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Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Debra Figone

SUBJECT: City Manager's Weekly Report

DATE: August 27, 2010

INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted for this week:

Downtown Julian Street Opens to Two-Way Traffic—On August 25, the conversion of Julian Street from one-way to two-way traffic was completed with great ease. The transition was accomplished after many months of diligent work and collaboration between partnering departments, multiple contractors and patient residents. The conversion to two-way vehicle traffic took place in one day and involved striping and signage work between 4th and 21st Streets concurrent with the activation of six traffic signals. Thanks to the efforts of City staff who worked alongside the contractor, Joseph J. Albanese Construction, the conversion was quick, smooth and without incident. Initial feedback from residents and businesses along the corridor is overwhelmingly positive. Work has already begun on the final phase of the Julian/St James Couplet Conversion. The Phase 2 improvements on St. James Street between 4th and 19th and 4th Street from Julian to St. James are scheduled for completion in late October 2011. For more information, contact Timm Borden, Deputy Director, Public Works, at 535-8300.

Yard Trimmings and Organics Pilot Areas Get Added Service During Fall Months—During the months of November 2010 – January 2011, residents in the *Food for the Earth* yard trimmings and organics collection pilot areas will receive loose-in-the-street collection twice a month in addition to their weekly cart collection. This added level of service will accommodate excess fall leaves that may not fit in their yard trimmings cart. On September 10, pilot participants will receive new collection calendars indicating regular and holiday collection, street sweeping, and loose-in-the-street collection days. The pilot is now halfway through the test period. A second survey is being sent to pilot area residents to gauge satisfaction with the service. For more information, contact Walter Lin, Environmental Services Specialist, at 975-2513.

Police Chief Recruitment Community Outreach Meeting Summaries Online – This week, the first two in a series of five Police Chief Recruitment community outreach meetings were held. The first was held on August 24 at the Roosevelt Community Center and the second on August 25 at the Tully Community Branch Library. The meetings had approximately 30 participants attend and participate at each session. Attendees provided input regarding the ideal qualities the City Council should consider in evaluating candidates for the position. The input obtained from the community will be incorporated in the selection process, developing the position profile for questions on the candidates application, inform the interview questions/areas to explore with the candidates and provide the next Chief with an understanding of the areas s/he to be aware of (or address) upon entering the position. The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 30 at San José City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara Street, in Community Rooms 118, 119, & 120. This session will be filmed for rebroadcasting on the City's cable channel and will be posted on-line. A schedule

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for the cable rebroadcast will be published when determined. The on-line version will be available the next day. Additional meeting dates and locations are listed on page 3. You may review the summaries from each meeting on the City of San José web page www.sanjoseca.gov and click on meeting notes next to each meeting date held. For more information, contact Deanna Santana, Deputy City Manager, at 535-8280.

Application Submittal for the HUD Community Challenge Planning Grant (CCPG)—On August 23, the City of San Jose, in partnership with the San Jose Redevelopment Agency, submitted an application for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Challenge Planning Grant (CCPG) in the amount of \$2,994,000. The CCPG supports six Livability Principles that promote sustainable development, foster integrated land-use planning, connect jobs and housing to transit, create equitably built environments, and support and value communities. These goals further many of the City's top priorities, such as those in San Jose's Envision 2040 General Plan Update, the Green Vision, the Housing Element, and the Economic Development Strategy. HUD will determine grant awardees in the next few months on an as-yet unspecified date. If the grant request is funded, City and Redevelopment Agency staff will develop master plans, zoning districts, and implementation strategies for the development of four Urban Corridors along the planned and existing major transit facilities radiating out from Downtown San Jose. These plans will facilitate the development of complete, vibrant, walkable/bikeable, mixed-use, healthy and transit-oriented communities with affordable green housing that conserves resources, promotes sustainability and protects the environment. Several additional grants are being pursued in addition to this funding opportunity. For more information, contact Leslye Krutko, Director, at 535-3851.

Casa Feliz wins the Affordable Housing Finance Magazine's 2010 Readers Choice Award—Casa Feliz Studios – composed of 60 affordable rental apartments developed by First Community Housing – has been chosen as the winner in the Green category in Affordable Housing Finance magazine's 2010 Readers' Choice Awards for the Nation's Best Affordable Housing Developments. The formal public presentation for the Readers' Choice Award will take place on November 5 at the Fairmont Millennium Park in Chicago, Illinois. Casa Feliz has also received the award for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) New Construction (NC) Gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. For more information, contact Jacky Morales-Ferrand, Assistant Director, Housing, at 535-3855.

First-of-its-Kind Organizational Solar "Group Buy" Program Established—Members of the San José Credit Union, who are also City employees and retirees, can now go solar more efficiently and cost effectively thanks to an innovative group buy program that is the first of its kind in the U.S. The San José Employee Solar Group Buy program is the result of a partnership between the San José Credit Union and San José's Solar America City Program to provide technical and strategic expertise to group members while also helping them reap the benefits of volume purchasing and low interest loans. The San José Employee Solar Group Buy program aims to install solar electric and solar thermal systems on more than 130 homes, adding over 300 kilowatts of new solar electric capacity throughout the Bay Area. For more information, contact Sara Holtz, San José Credit Union, at 995-3168 and Jessie Denver, San José Employee Solar Group Buy program, at 975-2588.

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Free Water Efficient Landscape Education Classes—The City of San José along with the Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) and their member agencies are working together to offer free water efficient landscape education classes this fall. The classes will introduce residents to various concepts of sustainable and water-efficient landscaping. Not only does conservation preserve a precious resource, it also helps in lowering water bills. The landscape education classes are available through October. The classes are free, but registration is required. The next class will be held in San José at the Dr. Roberto Cruz Alum Rock Branch Library on Wednesday, September 15, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information and to register, contact BAWSCA at (650) 349-3000 or email landscape@bawasca.org. For a full schedule of classes through October, visit http://bawasca.org/docs/10_Fall_LandscapeEducationProgram_Flyer_FINAL.pdf.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Music in the Park Celebrates 22 years—Thursdays, June 3 through August 26, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. in Plaza de Cesar Chavez Park. For more information, contact Rick Jensen at 279-1775 or www.sjdownatown.com.

Italian-American Family Festa—Friday, August 27 through Sunday, August 29, Guadalupe River Park Arena Green-East. Schedule on Friday, August 27 is from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Saturday, August 28 from 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Sunday, August 29 from 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. For more information, contact Joe Rizzi at 206—8655 or italianfamilyfesta@yahoo.com.

Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) —Monday, August 30, at 2196 Huran Drive, from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. A press conference on the NSP is being held at one of the homes that have been foreclosed, newly renovated and re-sold.

Police Chief Recruitment Community Outreach Meetings—The City of San José is recruiting for a new Police Chief and is interested in receiving community input regarding the ideal qualities of a Police Chief. Community in-put meetings have been scheduled at the following locations. For more information, contact Deanna Santana, Deputy City Manager, at 535-8280.

- Monday, August 30, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., San José City Hall, Community Rooms, 118, 119 & 120, 200 E. Santa Clara Street, San José, CA 95113.
- Wednesday, September 1, 6:00 - 8:00p.m., West Valley Library, Community Room, 1243 San Tomas Aquino Road, San Jose, CA 95117.
- Thursday, September 2, 6:00-8:00p.m., Eastside Union High School District Office, Board Room, 830 North Capitol Avenue, San Jose, CA 95133.

4th Annual District 6 Safety Fair & Outdoor Movie—Friday, September 10, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Municipal Rose Garden. For more information contact Denelle Fedor, 535-4952 or denelle.fedor@sanjoseca.gov.

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Fiestas Patrias Parade & Festival—Sunday, September 12, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Guadalupe River Park, Discovery Meadow & Plaza de Cesar Chavez (parade viewing.) For more information contact Letetia Rodriguez 288-9470 or letetiar@sjig.org

District 2 Community Fest—Saturday, September 18, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., George Page Park. For more information contact Elizabeth Cord at 365-8270 or cord@pacbell.net

Bark in the Park—Saturday, September 18, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., William Street Park. For more information, contact Chris Esparza at (415) 359-6186 or chris@giantcreative.com.

Children Moon Festival—Saturday, September 18, 12:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., Plaza de Cesar Chavez. For more information contact Van Le at 259-8826 or van.le.j144@statefarm.com

34th Annual Almaden Art & Wine Festival—Sunday, September 19, 10:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m., Almaden Lake Park. For more information contact Maureen Harrington at 264-2400 at maureen@harringtoninsurance.com

Attachment



Debra Figone
City Manager

THE CITY IS SEEKING COMMUNITY INPUT ON POLICE CHIEF RECRUITMENT



Meeting Purpose: The City of San Jose is recruiting for a new Police Chief and is interested in receiving community input on the ideal qualities of a Police Chief. The information collected will help inform the process and evaluation of candidates. Several community meetings are scheduled to hear and collect input from residents. Residents who are unable to attend a community meeting, but would like to submit written comment, may do so by sending an email to info@tbcrecruiting.com.

Background: The Police Chief oversees the operations of approximately 1,700 employees (1273 sworn officers) for the current fiscal year. The Table below provides information on Police Department activity in 2009.

Category	2009
City of San Jose Population	964,695*
Calls for Service	
▪ 9-1-1 or other emergency calls.....	405,848
▪ Non-Emergency Calls.....	343,868
Cases Investigated	38,006
Total Arrests	25,968
Ratio of Officers per 1,000 Residents	1.36
Internal Affairs Unit Activity	
▪ Citizen Complaints.....	213
▪ Department-Initiated Investigations.....	71
▪ Non-Misconduct Concerns.....	109
Police Department FY 09/10 Adopted Budget	\$299,397,775

*Estimated population as of July 1, 2009, Source: U.S. Census Bureau

The City has contracted with Ms. Teri Black-Brann, of Teri Black & Company, a public sector executive recruitment firm, to conduct the recruitment search. Ms. Black-Brann has provided service to the executive search industry since 1999. Ms. Black-Brann most recently conducted the recruitment process for the City's Fire Chief position and has completed 20 public safety searches, 10 of which were Police Chief searches, including numerous recruitments on the west coast.

ADA Access: To arrange accommodations under the Americans Disabilities Act to participate in this public meeting, please call Alexandra Orogas at (408) 535-8100 or (408) 294-9337 (TTY) at least three (3) business days before the meeting.

Calendar of Upcoming Community Meetings

All meetings are from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. (except for the August 25th meeting). Spanish and Vietnamese interpreters will be available at the meetings.

Tuesday, August 24, 2010
Roosevelt Community Center
Community Room
901 East Santa Clara Street

PLEASE NOTE NEW LOCATION & TIME:
Wednesday, August 25, 2010
Tully Library
Community Room
880 Tully Road
7:00-9:00pm

Monday, August 30, 2010
San Jose City Hall
Committee Rooms 118, 119, 120
200 East Santa Clara Street

Wednesday, September 1, 2010
West Valley Library, Community Room
1243 San Tomas Aquino Road

Thursday, September 2, 2010
Eastside Union High School District Offices
Board Room
830 North Capitol Avenue

For more information, visit www.sanjoseca.gov or email info@tbcrecruiting.com



LA MUNICIPALIDAD DESEA EL APOORTE DE LA COMUNIDAD PARA LA CONTRATACIÓN DE UN JEFE DE POLICÍA



Propósito de la reunión: La Municipalidad de San José desea contratar a un nuevo Jefe de Policía y quiere recibir aporte de la comunidad sobre las cualidades ideales de un Jefe de Policía. La información recabada ayudará a reportar el proceso y la evaluación de los candidatos. Se han programado varias reuniones comunitarias para escuchar y recabar el aporte de los residentes. Los residentes que no puedan concurrir a una reunión comunitaria, pero que deseen presentar comentarios escritos, pueden hacerlo enviando un correo electrónico a info@tbcrecruiting.com.

Antecedentes: El Jefe de Policía supervisa las operaciones de aproximadamente 1,700 empleados (1273 oficiales juramentados) para el año fiscal en curso. La Tabla abajo ofrece información sobre la actividad del Departamento de Policía en 2009.

Categoría	2009
Población de la Municipalidad de San José	964,695*
Llamadas para servicio	
▪ 9-1-1 u otras llamadas de emergencia.....	405,848
▪ Llamadas que no son de emergencia.....	343,868
Casos investigados	38,006
Total de arrestos	25,968
Proporción de oficiales por cada 1,000 residentes	1.36
Actividad de la unidad de asuntos internos	
▪ Denuncias de ciudadanos.....	213
▪ Investigaciones iniciadas por el departamento.....	71
▪ Asuntos no relativos a mala conducta.....	109
Presupuesto adoptado para el AF 09/10 por el Departamento de Policía	\$299,397,775

*Población estimada para el 1 de julio de 2009, Fuente: Oficina del Censo de los EE.UU.

La Municipalidad ha contratado a la Sra. Teri Black-Brann, de Teri Black & Company, una empresa de reclutamiento de ejecutivos del sector público, para llevar a cabo la búsqueda de contrataciones. La Sra. Black-Brann ha prestado servicios a la industria de búsqueda de ejecutivos desde 1999. La Sra. Black-Brann llevó a cabo recientemente el proceso de contratación del cargo de Jefe de Bomberos de la Municipalidad y ha realizado 20 búsquedas de seguridad pública, de las cuales 10 fueron búsquedas de Jefe de Policía, incluyendo numerosas contrataciones en la costa oeste.

Acceso ADA: Para concertar las facilidades según la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidad para participar en esta reunión pública, favor llamar a Alexandra Orologas al (408) 535-8100 o al (408) 294-9337 (TTY) con al menos tres días hábiles de anticipación a la reunión.

Calendario de futuras reuniones comunitarias

Todas las reuniones son de 6:00 a 8:00 p.m. (excepto la reunión del 25 de Agosto)
Habrá intérpretes disponibles en vietnamita y español en las reuniones.

Martes 24 de Agosto de 2010
Centro Comunitario Roosevelt
Sala Comunitaria
901 East Santa Clara Street

POR FAVOR TENGAN EN CUENTA: NUEVO LUGAR Y NUEVA HORA:

Miércoles 25 de Agosto de 2010
Biblioteca Tully
Sala Comunitaria
880 Tully Road
7:00-9:00 pm

Lunes 30 de Agosto de 2010
Ayuntamiento de San José
Salas Comunitaria, 118, 119, 120
200 East Santa Clara Street

Miércoles 1 de Septiembre de 2010
Biblioteca West Valley
Sala comunitaria
1243 San Tomas Aquino Road

Jueves 2 de Septiembre de 2010
Oficinas Del Distrito Eastside Union High School
Salón de Juntas (Board Room)
830 North Capitol Avenue

Para más información consulte www.sanjoseca.gov o envíe un correo electrónico a info@tbcrecruiting.com



THÀNH PHỐ ĐANG THU THẬP Ý KIẾN CỦA CỘNG ĐỒNG VỀ VIỆC TUYỂN CHỌN CẢNH SÁT TRƯỞNG



Mục đích Buổi họp: Thành phố San Jose đang tuyển chọn một vị tân Cảnh sát Trưởng và mong nhận được những ý kiến của cộng đồng về phẩm chất của một Cảnh sát Trưởng. Những thông tin thu thập được sẽ giúp lập thành quy trình và công tác khảo hạch các ứng viên. Một số buổi họp cộng đồng đã được xếp lịch để lắng nghe và thu nhận những ý kiến từ dân chúng. Cư dân nào không thể tham dự được buổi họp, nhưng muốn gửi ý kiến bằng văn thư thì có thể gửi qua đường thư điện tử tại info@tbcrecruiting.com.

Thông tin Cơ bản: Vị Cảnh sát Trưởng quản lý hoạt động khoảng 1,700 nhân viên (1273 nhân viên hữu thụ) trong năm tài chính hiện tại. Bảng biểu dưới đây cung cấp những thông tin về hoạt động của Sở Cảnh sát trong năm 2009.

Phân loại	2009
Dân số Thành phố San Jose	964,695*
Số cuộc gọi để Phục vụ	
▪ 9-1-1 hoặc các cuộc gọi khẩn cấp	405,848
▪ Các cuộc gọi Không Khẩn cấp	343,868
Các vụ án được điều tra	38,006
Tổng số vụ bắt giữ	25,968
Tỷ lệ Nhân viên trên 1,000 dân	1.36
Hoạt động của Phòng Nội Vụ	
▪ Khiếu nại của Dân chúng	213
▪ Các vụ Điều tra do Sở Khởi xướng.....	71
▪ Những Quan ngại khác không liên quan đến vấn đề Đạo đức	109
Ngân quỹ Tiếp nhận trong năm Năm Tài chính 09/10 của Sở Cảnh sát	\$299,397,775

*Dân số được ước tính vào ngày 01 tháng 7 năm 2009. Nguồn: Phòng Thống kê Dân số Hoa Kỳ

Thành phố đã hợp đồng với Bà Teri Black-Brann thuộc Teri Black & Công ty, một công ty chuyên tuyển dụng trong lĩnh vực điều hành công, để thực hiện việc tìm kiếm tuyển dụng. Bà Black-Brann đã cung cấp dịch vụ trong ngành tuyển dụng người điều hành từ năm 1999. Gần đây nhất Bà Black-Brann đã thực hiện quy trình tuyển dụng vị trí Trưởng Ty Cứu hỏa của Thành phố và đã hoàn thành 20 công tác tuyển dụng vị trí an toàn công cộng, trong đó có 10 công tác tuyển dụng Cảnh sát Trưởng, bao gồm một số công tác tuyển dụng ở miền Tây.

Quyền tiếp cận theo quy định của ADA: Để thu xếp các điều kiện theo Bộ luật Người Mỹ Khuyết tật để tham dự cuộc họp công chúng này, xin gọi Alexandra Orogas ở số (408) 535-8100 hoặc (408) 294-9337 (Người Khiếm thính) ít nhất ba (3) ngày làm việc trước buổi họp.

Lịch Các Buổi họp Công chúng Sắp diễn ra

Tất cả các buổi họp đều diễn ra từ 6:00 đến 8:00 tối. (trừ buổi họp diễn ra ngày 25 tháng Tám). Phiên dịch viên tiếng Tây Ban Nha và Tiếng Việt đều được bố trí tại tất cả các buổi họp.

Thứ Ba, ngày 24 tháng 8, 2010

Trung tâm Cộng đồng Roosevelt
Roosevelt Community Center
Phòng Cộng đồng/ Community Room
901 East Santa Clara Street

XIN LƯU Ý: THỜI GIAN & ĐỊA ĐIỂM MỚI:

Thứ Tư, ngày 25 tháng 8, 2010

Thư Viện Tully /Tully Library
Phòng Cộng đồng/Community Room
880 Tully Road
7:00-9:00pm

Thứ Hai, ngày 30 tháng 8, 2010

Tòa Thị chính San Jose/ San Jose City Hall
Phòng Ủy ban /Committee Rooms 118,119,120
200 East Santa Clara Street

Thứ Tư, ngày 1 tháng 9, 2010

Thư viện West Valley/ West Valley Library
Phòng Cộng đồng/ Community Room
1243 San Tomas Aquino Road

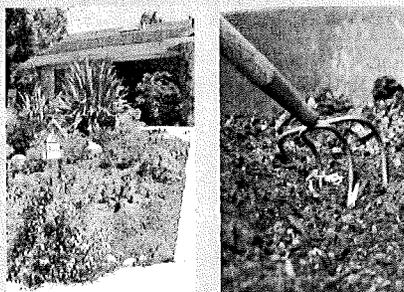
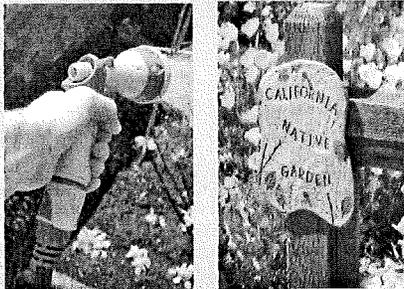
Thứ Năm, ngày 2 tháng 9, 2010

Phòng Giáo dục Liên minh Trung học Eastside
Eastside Union High School District Offices
Phòng Hội đồng/ Board Room
830 North Capitol Avenue

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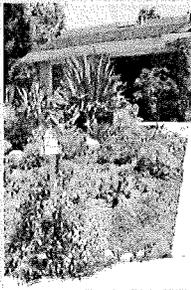
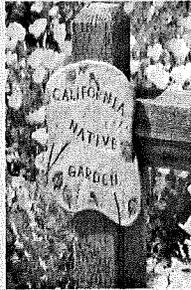
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FREE Landscape Education Classes

Fall 2010 Class Schedule and Description

Aug. 5 th 6-9pm	Composting for Healthy Soil & Water Efficiency – Instructor, Alane Weber: Compost increases soil health and water holding capacity while decreasing erosion. Learn the process for backyard composting using kitchen & garden waste.	Mountain View
Aug. 7 th 10am-1pm	Replace your Thirsty Lawn with Ca. Natives – Instructor, Deva Luna: Learn the benefits of using California native plants as alternatives to your lawn. Create a natural habitat that is beautiful and conveys a sense of place.	Sunnyvale
Aug. 7 th 9am-12n	No Fuss Landscape Beautification – Instructor, Melinda Rose: Learn how sustainable garden practices can save you money and resources! Create or enhance your garden with beautiful, low maintenance plants.	Daly City
Aug. 21 st 10am-12n	Water-Efficient Drip Irrigation – Instructor, Lori Palmquist: Learn about basic drip irrigation design and installation, choosing the right components, watering techniques, and system maintenance for your landscaping.	Fremont
Aug. 21 st 9am-12n	Lawn Removal, Alternatives and Management – Instructor, Frank Niccoli: Find out how replacing lawns appropriately can provide beautiful landscapes and reduce maintenance costs.	San Bruno
Aug. 21 st 10am-1pm	Creating the Illusion of a Lush Garden – Instructor, Leigh Gronet: Learn design techniques for creating a lush look with California natives, grasses, and drought-tolerant plants.	Sunnyvale
Aug. 25 th 7-9pm	Water Conserving Techniques in the Garden – Instructor, Stephanie Morris: Learn about the garden's natural cycles for sustainability, the use of California native plants, water conserving strategies, and innovative materials.	San Jose
Aug. 28 th 9am-12n	Alternatives to Lawns – Instructor, Patricia Evans: Transform your traditional lawn into a beautiful water-efficient landscape! Discover how California native grasses, flowering shrubs, and perennials save water and convey a sense of place with their natural beauty.	Menlo Park
Sept. 4 th 9am-12n	Lawn Removal, Alternatives, and Management – Instructor, Frank Niccoli: Find out how replacing lawns appropriately can provide beautiful landscapes and reduce maintenance costs.	Mountain View
Sept. 11 th 9am-12n	Using California Natives as an Alternative to your Lawn – Instructor, Peigi Duvall: Find out how to select the California Natives that will thrive and create beauty in your garden.	San Bruno
Sept. 15 th 7-9pm	Landscaping with California Native Plants – Instructor, Sherri Osaka: Discover the beauty of California native plants to create a low-maintenance and water-efficient garden. Take control of your water use to reduce your water bill!	San Jose
Sept. 18 th 10am-1pm	Slow the Flow – Instructor, Sherri Osaka: Find out how to control your water use to reduce your water bill by installing drought-tolerant plants and low-cost rainwater harvesting and greywater systems.	Sunnyvale

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FREE Landscape Education classes

Fall 2010 Class Schedule and Descriptions, cont'd.

Sept. 18 th 1pm-4pm	Replace your Thirsty Lawn with Ca. Natives – Instructor, Deva Luna: Learn the benefits of using California native plants as alternatives to your lawn. Create a natural habitat that is beautiful and conveys a sense of place.	Milpitas
Sept. 23 rd 6-9pm	Water-Efficient Irrigation Techniques for the Garden – Instructor, Lori Palmquist: Learn water-conserving irrigation strategies and how to evaluate your irrigation system for upgrades to make your garden thrive!	Portola Valley
Sept. 25 th 9am-12n	Use of California Natives in the Landscape– Instructor, Peigi Duvall: Find out how to select water-wise plants to create beauty that sustains you and your garden.	Belmont
Sept. 25 th 9am-12n	California Native Plants for the Bay Area Garden – Instructor, Chris Todd: Discover California's vast array of native plant species suitable for the home garden. Learn about soil preparation for healthy plant growth and sustainability.	Hayward
Sept. 25 th 9am-12n	Holistic Landscape Planning and Management – Instructor, Frank Niccoli: Learn about plant selection and care, soil preparation, integrated pest management, and efficient irrigation techniques.	Menlo Park
Sept. 25 th 10am-1pm	Replace your Thirsty Lawn with California Natives – Instructor, Deva Luna: Learn the benefits of using California native plants as alternatives to your lawn. Create a natural habitat that is beautiful and conveys a sense of place.	Sunnyvale
Sept. 30 th 6-9pm	Landscaping with California Natives – Instructor, Deva Luna: This class will provide design tips on the use of California native plants that thrive in your area.	Mountain View
Oct. 9 th 10am-1pm	Water-Efficient Irrigation Techniques for the Garden – Instructor, Lori Palmquist: Learn water-conserving irrigation strategies and how to evaluate your irrigation system for upgrades to make your garden thrive!	Sunnyvale
Oct. 16 th 9am-12n	Water-Efficient Irrigation Techniques for the Garden – Instructor, Lori Palmquist: Learn water-conserving irrigation strategies and how to evaluate your irrigation system for upgrades to make your garden thrive!	Mountain View
Oct. 16 th 10am-1pm	Slow the Flow – Instructor, Sherri Osaka: Find out how to control your water use to reduce your water bill by installing drought-tolerant plants, and low-cost rainwater harvesting and greywater systems.	Sunnyvale
Oct. 23 rd 9am-12n	Holistic Landscape Planning and Management – Instructor, Frank Niccoli: Learn about plant selection and care, soil preparation, integrated pest management, and efficient irrigation techniques.	Palo Alto
Oct. 21 st 7-9pm	Water-Wise Landscape Design – Instructor, Alrie Middlebrook: Learn how to design a sustainable, low-maintenance, and water-conserving garden, and how to select and incorporate the native plants that are right for your yard.	Millbrae
Oct. 30 th 10am-1pm	Creating the Illusion of a Lush Garden – Instructor, Leigh Gronet: Learn design techniques for creating a lush look with California natives, grasses, and drought-tolerant plants.	Sunnyvale