



NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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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, the NDC has a new phone number (408) 794-6575

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Be the Change

Are you ready to be the Change?

Be the Change trains emerging leaders in the skills needed to take action within the places where they work, live, worship and play — to “green” our world from the inside out.

Have you considered pursuing a career in the environmental field?

Do you think that we need to take action about the environment?

Do you have ideas about how we can live more sustainably?

Be the Change is a year-long program of seminars, field trips, lectures -- and a community project -- that is designed to support people who want to "green" our world -- starting where you work, live, play, worship or educate your kids.

Sponsored by Acterra, an environmental non-profit with a 40-year history of bringing people together to create solutions for a healthy planet, **Be the Change** is accepting applications from emerging leaders for its sixth class that starts in September and goes through June 2011.

Attend one of our info sessions/mixers to talk with alumni from past years, meet other potential participants and hear a short talk about changing environmental needs in the 21st Century :

Thursday, July 8, 6-8pm Mountain View Community Center

Wednesday, July 21, 6-8pm TBA

To RSVP contact BTC's Director, Rebecca Araiz Iverson at 650.922.1787 or rebeccaai@acterra.org For more information visit our website at www.acterra.org/bethechange

Applications for the class of 2010-2011 are currently being accepted. To download an application or for more information go to www.acterra.org/bethechange

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Boards and Commissions

Neighborhoods Commission

The Neighborhoods Commission will meet on July 14, 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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Creating a Safer San Jose - Community Dialogue

The IPA's Role in Creating a Safer San José

Thursday, July 27
5:45 - 8:00 p.m.
Roosevelt Community Center
901 East Santa Clara Street, San José



American
Leadership
Forum
Silicon Valley

We invite you to be part of the third in a series of conversations on what it will take to create a safer community in San José.

Come hear an update from Judge LaDoris Cordell, the new Independent Police Auditor, on her first 50 days in office and her plans for the coming months. There will be an opportunity to discuss the role of the IPA's office in making sure everyone in the community feels safe, and to offer input to Judge Cordell and her staff on how the community can support the work of the IPA directly and through the Independent Police Auditor Advisory Committee.

This event is free and open to the public. We encourage you to share this invitation with your neighbors, family, co-workers and friends.

Please call 408-554-2000 with questions.

[Click here to reserve a space](#)

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How to Save Money and Green Your Home

FREE WORKSHOPS!

Let us show you how to save your green!

INCLUDES FREE ENERGY SAVING PRODUCTS (\$50 value)
and a drawing for a "Smart" Power Strip (\$40 value)!

Come to one or both free workshops and learn how to save money with simple changes that you can do yourself. Let us help you with your monthly expenses by cutting your utility and water bills!

July 10th @ 10 AM – 12:30 PM
Quick Energy Fixes Around the Home

July 17th @ 10 AM – 12:30 PM
Heating, Cooling and Water Savings

Sacred Heart Community Service
1381 S. First Street
San Jose, CA. 95110

Sacred Heart Community Service is hosting these workshops where you'll learn how to make simple energy-saving changes in your home. Learn how to measure your power use, use energy and water saving products, and do your own weather stripping and caulking. Find out how to get help paying your utility bill, and income-qualify for government sponsored programs for additional weatherization, home repairs and upgrades of appliances.

SNACKS and FREE CHILDCARE PROVIDED (for potty-trained children, please)

There will be some great energy saving products given away at these classes and they will fill up fast so sign up today! Registration required. Call (408) 300-4645 or email energysaving@sacredheartcs.org. These workshops are presented in English. Ofrecemos talleres en español. Infórmese aquí energysavings@sacredheartcs.org.

The workshops were developed by the San Jose Green Vision Resource Team, which is part of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's community outreach program.

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Our City Forest

Green Living Workshop



Free event at Willow Glen Branch Library on July 17th.

Living "green" is easier than you think! Join nonprofit Our City Forest for a free *Green and Healthy* workshop and learn how you can save money on your utility bills, eliminate household toxic chemicals and eat healthy, sustainable food.

When: Sat., July 17th
9 am - 12 pm

Where: Willow Glen Branch Library

Space is limited. To register or request information about other upcoming classes, contact Meghan Mooney at (408) 998-7337 x123 or GreenandHealthy@ourcityforest.org.

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Paid Environmental Service Positions

Nonprofit Our City Forest now hiring for AmeriCorps positions.

Serve your community and gain hands-on, green job training as an Our City Forest AmeriCorps member! Full-time and part-time Urban Forestry Specialist and Environmental Education Specialist positions are currently available for the 2010-2011 term.

- **Full-time:** \$15,000 + \$5,350 education award
- **Part-time:** \$6,000 + \$1,800 education award

**Must be at least 18 years of age, have a High School diploma or equivalent and commit to serve from Sept. 2010 - August 2011.*



To apply for a position, please send your resume, cover letter and 3 references to americorps@ourcityforest.org. For more information, visit www.ourcityforest.org.

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Specialty Volunteers Needed

There are many ways to support OCF!

Our City Forest is looking for help with:



Tree Watering (July/August)

Young trees need lots of water to survive, especially during these warm summer months. Join our dedicated Watering Team & help ensure that OCF's newly planted trees thrive and grow! Contact [Busara](#) at x111 for more info. Visit our [online calendar](#) for a schedule of watering events.

Minimum one month commitment; some training required; work involves outdoor labor in warm weather.

Translation

Are you fluent in Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese or any other language? Help make our educational materials available to all members of the community! Contact [Amanda](#) at x105 to learn more.

Flexible schedule; work can be completed remotely.

Mascot At Events

Represent OCF as our mascot "02" at local community events! Must be upbeat, friendly and ready to give out tree-rific hugs, handshakes & high fives! Contact [Amanda](#) at x105 to get involved.

Weekend availability needed; involves working outdoors in all weather; prior experience working with children or as a mascot preferred.



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Plug-In 2010

Plug-In 2010 Exposition Opens To The Public

Get Plugged Into the Future of Transportation!

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

5:30 pm – 9:30 pm

San Jose Convention Center, Hall 1

Charged up about plug-in hybrid and electric vehicles? Curious to learn more and check them out yourself? As major automakers announce plans to bring these vehicles to market, get your own first-hand look at a variety of cleaner and greener cars that can lower fuel costs, greenhouse gas emissions and our dependence on oil.

Preview the very latest vehicles and other plug-in technology innovations at the Plug-In 2010 Public Night, and then take part in a panel discussion about your role in bringing plug-ins to market.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10. For more information on Plug-In 2010 and to view our list of exhibitors, visit www.plugin2010.com.

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South San Francisco Bay Emergency Port Access Study

**Wednesday, July 21
5 PM – 7 PM
Chamber of Commerce
101 W. Santa Clara St.
San Jose, CA 95113**



With the guidance of the City of San Jose, Santa Clara County, and the Santa Clara Valley Water District, the San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce has picked AECOM, a renowned global design, planning, and engineering firm to lead our feasibility analysis for the South San Francisco Bay Emergency Port Access Study.

AECOM has outlined the study work in three phases with a workshop planned towards the end of each phase. The workshops have been designed to brief the Technical Advisory Committee on the study's progression and to obtain stakeholder feedback as AECOM moves forward to the next phase of the study.

The objective of this study is to determine the practicality and feasibility of re-opening the closed water port in the Alviso area of northern San Jose.

Join the Chamber, the City, the County, the Water District, and AECOM for the 1st of three workshops as AECOM shares the latest on the South San Francisco Bay Emergency Port Access Study.

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Streetlight Master Plan

San José Seeks Resident Input Prior to Adoption of New Streetlight Master Plan

**Wednesday, July 21
7 PM - 9 PM,
City Hall, Wing Room 120
200 E. Santa Clara
San Jose, CA 95112**

San José residents are encouraged to attend a community meeting to provide input on the proposed Streetlight Master Plan, which will change the City's streetlight system. The final opportunity for public comment will be at the City Council meeting on August 31, 2010, where this item will be voted on.

The City of San José plans to convert all of its 62,000 streetlights to zero emission lights by 2022. The City has been testing "smart" LED energy efficient streetlights that can be dimmed in the late evening hours when traffic is minimal, to help achieve that goal.

Switching to "full spectrum" (white) LED lights and dimming them during off peak hours offers the potential to improve the quality of light on our streets, save energy, and protect the night sky. Currently, the City spends approximately \$4 million annually to power its streetlights. Data collected at a demonstration in early March 2010 indicated that residents preferred LED lights over the City's current streetlights.

More information on the City's streetlight conversion effort, and the March 2010 streetlight demonstration and study is posted at www.sanjoseca.gov/transportation/Streetlightdemo.asp.

The proposed streetlight master plan and memo will be posted with the August 31 Council agenda. The final opportunity for public input will be at this meeting. Feel free to send questions to streetlightdemo@sanjoseca.gov.

To request an accommodation or alternative format for City-sponsored meetings, events or printed materials, please call 408.535.3500 or 800.735.2929 (CRS) as soon as possible, but at least three business days before the meeting/event.

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Volunteer Opportunities at Happy Hollow

Happy Hollow Park and Zoo is accepting volunteer applications for the following positions:



- Keeper Aides
- Docents
- Happy Hollow Hosts
- Safari Sam Assistants
- Zooteens - *Currently planned for summer of 2011!*
- Puppet Theater

How do you get involved?

WE provide the opportunity, training and fun!
YOU provide your time, enthusiasm and talent!

Visit <http://www.hhpz.org/index.cfm/id/86/> for more information about volunteer opportunities and to submit a volunteer application.

To join our team, [please submit a volunteer application](#) or contact:
Volunteer Department
408.794.6425
HHPZvolunteers@sanjoseca.gov

Please Note:

Due to the high volume of candidates applying to volunteer, we unfortunately do not have the capacity to take everyone. If we are not able to take you on as a volunteer now, we will keep your application on file with us for future opportunities and events.

* On application (whether mailed in or faxed) please indicate position you are interested in.

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