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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
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FROM: Debra Figone

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INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

State Budget Update —This week, the Governor proposed additional cuts and reductions in his May Revise Budget. Staff is analyzing the potential impacts to the City, a detailed information memo is in development and will be released as soon as possible.

City-wide Career Mentoring Program —On May 21, the City's first Career Mentoring Program was initiated for employees facing layoffs or employment transitions. Twenty-four employees were matched with another volunteer employee who will serve as a trusted and caring advisor during this challenging time. The first session included coaching and expertise advice in the areas of interviewing skills, resume writing, and job searching. Work2Future staff gave an outstanding presentation highlighting the available resources for these employees. Mentoring partners will meet one to three times a month from May-August 2009. Other networking and resource-sharing sessions will also be offered to assist these employees. For information, contact Cathy Morrey at 975-1449.

San José Trail Network Designated National Recreation Trail – Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar designated three connecting trails from San José's Trail Network as National Recreation Trails—the only system in the state to received the honor in this appointment. The Guadalupe River Trail, the Highway 237 Bikeway, and the Coyote Creek Trail North were selected for the 16.4 miles of recreation opportunity they provide in San José. Secretary Salazar designated 22 trails in 13 states as newly recognized National Recreation Trails, adding more than 525 miles of trails to the National Trails System. Each of the new trails will receive a certificate of designation and NRT trail markers joining a network of more than 1,050 previously designated trails (five in California) that total more than 12,500 miles. This announcement coincides with the 17th annual celebration of National Trails Day on Saturday, June 6, 2009. San José's Trail Network not only serves as a recreation source but serves as a crucial part of the city's commuter infrastructure. To date the Trail System has reached 54 miles of the Green Vision Goal of 100 mile of interconnected trail. For more information on National Recreation Trails and National Trails Day visit www.americantrails.org/nationalrecreationtrails. For more information on the City's Trail Network, visit sjparks.org/Trails or call Yves Zsutty at 793-5561.

San José Named One of the Nation's Fittest Cities —San José was named 13th on the list of America's Fittest Cities in the second annual American Fitness Index produced by the American College of Sports Medicine. San José was selected for the lower percentage of diabetes and cardiovascular disease-related deaths among residents. Notably, the study documented a higher percentage of residents bicycling or walking to work, finding 58% of trail users along the Guadalupe River Trail commute to and from work.

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Litter Eradicated From Waterways on National River Cleanup Day —On May 16, residents helped to preserve the City's waterways by participating in the annual National River Cleanup Day. Hosted at 30 locations throughout Santa Clara County, 967 volunteers cleaned 46 miles of creeks and rivers and removed 27,835 pounds of garbage and 22,623 pounds of recyclables. The Creek Connections Action Group, who planned and sponsored the event, is a collaborative effort between the City of San José, City of Palo Alto, City of Cupertino, Santa Clara Valley Water District, Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation and the West Valley Clean Water program.

STAND and SSCI Staff Present to Defense Investigators at State Conference —On May 21, staff from the STAND (Striving Towards Achievement with New Direction) and the SSCI (Safe School Campus Initiative) presented information regarding California gang culture and gang cyber-bullying, at the Defense Investigators Association's spring 2009 seminar. The event, titled "Investigation Through the Kaleidoscope," was held to provide investigators with information and tools they can use to improve their interaction with adolescents, increase the value of their investigative product, and boost their awareness of cultural and socio-economic factors affecting the diverse populations in their jurisdiction.

Wastewater Plant Industrial Customers Attend Annual Training —On May 13, the Environmental Services Department (ESD) held its annual *Industrial User's Academy* for the permitted industrial waste dischargers at the San José/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant (the Plant). The workshop was attended by fifty industrial discharger representatives and new City staff members. The training provides information about the Plant's Source Control Program, applicable federal and local industrial pretreatment regulations, permit processes, water conservation opportunities and requirements for sampling, inspections, reporting, surveillance and enforcement. For more information, contact John Mukhar at 277-5696.

Third Grade Students Learn to Protect the Watershed —On May 20, approximately 300 third grade students participated in the 6th *Annual Water Wizards Festival* held at Guadalupe River Park and Gardens. The Festival, is a day of educational activities designed to increase awareness of the importance of water and promoting stewardship of this resource. ESD partnered with the Friends of Guadalupe River Park and Gardens to lead hands-on activities that demonstrated to students the individual impacts they can have on the watershed, and what they can do to prevent pollution.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

A Plastic Ocean—The Hidden Costs of Plastics —Tuesday, June 2, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, rooms 225 - 229, 150 E. San Fernando St., San José. Free presentation about the dangers associated with disposable plastics. For information, contact Erica Schroeder at 277-5353.

CommUnity Resource Fair —Sunday, June 7, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. History Park/ Kelly Park, 1300 Senter Road, San José. Contact Khoa Nguyen at 535-4813 for more information

Wonders of Our Water Works Bus Tours —First and third Saturdays, May-October, 9:00-11:00 a.m., and 1:00-3:00 p.m. (exceptions for the month of July). Group tours also available first and third Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. For information, call 975-2556 or visit <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/esd/plantmasterplan/tour-reservations.asp>


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