

Councilmember Kansen Chu

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Councilmember Chu & Daisy Chu host the 2nd Annual District 4 Community Recognition event on February 11, 2012.



Councilmember Chu with volunteers at the Spring Cleaning Donation and E-Waste Drive on March 10, 2012.



Councilmember Chu with volunteers at Berryessa's Great American Litter Pick-Up event on March 17, 2012.

Door-to-Door in District 4 Newsletter

Office of Councilmember Kansen Chu
A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMEMBER CHU

Dear District 4 Neighbors,

Happy Spring! The months of April and May will be a great time to get outdoors and enjoy a variety of fun family activities in District 4.

On Saturday, April 28th, I will be co-sponsoring the 2nd Annual Family Day at the Berryessa Farmers Market located on 1376 Piedmont Road from 9:00AM to 1:00PM along with Kaiser Permanente, Pacific Coast Farmers Market Association, and Berryessa Farmers Market. Last year, over 1,000 community members attended the inaugural event. There will be over 50 family booths, special attractions, activity booths for children, and free chiropractic prizes. Join me and Chef Mario for a cooking demonstration at 11:00AM.

In addition, spend the day at the 37th Annual Berryessa Art & Wine Festival and be part of the effort to keep music programs in the Berryessa Union School District. The Berryessa Art and Wine Festival will take place on Saturday, May 12th from 10AM to 5PM at Penitencia Creek Park and will feature over 150 artist booths, food booths, a Community Row, a Business Row, a Kids Fun Zone, and an entertainment stage area.

Stop by the District 4 booth at each of these events to pick up a free reusable bag and other resources. I look forward to seeing you there! For more information about any of these events and upcoming events, please contact my office at (408) 535-4904.

Best Regards,



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Sign up for regular email updates from District 4

Email district4@sanjoseca.gov so you can be added to the email list.

District 4 Website: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district4>

DISTRICT 4 OFFICE

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San José, CA 95113
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Neighborhood Groups

Alviso Neighborhood Group Meets every 1st Thursday at 6PM at Fire Station 25
Contact: Betty Brown
betty@maileater.net

Alviso Water Taskforce Meets every 2nd Wednesday at 6PM at the Alviso Library
www.alvisowater.org
Contact: Alviso Taskforce
alvisowater@gmail.com

Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council Meets every 2nd Monday at 7PM at the Berryessa Community Ctr
Contact: Ty Greaves
tgreaves@sbcglobal.net

River Oaks Neighborhood Association Scheduled as needed
Location TBA
Contact: Jean Marlowe
jean@jeanmarlowe.com

Townsend Park Neighborhood Association
Contact: Lori Wallace
lori_wp@yahoo.com

If you are interested in starting a neighborhood group, please contact my office at district4@sanjoseca.gov or call (408) 535-4904 for assistance.

Budget Update

The Mayor's March Budget Message, approved by the City Council on March 20th, gives directions to the City Manager as she prepares the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget. I appreciate the Mayor's recommendations in his March Budget Message that included: gang prevention funding, maintaining crossing guard funding to elementary schools, the Children's Health Initiative, and senior services and wellness. While I am supportive of these recommendations, I would have also liked to see the crime prevention program protected and increasing of library hours as part of the City Council's priorities for the next fiscal year.

The City's Crime Prevention Specialists provide safety information, referrals, and trainings on various safety topics for residents and businesses such as neighborhood watch, identify theft, personal safety, workplace safety, and senior security. Many District 4 residents have taken advantage of their services and resources in order to make our community a safer place to live. Our efforts to prevent crime are a key reason that we are one of the safest big cities in America.

In addition, I believe libraries play an important role in our communities and neighborhoods. Libraries serve as a hub for our communities and we should try to keep as many hours as we can, especially as attendance has increased at many of our branches. In fact, the Berryessa Branch Library has one of the highest attendance rates in the City.

The City Manager will be releasing her proposed operating budget on May 1st. The City of San José continues to provide several opportunities to solicit community input in the budget process. In the coming months, there will be a series of public meetings and study sessions where the City Council will discuss the upcoming year's budget. I encourage all residents to participate in these public meetings to ask questions and express their thoughts and priorities for the budget. Please visit my website frequently for the latest news and updates regarding the budget process.

There will be two community budget meetings taking place in District 4. I invite District 4 residents to attend one of the upcoming community budget meetings so that you will be accurately informed on the complex fiscal issues facing the City. The majority of the meeting will be open for residents to ask questions and provide feedback. The first meeting will take place in Alviso on **Thursday, May 3rd, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Alviso Branch Library.** The second meeting will take place on **Wednesday, May 16th, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Berryessa Branch Library.**

As always, I ask for your assistance to help me and my colleagues on the City Council to understand your priorities by sharing with us your thoughts on how we should create a balanced budget that addresses the fundamental issues of our City. If you would like you to share your thoughts, ideas, and feedback with me, please email District4@sanjoseca.gov.



2012 Pride of District 4 Photo Contest



1st Place Winner of
2011 Photo Contest

This year I am hosting the 2012 Pride of District 4 Photo Contest along with the San José Parks Foundation. This is a great opportunity for students to show their talent and art in the community. Middle school and high school students are encouraged to submit a photograph that expresses what the neighborhood means to them, what they are proud of, and what inspires them in

Alviso, Berryessa, and North San José. There will be six winners total; three winners in each age group (6-8th grade and 9-12th grade), in which the 1st place gets a \$300 scholarship, 2nd place gets a \$200 scholarship, and 3rd place gets a \$100 scholarship. Photo entries are to be submitted to CSJPhotoContest@gmail.com by **Friday, May 4, 2012, no later than 5:00 pm.** Winners will be announced by Friday, May 18, 2012 on the District 4 website at www.sanjoseca.gov/district4/ and the San José Parks Foundation website at www.sanjoseparks.org/. For more information, contact Sheila Ngo at (408) 535-4904 or District4@sanjoseca.gov.

2nd Annual Family Day

*A Community Celebration of
Healthy Eating and Healthy Living*

On Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, my office in collaboration with Kaiser Permanente, Pacific Coast Farmers Market Association, and Berryessa Chiropractic will be co-sponsoring the 2nd Annual District 4 Family Day at the Berryessa Farmers Market.

This rain or shine event features family-oriented stage entertainment, special attractions, and activity booths offering hands-on activities for children, in addition to information for families about education, child care, health and safety resources, and recreational programs. Free re-usable bags will be given away to the first 500 people.

For more information, please contact Anh Tran at (408) 535-4904 or District4@sanjoseca.gov.

Saturday, April 28, 2012

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Berryessa Union School District Parking Lot
1376 Piedmont Road,
San Jose, CA 95132**

Parking will be available across the street at

District 4 Community Emergency Response Training

I have partnered with the San José Fire Department's Office of Emergency Services for the District 4 Community Emergency Response Training on **Saturday, April 14, 2012** from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Berryessa Community Center. This free event will train and teach residents the basics of disaster preparedness. In just two hours, you can learn how to:

- Protect against hazards
- Create a family disaster plan
- Protect your family and property
- Create a disaster supply kit
- Become more involved in the community



For more information and to RSVP, please contact Anh Tran at (408) 535-4904 or District4@sanjoseca.gov.

37th Berryessa Art & Wine Festival

Join San José's oldest neighborhood festival with musical performances, arts and craft booths, local boutique wines, micro-brewed beer, and food prepared by community groups. This one day event raises funds to keep music education available to students in the Berryessa Union School District (BUSD).

Stop by my booth for a free re-usable bag and other resources available to you.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.berryessamusicboosters.org/Pages/BerryessaArtWineFestival.aspx>

Saturday, May 12, 2012

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Berryessa Community Center
3050 Berryessa Road
San Jose, CA 95132**

Event Schedule:

10:00 am - BUSD Elementary School Music Students

10:20 am - BUSD Middle School Music Students

11:00 am - Star Maker Karaoke (starring all festival goers!)

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm - Reincarnated Revival

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm - Chinese Instruments

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm - South Bay School of Music



San Jose Boards & Commissions Vacancy

I encourage everyone to give back to our community by applying to become a board member or commissioner. The boards and commissions were established for the purpose of advising the City Council and providing ongoing input into policies and issues affecting the future of the San Jose community. All persons seeking membership on a board or commission must be a San José resident and some commissions have additional membership requirements. If you would like additional information about a particular Commission, Board or Committee, visit <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/vacancy.asp> or contact the City Clerk's Office at (408) 535-1252.

The following are a list of vacant positions (**Deadline is Friday, April 13, 2012**):

- Advisory Commission on Rents - 1 Seat
- Arts Commission - 3 Seats
- Disability Commission - 4 Seats
- Early Care and Education - 3 Seats
- Historic Landmarks Commission - 2 seats
- Housing and Community Development Commission - 4 seats
- Human Rights Commission - 3 Seats
- Library Commission - 3 Seats
- Mobile Home Advisory Commission - 1 Seat
- Parks and Recreation Commission - 2 Seats
- Senior Citizens Commission - 1 Seat
- Small Business Development - 1 Seat
- Traffic Appeals - 1 Seat



Councilmember Chu with community members at the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on February 4, 2012.



Councilmember Chu and Mayor Reed present the Lunar New Year Proclamation to Van Le on February 28, 2012.

Spring Cleaning? Request for a Large Item Collection!

Recycle Plus' large item collection service can help with your spring cleaning. For a small fee, a total of three large items, such as furniture, appliances, tires and televisions can be collected at your curb for recycling. The City is no longer able to bill for this service in the Recycle Plus bill. The large item collection service will be transitioning to the recycling haulers next month. Beginning April 2012, residents scheduling a large item pick-up will need to call their recycling hauler directly and pre-pay for this service. To find your recycling hauler, log onto the City's new Collection Day Look-Up. Simply enter your street number and zip code into the online form. For residents who are unable to access their schedule online, call the Customer Contact Center at (408) 535-3500.



Councilmember Chu at the District 4 CPR and First Aid Training on March 3, 2012.

Second Language (ESL) Conversation Club at the Berryessa Branch Library

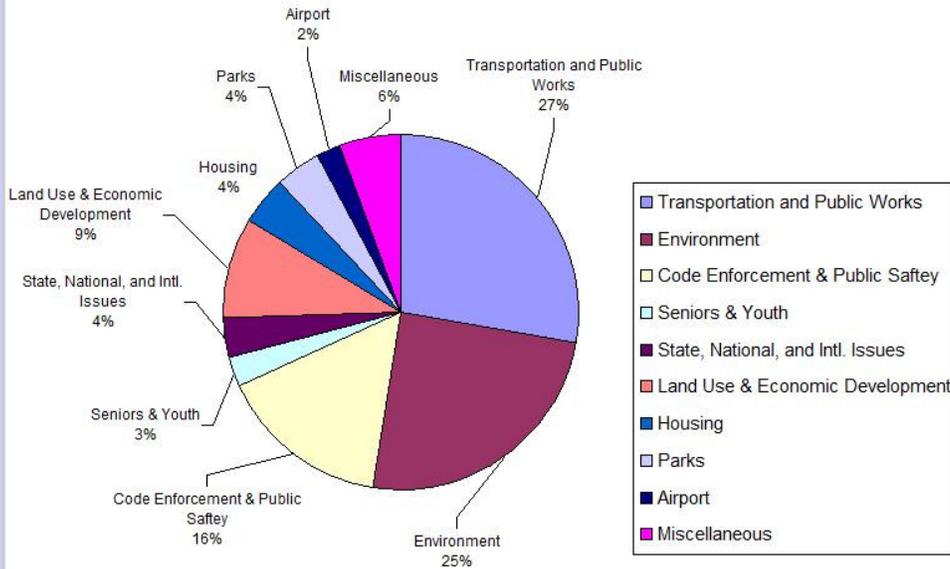
Berryessa Branch Library currently holds weekly English as a Second Language (ESL) Conversation Club. Adult learners can come and practice speaking English in a fun and relaxed environment. The club, which meets every Thursday morning from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., is very well attended and consists of learners from various ethnic backgrounds and skill levels. Some of the activities include learning about American culture, discussing current events, playing games, and practicing useful phrases. Lesson plans are enriched with a variety of activities, including role-playing, games, and audio/visual aids. Come to improve your English speaking skills and make new friends at Berryessa Branch Library's ESL Conversation Club! For more information, please visit <http://www.sjpl.org/berryessa>.



Councilmember Chu and Mayor Reed present a commendation to the Santa Visits Alviso Foundation on March 20, 2012.



District 4 Constituent Issues and Inquiries from January to March 2012



I would like to encourage you all to continue sharing your ideas with my office. I welcome and am always interested in hearing your thoughts and suggestions. Please see below for my community office hours schedule for April and May 2012. I would like to sit down and meet you personally to discuss any concerns and get your feedback.

DO YOU RECEIVE WEEKLY EMAILS FROM COUNCILMEMBER CHU?
Sign-up at www.sanjoseca.gov/district4



Valentines Day luncheon at the Berryessa Community Center on February 14, 2012.



Toyon Elementary School's Star Gazing Science Night on February 15, 2012.



The Great American Litter Pick-Up Event in Alviso on March 17, 2012.

COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, April 21, 2012

10:00AM-11:30AM

**Panera Bread
1706 Oakland Road**

WEDNESDAY, May 2, 2012

11:00AM-12:00PM

**Berryessa Community Center, Room 2
3050 Berryessa Road**

Since I have been elected to serve you in 2007, I have committed over 200 hours in community office hours to receive feedback and provide assistance to residents with over 220 cases. Over the past five years, I have enjoyed meeting with many of you and being able to assist you regarding City issues. I encourage you to continue to take advantage of the community office hours so that I may be of assistance to you all.

Please call the District 4 office at (408) 535-4904 to book a 15 minute appointment.

Dates and locations are subject to change. Please call for confirmed times and locations.





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) 423-1706

Anti-Graffiti & Litter

(866) 249-0543

Berryessa Branch Library

(408) 808-3050

Berryessa Community &

Senior Center

(408) 251-6392

Berryessa Youth Center

(408) 715-6557

Code Enforcement

(408) 535-7770

Crime Prevention

(408) 277-4133

Garbage & Recycling

(408) 535-3500

Our City Forrest

(408) 998-7337

Parks & Recreation

(408) 535-3570

Sidewalk Repair

(408) 277-3158

Street Lights

(408) 794-1903

Street Sweeping

(408) 283-4800

Tree Trimming & Removal

(408) 277-2762

Meet Your District 4 Team

Stephanie Fong, District Director

stephanie.fong@sanjoseca.gov

FOCUS AREAS

Land Use, Budget, Capital Improvement Projects, Intergovernmental Relations, Labor, Personnel, Intern Coordination, and Media Relations.

COMMITTEES

Rules and Open Government



Margie Espinoza, Executive Assistant

margie.espinoza@sanjoseca.gov

FOCUS AREAS

Councilmember Scheduling, Office Administration, Constituent Services, and Event Planning.

Sheila Ngo, Policy Analyst

sheila.ngo@sanjoseca.gov

FOCUS AREAS

North San José Neighborhood, Land Use, Environmental Policy, Airport, Economic Development, Newsletter, Social Media, and Constituent Services.

COMMITTEES

Community and Economic Development; Transportation and Environment; Public Safety, Finance, and Strategic Support



Rosa Santiago, Council Assistant

rosa.santiago@sanjoseca.gov

FOCUS AREAS

Alviso Neighborhood, Parks & Recreation, Trails, Community Centers, Libraries, Schools, Public Safety, Constituent Services, Event Planning, and Neighborhood Watch.

COMMITTEES

Neighborhood Services and Education; Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support

Anh Tran, Council Assistant

anh.tran@sanjoseca.gov

FOCUS AREAS

Berryessa Neighborhood, Transportation, Housing, Environment, Mobilehome Communities, Code Enforcement, and Constituent Services.

COMMITTEES

Neighborhood Services and Education; Transportation and Environment





DISTRICT 4 CALENDAR

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

APRIL

12 BERRYESSA BART EXTENSION GROUNDBREAKING

Starts at 2:00PM
1404 Mabury Road
Contact Gail Collins at (408) 934-2631 or gail.collins@vta.org for more info & to RSVP.

13 SAN JOSE BOARDS & COMMISSIONS VACANCY DEADLINE

Visit <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/vacancy.asp> or contact the City Clerk's Office at (408) 535-1252 for more info.

14 DISTRICT 4 EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING

10:00AM-12:00PM
Berryessa Community Center (BCC)
3050 Berryessa Road

Contact Anh Tran at (408) 535-4904 for more info.

21 COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

10:00AM-11:30AM
Panera Bread
1706 Oakland Road
Please call (408) 535-4904 to schedule a 15 appointment.

28 2nd ANNUAL FAMILY DAY

9:00AM-1:00PM
Berryessa Farmers Market
1376 Piedmont Road

Contact Anh Tran at (408) 535-4904 for more info.

28 WALK-A-LOOZA

8:30AM-11:00AM
Berryessa Flea Market
1590 Berryessa Road

Contact David Hernandez at david@mypyc.com for more info.

2 COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

11:00AM-12:00PM
BCC, Room 2,
3050 Berryessa Road
Please call (408) 535-4904 to schedule a 15 appointment.

MAY

3 2012-2013 COMMUNITY BUDGET MEETING

6:00PM-8:00PM
Alviso Branch Library
5050 North 1st Street

Go to <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/budget/> for more info.

4 PRIDE OF THE DISTRICT 4 PHOTO CONTEST DEADLINE

Contact Sheila Ngo at (408) 535-4904 for more info.

12 37th BERRYESSA ART & WINE FESTIVAL

10:00AM-5:00PM
Berryessa Community Center
3050 Berryessa Road

Contact Anh Tran at (408) 535-4904 for more info.

16 COMMUNITY BUDGET MEETING

6:30PM-8:30PM
Berryessa Branch Library
3355 Noble Avenue

Go to <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/budget/> for more info.

20 VIETNAMESE HEALTH FAIR in DISTRICT 4

1:00PM-4:00PM
Berryessa Community Center
3050 Berryessa Road

Contact Sheila Ngo at (408) 535-4904 for more info.

28 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

City Hall
Closed



Community members at the Mercury Fever Thermometer Exchange on March 9, 2012.



Berryessa Little League Opening Day on March 17, 2012.



Councilmember Chu and Senator Elaine Alquist at the VTA Full Funding Grant Agreement Ceremony for BART Silicon Valley on March 12, 2012.

VOLUNTEER IN DISTRICT 4!



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



Celebrating 25 Years **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

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



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

Berryessa Community Center Advisory Council Recruitment

BCCAC is recruiting for new members! BCCAC supports activities and events throughout the year at the community center. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact Lauri Yarwasky: **(408) 521-6392 • Lauri.Yarwasky@sanJoseca.gov**

Help an Adult Improve Their Reading and Writing!

Become a volunteer tutor for the adult literacy program, Partners in Reading, at the San José Public Library (SJPL). One-on-one tutoring will take place within branches of the SJPL & other public sites in San José. All sessions are required and participants must register in advance.

Partners in Reading • (408) 808-2361

