



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

District 10 Mid-April Newsletter

Dear Neighbor,

If you are traveling south along Almaden Expressway, if you look to the right just past Blossom Hill road, you will see the beautiful stone entry to the newly-renovated Chris Hotts Park! Be sure to take some time to stop and check it out! On Saturday, I had the opportunity to cut the ribbon on this much-improved park in the Hoffman-Via Monte Neighborhood. The renovations make this park more accessible and enjoyable for all who visit and a wonderful resource for the many children and adults living in the area. Big thanks go to our city Parks and Public Works staff members who worked with the neighbors and with my office throughout the various stages of the project – from planning and design, to construction.



PUBLIC SAFETY FORUM

As a follow up to the very well attended Public Safety Meeting held at Bret Harte Middle School in early February, I worked with our State representatives, Senator Jim Beall and Assemblymembers Mark Stone and Evan Low, to organize a Public Safety Forum to discuss issues outside of the City's purview that affect the safety of our community. Topics included Proposition 47, prison realignment (AB109), and what the County is doing to help those who have served their time reenter the community while reducing the likelihood that they do not re-offend. how they affect our state, cities, and local neighborhoods. Director of Reentry Services for Santa Clara County, Javier Aguirre, joining the conversation.

Thank you to the 90 people who came out on a sunny Saturday afternoon to hear from their State legislators. I appreciate the wonderful hospitality shown to us by Westgate Church – South Hills Campus who hosted Saturday’s forum. Time ran out before all questions were answered in detail, so Assemblymember Low’s office will be getting copies of the questions over to us and we will work with them to get answers to those of you who provided your contact information. For those of you who could not attend the Forum, my staff video-recorded the forum and will get it posted to the District 10 website – sjd10.com – very soon!



SAFETY UPDATES

In addition to educational opportunities like the aforementioned Public Safety Forum, my staff and I are continually working on ways to make our community safer. While some neighborhoods continue to be a target for burglars, the overall burglary rate in District 10 has dropped dramatically from earlier this year. I attribute this to increased patrols by the SJPD and the diligence of our residents in keeping an eye out for one another. Thank you to many of you who have taken up my call to host a Neighborhood Watch meeting for your street, to install surveillance cameras, or are in some other way working to improve the safety of your neighborhood.

While many neighbors have been doing their part to improve safety, the City has been busy training new police cadets and communications specialists. I was honored to attend the graduation of 19 new police officers from the police academy, as well as the graduation of several new SJPD communications specialists from their academy. In the Mayor’s March Budget Message, which my colleagues on the City Council and I approved unanimously, it is proposed that we budget for another 26 Community Service Officers, on top of the 28 already authorized. Community Service Officers take the administrative workload off of our sworn staff, allowing our police officers to spend more time on patrol.

For many years, the Hoffman-Via Monte neighborhood has suffered from higher crime, gang activity, and litter and graffiti issues than any other area of District 10. My office has been working very closely with neighborhood leaders and property owners in the Hoffman-Via Monte Neighborhood in order to make the Hoffman-Via Monte neighborhood a clean and safe place to live. We celebrate the recently-completed improvements to Chris Hotts Park, and look forward to clean-up efforts during the upcoming Great American Litter Pick Up. My office is facilitating training classes for property owners to learn more about code enforcement, how to better screen tenants, and best practices around security camera installation and use. We are also working with tenants to empower them to keep their neighborhood in good condition and free of crime.

The safety of our neighborhoods remains my number one priority and my staff and I will continue to work with the SJPD, community leaders, and elected officials to provide our residents with the peace of mind they deserve.

GREAT AMERICAN LITTER PICK UP

The Great American Litter Pick Up is less than one week away! Time to put on your gloves and grab your pick up sticks, because the Great American Litter Pick Up is this coming Saturday! On April 25th, from 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM, you will have an opportunity to join the District 10 staff for litter pick up and beautification projects at several sites within District 10! This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and make new friends while helping to beautify your neighborhood! This is also a great opportunity for students looking for community service hours that they may need to meet requirements at their schools!

Each year, we have increased our volunteer numbers from the previous year, and we are hoping for record-breaking numbers of volunteers on April 25th! We have made it convenient for people from almost every neighborhood to find a spot to volunteer that is near their homes and directly affects their community. The 5 staging areas around the District and details of the work to be completed in each area are as follows:

Staging Site Number 1: Almaden Community Center

At the Almaden Community Center, volunteers will be pulling weeds, picking up trash, and spreading wood chips around the center campus. With large flower beds and lots of shrubbery, we want to ensure that the Almaden Community Center remains a clean and welcoming place for everyone to enjoy. If you plan to volunteer at this location, please bring your own gardening gloves, shovels, and rakes.

Staging Site Number 2: Almaden Lake Park

Volunteers will be meeting in the parking lot off of Almaden Expressway. Parking passes will be issued to volunteers so they do not have to pay. We will be doing litter clean up around the park, as well as in nearby neighborhoods.

Staging Site Number 3: Pioneer High School – Hoffman-Via Monte

The Hoffman Via Monte neighborhood has been a hot spot for graffiti and litter. Last year, we collected more bags of trash from this neighborhood than all of the other sites combined. We want to make sure we keep this neighborhood clean and a priority for litter pick up. We will meet in the back parking lot of Pioneer High School and walking over to the neighboring Hoffman-Via Monte community.

Staging Site Number 4: Vista Park / Gunderson High School

We will be meeting at Vista Park and doing general litter pick up around the park and in surrounding neighborhoods. This is also a great opportunity for students from Gunderson High School to earn community service hours while beautifying the area around their school.

Staging Site Number 5: Del Roble Elementary School

District 10 staff members have been coordinating with the principal of Del Roble to ensure this event is a success. Similar to our other sites, volunteers will be doing general litter pick up. We are hoping to get families from the school involved, and teach kids the importance of volunteerism and community involvement!

This entire event depends on volunteers from our community – we cannot do it without YOU! Breakfast snacks, coffee, and lunch will be provided for all who volunteer, and volunteer service hours will be given to students who need them. If you have any questions, or you would like to join the team, please contact Rayshelle with the staging site at which you're interested in volunteering. Rayshelle can be reached at rayshelle.edmunds@sanjoseca.gov or call 408-535-4910. I hope to see you on April 25th!

In addition, the Almaden Valley Kiwanis Club & the South Valley YMCA are hosting a community service clean up event at Almaden Elementary School (1295 Dentwood Dr) at the same time! The Kiwanis club is asking for help in beautifying Almaden Elementary School. To participate in this opportunity to serve your community while having some fun with a great group of people, please contact Mike Montanari at ok3green@aol.com or Persi Kanga at Kangahome@gmail.com. Snacks and lunch will be provided for those who volunteer at this site, as well!

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time, and the South Valley Family YMCA enriches kids, adults, families, and communities through health, fitness and wellness programs, group exercise, personal training, youth programs, camps, family programs, swimming and aquatics , and other activities for people of all ages and abilities.

JULY 4TH FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL!

It is my pleasure to announce 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!

Sponsorship:

If you know of a person (could that be you?!) or company that would like to provide a sponsorship for this event, please let us know. It takes substantial funding to put together an event like this in order to do it successfully. Every amount helps! Contact my office to learn more on how to donate.

Non-Profit Booth:

This event is a perfect opportunity for Non-Profits to share information with the community. We have a few Non-Profits signed up but would love to have more! If you or someone you know has a Non-Profit that would like to secure a booth, please contact us!

Set Up:

We need people to help set up the day of the 4th. We will have tents, tables, stages, etc. that will need to be assembled or set up. We will also need assistance in taking down these items immediately following the event. Let us know what you can do and we will put you to work!

Parking:

We need people dedicated to working shifts throughout the day to monitor and direct drivers to parking. Last year, we had a few challenges around drivers blocking driveways and parking in restricted areas. This year, we hope to minimize or eliminate such problems by having dedicated volunteers direct parking. Cars that block driveways or park in restricted areas will be towed.

Advertising:

Please share the District 10 July 4th Family Fun Festival in your newsletters—community, school and others. The July 4th Family Fun Festival starts at 2 PM and fireworks will begin after dark. You can share the volunteer opportunities available and let everyone know that they are invited! We support families walking and biking to the event together and the event will feature food vendors, non-profit booths, activities for children, and, of course, a fantastic fireworks display!

Food Vendor:

We want to promote our District 10 businesses! If you own a food business or want your favorite D10 business to be a vendor, please contact my staff before April 30, 2015

Check In:

There are a variety of entrances to the park. Pets are not allowed and of course, no alcohol...for that you will have to wait for the Almaden Art and Wine Festival on Sept. 19th! ? Volunteers at the Check-In points will welcome incoming guests and observe the incoming flow of people to ensure compliance.

Litter Pick-Up:

We need people to help pick up trash the day of and after the event. This is a perfect opportunity for youth groups and community associations to work as a team to help keep our park clean and minimize the waste going into the landfills by helping divert recyclables and compostable items.

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.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RECOGNITION

I was thrilled to join Mayor Reed, my colleagues on the City Council, the City Clerk, and other City Staff in honoring the wonderful residents who have represented District 10 as members of Boards and Commissions. If you see any of the following people around town, please thank them for their service:

Arts Commission: Walter Soellner

Council Appointment Advisory Commission: Denise McCallaCreary

Ethics Commission: Leon Louie

Library & Early Education Commission: Kaushik Joglekar and Nguyen Sanders

Planning Commission: Mehran (Matt) Kamkar

There are many opportunities to serve the City as a member of a board or commission and we are always looking for people interested in serving. To find out which boards or commissions have openings, application deadlines, and to obtain an application, visit the City Clerk's website: <http://sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=337>

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 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.

Weed Abatement

Santa Clara County Roads and Airports Dept. is continuing with their weed abatement program for County Expressways. Montague Expressway was just finished. Capitol Expressway will be next, follow by Almaden Expressway, probably mid/late May. The weed abatement schedule will be adjusted accordingly based on availability of resources and production.

Help Name the Baby Peregrine Falcons Living on San Jose City Hall

Clara and Fernando El Cohete's eggs have hatched, and San Jose's young falcon fans have an opportunity to help name the new chicks.

The naming contest is open to children 5-18 who live or attend school in San Jose. Artwork, essay, video, or song required for each entry. In addition to having the honor of naming the falcon chicks, the students who submitted the winning names will receive: a commendation from Mayor Liccardo at a future City Council meeting, passes to Happy Hollow Park & Zoo, and a school assembly featuring Glenn Stewart of the UC Santa Cruz Predatory Bird Research Group.

To enter the contest, read the rules and guidelines and enter online by midnight April 24, 2015. To watch the falcons live, see our FalconCam.

For more information visit www.sanjoseca.gov/falcons.

Oak Grove School District Slug Run

Presented by:

Baldwin Elementary School
Bernal Middle School
Del Roble Elementary School
Herman Intermediate School/AdVEnture
Indigo Program
Sakamoto Elementary School
Santa Teresa Elementary School
Taylor Elementary School

SLUG (Science Learning Unleashes Goals) Run was originally created to fund the 6th Grade Science Camp program at Sakamoto School. This year's SLUG Run is a collaboration among eight OGSD schools. Money raised from this event will fund activities geared toward each school's Science and technology programs.

Don't forget your checkbook for the silent auction! Food & entertainment will also be featured!

Date: Saturday, May 2nd, 2015 @7:00 A.M.

Event Location: Del Roble Elementary School, 5345 Avenida Almendros, San Jose, CA 95123

[Click here to register!](#)

Dine Out for Life

You're invited to Dine Out for Life at Sonoma Chicken Coop Almaden on Thursday April 30th. The Health Trust provides housing, food and support services to low-income city residents with HIV/AIDS. This event helps raise money for these services, as participating restaurants agree to donate a portion of their proceeds that day to The Health Trust's AIDS Services. There is more information on their website:

www.healthtrust.org/diningoutforlife/

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