



**OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER JOHNNY KHAMIS
SAN JOSE, DISTRICT 10**

District 10 Mid April Newsletter

Dear Neighbor,

I write this newsletter with sadness in my heart for the victims of the Boston Marathon explosions. My thoughts and prayers go out to those killed or injured by the blasts, as well as their families, the authorities investigating the tragedy, and the first responders, doctors, and nurses treating the victims.

With April already halfway past, I have several updates and upcoming events I'd like to share with you. First, I want to thank each of you who attended our First Annual District 10 Community Safety Fair. It was a pleasure partnering with The San José Police Foundation in presenting such a successful event. I am very happy to announce that, because of the generosity of sponsors and the vendors who attended the event, we were able to raise \$4,300 to go toward the purchase of portable fingerprint scanners for our patrol officers of the San José Police Department. In addition, my office is providing a grant of \$5,000 for the same purpose.

The District 10 Council Office has been receiving great feedback from those who attended the event and we look forward to making this an annual occurrence. I thank my staff and the San José Police Foundation for all of their hard work in putting the event together, as well as the following sponsors and vendors who so generously donated to the cause: First Alarm, Almaden Chiropractic, Comcast, South Bay Safety Guy, ADT, Guardus Insurance Services, Victory Martial Arts, Caffè Frascati. I also want to send a special "thank you" to Acting Deputy Chief Marozick, Lieutenant Pedreira, Rey Cedeno, and other members of the San José Police Department for taking the time to educate us on public safety.



Keeping with the safety-related theme, I am very happy to report the arrest of one of the suspects involved in the burglary in the Almaden Winery Neighborhood a couple of weeks ago. The District 10 Council Office was in direct communication with Lt. Pedreira who worked with his team to ensure this case was brought to a positive conclusion. Thanks to great police work by the SJPD and the helpful video surveillance evidence provided by residents of the Almaden Winery neighborhood, a suspect was apprehended. Our office continues to facilitate workshops for community members to learn more about video surveillance technology, so if you are interested in setting up a surveillance workshop for your neighborhood please contact Drew Spitzer at drew.spitzer@sanjoseca.gov or call 408-535-4910.

This Saturday, April 20th, the District 10 Council Office will be hosting The Great American Litter Pick-Up at several sites around the district. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to help beautify your community while getting to know your neighbors. Students can earn valuable community service hours, as well.

The D10 staff and I will be joining you in the clean-up, as well as providing coffee in the morning and lunch in the afternoon! Litter pick-up sticks, bags, reflective safety vests and tools will be supplied at each location by the city's Parks department.

Below you will find detailed information about the projects at each location, a schedule of events, and links to register for the location that is most convenient for you. Registering will help us get an accurate count for the lunch and refreshments. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Rayshelle at rayshelle.brant@sanjoseca.gov or call 408-535-4910. I hope to see you on Saturday!

Schedule of Events

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM Event Registration

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Litter Pick Up
11:30 AM -12:00 PM. Return to Site for Lunch

Site Locations and Details

While litter pick-up tools will be provided at each location, two of our sites will primarily be weeding/tree planting/shrub pruning beautification projects. All volunteers should remember to wear the appropriate clothing and shoes (flip flops and open-toe shoes are discouraged).

Guadalupe Oak Grove Park – Volunteers should be dressed for a day of yard work. At this site we will be pruning shrubs and removing overgrowth. Some equipment will be provided, but it is suggested you bring your own gloves and gardening gear (pruning shears, etc.). No power tools allowed. <http://greatamericanlitterpickup-guadalupeoakgrove-es2.eventbrite.com/>

Jeffrey Fontana Park – Again, volunteers should be dressed appropriately for a day of yard work. At this site we will be planting trees and pruning shrubs. Tools will be provided, but please bring your own gloves. <http://greatamericanlitterpickup-martinfontanaparks-es2.eventbrite.com/>

Pioneer High School – Volunteers will sign in at Pioneer, pick up supplies, and then walk to the neighboring Hoffman/Via Monte community. This site is a litter hot spot and will require a big volunteer effort! <http://greatamericanlitterpickup-pioneer-es2.eventbrite.com/>

Vista Park – Volunteers will sign in at Vista Park, pick up supplies, and then split up in groups to pick up litter in the neighborhoods around the park. <http://greatamericanlitterpickup-vistapark-es2005.eventbrite.com/?rank=12>

At its April 9th meeting, the City Council voted to adopt an “oppose” position on AB 5 (Ammiano), a bill entitled the “Homeless Person’s Bill of Rights and Fairness Act.” While the Act claims to ensure basic human rights and freedom from discrimination for homeless individuals, it would have allowed the homeless to carry out activities in public places such as urinating and storing their personal property. It would also have provided civil and criminal immunity from anyone offering food, services, or other assistance in public spaces to the homeless. The bill presents public health and safety concerns, would invalidate existing governmental regulations pertaining to trespassing and loitering, and would counter the efforts that the City is making in addressing homelessness and encampment concerns.

The City has partnered with local and regional nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies to implement an integrated, coordinated “housing first” approach through Destination:Home to provide permanent supportive housing to the homeless and get them the supportive services they need. At the same time, the City must maintain its ability to keep our residents safe as well as our environment, by enforcing applicable laws. Staff ultimately recommended that the Council oppose the bill, but I was prepared to bring this to the Council if they had not done so. Many thanks to those who provided their input on this issue.

You are invited come learn about the City Manager’s 2013-2014 budget proposal and share your thoughts on the proposed budget at the District 10 Community Budget Meeting to be held from 6 PM to 8 PM on Tuesday, May 7th at the South Hills Community Church. A full schedule of Community Budget Meetings on the 2013-2014 Budget can be found by [clicking here](#). If you cannot attend the District 10 meeting, please be sure to drop by one of the other meetings happening throughout the city during

May.

In closing, I'd like to remind you to send me a friend request on Facebook by [clicking here](#) and follow me on [Twitter](#)! I am continually posting interesting articles, recent City- and District-related happenings, and photos from our latest events. You may also hear from my office on [Nextdoor.com](#), so be sure you sign up there, too. We are always updating our website with new information, so take a minute to browse www.sanjoseca.gov/district10. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact my office at district10@sanjoseca.gov or 408-535-4910.

Sincerely,

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Collection Day Lookup Now Includes Neighborhood Cleanup Dates

San José's online Collection Day Lookup now provides a convenient way for residents to find their neighborhood cleanup event date. By entering their street number and zip code into the online form at www.sanjoseca.gov/lookup, residents can find their cleanup date as well as garbage, recycling and yard trimmings collection days, street sweeping schedule, and service provider contact information. Any resident who is unable to use the online tool may call the Customer Contact Center for assistance at (408) 535-3500. Cleanup events are scheduled once every three years, and notices will continue to be mailed in advance. They are popular with residents who want to dispose of rubbish, metal, construction debris, mattresses, tires, old appliances and other items that are not collected through the weekly residential garbage collection service. The Collection Day Lookup was created by the Environmental Services Department in partnership with Planning, Building and Code Enforcement and Information Technology. For more information, contact Allen Tai, Acting Environmental Services Program Manager, at 408-975-2544.

Senator Jim Beall's Budget and Breakfast Event

Enjoy a free pancake breakfast with your neighbors, learn more about California's budget and share your ideas. Special guest speaker Kris Kuzmich of the Senate Budget Committee will provide you and overview of the Governor's budget proposal, as well as answer your questions. For more information call (408) 558-1295 or RSVP by [clicking here](#).

ESUHSD Seeks Applicants to Serve on Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

The East Side Union High School District is recruiting applicants for the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC). Measures G, E and I were passed under the rules of Proposition 39, which directs the Board of Trustees to appoint a Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee to monitor bond expenditures. This Committee is responsible for reviewing expenditures related to the three general obligation bonds passed by voters: Measure G (\$298 million) approved by voters in March 2002, Measure E (\$349 million) approved by the voters in February 2008 and Measure I (\$120 million) approved by the voters in November, 2012. Members serve two-year terms.

The current CBOC has 14 members. The terms of 7 of the members will expire on May 31, 2013. All of the members whose terms are expiring are eligible to re-apply.

No employee or official of the District can be appointed to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. Also vendors, contractors, or consultants of the district are not allowed to serve as members of the Committee. For more information on the roles and responsibilities of the CBOC or to download the application, please visit <http://www.MeasureE.com>. The deadline for submitting applications is Tuesday, April 30, 2013. Completed applications can be sent to Mary Guillen at GuillenM@esuhsd.org

Building Peaceful Families Essay Contest

Building Peaceful Families (BPF) is a Silicon Valley non-profit organization that partners with the San Francisco 49ers and the Santa Clara County Office of Education for their annual Top Dads Award Essay Contest. Bay Area children ages 5 through 17 are invited to submit essays describing why their father or father figure should be selected for the prestigious Top Dads Award. For more information, visit www.buildingpeacefulfamilies.org.

Baby Falcon Naming Contest

Help name the baby peregrine falcons living on San José City Hall! Clara and Fernando El Cohete's eggs have hatched, and San Jose's young falcon fans have an opportunity to help name the new chicks. Enter online by midnight on April 26, 2013. The naming contest is open to children 5-18 who live or attend school in San José. Artwork or an essay is required for each entry. [Click here to apply!](#)

Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Wants Your Feedback

PRNS wants your feedback on recreational programming at Almaden Lake - please take a moment to fill out their survey by [clicking here](#).

San Jose Youth Commissioner Needed

Our current District 10 Youth Commissioner will be graduating, which means there is an opening for the 2013-2014 school year. This is a wonderful opportunity for youth to get involved and have a direct impact on city government. This is also a great way to earn community service hours and connect with students from other high schools around San José. If you know a high school student who may be interested in being a member of the San José Youth Commission, please contact Rayshelle for more details at rayshelle.brant@sanjoseca.gov or call 408-535-4910.

Installation of Enhanced Crosswalks

We are pleased to announce the installation of enhanced crosswalks in the following areas of our district. If you have any questions feel free to contact Victor Gomez from the Council Office at victor.gomez@sanjoseca.gov or call 408-535-4910.

Meridian/Oak Glen

- Replace in-ground uplights with flashing beacons, install bulbout curb extensions at both ends of crosswalk
- Plan to start construction in the next 2 weeks, weather permitting

Blossom Hill/Park Crest

- Install flashing beacons and median island
- Will conduct outreach to adjacent residences and school, as some on-street parking will need to be restricted to accommodate new median island
- Plan to start construction in 2 – 4 weeks, weather permitting

McAbee/Golden Oak

- Replace in-ground uplights with flashing beacons
- Under design, plan to start construction in June/July

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