Project Homeless Connect (PHC)

PHC is a one-day concentrated effort to assist the City's chronically unhoused residents on the road to permanent housing and self-sufficiency by connecting them to a range of medical, housing and legal information and other services.

Thursday, May 17th,
9:30 am - 3:00 pm
Parkside Hall
180 Park Ave & Market St (across from the Convention Center)

24th Assembly District's Health Care Town Hall

Assemblymember Jim Beall would like to invite you to this meeting, which will raise awareness about the various healthcare reforms proposals that are being considered in Sacramento. Come express your thoughts on which proposals you think work best in California.

Thursday, May 17 6:00pm-8:00pm
Camden Community Center, 3369 Union Ave, San Jose, CA
For more information, please call 408-282-8920

Department of Transportation Community Priorities Meeting

The City of San Jose is seeking input from its residents to help develop a list of funding priorities related to improving conditions of pavement, street trees, sidewalks, curb ramps, street lights, traffic signals, curbs and gutters, street signs and markings, and median landscaping. San Jose residents are invited to the meetings to discuss these issues, along with possible funding strategies to address the budget shortfall. For more information, and a complete list of all meetings in different districts, call 535-3844.

District 7 Meeting: Tully Library, May 17 at 6:30 PM

Community Sports Field Feasibility Study- Group meetings

The Community Sports Field Feasibility Study will evaluate San José City sports field properties to determine how they can be more effectively used. This group meets monthly from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. In an effort to reach out to neighborhoods throughout the City, the meeting will be held in a different Council District each month. Please come out and participate!

August 13, 2007 - Solari Community Center, 3590 Cas Drive
For more information on the study, please contact Terri Allen at 408-793-5559.

Great American Litter Pick Up

Join Councilmember Nguyen and District 7 staff in this city-wide litter pick up day. On this Saturday, all Council Districts and the Mayor will come out to pick up litter and beautify San Jose. Please join us at the District 7 location:

Andrew Hill High School-Gym
3200 Senter Road
Saturday, May 19th
Clean Up: 8:30AM-11:00AM & Celebration Lunch: 11:30AM-12:30PM

Story Road Tamale Festival

The 2007 Story Road Tamale Festival will be held Saturday, June 2nd 2007, between 10 AM and 6 PM at Emma Prusch Farm Park located on the corner of Story Road and King Road. Information regarding volunteers, vendors, sponsors, and entertainment, is available on the website www.storyroadtamalefestival.org or you can call **1-888-5-TAMALE (888-582-6253)**.

Emma Prusch Park
Saturday, June 2, 2007
From 10:00AM-6:00PM

2007 CommUnity Resource Fair

This fair is opened to everyone but targets the Vietnamese community. The resource fair is a big event that provides information and services from many departments from the City of San Jose, Santa Clara County and local non-profits.

San Jose City Hall
200 E Santa Clara St
Sunday June 3 from 10:00AM-3:00PM