

Councilmember Kansen Chu

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Councilmember Chu & Mayor Reed present commendations to Asian Pacific Fund Winners, Saira Lalani & Yennie Shyu on June 12, 2012.



Councilmember Chu & elected officials at the Portuguese Flag Raising Ceremony outside of City Hall on June 8, 2012.



Community members at a Crime Prevention meeting at the Berryessa Branch Library on July 26, 2012.

Door-to-Door in District 4 Newsletter

Office of Councilmember Kansen Chu
A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMEMBER CHU

Dear District 4 Neighbors,

Over the next two months, my office will be hosting a number of events. I invite all of you to come out to enjoy the festivities with your fellow community members as well as pick up valuable resources. I will be joining community groups on Tuesday, August 7th to celebrate National Night Out. My staff and I enjoy the opportunity to meet with many of the residents hosting events in their neighborhoods and to provide resources to share with neighbors. In addition, my office will be hosting our 5th annual National Night Out Resource Fair and Movie Night at Berryessa Creek Park.

I am pleased to invite you to celebrate the newly completed River Oaks Park Ribbon with a ribbon cutting and resource fair on Saturday, August 11th from 10AM-12PM. This has been a long-anticipated park for the residents in North San José. In addition, please stay tuned for more information about our inaugural event, "Taste of Berryessa," along with a Community Health and Resource Fair this September.

As we welcome the start of the new school year, my office will be hosting the 2nd Annual Safety Resource Fair and Movie Night on Friday, September 14th, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Penitencia Creek Park. Stop by to see what kind of services the City and the County has to offer with information and other resources at the event. Families will learn about safety during school and have fun with activities for children. The evening will end with a family movie night. Don't forget your blankets and lawn chairs!

I am excited for the upcoming new school year and what the next couple of months will bring.

Best Regards,



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

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Celebrate the Diversity of Culture & Food at "Taste of Berryessa"

BERRYESSA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
Invites you to promote your business at the first annual

"Taste of Berryessa"



The Berryessa Business Association, North Valley Community Association, and Councilmember Kansen Chu invite you to participate in District 4's inaugural celebration of the diverse restaurant fare within our community.

Berryessa Community Center

3050 Berryessa Road, San Jose

September 22, 2012 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Contact: Bob Stewart
(408) 923-2411
taste@berryessa.biz

or: Yijie Xu
(408) 535-4904
yijie.xu@sanjoseca.gov



On Saturday, September 22, 2012, you are invited to an inaugural event, "Taste of Berryessa." It is a celebration event co-sponsored by my office, the Berryessa Business Association, and North Valley Community Association. Restaurants will gather to showcase what Berryessa has to offer with its well-known diverse culture. Come and enjoy free food, music and live performances at the Berryessa Community Center located at 3050 Berryessa Road. The event takes place between 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. You will have the chance to win exciting raffle prizes and receive coupons from different restaurants in Berryessa to enjoy for the year. For more information, please call 408-535-4904 or email district4@sanjoseca.gov.

7th Annual Family Car Show

Bring the whole family and come to the 7th Annual Santos Family Car Show sponsored by my office in Alviso on September 1st, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Enjoy a stroll to view 500+ beautifully restored classic cars while taking pleasure in the nice bay breeze. The car show is opened to all makes, models, and years. There will be two food discount coupons for all entries valid at some of Alviso's best restaurants. You can enjoy the selection of restaurants in town and explore the Alviso Marina County Park, gateway to Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge at the same time. The 7th Annual Santos Family Car Show is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Tony A. Santos at tas48@sbcglobal.net.

SANTOS FAMILY

7TH ANNUAL

ALVISO FREE CAR SHOW

5202 NORTH FIRST STREET IN ALVISO

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THE SPONSORS LISTED BELOW:



Collector Car Insurance



SEPTEMBER 1, 2012 8:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

Berryessa Relay for Life

This year is the inaugural year of the Berryessa Relay for Life, an American Cancer Society event, that will raise funds in the fight against cancer. Relay for Life is the major fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. In the 20+ years since Relay for Life started, it has spread to all fifty states, and even other countries. Relay for Life is a 24 hour walk, where teams, individuals and survivors walk, fundraise, honor and remember loved ones touched by cancer. During Relay, there are various events and ceremonies to entertain, inspire and educate participants. The Berryessa Relay will take place Saturday, August 25, 2012 at Piedmont Hills High School.



For more information, to register a team or participant, or make a donation to the Berryessa Relay for Life, please visit www.relay.org/berryessaca. If you have any questions, please contact Jess Herrera, Senior Relay Manager, at (408) 688-0108 or email jess.herrera@cancer.org.



Neighborhood Groups

Alviso Neighborhood Group
Meets every 1st
Thursday at 6PM
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 Center
Contact: Ty Greaves
tgreaves@sbcglobal.net

River Oaks Neighborhood Association
Meets every 1st Thursday
at Premier Pizza
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.

DO YOU RECEIVE WEEKLY EMAILS FROM COUNCILMEMBER CHU?

Sign-up at www.sanjoseca.gov/district4

Highway 237 Bikeway Project Update

I am proud to share the news of the completion of the Highway 237 Bikeway project that was completed and reopened to the public on June 28, 2012.

The bikeway project was made possible by an Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program Grant (EEMP); a state grant which offers a total of \$10 million each year to qualifying local, state, and federal governmental agencies and to nonprofit organizations. The \$350,000 grant combined with City Park Trust Funds supported construction of the 0.8 mile paved trail. The project replaces a deteriorated maintenance road that was developed as a temporary construction facility as the highway was built about 15 years ago.

I have always been a strong supporter of trail development. The Highway 237 Bikeway is one of several projects now underway in District 4. The Lower Guadalupe River Trail is under construction and City staff is developing construction plans to pave the Coyote Creek Trail from Highway 237 Bikeway to Tasman Drive, and design work is proceeding on the Bay Trail Reach 9 (trail and bridge) project.

The Highway 237 Bikeway project is unique for several reasons:

- The trail showcased the first south bay installation of warm-mix asphalt. This product requires less energy to produce and creates fewer pollutants during installation.
- Trail pavement was formulated by recycling existing pavement found on site. This approach reduced waste production and hauling fees.
- Compostable storm water control measures were used to restore native grasses along the bikeway. The use of a compostable product does not require staff to revisit the site to remove traditional storm water controls, thereby saving money on maintenance.
- A lighter weight bollard was developed as part of the project and will reduce the potential for employee injuries and associated lost time and costs.

Finally, I am proud to report that the Highway 237 Bikeway is designated as part of the region's San Francisco Bay Trail and the national Juan Bautista De Anza Historic Trail. Both designations are secured for the first time along a San Jose trail.

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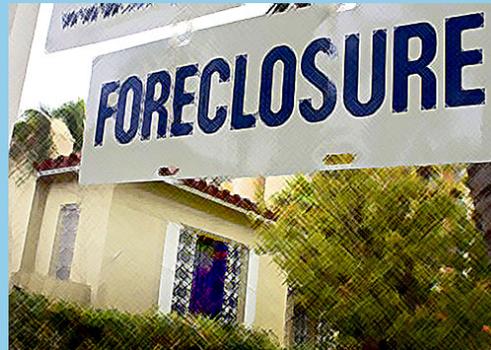
BART Silicon Valley Berryessa Extension Project Update

Construction has started for BART Silicon Valley! In late June 2012, removal began of Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) signal gate structures and tracks south of Trade Zone Boulevard where UPRR freight service is now out of commission. Demolition of several vacated buildings within the future Berryessa Station area started in July. Prior to demolition, several of the vacated buildings were made available to local police and fire departments for training exercises.

Upper Penitencia Creek will be restored ecologically to a more natural state as an environmental mitigation for the Berryessa Extension Project. During the months of May and June, tree delimiting, and some tree removal were conducted to facilitate the early stages of mitigation. In mid June, piping and pumping equipment were installed to bypass a portion of the creek, and divert water further downstream to allow for the creek's reconstruction.

To view the overview, timeline, construction updates, and other items regarding BART Silicon Valley, please visit the website at <http://www.vta.org/bart/bartsiliconvalley.html> or call (408) 934-2662.

Call for Volunteers Foreclosure Assistance Workshop



Foreclosure Assistance Workshop is a program designed to help struggling homeowners in San Jose to get efficient help and to minimize the risk of losing their houses. The mission is to help homeowners overcome language barriers, understand the documentations from banks and much more. The program is currently recruiting translators. If you can speak Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, or any other languages, please contact Frank Cancilla at fccreality@gmail.com. The kick-off event is on Thursday, September 13, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Berryessa Branch Library. Refreshment will be provided.

EVENT PHOTOS



1st Annual Korean Flag Raising Ceremony on June 25, 2012



San Jose Job Corps Town Hall Meeting on June 28, 2012.



Night Market Grand Opening on July 21, 2012.





Top 10 Constituent Concerns

There are numerous of phone calls and emails that go through my office each day. My staff and I try our best to respond to all calls and emails as quickly as possible. Often times, certain issues are more complex than others and require more time to resolve. Below are the top 10 most called in issues and important phone numbers and/or websites that will assist you through the process.

1. **Blight** - Contact Code Enforcement at (408) 535-7770 or submit a report at <https://secure.sanjoseca.gov/codeEnforcement/blightReport.htm>.
2. **Crime Prevention** - Contact the San Jose Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit at (408) 277-4133.
3. **Garbage & Recycling** - Refer to the Environmental Services Department website at <http://www.sjrecycles.org/residents/faqs.asp> or contact (408) 535-3500.
4. **Graffiti** - Contact Anti-Graffiti & Litter at 1 (866) 249-0543.
5. **Pavement** - For Existing Pavement Damage or Potholes, contact (408) 361-0172 and/or email potholes@sanjoseca.gov. For Preventive Maintenance, contact (408) 794-1986.
6. **Planning Permits** - Contact (408) 535-3555. Visit the Planning Division for more info at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/>.
7. **Street Light Repairs** - Contact (408) 794-1903, Fax (408) 287-0199, and/or send an email to street.lights@sanjoseca.gov.
8. **Street Sweeping** - For Residential Street Sweeping contact (408) 794-1900. For Arterial Sweeping and Central Business District Sweeping contact (408) 343-3102.
9. **Trees** - For tree issues along the street, call the City Arborist's Office at (408) 794-1901. For trees on private property, call Planning/Development Services at (408) 535-3555. To report problems with trees at City Parks, call Parks, Recreation, & Neighborhood Services at (408) 793-5510.
10. **Transportation** - For Major Roadways, email manuel.pineda@sanjoseca.gov. For Highway and Transit Projects email ray.salvano@sanjoseca.gov. For Bicycle/Pedestrian Programming, email john.brazil@sanjoseca.gov. For all of the above, you can also call (408) 535-3850.



COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

WEDNESDAY, August 29, 2012
6:00PM-8:00PM
Berryessa Library, Study Room C
3355 Noble Avenue

WEDNESDAY, September 19, 2012
6:00PM-8:00PM
Panera Bread
1706 Oakland Road

Dates and locations are subject to change. Please

Since I have been elected to serve you in 2007, I have held community office hours to receive feedback and provide assistance to residents. Over the past five years, I have enjoyed meeting with many of you and being able to assist you regarding City related issues and concerns. I encourage you to continue taking 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.





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

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

Graffiti Hotline

(866) 249-0543

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

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FOCUS AREAS

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

Sheila Ngo, Policy Analyst

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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

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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

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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.

AUGUST

RIVER OAKS PARK RIBBON CUTTING & RESOURCE FAIR

10:00AM-12:00PM

River Oaks Park

Between Zanker Road & Cisco Way

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

14 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR EAST SIDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT



27 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR BERRYESSA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

15 EDUCATION FORUM on GANG VIOLENCE
6:30PM-8:30PM

City Hall, Council Chambers
200 East Santa Clara Street

Pre-registration is required. Contact Kathleen Flynn to RSVP at (408) 861-5323.

25 BERRYESSA RELAY FOR LIFE

10:00AM

Piedmont Hills High School

1377 Piedmont Road

Contact Jess Herrera, Sr. Relay Manager at (408) 688-0108 or jess.herrera@cancer.org.

29 COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

6:00PM-8:00PM

Berryessa Library, Room C
3355 Noble Avenue

Call (408) 535-4904 to schedule a 15 minute appointment.

1 7TH ANNUAL SANTOS FAMILY CAR SHOW

8:00AM-3:00PM

SEPTEMBER

5202 North 1st Street in Alviso

Contact Tony A. Santos at tas48@sbcglobal.net for more information.

3 LABOR DAY
City Hall Closed



6 ALVISO NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP MEETING

6:00PM-8:00PM

South Bay Yacht Club

1491 Hope Street, Alviso

Contact ANG President, Betty Brown at betty@maileater.net for more information.

6 RIVER OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

7:00PM-8:00PM

Premier Pizza

670 River Oaks Parkway

Contact RONA President, Jean Marlowe at Marlowe@ro-na.org for more information.

13 FORECLOSURE ASSISTANCE WORKSHOP
5:00PM-8:00PM

Berryessa Branch Library
3355 Noble Avenue

Contact Frank Cancilla at for more information.

14 DISTRICT 4 RESOURCE FAIR & MOVIE NIGHT
6:00PM-10:00PM

Berryessa Community Center
3050 Berryessa Road

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

22 TASTE of BERRYESSA
12:00PM-3:00PM

Berryessa Community Center
3050 Berryessa Road

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

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



Councilmembers Chu & Kalra and Daisy Chu at the Fit Expo San Jose World Combat Series on July 15, 2012.



Councilmember Chu joins Judge Carrie Zepeda with donated books for juvenile hall on July 23, 2012.



Councilmember Chu speaks at the Community Crime Prevention Meeting on July 26, 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

Positive Alternative Recreation Teambuilding Impact Youth Summer Leadership Program

PARTI Program serves youth through our community program and also provides summer leadership classes. The mission of PARTI Program is to promote education around healthy lifestyles and healthy decision making. For more information: **(408) 561-4664**

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

