



OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER JOHNNY KHAMIS
SAN JOSE, DISTRICT 10

District 10 May Newsletter

Dear Neighbor,

The Great American Litter Pick Up was a tremendous success! A huge thank you to all that participated! It is because of all of the amazing volunteers that we were able to accomplish so much! At five sites around the district, no fewer than 225 volunteers came together to collect over 160 bags of trash and help beautify the Almaden Community Center and the Almaden Elementary School where weeds were pulled and garden boxes were built for students to enjoy. A special thank you goes out to VEP Neighborhood Association President Marilyn Rodgers for supervising the Vista Park site, to the YMCA for helping us promote the event and partnering with us in the Hoffman Via Monte Neighborhood, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for sending nearly 100 volunteers to Almaden Lake Park, and to the Almaden Kiwanis for leading the efforts at Almaden Elementary School. I am also grateful to Larry Silva from Yellow Checker Cab who donated \$500 toward feeding all of our wonderful volunteers! I love these collaborative efforts in our community and look forward to many more in the near future!



DISTRICT 10 COMMUNITY BUDGET MEETING

Just yesterday, the City Manager released the proposed [2015-2016 Operating Budget](#) as well as the proposed [2015-2016 Fees and Charges](#). You will have the opportunity to learn more about the proposed budget, ask questions, and provide your input at the District 10 Community Budget Meeting to be held from 6 PM to 8 PM on Tuesday, May

5th, at Westgate Church – South Hills Campus. Mayor Sam Liccardo and I will be joined by leaders from many of our City departments who can provide expert answers to your budget questions. If you have any questions, please contact Shane Patrick Connolly at my office at district10@sanjoseca.gov or call 408-535-4910.

SAN JOSE ADDRESSES CALIFORNIA'S SEVERE DROUGHT

During the April 21st Council Meeting, the city's Environmental Services Department (ESD) issued a memo addressing the severe drought and water shortage issues our state is facing, and included recommendations on how to move forward in the conservation process. In the memo, the department suggested the Council adopt a resolution declaring a 25% water shortage in the City of San Jose which would, "limit the use of potable water for landscape and turf irrigation to two (2) scheduled days per week, except when watering by hand or by drip irrigation, or for maintenance of public parks, playing fields, day care centers, golf course greens, and school grounds, provided such irrigation is done in a water efficient manner, or for fire protection, soil erosion control, plants/trees grown for consumption, nursery/garden center plants for sale, and environmental mitigation projects."

Mayor Sam Liccardo and Councilmember Margie Matthews put forth their own memo recommending the Council take further action, and increase the water shortage declaration to 30%. This is what the Council ultimately adopted, with a couple of exceptions and clarifications. First, in the ESD's chart of Proposed City of San Jose Water Use Restrictions, the refilling of residential swimming pools and outdoor spas by more than one foot would have been prohibited under the 30% water shortage. The Council decided that residential pools and spas can continue to be refilled by more than one foot for the purposes of making essential repairs and fixing leaks. The restriction on refilling of residential pools and spas by more than one foot was moved to the 40% water shortage declaration level. With that said, the 30% declaration will continue to prohibit the construction and filling of new residential swimming pools. As long as the 30% water use restrictions are in place, there is a moratorium on the issuance of new building permits for residential swimming pool construction.

To see the memo from ESD and the [San Jose Water Use Restrictions chart, click here](#). To view [Mayor Liccardo's and Councilmember Matthews' memo, click here](#). You can also view the City's press release regarding the [new water restrictions by clicking here](#).

In addition to the actions taken by the City Council on April 21st, the San Jose City Council and the Board of Directors for the Santa Clara Valley Water District held a joint study session on the drought and water shortage issues. During that meeting, several valuable conservation programs were discussed, as well as the outreach tools needed to encourage everyone in San Jose, and surrounding areas, to take ownership of these challenges and do their part in conserving water.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District offers a number of rebate programs for things ranging from landscape conversion to high-efficiency appliance installation. The good news for homeowners: rebate rates have dramatically increased! [To learn more about all of the rebate programs the Water District has to offer, click here](#). In addition to their rebate programs, you can request water-saving items such as showerheads, kitchen aerators, buckets, signs, and shower timers. [To see all the free conservation items, click here](#).

The Water District isn't the only agency with programs such as these. The San Jose Water Company is currently providing free leak evaluations for your homes and businesses. If you think there may be a water leak of some kind at your home, please contact the San Jose Water Company at (408) 279-7900 to request your free water audit.

FLY DIRECT FROM SAN JOSE TO BEIJING!

On Monday, June 15, 2015 Hainan Airlines will begin service on the first direct, round-trip service from the Silicon Valley to Beijing (PEK), China. For those of you who do business in China or who look forward to traveling to China for tourism, you no longer need to make the long haul to San Francisco and deal with the flight delays that plague departures out of SFO. Now you can benefit from the convenience and superior on-time departure record of Mineta San Jose International (SJC) when you fly to China!

Hainan Airlines flights will serve both coach and business class travelers. They are one of the few 5-star rated airlines in the world, according to Skytrax, an airline industry rating organization. If you book a flight before May 5th you'll receive a \$50 discount on your booking! [You may access their website here](#). I am thrilled that Hainan has chosen San Jose as it expands its direct roundtrip service between the Bay Area and Beijing! Growth at our airport is essential to maintaining the fiscal health of SJC, so I encourage you to support Hainan by choosing SJC for your travel to and from PEK to ensure this new route is successful!

The team at SJC has provided the following information:

Mineta San José International Airport's (SJC) newest international airline will begin service on June 15 with five flights per week on the modern and luxurious Boeing 787 Dreamliner. Hainan flights will depart SJC at 1:10 p.m. and arrive in Beijing at 4:40 p.m. the following day. The return flight leaves Beijing at 2:30 p.m., arriving at SJC at 11:10 a.m. the same day. Flight time is 12 hours, 30 minutes westbound and 11 hours, 40 minutes eastbound.

ADOPT-A-PARK IN DISTRICT 10

Do you know that District 10 has 23 city-owned parks? You can find their locations on our website at <http://www.sjd10.com/parks.html>. Out of all of these parks, there are 13 that have been adopted by either groups, like a neighborhood association or service club, or by individuals. These volunteers have committed to caring for our parks at various levels. Some simply pick up trash and report problems, such as broken equipment, to the Parks Department. Others organize volunteers to plant new plants and pull weeds. Will you consider adopting one of our 10 remaining parks? Up for adoption are: Almaden Lake Park, Chris Hotts Park, Comanche Park, Foothill Park, Glenview Park, Parkview I, II, and III, Pfeiffer Park, and Waterford Park. For more information about the Adopt-a-Park program, please contact Michele Dexter at michele.dexter@sanjoseca.gov or 408-535-4910.

FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT COMMUNITY MEETING

The Santa Clara Valley Water District is scheduled to break ground on the Upper Guadalupe River Flood Protection Project on May 28th. This project will include pulling out invasive species, repairing and improving native species, repairing the banks, and improving creekside access and view. On Wednesday, May 6th, at 6:00 PM, they are hosting a pre-construction event so the public can have the opportunity to know more

about the project and provide input. The pre-construction event will be held at the Pearl Avenue Branch Library.

JULY 4th FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL

We are getting closer and closer to the 2nd Annual District 10 July 4th Family Fun Festival! As many of you know and remember from last year, this patriotic, fun-filled, family-friendly celebration is held at the beautiful Almaden Lake Park. Bob Vonderwerth, a District 10 resident of the Blossom Valley area of San Jose, will produce the fantastic firework display. Given the city's safety-related ban on the use of personal fireworks, this event offers families and people of all ages and backgrounds a safe place to celebrate the birth of our nation.

We will have MANY opportunities for volunteers to help out with this wonderful event. In order to volunteer, you must send us your contact information on or before June 20, 2015 (the sooner the better!) and share with us how you would like to volunteer. My staff will provide information, training, and expectations with regards to the different options listed below so that you are informed ahead of time. The day of the event, you will check in and work with one of my team members when volunteering. It is an opportunity to help with and promote a popular District 10 event and another great way for students to gain experience and volunteer service hours. Please sign up!

Another great way you can participate is by attending the Playa Del Rey Neighborhood Association Fundraiser for the July 4th festivities at Buffalo Wild Wings on Blossom Hill Road on June 24th. From 5:00 PM until closing, the restaurant will donate 10% of their proceeds to our great fireworks show!

Donations made be made directly to the Almaden Valley Women's Club, as well, to support the event. Any amount of support is welcome – from \$10 to \$10,000! [Click here to donate and select "Other" in the drop-down and note that it is for the July 4th fireworks!](#)

We hope to hear from you! Please contact my office TODAY to sign up to volunteer! Please contact Denelle Fedor at denelle.fedor@sanjoseca.gov or Rayshelle Edmunds at Rayshelle.edmunds@sanjoseca.gov or call 408-535-4910.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DISTRICT 10 COUNCIL OFFICE

We are looking for college students or recent college graduates, active adults, and exceptional high school seniors. We depend on interns for a number of tasks including administrative responsibilities like answering phones, letter writing, filing, research, constituent assistance, and event planning. Applicants with more specialized skills, may also have opportunities to help with our website, social media engagement, and writing policy documents and media articles.

An internship is a valuable opportunity to see how a City Councilmember's office functions, and to contribute to our efforts to serve and represent the residents of not only District 10 but the entire San Jose community. Opportunities are generally available in spring, summer, and fall for both full time and part time interns. Send resume to Rayshelle Edmunds at district10@sanjoseca.gov. Qualified candidates will receive an application form via email. After you return the form, we will contact you to arrange an interview.

If you have any questions or comments regarding what you've read in this newsletter, please feel free to contact me at 408-535-4910 or email my office at district10@sanjoseca.gov. You can also check out 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,

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City of San Jose is Hiring 22 Community Service Officers

The Police Department is seeking to fill 22 civilian positions for Community Services Officers. Under close supervision by a sworn officer or supervisor, this position will assist the Bureau of Field Operations in non-hazardous police functions, including, but not limited to, assists at one of the information centers, community policing centers, conducts investigations and performs non-enforcement related work. Minimum Salary: \$55,702.40 Maximum Salary: \$74,651.20

Minimum Qualifications:

- H.S. Graduate or equivalent
- One (1) year of substantial community experience
- 20½ years of age at the time of application
- Possession of a valid CA Class C Driver's license

Benefits:

- Paid vacation and accrued sick leave
- Uniform allowance
- Bi-weekly bilingual pay
- Domestic partner benefits
- 15.34% employer and 14.69% employee retirement

[For more information check the City's website](#) or contact Sgt. Andrew Harsany at (408) 537-9785 with questions.

K880 Emerging City Champions Fellowship

The K880 Emerging City Champions Fellowship is now open for applications from young civic innovators with ideas to make their cities more livable. Supported by Knight Foundation and led by 8-80 Cities, the fellowship is open to innovators based in the eight resident communities where Knight invests: Akron, Ohio; Charlotte, N.C.; Detroit; Macon, Ga.; Miami; Philadelphia; San Jose, Calif.; and St. Paul, Minn.

The fellowship will equip 24 young leaders with the skills, knowledge, and support they need to make immediate and lasting impact in their communities.

Successful applicants will receive:

1. A \$5,000 grant to implement their project idea.
2. An all-expense paid trip to the K880 Emerging City Champions Studio in Toronto, Canada where they will receive practical training from established civic leaders.
3. Ongoing support from 8-80 Cities and a professional mentor in their related field.

To be eligible, applicants must be:

- Between the ages of 19-35.
- Live in one of the eight Knight resident communities mentioned above. Their project idea must also benefit a community in that city.
- Available to attend the K880 Emerging City Champions Studio in Toronto in June 2015.

Applications will be accepted until May 8 at emergingcitychampions.org. For more information on the K880 Emerging City Champions Fellowship please contact Ryan O'Conner at roconnor@880cities.org.

Join Supervisor Dave Cortese on a Bus Trip to Sacramento

Wednesday, May 20th • 6am - 5pm

The Sacramento Bus Trip for Education is free and food/refreshments will be provided. Education Advocates, Parents, and Students to participate in our annual Sacramento Bus Trip for Education!

Participants will gain an in-depth knowledge of current public education issues. For more information or to register, please visit our website at <http://www.sccgov.org/bustrip> or contact Mario Lopez at 408.299.5030 or Mario.lopez@bos.sccgov.org

Mentors Needed for Academic Expedition!

Castillero Middle School is hosting its 19th annual Academic Expedition on May 13, 2015. Sponsored by the Education Foundation and coordinated in conjunction with school Administration and Faculty, it is our honor to invite you!

Created many years ago to honor and celebrate student achievement, the Academic Expedition event is a unique opportunity for the Almaden Valley community to support students attending neighborhood schools. As an invited 'Guest Mentor', your presence, listening to student presentations and providing constructive feedback are how you inspire and motivate students to strive to achieve excellence.

If you'd like to participate, [please RSVP by clicking on this link](#). Please enter your name, e-mail, phone number and specific subject areas you are interested in listening to: Art, Digital (computerized) Art, Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Science. You may also call (408) 800-7518 or email your questions to: FoundationPresident@castilleromiddleschool.net

PRNS Summer Class Registration Opens May 5th

Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services has a variety of programs and activities for all ages and interests. [Start browsing now by clicking here.](#)

SJPD Youth Leadership Academy

The San Jose Police Department is hosting its first "Youth Leadership Academy" this summer. The application deadline is May 15, 2015. The program begins Saturday, June 13, 2015. The meetings will last from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM, take place Saturdays for 7 weeks, and will be held at various police facilities.

This program was created to provide San Jose teens, ages 14-18, the skills necessary to prepare them to become leaders within our community. San Jose police personnel will provide leadership and life skills to our youth - our future leaders. Teens will learn valuable lessons working with the community and criminal justice system. This is a fantastic opportunity to network, demonstrate a sense of community service, and build self-confidence.

Program Overview:

Session 1: Orientation/Leadership and Ethics/Professionalism and Ethics

Session 2: Community Relations and Awareness/Communication and Presentation Skills

Session 3: Youth Violence Prevention/Anger Management and Conflict Resolution

Session 4: Personal Safety and Awareness/Gang Awareness

Session 5: Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Awareness/Lifetime Fitness and Nutrition

Session 6: SJPD Force Option Simulator/Law Enforcement Driving Simulator/Tour of SJPD/ Training presentation at Training Division/Tour or Presentation from private sector leadership

Session 7: Graduation

Class size is limited to 25 participants - Contact San Jose PD at 408-501-0960 or 3203@sanjoseca.gov, you can also [download the application packet by clicking here.](#)

Do Good. Serve the Community

Join Venture Christian Church on the weekend of May 16-17, at Leonard Herman Intermediate School, located at 5955 Blossom Ave, San Jose, CA where we will put our skill sets to use by helping a local South Bay school in the Blossom Valley neighborhood of San Jose, CA.

Beautiful Day – the concept – is a group of government agencies, churches,

community organizations, and individuals helping others by addressing needs across Santa Clara County, CA. Since its inception in 2004, Beautiful Day has sought to invest in communities with simple, and unyielding kindness that has a tangible effect in the community.

What's being done:

Painting, landscaping, tree planting, gardening, plumbing, and general beautification of the property will be taking place in several groups for the entire weekend. If you have a business that can partner with us or a skill set in carpentry, landscaping and painting, we'd love to hear from you.

Volunteer today!

Have a passion for helping others in our city and want to have a blast working alongside friends and new faces, sign up now to volunteer at Beautiful Day May 16-17! Families and sports leagues, clubs and teams are all welcome to join. Youth age 6 to 17 are welcome to volunteer. Kids ages 6-12 will need to work with their parents. Give 4 hours of your weekend or more to do good! Lunch provided.

To sign up or learn more about the effort, contact Deb Omori at 408-997-4614 or via email at domori@venturechristian.org.

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