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DISTRICT 7 NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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**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**  
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Dear Residents,

I hope you are finding yourselves in good health and getting ready for the upcoming holiday season. This is a time for us to get together with family, friends and the community and be thankful for what we have. Our community certainly had its share of challenges, but we stood by each other and helped one another through it all. I'm sure we all deserve the time off!

In time for the holiday season, Councilmember Nancy Pyle (District 10) and I organized our 2nd annual Youth Job Fair at The Plant Shopping Center on October 10<sup>th</sup>. The event was a major success with over 250 youth in attendance. Recruiters from about 20 local businesses and organizations were on site to offer holiday jobs and career training programs for participants.

In addition to seeking employment, these youth also participated in a variety of career workshops which was hosted by Work2Future and the Center for Training and Careers. These workshops focused on the importance of developing skills for filling out applications, resume writing and interviewing. Thank you to the local businesses and organizations that volunteered their time and resources. I look forward to working with the community again for next year's job fair!

On another note, some of you might have noticed an increase in graffiti tags throughout the city. According to the 2009 Graffiti Survey released by the City's Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, there has been a 38% overall increase in graffiti activity in San Jose since 2008. As a response to such increase and to make our neighborhoods cleaner and safer, I submitted a proposal to amend the City's Graffiti Abatement Ordinance that include mandating juveniles who are caught committing graffiti activities to complete 24 hours of community service, including removing graffiti. If the juvenile decides not to participate in community service, a fine of \$500 will be imposed.

These recommendations aim to reduce graffiti and establish direct accountability and responsibility among juveniles committing graffiti activities while encouraging parents to be involved in their children's lives by deterring them from joining gangs and committing graffiti activity. We all want to live in a safe and clean neighborhood. I hope these proposed amendments will guide us in that direction.

Lastly, I wish you and your families a wonderful and healthy holiday season! Don't forget that the San Jose Holiday Parade, Christmas in the Park and Downtown Ice are just a few of the many treats that the City of San Jose offers during this season. For a complete listing of upcoming events and attractions, please visit the City of San Jose's website at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/attract.asp>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Madison".

Madison



## OUT & ABOUT IN DISTRICT 7

Below are a few highlights of the different events and updates throughout our district.

### Grand Opening of the Center for Training and Careers

On October 16th, Councilmember Madison Nguyen, along with other elected officials cut the ribbon and welcomed the arrival of Center for Training and Careers (CTC). CTC provides various programs and services such as vocational training, employment services and technological training to countless residents in San Jose. Please stop by their new location at 749 Story Road and check out the many programs that are available for adults and youth.



### Public Safety Town Hall Meeting



The Community Room at the Tully Library was filled with energy and participation from residents during the District 7 Public Safety Town Hall Meeting on September 23rd. Councilmember Nguyen opened the meeting with a presentation of important projects that have been completed in the district. She also shared a preview of projects scheduled to be completed in the near future such as Seven Trees Library and Community Center and Happy Hollow Park and Zoo. Representatives from the different D7 neighborhood associations including Seven Trees Neighborhood Coalition, West Evergreen Neighborhood Association (WENA), Lanai Cunningham, Tully/Senter SNI NAC and the D7 Youth Commission, gave presentations about the amazing work they have done for our district. In addition, representatives from San Jose Police Department and Code Enforcement were also present to answer questions that were raised by District 7 residents. We appreciate everyone taking the time out to attend another successful town hall meeting.

### Youth Safety Day

The West Evergreen Neighborhood Association (WENA) held its annual Youth Safety Day on September 12th. Families and children of all ages attended and enjoyed a fun day filled with activities and delicious food. We want to thank the San Jose Police Department's Horse Mounted Unit for their participation. This event is held annually and strives to inspire youth to stay away from gangs and violence and instead become more involved in the neighborhood and after school programs. Thank you WENA for inspiring our youth to stay engaged in the community!



## Recycle Plus Pilot Program



Since the City's current Recycle Plus garbage and recycling contracts expire in June 2013, the City of San Jose needs to test which is the most effective yard trimmings collection method. A pilot program is the best way to make program changes on a small scale before implementing citywide. Data gathered from this pilot program will assist the City in redesigning the Recycle Plus program to meet our goal of Zero Waste by 2022. Because of this, 5,000 households citywide in Council Districts 3, 6, 7, 9 and 10 will receive Green Yard Trimmings (YT) carts, at no cost, between October 26, 2009 and November 9, 2009.

All yard trimmings must be placed in the mandatory YT cart on the resident's normal collection day, beginning the week of November 9, 2009. This includes: branches, sod (remove as much soil as possible), prunings, and clippings (flowers, grass, leaves, palm fronds). Loose-in-the-street yard trimmings will no longer be collected in the pilot areas. The following items should **not** be placed in the green YT cart: garbage, recycling, food waste, lumber, concrete, rocks, pet waste, and ashes.

Please note that if you are one of the selected residents that will participate in this program, you should have received a letter from the City of San Jose explaining the program between October 22 - 23, 2009. If you **did not** receive a letter, that means, your household was not selected to participate in this program. Specific neighborhoods were selected based upon a few criteria, such as collection day, collection route, proximity to storm water catch basins, and Council District. The areas selected will best provide the City of San Jose with information and data that is representative of the entire City. For additional information please contact the Recycle Plus Customer Service Center at (408) 535-3500.

## Legislative Update: Plastic Bag Ban

Plastic bags may soon be a thing of the past. On September 22, 2009, the City Council directed staff to conduct research and further study about the possibility of banning plastic bags in the City of San Jose. This proposed ordinance would apply to all retailers except restaurants, non-profit and social service organizations. Once the City Council adopts the new policy, it will go into effect no earlier than December 31, 2010. This will allow for sufficient consumer education and "ramp-up" time. For a schedule of upcoming stakeholder meetings, please call the Environmental Services Department at (408) 535-8550 or visit their website at <http://www.sjrecycles.org/bags/stakeholders.asp>.

## **Downtown Ice Season Returns!**

Ice skate under the stars and palm trees in downtown San Jose's premier outdoor skating rinks! The South Bay's largest seasonal outdoor skating rink, produced by the San Jose Downtown Association, is located between the Fairmont Hotel and the San Jose Museum of Art. Downtown Ice is open daily from November 20, 2009 through January 18, 2010. Admission is \$13 for children 12 years old and younger and \$15 for 13 years old and older. Admission includes skate rental and unlimited ice time. The San Jose Downtown Association also has a fundraising program that allows youth who otherwise cannot afford to go skating to take to the ice. For further information and hours of operation, please visit [www.sjdowntown.com](http://www.sjdowntown.com).



## District 7 Hero: Robert Sandoval

Every quarter, District 7 honors an extraordinary community member that has dedicate his or her time and energy to helping make District 7 a better place to live. Robert Sandoval is the recipient of our District 7 Hero award.



Mr. Sandoval served as the former President of Teamster Local 287. He currently serves as the President of the West Evergreen Neighborhood Association (WENA). His community involvement began years ago because of this desire to create change in his community. He started attending the Strong Neighborhood Initiative (SNI) meetings while working with residents on issues of safety and traffic calming. Over the years, Mr. Sandoval has contributed tremendously to the beautification of his neighborhood as well as District 7. He championed an initiative to make sure that the installation of “street sweeping” and “no littering” signs are implemented in his neighborhood. He also played a critical role in the implementation of O.B. Whaley Elementary School Playing Field. Mr. Sandoval also serves as one of the three District 7’s representatives of the Neighborhoods Commission.

Mr. Sandoval, Councilmember Nguyen and her staff salute you!



The City of San José  
in partnership with Councilmember Madison Nguyen present...

## **OPERATION PROM DRESS**

*Donate A Dress – Ensure That Every Girl Gets To Dance*

**Don't Let The Tough Economy Discourage Our San José High School Students From Attending Prom. Help Our Students Have a Memorable Prom by Donating a New or Gently Used Dress Today!**

**Drop Off a New or Gently Used Dress  
October 19, 2009 - March 27, 2010**

**Donation Boxes will be placed at various locations in San Jose.**

- Roosevelt Community Center, 901 E Santa Clara St., San Jose, CA 95116
- Mayfair Community Center, 2039 Kammerer Avenue, San Jose, CA 95116
- Berryessa Community Center, 3050 Berryessa Rd., San Jose, CA 95132
- Evergreen Community Center, 4860 San Felipe Road, San Jose, CA 95135
- George Shirakawa Community Center, 2072 Lucretia Avenue, San Jose, CA 95112

\* more locations will be available soon

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