



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

District 10 June Newsletter

Dear Ray,

We are just one month away from the Second Annual July 4th Fun Festival and Fireworks Show! As many of you know and remember from last year, this patriotic, fun-filled, family-friendly celebration takes place at beautiful Almaden Lake Park. Bob Vonderwerth, a District 10 resident of the Blossom Valley area of San Jose, will produce the fantastic fireworks 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 still have MANY opportunities for you to help make this event a success! To volunteer, please 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. Many duties are available, from helping with set-up to providing information to visitors, helping with teardown, or even making the park look clean and inviting on the morning of July 5th. My staff will provide information, training, and expectations with regard to the different volunteer options available, and volunteering is a great way for students to gain experience and volunteer service hours. The day of the event, you will check in and work with one of my team members when volunteering. Help us promote this popular District 10 event – sign up today!

Another great way you can support the July 4th celebration is by attending the Playa Del Rey Neighborhood Association Fundraiser 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 support the fireworks show!

Finally, donations can be made directly to the Almaden Valley Women's Club, to support the event. Any amount of support is welcome – from \$10 to \$10,000! [Click here to donate](#), select other in the drop down menu, 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.

DISTRICT 10 RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDED IN 2015-2016 BUDGET

Within the last couple of weeks City Councilmembers submitted their recommendations for the City's 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget in the form of [Budget Documents to Mayor Liccardo](#), who then decided whether or not to incorporate these suggestions into his June Budget Message. [The Mayor's June Budget Message](#) guides the content of the final City Budget for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year.

The most significant budget news, from my perspective, is that Mayor Liccardo responded to my call to [Stand Up for Transportation](#) by funding pavement maintenance with an investment in our priority street network of at least [\\$6 million on top of the \\$16 million included in the budget](#). In fact, the Mayor went above and beyond my request to make an additional \$2 million available for maintaining City streets! This important investment saves us at least \$3.00 in five years for every \$1.00 spent now – which is equivalent to getting a return of 40% on one's funds. I am absolutely thrilled that the Mayor has chosen to make this core City service a priority in the 2015-2016 Budget so that we can go beyond the Priority Street Network and begin to stop the degradation of other major streets. The total of \$24 million for street maintenance represents a significant downpayment on the \$104 million required each year to stabilize and restore our street network. I will continue to advocate for funding to begin to restore streets outside of the priority street network.

Another priority was to put more [technological tools in the hands of our SJPD officers](#). I had called for the funding of an additional two mobile license-plate scanners, so that each Division could have access to at least two LPS units each. Mayor Liccardo included this important safety-enhancing request in his June Budget Message.

I had also requested that the City re-open the regional [Almaden Lake Park and the trail that runs through it on Mondays](#) throughout the year (it is presently closed when the park is closed). Unfortunately, this request was excluded from the Mayor's June Budget Message, but opening our regional parks on Mondays is a goal I will continue to pursue.

Another request I put forward was my initiative to attract more manufacturers, and good-paying manufacturing jobs, to San Jose – [the Make it in San Jose initiative](#) to help us attract more manufacturers and the good-paying middle-class jobs that they bring. My proposal would have taken a relatively small amount of money to provide expedited service and to waive plan review fees only for manufacturing companies.

Finally, I renewed my initiative from last year's budget to open the books to the public by placing financial data that is easy to understand and graphically displayed in the hands of the public. This system, OpenGov, will soon be populated with San Jose's financial data and [I issued a budget document](#) to ensure that we continue

our commitment to this initiative continues. Mayor Liccardo makes reference to the initiative in his June Budget Message, but if you would like to see this initiative implemented and continue, please be sure to let Mayor Liccardo know. While we have many sophisticated residents who may read and thoroughly understand all of the City's financial reports, most residents find the City's finances to be something of a mystery. The OpenGov plan makes it very easy for users – both the public and City staff – to view and analyze City financial data. Many cities throughout California, including Los Angeles and Palo Alto utilize this platform to display their financial data.

The process for the 2015-2016 City Budget started in January with the Mayor's Neighborhood Association and Youth Commission Priority-Setting Session. It is now approaching its conclusion with a [public hearing for the budget at 7 PM on Monday, June 8th](#) followed by the City Council deliberations and vote on Tuesday, June 9th on the 2015-2016 Proposed Operating/Capital Budgets, the 2015-2016 Proposed Departmental Fees and Charges, and the [Mayor's June Budget Message for Fiscal Year 2015 - 2016](#). To ensure that your voice is heard and your priorities are addressed in the 2015-2016 budget, please be sure to show up at City Hall Council Chambers on the 8th or 9th to express your views. Let me, as well as the Mayor and my Council colleagues, know what you think of the proposed spending plan!

PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

In our last newsletter, we covered our public safety meeting where we met with our State legislators to better understand how changes in State law affect crime rates in our neighborhoods. This month I'd like to recap where we are when it comes to burglaries in District 10. In December and January, we experienced an average of 60 burglaries per month, February saw a decrease of 33% putting us at 40 for that month. In March, the burglary rate dropped further, to 24, an additional 40% decrease. In April and May, burglaries saw an uptick to an average of 32 for each month.

Burglary rates are erratic, as you can clearly see, and they are influenced by many factors. We know that property crimes have increased because of prisoners being released early and we know that we experience increases in burglaries during specific times of the year (e.g. during the holidays when we are distracted with family events and shopping). We also know that over 50% of burglaries are committed by juveniles. As we enter the month of June and the start of summer vacation, please be aware of what we already know about property crimes and how to avoid becoming a victim. Nothing affects the crime rate better than having vigilant neighbors who watch out for each other. Please take advantage of the [Neighborhood Watch resources offered by our police department](#).

Social media, while it can be somewhat problematic when inaccurate information gets repeated, for example, can be a powerful tool for good when it comes to crime fighting. If you read about a crime on Nextdoor.com, take the information at face value and note what the suspect used to accomplish his deed and any photos or video provided. In law enforcement, the method a criminal uses to commit a crime is called the "modus operandi" (method of operation). It is important to know if the suspect broke a window or used a ladder left on the side of the house to gain access. Knowing this, you might take extra precautions, such as investing in a

motion detector or ensuring upstairs windows are locked when you are not home. You can learn from what is occurring in these other crimes to protect yourself.

All of us should become familiar with the [Crime Prevention tips provided by the SJPD](#), and if you happen to live in an isolated area where few neighbors frequent, you might want to think about investing in a surveillance camera system and registering it with the [police department's video camera registry](#).

I also want to encourage all of you to have a plan when confronted with crime. A good start is to program your cell phone with 408-277-8911 and list it under AAASJPD so that it comes up first on your contact list. Calling 911 on your cell phone will route you to the CHP out of Vallejo and will cause a delay as your call is transferred to the SJPD. Another resource I refer to often is [Crimereports.com](#). Here is where you will find the facts on the crimes occurring in your neighborhood. It will help you temper the "sky is falling" syndrome we often see on social media. To quote an old-time police show, rely on "Just the facts, ma'am, just the facts" and ignore the scare tactics used on social media.

Last, but not least, Captain Ed Schroder and his team of dedicated officers deserve a big thank you for refusing to let up on keeping us safe. Captain Schroder, upon seeing the burglary rate spike in our District during the holidays, immediately requested Truancy Abatement units and Burglary Suppression units be dispatched to the area. Several arrests were made from good police work and from neighbors calling in suspicious vehicles that were seen near the homes of vacationing residents. Captain Schroder has also been very responsive to resident's concerns about crime and does everything he can to resolve issues, given the limited resources at his disposal. Thank you, Captain Schroder!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Each year, National Night Out continues to be 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 4th 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, to build 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, get to know one another, and make your presence known in the neighborhood. If you'd like to learn more about [hosting an event in your community click here](#).

SAN JOSE AND SUPER BOWL 50

Please take a look at the note below, from Director of Economic Development for the City of San Jose, Kim Walesh, with some exciting news about Super Bowl 50!

"I am pleased to share the news that San José has been selected to host one of the Super Bowl 50 teams, who will stay at the Marriott Downtown and practice at San José State athletic facilities. The story broke this morning in the San José Mercury News.

When the Super Bowl was awarded to the Bay Area, the initial planning assumption was that San Francisco and Santa Clara would host all official venues. However, the San José Sports

Authority, OED, and other community partners have continued to encourage the NFL to consider San José as a host city for a team's local practice week and for Super Bowl Media Day activities.

We're thrilled that San José is now an "official venue" of Super Bowl 50, making it truly a regional event. San José will benefit more than we originally anticipated, and activity as an official venue will drive even more visitors, visibility, and economic benefits for San José.

We still need to learn more details about what the NFL will expect of our community and the City itself. Clearly, we can expect increased revenue for San José hotels and restaurants, thus sales and hotel tax revenues to the City, by having a team and its entourage come to town a week in advance of the game. We will keep the City Council informed as we learn these details.

Patricia Ernstrom, Executive Director of the San José Sports Authority, and I are co-chairing a "San José Super Bowl 50 Planning Team" to ensure that visitors to San José have an exceptional experience. Our team includes the San José Downtown Association, Team San José, San José/Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce, Mineta San José International Airport, VTA, Santana Row and others so that we can coordinate our efforts for a successful event.

Given that Super Bowl 50 will bring extraordinary global attention to the Bay Area, San Jose's role in hosting a Super Bowl team and perhaps the NFL Media Day will position us very positively as a key player in this unique event."

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING BILLING CHANGES

Councilmember Peralez' office put out a quick fact sheet regarding the changes to Single-Family Recycle Plus Customers billing. I thought it was valuable information to pass along to you:

- Starting July 1, 2015, charges for single-family garbage and recycling services will be on the Santa Clara County Secured Property Tax Bill, instead of the current six bills sent per year. This billing change does not affect residents in apartments and condominiums with communal dumpster service, and all mobile home parks.
- Be sure to discontinue automatic payment with your bank by the end of June. No action is needed for customers who use automatic payment through the City.
- Tenants who rent will no longer receive a bill from the City, and can no longer pay directly for garbage and recycling services.
- The first property tax bill to include garbage and recycling services will arrive in the fall of 2015. It will cover services provided July 2015 through June 2016 (the same period as the property tax bill).
- For Multi-Family Recycle-Plus Property Owners and Managers, you will continue to be billed for garbage and recycling service by the City. San Jose Municipal Water Customers (North San José, Alviso, Evergreen, Edenvale, and Coyote Valley)
- As of July 2015, you will continue to be billed every other month by the City, and your bill will only include charges for water service.
- Your bill statements will have a new look, with an easy to read chart to track your water use.
- All customers will be receiving new bill payment account numbers.
- For Questions and More Information:

- Go to www.sjenvironment.org/residents
- Go to www.sjenvironment.org/utilityrates for the most current rates
- E-mail to customerservice@sanjoseca.gov
- Call the Customer Contact Center at (408) 535-3500

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,

Johnny

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.

San Jose Jazz Camp June 15-26

UNLOCK YOUR POTENTIAL in our two-week learning lab led by some of the

region's best teaching artists. Designed for middle and high school students with backgrounds ranging from intermediate to advanced, our camp offers all-day immersion in every aspect of jazz-from theory to performance. Each student participates in both a small ensemble and a big band, and will perform in a gala concert for family and friends. Additionally, one ensemble will be chosen to play on the Main Stage of the 2015 San Jose Jazz Summer Fest, August 7-9.

In 2015, Summer Camp Moves to the state-of-the-art facilities of the Valley Christian Schools Conservatory of the Arts in south San Jose. Easily accessible by highways 87, 85 and 101, the multi-million dollar facility offers rehearsal halls, a fully-equipped piano lab and a proscenium-style theater, creating an unparalleled environment for developing artists.

San Jose Jazz members receive a \$50 discount; join today at sanjosejazz.org/membership

Multi-child discounts are also available: contact wallys@sanjosejazz.org

You'll gain extraordinary experience in performance, music theory, improvisation, composition, ear-training, performance, music tech and more. Register today!

Senior Water Property Tax Exemption

The Santa Clara Valley Water District offers low income seniors an exemption from the Safe, Clean Water property tax. In order to receive the up to \$60 exemption, qualifying seniors must apply by June 30th.

[Please click here to apply and for further information.](#)

Replacing Your Lawn - Adult workshop at the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy

Saturday, June 13th
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Ages: 18+
\$10/members, \$15/non-members

Want to have a healthy, lush yard while using less water, fertilizers, and herbicides? Join Guadalupe River Park Conservancy and Master Gardeners of Santa Clara County to learn how to replace your thirsty lawn with a beautiful low-water landscape. Explore low-water turfs, ground cover, combinations of bulbs, annuals, perennials, shrubs and find out about Santa Clara Valley Water District's lawn replacement incentive. Bonus: you'll help improve habitat for butterflies, hummingbirds, and beneficial insects.

This program takes place at the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy Visitor &

Education Center, 438 Coleman Ave., San Jose. Pre-registration is required, and space is limited. For more information, visit www.grpg.org or call 408-298-7657.

Refund Policy:

A credit towards another workshop will be available for cancellations within one week of the workshop. No refunds will be given; please take this into account before signing up. In the event a workshop is cancelled by GRPC, a full refund will be provided to all registered participants.

Women in Law Enforcement Seminar

Saturday, June 13th, 2015
9:00 AM -1:00 PM

Explore career opportunities within law enforcement at this informational seminar. You'll also get the chance to meet women who are currently serving in law enforcement!

The Women in Law Enforcement Event will be held at the SJPD Substation: 6087 Great Oaks Pkwy, San Jose CA 95119 For more info and to register visit: <https://sjpdwomen.eventbrite.com>

34th Juneteenth Festival - Celebrating the Official 150th Year of Emancipation

Saturday, June 27, 2015 from 12 noon to 8:00 p.m.-

Come out and join the African American Community Service Agency (AACSA) at the The 34th Annual Juneteenth in the Park Festival, as we Celebrate 150th Anniversary of Juneteenth in the U.S. There will be Food for the SOUL, Entertainment, Art, Vendors, Kids/Family arena, Grand Opening at 2:00 p.m with city of San Jose and County of Santa Clara officials. Headliner Platinum-Selling R&B Artist KeKe Wyatt and many more local artist. For more information please visit www.bayareajuneteenth.org

Evolution Sports Expo

619-333-0153
96. N Almaden Blvd. San Jose CA 95110

Come experience the evolution of modern day Fitness and Martial Arts at the Santa Clara Convention Center. The Evolution Sports Expo comes to Santa Clara, June 27th - 28 th 2015 at The Santa Clara Convention Center (5001 Great America Pkwy Santa Clara CA 95050). Bringing together thousands of competitors,

spectators and top tournaments all featured at one of the most exciting events in California.

THE EVOLUTION SPORTS EXPO Tickets are \$20 for 1 day or \$30 for the weekend pass. The general admission ticket which includes the WCS MMA and Boxing Event gives you access to over 80 top exhibitors and celebrity guests such as Rich Gaspari, Chris Cormier, Shawn Ray, Ronnie Coleman and many others. Tickets for children 12 years and under are \$10 and Children under 6 years old are free. Show hours are Saturday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM and Sunday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Plenty of onsite parking is available. Vender Booth Space and Sponsorship to the Expo still available. For more details please go to www.evolutionsportsexpo.com.

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