



## NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

# January 2010 E-BLAST



An information-sharing service of the  
Neighborhood Development Center (NDC)

*The mission of the Neighborhood Development Center is to build strong neighborhoods by connecting individuals to information, technology, and opportunities for civic engagement.*

Please note that the Neighborhood Development center website has moved. Visit us at <http://www.strongneighborhoods.org/neighborhooddevelopmentcenter.htm>

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## ***2010 Community Breakfast***

Mayor Chuck Reed and the San Jose City Council  
cordially invite you to a very special event

### **The 2010 Community Breakfast**

*Featuring the State of the City Address and Recognition of Outstanding Citizens*

Thursday, February 18, 2010

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

San Jose McEnery Convention Center  
150 West San Carlos St, San Jose, CA 95113

Seating is limited. Tickets must be purchased by February 5th. Order online at:

<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/92342>

For more information, visit

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/mayor/news/upcoming/upcomingevents.asp#SOTC>

or call (408) 535-4800.

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## ***City Commissions***

### **Neighborhoods Commission**

The next meeting of the Neighborhoods Commission will be on January 13, 2010. City Hall, Wing Room 118-119, 200 E, Santa Clara Street, San Jose, CA 95113

For more information about the Neighborhoods Commission, visit

<http://www.strongneighborhoods.org/neighborhooddevelopmentcenter.htm>

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### **Youth Commission Vacancy**

#### **NOTICE OF VACANCY**

### **YOUTH COMMISSION**

**DEADLINE TO APPLY: January 29, 2010**

The San Jose City Council will be accepting applications until **Friday, January 29, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.** for appointment to the Youth Commission. The Youth Commission was formed to foster greater involvement of youth in municipal government and studies any problems, activities and concerns of youth relating to municipal policies, programs or projects of the City.

There are two positions available on the Commission. Applicants must be between the ages of fourteen and twenty at the time of appointment and must live in the Council District listed below:

**District 5 – Term Ending May 31, 2011**

*Appointment Process:*

The Council Member, in whose district the vacancy exists, makes appointments to the Youth Commission. Copies of all applications received will be submitted to the appropriate Council Member for review and selection. The newly appointed Youth Commissioner then will participate in a swearing-in ceremony, which will tentatively be held in February, 2010 during an evening Council session.

Applications may be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 200 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose, CA 95113 (408) 535-1272, or on the City's Web site at [www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/vacancy.htm](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/vacancy.htm). If you would like additional information regarding the Commission, please call the staff at (408) 793-5559.

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***Community Action and Pride Grant Program***

**CAP Grant Cycle 24 is NOW OPEN!**

The Community Action & Pride (CAP) Grant Cycle 24 Application is now available. Applications are available via the NDC CAP Grant Website <http://www.strongneighborhoods.org/neighborhooddevelopmentcenter.htm> or at the NDC office located at 1601 Foxworthy Avenue, San Jose, CA 95118.

**Who Is Eligible?**

Neighborhood Associations or other neighborhood-based groups located within the City of San Jose may be eligible to apply. See the Cycle 24 Grant Guidelines for details.

**What Does CAP Fund?**

The CAP Grant Program provides financial support to help resident-based groups conduct activities that build or strengthen the neighborhood organization, improve neighborhood conditions, or address issues important to neighborhood quality of life.

**Where Can I Get More Information?**

Technical assistance is available from the Neighborhood Development Center between December 14, 2009 and February 10, 2010. You can reach CAP Grant staff at (408) 723-4114. You may also reach us by emailing [alex.ruvalcaba@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:alex.ruvalcaba@sanjoseca.gov)

**Applications are due February 14, 2010!**

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## **CAP Cycle 23 Reports Class**

Wednesday January 27, 2010

Kirk Community Center, 1601 Foxworthy Avenue, San Jose, CA 95118 (Room 4)

Map: [http://maps.yahoo.com/maps\\_result.php?q1=1601+foxworthy+Ave%2C+san+jose%2C+ca](http://maps.yahoo.com/maps_result.php?q1=1601+foxworthy+Ave%2C+san+jose%2C+ca)

Presented by: *Ken Podgorsek ~ Executive Director, United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County*

The in's and out's of administering and reporting your Grant efficiently. Now that there is money in your neighborhood association bank account, you need to learn "best practices" of making sure your organization remains financially sound, what the financial and reporting responsibilities are of a Grantee. This includes tracking, reporting and administering your grant. This class goes over all CAP Cycle 23 reports and paperwork. This class is essential for the new grant manager and those that have had challenges with their reports in the past. (CAP Cycle 23 Eligible training)

## **CAP Cycle 24 Application Workshops**

**Saturday, January 9, 2010 from 10 am – 12 pm**

**Thursday, January 14, 2010 from 6 pm – 8 pm**

Kirk Community Center, 1601 Foxworthy Avenue, San Jose, CA 95118 (Room 4)

Map: [http://maps.yahoo.com/maps\\_result.php?q1=1601+foxworthy+Ave%2C+san+jose%2C+ca](http://maps.yahoo.com/maps_result.php?q1=1601+foxworthy+Ave%2C+san+jose%2C+ca)

## **And Mobile Academy:**

**Thursday January 21, 2010 from 6 pm– 8 pm**

Capitol Park, Peter Pan Ave. @ Bambi Ln., San Jose, CA 95116

Map: <http://maps.yahoo.com/#mvt=m&lat=37.35081&lon=-121.833919&zoom=16&q1=peter%20pan%20ave%20san%20jose%20ca%20>

Presented by: *Ernest Guzman ~ Community Service Supervisor, Neighborhood Development Center*

The workshop is designed to review the application packet. Attendance at one of these workshops is highly recommended. Questions will be answered and training on how to fill out the application will be provided. **Spanish and Vietnamese translation will be provided by request, with a minimum notice of two days prior to the workshop.** Space is limited, so please call (408) 723-4114 to register for these FREE classes.

To request an accommodation or alternative format for City-sponsored meetings, events or printed materials, please call (408) 723-4114 or (408) 294-9337 (TTY) as soon as possible, but at least three business days before the class.

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## ***Keep San Jose Beautiful***

### **Applications for the Spring 2010 - Cycle 28 Beautification Grant are currently being accepted!**

**Applications must be received no later than 5 PM on Friday, January 29, 2010.**

Matching grants are available to nonprofit organizations, neighborhood associations, schools and other community organizations who wish to help foster community pride in San Jose through beautification or landscaping. Grants generally range from \$500-\$3,500 and funding is to be matched by volunteer efforts, matching funds and/or donations. Projects must be within the city limits of San Jose, and in a highly visible public area. Grant applications are available by calling the office of Keep San Jose Beautiful at (408)723-1574 or online at [http://www.sjbeautiful.org/beautification\\_grants.html](http://www.sjbeautiful.org/beautification_grants.html).

### **Cycle 28 Beautification Grants Application Workshops**

**Thursday, January 7, 2010 @ 6-8 PM**

**Saturday, January 9, 2010 @ 12-2 PM**

Kirk Community Center, 1601 Foxworthy Ave. San Jose, CA 95118

Map: [http://maps.yahoo.com/maps\\_result.php?q1=1601+foxworthy+Ave%2C+san+jose%2C+ca](http://maps.yahoo.com/maps_result.php?q1=1601+foxworthy+Ave%2C+san+jose%2C+ca)

Presented by: Devony Taylor ~ Community Coordinator, Neighborhood Development Center

The workshop is designed to review the application packet. Attendance at one of these workshops is highly recommended. Questions will be answered and training on how to fill out the application will be provided.

Please call (408)723-1574 to register. Workshops are subject to cancellation if there are not enough advance registrations. **Spanish and Vietnamese translation will be provided by request, with a minimum notice of two days prior to the workshop.**

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## ***Our City Forest***

### **Our City Forest Offers Free Green Living Workshops**

Local non-profit Our City Forest (OCF) will start the New Year by offering a free green living workshop series at several locations in downtown San José and Willow Glen.

If your New Year's resolutions include saving money on your utility bills, spending less at the pump and protecting your family's health, sign up for a free *Green and Healthy* workshop today!

#### Downtown San Jose Workshop

**Where:** OCF Office (151 W. Mission St., Suite 151)

**When:** Tuesdays, 6:00-7:15 p.m.

Jan. 12 – Feb. 16

#### Willow Glen Workshop

**Where:** Willow Glen Public Library (1157 Minnesota Ave)

**When:** Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Jan. 14 – Feb. 18

This six-week workshop series features topics such as reducing energy and water use, decreasing garbage production and eliminating household toxics.

Enrollment is free and includes fun freebies, an all-inclusive action guide with helpful local resources, and the opportunity to socialize with fellow green-minded citizens and neighbors.

RSVP is required to attend. Please contact Meg at (408) 998-7337 x123 or

[GreenandHealthy@ourcityforest.org](mailto:GreenandHealthy@ourcityforest.org).

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## **Announcing the Winter 2010 Tree Amigo Class**

Tree Amigo Class starts January 13, 2010. This class is intended for individuals interested in volunteering with Our City Forest on a regular basis for at least one year.

Description: Participants will learn planting techniques, species identification, basic tree care, pruning, and how to help organize a community planting. There will be a tree nursery tour, a walking tree tour, and a tree planting project during the 20-hour class.

### Schedule:

Session 1, Classroom - January 13th - Wednesday - 6PM-8PM

Session 2, Field - January 16th - Saturday - 9AM-12PM

Session 3, Classroom - January 20th - Wednesday - 6PM-8PM

Session 4, Field - January 23rd - Saturday - 9AM-12PM

Session 5, Classroom - January 27th - Wednesday - 6PM-8PM

Session 6, Field - January 30th - Saturday 9AM-12PM

Session 7, Classroom - February 3rd - Wednesday 6PM-8PM

Session 8, Classroom - February 6th - Saturday 10AM-1PM

For more information or to sign up, email Lauren at [volunteer@ourcityforest.org](mailto:volunteer@ourcityforest.org) or call 408-998-7337 ext.123.

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## ***Resources Available for Neighborhood Associations***

The Neighborhood Development Center (NDC) continues to have the following resources available for neighborhood associations and individual residents that are interested in or are currently working on improving their neighborhood.

- High-Speed Gestetner copy machine (Free use - just bring the paper!)
- Folding Machine (Great for flyers and newsletters).
- Library with resource books on grants, organizing, volunteers, leadership, etc.
- Meeting rooms at Kirk Community Center.

**Please be aware that NDC staff is frequently in the field. If you need services provided by the NDC, please call to ensure that someone will be available at the office to assist you. Please contact NDC staff at (408) 723-4114 for more information or to make an appointment for the use of these resources.**

### **CONTACT US:**

City of San José, City Manager's Office  
Strong Neighborhoods Initiative  
Neighborhood Development Center  
1601 Foxworthy Avenue  
San José, CA 95118

**Office:** (408) 723-4114

**Fax:** (408) 264-2359

**E-Mail:** [ndc@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:ndc@sanjoseca.gov)

**Website:** [www.strongneighborhoods.org](http://www.strongneighborhoods.org)

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## ***San Jose Public Library***

### **San José Public Library Introduces “Inclusive Story Times”**

Are you looking for a safe and supportive learning environment where your child with special needs can interact with peers? San José Public Library has developed an alternative story time module—“Inclusive Story Times”—that seeks to engage children in a variety of ways based on individual learning styles. We welcome and encourage participation by children of all backgrounds and abilities in the belief that each child is a valuable member of the community. By interacting with others of varying backgrounds and abilities, children come to appreciate and respect differences while developing the social and early literacy skills that are so critical to later success. Children who are learning English are also encouraged to attend. “Inclusive Story Times” will be offered at all San Jose library locations. For more information, including schedules, visit our Story Times [web page](#), contact your neighborhood library or call King Library Youth Services at (408) 808-2183.

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## **“A Commitment to Living the Dream for Humanity” – MLK Birthday Celebration 2010**

Each year, on the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we pause to reflect on how far we've come in realizing his dream for humanity; for equality, brotherhood, freedom and justice for all. We consider too how far we still have to go and what we can do personally as a commitment to living the dream. It is a question for all people of the world, irrespective of color or nation of origin. Our celebration begins—**Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 12:30 p.m.**—with a ceremony in the King Collection Area on the third floor of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library (150 E. San Fernando St. at S. Fourth St.). Opening remarks will be followed by sharing of personal experiences in the struggle for civil rights. Light refreshment will be served. Class attendance is encouraged, but the library requests advance notification. Additional activities schedules over the course of the month and into the next include story times and craft, a Freedom March and Civil Rights Resource Faire and more. For updates on related activities, visit [www.sjlibrary.org/kingceleb.htm](http://www.sjlibrary.org/kingceleb.htm) or call (408) 808-2183.

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## **Back Issues of *World Journal* (Chinese Newspaper) Now Searchable Online**

San José Public Library is the first public library in the United States to offer access to the [World Journal Database](#) (世界日報電子全文資料庫) to our customers free of charge. *World Journal* is one of the leading Chinese daily newspapers in the Bay Area and the database covers the paper's current three years, updated daily around 5:00 p.m. It provides searchable full-text plus index to the Vancouver, Toronto, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and New York editions. This newspaper database is not limited to library use only. It is also accessible remotely, 24/7, via the Internet with a San Jose Public Library card number and PIN. Simply go to our home page and select [SJPL Articles & Databases](#). Click on [Databases A-Z](#) and locate *World Journal* under the letter “W.” There are also links to the database from [中文](#) on the SJLibrary home page and the [Chinese page](#) under Multicultural Gateway. The database provides an option to transliterate the text of *World Journal* articles into Chinese phonetic alphabets (Hanyu Pinyin); a feature likely to be of interest to both teachers and learners of the Chinese language. For information, call (408) 808-2397.

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## ***U.S. Census 2010 Job Opportunity***

Census jobs pay up to \$22/hr in the Bay Area and some will last for nine or more months.

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting temporary, part-time census takers for the 2010 Census. These short-term jobs offer good pay, flexible hours, paid training, and reimbursement for authorized work-related expenses, such as mileage incurred while conducting census work. Best of all, census takers work right in their own communities.

Census taker jobs are excellent for people who want to work part-time, those who are between jobs, or just about anyone who wants to earn extra money while performing an important service for their community. Visit our website for more information on employment opportunities: <http://www.census.gov/hrd/www/index.html>

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