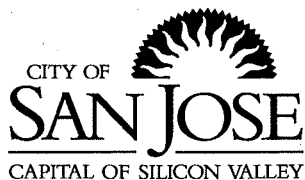


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## Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR &  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Debra Figone

**SUBJECT:** City Manager's Weekly Report

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### INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

**Network Maintenance Update** —On January 16 at 6:00 p.m., network maintenance will begin and continue until Saturday, January 17 at 6:00 p.m. Data and phone network systems at City Hall tower floors will be affected for brief periods of time as Information Technology (IT) staff works floor by floor. During this maintenance period, it is recommended that staff *do not* access the network and VoIP phones at City Hall. Network access to applications like Voice Mail and E-mail from home *will not be affected*. Staff will be updating network switch connections to improve reliability and performance. For more information, contact Stever Ferguson at 535-3560.

**Airport Passenger Activity Falls by 1 million in 2008** —Airline capacity reductions throughout the nation, and the deep economic recession, has contributed to reducing Airport passenger traffic from 10.7 million in 2007 to 9.7 million in 2008, a drop of 8.8%. December 2008 traffic fell 14% to 699,000, compared to 813,000 in December 2007, continuing the year-over-year declines for the past 15 consecutive months. Airport traffic has not been under 700,000 passengers since February, 1995. SJC and Airports in California overall, show average capacity down 11% in January compared to a year ago. According to recent data, in November 2008, Oakland International capacity and traffic is down approximately 30%, while international traffic at San Francisco International was down 13%. This steep decline in passenger activity has also caused Airport revenues to decline, causing the Airport to eliminate 45 vacant positions in the Mid-Year Budget revisions next month. Additionally, immediate steps to severely curtail expenditures in all operating and capital programs are underway in an effort to balance the budget in the face of projected shortfalls of at least \$35 million in each of the next two fiscal years. For more information, contact Bill Sherry at 501-7600.

**Lake Cunningham Skate Park to be Featured on Travel Channel** —Lake Cunningham Skate Park, California's largest skate park, will be featured on the Travel Channel's Extreme program expected to air in March 2009. The Skate Park will be included in a feature on extreme fun and will include local skaters. Lake Cunningham was chosen for its challenging course and unique design. The 68,000-square-foot facility is home to the world's largest and longest *full-pipe*, the largest *cradle* in America, and the world's tallest *vert* wall. The Skate Park, which opened in April 2008, was designed by world class skate park designer, Zach Wormhoudt and has hosted skating legend Tony Hawk and others. Lake Cunningham has become a major draw for skateboard enthusiasts from around the world. For more information, contact Viet Nguyen at 794-7576.

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***Closure of the San José HCD Office*** —Effective Tuesday, March 31, the State Department of Housing and Community Development Office at 100 Paseo de San Antonio will close permanently. This office currently assists San José residents who own a mobilehome with changes or updates to property title due to a new sale, transfer or improvements to mobilehomes. This closure will impact 58 mobilehome parks which include over 10,600 spaces — a significant impact to the mobilehome community. Residents living in San José will now need to visit the closest offices outside of the City which are located in Sacramento and San Luis Obispo. For more information, contact Leslye Krutko at 535-3851.

***Healthy Neighborhood Venture Fund Receives Over a Hundred RFPs*** —On January 12, the Healthy Neighborhood Venture Fund (HNVF) request for proposal period closed with the receipt of 117 applications totaling \$11.9 million in requests. An estimated \$3.5 million will be available for allocation through the competitive process. Of these applications, 84 applications were received in the Youth Category totaling \$8.7 million, and 33 applications were received in the Senior Category totaling \$3.2 million. After review and evaluation, funding recommendations will be presented to the HNVF Leadership Committee for approval on Thursday, March 19. Staff anticipates including the Leadership Committee's recommendations in the May 1 2009-2010 Proposed Operating Budget. For more information, contact Jay Castellano at 535-3571.

***Robotics Tournament Takes on Climate Change Issues*** —On December 13, the "FIRST LEGO LEAGUE" (FLL) Tournament was held at Camden Community Center attracting approximately 200 participants and more than 500 spectators. Students age 9 – 14 representing schools and organizations from San José, Campbell, Los Gatos, Saratoga, Mountain View and Livermore participated in the contest. The 37 teams competed in areas such as robot design and project presentation. Each team identified a climate issue, analyzed climate data and locate a community with a similar issue. The teams were then required to develop a solution to the problem with research support. Two teams who practice at Camden's Lego Robotics Lab were recognized to go to the State Championships. For more information, contact Dan Wax at 535-3572.

***Municipal Rose Garden Volunteer Event*** —On January 10, over 250 volunteers participated in the annual pruning of the Municipal Rose Garden by pruning 2700 rose bushes. Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) staff, in collaboration with the Friends of the San José Rose Garden, provided training and demonstrations on proper rose pruning techniques. This successful pruning event is part of the ongoing efforts between PRNS and the Friends of the San José Rose Garden to produce healthy, vibrant roses at the Municipal Rose Garden. The next volunteer event will occur on Saturday May 2, and will include a ceremony to acknowledge the hard work of the staff and volunteers, and to celebrate the park's ascension from its probationary status as a All American Rose Selection Demonstration Garden to an All American Rose Selection Test Garden. For more information, contact Jeff Gomez at 277-5985.

***Check Before You Burn*** —The City's Environmental Services website [www.sanjoseca.gov/esd/](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/esd/) is now an available resource for the community to go to for real-time updates on *Winter Spare the Air Alerts*. It is currently illegal to burn wood when a *Winter Spare the Air Alert* is in effect from noon of that day until noon of the following day. Violators receive a warning for their first violation, followed by fines upwards of \$1,000 dollars. For more information on wood-burning and Regulation 6, Rule 3, visit the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD)

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website at [www.baaqmd.gov/enf/woodsmoke/woodsmoke\\_portal.htm](http://www.baaqmd.gov/enf/woodsmoke/woodsmoke_portal.htm). For more information on this or City energy programs, contact Mary Tucker at 975-2581.

***Nortel Bankruptcy*** —On January 14, Nortel Networks filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in an effort to reorganize its business. IT staff is monitoring the situation to determine if any changes are required in the City's long term technology strategy. Initial analysis from industry sources are reporting that the filing by Nortel is focused on restructuring the company's debt and to facilitate their efforts to sell unprofitable lines of business. The services that the City purchases from Nortel are considered part of their core business operations and are expected continue without interruption. IT staff met with Nortel on January 16, to discuss current contracts and information on the Nortel's actions. Specific information regarding impacts to the City will be provided as it develops. At this time, staff does not expect any changes in service and support from Nortel.

***Appointment of Executive Director of Destination: Home*** —On January 2, Carol Lamont began her term as the first Executive Director of Destination: Home, a countywide effort to end chronic homelessness. For the last 30 years, Ms. Lamont has been spearheading efforts in the public, private, and philanthropic arena to address the issues that create poverty and homelessness. In her role as Executive Director, Ms. Lamont will be charged with holding the many disparate parts of the Destination: Home effort together; reaching out to potential partners including hospitals, correctional facilities, and jurisdictions throughout the county; seeking new funding; and leading a public education campaign. The Executive Director position has been funded for 18 months through the Housing Department's Housing Trust Fund. For more information, contact Leslye Krutko at 535-3851.

***Silver Leaf Coalition Plays Santa to Needy Children*** —With a shortage of toys anticipated from community agencies three weeks before Christmas, the Silver Leaf Coalition sprang into action. Residents and staff with the Strong Neighborhoods Initiative (SNI) Pilot Area in South San José contacted owners of local stores and businesses who allowed them place bins for toy collection at various sites. A total of 450 toys were collected from Longs Drug Store, Wal-Mart, Jamba Juice, Starbucks, Lucky's Supermarket, Branham Family Dentistry, Washington Mutual Bank, and the Rainbow Learning Tree store. Santa Claus then gave out the gifts at a December 19 celebration attended by 350 people at the Village of the Four Seasons Mobile Home Park.

**Upcoming Meetings & Events**

***Planning Division Community Meetings*** – Due to the volume of community meetings conducted by the Planning Division, please visit <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/calendar/> to view upcoming meetings and events.

***Bike Plan Update Workshops*** – Tuesday, January 20, 2009, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Southside Community Center, Rooms 8-9 5585 Cottle Road, San Jose. For more information contact John Brazil at 975-3206 or [john.brazil@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:john.brazil@sanjoseca.gov).

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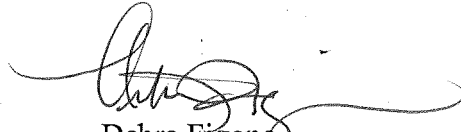
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***Third Annual Neighborhood Association and Youth Commission Priority Setting Session*** – Saturday, January 24, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. City Hall Wing Rooms 118-120, 200 E. Santa Clara, San Jose, CA 95112. For more information, contact Nadine Nader at 535-8104 or [nadine.nader@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:nadine.nader@sanjoseca.gov).

***Mayfair Community Center Grand Opening*** – Saturday, January 31, 2009. 2039 Kammerer Ave, San Jose, CA 95116. For more information, contact Ed Solis at 251-5757 or [ed.solis@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:ed.solis@sanjoseca.gov).

***2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Youth Commission 'Beat the Statistics' Youth Conference*** – Friday, February 27, 2009, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. City Hall Rotunda, 200 E. Santa Clara, San Jose, CA 95112. For more information, contact Betty Montoya at 793-5559 or [bettymontoya@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:bettymontoya@sanjoseca.gov)



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