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## District 10 August Newsletter

Dear Neighbor,

I hope you had a wonderful July and found time to enjoy the summer sun! In my last newsletter, I highlighted the things my staff and I have accomplished over the past six months and outlined our goals moving forward. If you did not get a chance to read my Six Month Review, you can find it by clicking [here](#).

### **National Night Out**

Now that August is upon us, the Council Office is back in full swing and busy with some very exciting upcoming events! The first is National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6th. For those of you who may be unfamiliar with National Night Out, it is held each year to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and to send a message to criminals to let them know that our neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. We encourage you and your neighbors to spend some time outside, getting to know one another, and making your presence known in the neighborhood. If you'd like to learn more about hosting an event in your community [click here](#).

One event that I am particularly excited about is being held in the Hoffman-Via Monte Neighborhood. While District 10 is one of the safest districts in the City of San Jose, the Hoffman-Via Monte Community struggles with poverty and criminal activity. Since taking office, my staff has striven to establish fruitful working relationships with the landlords and tenants in the area, as well as the stakeholders around the neighborhood.

With that said, I am very pleased to say that the Hoffman-Via Monte National Night Out event was chosen as one of only four events nationwide to be sponsored by Target Corp. Target, along with Alamden Hills United Methodist Church, Second Harvest Food Bank, the South Valley YMCA, Cornerstone Church, Neighborhood Housing Services of Santa Clara County, and the District 10 Council Office, are hosting the event. In addition to a backpack giveaway for children in the neighborhood, attendees can expect bicycle training, face painting, folkloric

dancers, a DJ, Zumba lessons, and special emcees for the event, Sam and Lissa from the KBAY morning show. Target will also be presenting Mayor Chuck Reed and San Jose Police Chief Larry Esquivel with a donation check to support the SJPD's Crime Prevention Unit. If you live in or around the area, please feel free to join us for a great evening out!

### **Emergency Preparedness Training**

Another event that I am looking forward to is our upcoming Emergency Preparedness Training. District 10 resident and Emergency Preparedness expert Alex Fraser has graciously offered to conduct one such meeting for the residents of District 10. This class will be limited to the first 30 people who RSVP, so please sign up soon! Topics to be covered will include earthquake preparation and reaction, 'go-bag' necessities, fire and flood preparedness, and other emergency situations. This is a special opportunity to prepare yourself and your loved ones for the many possible emergencies that can take place. This event will be held at the Almaden Community Center (6445 Camden Ave) on Saturday, August 24th, from 10:30am-12:00pm. To RSVP, email [drew.spitzer@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:drew.spitzer@sanjoseca.gov) with the names and contact information of those who wish to attend. Please keep RSVPs to a limit of two per household.

### **Almaden Expressway Beautification**

A big thank you to all who joined my office in painting the Almaden Expressway sound walls near Redmond and Meridian! We heard many approving honks from passersby and a number of calls and emails of appreciation. I also want to thank Home Depot and Burnham Construction for their generous donations of supplies and labor! To learn more about the project, read [this article](#) from the Mercury News highlighting the day.

As we continue to beautify the area, I want to be sure to keep you informed of further developments with this project. In our numerous discussions with Supervisor Wasserman's office, we have learned that the County does not have the funds available to improve the landscaping along Almaden Expressway. As a result, we are looking to partner with the not-for-profit Our City Forest to install and maintain about 170 trees and shrubs along the Almaden Expressway corridor. The initial estimate for the cost of the installation and maintenance is around \$50,000. Landscaping improvements on County property require a 3-year commitment to the care and watering of the plantings. Please stay tuned for further developments, and donor or volunteer opportunities!

### **Via Valiente Shopping Center**

I have heard from many Almaden residents about the Via Valiente Shopping Center which was once home to the PW Market. Neighbors have been concerned with the large unoccupied space that once housed the grocery store and the general condition of the property. I have reached out to the owner of Via Valiente a number of times since January to share your concerns. Just this week, I received word from the owners that they are commencing a major upgrade to the façade of the plaza; major parking lot repairs and more efficiently arranged and ADA-compliant handicapped parking spaces, among other things. In fact, they began construction on Monday! I am very happy that the property owners have made a significant commitment of their resources to improve this D10 property. This is a wonderful step in the right direction for the shopping center and I look forward to

future grand openings as they attract new tenants!

### **Crossing Guard at Parkview**

In meeting with the community members around the Vista Park and Parkview neighborhoods, traffic safety was a huge concern, especially around Parkview Elementary School. After working closely with the Department of Transportation, I am pleased to say that Parkview has been approved for a Crossing Guard. In an effort to have the Guard in place when school starts in August, the San Jose Police Department is expediting the recruitment process. If you or someone you know is interested in the position, please [click here](#).

### **Measure B Trial**

On July 22, the trial for the implementation of Measure B began. I attended some of the proceedings and was pleased by the strong arguments presented by the attorneys representing the City and the 70% of City voters who supported Measure B. A ruling is not expected until sometime in the fall, but in the meantime I am dedicated to continuing to implement Measure B's reforms, keeping costs under control, and finding creative ways to improve services without increasing costs to the city's taxpayers.

### **Violent Crime Down in San Jose**

According to recent reports from the SJPd, there has been a drop in violent crime in San Jose. I want to sincerely thank the men and women of the SJPd for their tremendous efforts to improve the safety of our City. Because of their sacrifices in deferring vacations and working overtime, our city is now safer than it was last year. The District 10 Council Office is also committed to assisting in their efforts by supporting the opening of the South San Jose Police Substation and by giving the SJPd officers tools that they need, so that our officers can make more efficient use of their time and achieve increased response times. We have also worked to increase resources to the Crime Prevention Unit, facilitating surveillance workshops, attending Neighborhood Watch meetings and advocating for crime victims. Again, I want to extend my appreciation to our men and women in uniform for their hard work and dedication.

Again, I hope you are enjoying the summer sun and finding time to relax before school starts again. For those of you participating in National Night Out, have a safe and wonderful evening! If you have any questions about things you have read in this newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact my office at [district10@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district10@sanjoseca.gov) or call 408-535-4910. You can also friend me on [Facebook](#) and follow me on [Twitter](#).

Sincerely,

Johnny

**SAN JOSE POLICE DEPARTMENT HIRING SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS**

**\$15.98 - \$17.66 Hourly (Part-Time/Un-benefited)**

**Minimum Qualifications**

Able to work morning and afternoon shifts every school day during school start and end times

Possession of a valid State of California driver's license

Access to a motor vehicle on a daily basis

Have the ability to satisfactorily pass a Police Department background check

Be physically and mentally capable of performing the duties of a Crossing Guard

Have the ability to give and follow oral instruction

Have the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with children, parents, school officials and law enforcement

Have the ability to use judgment, initiative and remain calm in an emergency situation

Be of good moral character

Please contact the School Safety & Education Unit at (408) 277-4553 if you have any questions and/or to arrange to pick up an application.

## MARTIAL COTTLE PARK GROUNDBREAKING

Mark Aug. 9 on your calendar - ground will be broken to commence the creation of the Martial Cottle Park, a 257-acre parcel of undeveloped land in South San Jose that will become a living symbol of our valley's illustrious agrarian past. The 10 a.m. ceremony will be held at the corner of Chynoweth and Snell avenues.

The land was acquired by the Santa Clara County Department Parks and Recreation and the California State Parks through a donation from owner Walter Cottle Lester, who wanted to see his family's homestead preserved as a historic agriculture park, a reminder of the Santa Clara Valley's heritage before it became known as Silicon Valley. When finished, the park will feature trails, educational and interpretive programs, with recreational and visitor facilities. More than half the park will remain in production.

## DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ASSOCIATION OF SILICON VALLEY ESSAY CONTEST

Please write an essay on how you think we can reduce people's chances of being racially profiled. Please don't limit the topic of racial profiling to just law enforcement, as everyone evaluates people from different cultures, religions, and gender/economic status in different ways.

Please include one or two quotes from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s famous speech, "Loving Your Enemies." Also, please give examples of how you think we need to change the way, we as individuals, present ourselves to the world, accept personal responsibility for the messages we give out to others through our appearance, the way we communicate with others, and how through education we can change these misconceptions.

Your essay must be at least two pages long, with examples and solutions to the problem. Please limit your essay to no more than three pages maximum. Font size must be 12, and must be single spaced. You MUST include your true name, home mailing/email address, along with a phone number that you can be

reached at. No work phone numbers or work email addresses will be accepted. Email your essay to [presmlkscv@yahoo.com](mailto:presmlkscv@yahoo.com). The deadline for essay submissions is: Sunday, August 11, 2013, by 5:00pm pacific standard time. Late and incomplete submissions will NOT be accepted. No exceptions! For more information, [click here](#).

### SENIOR SCAM STOPPER WORKSHOP

A free seminar showing seniors how to spot and avoid scams.

Friday, Aug. 23

1 p.m.-3 p.m., Almaden Community Center

6445 Camden Ave., San Jose

For more information contact Frances Herbert (408) 558-1295 or email

[frances.herbert@sen.ca.gov](mailto:frances.herbert@sen.ca.gov) and to RSVP [click here](#).

### SILICON VALLEY KIDS CLIMATE CLUB

August 14th

1:30 to 3:00 pm

\$10/members, \$15/non-members

Do you know a child who is interested in taking care of the earth? Are you interested in hearing how individuals can make an impact on climate change? Join the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy and County Supervisor Dave Cortese as he introduces the Silicon Valley Kids Climate Club. Supervisor Cortese will talk about the impact that humans are having on our planet and will help participants find simple environmentally friendly changes in our own lives that will lead to bigger changes on a global scale. The class will meet on Wednesday August 14th from 1:30 to 3:00pm.

The class will meet at the Visitor and Education Center, 438 Coleman Ave., San Jose. For more information or to register visit: [www.grpg.org](http://www.grpg.org) or call 408-298-7657.

### SAN JOSE GIANTS SUMMER CLINIC

The San Jose Giants announced new dates for their final summer clinic at Municipal Stadium. The two-day session, originally scheduled for August 17-18, will now take place August 10-11 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the home of the San Jose Giants. Participants will not only have the chance to play on the same field as future Major Leaguers, but also be coached by current San Jose Giants players. Interested participants should contact San Jose Giants Account Executive and Camp Coordinator Taylor Wilding at (408) 380-4502 or email [TaylorWilding@sjgiants.com](mailto:TaylorWilding@sjgiants.com).

“This two-day clinic is a truly unique opportunity for aspiring ballplayers to learn from current San Jose Giants,” said Wilding. “It will be a rare chance for boys and girls alike to learn from current professionals and improve their abilities while having fun playing baseball.”



In addition to the clinic, very limited spots remain for the San Jose Giants second summer camp session at Municipal Stadium Monday, August 5 through Thursday, August 8. The session will run from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM each day and will focus on teaching and refining baseball skills for campers ages 8 through 14. The camp session will feature a strong instructional staff filled with current and former collegiate baseball players. Fitness specialists from Crossfit Moxie, speed and vision trainers from Sensory Speed and nutrition personnel from Gatorade will also be on hand to coach and improve participants' skills and health. Click here to reserve your spot before it is sold out!

For more information about the summer clinic or summer camp, please visit [sjgiants.com](http://sjgiants.com) or contact Taylor Wilding at (408) 380-4502 or email [TaylorWilding@sjgiants.com](mailto:TaylorWilding@sjgiants.com).

## FAMILY CLOSET CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

Free clothing for children and adults provided by local churches, schools and neighbors in the San Jose community. Come find something in your size and color.

Saturday, August 3rd, 2013 9am-1pm

Location: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

1336 Cherry Avenue, San Jose

(Off Minnesota Avenue, in Willow Glen neighborhood)

Donations of clean, usable clothing and accessories may be dropped off on Friday, August 2nd between 3:00pm-8:30pm

Saturday, August 10th, 2013 9am-1pm

Location: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

3110 Cropley Ave, San Jose, CA

(Off 680, corner of Cropley & Morrill)

Donations of clean, usable clothing and accessories may be dropped off

Wednesday, August 7 thru Friday August 9th from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

All clothing is free, in "as is" condition, while supplies last, and intended for personal use. For more info email: [rs closet@yahoo.com](mailto:rs closet@yahoo.com)

## SUNDAY FRIENDS

Sunday Friends is a secular nonprofit organization that provides opportunities for children and parents from very low-income families to earn the things they need. Sunday Friends' programs take place in community settings at three different elementary schools in San Jose. If you have just two minutes, please watch our video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PbQAACSONCM>.

Better yet, arrange to visit a program. 45-minute tours are held starting at 1:15PM on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month. They take place at Lowell Elementary in downtown San Jose, just a minute off of the 7th Street exit from Hwy 280. Email [janis@sundayfriends.org](mailto:janis@sundayfriends.org) to set up a tour, or visit our website – [www.SundayFriends.org](http://www.SundayFriends.org) – where you can view pictures, read stories, learn about our various activities, understand our unique model and study our measured results.

If you are interested in volunteering with Sunday Friends – or would like to explore the possibility of setting up a group volunteer experience, please email our Volunteer Coordinator: [jennifer@sundayfriends.org](mailto:jennifer@sundayfriends.org). We offer meaningful opportunities for adults, youths, families and groups.

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