



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

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## ***2010 Bay Friendly Landscaping Conference***

### **Learn About Cost Effective Landscaping Practices That Protect Water Resources**

*Attend the 2010 Bay Friendly Landscaping Conference*

Learn about a holistic approach to gardening and landscaping that works with the natural conditions of the San Francisco Bay Watershed. Bay-Friendly practices foster soil health, conserve water and other valuable resources while reducing waste and preventing pollution.

This conference is ideal for those interested in sustainable landscaping and landscape professionals. Conference highlights include:

- Minimizing environmental impacts cost-effectively while promoting ecological potential
- Innovative landscaping products and services

Register at <http://www.bayfriendlycoalition.org/conferencereg.shtml>. For more information, email [jeff.krump@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:jeff.krump@sanjoseca.gov).

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## ***Boards and Commissions***

### **Neighborhoods Commission**

The Neighborhoods Commission will meet on September 8, 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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### **Neighborhoods Commission to Fill Vacancies through a Caucus Process**

***Candidates can apply now for open seats in Districts 2, 5, 7 and 10***

The City of San Jose is seeking residents in Council Districts 2, 5, 7 and 10 to fill vacancies on the San Jose Neighborhoods Commission, the City's newest and largest advisory board.

The new commissioners and alternates will be selected by residents through a caucus process with the City Council giving final approval to the selections. Caucuses are scheduled for the following locations and dates:

- **Council District 2** - Saturday Sept. 11, 10 a.m. – noon  
Southside Community Center, 5585 Cottle Rd. San Jose, CA 95123
- **Council District 10** - Saturday Sept. 11, 10 a.m. – noon  
Almaden Community Center, 6445 Camden Ave. San Jose, CA 95120

- **Council District 7** - Saturday Sept. 18, 10 a.m. – noon  
Tully Branch Library, 880 Tully Rd. San Jose, CA 95111

The date and location for the Council District 5 caucus has not been set yet.

The commission was created to provide a voice on citywide neighborhood quality of life issues; review proposed policies and programs affecting neighborhoods and make recommendations to the City Council and the Redevelopment Agency.

To be eligible, candidates must live within the boundaries of one of the Council Districts that has a vacancy, be available to attend meetings for the two-year term and file a statement of economic interest.

Residents who want to serve on the commission can apply through the San Jose City Clerk's office <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/forms/GENERALAPPLICATION.pdf>. Applications for the Council District 2 and 10 vacancies are due by **5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7**. The deadline for the Council District 7 caucus to select only alternates will be **Tuesday, Sept. 14**.

The caucuses, which are open to the public, will be moderated by a representative from the United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County. Candidates will be asked to give brief opening statements, be available to answer questions and provide closing statements. To be elected, candidates must receive a majority of votes through rounds of public balloting.

The Commission's original 30 members – three from each council district -- were also elected through this process. The Neighborhoods Commission meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Rooms 118-119 of the City Hall Wing. The next meeting of the Neighborhoods Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 8, from 6:30 – 9 p.m.

For more information, contact Ernest Guzman, Executive Analyst, Neighborhood Development Center, at (408)794-6572.

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## ***City of San José's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk to End Domestic Violence***

Please plan to join Mayor Chuck Reed, Council Members Nora Campos and Pete Constant, and the City's Family/Domestic Violence Advisory Board on Friday, October 8, 2010 for the City of San José's 13th Annual Walk to End Domestic Violence.

Through this effort we hope to raise awareness about domestic violence and encourage everyone to get involved in preventing and addressing it. This year's Walk will feature, Ronnie Lott, NFL Hall of Famer. Damien Trujillo from NBC Bay Area News will be the emcee for this event.

Attached you will find the Table Interest Form for agencies who are interested in participating in the resource fair at this event. The primary purpose of the tables is to distribute information regarding community based resources, services or programs available to individuals, families, and communities who may be impacted by domestic violence. If your organization is interested in hosting a Resource Table at the Resource Fair (12:30-1:30 p.m.) please complete the attached Resource Table Interest Form and note the following information.

We anticipate approximately 850+ attendees at this event.

There is no cost to participate for vendors to participate in the Resource Fair. Every agency/organization that wants to participate must complete a resource table participation form.

Space at the Resource Fair is limited, however, we will try to accommodate as many requests for participation as we can. The Family/Domestic Violence Advisory Board Walk Committee will review completed forms and agencies will be notified regarding their participation request. Some agencies may be asked to share tables, depending on availability.

The order of events is as follows:

Registration 10:30- 11:00 a.m.

Program/ Featured Speaker 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Walk 12:00- 12:30 p.m.

Community Lunch/Resource Fair 12:30- 1:30 p.m.

Thanks for your interest and support of this important event!

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## ***Clean Slate Tattoo Removal Program***

Are gang--related tattoos preventing you from getting a job or moving ahead in life?

We will remove visible gang-related tattoos for FREE if you:

- Are between the ages of 14 and 25
- Are gang-free
- Are going to school, enrolled in job-readiness or already working
- Complete a 10-week Life Skills Program
- Complete 30 hours of community service
- Are a resident of San José

**GOT IT! REGRET IT! REMOVE IT!**

For more information or to enroll, please call (408) 251-7757

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## ***Home Energy Savings Workshop in Spanish***

Free Workshop on

### **HOW TO SAVE MONEY AND GREEN YOUR HOME**

Let us show you how to save your green.

**Saturday, September 25**

**9:45 A.M. – 1 P.M.**

**Sacred Heart Community Service**

**1381 S. First Street**

**San Jose, CA. 95110**

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

Let us help you with your monthly expenses by cutting your utility and water bills!

Sacred Heart Community Service is hosting this workshop 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 this workshop and it will fill up fast so sign up today! Registration required. Call (408) 300-4645 or email [energysaving@sacredheartcs.org](mailto:energysaving@sacredheartcs.org). This workshop is presented in Spanish.

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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## Taller en Español Sobre Ahorros de Energía

Taller gratis sobre

### **COMO AHORRAR DINERO Y “ENVERDECER” SU HOGAR**

Permítanos mostrarle cómo puede ahorrar y mantenerse verde con energía limpia

**Sábado, 25 de septiembre**

**9:45 A.M. – 1P.M.**

**Sacred Heart Community Service**

**1381 S. First Street**

**San Jose, CA. 95110**

INCLUYE PRODUCTOS QUE AHORRAN ENERGIA GRATIS (por valor de \$50) – y un sorteo para ganar un cable eléctrico "Smart" (¡por valor de \$40!)

Venga a este taller y aprenda como ahorrar dinero con algunos cambios simples que usted mismo puede hacer. ¡Permítanos ayudarle con sus gastos mensuales, recortando sus facturas eléctricas y de agua! Aprenda a medir su uso eléctrico, a utilizar productos que ahorran electricidad y agua, también a hacer su propio aislamiento y sellador. Aprenda como encontrar ayuda para pagar su factura eléctrica y qué programas patrocinados por el gobierno existen, dependiendo de los ingresos personales, para aclimatización adicional, reparaciones de la casa y para conseguir electrodomésticos que estén más al día.

SE PROVEERA ALGO SENCILLO PARA COMER Y CUIDADADO DE NINOS (Sólo para niños que sepan ir al baño solitos, por favor)

Habrá productos que ahorran energía que se repartirán gratis en este taller. Las plazas son limitadas y se llenarán rápido, así que ¡inscríbese hoy mismo! Llame al (408) 300-4645 ó por correo electrónico a la dirección: [energysaving@sacredheartcs.org](mailto:energysaving@sacredheartcs.org). Este taller se presentará en español.

Estos talleres fueron creados y desarrollados por el Equipo de Recursos de Visión Verde de San Jose (San Jose Green Vision Resource Team), que es parte del programa de información a la comunidad del Distrito de Control de la Calidad del Aire en el Área de la Bahía.

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## ***Keep San Jose Beautiful Programs for 2010-2011***

Due the difficult budgetary year faced by the City, the Keep San Jose Beautiful (KSJB) Program was not allocated any funding for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. As such, KSJB will not distribute Daffodils and Native Bulbs or award any new Beautification Grants.

Since the inception of the Keep San Jose Beautiful program, more than 400,000 daffodil and native bulbs have been planted, in addition to hundreds of Beautification projects completed in partnership with community groups and organizations. Without these partnerships and volunteer efforts, we would not have experienced the impact that these projects have on the community.

We will keep you informed of any updates to the Keep San Jose Beautiful program. Please do not let this lack of funding stop your efforts to beautify your community.

For more information regarding Keep San Jose Beautiful contact (408) 794-6567.

For information regarding funding opportunities offered by the City of San Jose visit WebGrants, the City's online grant portal, at <http://grants.sanjoseca.gov/index.do>.

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## ***Police Chief Recruitment Community Outreach Meeting***

The City of San Jose is recruiting for a new Police Chief and is interested in receiving community input regarding the ideal qualities of a Police Chief. San Jose's Police Chief oversees the operations of approximately 1700 police employees (1273 sworn positions) in 4 Bureaus comprised of 10 divisions with more than 70 specialized Units and assignments providing police services for our community of more than 1 million residents.

The City has contracted with Ms.Teri Black-Brann of Teri Black & Company, a public sector executive recruitment firm, to conduct this recruitment. If you are interested in providing input regarding the upcoming recruitment for the Police Chief, you are encouraged the following community meeting:

**Monday, September 20**  
Oakgrove School District Offices - Board Room  
6578 Santa Teresa Blvd. San Jose, CA 95119-1204  
6:30-8:00pm

Spanish and Vietnamese interpreters will be available at the meeting. For residents who are unable this meeting, but would like to submit written comments may do so by sending an email to [info@tbcrecruiting.com](mailto:info@tbcrecruiting.com) or by filling out the Police Chief Recruitment Community Survey (available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese), accessible on the City's homepage at [www.sanjoseca.gov](http://www.sanjoseca.gov). If you have any questions, please contact Deanna Santana, Deputy City Manager, at (408) 535-8280.

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## ***Reviving California Community Summit II***

Saturday, October 2

9:00 a.m. – noon

De Anza College

21250 Stevens Creek Boulevard, Cupertino

Examine measures relating to fiscal and governance reform on the November 2010 ballot.

Participate in interactive voting and small group discussions w/topic experts.

Consider next steps for reform following the election.

IF NOT NOW, WHEN? IF NOT US, WHO?

Register: [www.alfsv.org](http://www.alfsv.org)

Info: 408.554.2000

[anu@alfsv.org](mailto:anu@alfsv.org)

[facebook.com/revivingca](https://www.facebook.com/revivingca)

[twitter.com/revivingca](https://twitter.com/revivingca)

Co-sponsored by De Anza College, San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce, Silicon Valley Community Foundation, & Silicon Valley Leadership Group.

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## **San Jose Public Library**

### **Angel Island: Immigrant Gateway to America**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library  
San José Public Library and San José State University

features Judy Yung

Presenting a lecture with slide show on her new book commemorating the 100th anniversary of Angel Island Immigration Station

#### **Angel Island: Immigrant Gateway to America**

Tuesday, October 5

6 p.m.

229 - 2nd floor

King Library

150 E San Fernando

San José, CA 95112

Sponsored by:

MOSAIC - San José State University

Chinese Historical and Cultural Project (CHCP)

General Collections/Reference Services, San José Public Library

Asian American Studies, SJSU

Asian American Collection Advisory Committee, Cultural Heritage Center, King Library, SJSU

San José Public Library and San José State University

To arrange for an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, call (408) 808-2397 or (408) 808-2130 TTY at least 48 hours in advance.

For information: (408) 808-2397 or [www.sjlibrary.org](http://www.sjlibrary.org)

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### **Back to School Resources Available at Your Local San José Public Library ... *Check it out!***



#### **Free Live Homework Help from Tutor.com**

Students of all ages with a valid San José Public Library card can log on to [www.tutor.com](http://www.tutor.com) to receive homework help from a computer with internet access.

Homework Help is offered daily -

*English & Spanish assistance available: 2 PM - 12 AM*

*Vietnamese assistance available: 4 - 7 PM*

**24/7 Resources at [www.sjlibrary.org](http://www.sjlibrary.org)**

Find articles in multiple databases with one search, use the catalog to locate & request materials, view suggested reading lists and program schedules – Plus so much more!

**Resources available at the library:**

- Computers are available with a valid library card
- Free WiFi is available at any San José Public Library
- **Pay-for-Print:** \$.15 per page at Branches / \$.20 per page at King Library
- **Group Study Rooms:** Reserve a Group Study Room to work on school projects
- **Scanners:** Scanners are only available at King Library
- **Copy Machines:** \$.15 per copy

**Community Health Information Center available at the Joyce Ellington Branch Library**

Get answers to your health questions or learn more health related topics. The Community Health Information Center located at the [Joyce Ellington Branch Library](#) houses hundreds of health related books and DVDs in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. Designated computer stations are also available to help aid you in your health research. Additional resources can be found on our website's [Health Information](#) section. So, whether you need a medical dictionary, information on nutrition for toddlers, or want to learn more about a specific health issue, the Community Health Information Center is for you.

For more information call (408) 808-3043 or visit [www.sjlibrary.org/about/locations/joyce\\_ellington/index.htm](http://www.sjlibrary.org/about/locations/joyce_ellington/index.htm)

**Learn a New Language using Mango Languages:  
An Easy to Use Online Learning System**



Want to learn a new language? Traveling to a foreign country? San José Public Library card holders can now use their library card to take advantage of Mango's online language-learning system. Mango can help you learn or improve your language skills in Spanish, Japanese, Brazilian, French, Mandarin Chinese, Russian, Italian and so much more.

Visit [Mango Languages](#) to start learning today!

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## ***Whooping Cough Vaccines***

**Protect The Babies You Love!  
Get a whooping cough shot.**

Whooping cough is a serious disease. Babies have died from whooping cough.

Whooping cough can cause bad coughing fits that make it hard to breathe. Babies are most at risk of getting very sick.

Adults and older children with whooping cough can spread it to babies. You can stop the spread of whooping cough by getting a shot.

**If you live with or care for a baby, you should get a whooping cough shot.**

### **FREE WHOOPING COUGH SHOT CLINICS**

Anyone over the age of 7 years can get the shot for **FREE!**

**Saturday, October 16**

**Mayfair Community Center**

2039 Kammerer Ave.

San Jose, CA 95116

Time: 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

***Pregnant women must bring a doctor's prescription***

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OTHER CLINIC LOCATIONS:

**408-885-3980**

***WWW.SCCPHD.ORG***

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## Vacunas Contra La Tos Ferina

**¡Proteja a los bebés que ama!  
Vacúnese contra la tos ferina.**

La tos ferina es una enfermedad grave. Bebés han muerto de tos ferina.

La tos ferina puede causar serios ataques de tos que dificultan la respiración. Los bebés corren el mayor riesgo de enfermarse de gravedad.

Los adultos y niños mayores con tos ferina pueden contagiar a los bebés. Usted puede detener la propagación de la tos ferina con una vacuna.

**Si usted vive con un bebé o lo cuida, usted debe recibir una vacuna contra la tos ferina.**

**¡GRATIS! CLINICAS DE VACUNAS CONTRA LA TOS FERINA**

Cualquier persona mayor de 7 años puede recibir la vacuna **GRATIS!**

**Sábado 16 de Octubre**  
**Centro Comunitario Mayfair**  
2039 Kammerer Ave.  
San Jose, CA 95116  
Hora: 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

***Las mujeres embarazadas deben traer una receta médica***

PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN SOBRE OTRAS CLÍNICAS:  
**408-885-3980**  
WWW.SCCPHD.ORG

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## ***Wonders of Our Water Works:***

Find out where your wastewater goes on a two-hour bus tour of the San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant (Plant).

**First and third Thursdays and Saturdays of the month  
June – November 2010 • 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.**

### **Take a FREE two-hour bus tour to:**

- Learn how wastewater from 1.4 million residents and 17,000 business sewer connections in eight South Bay cities is cleaned to almost drinking water standards
- Find out how we plan to sustainably rebuild the Plant after 54 years of working around the clock
- Visit the nation's largest urban wildlife refuge

***“One of the sleeper hits of the year!”***

– Scott Herhold,  
San Jose  
Mercury News,  
2008

### **Sign up for a tour:**

- Visit [rebuildtheplant.org](http://rebuildtheplant.org) and select “Take Plant Tour”
- Email [PlantTours@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:PlantTours@sanjoseca.gov)
- Call 408-975-2556

### **Location:**

San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant – 700 Los Esteros Road, San Jose, CA 95134 (from Highway 237, exit at Zanker Road)  
Park at the administration building and meet in the conference room.

[Sign up for a free tour of your wastewater treatment facility](#)



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