



# NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

# E-BLAST

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**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>  
Please share this information with your community contacts.

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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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## ***Animal Care Center Survey***

Dear residents,

The San Jose Animal Care Center is joining together with other local animal agencies to try to reduce the number of stray and unwanted animals in our community. Economic factors have resulted in decreased funding available to help provide neighborhoods with animal services. Therefore, we are looking for monetary supplements in the form of grants. The first step in applying for grant money is to gather community opinions. We are asking our residents to help us in this endeavor by completing a short 5 minute survey. Your participation will be most appreciated and may help us get additional monies to best provide animal services to our community.

Please click here to help <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/B5D5HH7>

We would also appreciate if this information could be included in any neighborhood newsletters that are printed and distributed.

Thank you for helping your community.

For more information, contact Julie St. Gregory at (408) 794-7211 or email  
[Julie.StGregory@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Julie.StGregory@sanjoseca.gov)

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## ***Boards and Commissions***

### **Boards and Commissions Vacancies**

#### **ATTENTION RESIDENTS OF SAN JOSE: YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Applications are being accepted for City of San José Boards and Commissions for upcoming and future vacancies. **YOU** can make a difference in your community on a number of issues being considered by the:

- Advisory Commission on Rents (1 Tenant, 1 Landlord)
- Airport Commission (3 Seats)
- Disability Advisory Commission (5 Seats)
- Early Care and Education Commission (6 Seats)
- Historic Landmarks Commission (3 Seats)
- Housing and Community Development Advisory Commission (1 Low-income Rep from District 7)
- Human Rights Commission (3 Seats)
- Library Commission (3 Seats)
- Parks and Recreation Commission (3 Seats)
- Senior Citizens Commission (3 Seats)
- Small Business Development (2 Seats)
- Traffic Appeals (2 Seats)

**Qualifications:** You must live in the City of San José and have a commitment to being active in the community.

**Application Process:** To take advantage of this unique opportunity, please call the Office of the City Clerk at (408) 535-1272. Applications will be accepted through 5:00 p.m., **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2010**. Applications will remain active and on file for one year from the date received.

Log onto [www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/Vacancy.asp](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/Vacancy.asp) for more details.

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### **Neighborhoods Commission**

The Neighborhoods Commission will meet on February 10, 2010 from 6:30 – 9 PM.  
City Hall, Wing Room 118-119, 200 E, Santa Clara Street, San Jose, CA 95113

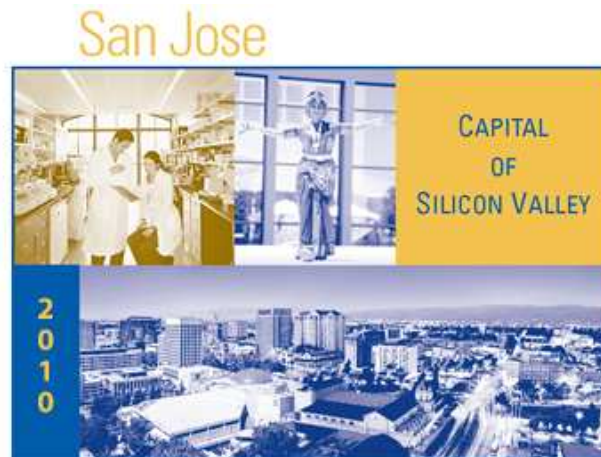
For more information about the Neighborhoods Commission, visit  
<http://www.strongneighborhoods.org/neighborhooddevelopmentcenter.htm>

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## Economic Strategy Update



You are invited to offer input on the Economic Strategy Update 2010-2015 at a San Jose City Council Study Session, 1:30 to 5 p.m., Monday, February 8, in the Council Chambers at San Jose City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara Street.

In November of 2003, the City Council adopted San Jose's first Economic Strategy, which was intended to guide the City's economic development direction for about five years. Over the last five years, the City and its partners have made significant strides in implementing the 15 Strategic Initiatives adopted in 2003, and San Jose's Economic Strategy has been recognized as a model. Also over the last five years, change has continued relentlessly in San Jose/Silicon Valley and in our national/global context. City leaders and residents want San Jose well-prepared to benefit as much as possible from the eventual economic recovery.

The 2010 Economic Strategy builds on this success and establishes a vision for how San Jose can excel economically and how the City and its partners can work together to achieve the vision. It includes clarification of the community's goals, fact-based assessment of the community's distinctive advantages, its vulnerabilities existing economic base, and external competition and trends.

The Study Session will be an opportunity for public comment; the Agenda and meeting materials are posted at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/agenda.asp>

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## ***Great American Litter Pick-Up***

### **Save the Date**

Don't let LITTER trash your community!  
Volunteer with other concerned citizens to pick up litter in your community.

### **Great American Litter Pick Up**

**Saturday, March 20, 2010**

Clean-up: 8:30 – 11:30 AM

For more information or to sign up call: **(408) 277-3208**

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## ***Neighborhood Development Center***

### **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 through February 10, 2010. You can reach CAP Grant staff at (408) 723-4114 or by emailing [Alex.Ruvalcaba@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Alex.Ruvalcaba@sanjoseca.gov)

**Applications are due February 12, 2010!**

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## **[Our City Forest](#)**

### **Barrie Coate to Speak at Our City Forest**

Renowned arborist Barrie Coate will be speaking about native trees in the urban landscape at Our City Forest's monthly volunteer meeting on Wednesday, February 10th from 6 - 8 PM. Interested community members are invited and encouraged to attend this free event.

A tree and native plant specialist in California, Coate is recognized for his achievements in research by the Western Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture. He is also the author of books on native plants, water conservation and landscape design. His lecture will be followed by a 15-20 minute question-and-answer session, and light refreshments will be served.

RSVP is appreciated. Please contact Monica Nanez at (408) 998-7337 x107 or [mnanez@ourcityforest.org](mailto:mnanez@ourcityforest.org). The event will be held at Our City Forest's office at 151 W. Mission St., Suite 151 San Jose, CA 95110. Metered parking is available on nearby Mission and San Pedro Streets.

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### **Free "Trees and Our Watershed" Presentations**

San José non-profit Our City Forest has an exciting new program for students grades K-5. Provided at no cost to schools, *Trees and Our Watershed* presentations bring fun, age-appropriate lessons and hands-on activities into the classroom. Students will learn about the urban forest, its connection with the local watershed, water conservation and ways kids can protect the environment.

The program is available February - June 2010 thanks to a generous grant from the City of San José Environmental Services department. To schedule a presentation, contact (408) 998-7337 x108 or [education@ourcityforest.org](mailto:education@ourcityforest.org). For more information, visit [www.ourcityforest.org](http://www.ourcityforest.org).

*Our City Forest is a 501(c)3 urban forestry non-profit that has served the San José area since 1994. With help from city and state grants and local contributions, Our City Forest has distributed \$5 million worth of free trees and services to neighborhoods, schools and agencies, including nearly 50,000 15-gallon shade trees, project coordination, tree care, environmental education and volunteer training.*

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## ***Operation Prom Dress***

The City of San José in partnership with Councilmember Madison Nguyen present...

### **OPERATION PROM DRESS**

**Don't Let The Tough Economy Discourage Our San Jose High School Students From Attending Prom. Help Our Students Have a Memorable Prom by Donating a New or Gently Used Dress Today!**

**OCTOBER 19, 2009 – MARCH 27, 2010**

**Donation Boxes will be placed at various locations in San Jose.**

Almaden Library, 6445 Camden Ave. San Jose, CA 95120  
Alviso Library, 5050 N. 1<sup>st</sup> St. San Jose, CA 95002  
Berryessa Library, 3355 Noble Ave. San Jose, CA 95132  
Berryessa Community Center, 3050 Berryessa Rd. San Jose, CA 95132  
Cambrian Library, 1780 Hillsdale Ave. San Jose, CA 95124  
Dr. Roberto Cruz Alum Rock Library, 3090 Alum Rock Ave. San Jose, CA 95127  
East Carnegie, 1102 E. Santa Clara St. San Jose, CA 95116  
Edenvale Library, 101 Branham Lane East, San Jose CA 95111  
Evergreen Community Center, 4860 San Felipe Rd. San Jose, CA 95135  
Evergreen Library, 2635 Aborn Rd. San Jose, CA 95121  
Hillview Library, 1600 Hopkins Dr. San Jose, CA 95122  
May Fair Community Center, 2039 Kammerer Ave. San Jose, CA 95116  
Roosevelt Community Center, 901 E. Santa Clara St. San Jose CA 95116  
Rose Garden Branch Library, 1580 Naglee Ave. San Jose, CA 95126  
San Jose City Hall, 200 East Santa Clara St. 18<sup>th</sup> floor, San Jose, CA 95113  
Shirakawa Community Center, 2072 Lucretia Ave. San Jose, CA 95112  
Tully Library, 880 Tully Rd. San Jose, CA 95111  
Vineland Library, 1450 Blossom Hill Rd. San Jose, CA 95118  
West Valley Library, 1243 San Tomas Aquino Rd. San Jose, CA 95117  
Willow Glen Library, 1157 Minnesota Ave. San Jose, CA 95125

**For more information, please contact:**

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(408) 535-4959**

**[Lanthao.nguyen@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Lanthao.nguyen@sanjoseca.gov)**

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## ***San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant***



### **Community Advisory Group (CAG) Meeting**

*Providing a community perspective on the Plant Master Plan and serving as a conduit for public input for the residents and businesses in the Plant's eight-city service area.*

**Public invited: How will climate change affect your shoreline? Advisory Group to discuss impacts as part of master planning process for wastewater plant**

**When:** Wednesday, February 10 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Where:** Roosevelt Community Center, 901 E. Santa Clara Street, San Jose, CA 95116

**Agenda:** [www.sanjoseca.gov/esd/plantmasterplan](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/esd/plantmasterplan)

**Questions:** Kristen Yasukawa, [kristen.yasukawa@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:kristen.yasukawa@sanjoseca.gov), 408-975-2606

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## ***Silicon Valley Reads 2010***



**David Mas  
Masumoto**

**Saturday, February 13, 1-3 p.m.  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library  
Room 229  
150 E. San Fernando Street  
San Jose, CA 95112**

Hailed by the New York Times as “A poet of farming” and the Los Angeles Times as the “Rockstar Farmer” who “uses his farm as Thoreau did his Walden Pond,” Masumoto is the award-winning author of *Epitaph for a Peach*, *Wisdom of the Last Farmer* and other books, and spokesperson for organic farming. Join us for the author presentation and book signing! Call (408) 808-2397 for more information.

*Co-sponsored by Friends of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library*

*To request an accommodation for Library-sponsored meetings or events, please call 408-808-2397 or 408-808-2130 (TTY) at least three business days before the meeting/event.*

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## ***United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County Spring Conference***

### **Save the Date!**

Date: Saturday, April 17, 2010  
Location: San Jose City College

The Neighborhood Development Center is partnering with United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County on this event and many of the classes offered will be eligible for CAP Grant training credit.

For more information visit [www.unsccc.org](http://www.unsccc.org)

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### ***WebGrants– Citywide grants management system***

Beginning January 25, 2010 the City's electronic grant management system, known as WebGrants became available on the internet to agencies seeking grants from the City of San Jose. With the deployment of the system, grant seeking agencies will experience the convenience of a single point of entry to view and apply for active City grant opportunities. Once an agency registers in WebGrants their information remains in the system eliminating the need to resubmit general information with each grant application. In addition, other standard grant transactions such as status reports can be carried out through the online system.

WebGrants also allows City staff to meet the demands of collecting, tracking and reporting on its grant-making portfolio. With this automated system the City will make substantial progress towards a more paperless grant management process.

To register for WebGrants visit <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/grants.asp>. Once your registration has been approved, your agency will be able to view and apply for City Grants as they become available through the WebGrants system.

For more information about WebGrants please contact Andrew Freeman at (408)793-4182 or [andrew.freeman@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:andrew.freeman@sanjoseca.gov).

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