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PH_FirstName,

I hope you had a wonderful February and are enjoying the recent sunny skies. For the District 10 office, February has proven to be one of the busiest months yet - busy and productive.

We began the month with Mayor Chuck Reed presenting his goals for San Jose in his 2013 State of the City Address. Our Mayor did a fine job of laying the framework for addressing the City's public safety challenges, building our economy, and continuing to make progress on the City's budget issues. I am excited to do my part in promoting public safety, helping San Jose "work at the speed of business", and securing a sustainable fiscal path for our City. At my first State of the City Address as a Councilmember, I was also honored to present a commendation to the Martin Fontana Parks Association for their dedication to community service in beautifying the Fontana and TJ Martin Parks.

In February, we also introduced my first two Community Office Hours events at the Almaden Community Center and Lime Tree Espresso. I was very pleased with the turnout and I am sure this will continue to be a great opportunity to open the doors of communication and facilitate effective and efficient service between the District 10 office and the community. If you would like to learn more about Community Office Hours, check out the article below.

Over the past month, the District 10 staff has been working together to make our website a useful resource for every member of our district. We want to make sure that we are providing

New Business**Litter Pick Up Event****Youth Commission**Upcoming Events**Community Office Hours**

Wednesday, March 6th

8:30am

Almaden Community Center

6554 Camden Avenue

San Jose, 95120

**Westfield Oakridge
Winter Walk & Senior
Resource Fair**

Friday, March 8th

8:30am

Oakridge Mall - Macy's

Courtyard

**Almaden Lake Public
Information Meeting**

Wednesday, March 13th

6:30pm

5700 Almaden Expressway

San Jose, 95118

Family Movie Night

Friday, March 15th

6:00pm

Almaden Community Center

6554 Camden Ave

San Jose, 95120

Community Office Hours

Wednesday, March 20th

5:30pm

Lime Tree Espresso

171 Branham Lane

San Jose, 95123

Community Safety Fair

Saturday, April 7th

4:00pm

Gunderson High School

622 Gaunderbert Lane

San Jose, 95136

**Great American Litter
Pick Up**

Saturday, March 20th

9:00am

Guadalupe Oak Grove Park

helpful information in response to the concerns and priorities of the community. That is why I am very happy to report that we have unveiled the newest additions to the website: our Business Page, and the Housing and Homeless Services Page. These pages are a work in progress and we will continue to add useful resources, so keep checking back to see what's new!

Speaking of new, I am excited to introduce you to the newest and final member of the District 10 Staff. Sara Wright joins us from the Mayor's Office where she worked as the Agenda Services Manager. Sara grew up in Northern California and attended Cal Poly – San Luis Obispo, where she obtained her bachelor's degree in print journalism, and San José State University, where she earned her master's degree in public administration. She worked with youth throughout San José as an AmeriCorps member before coming to City Hall in 2009 to serve the community as a Council Assistant. Sara serves as the President of her Kiwanis Club and enjoys participating in community service, as well as running, thrift-store shopping, and exploring new places.

For more information about each of the District 10 staff members, [click here...](#)

I also had the great opportunity to help rededicate the Almaden Winery Park this past weekend. Half of the park had been under construction and closed to the public, and while the reopening of the park will not happen until the end of March, due to weather-related delays, I was so happy to get the chance to thank the residents of the Almaden Winery Neighborhood for all of their hard work in making the park beautiful. I was also very pleased to have participated in a rose pruning party in preparation for the event. You can see photos from the rose pruning on the left column, and photos from the rededication are coming soon.

Other than public safety, there were three things that seemed to be on the minds of the many residents who contacted our office in February. First, street lights. Well, I am happy to say, if you haven't noticed already, that all of the street lights on Camden will be turned on during the evening hours. The City Council also approved the replacing of old street lights with new cost and energy saving LEDs. To see some of the lights that have already been upgraded, take a look at the street lights on Santa Teresa near Oakridge Mall.

Second, the South San Jose Police Substation. I have been working hard, along with members of City Staff, to make this a reality. We have been analyzing the numbers and meeting with members of the budget office and I believe each day we are coming closer to reaching our goal. With public safety being my

Gunderson High School
Pioneer High School

top priority and that of a majority of the residents of San Jose, you can be sure I am working hard to see this come to fruition.

For more information regarding upcoming events contact our office at 408-535-4910

Photo Gallery



Community Honorees



State of the City Invocation



Tree Planting with Our City Forest



Working hard planting trees

And third, Almaden Lake Park. We have received numerous calls regarding the proposed changes to Almaden Lake. We know this is a great concern to the community and we want to be sure you are not only well informed, but also have the chance to voice your opinion. That is why my office has been working closely with folks from the Water District to help communicate with the public the plans that are being discussed. We have created a survey to give you the chance to let your voice be heard on what you think of the plans for Almaden Lake. We value your opinion and I know the Water District is eager to learn your thoughts. To take the survey, [click here...](#)

Before I close, I wanted to make sure you all know about our upcoming **Westfield Oakridge Winter Walk on Friday, March 8th**. Registration begins at 8:30am. I will be joined by Councilmembers Ash Kalra and Don Rocha in hosting the event. I encourage all seniors to come and take advantage of this chance to learn more about the resources offered to you as well as great tips on how to improve your health. I hope to see you there!

Take some time to check out the articles below. This newsletter is full of useful information and important dates. If you have any questions or comments on what you've read, please feel free to contact my office at any time. I appreciate your feedback, and look forward to hearing from you - phone 408-535-4910 or e-mail to district10@sanjoseca.gov.

Sincerely,

Johnny

Continue Reading for more important information...

First Annual District 10 Community Safety Fair

Councilmember Khamis and the District 10 Council Office is pleased to support the San Jose Police Foundation in hosting the First Annual District 10 Community Safety Fair on April 7th from 4-7pm. Doors open at 3:30pm at the Gunderson High School gymnasium. The San Jose Police Department, along with their Crime Prevention Unit, Councilmember Johnny Khamis, and the D10 staff will all be in attendance. Come with your questions and concerns and prepare to leave with the tools you need to increase the safety and security of your community. There will be exhibitions from a wide variety of safety experts and firms. Early attendees will get the opportunity to ask questions of Acting Deputy Chief Jeff Marozick and other local law enforcement including our district's patrol commander, the Crime Prevention Unit, as well as the Councilmember. For more information, contact Drew Spitzer at drew.spitzer@sanjoseca.gov or call 408-535-4910.

Traffic and Speeding Reporting



Pruning Roses with Almaden Winery Neighborhood members in preparation for the park rededication



Pruning Roses



Celebrating the Vietnamese Flag Raising Ceremony



Vietnamese Flag Raising



Partnering with the San Jose Clean Community Coalition in cleaning up the Hoffman Via Monte

As the old saying goes, the squeaky wheel gets the grease, so I encourage you (and your neighbors!) to report speeders to the Traffic Enforcement Unit – here is their link: https://www.sjpd.org/forms/TEU_Request_Form.asp.

The SJPD rotates the location of the traffic enforcement unit, quarterly, based upon complaints, so the more people in your neighborhood that complain about speeders, the more likely it is your neighborhood will become a candidate for special enforcement.

Community Office Hours

I will be holding community office hours twice a month out in the district. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet with me one on one to ask questions or voice your concerns. Below are the dates, times and locations of these upcoming community office hours.

First Wednesday of every month
8:30-9:30am
Almaden Community Center
6445 Camden Ave
San Jose 95120

Third Wednesday of every month
5:30-7:00pm
Lime Tree Espresso
171 Branham Lane
San Jose 95136

Free Movie Night

The District 10 Youth Advisory Council will be hosting a Free Family Movie Night at the Almaden Community Center on Friday, March 15th. Showtime is 6:00pm. Admission is free, but snacks and drinks will be sold and all profits go to the Almaden Community Center. For more information contact Rayshelle at 408-535-4910 or email her at rayshelle.brant@sanjoseca.gov or contact the District 10 Youth Commissioner, Alexander Polussa, at d10youthcommission@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

Virgin America Announces Launch of Flights Between SJ and LA

Virgin America, known for being the airline of choice for tech-savvy travelers, announced plans to begin service at Mineta San José International Airport (SJC) with four daily flights to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) beginning May 1, 2013. Operating modern Airbus A320 series aircraft seating up to 149 passengers, Virgin America flights will operate from SJC's Terminal A, Gate 14, conveniently located next to The Club at SJC, the brand-new "common use" VIP lounge open to all airline passengers.

Tickets are available now at www.virginamerica.com or 1.877.FLY.VIRGIN (1-877-359-8474). View aircraft photos and b-roll here.

"We are grateful to Virgin America for bringing new air service to Silicon Valley," said San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed. "As an innovator, Virgin America will find great support in the world's center of innovation. Silicon Valley is leading the country in job creation, and Virgin America's new service will support our job growth with convenient and efficient air service. We appreciate the confidence shown by David Cush and his team, and we are enthusiastic about working with them to support Virgin America's investment at SJC."

Free Tax Preparation for Moderate to Low Income Families

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program is a local partnership that offers free tax help to low- to moderate-income people who want help with their tax returns. Eligible residents must have an annual income less than \$50,000 and cannot file as "Married, Filing Separate."

Neighborhood



Grand Opening of the
new CSR Office

Certified volunteers sponsored by various organizations receive training to help prepare basic tax returns in communities across the country. There are volunteers who speak a number of languages, including English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Russian. VITA sites are generally located at community and neighborhood centers, libraries, schools, shopping malls, and other convenient locations. Most locations also offer free electronic filing. VITA sites and schedules can be found at www.211scc.org or by calling 2-1-1.

Free Adult English Learning Classes

Every Monday morning from 9:30 to 11:00am, Almaden Hills United Methodist Church offers free adult ESL classes. The church is located at 1200 Blossom Hill Rd, near Whole Foods. For more information, contact Victor Gomez at 408-535-4910.

Clases de Inglés para Adultos

Cada lunes por la mañana 9:30am-11:00 a.m., Almaden Hills United Methodist Church ofrece un servicio gratuito para adultos las clases de inglés como segundo idioma. La iglesia está ubicada en el 1200 Blossom Hill Road, cerca de Whole Foods. Para más información por favor de contactar a Victor Gomez 408-535-4910.

Interested in Hosting Foreign Exchange Students?

Open your home to the world! Be a volunteer host family for an international high school student through Cultural Homestay International. CHI is currently matching high school students with host families for the 2013/2014 school year in District 10. For more information about this learning opportunity of a lifetime, call Daniela Tanner at (408) 663-1244 or go to www.CHInet.org

Welcome Almaden Yogurt Factory

Councilmember Khamis and the District 10 office welcome Almaden Yogurt Factory to Almaden! Their grand opening was on February 8th and they opened with great reviews! The Almaden Yogurt Factory is located at 6081 Meridian Avenue in the Lucky Shopping Center. Stop in and welcome them to the neighborhood!

The Great American Litter Pick Up

Please join Councilmember Khamis, the District 10 Council Staff, community leaders and fellow neighbors for The Great American Litter Pick-Up on April 20th. This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to spend a couple hours serving their community and cleaning up their neighborhoods.

We will have three sites this year in hopes of getting every part of the district involved. We will be meeting at Guadalupe Oak Grove Park in Almaden, Pioneer High School and Gunderson High School. For more information about the event, please contact Rayshelle at rayshelle.brant@sanjoseca.gov or call 408-535-4910.

Youth Commission and Youth Advisory Council

The Youth Commission was formed to foster greater involvement of youth in municipal government, specifically to study any problems, activities and concerns of youth relating to municipal policies, programs or projects of the City of San José. The Commission makes recommendations to the City Council and to the Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services Department on these issues, conducts forums to involve youth in the governmental decision-making process. Each district has an appointed Youth Commissioner that oversees the Youth Advisory Council for their district. The YAC is made up of youth between the ages of 14 and 18 who want to have a more active role in their community and work to empower the youth voice in our city. We are currently taking applications for our next Youth Commissioner and we are always welcoming new YAC members. For more information call Rayshelle at 408-535-4910.

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