



OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER JOHNNY KHAMIS  
SAN JOSE, DISTRICT 10

## District 10 March Newsletter

Dear Neighbor,

February was filled with significant events , including the annual Westfield Oakridge Winter Walk, the ground breaking of new soccer fields at Steinbeck School, and the welcoming of our new Southern Division Police Captain, Shawny Williams. I hope you enjoy the stories of these recent happenings, and take some time to look at what is ahead for this month.

### **SOCCER FIELD GROUND BREAKING**

On Friday, February 21st, we celebrated the ground breaking of the new, state-of-the-art soccer fields that will be installed at Steinbeck School. A collaboration between the City of San Jose, the San Jose Unified School District, and, most importantly, the generous donation of \$4.2 million by Almaden resident Patty O'Malley, has made this project a reality. We are very excited to see these two, regulation-size, artificial turf soccer fields (also to be marked for a little league diamond!), new restroom facility, and additional parking, become part of the amenities available to the residents of District 10! These fields will provide the wonderful opportunity of healthy, outdoor activity to current residents and for generations to come. A big thank you to everyone involved!

Public/private partnerships and inter-agency cooperation of the type that brought these fields to fruition are a model for the type of interactions that build our community to create assets of lasting value.



### **A WARM WELCOME TO CAPTAIN SHAWNY WILLIAMS**

As mentioned in my last newsletter, Captain Dave Honda, the Southern Division Commander for the San Jose Police Department (SJPD) will be moving to the SJPD Administrative Bureau. I have appreciated all of his hard work and his dedication to our community and wish him well in his new role. Last week, I had the opportunity to meet with and learn a bit more about our new Southern Division Commander, Shawny Williams.

Captain Williams is a Bay Area native, born and raised in San Francisco. He attended and graduated from Lowell high school and continued his higher education at Simpson University, where he received a Bachelor's of Art degree in Psychology with a minor in Biblical Literature. After graduating college, Captain Williams played international basketball professionally in Australia and Mexico. He is currently enrolled at Fort Hays State University where he is pursuing his Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership.

While playing professional basketball in Mexico, Captain Williams met and married his soul-mate. They have been married for 23 years and are raising two lovely children, ages 13 and 15. Captain Williams volunteers much of his off-duty time to coaching youth travel-league basketball. In the fall of 2014, he will be an assistant basketball coach at Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton.

Captain Williams joined the SJPD on March 8, 1993. As an officer, he worked in the following specialized assignments: Special Operations - Violent Crime Enforcement Team, Field Training Officer, Hostage Negotiator, and Detective in the Gang Investigations Unit. Officer Williams was promoted to sergeant on February 7, 2003.

As a sergeant, he supervised patrol officers and was selected to work as a supervisor in these specialized assignments: Night Detective, Homicide Detective, and Internal Affairs Investigator.

He was then promoted to Lieutenant on February 7, 2007. He served as a Patrol Watch Commander for three and half years, Commander of the Assault/Juvenile/Missing Person Unit, and Acting Captain in the Foothill Division. Lieutenant Williams was promoted to Captain on October 10, 2011 and he was selected to command the Bureau of Administration.

In the summer of 2012, Captain Williams attended and graduated from the 250th F.B.I. National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. After returning from the F.B.I National Academy, Captain Williams served out his two-year assignment as Commander of the Bureau of Administration which includes the Recruitment, Background, Police Academy, and Training Units.

Captain Williams certainly has the experience and knowledge to lead and protect the Southern Division well. I look forward to working with him to improve the safety of our community!

### **7th ANNUAL WOWW A GREAT SUCCESS**

Last Friday, in partnership with the Offices of Councilmembers Don Rocha and Ash Kalra, Kaiser Permanente, and Westfield Malls, we hosted the 7th Annual Westfield Oakridge Winter Walk and Senior Resource Fair. With over 50 health and wellness-related vendors, appearances by local elected officials such as Assemblymember Mark Stone, County Supervisors Mike Wasserman and Dave Cortese, Councilmembers

Pierluigi Oliverio and Sam Liccardo, and Independent Police Auditor, Judge LeDoris Cordell, representatives of Assemblymember Beall, an invigorating warm-up stretch led by the recreation leader from one of our community centers, and nearly 300 senior participants, it was a wonderful event!

I am thankful for all the hard work put in by my staff, especially Michele Dexter, as well as staff from District 9 and District 2 for doing such a great job organizing and executing the event. I am also grateful to Amy McNeal from Westfield Oakridge Mall for helping us to make this event possible, as well as to all of the fantastic vendors who are committed to the health and wellness of our senior population. A hearty thanks goes to Kaiser Permanente for donating the funds for the breakfast for the participants, for the committed volunteers from the Association of Retired Police Officers and Fire Fighters, the San Jose State University student volunteers, and for our DJ and sound specialist, Rich McCoy. Lastly, thank you to the senior community in our area for being so involved and for making this year's Westfield Oakridge Winter Walk a huge success!



### **GREAT AMERICAN LITTER PICK UP**

It's that time again! Time to dig out your gloves and grab your pick up sticks, because the Great American Litter Pick Up is just around the corner! On Saturday, April 26th, from 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM, my office will be organizing litter pick up and beautification projects throughout District 10. This is a wonderful opportunity to get out and help beautify your neighborhood while meeting your neighbors! This is also a great opportunity for students looking for community service hours and for school or university service clubs looking for projects. Please stay tuned for more information regard the specific locations and projects you can be involved in. For more information contact Rayshelle at [rayshelle.brant@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:rayshelle.brant@sanjoseca.gov) or call 408-535-4910.

### **HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**

Looking for other ways to serve your community? Please consider applying to represent District 10 as a member of the Human Services Commission for the City of San Jose. The Human Services Commission was established to implement the San José Human Rights Policy and to develop programs promoting the fulfillment of human rights in the City. The commission studies, reviews, evaluates and makes recommendations to the City Council relative to all matters affecting human rights including discrimination and equal employment opportunity policies and practices, and recommends courses of action regarding the City's equal opportunity and equal access efforts and its programs relating to City employment. [Please click here](#) for more information and for an application. For more information, you may contact the office of the City Clerk at (408) 535-1260.

## **HELP CONSERVE WATER – SCV WATER DISTRICT REBATES**

With the drought conditions the state as been facing, here in Santa Clara County, the Santa Clara Valley Water District is asking us to help by reducing our water usage by 20%. To help facilitate your efforts at conservation, they offer a Landscape Rebate Program available for Santa Clara County residents, businesses, and institutions that convert qualifying high-water-using landscape to water efficient landscape and/or upgrade to qualifying irrigation hardware that results in water savings. In order to qualify, you must participate in a pre-inspection survey prior to applying for the program. To schedule a pre-inspection survey, please call the Water Conservation Hotline at (408) 630-2554. The surveyor will determine eligibility for the Landscape Rebate Program and complete the qualifying information on a Request for Application Form. Customers participating in just the Irrigation Equipment Rebate may be eligible to participate in an expedited pre-inspection. Please contact the Water Districts Water Conservation Hotline (408-630-2554) for more details.

For more information regarding this program and others provided by the Santa Clara Water District click here: <http://www.valleywater.org/programs/rebates.aspx>

## **CITY BUDGET UPDATE**

So far this year, City residents have been surveyed, neighborhood and youth leaders have participated in budget priority-setting exercises and others have weighed in through the on-line budget games. The City Council had its budget planning study session, and Mayor Reed has presented his vision for the coming budget year in his State of the City Address. Finally, the City Manager's Budget Office has released the City Manager's Budget Request and Five-Year Forecast that will form the basis for the budget discussions that are yet to come. Because of the implementation by the City Council of Fiscal Reforms and over \$20 million in annual savings generated by voter-approved Measure B, the City faces a very small projected deficit next year of \$1.5 million despite continuing increases in employee benefit costs. This deficit amounts to less than two-tenths of one percent on a General Fund budget of about \$900 million. I am confident that we can close this small budget gap without any further cuts to services while we make good on our promise to restore past pay-cuts for police officers. In addition to working to keep police officers on the job in San Jose, I will be looking for ways that we can commit one-time resources to begin whittling down our City's growing backlog of infrastructure maintenance needs and to make strategic investments in technology that will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of our City workforce.

Budget work will continue with the release, this coming Friday, of the Mayor's March Budget Message. The initial hearing for the Budget Message is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11th, with an additional hearing on Tuesday, March 18th. I encourage you to attend the City Council meetings where the budget will be discussed or to tune in from home and provide me with your feedback on this year's budget proposal. Email your comments or questions to me at [district10@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district10@sanjoseca.gov) or give my Chief of Staff, Shane Patrick Connolly, a call at 408-535-4910.

## **OTHER COUNCIL ACTION**

Yesterday, the City Council approved placing a renewal of the Library Parcel Tax on the June ballot. The Library Parcel Tax provides about 22% of the San Jose Public Library's operating funds and is set to expire in 2015. Voters will weigh in at the June election as to whether or not the tax should be continued at the existing level for another 25 years,



with continued citizen oversight and annual audits.

Continue reading below for more updates and opportunities to get involved in our community. If you have any questions regarding what you've read in this newsletter, feel free to contact my office at [district10@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district10@sanjoseca.gov) or call 408-535-4910. Also, for updates between newsletters, add me as a friend on [Facebook](#) or follow me on [Twitter](#)!

Sincerely,

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### **Southern Division ID Symposium**

Southern Division ID Symposium at Branham High School from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM on Saturday, April 12th. Learn how to protect your personal information and how to protect yourself and your loved ones from identity theft. Sponsored by the SJPD, Councilmembers Khamis, Kalra, and Rocha, and the Offices of the Santa Clara County District Attorney and Santa Clara County Sheriff, the symposium will include expert speakers from multiple agencies, including the U.S. Postal Inspector, the U.S. Secret Service, and many more.

### **Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara Civil Grand Jury Recruitment**

The Santa Clara Superior Court is recruiting applicants interested in serving on the Civil Grand Jury. For more information:

Visit our website: [www.scscourt.org](http://www.scscourt.org), and select "Civil Grand Jury"

Email: [CGJ@scscourt.org](mailto:CGJ@scscourt.org)

Call the Office of the Grand Jury: (408) 882-2721

Application Deadline: Friday, March 14, 2014 at 5:00 P.M.

### **Urban Foraging: Edible Weeds and Plants in Your Back Yard**

Saturday, March 15th

10:00am to 12:00pm

All Ages

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

Have you ever been out for a walk and wondered if any of the plants around you could make it to your dinner plate? Join GRPC and urban foraging enthusiasts Dion Kardasis and Jeremy Dalton for a two hour workshop on finding and cooking edible weeds. Dion and Jeremy will teach participants how to identify edible plants and then lead the class on a foraging excursion around the Guadalupe River Park and Gardens. Finally the class will come back to the Visitor Center to cook up some of the fruits of their labor. This class is open to all ages; minors must be accompanied by an adult. All programs take place at the Guadalupe Visitor & Education Center, 438 Coleman Ave in San Jose. Pre-

registration is required, and space is limited. For more information call 408-298-7657.

### **Santa Teresa High School Music Marathon!**

Santa Teresa High School (STHS) is excited to announce their Music Marathon on Friday, March 7th 2014, open to the public from 3:00 pm to 12:00 midnight at Santa Teresa High School.

This free Mardi Gras-themed extravaganza is a family-friendly community event that will include continuous live music performed by students in the Santa Teresa music program, an amazing selection of gourmet food trucks and a silent auction. All proceeds raised will contribute to critical funding needed to maintain this quality music program. Students will be playing live music for 16 consecutive hours to help raise funds for these award-winning groups. Attendees will be treated to concert music, chamber music, jazz, and much more.

Funds raised by the Music Marathon will help pay for uniforms, band travel expenses, equipment repairs, scholarships, staffing, fees, and help reduce the cost for student's families. This is a family-friendly event you won't want to miss! Food trucks will serve gourmet meals from 4:30 PM to 9:00 PM with the silent auction from 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Donations are welcome and appreciated. For more info: [www.600building.com](http://www.600building.com)

### **3rd Annual South Bay Women's Conference**

The SBWC encourages dialogue and action to create social change and awareness of gender issues in the STEM professions. By providing space for all people to come and discuss societal influences on women and girls, we aim to break through those barriers. We bring students, scholars, educators, cultural workers, community organizers, working professionals, researchers and policy makers together to discuss how these professions interact with matters of gender, race, ethnicity, sexuality, size, disability, class, and religion.

The conference will be held on Saturday, March 8th. To register or learn more, visit [www.southbaywc.org](http://www.southbaywc.org).

### **Parks and Recreation Summer Camp Registration**

Registration for the city's Parks and Recreation Summer Camps begins on February 22nd. If you register your child before March 21st, you will receive a 10% early bird discount. The Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services has 100's of camps to choose from. [Follow this link and find the camp that is best for your child!](#)

### **UNSCC 2014 Spring Mixer**

Saturday, March 29, 2014  
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
CAMPBELL COMMUNITY CENTER  
Orchard City Banquet Hall  
1 W Campbell Ave, C31  
Campbell, CA 95008

Come and enjoy a complimentary continental breakfast during this great opportunity to network with neighborhood leaders from all over Santa Clara County in a casual setting, with special guest speaker, James Reber from the Parks Foundation. There will be a variety of informational resource tables and you could be eligible for a drawing for several great prizes. For more information about the Spring Mixer, contact Grace Red at (408) 230-8725 or Email: [gredfy11@gmail.com](mailto:gredfy11@gmail.com).

### **San Jose Family Camp at Yosemite: Online Reservations for 2014 Summer Season**

Returning for another year of family memories, San Jose Family Camp at Yosemite is proud to announce a new online reservation system for the 2014 summer season that runs from June 13 through August 9, 2014. The system allows Campers to view photos of campsites, select their favorite spot from a map of available tents on their preferred dates, and make a partial or full payment by credit card.

Family Camp at Yosemite amenities include; all meals, a tent, cots, flush toilets and showers. Camp activities include fishing, swimming, rafting, hiking, gold panning, crafts, relaxing and organized events. Yosemite's West Entrance gate is 20 minutes away.

Reservations are being accepted now - simply visit [www.FamilyCampReservations.com](http://www.FamilyCampReservations.com). Please call the Family Camp Office at (408) 794-6208 if you need any assistance, or wish to pay by cash or check.

### **Historic Landmarks Commission Vacancy**

The Clerk's Office is recruiting for one position on the Historic Landmarks Commission to fill an unexpired four-year term ending June 30, 2015. Applicants must be registered voters in the City of San José and, if appointed, must remain so throughout the term of office. Members of the commission shall be persons having demonstrable interest and expertise in historic preservation, and professional expertise in any of the following disciplines is highly desirable: architecture, history, architectural history, planning, prehistoric and historic archaeology, folklore, cultural anthropology, curation, conservation, and landscape architecture or related disciplines, to the extent such professionals are available in the community. [To apply click here](#) or to request a paper application, please call the Office of the City Clerk at (408) 535-1260 or via e-mail at [commissions@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:commissions@sanjoseca.gov).

### **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.

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