



OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER JOHNNY KHAMIS
SAN JOSE, DISTRICT 10

District 10 July Newsletter

Dear Neighbor,

Happy July! We are just a few short days away from celebrating our Nation's Independence! Please join me this Fourth of July as we celebrate the birth of our nation with an afternoon and evening festival, culminating with a fireworks show, at Almaden Lake Park. Over the last several years, there has been a marked increase in the use of illegal fireworks. The police and fire departments have developed a comprehensive strategy that they will employ this year to educate the public and combat this explosion in illegal firework use. For more information on their efforts [visit the SJFD website](#).

The July 4th Family Festival and other public fireworks shows will play an important role as part of the City's strategy to stop illegal fireworks displays. It is my hope that people forego their own illegal fireworks to join their fellow San Jose residents in enjoying a safe, professionally-produced fireworks show. Professional fireworks shows are a much safer alternative to illegal displays, since they are conducted by pyrotechnic experts operating under a fire department permit to ensure that they don't create a fire hazard. This is especially important given the very dry conditions we have been experiencing.

On the Fourth of July, the Family Festival will occupy the majority of Almaden Lake Park. The festivities will begin at 2 p.m. with three live bands providing modern and classic favorites, safety vendors, local businesses and artists, food trucks, and kids' activities. A highlight of the kids' activities will be the Kids' Parade! The Kids' Parade and competition will include a procession at 5 o'clock. All children and family members may participate. Please come dressed up and prepared to join the parade to show off your costumes! Competition winners will be based on best family presentation, most patriotic, funniest, most original, craziest, most colorful, most unusual, and a judges' choice. If you'd like more information, email me at the address below. Winners will be announced at the main stage and awarded special prizes from local leaders.

And of course, to end the evening with a bang, festival-goers will enjoy a professional fireworks show at 9:15 PM! In order to maintain a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone, we will have a very strict policy of no alcohol or pets. If you bring either, you will immediately be asked to leave. This will be strictly enforced by event security. We are looking forward to seeing you there! Let's all celebrate responsibly!

If you would like to financially support this important community event with a tax-deductible contribution, please visit the [San Jose Parks Foundation website](#). Click on "donate" and select "Almaden Lake 4th of July Fireworks." All contributions will go directly to covering the costs of the event.

REPORTING ILLEGAL FIREWORKS

One of the greatest frustrations and concerns that I share with the residents of District 10, is the blatant disregard for the law with the use of illegal fireworks! One of the main reasons I decided to host the July 4th Fun Festival was to create a deterrent from the use of illegal fireworks in our neighborhoods and parks. I have discussed this many times with our Chief of Police, as well as our Southern Division Commander, Captain Shawny Williams. I am happy to inform you that there will be increased patrols, and strategic placement of officers in fireworks hotspots around the City, including in District 10. Our officers on patrol will be citing those caught with or using illegal fireworks. I greatly appreciate this effort from our officers! If your neighborhood is a hotspot for illegal fireworks, please report this! The only way officers will know where to go, is by multiple reports given by multiple neighbors. If someone in your neighborhood is setting off fireworks, please call 311, or file an online report at <http://www.sjpd.org/ReportingCrime/OnlineReport/>

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO EARN SERVICE HOURS

Now that summer is here and most students are out of school, the District 10 Council Office has several volunteer and internship opportunities in which students may participate. Interning in the Council Office or volunteering for special events can earn students community services hours, and well as valuable experience.

In fact, we will need several volunteers for the upcoming July 4th Fun Festival! Students can choose between two shifts, to help with event set-up, from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m., and to do event tear-down/clean-up from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping out, or if you have a child, grandchild, niece or nephew that would be able to help out, volunteer, or intern, please contact Rayshelle Brant at 408-535-4910 or rayshelle.brant@sanjoseca.gov.

SJPD UPDATE – SOLVING CRIMES IN DISTRICT 10

The officers of the San Jose Police Department (SJPD) Southern Division have been doing tremendous work on behalf of our residents by capturing burglars that have been victimizing our City. Alert District 10 residents have played a key role in many of these incidents by calling 9-1-1 to report suspicious activity in their neighborhoods and by giving the police good descriptions of suspects and their vehicles. This allows the SJPD to stop the suspects when they find them, even if they are no longer at the scene of the burglary. Residents have also been careful to preserve evidence that the SJPD was able to collect, and, in many instances, they have been able to provide the SJPD with surveillance camera video data. Southern Division Captain Shawny Williams and Lt. Chris Monahan shared the following details on a few recent

successful arrests:

May 30th, Meridian / Paso Los Cerritos area:

A citizen called the police saying that her neighbor was screaming that a male was in her house. While en route to the location, radio gave an update that the suspect jumped into a gold Honda and was leaving the area. It was later updated that the suspect exited the vehicle. It was unclear if the suspect was still in the vehicle or not. An officer was coming west on Redmond Ave approaching Meridian Ave. That same officer observed a gold Honda going north on Meridian Ave from the area where the burglary occurred.

The Honda was traveling at a high rate of speed. It appeared the driver saw the officer (officer had his lights and siren on) and made a quick left turn into the Lucky's parking lot on the northwest corner of Meridian Ave and Redmond Ave. The officer entered the parking lot and watched the Honda park in the middle of the parking lot. The driver jumped out and started calling someone on a cell phone. The license plate of the Honda matched the license plate that was given for the suspect vehicle. Other officers helped to conduct a high risk stop and the driver was taken into custody without incident. The driver (Suspect 2) was later identified.

That same suspect had a cell phone in his possession. He stated that it did not belong to him. He said it belonged to the other male who was in his car. Not knowing if the phone was stolen or in fact did belong to our outstanding suspect (Suspect 1), the officer looked through the phone trying to find any numbers or information that could lead him to its owner.

After the driver became more truthful with his statement, the officer showed some of the photos in the phone to him asking if this was the other suspect that broke into the house and tried to leave with him. Suspect 2 confirmed that the male in the photos was the male he was with. The officer conducted a forensic analysis on the cell phone and is still trying to verify its owner. We are still not positive that it belonged to Suspect 1, who is still outstanding, or if it was stolen. The officer located the phone number to the phone. A records check on that number showed it belonged to a male with an address in San Jose. A records check on that address came up with a name. We believe that we know who our outstanding suspect is, and plan to soon have him in custody.

June 6th, Camden / Morrill:

At approx. 0730 hours, SJPD Officer Ngo contacted the Regional Auto Theft Task Force (RATTF) regarding a located stolen vehicle that was taken in a burglary. RATTF responded and conducted surveillance. The vehicle was followed to the area of Judith/Tradewinds. A suspect was seen getting out of the stolen vehicle and into another vehicle. He drove away, leaving the stolen vehicle. RATTF detectives recognized the suspect as being wanted in regard to a burglary.

RATTF conducted rolling surveillance and ultimately conducted a high risk vehicle stop in the area of Camden/Morrill in San Jose. Two suspects were taken into custody. One suspect was in possession of a loaded handgun. A records check revealed that the two suspects had warrants for the burglary. Burglary detectives were contacted.

Further follow up revealed that Gang Detectives wanted to speak with the suspects with regard to an attempted homicide. That investigation is ongoing. RATTf continued follow up based on prior surveillance. A vehicle was searched that belonged to one of the suspects. A hand gun was located in the vehicle. Both suspects were booked into jail for multiple charges.

June 8th, Camden/Harry Rd area:

Our Burglary Suppression Officers (BSOs) have been conducting follow up on a case that occurred in Southern Almaden several weeks ago. Patrol, along with BSOs, have been tenacious about this case, making slow progress. A fingerprint was taken on the window used to gain entry into the house. BSOs made contact with our Fingerprint Unit and asked them to look at the prints. They identified the suspect two days later. BSOs re-contacted the victim to make sure the suspect did not belong at the residence. The suspect is an 18 year old validated gang member who is on searchable probation for burglary and lives in Northern Almaden. On June 8th, he was taken into custody.

He told the arresting officers that he gets drunk with his friends and commits burglaries. He did not admit to committing the above burglary because he said he cannot remember which houses he burglarized due to being intoxicated.

We believe he is responsible for dozens of burglaries in the Southern division.

If you see our SJPd officers out and about, be sure to thank them for working hard to get the criminals off of our streets and out of our neighborhoods!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Last year, National Night Out was a tremendous success throughout District 10. I am hoping that with some advanced notice, more neighborhoods will join the effort and host their own events! National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 5th this year, and I hope you all consider participating! 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](#).

HOFFMAN-VIA MONTE & RLEI

As many of you are aware, public safety has been a top priority of mine since I took office in January of 2013. The safety of our community is very important to me, that is why I have worked tirelessly in the Hoffman-Via Monte Neighborhood to help address crime, safety, and quality of life issues in the area just south of the Blossom Hill / Almaden Expressway intersection.

In February of 2013, I continued a partnership that former Councilmember Nancy Pyle started with the Responsible Landlord Engagement Initiative to work with property owners in the neighborhood and bring to their attention the issues that have plagued this area for years if not decades. The RLEI is a non-profit partnership organized by United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County and Neighborhood

Housing Services of Silicon Valley. They assist Neighborhood Associations in dealing with problem property owners who neglect their properties and allow criminal activity and blight issues to continue. It has been a pleasure to work with them over the past 18 months in the Hoffman-Via Monte neighborhood as they have been instrumental in assisting us in a variety of ways. Just recently, I was honored to be presented with a plaque from RLEI in recognition of the work I and my District 10 staff have done in this neighborhood.



I am happy with the progress that we have made but the work does not stop here. I was pleased to have the support from the Mayor and my fellow Councilmembers on my budget request to have an additional \$25,000 allocated to the RLEI to help continue their efforts. I look forward to their work not just in the Hoffman-Via Monte Neighborhood, but in neighborhoods throughout the City of San José.

GUADALUPE LANDFILL – NEW GAS RECOVERY FACILITY

A couple of months ago, Waste Management submitted a proposed project to replace their methane gas recovery facility, which produced electricity from methane gas recovered from the Guadalupe Landfill. When it was operating, the facility burned the methane gas that is produced by the landfill to generate electricity for about 5,000 homes. Since this old facility is no longer functioning, Waste Management is required to simply “flare” (burn off) the methane gas – a potent greenhouse gas. This obsolete facility is also located within the landfill area where solid waste will need to eventually be placed.

The proposed location for the new facility, atop a hill, would require the removal of numerous mature oak trees and significant grading of the hill. It would also be highly visible to people using the Almaden Quicksilver Park, and there is a serious question about the increase in noise and questions about other ways in which this hilltop site would negatively affect surrounding neighborhoods.

After hearing the feedback from residents who attended the Environmental Impact Scoping report meeting and those who called or wrote to me to share their concerns, and after touring the proposed site for the methane gas recovery facility, I let Waste Management know that I would not support the original proposed location. In response to our concerns, Waste Management has come up with a much better location in an already-heavily-used area of the property. This alternative location lies in an area that is further from residences, provides a natural topographical buffer against noise, and will be hidden from the view of users of trails within Almaden Quicksilver Park. This alternative location is to be incorporated into the environmental analysis that is now being assembled.

All of the comments that have been received have been forwarded to the consultant who is preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on behalf of the City of San Jose. Your concerns will be addressed as part of the report.

Once a final EIR document has been prepared, the Planning Department will notify the interested parties of the report's availability and how you can review it. The document will be available for at least 45 days prior to any public hearing. An EIR is a disclosure document. It is not a permit. The purpose of the document is to inform the public and the decision makers about potential environmental impacts associated with a proposed project.

I and my colleagues on the City Council will ultimately decide, at a public hearing, whether or not to certify the EIR. If the EIR is certified by the City Council, then the Director of Planning would approve or deny the Planned Development Permit Amendment request during a separate public hearing. The Planning Department will notify us of any future scheduled meetings or public hearings, and I will be sure to spread the word on Nextdoor.com and in my semi-monthly newsletter. I anticipate that this issue will come to the City Council sometime this fall.

LOSE A MILLION INITIATIVE

My colleague, Councilmember Pete Constant from District 1, has challenged residents throughout San Jose to join him in a new health initiative called Lose a Million. I, myself, have joined Pete in his challenge and am working to "contribute" some extra pounds to the effort. The goal is for us to collectively "lose a million" pounds and encourage healthy lifestyles. If you haven't heard about it yet, now is the time the sign up! Visit LoseaMillion.com to sign up and to find resources on this site to help you lose weight. The website has a journal that allows you track your health and weight loss and there are mobile apps available for iOS and Android devices that will allow you to track your health and weight loss. Let's all join Pete to Lose a Million!

WELCOMING A NEW BUSINESS TO DISTRICT 10

We have a new business in the Almaden Oaks Plaza at Meridian and Redmond. A Way with Flowers & Frames opened for business on Monday, June 16th. Owner Marie Bourque has been in the floral industry for over 38 years, and has over 10 years of experience working in a high volume framing shop. She's combined her two passions into one location and is ready to help you with all your floral and framing needs. Marie has been overwhelmed by the warm and generous welcome she has received from the community and is looking forward to building long-lasting relationships with her customers. Please stop by her store and pick up one of her beautiful floral arrangements, or call ahead to place an order at 408-268-3400.

Continue reading below for more updates and opportunities to get involved in our community. If you have any questions with regard to what you've read in this newsletter, feel free to contact my office at 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,

Johnny

Almaden Valley Summer Concert Series

Returning again for the 12th year! The Almaden Community Center, The Almaden Senior Advisory Association, and Sereno Group proudly present the Almaden Summer Concert Series.

7/10 - Jukebox Heroes

7/17 - Silicon Valley Houserockers

7/24 - Altrasound/ School of Rock San Jose

7/31 - Sage

Located at Greystone Park from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Activities for children, live music, and good family fun!

CAP Grant Cycle 28 Applications are Available NOW on WebGrants

The City of San Jose is pleased to announce the Request for Proposals for grant applications for the Community Action and Pride (CAP) Grants Program, Cycle 28. The online application process is located on the City of San Jose Webgrants page which can be accessed at <http://grants.sanjoseca.gov/login.do>. You will then click on Go to Webgrants to look for the process under Funding Opportunities.

The new grant funding amounts will range from \$300 (minimum)-\$1500 (maximum) per organization and can be used for activities such as neighborhood newsletters, get-togethers, cultural events, and more. For a complete list of eligible activities and items, and other information about CAP Grants, visit <http://www.unscc.org/grants.html>

The application period will end on Thursday, July 31, at 4 p.m.

Hispanic Heritage Youth Foundation Awards

The Hispanic Heritage Foundation is once again conducting a nation-wide search for the best and the brightest Hispanic/Latino leaders. The Youth Awards program offers educational grants in several categories to qualified Hispanic/Latino high school rising seniors. Recipients are eligible to receive an educational grant ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000. The application is now available online at bit.ly/1npK5bS. The deadline to apply is September 15, 2014.

The 2014 Youth Awards scholarship application has now gone live! Rising Latino high school seniors please visit [http://bit.ly/1npK5bS!](http://bit.ly/1npK5bS)

Movie Night at Almaden Lake Park

Come enjoy a family-friendly film in a beautiful outdoor setting! Movie begins at 8:30 p.m. or when it becomes dark enough outside! The movie is free, but parking costs \$6.00. Refreshments will be available for purchase. For more information please call: 408-927-0868

Saturday, July 26, 2014 - E.T.
Saturday, August 23, 2014 - THE LEGO MOVIE

Almaden Lake Park
15652 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95120

Starlight Cinemas Free Outdoor Movies Schedule

July 16 – “Indiana Jones & the Last Crusade,” St. James Park
July 23 – “Ghostbusters,” San Pedro Square Market
July 30 – “Pee Wee's Big Adventure,” St. James Park
Aug. 6 – “Pretty in Pink,” San Pedro Square Market
Aug. 13 – “Gremlins,” St. James Park
Aug. 20 – “Airplane!” San Pedro Square Market

All events in downtown San Jose. Starlight Cinemas begin with pre-screening fun and games an hour before dusk. Movies begin at dusk. Free to the general public
Check sjdowntown.com/starlight.

Senator Jim Beall Hosts Job Fair

Looking for a job? More than 40 local employers looking to hire will gather at the Annual Summer Job Fair next month in San Jose.

When: Thursday, July 24, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Where: Employment Connection Center, 1879 Senter Road, San Jose

For more information, click the following link...
<http://www.sccgov.org/sites/ec/Pages/default.aspx>, or call (408) 758-3797

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.

Dionne Warwick Shows You the Way to San Jose

Dionne Warwick, five-time GRAMMY® Award recipient and international music icon, will perform at the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts on Aug. 1, 2014 at 8 pm as part of Sister Cities International Annual Conference and Youth Leadership Summit hosted this year by the City of San Jose. The one-show-only engagement will also feature the MGM Resorts International “Inspiring Our World: A Musical Journey,” Silicon Valley Music Festival and the San Jose State University Choraliers.

For tickets (\$100VIP, \$85, \$65 and \$45) and more information about Dionne Warwick’s

Aug. 1 performance in San Jose, please visit www.DionneWarwickSanJose.com.
Fifty

\$100 VIP ticket holders will receive full access to a special Meet-and-Greet event with Dionne Warwick immediately after the concert. All inquiries can be directed to info@captivateartists.com. Press images, videos, and interview requests are available by contacting Jim Fung at jim.fung@captivateartists.com.

Happy Hollow Summer Zoo Camp 2014

Space Still Available! Go wild this summer at Happy Hollow Zoo Camp! Each unique camp topic provides interactive learning experiences, hands-on science-based activities, zoo tours, and the opportunity to meet live animals up close!

For details, registration and pricing clicking the following link...
<http://www.hhpz.org/index.cfm/id/314>

Supervisor Wasserman Hosts Photo Contest

The 2014 Summer Photo Contest is here! Supervisor Wasserman wants to see your favorite photos that show why Santa Clara County is the place to be in the summer.

He will frame and proudly display the winning photos in his office. Grab your camera and show them your favorite images of landscape, farmers markets, parades, county parks, neighborhood BBQs, pets, and other fun images of summer! Deadline: August 1, 2014. Simply email your photo to Kevin.Maitski@bos.sccgov.org along with your name, address, and where you took the photo. More information on the photo contest including rules and photos of past winners can be found on his website.

You may reach Supervisor Wasserman's office at (408) 299-5010, or you can email him at mike.wasserman@bos.sccgov.org with your comments and concerns.

Nonprofit Works To Save Historic Landmark: Mt Umunhum Radar Tower

The most prominent local landmark when looking toward the Santa Cruz Mountains from District 10 (and beyond) is the iconic radar tower atop Mt. Umunhum. It is the last vestige of the former Almaden Air Force Station which closely guarded the Bay Area from an air attack/invasion during the Cold War. However, this historic structure is in danger of being demolished and needs funding for preservation and future use as a historical resource. Some of the future reuse ideas are a visitor center, day-use science camp for school children, Cold War museum (which would be the only one of its kind in the area), and many more possibilities. There is a local non-profit group (Umunhum Conservancy, Inc.) who is tasked with raising funds to save the tower. If you are interesting in helping and learning more, please visit them at www.Umunhum.net and help save an important piece of history.

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