



DISTRICT 5 COMMUNITY NEWS

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Special Point of Interest

- New District 5 Office Hours
- Support Summer Safe Initiative
- Upcoming Community Forum to discuss the redistricting of District 5

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NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMIT SUCCESS!

We kicked off the Neighborhood Summit with a disaster preparedness workshop led by the City Manager, Police Chief and Fire Chief. A key point made in discussion was that it is crucial each home is prepared with basic necessities in case of disasters such as fires, earthquakes or floods. Basic tips that were reviewed during the information session include owning a disaster readiness kit, having three to five days worth of drinking water, access to a battery operated radio, walking shoes, and the importance of communication with neighbors. Following the disaster preparedness discussion, participants split up into three workshops from discussing the process through which gang activity is addressed within the city.



During the gang prevention panels, we learned that earlier this month representatives from San Jose's Gang Prevention Task Force gave a presentation in Washington DC on the success of their program. This information was also presented at the summit as the speakers emphasized the crucial role that schools, law enforcement and community members and organizations play in addressing and deterring gang activity locally. Several public safety officials were present including the new Chief of Police Chris Moore and the Fire Chief William McDonald. There was much learned and discussed about what is working and what is not. I look forward to working towards addressing concerns throughout the next year so we can have a positive report back at next year's summit.

NEW DISTRICT 5 OFFICE HOURS

I am excited to announce that next month I will be implementing District 5 office hours. This regularly scheduled time is where I can make myself available to the community. As a Councilmember my schedule is often booked out weeks in advance, making it difficult for me to have one on one meetings with community members. I look forward to meeting with you on issues and concerns in your neighborhood. To set up a 15 minute time-slot during my scheduled office hours, please contact my office and work with my scheduler Kathy Tsukamoto for a time that works.

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Customer Service-

(408) 535-3500

Anti-Graffiti/ Litter-

(408) 277-2758

Code Enforcement-

(408) 277-4528

Abandoned Vehicles-

(408) 277-5305

Animal Services-

(408) 578-7297

Street Lights-

(408) 277-5517

Garbage &

Recycling-

(408) 535-3515

Mayfair Center-

(408) 794-1060

Hank Lopez Center-

(408) 794-1630

Alum Rock Library-

(408) 808-3090

Dr. Cruz Library-

(408) 929-0130

Hillview Library-

(408) 808-3033

Upcoming Events

U.S. Department of Education's Equity and Excellence Commission

The Equity and Excellence Commission Town Hall Meeting is an opportunity to discuss the role school resources play in educational opportunity. A forum with regional educational leaders and community members is set for Thursday April 21 at San Jose City Hall.

For more information and to RSVP e-mail equitycommission@ed.gov



Redistricting

In the last 10 years, San Jose has grown and changed in many different ways. There is a domino effect in some cases where districts that need to grow or shrink impact the districts alongside that are within the 10% deviation. Many communities of interest want to stay together, while others want to see lines changed to create more contiguity. Population transfer areas are being discussed and will be over the next month. All in all it is a process that needs your input because change is coming. The District 5 redistricting meeting will be held on Monday, May 2nd at the Mexican Heritage Plaza. The meeting will begin at 7pm.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Cinco de Mayo celebrates the victory of the historical battle of 1862 between Mexico and France. This holiday is a symbol of Mexican pride and unity and includes great festivities. This year, the community will be brought together inside the perimeter of Emma Pruch Park located at 647 S. King Rd on Thursday, May 5th and will start at 11am and end at 3pm. The event will promote positive family values that are emphasized and shared by the Latino community.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Summer Safe Initiative Donations

Help support the Safe Summer Initiative in reducing gang activity during the summer months! This initiative provides summer programming for at risk youth and is working to raise \$50K to continue running this year's programs. Deadline for donations is April 20, 2011. For more information, visit:

http://sanjoseparks.org/safe_summer_initiative

Advisory Commission Public Hearing

Join local officials in discussing redistricting of District 5 on May 2, 2011 at 7:00pm. The hearing will be held at the Mexican Heritage Plaza Theater 1700 Alum Rock Avenue.



Yes We Can...Read!™ recruits, trains and places committed reading mentor volunteers in elementary schools in the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District (ARUSD). Mentors are matched with two students for weekly sessions. Mentors strengthen the students' early literacy skills through reading aloud and other literacy activities.

Location: Current program efforts are focused on Dorsa Elementary School located at 1290 Bal Harbor Way, San Jose, CA 95122 in the ARUSD. Additional schools are currently being identified.

Volunteer Requirements: Complete Reading Mentor Application Process: 1) Completion and submission of Reading Mentor Application; 2) Complete Tuberculosis (TB) Test and submit results; 3) Complete Live Scan Finger Prints through the Santa Clara County Sherriff's Office; 4) Attend a Reading Mentor Training; 5) Commit to weekly one hour mentor sessions with assigned students for 8-10 weeks.

For additional information about the Yes We Can...Read!™ Program visit:

www.gfsfamilyservices.org/YesWeCanRead.html

SANTA CLARA ALUM ROCK RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT

Station Personalization Meeting

Santa Clara Alum Rock Rapid Transit Project is hosting Station Personalization meetings to gather community input on personalizing the new Valley Rapid Stations on the Santa Clara-Alum Rock Corridor to reflect the surrounding neighborhoods.

April 20, 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Mayfair Community Center, Banquet Hall
2039 Kammerer Ave, San Jose, CA, 95116

April 21, 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Latino College Prep Academy Auditorium
(Next to National Hispanic University)
14271, Story Road, San Jose, CA, 95127

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Additional Community Meetings brought to you by The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Association of Santa Clara Valley and Co-Sponsor Councilmember Kansen Chu.

Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Safety Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 27, 2011. Presenters for the meeting include SJPD Chief Moore, Mini Le SJPD, and community leaders Bob Sippel and Alofa Talivaa.

Ambuds and Child Welfare Meeting will be held Thursday May 19, 2011 presented by the Department of Family Child Services Om-buds person Brohne Lawhorne and Lori Medina DFCS.

All community meetings will be conducted from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at City Hall Council Chambers.