



Office of Councilmember Madison Nguyen District 7 Neighborhood News



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Dear Residents,

I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe new year. I can't believe it is already 2010! It was only four years ago that I took office, and since then there has been so many wonderful changes in the district. With your help, Senter Road has become wider and safer for travel, the Coyote Creek Trail was expanded for families to enjoy, the Plant Shopping Center opened for business and provides over 1000 jobs to our community, affordable housing communities such as Corde Terra, Paseo Center and Almaden Family provide over 700 families with a warm place to live, the installation of green and efficient LED lights on Story/King and Tully/Senter, and the opening of Bellevue and Viera parks are only some of the many things that were accomplished these past four years that helped to make the district vibrant and safe for us to live and work.

Also in this edition, I was honored to attend the West Evergreen Neighborhood Association's Annual Celebration and Christmas Toy Drive. More than 350 people attended and over 200 toys were given away to children in the West Evergreen neighborhood. It is great to see the neighborhood so active and involved. Thank you, Robert Sandoval, president of the West Evergreen Neighborhood Association, for organizing a wonderful and worthwhile event for the community.

In other news, I am proud to announce the Seven Trees Neighborhood Group (STNG) as the recipient of the 2010 Outstanding Citizens Award. Each year an individual or group in each council district is nominated and presented with this prestigious award by Mayor Chuck Reed at the Annual Community Breakfast & State of the City Address event. Since 2000, the Seven Trees Neighborhood Group has addressed issues such as public safety, gangs, substance abuse, public drinking, and excessive noise. They have made the neighborhood safer for pedestrians by partnering with the City to develop speed control measures and place radar trailers in congested areas. Volunteer projects – such as tree planting, tree trimming, and litter pick-up – not only have beautified the Seven Trees neighborhood, but they also created a sense of community pride among residents. I would like to thank the Seven Trees Neighborhood Group for their ongoing proactive efforts to ensure a safe and secure neighborhood for all of us.

As we step into the new year, I look forward to continuing our partnership to create more jobs, build affordable housing, and keep our neighborhoods safe. Creating change is not easy, but with the right mindset and determination, I believe we can accomplish any task set before us.

Sincerely,

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Useful City-wide Numbers

Call Center: 535-3500

Non-Emergency: 311

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: 535-3515

Housing: 975-4480

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

City Tree Policy



The City of San Jose is fortunate to have over 1,000,000 trees throughout the city that are a vital component to our urban landscape. In the wake of the recent storms, many trees and branches have fallen throughout the city. It is important for everyone to understand the possible safety concerns unhealthy trees can pose in our neighborhoods and what to do about them. Per San Jose Municipal Code, property owners are responsible for maintenance and care of the trees on and adjacent to their properties. Typical maintenance on trees consist of structural pruning (every 3-5 years depending on species, size and location), and inspection by a certified arborist (recommended every 1-2 years) to assess for any conditions that might lead to failure of the tree or possible safety issues. For more information about street trees and other issues related to trees please visit www.sanjoseca.gov/trees or call (408) 277-4373.

OUT AND ABOUT IN DISTRICT 7

2010 Crime and Gang Prevention Summit

The second annual Crime and Gang Prevention Summit was a success! Over 280 community members, neighborhood leaders, educators and parents attended the event on Saturday, January 23 at the Roosevelt Community Center. The purpose of the Summit was to promote and encourage partnerships among the community, the City of San José, and local community based organizations. The Summit was the culmination of a year-long outreach effort to work with residents to build safer neighborhoods. Hands-on workshops were offered throughout the day and included topics such as parent engagement, gang awareness 101, the City of San Jose's programs such as the Safe School Campus Initiative and the Community Response Protocol. A presentation was made to provide more information about the efforts of the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force to help curb and deter gang violence. The community resource fair was held after the workshops, which included representatives from the City of San Jose, local non-profit organizations, and neighborhood associations.



WENA: Annual End of Year Celebration

The West Evergreen Neighborhood Association (WENA) held its annual End of the Year Celebration on Saturday, December 19th. The event had the largest attendance ever for the End of the Year Celebration. Over 350 adults and children enjoyed the food and took part in the festivities. There was face painting, balloon animals, live music from Danny Perez, popcorn, and cotton candy. Over 30 youth volunteers from the D7 YAC and Silver Creek NJROTC were there to assist with the event. We would like to thank Police Captain Ernest Alcantar for providing security throughout the event. Mr. Robert Reyes also provided a free demo of kajukenbo, which was a big hit with the younger crowd. The food was outstanding with donations from Rudy Lemus from McDonald's and Dewey Nguyen from M Cafe. We are grateful for their partnership. Plaques were given out to Councilmember Nguyen, Simon Lopez, former Vice-President of WENA, and Amanda Aldama, Youth Commissioner. We want to send a big thank you to Principal Lyn Vijayendran for providing the facility to host the event. We could not have done this without you. See you all next year!



GREAT AMERICAN LITTER PICK-UP



Join Councilmember Madison Nguyen on **Saturday, March 20, 2010** for the Great American Litter Pick Up from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm at O.B. Whaley Elementary School, 2655 Alvin Avenue, San Jose, CA. Help make our city a safer and cleaner place to live. This is a city wide annual event hosted by Mayor Chuck Reed, Council District Offices, and the Anti-Litter department. Every year, hundreds of volunteers and community members come out to help pick up litter in our neighborhoods. This year, we hope to see even more People come out to help us clean up the neighborhood. By picking up litter in our city, we improve the environment while also contributing to the quality of life in the neighborhoods for our children.



Happy Hollow Park and Zoo Grand Re-Opening

The grand re-opening of Happy Hollow Park & Zoo is only a month away! On **Saturday, March 20th, 2010**, we would like to invite you to the Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 10:00 am. Happy Hollow Park & Zoo has been a part of the community since 1961. The park & zoo provide an affordable, sustainable, and conservation-centered outdoor adventure for children of all ages and their families. For generations, many families have enjoyed the exciting adventures of the zoo's diverse collection of animals and rides as well as one of the premier venues for unique events and interactive play areas. The park underwent a \$72 million green renovation. The new park will have 4 additional acres to the facility which includes new animal exhibits, an education center, guest services and gift shops, restaurants, and a new parking lot. Take your family and visit the new and improved Happy Hollow Park and Zoo!

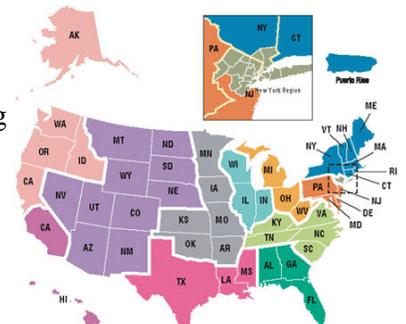


IT'S IN OUR HANDS

United States Census 2010

In March 2010, every household in Santa Clara county will receive a Census questionnaire of 10 questions. We need you to fill it out and mail it by **April 1, 2010** to ensure accurate people count in San Jose and Santa Clara County. The federal government uses census numbers to allocate more than \$435 billion annually for community programs and services, transportation, neighborhood improvements and more. The information you provide makes sure that San Jose and Santa Clara County get their fair share of these funds. Every residence will receive a short form with 10 questions that is simple and fast to complete.

Forms are available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, Chinese, and Russian. Language assistance is available in over 50 languages by calling (866) 872-6868. Lines will be open from 8am to 9pm, seven days a week starting on February 25, 2010. We hope you will take the time to fill out these forms accurately for our city.



District 7 Hero: District 7 Youth Advisory Council



The District 7 Hero Award honors extraordinary community members that dedicate their time and energy to improving District 7. This quarter, we would like to bestow the honor to the District 7 Youth Advisory Council (YAC). YAC has dedicated thousands of hours of their service to create change and improve neighborhoods through organizing creative programs and events to enhance the community. YAC is also the winner of the PSA storyboard development contest at the 2010 Crime and Gang Prevention Summit. Their theme of “Ignorance isn’t bliss” for the story board will be developed into a public service announcement that will be broadcasted on different networks on television. I am honored and proud to have such extraordinary individuals in the district. Congratulations to the District 7 Youth Advisory Council!

Operation Prom Dress 2010



Operation Prom Dress began in 2008 due to the downfall of our economy. Because of the tough economic times, we know attending junior or senior prom would not be a top priority for most families. We also know that prom is a special moment in every young girl’s life, being able to dress up beautifully, and enjoy a night out with friends and classmates. Our prom dress drive serves as an opportunity for high school girls in the City of San Jose to attend their junior or senior prom without the financial burden of having to buy a prom dress. We are asking residents to help out with this event by donating new or gently used dresses to be distributed at 8am-3pm on March 27, 2010 at Mayfair Community Center. You can drop off new or gently used dresses at the locations listed below:

- Almaden Branch Library
- Alviso Library
- Berryessa Community Center
- Cambrian Library
- Dr. Roberto Cruz Alum Rock Library
- East Carnegie Library
- Edenvale Library
- Evergreen Branch Library
- Evergreen Community Center
- Hillview Library
- Mayfair Community Center
- Roosevelt Community Center
- Rose Garden Branch Library
- Shirakawa Community Center
- Tully Library
- Vineland Library
- West Valley Library
- Willow Glen Library



With the generous donations we received last year, more than 300 girls took home a prom dress. This year, our goal is to collect 500 dresses or more. We hope you will help us ensure that the girls in our city have lasting memories of their prom. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at (408) 535- 4959 or visit our website at www.sanjoseca.gov/district7.