

DISTRICT 7 NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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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

Dear Residents,

I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. If you are still looking for things to do, the City of San Jose's Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services has a long list of activities for people of all ages. You can register for classes and receive updates on all activities and events at our community centers by logging on to www.sanjoseca.gov/pnms.

It has been a busy summer for our district. Let me recap on a few events that residents and neighborhood groups participated with me throughout the summer: On August 1st, over 600 volunteers from 14 churches across the city came to Cryy Out Christian Fellowship Church to help clean up the neighborhoods of Council District 7 for "Project Restoration." Project Restoration, a program of the Beautiful Day project, is an ongoing partnership between the City and local faith based community groups to restore neighborhoods blighted by foreclosure, graffiti and vandalism. The City of San Jose provided 40 dumpsters for the day.

The National Night Out event was a major success this year. We had over 1,600 residents join me at various neighborhoods on August 4th. We joined forces to collectively proclaim that gangs and crime will not be tolerated in our community. Mayor Chuck Reed also joined us at Cryy Out Christian Fellowship Church to voice his support for safe neighborhoods throughout the city.

It was an honor for me to attend the Coyote Creek Trail Dedication Ceremony on August 15th by Tully Library. It was wonderful to see so many community members come out in support of the newest trail in District 7. This long-awaited project is part of our Green Vision goals, which is to create over 100 miles of interconnected trails in the City of San Jose within 15 years. The trail is unique because it is connected to parks, museums and schools. Having the trail in place also discourages the homeless from using our creeks as an encampment. The beautification of our district is something I hold dear to my heart. Therefore, I will continue to work with various city and county agencies to ensure that we continue to be able to maintain our parks and trails for a thriving and vibrant community.

On a less fortunate front, there were a couple of incidents that occurred in our district that triggered extraordinary community concern. On July 15th, a homicide occurred in the Santee area at the Monte Alban Apartments. In response to this incident, my office, along with city staff from the San Jose Police Department, Strong Neighborhoods Initiative and Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services immediately conducted two community meetings with residents in the Santee area. As a result of these meetings, residents have become more proactive and vigilant in reporting crimes as well as organizing neighborhood watch meetings. The San Jose Police Department has also increased patrols and visibility in the district.

Another incident occurred at Kelly Park where a young man was seriously injured from a drive-by shooting. The suspects were arrested and charged after a high speed chase with San Jose police.

As a reminder, if you see crime happening in your neighborhood, please don't hesitate to call the police department. If you want to report the crime anonymously, call Crime Stoppers at (408) 947-STOP.

Fall is here and school is back in session. As always, I highly encourage residents to be attentive and extra cautious when driving around or near a school campus. We need to look out for one another to keep ALL of us safe.

Sincerely,

Madison Nguyen



OUT & ABOUT IN DISTRICT 7

Below are a few highlights of the many events throughout our district.



COYOTE CREEK TRAIL DEDICATION

Get your hiking boots and bicycles ready...another segment of the Coyote Creek Trail is now open! Councilmember Madison Nguyen joined dozens of residents and their families near the Tully Community Branch Library Ball Fields to commemorate an additional stretch of Coyote Creek Trail. The festivities included free bicycle helmet fittings and premier access along the 19-mile stretch.

We hope you enjoy the trail!

SEVEN TREES SIDEWALK PROJECT

Congratulations to the Seven Trees Neighborhood, you made it happen! Members of the Seven Trees Coalition, the City of San Jose's Building Strong Neighborhoods Seven Trees Pilot Project, and Councilmember Madison Nguyen broke ground on the soon to be one mile long stretch of sidewalk located along Seven Trees Blvd. The project will include a cement walkway, ADA ramps, a pedestrian crosswalk and 50 trees.



WESTGATE BEAUTIFUL DAY



Crry Out Christian Fellowship Church and surrounding areas in council district 7 are looking very nice these days, thanks to the thousands of volunteers who removed weeds, debris, and unwanted furniture and garbage from the area. Led by Pastor John Talbert, the Beautiful Day program put together "Project Restoration" to improve the living condition and exterior of neighborhoods that have been impacted by foreclosures. A big thank you to Pastor Talbert, the volunteers and Beautiful Day for your dedication and hard work!

MAKE A WISH AT KELLEY PARK

Councilmember Madison Nguyen and Councilmember Ash Kalra welcomed Henry Mulvey to the District with a first class ride on a red 1912 trolley and a yellow 1922 Birney Trolley at Kelley Park. The event was made possible by the Make-A-Wish Foundation who brought Henry and his family all the way from Massachusetts to the Bay Area to experience the area's finest trolleys.



TEENS MAKING GOOD CHOICES

Teens at the Alma Youth Center realized how much work goes into managing a city when they participated in a mock City Council meeting lead by Councilwoman Madison Nguyen. The Councilwoman was invited by Community United, a non-profit group in San Jose, to co-host "The Way to Happiness: 21 Tools for Making Good Choices" for teens at various community centers throughout the City.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2009!

Thank you for participating in National Night Out, your efforts made it a success!



Councilmember Nguyen with Seven Trees members



Mayor Reed and Councilmember Nguyen at Cry Out Christian Fellowship



Iola Williams Senior Group



McLaughlin Corridor Neighborhood Association



Senter Rd. Creekside Neighborhood Association



Lanai Cunningham Neighborhood Association



KONA Neighborhood Association



Alma Neighborhood Association



Rocksprings Neighborhood Association

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LANDSCAPE SERVICES UPDATE

In March 2009, the City Council approved two primary strategies that are designed to lessen the negative impacts of successive years of budget reductions to the Street Landscape Maintenance Program.

- 1) Converting existing Type 2 landscapes (generally includes trees, shrubs and living ground cover) to Type 1 designs (generally trees with mulch or gravel) which reduces required maintenance and water consumption;
- 2) Expanding the network of Maintenance Assessment Districts (MADs) and Community Facilities Districts (CFDs) in the City to fund higher level landscape in those areas where the adjacent property owners want this level of service and are willing to pay for it.



Community Involvement

DOT in partnership with DPW will primarily focus their time and energy on establishment of new large districts such as the proposed district on Story Road. However, there are several areas in CD 7 where the landscaping is in good condition but that is not large enough to try to establish a special district. The landscaping at the following locations is in good condition but is scheduled for removal in the third year of the conversion process.

- Phelan Ave. north side west of McLaughlin
- Old Hillsdale at Summer Creek
- Monterey Highway from Keyes to Curtner
- Senter Road eastside Park Johnson to Sylvandale

If you are aware of any interested groups that would be willing to assume maintenance of this area please contact Phyllis Schulz, Maintenance Supervisor in Landscape Services, directly at 975-7165 or visit their website at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/transportation/adopt-a-street.asp> for more information.

SNEAK PREVIEW OF PROJECTS UNDERWAY IN DISTRICT 7



This colorful play area will be part of the newly remodeled Happy Hollow Park and Zoo opening in March 2010.

Here is a first look at the Seven Trees Community Center and Library. We cannot wait for the Center to open in 2010.

