



OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER JOHNNY KHAMIS
SAN JOSE, DISTRICT 10

District 10 October Newsletter

Dear Neighbor,

It is hard to believe October is upon us already. September was a very exciting month in the District 10 Council Office and it looks as if October will be as well.

SJ BETWEEN THE LINES

On Monday, I was very pleased to roll out [SJ Between the Lines](#), a video contest promoting safe driving habits, open to all high school students living or attending school in San Jose.

Several years ago I was disturbed and discouraged by all of the tragic traffic accidents involving our youth. That led me to join the very new non-profit organization, Almaden Cares. Almaden Cares has been working diligently to educate young people on the dangers of careless driving. In my discussions with them recently, we realized there had to be a more effective means of reaching our youth and inspiring them to make wise choices behind the wheel. That's when we came up with the video contest. We recognized that as adults, we can do our very best to instill and promote good patterns of behavior in our youth, but until they take ownership of an idea the effects remain shallow. What's more, the influence young people have over one another is paramount. We realized that if these kids can take hold of an idea like safe driving, they can inspire and encourage their peers in ways we never could.

SJ Between the Lines was birthed from those discussions. My office is partnering with Almaden Cares in hosting this video contest. We have been working hard to recruit corporate sponsors to donate toward the scholarship prize to be awarded to the winning videos. I am very thankful and thrilled to have The Del Grande Dealership Group come aboard as our main sponsor of the contest. They have been so generous already in hosting Monday's press conference and launch party.

If you know a high school student who may be interested in participating in the contest, we are now accepting videos and applications. We are asking students to submit 1-3 minute videos within these five categories: Texting and Driving, Driving Under the Influence, Distracted Driving, Speeding, and How to be a Responsible Passenger. All

videos will be judged on content, creativity, and the number of YouTube views they receive. One winner will be chosen in each category, as well as one grand prize winner. For more information about the contest or to learn how to submit a video visit www.sjbetweenthelines.org or call 408-535-4910.



VISITING DC and DUBLIN to PROMOTE ECONOMIC GROWTH in SAN JOSE

This month I will be making two trips to promote continued economic growth and job creation in San José. The first is a visit to lawmakers in Washington, D.C. along with Mayor Reed and business and education leaders from the Silicon Valley Leadership Group. The agenda is full with meetings from the time we arrive to the time we depart. We will be promoting comprehensive tax reform to make San José's businesses more competitive with those in other countries so that they can grow and thrive, pushing for immigration reform so that we can stop exporting the talent of gifted scientists and engineers who came here to get their education, keeping their talent here to grow our businesses and create new ones, and encouraging Congress to make other reforms that will benefit businesses throughout San José. I will also be talking with lawmakers about the need for the IRS to move on approving the lower-cost Opt-In retirement plan for City employees.

The second trip is to Dublin, Ireland where I will be promoting San José as a destination for companies that want to grow their U.S. presence and the Mineta San José International Airport (SJC) as a place where airlines should locate or expand. Councilmember Ash Kalra will lead the San José delegation and I will be joining him and our colleagues Xavier Campos and Rose Herrera on this mission to Dublin. San José and Dublin have been "twinned", as the Irish call it, for over 27 years, and in that time the relationship has brought economic benefits to both cities. Numerous Silicon Valley companies have set up their European operations in Dublin and now many Dublin-based companies have expanded into San José. San José is also the home to the Irish Innovation Center for which the Irish Government provided seed funding. The Center is an incubator for companies making their way to the Silicon Valley from Dublin and beyond. As these companies grow and succeed, they will provide high-quality jobs for San José residents. Finally, the non-profit San José-Dublin Sister City Program is supported by an active group of volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to making this the most active and successful of our Sister City partnerships. Amongst the initiatives they promote here and in Dublin is an educational exchange between University College Dublin and San José State University and a scholarship program to help bring talented graduate students from Dublin to San José, which you can read more about here: http://www.mercurynews.com/ci_22885841/pizarro-san-jose-dublin-sister-city-program-celebrates.

With our reputation as a safe and vibrant community in which to live, as a hub of

innovation, and with the strong ties between San José and Dublin, our city is an ideal destination for Dublin-based companies to locate their U.S. operations as they grow in the Americas. Our newly-expanded airport, with the highest on-time record of Bay Area airports, is also the ideal destination for airlines to locate.

Both of these trips will be paid for out of the budget allocation that was approved for my Council office as part of the 2013-2014 Budget Process. Each Council Office is allotted an equal amount each year to cover the costs of serving their respective district and is used to pay for things such as the cost of Council staff, office supplies, and office grants. No additional taxpayer funds will be spent on these trips beyond those already budgeted for the District 10 office. It has always been my goal to promote job growth within our city which is why I have chosen to focus a portion of my Council funds on promoting job growth and economic opportunity for San José.

YOUTH JOB FAIR

On Saturday, October 12th, from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, Vice Mayor Madison Nguyen and I will be hosting a Youth Job Fair in the Nordstrom Rack Courtyard at Westfield Oakridge Mall. This has always been a successful event in the past and we are looking forward to another great turn out. We are expected to have at least 30 businesses looking for youth to fill seasonal and part-time positions. We are also very excited to have Work2Future hosting special employment workshops on resume and application preparation, and interview techniques. If you know of any high school or college age students looking for entry-level positions, this is the place for them to be! For more information contact Rayshelle at rayshelle.brant@sanjoseca.gov or call 408-535-4910.



VISTAPARK GATES RIBBON CUTTING

Last Tuesday, my friends in the VEP Neighborhood and I had the honor of hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony, revealing the new Vistapark Community Room Gates. We were joined by artist Bill Gould, members of the City of San Jose's Arts Commission, VEP President Marilyn Rogers, staff from the Office of Cultural Affairs, as well as folks from PRNS. Thank you to everyone who attended, everyone who participated in the event, and all of those who worked so hard to see this project come to fruition. A special thanks to Suzanne Wolf, Deputy Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services for emceeding the event, and Councilmembers Pierluigi Oliverio and Sam Liccardo, and Councilmember Pete Constant's Chief of Staff, Brian Pepin, for making an appearance. If you haven't had a chance to look at the new gates, please take some time to stop by. They truly are a work of art!

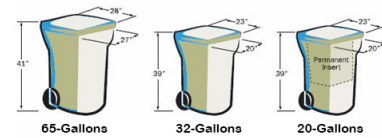


NEW GARBAGE & RECYCLING BILLING MODEL

My office has received numerous calls and emails regarding the new garbage and recycling billing that will take effect in May/June of 2015. There are many advantages and cost savings in this new billing model. Please follow this link

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/21725> to view frequently asked questions about the new system or email recycleplus@sanjoseca.gov if you have further questions, concerns, or need clarification.

Cart Sizes



Solid Waste Cart Sizes

GUADALUPE OAK GROVE PARK CLEAN UP

Once again, its time to pick up our shovels and pruning sheers and tackle the overgrowth at Guadalupe Oak Grove Park. We are continuing the effort started during the Great American Litter Pick Up back in April. If you are interested in lending a helping hand, please join us on Saturday, October 19th, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Tools, gloves, snacks, water, and coffee will be provided. You are more than welcome to bring your own gardening tools, but no power tools. Tennis shoes and long pants are suggested. If you'd like more information contact Rayshelle at rayshelle.brant@sanjoseca.gov or call 408-535-4910.

STREET SWEEPING, NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UPS / DUMPSTER DAYS

My office has received several calls regarding street sweeping and neighborhood clean-ups ("dumpster days"). The City's website has a very useful link that will tell you when street sweeping and dumpster days are scheduled for your neighborhood. Just follow the link provided and input your address into the address fields to view the schedule for your area. Please [click here](#) to learn more.

COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

The first week of August, I resumed my Community Office Hours within the District. These twice-monthly meetings are a great opportunity for you to meet with me one-on-one without having to drive all the way to City Hall. In the first six months of hosting these meetings in the District, I have met with dozens of constituents who asked questions, voiced their concerns, or just took a moment to meet me or get to know me a little better. No appointment is necessary and I encourage you to attend. Below are the times and locations of upcoming Community Office Hours. If you have any questions, please contact my office at district10@sanjoseca.gov or call 408-535-4910.

1st Wednesday of Every Month (between August and January, excluding December)

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Almaden Community Center

Community Room

6445 Camden Ave

San Jose, 95120

3rd Wednesday of Every Month (between August and January, excluding December)

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Lime Tree Espresso

171 Branham Lane

San Jose 95136

Please continue reading below for more important updates and useful information. If you have any questions about the things you have read in this newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact my office at district10@sanjoseca.gov or call 408-535-4910. You can also friend me on [Facebook](#) and follow me on [Twitter](#).

Sincerely,

Johnny

Volunteer Spotlight - Alex Fraser

From 2006 to the present, Alex has worked as a volunteer on a number of San Jose committees and commissions, including the Mayor's Board and Commissions Screening Committee, the Police Downtown Emergency Ordinance Commission and the 2008 and 2009 Budget Review committee.

In 2007, Alex began teaching emergency preparedness class for the San Jose Office of Emergency Service. He currently teaches a one-hour and a two-hour emergency preparedness class and a twenty-hour emergency responder class. To date he's taught more than 2,700 San Jose residents how to prepare their families for the next big disaster.

Currently, Alex is involved in several volunteer efforts within the City, but most of his volunteer time is spent working for the Office of Emergency Services, where he's the Emergency Operation Center Coordinator, a Training Specialist and the Private Sector Liaison. He also handles technical projects for the office and he's currently leading the effort to get a quarter-of-a-million-dollar Mobile Emergency Operation Center, donated to the city by eBay, outfitted and ready for deployment.

Weeds on Traffic Medians and Islands

The Department of Transportation has been addressing the weeds on cement medians and pork chops in D10. They were able to clean the cement medians and pork chops on Coleman Ave from Almaden Expressway to Santa Teresa Blvd, and will continue to address the general area of Santa Teresa, Coleman and Blossom Hill Rd. If you have a specific area you would like to see addressed, please contact the D10 office at district10@sanjoseca.gov or call 408-535-4910.

Almaden Park User Needed with Strong Back and Big Heart!

Help water a young memorial tree in the park! This special redwood tree requires weekly care and is watered by bucket from a nearby spigot. The tree is planted between the trail and Almaden Lake, by the South Point Picnic Area. Our City Forest's community-based forestry model relies on volunteer efforts, so if you can help, please contact Bo Firestone

(408) 998-7337 x111 or bmelrose@ourcityforest.org

New Street Sweeping Signage Installed in the Allen-Steinbeck Neighborhood

New street sweeping signage has been installed on Allen, Steinbeck, Playa Del Rey, Calmor, Warring, Delaware, Dailey, and Wheelsman Place. Residents on your streets have requested permanent "NO PARKING" signs to prevent unnecessary debris and runoff of harmful materials from entering the Bay. Your street sweeping day is the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Failure to remove your car from the street in the designated areas will result in a citation. If you have further questions please call (408) 794-1902 or follow this link to determine what day your street is scheduled to be swept:
<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=3079>

Silicon Valley Manufacturing Week

The Silicon Valley Manufacturing Roundtable, San Jose's Office of Economic Development, and Manex are pleased to present Silicon Valley Manufacturing Week. October 4th is National Manufacturing Day, and starting September 30th, manufacturers in Silicon Valley will provide site tours of their products, processes, and tools. One in six jobs in the San Jose metro region are in manufacturing, and the manufacturers in Silicon Valley are critical in creating the products and services that help drive the global economy. Questions? Contact Tina Kapoor at tina.kapoor@sanjoseca.gov

SIGN UP TO ATTEND AN EVENT

If you are a student or parent, or are employed in a nonmanufacturing service industry such as accounting, business services, education, or media, then:

Visit Silicon Valley manufacturers Sept 30 - Oct 4 and learn

- What modern manufacturing facilities are like these days
- What your local manufacturers make and who they sell to
- What kinds of jobs are available
- What skills are needed for today's manufacturing jobs

6th Annual Disability Awareness Day

We will be celebrating diversity, awareness and empowerment for persons with differing abilities. This year's theme is Power and Strength Within! Register Early for Vendor Booths and Workshops, Space is Limited! (Once registered, you will be entered in a drawing for door prizes and will receive a complimentary bag) The mission of the Disability Awareness Day event is to build an integrated community by empowering people with differing abilities to overcome barriers through access to resources, education and employment opportunities and increasing appreciation of people with differing abilities by showcasing their talents and gifts.

Friday, October 4, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
San José City Hall Rotunda and Plaza
200 East Santa Clara Street

FARE Bay Area 5k Walk/Run, In Memory of BJ Hom

Saturday, October 12, 2013

Lake Cunningham Park, Cypress Pavilion 2305 S. White Road, San Jose, CA 95148

To register visit www.foodallergywalk.org/bayarea

Internship Positions Open in Congressman Devin Nunes Office

Intern positions are available now in his Visalia district office, he is seeking applications for Washington, D.C. interns who can begin in January 2014. If you know someone who is interested in politics, wants to gain professional experience, and excels in a fast-paced environment, please pass along this message.

Interns provide critical staff support functions such as organizing events, conducting research, and helping with special projects. The application process is ongoing for both part-time and full-time positions.

All prospective interns must have a high school diploma and must be enrolled or have recently graduated from a college or university. The Congressman has positions available in Visalia for fall, winter, and spring, while his Washington office is seeking applications for winter and spring only. Applications can be downloaded from my website [here](#). If you have questions about his intern program, please call (559) 733-3861.

City of San Jose Employment Opportunities

You're invited to explore our job opportunities and experience the rewards of working in a dynamic and diverse public service environment serving the City of San Jose's residents, customers, and visitors. The City of San Jose offers a wide variety of employment opportunities. Job openings are updated regularly. For more information visit www.sanjoseca.gov/cityjobs or call the City of San Jose Employment Information Line at 408-535-6800.

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