



OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER JOHNNY KHAMIS  
SAN JOSE, DISTRICT 10

# District 10 Mid-October Newsletter

Dear Neighbor,

In my last newsletter, I told you about SJ Between the Lines, a video contest open to all high school students in the City of San Jose, about the importance of safe driving. Since then, we have made tremendous progress in getting the word out. We just finished a promotional video, with the help of DGDG Capitol Subaru, which will be going out later this week. We have also been distributing flyers to the high schools around San Jose. In addition to making sure high school students in San Jose know about the contest, we've had the great pleasure of partnering with local businesses and corporations who have generously donated to the effort. Because of these donations, the winning video will receive a grand prize of \$5000!

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 one of the following 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](http://www.sjbetweenthelines.org) or call 408-535-4910.



## **MEASURE P SOFTBALL COMPLEX**

At the last Neighborhood Services and Education Committee meeting, staff from Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services gave a progress report regarding Measure P Bond funded softball facility. I want to thank all of those who attended the meeting, and/or wrote letters voicing their opinions on the matter. Within the next several weeks, this issue will be brought before Council, and I would like to know your thoughts. Below you will find more information on the Bond Measure and the 6 feasible locations for the softball complex. Please read over the information, visit the link below for visual aids, and let us know what you think. Contact my office at [district10@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district10@sanjoseca.gov) or call 408-535-4910.

In November 2000, San Jose voters approved a \$228 million bond (Measure P) that provided funding for "constructing new recreational sports facilities." To date, the City has completed 93 of the 95 projects funded under this bond measure, including renovations to Happy Hollow Park & Zoo, renovations to 69 neighborhood parks, seven regional parks, nine community centers, and five trail projects that are now open to the public. The remaining projects to be completed are the Coleman Soccer complex which has been awarded as a design/build construction project and is expected to break ground within the next few months and the softball complex. There is currently \$17 million remaining in the park bond measure with \$9.7 million of the funding appropriated to softball and a contingency reserve for the overall program of \$7.2 million.

On December 18, 2012, the Mayor and City Council approved an exclusive due diligence agreements with Hopkins Real Estate Group for the potential development of the Singleton Landfill for use as a destination sports complex and retail development.

Additionally, the Mayor and City Council approved the following six sites for staff to evaluate as potential locations for a bond funded softball complex:

- 1) Alviso Park
- 2) Arcadia
- 3) Columbus Park
- 4) County Fairgrounds
- 5) Shady Oaks
- 6) Singleton Landfill

To read about each location in detail, please visit this link:

<http://sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/22217>

## **YOUTH JOB FAIR**

This past Saturday, October 12th, Vice Mayor Madison Nguyen and I hosted the 6th Annual Youth Job Fair at Westfield Oakridge Mall. With over 25 businesses participating, it was a valuable event for the nearly 400 youth who attended seeking employment. I am very pleased with the success of the fair and look forward to hosting it again next year.

To read more about the Youth Job Fair, check out this article from the [San Jose Mercury News](#).



### **HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING**

My office has received several calls over the last few months regarding homeless encampments. While addressing the homelessness issue can be a difficult and lengthy process, I want to make sure you know who to contact in these situations. If there is a homeless encampment in your area, please call the **Homeless Helpline at 408-510-7600** or email them at [ehcoutreach@ehclifebuilders.org](mailto:ehcoutreach@ehclifebuilders.org). Within one business day, an Outreach Team will respond by engaging with the reported individual or individuals to offer services. If there is illegal activity happening in the encampment, please call 911.

In addition, please contact the District 10 office so we can assist in seeing the process move along. If you have any questions email [district10@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district10@sanjoseca.gov) or call 408-535-4910.

### **BLUEFIELD DRIVE TO ADD SPEED HUMPS**

During the next few weeks you will begin to see construction activity in the Bluefield Drive area near Parkview Elementary School. As many of you are aware I have worked closely with Parkview School and the Bluefield Drive community to address their pedestrian safety issues. After weeks of hard work by a couple of resident volunteers gathering petition signatures, they were able to compile an overwhelming 76% support from neighbors. Construction of these new speed humps will now take place between Vista Park Drive and Marti Way. I would like to send a special thank you to the volunteers, VEP Neighborhood Association, Parkview School students, parents and staff and also the City of San José Department of Transportation for all of their hard work. To view a photo of what the speed humps will look like [click here](#).

### **INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY**

Last Wednesday was International Walk to School Day, and I had the great pleasure of attending two Walk to School events in the district. First, I visited Del Roble Elementary School and joined a parade of about 100 students, parents and teachers on their way to school. Once we got to school, I was able to assist Principal Yolanda Ross in awarding the walkers with new pencils and stickers.

After leaving Del Roble, I headed over to Williams Elementary, to join the effort of their Girl Scout Troop, in establishing a Walk n Roll program at the school. These girls recognized the traffic issues around the school and decided something had to be done to create a safer environment for Williams students, so they took it upon themselves to establish walking school buses going to and from the school. This event was another reminder of the importance of cautious and responsible driving around school zones. Parents, please remember to drive slowly, observe traffic rules, and be aware of children crossing the street. If you're walking, please use crosswalks. It is our responsibility to demonstrate appropriate driving and pedestrian behaviors to our children!



### **GUADALUPE OAK GROVE PARK CLEAN UP**

Once again, it's 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](mailto: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 on the following link to learn more:  
<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=3079>

### **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CLASS**

The Office of Emergency Services no longer offers Emergency Preparedness meetings. However, Alex Fraser has graciously offered to conduct one such meeting for the residents of District 10 only. This class will be limited to the first 30 people who RSVP. Topics 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 an hour and a half on Thursday, November 14th at 6:00pm. The class will be held at the Almaden Community Center. To RSVP, email [drew.spitzer@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:drew.spitzer@sanjoseca.gov) with the names of those for whom you wish to RSVP. Please keep RSVPs to a limit of two per household.

### **NEWSLETTER FORMATTING**

My office has gotten several emails regarding the formatting of our newsletter being difficult to read in some browsers. We thank you for your feedback and have been working hard on trying to solve the problem. After looking at the html code, it seems the problem is compatibility between our database server and certain email browsers. We have contacted the company and hope to resolve this issue by the time we send out our next newsletter. If you have a formatting issue, please contact Rayshelle at [rayshelle.brant@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:rayshelle.brant@sanjoseca.gov). Sending a screen shot of the issue you are having with newsletter would be helpful. Your patience is appreciated while we resolved this matter.

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](mailto:district10@sanjoseca.gov) or call 408-535-4910. You can also friend me on [Facebook](#) and follow me on [Twitter](#).

Sincerely,

Johnny

### Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force Community Meetings

The MGPTF team wants your help. This is a great opportunity for you to share about what's happening in and around your neighborhood. It is a time of collaboration, to give ideas, recommendations and possible solutions. Come and help create a bold new vision and direction. The South Division meeting will be held on Thursday, November 7th from 6:00-8:30PM at the Southside Community Center (5585 Cottle Rd, San José, CA 95113). For more information call 408.794.1630.

### Friends of the Almaden Library Book Sale

Date: Saturday, November 2

Time: 9am to 3pm (2pm to 3pm sale priced)

Location: Almaden Library/Community Center, 6445 Camden Avenue, San Jose 95120.

Over 50 tables of books and media (CDs, DVDs, & audio books) have been donated by area residents. Proceeds go to Almaden Branch Library for special programs and additions to library collection. Regular sale is from 9am to 2pm. Paperbacks 50 cents; hardcovers \$1; a few specials \$2-\$4; sets priced higher. Media: 1-item CDs \$1; 1-item DVDs \$2; see price on case for media with over one item in case and audio books. From 2pm to 3pm, "Bag of Books for \$5" and media half-price.

Contact information: Web site: [AlmadenFriends.org](http://AlmadenFriends.org)

Almaden Branch Library: (408) 808-3040

Linda Spencer, President, Friends of the Almaden Library

Email: [Linda@spencer40.com](mailto:Linda@spencer40.com)

Phone: (408) 997-7319

### Two Neighborhoods Commission Openings for D10 Residents

APPLICATIONS are being accepted for the Neighborhoods Commission. The Neighborhoods Commission was formed to make recommendations to the City Council regarding issues, policies, and programs in regards to neighborhood safety, transportation, code enforcement, and budget, as they relate to the quality of life in San Jose neighborhoods.

The City Clerk's office is recruiting for five positions on the Neighborhoods Commission.

Representatives must live in the District they are applying to represent. Commission Members will be appointed to serve unexpired and vacant 4-year terms with end dates in 2014 and 2016. Appointments to the Neighborhoods Commission will be made by Caucus in even-numbered years. Unanticipated vacancies on the Commission outside of the Caucus will be made by appointment, with the assistance of the Council Appointment Advisory Commission.

Copies of all applications received will be submitted to the Council Appointment Advisory Commission for interview and selection, and will then be submitted to the City Council for final approval. Applications will be accepted through 5:00 PM, on MONDAY, September 30, 2013. Apply online at: <http://sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=330>

### 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](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/cityjobs) or call the City of San Jose Employment Information Line at 408-535-6800.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:bmelrose@ourcityforest.org)

### Calling All Video Makers

CreaTV San Jose is accepting entries for The 2013 CreaTiVe Awards. Videomakers from the Bay Area and Santa Cruz are invited to submit videos for competition in one or more of 10 categories. New entry form allows you to enter into multiple categories, make one payment and upload your video for judging, all at the same time, at [www.creatvsj.org](http://www.creatvsj.org).

Call for Entries Deadline: November 1, 2013  
Entry Fee: \$30 per entry, per category

Winners receive the Adobe Creative Suite Professional Edition, valued at \$1,800!

Winners announced on January 18, 2014 at The CreaTiVe Awards Gala at the California Theatre in San Jose. Special guests include Community Media Champion Awardee, Ed Asner and Rudy Parris from "The Voice."

Questions? Contact Pam Kelly at (408) 295-8815 ext. 307 or [pam.kelly@creatvsj.org](mailto:pam.kelly@creatvsj.org).

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