

November 2017 Newsletter

Vice Mayor

Magdalena Carrasco

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East San José



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Dear Neighbor,

November is a month that we call all reflect on the blessings in our lives and have gratitude for our family, friends and community. The best way to reap the benefits of gratitude is to notice new things you're grateful for every day. Practice gratitude daily by focusing our gratitude on people for whom we're thankful rather than circumstances or material items will enhance the benefits we experience. Practicing gratitude can cause individuals to live happier, more satisfied lives and enjoy increased levels of self-esteem, hope, empathy and optimism.

There are many options for our community to give back this month by sharing our time and resources. In District 5, you can volunteer at a variety of organizations that improve your community. For a list of organizations, [click here](#).

If you have any questions on any of these events, please contact my office at 408-535-4905.

Many thanks,

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Partnership with Downtown Streets Team

This month is the kick-off of my partnership with the Downtown Streets Team as a sponsor of the King and Story Road Gateway. Downtown Streets Team, a non-profit organization working to end homelessness through the restoration and rebuilding of lives. The Gateway Project aims to not only help beautify and take care of the San Jose environment, but also to end homelessness, one gateway at a time. While the Gateway Project aims to beautify the local community, it's also about sharing social responsibility in the fight to end homelessness. Downtown Streets Team strives to build partnerships with cities to beautify neighborhoods, creeks and downtown streets as well as with the homeless men and women who volunteer on these projects. The team will be out at King and Story Road every week cleaning up garbage and dumping in the area. I look forward to see our men and women beautifying East San Jose while becoming financially independent. If this sponsorship is successful, I look forward to expanding it to other gateways.

Companies can also sponsor a gateway, if you know of an organization that is interested, please contact Cliff Navales at Cliff@streetsteam.org or 408-899-7350.



Christmas Tree Giveaway

We are looking for some cheery volunteers to help our community get in the holiday spirit. On December 8th we will be providing families in need a Christmas Tree. We will need volunteers to help us load trees for families.

Our office is seeking all able bodies from 12 p.m.-7 p.m. on December 8th at the Mexican Heritage Plaza.

If you are looking for volunteers hours for your high school or just want to spread the joy, please contact Frances Herbert, at frances.herbert@sanjoseca.gov or call (408) 535-4948

For more information about the event, see flier below.



Christmas Tree Giveaway

**Friday, December 8th, from 3-5pm
First Come, First Serve**



**Mexican Heritage Plaza
1700 Alum Rock Avenue**

Twine or rope suggested
but **NOT** required

For additional information
please contact 1-408-535-4905



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Mexican Heritage Plaza



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Fiesta Navidena

The School of Arts and Culture's 7th annual holiday celebration "Fiesta Navideña" will be held on Friday, December 8th at 5PM. Join us for this FREE event for the whole familia! All students enrolled for the Fall classes will participate in a culminating recital and exhibition of their work. In addition, we will have special guest performances, vendors, children's activities, and tree lighting.

Fiesta Navideña

A NEIGHBORHOOD FAMILY CELEBRATION

Locations for Thanksgiving Food Banks



Santa Clara November 2017 Thanksgiving Meals: Come Celebrate With Us!

North Santa Clara County			
Day & Time	Organization	Address	Phone Number
November 15: 5:00 PM-6:00 PM	ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISSI CHURCH	1425 Bay Rd., East Palo Alto, 94303	(650) 323-7781
Central Santa Clara County			
Day & Time	Organization	Address	Phone Number
November 19,20: 4:00 PM-5:00PM	MARTHA'S KITCHEN	311 Willow St., San Jose, 95110	(408) 293-6111
November 22: 4:30 PM-5:30 PM	LOAVES & FISHES EASTSIDE	1080 N. 7 th St., San Jose, 95112	(408) 316-6472
November 23: 11:00 AM-5:00 PM	CITY TEAM MINISTRIES	580 Charles St., San Jose, 95112 (Off of Oakland Rd.)	(408) 288-2185
November 23: 11:30 AM	CHURCH OF THE CHIMES/Acts of Mercy	1447 Bryan Ave., San Jose, 95118	(408) 891-0225
East San Jose			
Day & Time	Organization	Address	Phone Number
November 23: 4:30 PM-5:30 PM	LOAVES & FISHES EASTSIDE/Goodwill of Silicon Valley	2150 Alum Rock Ave., San Jose, 95127	(408) 316-6472
South Santa Clara County			
Day & Time	Organization	Address	Phone Number
November 21: 11:00 AM-2:00 PM	GILROY COMPASSION CENTER	370 Tomkins Ct., Gilroy, 95020	(408) 763-7120
November 22: 6:00 PM-8:00 PM	ST. CATHERINE'S REACHOUT	17400 Peak Ave., Morgan Hill, 95037	(408) 779-3959
November 22: 6:00 PM-7:00 PM	MORGAN HILL UNITED METHODIST	17175 Monterey Rd., Morgan Hill, 95037	(408) 779-4044
November 23: 12:00 PM-2:00 PM	ST. JOSEPH'S FAMILY CENTER-LORD'S TABLE	11 First St., Gilroy, 95020	(408) 842-6662 x 26

Please call Vu at 408 694 0022 or email ytran@shfb.org if you have any changes or would like to add your agency to this list.



Need Food? Call 800-984-3663



Fun and Low Cost Family Holiday Activities

[Christmas in the Park](#) - San Jose, November 24-January 1
Come visit the District 5 tree!

[Fantasy of Lights](#) - Los Gatos, December 2-30

[Christmas at Winchester Mystery House](#) - San Jose, December 9-25

[Children's Holiday Festival](#) - San Jose, December 2

[A Christmas Carol](#) - Northside Theater Company December 7-24

[Ice Skating](#) - San Jose

[Noon Year's Eve](#) - Children's Discovery Museum

Volunteer in East San Jose

[Somos Mayfair](#)

Volunteer opportunities include home visits, classroom aids, guest readers, raising a reader, reading partners, and translators.

[Alum Rock Counseling Center](#)

Help make a difference in the life of a youth...become a Mentor!

The goal of the Program is to pair 60 at-risk students who attend Ocala Middle School (East San José) with individual mentors to improve the students' academic performance & improve the prospect of future success by offering specialized one-on-one mentoring.

[Grail Family](#)

Grail Family Services works hand in hand with volunteers like you to meet the needs of the community. Our volunteers hail from Cisco, Intel, the City of San Jose, and from the community we serve. Volunteer opportunities include: Literacy mentoring for Kindergartners and 1st graders, fundraising, events, marketing, library management, child care /child enrichment, and facilities improvement and upkeep.

[Dr. Roberto Cruz Alum Rock Library and Hillview Library](#)

Become a Tech Mentor, assist with homework club, become an adult literacy tutor or ESL Conversation Club Facilitator, or join your local Friends of the Library.

[The City of San Jose](#)

San José residents have the opportunity to strengthen our great city by connecting with their families, their neighbors, and their communities through service. Volunteering is as easy as serving food in a senior center, picking up litter, planting a school garden, reading to a child, or educating families about important programs that can empower their lives.

If you have a volunteer opportunity you would like to share, please send to frances.herbert@sanjoseca.gov.

Families in Need - Resources for Christmas

You can donate a thanksgiving meal or toys for Christmas at a variety of agencies.



Please check our website for special Donation Station hours during our Food and Toy distribution weeks:
Monday, Nov 20 – Wednesday, Nov 22
Monday, Dec 18 – Friday, Dec 22

We Will Be Closed

Thursday, Nov 23 through Sunday, Nov 26
Saturday, Dec 23 through Tuesday, Dec 26

Donation Station Hours and Location

Our donation station is located at the rear of our facility and the regular hours are:

Monday – Thursday: 8:00AM – 5:00PM

Friday: 8:00AM – 4:00PM

Saturday: 9:00AM – 12:00PM

Bring Joy

<http://sacredheartcs.org/turkeysandtoys/>

Immigration Update

I was honored to provide SIREN with a commendation to celebrate 30 years of championing immigrant and refugee rights. If you need assistance with immigration you can visit SIREN at <http://www.siren-bayarea.org/>. They have free walk-in legal clinics every week.

On Sep 5, 2017 the Trump Administration rescinded the DACA program, putting 100,000s of undocumented youth at risk of deportation. But the attack on our communities didn't stop there.

Để đọc Tiếng Việt, [click here](#). In the past few weeks, we have verified reports that Vietnamese (even pre-1995 cases) and Cambodian immigrants are being held by ICE for deportations. Recently, the Trump administration sanctioned Cambodia along with Eritrea, Guinea and Sierra Leone because they stood up against Trump's demands to accept more deportees. Donald Trump is set to visit Vietnam this coming week, and indications point to the Trump administration ramping up their efforts to separate Vietnamese families, also.

No matter how you look at it, our communities are under attack. If ICE has no compassion for a 10-year old who just had surgery, they will not have compassion for any of our community members. The Trump administration is coming after our most vulnerable, most marginalized group to try and divide us. We have the responsibility to stand up and fight back, especially in this moment.

If you have a final order of removal and ICE has notified you of a new check-in date, please contact Rapid Response Network of Santa Clara County, CA (408) 290-

1144. They can help you assess the risk that you may be detained and assist you in planning for that possibility.

PROTEGE NUESTRA COMUNIDAD



**¡REPORTA A LA MIGRA!
LLAMA AL (408) 290-1144.**



LLAMA PARA RECIBIR AYUDA INMEDIATA SI INMIGRACIÓN LLEGA A TU CASA, TRABAJO, VECINDARIO O SI HAY REDADAS EN LA CALLE.
* ESTA NO ES UNA LINEA DE INFORMACIÓN GENERAL

**¡DISPONIBLE YA EN SAN JOSE!
SERVICIO EN TODO EL CONDADO DE SANTA CLARA PRONTO.**

BẢO VỆ CỘNG ĐỒNG CỦA CHÚNG TA



**Báo cáo hoạt động của Cơ Quan Thi
Hành Luật Di Trú và Hải Quan (ICE)!
Gọi Số (408) 290-1144.**



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