



OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER JOHNNY KHAMIS  
SAN JOSE, DISTRICT 10

## District 10 Mid-February Newsletter

Dear Neighbor,

Thank you again to all who attended the District 10 Community Safety Meeting on February 11. By your presence, you displayed your dedication and commitment to the care of our homes, our neighborhoods, and our community.

It was great to hear directly from local leaders in law enforcement, including SJPD Assistant Chief Eddie Garcia, former Captain and newly appointed Deputy Chief, Shawny Williams, our new Southern Division Captain, Ed Schroder, Assistant Santa Clara County District Attorney, Johnny Gogo, SJPD Neighborhood Watch Director, Rey Cedeno, and SJPD Lieutenant, Paul Messier. The Mayor's comments were also greatly appreciated as was the presence of other members of the SJPD.

Thank you again to Suzy Chang for working tirelessly with my District 10 staff to plan this important meeting and coordinate all of the details!

As mentioned in my email following the meeting, I am providing information about the meeting for those who could not attend or others who are interested:

- [Click here to listen to the audio of the meeting](#) (thank you to Rick Dexter for recording!)
- Resources on my website: [www.sjd10.com](http://www.sjd10.com)
- [Five-minute Crime Prevention video](#).

I encourage each of you to consider setting up a Neighborhood Watch meeting for you and your neighbors, if you have not already done so. Getting to know your neighbors and watching out for one another is the front line of defense against crime. One burglary is one too many, and by working together with our neighbors and the SJPD, we can prevent burglaries and keep our neighborhoods safe!

If you have other public safety-related questions, please reach out to Jose Salcido in my office – 408-535-4910.



### **ALMADEN LAKE UPDATE**

On Tuesday, March 24, the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) plans to bring an item before their Board of Directors that would begin the environmental documentation process for the Lake Almaden Project. The documentation will include preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that will evaluate all potential environmental impacts for the project's preferred alternatives 6 and 7. The District estimates that the draft EIR will be released for public comment in the fall. Once all comments have been responded to, a Final EIR would be prepared for adoption by the Board of Directors, possibly by the spring of 2016.

Once the Final EIR is adopted, the project design process can begin. When the project design is 60% complete, the District can apply for permits from the regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over the project. The regulatory agencies have informed the District that the permit review process can take anywhere from 18 months to two years. Given that time frame, the District estimates that the tentative start date for construction could be in early 2018.

The Regional Water Quality Control Board gave the District ten years to investigate project alternatives to resolve the mercury issue at Lake Almaden, and an additional ten years to implement whatever solution is selected. The Regional Water Quality Control Board issued their order in 2008, so the District must show progress toward a solution by 2018, which the schedule above accomplishes. If anyone would like additional information on the project, the project's alternatives, or the timeline, feel free to contact Rechelle Blank, Engineering Unit Manager, at 408-630-2615 or via email at [rblank@valleywater.org](mailto:rblank@valleywater.org).

### **WESTFIELD OAKRIDGE WINTER WALK AND SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR**

Mark your calendar for the 8th Annual Westfield Oakridge Winter Walk and Senior Resource Fair scheduled for Friday, February 27 at Westfield Oakridge Mall in the Macy's courtyard. Registration will be on-site and will begin promptly at 8:30 AM. We are excited to host several new vendors in addition to everyone's favorites from previous years. We will also have great prizes for our complimentary door prize drawing – a crowd favorite! If you would like more information please contact Michele at [michele.dexter@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:michele.dexter@sanjoseca.gov) or call 408-535-4910. We hope to see you there!

### **DISTRICT 10 COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS**

I have made a slight change to our twice-a-month community office hours. To be sure that I am as accessible to you as possible, rather than meeting in the evenings of the third Wednesday of each month, we will be meeting the second Saturday of the month from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. The location, City Espresso, remains the same, and our

Wednesday morning sessions at the Almaden Community Center remain unchanged. You can see the list of upcoming dates and times below. If you have any questions, call my office at 408-535-4910 or email us at [district10@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district10@sanjoseca.gov).

***First Wednesday of Every Month from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM***

Almaden Community Center  
6445 Camden Ave  
San Jose, CA 95120

March 4  
April 1  
May 6  
June 3

***Second Saturday of Every Month from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM***

City Espresso  
630 Blossom Hill Road  
San Jose, CA 95123

March 14  
April 11  
May 9  
June 13

**SENIOR COMMISSION VACANCY**

About the Commission: The Senior Citizens Commission studies, reviews, evaluates, and makes recommendations to the City Council on any matters affecting seniors in the City of San Jose, including health, education, employment, housing, transportation, and recreation.

The Senior Commission meets quarterly on the second Thursday of March, June, September and December, during the day, at 1:30 PM. In addition, Commissioners are assigned to a standing sub-committee that meets quarterly during the day. Senior Commissioners are assigned as liaisons to Senior Centers as well as other San Jose Boards and Commissions. Occasionally, they are expected to attend meetings of the City Council, Rules and Open Government, and other Council Committees to represent the Commission.

For more information regarding the Senior Commission, please contact the Commission staff at (408) 535-3570.

Applicant Qualifications: Members should have knowledge in the field of aging and have available time due to the number of meetings, subcommittees, and research needed for full participation. Commissioners may spend as much as 10-20 hours a month fulfilling their assigned duties, preparing for and attending meetings, and in contact with Seniors.

Applications may be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 200 East Santa Clara Street, Wing Building, 2nd Floor, San Jose, CA 95113, or you may apply online at: <http://sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=330>.

Applications are due no later than Friday, February 27, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.  
For questions regarding the application process, please call the Office of the City Clerk at (408) 535-1260 or e-mail at [commissions@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:commissions@sanjoseca.gov).

Appointment Process: Applications are submitted to the Councilmember representing the district in which the vacancy exists and they shall nominate one applicant to the Commission. Names of those individuals chosen through the nomination process will be submitted to the City Council for formal appointment.

If you have any questions or comments regarding what you've read in this newsletter, please feel free to contact me at 508-535-4910 or email my office at [district10@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district10@sanjoseca.gov). You can also check out the new District 10 website at [sjd10.com](http://sjd10.com), take a look at my [Facebook](#) page or follow me on [Twitter](#). Continue reading for more important announcements and upcoming events throughout District 10 and the City of San Jose.

Sincerely,

Johnny

### **Neighborhood Housing Services Silicon Valley (NHSSV) Unity & Community Gala**

February 28, 2015 will be a very special night, as Neighborhood Housing Services celebrates two decades of game changing community impact. It will be their most important fundraiser event to-date, helping support thousands of families with the homeownership programs and neighborhood services they need to grow and strengthen our communities. I am working closely with NHSSV to improve conditions in the Hoffman Via Monte area and we are making great progress together.

The gala evening will include live jazz by a local bay area jazz ensemble, a VIP mixer for their generous sponsors, an exciting live auction, and dancing. Special guests include Mayor Sam Liccardo, State Secretary of Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency, Anna Caballero, and you will hear inspiring words from first time homebuyers and extraordinary community leaders who have taken back their neighborhoods after struggling for years with a crime and blight-infested, problem properties.

To purchase tickets, please visit [www.nhssvgala.eventbrite.com](http://www.nhssvgala.eventbrite.com)

### **Online Reservations for FISH CAMP at San Jose's Family Camp are open!**

Fish Camp is the first rite of spring at San Jose Family Camp. Saturday, April 25th, morning starts the opening weekend of the stream-fishing season in California.

- Enjoy a weekend in the Sierras
- Stocked river running through camp

- Cost includes tent cabin and four meals
- Fishing license required if older than 16.
- Camp weekend dates are April 24th - 26th

San Jose's Family Camp is located in the heart of the Sierras near Yosemite National Park, just east of Groveland, California. Family Camp is situated on 47 acres of leased land from the US Forest Service. The Stanislaus National Forest and the middle fork of the Tuolumne River serve as the scenic backdrop to this mountain playground.

Register at [www.familycamppreservations.com](http://www.familycamppreservations.com)

More Fish Camp information at [www.sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/39303](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/39303) or call (408) 794-6208

## Neighborhood Associations & Youth Commission Budget Meeting

When

Saturday March 7, 2015 from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM PST

Where

City Hall – Wing Rooms 118-119

Are you a neighborhood association leader or a youth commissioner? If so, please plan to join Mayor Liccardo on Saturday, March 7th for the Neighborhood Associations & Youth Commission Budget Meeting.

Neighborhood leaders from throughout San Jose will have the opportunity to discuss and provide input on priorities for the City's 2015-2016 Operating Budget and also participate in an exercise designed to provide ideas and feedback on future community engagement activities for the City Budget. We are currently finalizing a formal agenda.

An invitation went out to all Neighborhood Association Leaders yesterday asking each Association to send one representative from their organization. Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe this discussion however. The meeting will also be available for viewing online and we are currently developing other avenues and tools for input into the budget priorities.

## Registration OPEN for Strong Girls, Strong Women 2015 Leadership Conference

AAUW and the Santa Clara County Office of Women's Policy proudly present a leadership conference for high school girls. The conference will be held on Saturday, March 7th from 8:30am to 1:00pm. Space is limited. Registration is free, but an RSVP is required. To register visit [www.stronggirlsstrongwomen2015.eventbrite.com](http://www.stronggirlsstrongwomen2015.eventbrite.com) or call 408-299-5152.

**The Regional Wastewater Facility is Hiring!**

Explore a career at the San José -Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility

- Saturday, March 14 at 10 a.m.: State of the City, Independence High School, San José

- Wednesday, May 6, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.: Career Exploration Day with Evergreen Valley College, City of San Jose, Rotunda

Please visit the San José -Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility web page for job postings: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=2258>

## **Become a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)**

When: Tuesday, March 10, from 6:15-8:00p.m.

Where: Sobrato Center for Nonprofits, 1400 Parkmoor Ave, San Jose

Child Advocates of Silicon Valley recruits, trains and supports volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) to work one on one with foster children, providing critical emotional and educational support, ensuring that each child's needs are met and their voice heard while navigating the court dependency system.

Becoming a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) in Santa Clara County is a truly gratifying and impactful volunteer experience. Children who have a CASA receive more services (medical, dental, academic etc.) and are less likely to reenter the system than those who do not have a CASA.

For more information about Child Advocates of Silicon Valley, visit:

[www.bemyadvocate.org](http://www.bemyadvocate.org)

## **ARENA AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS VACANCIES**

The San Jose Arena Authority is seeking volunteer candidates to submit their resumes for four upcoming vacancies on the Arena Authority Board of Directors. The San Jose Arena Authority Board of Directors convenes monthly to identify and address issues relating to the management and operation of SAP Center at San Jose (home of the San Jose Sharks); Sharks Ice at San Jose (San Jose Sharks training facility and public ice rinks); and San Jose Municipal Stadium (home of the San Jose Giants). The Arena Authority Board is seeking interested candidates with knowledge in contract management, accounting, and experience with community-based nonprofit organizations. The Arena Authority invites candidates who are willing to attend and actively participate at the Authority's monthly Board meeting and a number of committee meetings. This is an engaged, hands-on organization looking to fill four volunteer Board positions that will be vacated on July 1st due to three Board members terming out and one Board member's resignation due to a work-related relocation.

The upcoming vacancies include three At Large positions and one San Jose Downtown Association representative position. All four Board positions have voting powers and are eligible to serve two full four-year terms. Please be advised that all

individuals appointed to the Arena Authority Board of Directors are required to complete a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700). Form 700 can be found on the following web site: California Fair Political Practices Commission – Form 700.

If you know of any individuals who are interested in serving on the Arena Authority Board of

Directors, please have them submit a resume along with three professional references to the following:

[board@sjaa.com](mailto:board@sjaa.com)

Or mail information to:

Chris Morrissey

Executive Director

San Jose Arena Authority

P. O. Box 90207

San Jose, CA 95109-3207

The submittal deadline is March 31, 2015. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at 408-977-4783 or at [morrissey@sjaa.com](mailto:morrissey@sjaa.com).

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

Santa Teresa High School (STHS) is excited to announce their 4th annual Music Marathon with a boardwalk theme on Friday, March 6th, 2015, from 4 pm to Midnight at the South San Jose high school. The event will be open to the public.

This free event will showcase student combos and ensembles from the school's award-winning music program. Attendees will be treated to 16 continuous hours of chamber music, concert music, jazz and much more.

In addition to continuous live music, this family-friendly event will include boardwalk games, food booths, and a silent auction. New this year is the debut of a student Battle-of-the-Bands contest, boasting a \$600 grand prize. Contest rules and regulations will be posted on the Santa Teresa Music and Arts Association website:

[www.600building.com](http://www.600building.com).

All proceeds raised at the event will contribute to the critical funding needed to maintain this quality music program such as instruments, repairs, travel, fees, staffing, scholarships, and more. The free event is open to the public and will be held on the Santa Teresa High School campus, 6150 Snell Avenue in San Jose.

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