

Announcements



Free Hepatitis B Screenings & Discounted Vaccinations

Did you know that 1 in 10 Asian and Pacific Islanders are infected with Hepatitis B? Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI), along with Stanford University and the CA Department of Public Health, will host free Hepatitis B screenings and discounted vaccinations every 1st and 3rd Saturdays starting March 1st from 10am to 1pm. Vaccinations range from \$35 to \$52 and payment is cash only. AACI is located at 2400 Moorpark Ave. Suite 111, 1st Floor. For more information, call 1-888-311-3331.

Crime Stoppers Anonymous Tip Line

Want to report a crime that you may have witnessed? Help reduce crime in your area; you can report crime activity anonymously by using the Crime Stoppers' anonymous tip line (408) 947-STOP.



Commission Openings

A new Neighborhoods Commission will be created in the Fall of 2008. People interested in becoming a commissioner should apply between March 3, 2008 and April 4, 2008. The commission will help empower neighborhoods by allowing their concerns to be heard and be presented to the City Council. Applications can be picked up at City Hall or downloaded from the Office of the City Clerk's website at www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/

Call (408) 723-4114 for more information.



Our City Forest

Do you know somewhere in San Jose that needs a tree? Our City Forest has free trees that are waiting to find a home! Help achieve the Mayor's Green Vision by planting trees in your neighborhood. 15-gallon shade trees are available for public parking strips, parks and school grounds. You must agree to provide regular tree care, such as watering and pruning. If you are interested in making San Jose green, please

call 408-99-TREES or visit www.ourcityforest.org

Work-2-Future

Work-2-Future connects job seekers with businesses to make it easier for people to find job opportunities. How do they do this? Work-2-Future has "One-Stop Career Centers" where resources and services can be easily accessed. There are no requirements and no fees! They even have a youth oriented program for those between the ages of 14 and 21. Currently, there are three One-Stop Career Centers in the Bay Area: San José, Campbell, and Gilroy. Visit the San José location, at 1290 Parkmoor Ave, or call (408) 277-2727 for more information.

Warning: Neighborhood Watch Program in Force

Want to learn how to discourage, deter, or even prevent crimes in your neighborhood? Forming a Neighborhood Watch program in your area could be just the solution! Simply follow these steps and you'll be on your way. Before you start, make sure to prepare for the following procedures at least two to three weeks in advance.

Steps to start up a Neighborhood Watch program in your area:

- _____ **Step 1:** Call the Crime Prevention Unit and schedule a meeting. (Meetings are generally held Monday-Thursday at 7pm and last about 2 hours.)
- _____ **Step 2:** Gather 10 homes to be represented at the meeting (If 80-100% of the homes are present at the meeting, Neighborhood Watch signs will be affixed on light posts.)
- _____ **Step 3:** Once at the meeting, you will learn valuable information such as how to react to suspicious or criminal behavior, crime trends in your area, and recommended security measures. You will also receive window decals to post on your residence.



Call San José Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit at (408) 277-4133 for more information.

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Useful City-Wide Numbers:

- 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
- Office of Education 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



DISTRICT
MADISON NGUYEN
COUNCILMEMBER
CITY OF SAN JOSÉ

MARCH / APRIL / MAY NEWSLETTER 2008

Dear District 7 Residents,

After a long and rainy winter, spring is finally here! I am excited by the many projects that are happening in our community. One of the bigger projects that I am working on is reducing the amount of graffiti in our neighborhoods. We have noticed an increase in the City of San Jose recently and it is time to take back our streets! Graffiti affects all of us by lowering property value, and decreasing our sense of safety in the community. To help curb graffiti, we would like your help by identifying and reporting incidents of graffiti – no matter how insignificant. You can also help our efforts by calling the anti-graffiti number and requesting a graffiti removal kits. Each kit is free and delivered right to your door. Keep one in your car or take it with you on a walk and help keep our district graffiti free! For more information, call our office on (408) 535-4907. Graffiti is known to be used as a way for gangs to communicate. By eliminating opportunities for gangs to claim a certain area, we can help take a step toward reclaiming our youth from gang violence.

We should also look toward one another to decrease the amount of crime in our district. One of the first lines of defense against crime in the neighborhood is a strong sense of community. Join a neighborhood association, or come together with your neighbors to establish a Neighborhood Watch program. You can find information on how to do both in this newsletter. Neighborhood Watch programs help foster a productive, friendly environment where neighbors communicate with one another and help keep watch over the community. You can have peace of mind knowing someone is keeping an eye on your home when you cannot. Join me, and the San Jose Police Department, in making District 7 a safer place for us to raise our children and to grow as a community.

Sincerely,

Madison

Madison



Office of Councilmember Madison Nguyen
200 East Santa Clara Street, 18th floor, San José, CA 95113

Events

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 6:00 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

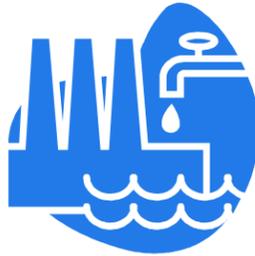
West Evergreen Neighborhood Action Comm.
(408) 224-0415 or (408) 277-2980
O.B. Whaley School
4th Monday of the month at 6:30pm

Seven Trees Neighborhood Group
(408) 277-4643
Solari Community Center
3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm



Wonders of our Water Works

Join us for a free two-hour tour of your local water treatment plant and take a peek at the Alviso entrance to one of the nation's premier wildlife refuges on the first and third Saturdays of March through May 2008 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. OR 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. The Plant plays a key role in protecting the waters of San Francisco Bay, and you can help too! RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED, so call (408) 975-2151. On request, special weekday tours can be provided for large groups, organizations, or businesses.



West Valley Senior Walk

Come join us for the 3rd annual West Valley Senior Walk at Valley Fair's Center Court on Friday, April 4th, 2008 (between MAC and Lancôme Cosmetics). Free registration begins at 8:45am along with a complimentary breakfast. There will be free gifts and a raffle. The resource fair and walk will be from 9:00am to 10:30am. To pre-register or reserve free transportation, call (408) 535-4901. Westfield Valley Fair is located at 2855 Stevens Creek Blvd.



Great American Litter Pick-up

The 2008 7th Annual Great American Litter Pick-Up event is scheduled for Saturday April 12, 2008, starting at 8:00 a.m. Registration is from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and litter removal will start thereafter until 11:30 a.m. District 7's kick-off location will be at the Alma Community Center located at 136 W. Alma Ave. Orientation will be held there and residents will be able to register and pick up supplies. A celebration lunch will be held at noon at the Alma Community Center. Residents will have the opportunity to meet Councilmember Madison Nguyen. For more information please call (408) 277-3208.



2008 Story Road Tamale Festival

Are you hungry for delicious Mexican food? Bring your hearty appetite to this year's Tamale Festival, held at Emma Prusch Farm Park (corner of Story and King) on Saturday, June 7th. The event will start at 10am and end at 6pm. Parking is limited, so public transportation is recommended. For updates and information, log on to www.storyroadtamalefestival.org or call 1-888-5-TAMALE.



The 7th Annual Community Resource Fair

This year's Community Resource Fair will be held on June 29, 2008 at San José's History Park, located at 1650 Senter Road, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The fair provides information on the many neighborhood services and resources available to residents of San José. Complimentary food and water, entertainment, and children's activities will be provided. Come join the fun!



District 7 Town Hall Meeting: Housing Crisis

It's that time again! Madison like to periodically gather the residents of District 7 together for a Town Hall meeting to discuss issues that matter to us. We will be talking about the housing crisis that has affected many in the community. Please join us at Tully Library on May 7th, 2008, to share your concerns and learn about the resources that are available to help you. The meeting will be from 6:30pm till 8:00pm. For more information, call the District 7 office on (408) 535-4907 or email district7@sanjoseca.gov.

Legislative Update

Anti-Graffiti

During the week of February 25-29, city departments worked in conjunction with local agencies to carry out a citywide graffiti abatement effort. These agencies included: The Santa Clara Valley Water District, Caltrans, Santa Clara County Roads and Airports, the Valley Transportation Agency (VTA), and the City's Department of Transportation (DOT). Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services Department (PRNS) coordinated the effort. The effort was a great success, but one week of coordinated effort will not free the City of graffiti. Community members need to be continually vigilant and help to keep our district graffiti free. Call (408) 277-3208 for more information and a free graffiti removal kit. To report graffiti, call (408) 277-2758.



Mayor Chuck Reed wipes off graffiti.

Coyote Creek

The District 7 Council Office has received a number of phone calls regarding illegal encampments along Coyote Creek, near Capitol Expressway and Tuers Road. Recently, the San José Police Department's Metro Unit along with Housing Department posted notices for individuals to vacate and has also offered social services to those living in the encampments. As a result, we are happy to report that as of Saturday, February 9, City staff performed an interim cleanup that cleared more than 13 tons of debris.

Top 3 Budget Priorities

The time is approaching for District 7 to start thinking about next year's budget. Help us improve your area by getting together with your neighborhood associations to decide on your top three priorities for the community. Let Madison know what is important to your community. By doing this, you can help us to prioritize and ask for allocations that will benefit *you* in the next budget. For more information contact District 7 by calling (408) 535-4907.

Happy Hollow Park and Zoo Open During 1st Phase of Renovation

Construction of the renovation project started in February 2008. During this time, the park will continue to be open to the public until July 9, 2008 when it will close for the remainder of the renovation period. The project is set to complete in August 2009. For more information, call Happy Hollow Park and Zoo at (408) 277-3000.

Project Homeless Connect

Project Homeless Connect (PHC) is a semi-annual event that brings together homeless residents with service providers. The 6th PHC event is scheduled for Thursday, May 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the McEnery Convention Center, 150 West San Carlos Street. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, two special training sessions will be held the day before, May 14, at 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. For further information and to register contact PHC at (408) 45-4001.

Shirakawa Community Center Update: More Parking

With the Solari Community Center getting ready to shut down to prepare for rebuild, Shirakawa Center parking spaces will be impacted due to consolidation of staff and programming at the Center. To allow for more parking spaces at Shirakawa, the 2-hour parking signs in front of the Center have been replaced with "No Stopping between 10pm-6am" signs, which allow for daytime street parking.

Los Lagos Netting Project Update

The Los Lagos Golf Course netting project went forward to council and is now in the final stages of contract negotiation. Construction of the net that will protect neighbor's homes from stray golf balls is set to begin in the last week of April.

Mayor's Budget Briefing

Mayor Reed will be coming out to District 7 to inform the community about the 2008-2009 City Budget. Please come out to the KONA meeting on May 19th to participate in a presentation with the Mayor and Councilmember Nguyen as they explain how the budget is being put together and take suggestions from the community. The meeting starts at 6:15pm. For more information, call our office on (408) 535-4907.