



Dear Community Member,

On Arbor Day, April 27th, I had the pleasure to participate in the dedication of a large grove of magnificent oak trees in Jeffrey Fontana Park. These trees were designated to be Heritage Oaks by the City of San Jose in August 2011 and after much effort by the Martin Fontana Parks Association and the TJ Martin Neighborhood Association the Heritage Grove was dedicated to the community.

Standing in Heritage Grove on this joyous occasion made me once again appreciate how much I have enjoyed being a part of the District 10 journey. The TJ Martin and Jeffrey Fontana Parks and these communities have changed so much since I took office seven years ago.

As many of you know, the unique location of the TJ Martin and Jeffrey Fontana Parks under PG&E high-voltage transmission lines causes complications with some trees growing tall enough to interfere with the power lines. In 2010 this very complication arose when PG&E announced they planned to cut down over 100 trees throughout the Parks for safety. The community was shocked and understandingly upset. There were several heated community meetings and hundreds of emails and phone calls to my office requesting we get involved. I was of course eager to help but the situation was particularly difficult since PG&E owns the land but leases it to the City for use as the Parks.

It took time but through coordinated efforts from my office a collaborative agreement was established with many partners including PG&E, City of San Jose Parks Department and Arborist's Office, Our City Forest and the San Jose Parks Foundation. Together we were able to save the vast majority of the trees.

I am so impressed with all that these organizations have accomplished. The commitment to these parks and to this neighborhood is very evident. Countless hours have been devoted towards park restoration, planting native plants and replacing trees. I have no doubt that these relationships will continue to benefit all those involved, including residents in our fair district.

All the best,

Nancy Pyle  
District 10 Councilmember



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### San Jose's New Social Host Ordinance Passed Unanimously

Prom and graduation season is an important time for parents to speak to their teenagers about the dangers of illegal drinking. It is well known that

anyone under 21 who drinks alcohol in California can be charged criminally as can anyone who supplies alcohol to a person under the age of 21. Starting June 22nd adults will be held accountable for underage drinking on private property.

I proposed San Jose create a Social Host Ordinance in November 2010 after a series of tragic local underage drinking and driving accidents. It has taken a long time to get community input (18 months) but San Jose's Social Host Ordinance passed unanimously at the May 15 City Council Meeting. This Ordinance imposes administrative fines and charges for public safety response costs for violations. Recalcitrant parents and other responsible persons who repeatedly allow underage drinking parties on their property face large fines in addition to being responsible for cost recovery for each public safety response. Read more about the ordinance [online](#).

Eight other cities and towns in Santa Clara County (Gilroy, Los Altos, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Palo Alto, Santa Clara and Saratoga) currently have their own Social Host Ordinances but San Jose now represents the largest City to have such an ordinance.

The safety of our children is paramount. It is time that we hold adults that provide alcohol and host underage drinking parties responsible. I am so relieved that we are finally doing everything we can to try and keep our youth safe.

### Youth Commission Vacancy

District 10 Youth Commissioner Layla Forooghi, will be completing her term as a Youth Commissioner in June. As such, District 10 is looking for a hardworking teen to take up the rewarding position. Youth Commissioners are involved with policy recommendations concerning youth. They support the development of youth who desire to serve their community through active civic participation and constructive decision-making. A City of San Jose Youth Commissioner must be punctual, organized, and have the ability to maintain good time management skills. Commissioners need to commit approximately 15 hours per month to attend commission meetings and other miscellaneous commission business. Applicants must be at least 14 years old and no more than 20 years old at the time of their appointment and must attend school or be a resident of the district he/she represents. All applicants must complete a Youth Commission application and submit it to the City Clerk's office by Friday, June 8th. My office will select the winner after careful consideration of all candidates. Click here for the Youth Commission Application:

[www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/forms/youthappl.pdf](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/forms/youthappl.pdf).

### Bringing together San Jose Leaders, Entrepreneurs and Innovators

The Second Annual Summit on Entrepreneurship and Innovation is an event that will bring together city leaders, entrepreneurs and investors to discuss the past, present and future of Silicon Valley's continued leadership in this game changing sector. The summit will feature workshops that assert Silicon Valley's strengths, how startups and emerging companies can use local resources to further their aims. An informative debate with a panel will address current policies that are in line with innovation challenges, elaborate on potential pitfalls, educate participants, and provide information on available programs. The one-day event is scheduled for 8:00am – 1:30pm Friday, May 18, at the San Jose City Hall Rotunda, 200 East Santa Street. 150 to 200 entrepreneurs from around the world are expected to attend the summit. For more information [click here](#).

### Falcon Naming Contest



City Commissioners with Councilmember Pyle at the 2012 recognition event



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The San Jose Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc pictured here with Councilmember Pyle and Mayor Reed after receiving a commendation for their continuing commitment to improve the quality of life for all children in San Jose.

Nearly 1,250 falcon fans from around the world voted in this year's Falcon Naming Contest to select names for the four City Hall falcon eyasses. Through the voting the four names selected are:

- Hope (female name) – submitted by Lucy, 4th Grader at Ben Painter Elementary School
- Horácio (male name) – submitted by Mrs. Monica's 3rd Grade Class at Horace Mann School
- Thunder (male name) – submitted by Jet, 5th Grader at Ben Painter Elementary School
- Cobalt (male name) – submitted by Gary, 5th Grader at Ben Painter Elementary School

In addition to having the honor of naming the falcon chicks, the students who submitted the winning names will receive: a commendation from Mayor Reed at a future City Council meeting, passes to Happy Hollow Park & Zoo, and a school assembly featuring Glenn Stewart of the UC Santa Cruz Predatory Bird Research Group. Congratulations to this year's winners, and thanks again to all of the participants in the 2012 Falcon Naming Contest and to all who voted! For more information on San Jose's Falcons [click here](#).

### **PRNS Summer Camps - Sign-Up Today!**

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services wants to give your child a fun-filled summer camp they will never forget. Camp San José offers dozens of traditional summer camps, along with Specialty Camps focused on sports, cooking, theater arts, science, drawing and digital media. Camp San José also offers payment plans. Reserve your space today for as low as \$50.00. To register, stop by a community center near you during office hours or visit [www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/register](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/register).

### **Bascom Community Center**

City Officials have looked into the City Manager's Proposed Budget for FY 2012-13 to see if they have enough funding to open Bascom Community Center prior to July 1. With projected finances from the Proposed Budget, the center is expected to open on June 18th. Bascom Community Center will conduct business hours on Monday, 5:00pm - 9:00pm; Tuesday - Thursday, 2:00pm - 9:00pm; Friday, 2:00pm -7:00pm; and Saturday, 9:00am - 4:00pm. Summer camps and some classes and programs may operate outside these business hours. For more information [click here](#).

### **Leslye Corsiglia Receives the California Housing Consortium Hall of Fame Award**

Director of Housing Leslye Corsiglia was awarded the California Housing Consortium's Hall of Fame Award for the Public Sector category. This award honors the heroes for their affordable housing efforts, and who have made a profound impact in the housing sector. To be inducted into the Housing Hall of Fame, an individual or organization must demonstrate a seminal or substantial contribution toward advancing the cause of affordable housing in California. The award will be presented at the California Housing Consortium Forum and Housing Hall of Fame in Santa Monica on May 24.

### **Summer Reading Celebration 2012**

The San José Public Library kicks off its annual Summer Reading



Councilmember Pyle with 2012 American Idol contestant DeAndre Brackensick. As a resident of San Jose, DeAndre was given a Commendation on April 5 by the City Council.



Clara, the City Hall Falcon since 2007, is a proud parent of four this year.

**Arts Calendar –**  
*fun things to do around town!*

Celebration on Friday, June 1, at all 19 locations. This year's reading celebration features over 100 events for all ages that include live performances, activities and programs. Signing up for the reading celebration is quick, easy, free and rewarding. Books read or listened to from June 1 through July 31 will count toward program prizes. This year, all are invited to the library's first ever system wide kickoff celebration at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library on Sunday, June 3 from 1:00 – 4:00pm. The kickoff event invites people of all ages to participate in a scavenger hunt inside the King Library and will also feature a community resource fair and plenty of live entertainment. For more information [click here](#).

### **Absentee/Vote-By-Mail Ballot Box Now Located in City Clerk's Office**

As a convenience to City employees and our community, the Office of the City Clerk has arranged with the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters to accept vote-by-mail or absentee ballots for the June 5, 2012 Primary Election. Any voter in Santa Clara County may deposit their ballot in the collection box in the Office of the City Clerk, located in City Hall Wing, 2nd Floor. Ballots will be accepted through Tuesday, June 5, and the Office of the City Clerk is open daily from 8:00am to 5:00pm. Other ballot drop-off locations throughout Santa Clara County can be found on the Registrar's [website](#).

### **SJC Received Financial Reporting Award**

Mineta San Jose International Airport (SJC) has received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). This is the 14th year that SJC was the recipient of the award. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. Congratulations, Mineta San Jose International Airport!

### **Southwest SJC Station Receives Top Company Honors**

The Southwest Airlines Station at Mineta San Jose International Airport (SJC) recently won all of the top honors awarded by the airline. The local station was named Operations Station of the Year, Provisioning Station of the Year, and Cargo Station of the Year. Congratulations Southwest!

### **The Flame Challenge Los Alamitos 5th Graders Chosen to Judge Scientists' Entries in Worldwide Contest**

Alan Alda, visiting professor at Stony Brook University, launched the Flame challenge asking scientists around the world to explain a flame in a scientifically correct fashion that can be understood by 11 year-old students. Los Alamitos Elementary School is 1 of 130 schools selected worldwide to enter the judging contest. With over 800 entries submitted, Alan narrowed it down to the best 10 and presented them to the judges on April 20, 23, & 24. On May 9, a nation wide video assembly was held to announce the top five scientists in the Flame Challenge. The winner will be announced at the World Science Festival in New York City in June 2nd. For more information visit [www.flamechallenge.org/](http://www.flamechallenge.org/).

### **"Let's Have Lunch...with more choices!"**

Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) is pleased to announce more lunch options for participants of San Jose's popular Senior Nutrition Program. Based on feedback received from the lunch program's members, the City's current vendor, Bateman Senior Meals, will now provide additional lunch choices to all Senior Nutrition Program sites. In order to manage the variety, seniors must call in their reservation 48 hours in advance. If you would like to eat lunch at Almaden Community Center



**San Jose Earthquakes vs. Columbus Crew**  
Saturday May 19  
Buck Shaw Stadium  
[Click here for details](#)



**Spring Concert- San Jose Youth Chamber Orchestra**  
Monday, May 21  
Le Petit Trianon  
[Click here for details](#)



**United Nations Comedy**  
Wednesday, May 23  
Improv Comedy Club  
[Click here for details](#)



**MAY 24 2012**

**Sake San Jose**  
Thursday, May 24  
Japan Town  
[Click here for details](#)

call 408-268-1133. To find other City of San Jose Senior Nutrition Sites visit [www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/).

### **Trail Construction signs: Saving Money and Material**

Public Works and Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services have been critically assessing how Public Projects get delivered for opportunities to save money, time, and energy. The projects typically include a construction sign to inform the public about a project's scope, cost, funding source, point of contact, and other information. The first deployment of a new construction sign has occurred with the Highway 237 Bikeway project which is currently now underway. The new sign is 66% smaller than prior signs but still provides all of the same data. The smaller form saves money, reduces use of material and offers less "canvas" for possible graffiti vandalism.

### **Work2future Commissioned Contract Manufacturing Study**

The Office of Economic Development and work2future recently commissioned a Contract Manufacturing Study, and one result of this study was that contract manufacturing firms in Santa Clara County will see 20% employment growth this year. Santa Clara County has over 90 contract manufacturing firms that employ approximately 7,600 workers, which is about 5% of all manufacturing employment in the county. In addition, more than 40 product design services firms are in Santa Clara County.

### **San Jose Rangers Elected to the Board of the Park Rangers Association of California**

For the first time, two San Jose Park Rangers have been simultaneously selected by their peers to serve on the Board of Directors for the Park Rangers Association of California. Park Ranger Mike Peasland was elected to represent Region 2, comprised of San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Monterey, and San Benito Counties; and Park Ranger Pam Helmke was elected as President of the Association. We wish both Pam and Mike success on this new endeavor.

### **InnoSpring: Connecting the U.S. and China**

InnoSpring is Silicon Valley's first US-China technology start-up incubator. Its focus is on encouraging American and Chinese start-ups to expand beyond their home countries. InnoSpring provides a nurturing startup ecosystem with a wide variety of services and support for startups, including: funding, mentoring, workshops, in-house resources (accounting/bookkeeping, paralegal etc), access to venture capitalists and angel investors, physical space, and referrals to professional services for U.S. and Chinese startups interested in cross-border development. For more information visit <http://innospring.net/>.

### **Two Major Headquarters Move to San Jose**

This summer, two large Cooperations, Polycom and Flextronics, will move into the America Center located in San Jose. Polycom is the global leader in standards-based unified communications (UC) solutions for telepresence, video, and voice. More than 400,000 organizations use Polycom solutions to collaborate and meet face-to-face from any location for more productive and effective engagement with colleagues, partners, customers, specialists, and prospects. Flextronics is an electronics manufacturing services provider that offers services to Original Equipment Manufactures (OEM). Flextronics



[Downtown San Jose Farmer's Market](#)  
Now - Nov 16 Every Friday, from 10am-2pm  
San Pedro Street between Santa Clara and St. John streets.  
[Click here for details](#)



[San Jose SaberCats Vs Chicago Rush](#)  
Saturday, May 26  
HP Pavilion  
[Click here for details](#)



[Wild West Weekend](#)  
May 26- May 28  
Winchester Mystery House  
[Click here for details](#)

provides supporting supply chain services, including packaging and transportation throughout the world, as well as design and after-sales.

### **LSI Takes San Jose Offices in Expansion That Will Shift 850 Workers**

LSI has bought two buildings in Ridder Park and will be shifting its head offices and other units to the new campus, which could accommodate at least 1,100 employees. LSI designs semiconductors and software that accelerate storage and networking in datacenters and mobile networks. Greg Thomas, a spokesman for LSI explains that the reason for the move was to have all of their employees in a single facility. Thomas also added that the San Jose campus will allow their company to expand and add employees when the company grows larger. LSI expects the new offices to be opened early next year. For the full article [click here](#).

### **Council Meetings:**

Tuesday, May 22; 1:30pm

Tuesday, May 29—no meeting

Tuesday, June 5; 1:30pm

Tuesday, June 12; 1:30pm

City Hall, 200 E Santa Clara Street, City Council Chambers

[www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/agenda.asp](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/agenda.asp)

### **Community Calendar:**

#### **River Clean Up Day**

Saturday, May 19; 9:00am-Noon

[www.cleanacreek.org/upcomingcleanupevents\\_NRC12.asp](http://www.cleanacreek.org/upcomingcleanupevents_NRC12.asp)

#### **Playa Del Rey Community Meeting**

Saturday, May 19

Location: Houses surrounding Playa Del Rey Park

#### **Early Care and Education Commission Meeting**

Monday, May 21; 7:00pm-9:00pm

MLK Library

[www.sjpl.org/ecec](http://www.sjpl.org/ecec)

#### **Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association Meeting**

Thursday, May 24; 6:30pm-8:30pm

Location: TBD

[www.stfna.org/](http://www.stfna.org/)

#### **Memorial Day Holiday**

Monday, May 28

#### **VEP Community Meeting**

Tuesday, May 29; 7:30pm

Vista Park Community Room,

[www.vepca.net/](http://www.vepca.net/)

#### **No More Babies' Momma/Daddy Drama!**

Wednesday, May 30; 6:30pm-8:30pm

San Jose City Hall; Wing Rooms 118-120

Pastor Linda Lara is welcoming everyone to join her as she talks about Teen Pregnancy "The Good, the Bad, the Ugly". Underground parking is available at San Jose City Hall. For more information and to RSVP call 408-861-5323.

#### **South First Friday**

Friday, June 1; 7:00pm

South First Street between San Carlos and E. Reed streets

[www.southfirstfridays.com/](http://www.southfirstfridays.com/)



#### **Mary Poppins**

May 29 – June 10

San Jose Center of  
Performing Arts

[Click here for details](#)



#### **Chef Martin Yan Can Cook**

Wednesday, June 6

Santa Teresa Branch  
Library

[Click here for details](#)

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**Almaden Senior Association Meeting**

Wednesday, June 6; 9:45am  
Almaden Community Center, 6445 Camden Avenue  
[www.almadenseniors.org/](http://www.almadenseniors.org/)

**Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting**

Wednesday, June 6; 5:30pm  
San Jose City Hall, 200 E Santa Clara Street, Room W120  
[www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/sjcommissions/parks/default.asp](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/sjcommissions/parks/default.asp)

**Almaden Valley Community Association Meeting**

Monday, June 11; 7:00pm-9:00pm  
Almaden Community Center, 6445 Camden Avenue  
[www.avca-sj.org/](http://www.avca-sj.org/)

**District 10 Youth Advisory Council Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday, June 13; 6:00pm  
Almaden Community Center, 6445 Camden Avenue

**Quote**

“Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds.”

—Albert Einstein

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