



**OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER JOHNNY KHAMIS
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District 10 Mid-June Newsletter

Dear Neighbor,

One of the greatest parts of my job is having the chance to partner with people and organizations in volunteer efforts that beautify and positively transform our community! I recently had the privilege to work with and/or honor some of these amazing groups and individuals who make a difference in our City. I am dedicating this newsletter to highlighting a few of the impressive projects that these thoughtful and giving people and organizations have completed.

The first project I am highlighting happened on Saturday, June 6th, volunteers from the Kiwanis Club of Almaden and the Santa Clara County Association of Realtors (SCCAOR) came out to plant trees behind Los Alamos Elementary. The neighbors who live behind the school were more than happy to join in and help beautify that part of their neighborhood. Our City Forest did a fantastic job of organizing the project and helping volunteers successfully plant 10 trees in what turned out to be very hard soil. In fact, they explained that planting these trees will help the ground in that area more effectively retain moisture in these drought conditions. So, while it may seem counter-intuitive to plant trees during a drought, doing so will help keep our ground permeable so that the rain we do get will not just run off into the street. It will also help keep the ground cooler, reducing the amount of moisture that evaporates from the soil.

Thank you to SCCAOR for funding the purchase of the trees and to the Almaden Kiwanis for taking on the responsibility of caring for the trees for the next three years as they become established. Special thanks goes to Jacquelyn Dreher who works in the office at Los Alamos Elementary. She assisted with making all of the necessary arrangements and obtaining school district approvals. This was a great example of government, schools, non-profits, and the community coming together to make a positive difference!

Second up is Venture Church who, on May 16th chose Leonard Herman Intermediate School to be the main focus of their Beautiful Day efforts. Beautiful Day typically

happens semi-annually and brings together churches from throughout Santa Clara County for a day dedicated to service, above and beyond that which they already provide. The churches take on projects that would typically not be possible without an enormous volunteer effort. The projects they take on are often the “Extreme Makeovers” of community service projects!

On that beautiful Saturday, nearly 1000 volunteers came together at Herman Junior High to complete over 70 projects, ranging from spreading mulch and painting murals, to refurbishing picnic tables and remodeling dilapidated areas of the campus. The transformation was incredible! I had the pleasure of joining the volunteer effort for a couple hours that day and I was overwhelmed by the tremendous outpouring of care by the folks from Venture Church. As a Herman alumnus, it was wonderful to see the old, well-worn campus shining brightly because of the amazing work put forth by the Venture volunteers. [Here is a quick video highlighting the day's work!](#) Here is another video, this one [created by the students at Herman thanking Venture for their work!](#)

Third, are some of the young men in our community who have stepped up and completed Eagle Scout projects that benefit of our community. Last week, I was given the opportunity to honor six of these young men for completing their projects and achieving the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts. Congratulations to Tom Spencer, Reece Hunter, Skyler Hunter, Matt Remaker, McKay Duffin, and Matt Duffin on their noteworthy accomplishments!



Nicolas Ontiveros will also be recognized, with a Council Commendation, for the project he took on at the Almaden Community Center. Nicolas organized the beautification of a previously unused area of the Center's campus, including adding a nice fence and wonderful planter boxes to be used by the preschool. Thank you, Nicolas, for your hard work! Check out the photos below!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR JULY 4th FUN FESTIVAL & FIREWORKS

In the spirit of all this talk about wonderful volunteer efforts, we have many opportunities for volunteers to help out on July 4th (and 5th) to assist with the 2nd Annual July 4th Fun Festival & Fireworks Show being held at Almaden Lake Park! 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 staff members when volunteering. It is a great volunteer opportunity, and a great way to support a District 10 event that benefits your neighbors.

Sponsorship:

If you know of a person (could that be you?!) or company that would like to sponsor this event, please let us know. Putting together an event like this takes funds to do successfully. Every amount counts. Contact my office to learn more about how to donate.

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 put up. We will also need assistance in taking down these items. 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 where to park. Last year, we had a few problems with drivers blocking driveways and parking in restricted areas. This year, we will eliminate those problems by having dedicated volunteer's direct parking and we will tow cars that block driveways or park in restricted areas

Check In:

There are a variety of entrances to the park. Pets are not allowed and of course, no alcohol...you will have to wait for the Almaden Art and Wine Festival on Sept. 19th ? Volunteers at the Check-In points will look through bags, coolers, etc. 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 help keep our park clean.

We look forward to hearing from you! Please contact my office to sign up today! Please contact Denelle Fedor at denelle.fedor@sanjoseca.gov or Rayshelle Edmunds at Rayshelle.edmunds@sanjoseca.gov or call 408-535-4910.

IMPORTANT JULY 4th FUN FESTIVAL SAFETY AND COURTESY REMINDERS

We are looking forward to another wonderful event and we want to make sure we keep it that way for years to come. In order to maintain a safe, family-friendly environment for all, there are some things that are prohibited during the event. ***Alcohol, illicit drugs, dogs/pets, fireworks, weapons, and glass bottles will NOT BE ALLOWED INTO THE PARK.*** We will have security at each entrance, and everyone is subject to cooler and/or bag search. Any contraband will be confiscated and those with dogs/pets will be turned away and not allowed into the festival.

Parking is extremely limited, so walk or bike to the event if you can! It's healthier and more convenient! There will be parking available at the Santa Clara Valley Water District, as well as at Pioneer High School and at Westfield Oakridge Mall. Even so, parking will be limited. Please remember, if you are parking on neighborhood streets,

DO NOT BLOCK PEOPLE'S DRIVEWAYS!! We need to be courteous of everyone, and parking in no-parking zones is not only illegal and inconvenient, it creates a safety hazard and may garner you a pricey ticket.

DON'T FORGET TO DRESS UP!

This year's July 4th Fun Festival will again include a Costume Contest and Parade! Categories include: Most Patriotic Family, Most Patriotic Kid (under 12), Most Patriotic Teen, Best Uncle Sam, and Most Unique Costume. Prizes will be given to the first and second place winners in each category. This year, contestants will be pre-judged before the parade begins and winners will be announced at the end of the parade. Plan to gather for pre-judging shortly after 5:00 PM. Location and other details will be included in the Event Program.

Thank you, in advance for your cooperation and participation! We are excited for another great event!

PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE UPDATE

I have been, and continue to be, a vocal advocate for the City to commit funding to fix our deteriorating streets for some time now. Between my persistence and your support, we are making important strides in getting more funding committed to pavement maintenance. As noted in my last newsletter, the original City budget for the upcoming 2015-2016 fiscal year contained only \$16 million for pavement maintenance, but working with Mayor Liccardo, the budget was revised to include an additional \$8 million to maintain our roads - something that will benefit our entire City. We will soon see some concrete examples of our efforts come to fruition when pavement maintenance begins on major streets within District 10.

I recently met with the Directors of Public Works and the Department of Transportation to discuss the major projects scheduled for District 10 streets. Below is an overview of the upcoming projects and their projected completion times:

Street Name	Start Location	End Location	Project	Tentative Schedule
Vista Park Dr	Branham Ln	Capitol Ex	Arterial Resurfacing	July 21 - July 30
Camden Av	Shearwater Dr	Almaden Ex	Arterial Resurfacing	July 30 - Sept 11
Trinidad	Crown Bl	Camden Av	Arterial Resurfacing	July 31 - Sept 15
Almaden Rd	McKean Rd	Almaden Ex	Street Sealing	August - Oct
Camden Av	Harry Rd	Shearwater Dr	Street Sealing	August - Oct
Trinidad Dr	Almaden Ex	Crown Bl	Street Sealing	August - Oct
Blossom Hill Rd	Meridian Av	Harwood Rd	Street Sealing	August - Oct
Camden Av	Coleman Rd	Almaden Ex	OBAG Resurfacing	August - Nov
Santa Teresa Bl	Steinbeck Dr	Blossom Hill Rd	OBAG Resurfacing	August - Nov

If you have any questions regarding these projects, feel free to contact Rayshelle Edmunds in my office at rayshelle.edmunds@sanjoseca.gov or call 408-535-4982.

ALMADEN LAKE PARK – SOON TO OPEN ON MONDAYS!

The City Council unanimously approved the [Mayor's June Budget Message](#) at our June 9th meeting, as well as some amendments requested by the City Council. One such amendment was [my memo calling for the opening of Almaden Lake Park, and the trail that runs through it](#), on Mondays for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year. Funding to open up the park on Mondays will be provided by the District 10 Council Office budget for the first year. For subsequent years, the Council requested that City staff look at finding ongoing funding for the Monday opening of Almaden Lake Park and the other three regional parks when they begin planning the City budget for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year.

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 and I encourage you all to 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](#).

In addition, I love attending your neighborhood events! It gives me a great opportunity to meet your neighbors in a casual setting. If you'd like me to stop by your get-together, contact Jose Salcido in my office at jose.salcido@sanjoseca.gov or call 408-535-4910. I look forward to seeing you at National Night Out on August 4th!

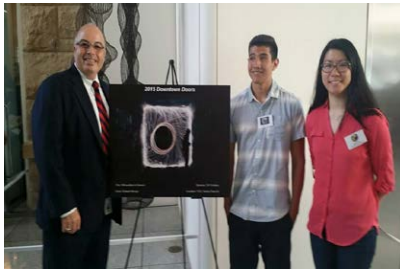
ART OF GUNDERSON STUDENTS SHOWCASED IN DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE

Congratulations to Ruben Alvarado and Edward Arroyo of Gunderson High School, both of whom have had their outstanding artwork selected for public display as part of the San Jose Downtown Association's Downtown Doors student art competition and exhibition.

They represent two of 22 selected works from more than 130 entries produced by students attending 15 different high schools in the San Jose area.

The 12-year-old Downtown Doors program now has 100 works of art – all by students – transferred onto vinyl wrapping and displayed on service doors and utility boxes, beautifying downtown San Jose's urban landscape. The students' work will be viewable for several years before being replaced.

Please visit http://sjdowntown.com/downtown_doors/ for more information.



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.

Youth Volunteers Needed for the PARTI Program

At PARTI Program our work is driven by the power of volunteers!

All of our volunteers play unique roles—we run major fundraising campaigns, manage essential partnerships and design online experiences. Together, we educate and empower the community to change the lives of youth who suffer from bullying, depression, violent lifestyles, unhealthy relationships and unstable families. We value will over skill, determination over degrees, and passion over years of experience. If this sounds like you, you sound like PARTI Program. So come join us!

Why volunteer with PARTI Program?

You'll have a huge impact on the youth movement to end bullying, anti-social behavior and violent lifestyles. It's pretty incredible what impact a dedicated crew of young people can have.

We've mobilized hundreds of young people to take action on the issues of bullying and violence and reached thousands through our campaigns. At PARTI Program, you won't just be filing or photocopying, you'll work at the heart of a movement that takes meaningful action to put an end to bullying and violent lifestyles. You'll join a community of like-minded young people.

The PARTI Program crew is a pretty fun and diverse group, but we all have one thing in common—we're deeply passionate about the issues of bullying and violence, and believe that together, we can end it.

You'll gain invaluable skills and experience.

Volunteering at PARTI Program, you'll learn by doing. Whether your role involves organizing events, managing relationships, chairing meetings, facilitating conversations or designing strategy. It's guaranteed that you'll draw on these skills and experience in your future career, no matter where you're headed.

Join our Leadership Team!

Are you ready to lead the next generation in a social movement? As a member of the Leadership Team you'll drive this model. You'll have conversations about bullying and violent lifestyles, and take meaningful and important action both online and offline. You'll have the chance to be trained in and drive high-impact, hard-hitting campaigns.

Help lead this movement—[complete the online Volunteer Application](#).

To learn more visit www.partiprogram.com or email partisquad@yahoo.com

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.](#)

San José Youth Commission to Host 8th Annual Youth Conference

Empowering youth to “Be the Change” within the community

What: San José Youth Commission 8th Annual Citywide Youth Conference

When: Friday, June 26, 2015
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Where: San José City Hall Rotunda
200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, CA 95113

Who: High school students throughout San José

The goal for this year’s conference is to empower the youth to proactively make positive changes to themselves and the communities around them. With the theme of “Be the Change”, the conference aims to inform, inspire and empower youth in overcoming obstacles and barriers in order to become the agents of change in their community.

The Youth Conference will conclude with an address by Mayor Sam Liccardo and will feature keynote speakers including City Manager Norberto Dueñas and community leader/pastor Danny Sanchez, who was also the 2011 White House Champion of Change.

For more information visit <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/prns>.

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

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