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DISTRICT
MADISON NGUYEN
COUNCILMEMBER
CITY OF SAN JOSÉ

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2008

Dear District 7 Residents,

Happy Holidays! I hope you are having a happy and healthy holiday season. I always think of the holidays as a time of togetherness. Whether it is with family, friends or the community, one of the greatest things about the holiday season is being together. This has been a very exciting year filled with many challenges, as well as many accomplishments. I am sure we all deserve the time off!



In this issue, I want to highlight and recognize accomplishments of the McLaughlin Corridor Neighborhood Association (MCNA), headed by President Phil Foster. This unique group was the first neighborhood association formed in the City of San Jose. It was established in July of 1992, with the objective of promoting community involvement in maintaining and improving the McLaughlin Corridor neighborhood. MCNA provides a voice to communicate concerns of the neighborhood to city officials and staff, local school personnel and the community at large. MCNA also helps develop viable solutions to

neighborhood and community issues.

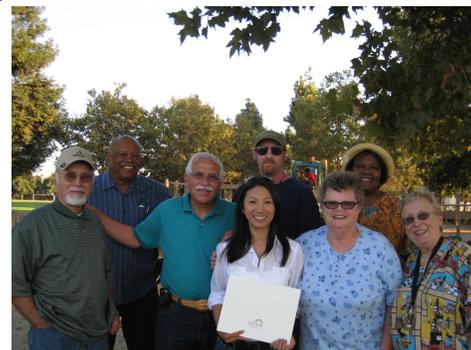
MCNA is known for their annual flea market aimed to raise funds for activities that will enhance the quality of life in the McLaughlin neighborhood. The event brings together people from all over the district. It also provides an avenue for neighbors to show their crafts as well as to shop for bargains.

I would like to extend my appreciation and gratitude to the Board, and members, of the McLaughlin Corridor Neighborhood Association, for reminding and showing us that we all need to be active in order for our neighborhoods to flourish.

Keep up the good work!

Sincerely

Madison



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District 7 News

Youth Job Fair at Oakridge Mall

In time for the holiday hiring season, Councilmembers Madison Nguyen and Nancy Pyle, Work2Future and Westfield's Oakridge Mall held a youth job fair on Saturday, September 19, 2008, from 9am to 2pm. The purpose of the youth job fair was to provide interested youth opportunities to apply for employment with different retailers. There were over 25 retailers present at the job fair and on an hourly average, there were more than 100 youth present at the fair, filling out job applications, attending workshops, preparing resumes and engaging in preliminary interviews with retailers. We will be hosting more job fairs in the near future.



CONGRATULATIONS M.A.T.!!

The McLaughlin Area Tenants' Group is this year's BRICC Awards recipient. They will receive \$1000 in recognition of their determination and hard work for the community and the neighbors in their area. The BRICC awards recognize creative, resourceful and inspirational neighborhood groups in Santa Clara County. Congratulations M.A.T.! We are proud of you.

Seven Trees Community Center and Branch Library Construction Update



During recent construction activity, soil tests found small amounts of Naturally Occurring Asbestos (NOA) on the Seven Trees Community Center and Branch Library building site. NOA is a common occurrence in Silicon Valley and not harmful when handled properly. Because NOA is carried in dust, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District was contacted and an Asbestos Dust Mitigation Plan was developed to ensure the health and safety of the construction workers and nearby neighborhood. As part of this plan, the air around the site will be continuously monitored to ensure safety, trucks will water the soil to prevent dust, and all dirt piles will be covered with tarps to avoid dust raised by the wind. In some instances, you may also see some workers wearing dust protection suits while working but this is normal and should not be cause for alarm. The health and safety of the neighborhood is important to us and the City is taking all measures to ensure a clean environment as we move forward with construction. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Domenic Onorato at 408-535-8350.

District 7 Public Safety Townhall Meeting

In response to the rise in crime rates in District 7, Councilmember Madison Nguyen hosted a Public Safety Townhall meeting on October 22, 2008. Residents had the opportunity to voice their concerns to the San Jose Police Department as well as staff from Code Enforcement and Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services. A majority of the issues raised centered on foreclosed houses that are broken into by children to host parties, as well as the safety of our streets. Becca King, from KTEH also informed D7 residents of the digital transition set to occur in February of 2009.



Gang 101 for Parents

On October 6, 2008, Councilmember Madison Nguyen partnered with the California Youth Outreach, and Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services to host a Parents' Gang Awareness Training for the McLaughlin Area Tenants Group.



This training provides useful information for parents to protect their children from becoming involved in gangs, as well as useful intervention techniques. To schedule a Parents Gang Awareness Training in your neighborhood, please contact Noelle Vergara at (408) 535-4961.

Help Make D7 Greener Sims Metal Recycling Center

Since it began operations in 1988, Sims Metal has always been committed to helping the environment by recycling and helping the community that supports it. If you want to get rid of electronic wastes in your home such as TVs, monitors and computers, as well as glass items, you can drop them off at Sims Metal on 1800 Monterey Highway, San Jose, CA 95112, or call them at (408) 494-4200.

Congratulations New Citizens!

Councilmember Madison Nguyen with USCIS Officer Danilo Ayrans (pictured right) welcomed over 150 new citizens at the Citizenship Ceremony held at a Campbell Theater on October 16th. Madison shared her own family's experience when they came to the U.S. from Vietnam almost 30 years ago when she was only 4 years old. She urged the new citizens to dream big, follow their hearts and to not let the power of their voice go unnoticed. Congratulations to all the new American citizens! Get involved. Be engaged. Live your life as an informed citizen of the world!



WENA hosts Youth Safety Day

The West Evergreen Neighborhood Association (WENA), led by President Robert Sandoval, held a Youth Safety Day on September 6th. The attendance was outstanding, considering it was a fairly hot day. Families came with their children and enjoyed a fun day of activities that included a bounce house, clown, pony ride and even a dunk tank. The San Jose Police Department Mounted Horse Unit was a big hit with the kids. This event encourages youth to stay away from gangs and violence and instead become involved in neighborhood and after school programs.

Vieira Park Enhances Communications Hill



On Saturday October 4th, a reasonably wet afternoon, Councilmember Madison Nguyen, staff from the Parks Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Vieira Family and community members opened Vieira Park at Communications Hill. The Association of Retired Fire Fighters braved the rain to provide residents with a great barbecue. Other activities included face painting and balloon activities. The park was named after the Vieira Family, Portuguese immigrants who have owned and occupied Communications hill for over a hundred years.



Legislative Update

Tesla Motors moves to San Jose

On September 17th, Councilmember Madison Nguyen joined Mayor Chuck Reed, California State Treasurer Bill Lockyer, California Secretary of Labor Victoria Bradshaw and other guests as Tesla Motors announced their plans to relocate its new headquarters to San Jose. The announcement could not have come at a more perfect time, as it aligns with one of San Jose's Green Vision to bring in 25,000 green jobs within a time span of 15 years. When fully operational, the Tesla headquarters will create more than 1000 Clean Tech jobs. The \$250 million plant is set to open its doors in late 2010.



New Strategic Workplan to Combat Gang Violence

The Mayors Gang Prevention Task Force, established in 1991, to fight the rising trend of youth violence launched its new Strategic Workplan on September 23, 2008. Councilmember Madison Nguyen joined Mayor Reed, Police Deputy Chief Katz, District Attorney Dolores Carr, Supervisor Blanca Alvarado, Superintendent Nuñez and community members as they introduced the Action Collaboration Transformation (ACT) Strategic Workplan for 2009-2011. The highlights of this workplan include lowering the target population from 12 years old to 6 years old. It also aims to deliver more services to young women who are involved in the gang lifestyle. To read the new MGPTF Strategic Workplan, please visit: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/mayor/goals/pubsafety/MGPTF/8-22-08/DRAFTswp08-11.pdf>

District 7
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 pm

Tully-Senter SNI NAC
 Santee Community Action Center
 (408) 277-2980
 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm

Lanai-Cunningham Neighborhood Association
 Resources for families and communities
 (408) 277-2982
 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6 pm

Washington Area Comm. Coalition SNI NAC
 (408) 297-9135
 Alma Senior Center
 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm

KONA SNI NAC Meeting
 (408) 277-2982
 Boys and Girls Club
 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 pm

Lucretia Area Neighborhood Assoc.
 (408) 277-2980
 Kennedy Elementary School
 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 pm

McLaughlin Corridor Neighborhood Assoc.
 (408) 365-1300
 Tully Community Library
 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 pm

Senter Creekside Neighborhood Asso.
 St Maria Goretti Church
 3rd Wednesday of the month 7 pm

Rocksprings Neighborhood Assoc.
 (408) 277-2980
 Paseo Center Community Room
 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm

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

Seven Trees Neighborhood Group
 Cryy Out Christian Fellowship
 474 Blossom Hill Rd.
 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm

District 7 Heroes



GLORIA RIVERA

As President of the Lanai-Cunningham Neighborhood Association (LCNA), Gloria has been instrumental in leading her community to combat crime, litter and blight.

She is exceptional because she works tirelessly to engage the community in special events such as Pride Day, Posada, National Night Out, Dumpster Days, and Volunteer Recognition Day.

Gloria has also partnered with Second Harvest Food Bank's Mobile Pantry Program to distribute food to 300 families each month to the residents in her neighborhood.

Thank you for your service and commitment to the community!



November 2008

15 Crime and Gang Prevention Summit
 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 City Hall Rotunda

28 Christmas in the Park
 Tree Lighting
 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.
 Plaza de Cesar Chavez



December 2008—January 2009

6 Heritage Holiday at History Park
 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.
 Kelley Park

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City Hall Holiday Closure					

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