



**OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER JOHNNY KHAMIS
SAN JOSE, DISTRICT 10**

District 10 Mid-March Newsletter

Dear Neighbor,

It is with a heavy heart that I write this newsletter. As I am sure you are all aware by now, Michael Johnson, a 14-year veteran of the San Jose Police Department, was killed in the line of duty Tuesday evening. Officer Johnson responded to a call for service and was met with gunfire. His loss is felt deeply by all of us.

The news of this tragedy pierces especially deep because Officer Johnson's mother is a District 10 resident and dedicated VEP neighborhood volunteer. She has been a dear friend for many years, and my heart breaks for her and the entire family. My deepest condolences and prayers go out to those who are grieving the loss of their beloved Michael.

On Tuesday, Officer Johnson made the ultimate sacrifice, and we must remember the men and women in the Police and Fire Departments who wake up every morning willing to make that sacrifice. Each day they put their lives on the line to ensure our safety and well-being. As we offer our prayers for the family and friends of Officer Johnson, please also keep in mind those in uniform who have lost a comrade and brother, those who, in the midst of sorrow, continue to face dangers you and I never will, in order to protect and serve our great city.

As our city faces this heart-breaking event, many in the community have risen up to show their support of Officer Michael Johnson's family with vigils, commemorations, and fundraisers. Tomorrow evening, Friday, March 27th at 8:00 PM, a prayer vigil will be held here at City Hall Plaza (200 E Santa Clara Street). The event is sponsored by Star of David Ministries and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Association.

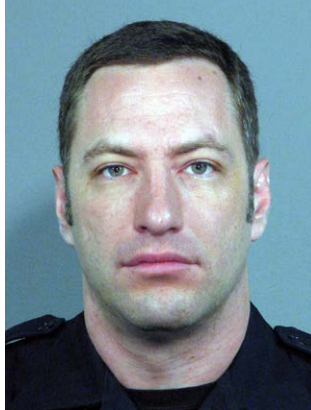
On Thursday, April 2nd, former San Jose Shark and co-owner of Britannia Arms, Owen Nolan, will be hosting an open-house fundraiser at the Britannia Arms located at 5027 Almaden Expressway. All proceeds received between 11:00 AM and 2:00 AM will go to the family of Officer Johnson.

The San Jose Police Officers Association has also provided the following links for those who

would like to offer their support via an online donation:

1. <http://www.sjpoa.com/Donations/Default.asp#Donate>
2. <https://www.healthdonor.com/campaigns/mjohnson3718/>

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming events or how to donate, please feel free to contact my office at 408-535-4910 or email us at district10@sanjoseca.gov. Again, our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Officer Johnson, and our deepest gratitude goes to those in uniform protecting our City.



On Tuesday, March 24, the City Council unanimously approved the [Mayor's March Budget Message](#). This document provides guidance to City staff, as they assemble the 2015-2016 budget, on how to prioritize City spending, including a projected \$8.6 million surplus. This surplus is relatively tiny when compared to the full budget, representing only about ½% of total projected expenditures. In the budget years that follow, even smaller surpluses and one shortfall are projected.

The budget process kicked off in earnest with the Mayor's Neighborhood Association and Youth Commission Budget Priority-Setting session, the Community Budget Survey, and with the [Mayor's 2015 State of the City presentation](#). Thank you to all of the District 10 leaders and residents who participated in one or more of these activities. Your input is critical to our budgeting process!

Important public safety highlights from the Mayor's March Budget Message include:

- Funding for 26 additional Community Service Officers (CSOs) to add to the 28 already budgeted in the current year. CSOs have proven to add great value to the police department by taking reports, gathering evidence, and otherwise assisting our sworn police officers. With the help of CSOs, our officers report that they are able to spend more time on patrol.
- Providing \$1.95 million in matching funds to support a federal grant application to restore 14 firefighter positions previously eliminated.
- Negotiating a settlement on Measure B with employee bargaining units with the goal of

rebuilding police department staffing. While it is essential that we preserve the \$25 million in annual savings we are realizing from reforms that have already been implemented, it is also important that we find common ground with our bargaining units in order to find additional savings to pay down unfunded pension liabilities and restore services. In my over two years on the City Council, the SJPOA (police union), for example, had not come to the negotiating table. I am pleased to report that with new leadership at the SJPOA and a new Mayor in office, negotiation will soon commence. I am optimistic now that the two sides are sitting down to find a way to bridge our differences to achieve our shared goal of restoring police staffing.

I am also happy to report that the Mayor's March Budget Message includes direction to increase the days that our libraries are open from four to six days per week. Library Director Jill Bourne worked closely with library employees and their bargaining units to minimize the cost of increasing library hours while increasing volunteer opportunities. Through their efforts, they estimate that we will be able to open all branch libraries throughout San Jose for two additional days per week at a cost of less than \$1 million annually.

Mayor Liccardo included several initiatives that I have championed in his budget message, as well:

- Implementing an Employee Suggestion Program that will reward employees who come up with creative ways to save the City money or improve services to residents. Unleashing the creativity of our greatest City resource – our workers – is guaranteed to pay dividends in improved City operations. Employees who achieve such improvements deserve to be rewarded.
- Modernizing City Permitting is an initiative that then-Councilmember Liccardo and I worked on together and now-Mayor Liccardo proposes to make this the City's top technology deployment effort. A three-year RFP and implementation process was originally proposed and we are challenging City staff to accelerate this process. This new system will give City employees and residents the tools they need to improve the efficiency of the permitting process and will support improved customer service.
- Helping our small businesses within San Jose by continuing to provide a small amount of funding - \$250,000 - to assist small businesses who want to activate vacant buildings and storefronts within business districts.

As the budget process progresses, I will be spearheading other initiatives that are a high priority for the residents of District 10:

- Opening Almaden Lake Park on Mondays throughout the year. City staff estimates that it will cost about \$80,000 annually to open the park one additional day each week.
- Funding to replace the police department's automated license-plate scanners to make it easier for our SJPD officers to catch car thieves and to recover stolen vehicles. I am working with Captain Schroder to gather information on what it would cost to acquire new units to replace those that are broken and obsolete.
- Providing adequate funding for pavement maintenance. 2014-2015 was the first year in well over a decade that the City spent enough money to keep our roads from deteriorating further, with \$56 million budgeted. As the City Auditor points out on page 23 of her recent [report on Street Pavement Maintenance](#), it would take a minimum of \$68 million in 2015-2016 just to keep our streets from getting worse. If we wanted to improve the condition of our streets, the

funding need would be \$104 million per year. Unfortunately, the base budget includes only about \$18 million per year in street maintenance funding – not enough to adequately maintain even our Priority Street Network. I will keep fighting to properly fund this basic responsibility of City government.

While the budget is projected to be relatively stable for the next five years, the projections do not include funding that will begin to get us back to even January 1, 2011 service levels. The budget does not include enough funds to keep our streets from deteriorating, nor do they allow us to begin to reduce retiree healthcare liabilities and our significant backlog of deferred maintenance and infrastructure needs. With such small surplus or shortfall amounts estimated for future budget years, we must remain vigilant and be careful not to commit to new programs that we cannot sustain over the long run. It is important to continue to focus one-time dollars on projects that will enhance public safety, improve efficiency, reduce long-term debts, and preserve our infrastructure.

Please stay engaged throughout the budget process and do not hesitate to share your thoughts about the 2015-2016 City budget with me via email at district10@sanjoseca.gov or use the contact form on my new website: <http://www.sjd10.com/contact.html>. Also, be sure to reserve May 5 on your calendar to attend the annual District 10 Community Budget Meeting:

D10 Community Budget Meeting

Tuesday, May 5th, 6 PM – 8 PM
Westgate Church | South Hills Campus
6601 Camden Ave, San Jose, CA 95120

HOME REMODLING UPDATES

Are you thinking about Remodeling? If so, I have good news! The City of San Jose Planning, Building, Code Enforcement (PBCE) Department has expanded its over-the-counter service for home remodels.

Single-story additions up to 500 sq. ft., simple home remodeling projects up to 750 sq. ft., or minor structural changes qualify for the new over-the-counter service.

If you have remodeled before, you know how time consuming it was to get a simple remodel project completed. If you have put a small remodel project on hold, now is the time to move forward with it. This new service allows projects within the allowed square footage to bypass the expensive and lengthy plan-check process. Over-the-counter service saves you money and, most importantly, saves you time!

A few examples of projects that qualify include: accessory structures up to 500 sq. ft.; foundation improvements and repairs; ICC-approved engineered patios and screen rooms; pools with a current master-structural file; pool and septic tank abatements; siding and/or stucco replacements; repairs for fire and auto damage; termite and dry rot repairs (when a report from the company performing the work is included); and, work that brings non-compliant work into compliance with code.

I am very excited about the positive changes in PBCE that assist end users—homeowners, like you and me, who re-invest in their property.

If you do go through this new process, please share your feedback with me. I enjoy hearing from you and want to hear the good and the bad so that we continue to do what works and change what doesn't.

NEW BUSINESS IN DISTRICT 10

I am happy to announce two new businesses in District 10:

Ana's Bakery just opened in the Maple Leaf Center at 1175 Redmond Avenue. Stop by Ana's Bakery which is located between long-time District 10 favorites, Charlie's Cheesecake Works (homemade cheesecake by Charlie Major) and La Playita Mexican Restaurant (homemade Mexican food by owner Rita Gutierrez). Ana's Bakery decorates cakes for all occasions and can even put your own photo on a cake. Ana's Bakery offers other baked goods, too. Visit her website at cakesbyana.com or by phone at 408-981-CAKE (9463).

Kendama Syndicate opened at 6055 Meridian Ave, Suite 110, in the Almaden Oak Center. This is the same shopping center where the popular Kabob.com is located. You may have seen Kendama Syndicate featured on the front page of the most recent issue of the Almaden Times! The name of the store is taken from the item that they sell - a toy with a carved wooden handle and a ball attached with a string. It is nice to see kids and adults taking an interest in a physical, wooden toy - it reminds me of being a kid again! Visit today and see what the craze is all about! To contact Kendama Syndicate call 408-997-1100.

GREAT AMERICAN LITTER PICK UP

It is that time of year again - time to put on your gloves and grab your pick up sticks, because the Great American Litter Pick Up is just around the corner! On Saturday, April 25, from 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM, my office will be organizing litter pick up and beautification projects all around District 10! This is a wonderful opportunity to get out and help beautify your neighborhood while meeting your neighbors, and a great opportunity for students looking for community service hours!

Each year we have increased our number of volunteers, and we are hoping for record-breaking numbers of volunteers on April 25! With staging areas all around District 10, we have made it convenient for almost every neighborhood to find a spot to volunteer that is near their home and directly affects their community. Stay tuned for further details regarding the staging site nearest you!

In order to make this event a success, we need your help! This entire event depends on volunteers from our community. Breakfast snacks, coffee, and lunch will be provided for all who come out, and volunteer service hours will be given to high school students who need them. If you have any questions, or you would like to join the team, please contact Rayshelle with the staging site for which you are interested in volunteering. Rayshelle can be reached at rayshelle.edmunds@sanjoseca.gov or call 408-535-4982. I hope to see you on April 25!

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. You can also check out the new District 10 website at 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

San José Public Library Foundation Now Accepting Vehicle Donations

SJPLF has teamed up with Car Donations Services, Inc. to provide you with the easiest way possible to donate your car, truck, boat, RV or motorcycle whether it is running or not! And, it is tax deductible! Car Donations Services has been helping local charities since 1990 and will take care of every aspect of your car donation, allowing you peace of mind that the transaction will be completed efficiently and properly.

CDS uses multiple methods to sell the vehicles, so your vehicle will sell for more which means more money for us and a larger tax deduction for you! CDS is a licensed Commercial Fundraiser as recognized by the California State Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts. For or more information contact Car Donation Services.

Call 1-888-686-4483 to donate directly. Get rid of that unneeded vehicle and receive a tax deduction! It's easy! Be sure to designate San José Public Library Foundation as your charity of choice to receive your generous car donation.

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

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

QUIT SMOKING TODAY! Fulfill Your Resolve to Quit with Breathe California

This year, take the first step towards living healthier and breathing easier - quit smoking! Breathe California is proud to be hosting its Ash Kickers Quit-Smoking Classes this September to help Good Samaritan Hospital employees kick the habit. Led by a trained facilitator, the class offers smokers the resources and strategies to quit and stay quit. The sessions also provide a comfortable group atmosphere that facilitates a natural support network for each participant. We'll help you every step of the way as you work to become smoke-free. You're not the only one trying to quit and you don't have to do it alone! Sign up today!

March 18 to April 15th, 2015
Wednesdays, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Additional meeting on Friday, April 3rd
Good Samaritan Hospital
Radiation Oncology
15400 National Avenue Suite 100
Los Gatos, CA 95032

For more information on these or other upcoming classes in Santa Clara County, visit www.lungsrus.org or contact Janet Ghanem at (408) 998-5865, janet@lungsrus.org.

San José City Hall, City Offices to Close for César Chávez Holiday

San José City Hall and other City offices will close on Tuesday, March 31 in observance of César Chávez Day. All City offices will reopen on Wednesday, April 1. The Police and Fire Departments, along with other critical City services, will remain unaffected by the closure.

Customer Contact Center: The City's Customer Contact Center will be closed on this City-observed holiday. An answering service will provide information and assistance to callers during the holiday. Non-emergency requests requiring follow-up will be routed to the proper department and handled during open business hours.

Library Schedule: All City libraries will be closed and will resume regular hours on Wednesday, April 1.

Community Centers: Residents should check with their local community center for hours of operation during the holidays. Community Center information is available at www.sanjoseca.gov/prns or in the Citywide Activity Guide.

Garbage and Recycling pickup will occur as normal on Tuesday, March 31.

Garbage Bills or New Accounts: If you have billing questions or need to transfer or begin a new garbage service account, call the City's Customer Contact Center at (408) 535-3500 when the offices reopen on Wednesday, April 1. A drop box located at the 6th Street and Santa Clara Street entrance of City Hall, is available for bill payment deposits during the closure.

If you have any questions about City services, please call (408) 535-3500.

Crime Stoppers Crab and Pasta Feed Fundraiser

Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers is excited to announce that we are hosting our 4th Annual Crab and Pasta Feed Fundraiser on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at the San Jose Police Officers Association Hall.

What is Crime Stoppers?

Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers was founded in 1982, through a partnership between citizens, local law enforcement and the media, and has been responsible for clearing nearly 900 cases

since its inception. At times, individuals may be concerned about exposure by reporting crimes and the anonymity and cash rewards offered by our program serves as an incentive. We manage an online program (tipsuSubmit.com) and tip line to report tips to help solve crimes. We are a non-profit 501c3 organization and rely 100% on donations from corporations, businesses and individuals to raise reward funds and are not funded by federal, state or local agencies.

How to support ?

- Purchase a table for 8 people (\$360.00) hosted by your Office
- Provide us a community grant in any amount towards our event
- Donating a raffle prize or an auction item valued \$150 or more
- Purchasing individual tickets at \$50/per adult \$25/kids under 12
- Spreading the word about our event to your council district

Your generous support will be publicly announced at our event, acknowledgements included in our program, on Facebook, on our event banner as a supporter, as well as on our website. We hope that you will help support our fundraiser today.

Where to send donations?

- Purchase online via PayPal at svcrimestoppers.org
- Mail check donations payable to Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers:
PO Box 753, San Jose CA 95106
- If you would like us to pick up your donation, please contact Tuyen at (408) 391-5006 or Maria at (408) 623-9271

Questions? Email info@svcrimestoppers.org or visit us online at svcrimestoppers.org or call (408) 673-1581. We hope to see you at the event and thank you for your consideration.

SJSU Seeks Chief Diversity Officer

San José State University (SJSU) is proud of its diversity and the rich experience it provides for the campus community. Our students, faculty, staff, and administrators bring exceptional insight and abilities as they draw from their unique perspectives in terms of their backgrounds, identities, and experiences (as constituted by gender, socioeconomic class, political perspective, age, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, disability, regional origin, nationality, occupation, language, among others, and the intersection of these aspects.)

The Office of Diversity and Inclusive Excellence is an office newly formed at the university to build on the rich diversity of our community. The successful candidate for the Chief Diversity Officer (CDO) position must be a proven leader, as well as a change agent, able to align and integrate a wide range of existing and new initiatives in order to build on a culture of inclusion. The CDO will hold primary responsibility for the foundation of the office, including hiring new staff and integrating into the department some existing campus programs. The CDO will directly supervise the campus Title IX coordinator, an administrative assistant, and a data analyst.

The CDO provides executive leadership and vision in the administration of a comprehensive range of services, policies and procedures related to diversity and inclusive excellence. Reporting directly to the President, the CDO serves as a member of the President's cabinet and provides counsel on all matters pertaining to diversity and inclusive excellence. The CDO

participates in all aspects of institutional planning in support of the mission and goals of the university, including meeting the needs of our diverse student, faculty, and staff populations and creating a learning and working environment where all have the opportunity to succeed. The position is open until filled. Application Screening begins April 10, 2015.

Link to view full position description and apply:

https://cmsshr.cms.sjsu.edu/psp/HSJPRDF/EMPLOYEE/HSJPRD/c/HRS_HRAM.HRS_CE.GBL

Full-time AmeriCorps Opportunity with Our City Forest

Our City Forest is a non-profit urban forestry and environmental action organization. The focus of this program is to organize neighborhood and school tree care and tree planting projects, promote environmental education, and recruit and train volunteers through our AmeriCorps program. We are reaching out to you today to enlist your help in filling our last few slots before the new, shorter term starts in a couple of weeks.

During this year of service, AmeriCorps members will directly contribute to the mission of creating a greener and healthier community through their service with Our City Forest in the role of Urban Forestry Outreach Specialist.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Interest in affecting change through community organizing
- Ability to work well with diverse groups of people
- Must be available to work full-time Tuesday - Saturday 8AM- 5PM
- Must be a U.S. Citizen or legal resident, with a high school diploma or equivalent
- Minimum age: 18

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS - one or more of the following:

- Bilingual in English and Spanish, Vietnamese, or other Strong written & oral communication skills
- College degree is highly desirable
- Valid CA drivers license
- Proficient in driving manual transmission and towing small trailers
- Current Commercial drivers license (to drive Tree Mobile for community events)
- Familiar with ornamental and native tree species ID
- FileMaker Pro & Adobe software knowledge

TO APPLY:

Visit our web site. www.ourcityforest.org click on "About OCF", then click on "AmeriCorps Program"

Complete applications must include: 1) resume, 2) cover letter, and 3) contact information for three professional references-at least one reference must be a supervisor. 4.) Questionnaire (click on Green link that says Questionnaire 1/3 way down page on left)

To learn more about this, email Leslie at: lomalley@ourcityforest.org

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