



**OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER JOHNNY KHAMIS
SAN JOSE, DISTRICT 10**

District 10 April Newsletter

Dear Neighbor,

April is going to be an action-packed month with several events in which you may participate! The first is the Chris Hotts Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, and I hope that you will join me! For the past couple of months, the Parks Department has been refurbishing the park, making it more accessible and enjoyable for all that visit. The park is located off of Almaden Expressway, neighboring the Hoffman-Via Monte Neighborhood. The ribbon cutting will take place on Saturday, April 18th at 10:00 AM. We hope to see you at this celebration of the park's beatification! For more information, contact Michele Dexter in my office at Michele.dexter@sanjoseca.gov or call 408-535-4910.

PUBLIC SAFETY FORUM

As a follow-up to the heavily attended Public Safety Meeting held at Bret Harte Middle School in early February, I am co-hosting a Public Safety Forum to discuss State Proposition 47, the state prison realignment program, and how they affect our state, cities, and neighborhoods. The Councilmember is excited to have as co-sponsors and attendees Senator Jim Beall and Assemblymembers Mark Stone and Evan Low. Also joining the conversation will be the Director of Reentry Services for Santa Clara County, Javier Aguirre.

The event begins at 2:00 PM at Westgate Church – South Hills Campus located at 6601 Camden Ave. Parking is limited in the Westgate Church parking lot, but there is additional parking at the church next door, as well as at the LDS Church just a block away.

If you have any questions regarding the event, please feel free to contact Jose Salcido at my office at district10@sanjoseca.gov or call 408-535-4910. We are looking forward to a great turnout for our state representatives, so I hope to see you there!

GREAT AMERICAN LITTER PICK UP

It's that time of year again! Time to put on your gloves and grab your pick up sticks, because the Great American Litter Pick Up is just around the corner! On Saturday, April 25th, from 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM, my office will host litter pick up and beautification projects all around District 10. This is a wonderful opportunity to get out and help beautify your neighborhood while meeting your neighbors. It is also a great opportunity for students looking for community service hours!

Each year, we have increased our volunteer numbers from the previous year, and we are hoping for record-breaking numbers of volunteers on April 25th! With staging areas all around District 10, we have made it convenient for almost every neighborhood to find a spot to volunteer that is near their home and directly affects their community. Below you will find the 5 staging areas around the District, with the details of the sorts of projects we will be working on:

Staging Site Number 1: Almaden Community Center

-At the Almaden Community Center, volunteers will be pulling weeds, picking up trash and spreading wood chips around the center campus. With large flower beds and lots of shrubbery, we want to make sure Almaden Community Center remains a clean and welcoming place for everyone to enjoy. If you plan to volunteer at this location, please be bring your own gardening gloves, shovels, and rakes.

Staging Site Number 2: Almaden Lake Park

Volunteers will be meeting in the parking lot off of Almaden Expressway. Parking passes will be issued to volunteers so they don't have to pay. We will be doing litter clean up around the park, as well as the nearby neighborhoods.

Staging Site Number 3: Pioneer High School – Hoffman-Via Monte

-The Hoffman Via Monte neighborhood has been a hot spot for graffiti and litter. Last year, we collected more bags of trash from this neighborhood than all of the other sites combine. We want to make sure we keep this neighborhood clean, and a priority for litter pick up. We will be meeting in the Pioneer High School back parking lot and walking over to the neighboring Hoffman-Via Monte community.

Staging Site Number 4: Vista Park

-We will be doing general litter pick up around the park and in surrounding neighborhoods. This is also a great opportunity for students from Gunderson High School to earn community service hours while beautifying the area around their school.

Staging Site Number 5: Del Roble Elementary School

- District 10 staff members have been coordinating with the principal of Del Roble to make sure this event is a success. Similar to our other sites, volunteers will be doing general litter pick up. We are hoping to get families from the school involved, and teach kids the importance of volunteerism and community involvement!

In order to make this event a success, we need your help! This entire event depends on volunteers from our community. Breakfast snacks, coffee, and lunch will be provided for all of our volunteers, and volunteer service hours will be given to high school students who need them. If you have any questions, or you would like to join the team, please contact Rayshelle with the staging site at which you're

interested in volunteering. Rayshelle can be reached at rayshelle.edmunds@sanjoseca.gov or call 408-535-4910. I hope to see you on April 25th!

JULY 4TH FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL!

It is my pleasure to announce the 2nd Annual District 10 July 4th Family Fun Festival! As many of you know and remember from last year, this patriotic, exciting, and fun-filled celebration is held at the beautiful Almaden Lake Park. Bob Vonderwerth, a District 10 resident of the Blossom Valley area of San Jose will produce the fantastic fireworks display. Given the City's safety-related ban on the use of personal fireworks, this event offers families and people of all ages and backgrounds a safe place to celebrate the birth of our nation.

We will have many opportunities for volunteers to help out with this wonderful event. In order to volunteer, you must send your contact information to my staff on or before June 20, 2015 (the sooner the better!) and share with them what how you would like to help. Volunteer opportunities are numerous and include event day and day-after activities. My staff will provide information, training, and expectations with regards to the different options listed below so that you are informed ahead of time. For your designated volunteer shift, you will check in and work with one of my staff members. It's an opportunity to help out your city and to promote a great District 10 event. I hope you sign up!

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 how you can contribute.

Non-Profit Booth:

This event is a perfect opportunity for non-profits to share information with the community. We have a few non-profits signed up but would love to have more! If you or someone you know has a non-profit that would like to be at this event, please contact my staff below.

Set Up:

We need people to help set up the day of the event. 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 volunteers to direct parking and we will tow cars that block driveways or park in restricted areas.

Advertisement:

Please share the District 10 July 4th Family Fun Festival in your newsletters—community, school and others. The July 4th Family Fun Festival starts at 2 PM and, when it gets dark, fireworks! You can share the volunteer opportunities we

have and everyone is invited! We support families walking and biking together, food vendors, activities for children, and the fantastic Fireworks Display!

Food Vendor:

We would like to promote District 10 businesses! If you own a food business or want your favorite D10 business to be a vendor, please contact my staff before April 30, 2015

Check In:

There are a variety of entrances to the park. Pets are not allowed and, of course, no alcohol...for that you will have to wait for the Almaden Art and Wine Festival on Sept. 19th. Volunteers at the check-in points will take a look at 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 hope to hear from you! Please contact my office today to sign up to volunteer today! Please contact Denelle Fedor at denelle.fedor@sanjoseca.gov or Rayshelle Edmunds at Rayshelle.edmunds@sanjoseca.gov or call 408-535-4910.

PLANNING, BUILDING & CODE ENFORCEMENT (PBCE) LAND USE ISSUES IN D10

Below are a few updates for you regarding land use proposals that have been brought to the PBCE Department. If you have further questions, please contact Denelle Fedor, my Council Assistant, who handles land use issues in my office, at 408-535-4993 or denelle.fedor@sanjoseca.gov.

Project Name: PD13-032 (Corner of Almaden Expressway and Coleman Avenue)

This is the empty parcel is located at the corner of Almaden Expressway and Coleman Avenue; adjacent to the Santa Clara Water District and across the street from La Mirador and Almaden Lake. Some of you may remember the mechanic shop that was located there back in the 1970's/early 80's.

This parcel was purchased by the Housing Department over 15 years ago and (prior to my taking office) was initially approved to construct 27 single family attached residential townhomes on the site.

At this time, there are discussions to sell this land to the Santa Clara County Water District. I support selling the land to the Water District and do not support building on this property. I have encouraged the Water District to purchase or swap this Housing Department-owned property. Please contact your elected representatives on the Water District Board via email at board@valleywater.org, by fax at 408-266-2897, or via letter to SCVWD Board of Directors, 5750 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118 to share your point of view.

Project Name: PDC13-028 (East of Almaden Expressway and 1320 feet south of Winfield Boulevard)

The applicant is asking for a Planned Development to demolish existing buildings and build 8 single family detached residences on 1.81 acre. **A community meeting for this proposal is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at the Almaden Community Center (6445 Camden Ave).**

Project Name: T14-040 6468 Almaden Road (southeast corner of Almaden Expy. /Timber Crest Dr.)

This parcel is currently empty. The applicant is asking to build 8 single family homes on the site which is what the current zoning on the property allows. The developer is not asking for an increase in density--in other words, the developer is not asking to build more homes than what is already allowed for this parcel.

This site is well known in the Almaden area. It once belonged to the Matteis Family and their home--the old/historic house that can be seen while driving on the expressway-- will remain on the property.

Preliminary Review—16601 Almaden Expressway (empty lot that was the former Shell Station)

A Preliminary Review is when an applicant initially requests feedback from the PBCE Department regarding a certain use they would like to do on a piece of property. Preliminary Reviews provide the initial feedback for an applicant. Sometimes an applicant decides to not continue or chooses to continue with their proposal based on the information they receive from the PBCE Department once they receive feedback from the Preliminary Review.

At this time, the applicant is asking for the allowance of a 10,625 sq. ft. childcare facility for 168 children for this location. The current zoning for this property is Urban Residential which allows for a fairly broad range of commercial uses which includes the allowance of a child care facility. The proposal will need to continue to go through the planning process which may include an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) due to the former gas station that was on the property.

I hope my summarization has been helpful for you. I will continue to keep you updated on these proposals.

If you have any questions or comments regarding what you've read in this newsletter, please feel free to contact me at 508-535-4910 or email my office at district10@sanjoseca.gov. You can also check out the new District 10 website at sjd10.com, take a look at 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

SJPLF has teamed up with Car Donations Services, Inc. to provide you with the easiest way possible to donate your car, truck, boat, RV or motorcycle whether it is running or not! And, it is tax deductible! Car Donations Services has been helping local charities since 1990 and will take care of every aspect of your car donation, allowing you peace of mind that the transaction will be completed efficiently and properly.

CDS uses multiple methods to sell the vehicles, so your vehicle will sell for more which means more money for us and a larger tax deduction for you! CDS is a licensed Commercial Fundraiser as recognized by the California State Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts. For or more information contact Car Donation Services.

Call 1-888-686-4483 to donate directly. Get rid of that unneeded vehicle and receive a tax deduction! It's easy! Be sure to designate San José Public Library Foundation as your charity of choice to receive your generous car donation.

Online Reservations for FISH CAMP at San Jose's Family Camp are open!

Fish Camp is the first rite of spring at San Jose Family Camp. Saturday, April 25th, morning starts the opening weekend of the stream-fishing season in California.

- Enjoy a weekend in the Sierras
- Stocked river running through camp
- Cost includes tent cabin and four meals
- Fishing license required if older than 16.
- Camp weekend dates are April 24th - 26th

San Jose's Family Camp is located in the heart of the Sierras near Yosemite National Park, just east of Groveland, California. Family Camp is situated on 47 acres of leased land from the US Forest Service. The Stanislaus National Forest and the middle fork of the Tuolumne River serve as the scenic backdrop to this mountain playground. Register at www.familycampreservations.com

More Fish Camp information at www.sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/39303 or call (408) 794-6208

Weed Abatement

Santa Clara County Roads and Airports Dept. is continuing with their weed abatement program for County Expressways. Montague Expressway was just finished. Capitol Expressway will be next, follow by Almaden Expressway, probably mid/late May. The weed abatement schedule will be adjusted accordingly based on availability of resources and production.

Help Name the Baby Peregrine Falcons Living on San Jose City Hall

Clara and Fernando El Cohete's eggs have hatched, and San Jose's young falcon fans have an opportunity to help name the new chicks.

The naming contest is open to children 5-18 who live or attend school in San Jose. Artwork, essay, video, or song required for each entry. In addition to having the honor of naming the falcon chicks, the students who submitted the winning names will receive: a commendation from Mayor Liccardo at a future City Council meeting, passes to Happy Hollow Park & Zoo, and a school assembly featuring Glenn Stewart of the UC Santa Cruz Predatory Bird Research Group.

To enter the contest, read the rules and guidelines and enter online by midnight April 24, 2015. To watch the falcons live, see our FalconCam.

For more information visit www.sanjoseca.gov/falcons.

Crime Stoppers Crab and Pasta Feed Fundraiser

Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers is excited to announce that they are hosting the 4th Annual Crab and Pasta Feed Fundraiser on Saturday, April 18, 2015, at the San Jose Police Officers Association Hall.

What is Crime Stoppers?

Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers was founded in 1982, through a partnership between citizens, local law enforcement and the media, and has been responsible for clearing nearly 900 cases since its inception. At times, individuals may be concerned about exposure by reporting crimes and the anonymity and cash rewards offered by their program serves as an incentive. They manage an online program (tipsubmit.com) and tip line to report tips to help solve crimes. They are a non-profit 501c3 organization and rely 100% on donations from corporations, businesses and individuals to raise reward funds and are not funded by federal, state or local agencies.

How to support ?

- Purchase a table for 8 people (\$360.00) hosted by your Office
- Provide a community grant in any amount towards our event
- Donate a raffle prize or an auction item valued \$150 or more
- Purchase individual tickets at \$50/per adult \$25/kids under 12
- Spread the word about the event

Your generous support will be publicly announced at the event, acknowledgements included in the program, on Facebook, on the event banner as a supporter, as well as on the SV Crime Stoppers website. We hope that you will help support their fundraiser!

Where to send donations?

- Purchase online via PayPal at svcrimestoppers.org
- Mail check donations payable to Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers:
PO Box 753, San Jose CA 95106
- If you would like them to pick up your donation, please contact Tuyen at (408) 391-5006 or Maria at (408) 623-9271

Questions? Email info@svcrimestoppers.org or visit them online at svcrimestoppers.org or call (408) 673-1581. We hope to see you at the event!

CPUC To Hold Public Meeting On Proposed COMCAST/TIME WARNER Merger

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will host an All-Party Meeting to discuss Comcast's proposed acquisition of Time Warner Cable.

When: Tuesday, April 14, 2015, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Format: 1 p.m.-1:15 p.m.: Opening comments by Commissioners.

1:15 p.m. 3:15 p.m.: Public comment period

3:15 p.m. 5 p.m.: Parties to the proceeding will discuss the proposed merger

Where: Junipero Serra State Office Building, Carmel Room, 320 W. 4th St., Los Angeles (Pershing Square Metro Redline stop; take exit to street marked "4th Street")

Who: Commissioners Carla J. Peterman and Catherine J.K. Sandoval will be in attendance

Chinese and Spanish interpreters will be on-site to translate the meeting. Should additional language assistance or specialized accommodations be needed for the meeting, please contact the Public Advisor's Office at public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov or toll free at 866-849-8390.

While a quorum of Commissioners and/or their staff may attend these hearings, no official action will be taken.

To receive electronic updates on CPUC proceedings, sign-up for the CPUC's free subscription service at <http://subscribecpuc.cpuc.ca.gov>.

For more information about the CPUC, please visit www.cpuc.ca.gov.

Full-time AmeriCorps Opportunity with Our City Forest

Our City Forest is a non-profit urban forestry and environmental action organization. The focus of this program is to organize neighborhood and school tree care and tree planting projects, promote environmental education, and recruit and train volunteers through our AmeriCorps program. We are reaching out to you today to enlist your help in filling our last few slots before the new, shorter term

starts in a couple of weeks.

During this year of service, AmeriCorps members will directly contribute to the mission of creating a greener and healthier community through their service with Our City Forest in the role of Urban Forestry Outreach Specialist.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Interest in affecting change through community organizing
- Ability to work well with diverse groups of people
- Must be available to work full-time Tuesday - Saturday 8AM- 5PM
- Must be a U.S. Citizen or legal resident, with a high school diploma or equivalent
- Minimum age: 18

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS - one or more of the following:

- Bilingual in English and Spanish, Vietnamese, or other Strong written & oral communication skills
- College degree is highly desirable
- Valid CA drivers license
- Proficient in driving manual transmission and towing small trailers
- Current Commercial drivers license (to drive Tree Mobile for community events)
- Familiar with ornamental and native tree species ID
- FileMaker Pro & Adobe software knowledge

TO APPLY:

Visit our web site. www.ourcityforest.org click on "About OCF", then click on "AmeriCorps Program"

Complete applications must include: 1) resume, 2) cover letter, and 3) contact information for three professional references-at least one reference must be a supervisor. 4.) Questionnaire (click on Green link that says Questionnaire 1/3 way down page on left)

To learn more about this, email Leslie at: lomalley@ourcityforest.org

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