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CAPITAL OF SILICON VALLEY

Brooktree Elementary School visits Councilmember Chu at San José City Hall

Independence High School's 76th Cavalry Band and Color Guard lead Invocation at a recent City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Chu with Northwood Elementary Parents and Students at the Great American Litter Pick-Up.

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Office of Councilmember Kansen Chu

A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMEMBER CHU

Dear District 4 Neighbors,

June is a busy month in the City of San José. In the coming weeks, the San José City Council will be getting ready to amend, approve, and adopt the new budget for the next fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2009. I would like to thank District 4 residents for sharing your thoughts, concerns, and priorities with me over the past few months.

As the school year is coming to an end, I would like to congratulate all the 2009 graduates from college, high school, middle school, and elementary school! This is a significant accomplishment and should be a time filled with excitement. I congratulate all the parents, teachers, administration, & staff that have worked with our graduates for their commitment and dedication in securing a quality education for the students, equipping them with the tools to pursue their dreams. Congratulations to each and every one of our graduates for all of their accomplishments. I am very proud of all of you for achieving this significant success.

As school ends, the push for summer reading begins. I encourage District 4 residents of all ages to participate in the Summer Reading Celebration sponsored by San José Branch Libraries and to continue reading over the summer. This eight-week long program encourages recreational reading as a family activity, offering fun prizes and rewards for reaching each reading milestone. Programs are available for kids, teens, and adults. Please stop by your local library, beginning June 13, 2009 to register.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer!

Best Regards,

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COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

Councilmember Kansen Chu invites you to attend Community Office Hours in order to get feedback and provide assistance to residents. Staff will also be on hand to assist in handling questions and concerns from residents. If you wish to make an appointment to meet with Councilmember Chu on any of the listed dates, please call the office at (408) 535-4904.

National Night Out August 2009

On Tuesday, August 4, 2009, neighborhoods throughout San José are invited to participate with other communities nationwide for the 26th annual National Night Out. National Night Out will involve over 100,000 communities and over 34 million Americans are expected to participate this year. Last year, approximately 70 neighborhoods in the City of San José showed their support in "America's Night Out Against Crime" by enjoying an evening with their neighbors and local police officers by hosting a variety of events.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug awareness, generate support for and participation in anticrime efforts, and strengthening neighborhood spirit, and police-community partnerships. In addition, this night sends the message that neighbors are working together to keep their neighborhoods safe. From 6:00PM-10:00PM on August 4th, many neighborhoods throughout San José will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, ice creams socials, barbecues and informal gatherings. This is a great opportunity for residents to meet new neighbors, discuss neighborhood issues, make plans for a clean-up day or discuss the formation of a neighborhood watch group.

National Night Out has been a successful partnership between the community, San José Police Department, and the City of San José. To include your neighborhood in this year's event, please contact the San José Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at (408) 277-4133 by July 26, 2009.

COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS DATES AND LOCATIONS

WEDNESDAY

JUNE 17

Berryessa Branch Library

Study Room C

6:00PM-8:00PM

NO COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS WILL BE HELD FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

Dates & locations subject to change. Please check the District 4 website for confirmed time and locations..

BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT TO SAN JOSE UPDATE

I would like to thank everyone who attended the BART community meeting on May6, 2009 at the Berryessa Branch Library. We had an estimated attendance of over 50 community members.

This was an opportunity for VTA to present an overview of the planned BART project and a chance for VTA to hear directly from residents who would be most impacted by the project. Because of the overwhelming interest shown at the community meeting, VTA allowed a one-week extension for the acceptance of public comment for the BART project. I would also like to thank the community members who submitted their feedback during the Environmental Impact Statement public comment period.

My office is working collaboratively with VTA to ensure that the community is kept up to date with the BART project. We will be holding a community meeting in the fall, once the final draft of the Environmental Impact Statement is complete to provide residents with an update. The final draft of the EIS incorporated all the public comment received during May.

Neighborhood Groups

Alviso Water Taskforce
Meets every 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 6PM at the Alviso Community Center
www.alvisowater.org
Contact: alvisowater@gmail.com

Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council
Meets every 2nd Monday of the Month at 7PM at the Berryessa Community Center
Contact: Mike Flaugher
mikeflaugher@yahoo.com

Independence High Neighborhood Association
Meets every 3rd Monday of the Month at 7PM Location TBA
Contact: Dale Warner
ihna@dalewarner.com

North Valley Community Association
Meets every 1st Monday of the Month at 7PM Location TBA
Contact: Karen Navas
kn_nca@yahoo.com
To Subscribe to the Listserve, Please send an email to: NorthValleyCA-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Piedmont Hostetter Neighborhood Association
Meets quarterly at 6:30PM at the Berryessa Union School District Board Room
Contact: Cheryl VanZuylen
Cheryl_vanzuylen@yahoo.com

River Oaks Neighborhood Association
Meets every odd month
Location TBA
Contact: Jean Marlowe
jean@jeanmarlowe.com

Townsend Park Neighborhood Association
Meets twice yearly
Location TBA
Contact: Lori Wallace
lori_wp@yahoo.com

NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT

North Valley Community Association

North Valley Community Association (NVCA) is comprised of community members who strive to strengthen the North Valley Community through community service projects.

Their mission is to promote and support library programs and staff through grants and advocacy. North Valley Community Association is a not-for-profit group that works to offer events that are not only enriching but productive to District 4 residents. Some successful events in the past include Holiday in Berryessa, Northwood Adopt-A-Park program that meets every 3rd Sunday, and participation in District 4's National Night Out.

Currently, North Valley Community Association's project is offering free CPR trainings in the community. This is a great way for families to be prepared for an emergency when danger strikes your loved ones. Their next session is scheduled for Saturday, June 27, 2009 at the Berryessa Branch Library from 10:30AM-11:30AM. I encourage you to attend this training session so that you can be equipped to assist. The San José Fire Department will also be present to answer questions and assist in the training.

North Valley Community Association meets every other 1st Monday at 7PM at the Berryessa Union School District Boardroom. Their next meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2009 and are always welcoming new members. For more information, please contact North Valley Community Association, Karen Navas at kn_nca@yahoo.com.

Members of the North Valley Community Association

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Councilmember Chu reviews training guidelines with volunteers at the Great American Litter Pick-Up.

Volunteers at Alviso's Great American Litter Pick-Up event.

GREAT AMERICAN LITTER PICK-UP

On Saturday, April 25, 2009, the City of San José participated in the Great American Litter Pick-Up. I would like to thank the community members who volunteered to make San José a cleaner city. Out of nearly 2000 volunteers, District 4 had a turn out of over 250 volunteers and a total of 95 bags of litter picked up!

Volunteers arrived at both the Berryessa and Alviso sites at 8:30AM to gather pick-up sticks, gloves, and bags for litter pick up. Participants were given various locations throughout our district to pick up litter. The positive turn-out showed the dedication to help keep San José clean, improve the environment, and contribute to a better quality of life. Keeping District 4 clean takes a community-wide effort and I want to commend the community members who participated in this event for their efforts and hard work.

Each year, the Council Districts have a friendly competition with one another to recruit the most volunteers. Last year, out of nearly 1000 volunteers, District 4 had the largest turn out of almost 400 volunteers. This year, District 4 came in 4th place with the most volunteers. While we did not have the most volunteers this year, your incredible efforts from last year motivated each Council District to work even harder, which ultimately contribute to a cleaner San José as a whole.

This year, our office decided to have a friendly competition within the schools in District 4 and worked with PTA's to organized additional clean-up locations at Northwood Elementary School and Brooktree Elementary. This year, I am proud to announce that Northwood Elementary School had the most volunteers, with 40 participating.

This successful event happens only once a year, but I urge you to continue to contribute in making San José a beautiful place to live everyday. Volunteers are needed year round in order to keep the City of San José clean. Please call the Anti-Litter and Graffiti Program at (408) 277-3208 and the Adopt-A-Street Program at (408) 975-3728 to see how you can help. In addition, Adopt-A-Park and Adopt-A-Trail are citywide volunteer programs that recruit and train residents to assist in the general care and maintenance of neighborhood parks and trails.

I hope that we all continue to take pride in our City and do what we can to keep it clean and beautiful.

Councilmember Chu and wife Daisy with volunteers at the Great American Litter Pick-Up.

Your San José Police Department Captains

San José Police Department

Foothill Division Captain

Captain Ernesto Alcantar

ernesto.alcantar@sanjoseca.gov

Central Division Captain

Captain Phan Ngo

phan.ngo@sanjoseca.gov

Councilmember Chu with Captain Alcantar at the Gang Prevention Training for Parents in District 4.

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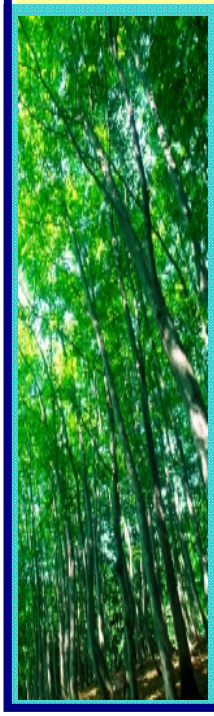
WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

Three consecutive dry winters, reduced water supply from The Delta, and a growing population are raising concerns about the future of our local water supply. The Santa Clara Valley Water District has recently determined that Serious long-term planning for the water supply is needed. The District is also asking everyone in the county to pitch in by reducing their water use by an additional 10 percent this summer. The following are some conservation tips from Santa Clara Valley Water that I would like to share with you so that we can all do our part to conserve water:

- Fix those leaks! Leaks allow water and your money to go down the drain. To help detect hidden leaks, turn off anything that uses water and see if your water meter is still moving. If it is, there could be a leak somewhere.
- Install water-efficient devices such as high-efficiency toilets, high-efficiency clothes washing machines, low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators.
- Turn off the faucet while you are brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Reduce your time in the shower by 5 minutes.
- Only run your washing machine and dishwasher with full loads.

Applying these tips will help reduce water consumption. Collectively, we can make a difference to conserve water for our future.



TIPS TO BEAT THE HEAT

The following are tips I would like to share with you as you and your family as we head into the summer months and must take measures to beat the heat.

- **Stay Hydrated.** Drinking water is the easiest way to moderate and cool down your body temperature- drink plenty of water throughout the day.
- **Limit Your Outdoor Activity.** Staying out of the heat is a proactive approach to staying cool. Direct heat and sun exposure can affect even the healthiest person.
- **Wear a Hat.** Staying indoors is the great method for surviving the heat. However, if you have to go out, protect yourself and your family members by wearing hats, light colored clothing and apply sunblock generously.
- **Save Energy.** Reduce your home power use to help reduce brownouts or blackouts and smog/air pollution. Turn off nonessential lights, televisions, games, and computers, and unplug chargers.
- **Keep Your Car Cool.** Going from a cool environment to a hot one (such as going from an office to a car) makes the heat seem worse and could make you feel weak or sick. Parking your car in the shade and using a sun visor can help the transition feel a little less extreme.

If you are unable to stay out of the heat, the City of San José is opening specific community centers for extended hours to provide relief from the summer heat. High temperatures can be dangerous for the very young and elderly in the community.

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City & Community Contacts

City Hall Call Center
(408) 535-3500

Abandoned Vehicles
(408) 277-5305

Alviso Branch Library
(408) 263-3626

Alviso Youth Center
(408) 586-7624

Anti-Graffiti & Litter
(408) 277-2758

Berryessa Branch Library
(408) 808-3050

Berryessa Community & Senior Center
(408) 251-6392

Berryessa Youth Center
(408) 262-1014

Code Enforcement
(408) 277-4528

Crime Prevention
(408) 277-4133

Garbage & Recycling
(408) 535-3515

Parks & Recreation
(408) 535-3570

Sidewalk Repair
(408) 277-3158

Street Lights
(408) 277-5517

Street Sweeping
(408) 277-2571

Tree Trimming & Removal
(408) 277-2756

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District 4 Events

For up-to-date event information, visit sanjoseca.gov/district4 and email district4@sanjoseca.gov to receive e-Notices.

JUNE

7 8TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR
11:00AM-4:00PM
History Park San José
1650 Senter Road

13 SJ LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM
Summer Reading
Celebration Kicks Off
Your local San José Library
June 13-August 8
www.sjlibrary.org

15 FINAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
2009-2010 Proposed Budget
7:00PM-10:00PM
San José City Hall
Council Chambers
200 E. Santa Clara Street

16 2009-2010 SAN JOSE BUDGET APPROVAL
During City Council
1:30PM
San José City Hall
Council Chambers
200 E. Santa Clara Street

Councilmember Chu with District 4 SJPD Captain Ngo.

17 COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS
Berryessa Branch Library
Study Room C
6:00PM-8:00PM
3355 Noble Avenue
Please call (408) 535-4904 to schedule a 15 minute appointment

20 GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY
Educational Park Branch Library
10:00AM-11:00AM
1770 Educational Park Drive

27 BERRYESSA FARMERS MARKET
9:00AM-1:00PM
Occurs every Saturday
Berryessa Union School District Parking Lot
1376 Piedmont Road

JULY

4 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY
City Hall Closed
July 3

4 ROSE WHITE & BLUE
4th of July Parade
10:00AM-2:00PM
On the Alameda, in the Rose Garden and Shasta Hanchett Neighborhoods
www.the-alameda.com

6 FRIENDS OF THE BERRYESSA LIBRARY MEETING
Occurs every other 1st Monday
6:30PM-8:00PM
Berryessa Branch Library
3050 Berryessa Road

AUGUST

4 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
District 4 Movie Night
6:00PM
Noble Park
3355 Noble Avenue

24 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
For all schools in District 4

29 FAMILY FESTIVAL & RESOURCE FAIR
Sponsored by District 4 & My Project Youth Connect
9:00AM-2:00PM
Morrill Middle School
1970 Morrill Avenue

Great American Litter Pick-Up Volunteers at Berryessa Community Center.

Mayor Reed, and Councilmembers Chu and Liccardo honor San José's WWII Veterans in memory of the Fall of Bataan Anniversary.

Community members attend the Budget Community Meeting to give input for the proposed 2009-2010 San José Budget.

Event dates are subject to change. Please contact the District 4 office at (408) 535-4904 to confirm events.

VOLUNTEER IN DISTRICT 4!

Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley

The Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley strives to provide high quality care and rehabilitation for injured, sick, and orphaned wildlife within the Silicon Valley Community. Volunteer to assist our wildlife!

(408) 929-9453 • www.wcsv.org

Adopt A Park Program

Adopt a Park Program strives to protect and enhance San José's neighborhood parks and open spaces by volunteer support, and at the same time dedicated to educating San José residents about the importance of parks. Adopt a Park today!

(408) 793-4190 • www.sjadoptapark.org

Santa Visits Alviso

Santa Visits Alviso has been serving the Alviso Community since 1983 and is dedicated to bringing gifts & the Spirit of the Holidays to hundreds of toddlers and teens every year. Santa Visits Alviso is an all volunteer organization & is active year long.

rpsantos@scvwd.dst.ca.us • www.alvisosanta.com

Friends of the Library Program

District 4 is proud to have two libraries to serve our community. Call today for volunteer opportunities!

Friends of Alviso Library • (408) 263-3626

Friends of Berryessa Library • (408) 808-2181

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