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INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Green Mobility Sidewalk Project—On June 11, Public Works began construction on the *Green Mobility Sidewalk Project*, at a site across the street from the City Hall Rotunda. Developed in partnership with the Redevelopment Agency and Department of Transportation, this project will install green materials and the infrastructure necessary to support a number of energy efficient technologies such as LED streetlights, electric vehicle charging stations, smart parking meters and a solar cooling station. A key element of this project is the piloting of a “green” concrete mix that replaces 70% of the cement of a standard mix with recycled materials such as blast furnace slag and fly ash. Cement production is energy intensive and is a significant producer of carbon dioxide. This new mix design will save 390 pounds of cement per cubic yard compared to a conventional mix, thus avoiding about 390 pounds of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions. Additionally, the “green” mix will be a cost neutral alternative as its cost are the same as conventional concrete. This concrete mix is intended to become the City’s new standard for curb, gutter, sidewalk and curb ramp construction, saving thousands of tons of CO₂ emissions annually. For more information, contact Timm Borden at 535-8449.

San José Summer Reading Celebration Goes Green—On Saturday, June 13, the Library’s eight-week Summer Reading Program begins. Participants can enroll online through a new web-based program which will allow users to track their reading progress from any place with Internet access. With a broad selection of eBook and eAudiobook downloads, and no paper logs to keep track of, participation is hassle-free. In addition, the hosted web-based system offers the added benefit of improved statistical information to accurately reflect participation and achieve significant savings in administrative staff time spent on the program. Participants who complete the program will receive a free book and discount pizza coupon. To register online for the Summer Reading Program, visit SJLibrary.org/src.htm. For more information, contact your neighborhood library or King Library Youth Services at (408) 808-2183.

2009 Wastewater Treatment Plant Tour Season Begins—On June 6, more than 40 community members toured the Water Pollution Control Plant. Tour participants learned about facility operations, the relevance of the Plant Master Plan and provided input to shape the direction of the Master Plan’s land use component. Last year, more than 3,800 people attended a Plant tour. This year, Plant tours take place the first and third weeks of the month on Thursday mornings, 10:00 a.m. to noon, and Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. To book a tour or for more information on the Plant Master Plan, call Bruce Frisbey at 975-2542 or visit the project Web site at: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/esd/plantmasterplan/tour-reservations.asp>.

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Dental Workshop Provides Latest Information on Best Practices— On June 5, approximately 75 dentists attended a *Dental Amalgam Program* workshop to learn how to obtain a wastewater discharge permit, installing amalgam separators, and following designated best management practices. The workshop also featured a vendor fair which included six amalgam separator companies, one amalgam waste hauler, the County Green Business Program and Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators Program which displayed their products and educated attendees about their services. This workshop was hosted by the Environmental Services Department (ESD) and held at the City of Milpitas Community Center for dentists in the Water Pollution Control Plant service area. A second Dental Amalgam Program workshop is scheduled for Thursday, June 25, at the Camden Community Center. For more information, contact Sharon Newton at 277-5695.

Promoting Reusable Bags and Water Recycling Program —On June 7, ESD distributed over 1,600 reusable bags, 600 recycling guides and other resource information to promote recycling and reducing waste and litter, at the CommUnity Resource Fair. In a second ESD booth, over 1,200 adults and children participated in an interactive hands-on activity sponsored by South Bay Water Recycling, which helped to increase public awareness about recycled water and how it is used throughout the community. More than 8,000 San José residents attended the *CommUnity Resource Fair* at History Park in San José. For more information, contact Arleen Arimura at 975-2557.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Educational Park Branch Library Marks Closing Day with a Groundbreaking —Saturday, June 20, at 10 a.m., 1770 Educational Park Drive. For more information, call (408) 535-8450.

Philippine Independence Day Flag Raising Ceremony —Friday, June 12, 2009, 12:00 to 12:30 p.m. San José City Hall Plaza. For information, contact Council District 4 at 535-4904.

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