

CITY OF SAN JOSE

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MADISON NGUYEN
COUNCILMEMBER
CITY OF SAN JOSÉ



OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2007 NEWSLETTER

Dear District 7 Residents,

Are you one of the many citizens concerned about secondhand smoke? It's time to do something about it! Smoking has been responsible for thousands of deaths related to heart disease, cancer, stroke, respiratory disease, other diseases that can affect pregnant women and infants, and possibly more.

Currently, our city ordinance prohibits anyone from igniting or smoking, any tobacco product within 25 feet of a playground, park restroom, park trail, or tot-lot sandbox. With the safety and health of our residents in mind, I, along with Vice Mayor Dave Cortese, propose an amendment to prohibit smoking in all public parks in the City of San Jose. The proposal was positively received by the City Council's Rules and Open Government Committee, and will soon come to the full Council.

It's time for San Jose to join Los Angeles, Oakland, and many other cities across California to protect our residents and our environment from the deadly risks associated with smoking.

With support from the people of San Jose, a Smoke-Free City Park Policy will be approved and implemented to ensure healthy communities and neighborhoods. Please join me and Vice Mayor Dave Cortese to ban smoking in parks today, for a clean and purified environment tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Madison

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District 7 Projects

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) 277-2982
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 Assoc.

(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 Assoc.

St Maria Goretti Church
3rd Wednesday of the month 7:00 pm

Rocksprings Neighborhood Assoc.

(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



Proactive Blight Sweeps

Starting April 2008, Code Enforcement inspectors will begin conducting sweeps for blighted conditions in the Seven Trees neighborhood, which is a community priority for the Building Strong Neighborhoods Pilot Project. When conducting the sweeps, inspectors will identify blight conditions in front yards that affect the quality of the neighborhood such as: vehicles parked on unpaved surfaces, inoperable vehicles, and graffiti. In addition, two workshops will be held by Code Enforcement staff to educate residents about common blight conditions and how to come into compliance.

Rent Here Teach Here Pilot Program

The contract agreement providing \$100,000 toward the "Rent Here Teach Here Pilot Program" has been signed by both the San Jose Education Foundation and the City. The program's incentive is to attract new teachers to establish careers and homes in San Jose. With combined funding sources, up to 54 teachers will receive grants of up to \$5,000 for rent and security deposits this coming year. Please go to: <http://www.sjefoundation.org> for more information.

Proposed VACC – Advisory Board Members Needed

The objective of the Vietnamese American Community Center is to provide a broad range of programming such as youth and adult classes, senior services, art and cultural programming and more. The future facility will be operated by a non-profit organization. We are looking for Advisory Board members to assume responsibility for fundraising and to provide ideas and direction on the master plan, design, and implementation of the center. We hope you will nominate individuals who are interested and are committed to take on this responsibility. We are still accepting nominations. For more information, please call (408) 535-4907 or email: district7@sanjoseca.gov. Forms can be found at: www.sanjoseca.gov/district7/forms.asp

Los Lagos Netting Project Updates

Contract agreement was sent to CourseCo and the final set of plans was delivered to the City for review and approval. The agreement and plans are expected to be approved by the City and CourseCo by August 30, construction work is scheduled to begin early September.

Trash Removed in Coyote Creek

Almost two tons of debris were removed from the stretch of Coyote Creek between Remillard Court/Senter Road and Highway 280/Selma Olinder Park. During the clean-up, two large rafts of debris were removed as well as several illegal encampments along the banks.



GRANT OPPORTUNITY

2007 KAB/ Anheuser-Busch Environmental Grants Program

Are you interested in voicing ideas for beautification projects and/or environmental programs? Apply to the 2007 KAB/Anheuser-Busch Environmental Grants program! This year, Anheuser-Busch will distribute grants up to \$10,000 each for projects that will promote recycling, reduce litter, and beautify and improve community environments.

Completed application must be postmarked by October 15, 2007. For questions about your eligibility, email: gmassinello@kab.org. Questions: contact Heather Dennis Link at (203) 323-8987 or email: hlink@kab.org or visit www.kabaffiliates.org.

NEW DISTRICT 7**YOUTH COMMISSIONER**

Welcome Amanda!

Amanda Aldama currently lives in San Jose and is in her second year at Silver Creek High School. While her interest lies in the fields of math and science, Amanda is committed to helping her community. She often volunteers with numerous organizations around her neighborhood as well as committing to clubs within her school. Drawing inspiration from her grandfather, Robert Sandoval (President of the West Evergreen Neighborhood Association since 2004), Amanda has been involved with District 7 for the past 3 years. Amanda has enthusiastically participated in numerous community events like National Night out, Youth Day, and the Year-end Christmas Celebration.

When not doing community work, Amanda takes time to do the things she enjoys such as writing poetry, writing short stories and listening to music. Amanda also likes to rock climb, a sport she learned not too long ago in a Physical Education class.

We look forward to working with Amanda in the future.

Legislative and City Update

Operation Safe Passage

The Police Department successfully conducted the first Operation Safe Passage for the school year last month. For this weeklong campaign, over 300 officers conducted traffic enforcement near 211 schools throughout the city. They were able to issue 1,007 citations, 303 warnings impound 18 vehicles, and arrest 11 drivers. In addition to this campaign, 5 radar display trailers were set at 25 schools to remind motorists of the 25 MPH speed limit in school zones. Another campaign will begin January 2008.



Energy Awareness

In honor of National Energy Awareness Month, the City will raise awareness of energy efficiency and global climate change with the help of PG&E. To make a positive change in our environment, each resident should change at least one incandescent light bulb to a compact fluorescent bulb within this month. Anyone who wants to receive a free compact fluorescent to help save the environment must take the Energy Star Change a Light Pledge. The City's energy efficiency educational program, Silicon Valley Energy Watch, will

coordinate the giveaways at the following events in October:

October 6: Multicultural Harvest Festival: Emma Prusch Park

October 6: Day in the Park Multicultural Festival: Lake Cunningham Park

October 14: Pumpkin in the Park: Tech Museum Green by Design Exhibit

Dispose those incandescent light bulbs and get a free compact fluorescent today!

SJPD Citing System

The San Jose Police Department has decided to use 3i Infotech TicketWorks Solution, a mobile computing device to report crimes and violations such as accident reports, DUIs, and Tow Reports. TicketWorks Solution eliminates the time it takes to copy tickets as well as mailing and entering the tickets at the court. This also decreases the number of errors and avoids the need to enter data into two systems. TicketWorks will allow individual officers to track their issued tickets as well as allow supervisors to better manage citywide allocations of resources. With this new technology, San Jose Police Chief Robert L. Davis believes that "The San Jose Police Department can now spend more time on Vehicle Code Enforcement, as opposed to citation entry and correction."



A New Way of Tracking

Residents can now check status reports of crimes directly from their computer. The new software also allows residents to enter in addresses to see reported crimes in their neighborhoods as well as receive email "alerts" when crimes are reported. To use this database and software, residents can either go directly to www.crimereports.com or follow a link from www.sjpd.org

Hiring underway for Nine Code Enforcement Inspectors

The City of San Jose is recruiting nine new code enforcement inspectors who are expected to join the city by late October .

Announcements

End of San Jose Grand Prix

The San Jose Open Wheel LLC has recently decided to discontinue the San Jose Grand Prix. Due to an overwhelmingly large number of construction projects taking place now or beginning within the year, San Jose's Downtown Core poses a major challenge to setting up the urban race. The City of San Jose is very proud of staff's past efforts to host this world-class event.

Women Running the Country



Women Running the Country is a FREE 8-week program designed to encourage Bay Area women to actively prioritize fitness goals as well as participate in the Silicon Valley 5K on November 4th. With local elite athletes and coaches providing encouragement and training, participants will be more than ready for the big race. By registering online at www.bawsi.org, participants will receive online coaching, tips, updates, discounts to the Sports Basement and receive the entrance fee to the Silicon Valley 5k. Come join and support Councilmember Madison Nguyen at the Silicon Valley 5K on **November 4th at 7:30 AM** in downtown San Jose on Almaden Blvd. near Park Ave.

Mobile Home Advisory Commission: Notice of Vacancy

The City of San Jose is currently accepting applications for an appointment to the Mobile Home Advisory Commission. The function of this five member Commission is to make recommendations regarding rules, regulations, and amendments and/or changes which may be deemed necessary to ensure the successful operations and administration of the Mobile Home Rent Ordinance. There is one upcoming vacancy on the commission. To obtain an application, please visit <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/>. For further information regarding the Board, please call staff members at (408) 535-8239.

Bay Area Legal Aid

Bay Area Legal Aid provides free legal services to low-income people in the Bay Area. The organization assists people in areas of housing, public benefits, access to healthcare, and domestic violence. Recently, BayLegal launched the Legal Advice Line (LAL), the Bay Area's first and only centralized legal services telephone system. People from throughout the Santa Clara County region can now call the LAL at (408) 850-7066 and can receive immediate assistance and advice in four different languages: English, Chinese, Spanish and Vietnamese. If the legal problem requires an attorney's attention, the LAL can also schedule an appointment at one of BayLegal's regional offices.

Events/Meetings

Town Hall Meeting

Councilmember Nguyen and representatives from the city's Redevelopment Agency will be present to listen to concerns and answer questions during a community meeting intended to discuss parks and community centers.

Wednesday, October 3, 2007 from 6:30- 8:00PM, Tully Community Library

San Jose Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon

The upcoming half-marathon will be held on October 14, 2007 in San Jose with the starting line at Santa Clara St. and Almaden Blvd. and the finish line at the Plaza de Cesar Chavez. Course support will be available throughout the race. This is a 4-hour limit race. Walkers welcome! Register online at www.mrsj.com/reginfo/register.html.

Sunday, October 14, 2007 at 8:00AM, Almaden Blvd & Santa Clara St., San Jose

Partner for Preparedness

Join Mayor Reed and the American Red Cross Santa Clara Valley Chapter to learn how to protect your family and community, as well as respond to and prepare for a disaster, in the Second Annual Partners for Preparedness. Don't miss this FREE event open to all!

Sunday, October 21, 2007 from 11:00AM - 4:00PM, History San Jose at Kelly Park

Women's Health Forum

Senator Elaine Alquist would like to invite you to join Women's Health Forum on October 27th, 2007. The forum will feature guest speakers, resource booths, free health screenings and flu shots! For more information, contact Senator Elaine Alquist (408) 286-8318 or visit www.sen.ca.gov/alquist.

Saturday, October 27, 2007 from 9:00AM- 12:30PM, National Hispanic University

Planting Day

The Daffodil and Native Bulb Planting Program invites schools, neighborhoods, and other communities to participate in this year's planting day on November 3, 2007. For more info, contact (408) 723-4114 or visit www.sjbeautiful.org. Come join us to prepare for Spring!

Bulb Distribution: Oct. 13 & 20 from 10:00AM-2:00PM at Kirk Community Center, 1601 Foxworthy Ave., San Jose 95118

Planting Day: Saturday, November 3, 2007



Greenprint Meeting

The City of San Jose is seeking input from its residents to help update the Greenprint for 2008 regarding parks, recreational programs and facilities.

District 7 Meeting #1: Santee Neighborhood Action Center, October 25 at 6:30 PM

District 7 Meeting #2: Santee Neighborhood Action Center, November 29 at 6:30 PM