

**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:

***Potential Curfew Incursions by Military Charter Flights at Airport*** —Over the next several weeks, the Airport expects a higher than usual amount of military charter activity. Although most of these flights are expected to take place during the Airport's normal operating hours, staff also anticipates a handful of military charter operations to occur during restricted curfew hours. Although military flights are exempt from San José curfew requirements, staff is working with the appropriate military organizations and commercial charter operators to encourage them to make changes in their schedules that would minimize late night/early morning departures. For more information, contact Bill Sherry at 501-7600.

***Airport South Apron Funding Update*** —Airport staff has determined that it can build the South Apron Reconstruction Phase I project without the \$6 million available from the federal stimulus program. Current cost estimates for the project, based on 100% design and the very favorable bidding environment, are expected to deliver the South Apron reconstruction within federal Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funding that has already been identified. In addition, by not using stimulus funding, the Airport can avoid complex construction phasing that could add significantly to the project cost, cause serious difficulties for customer service, and increase the risks involved in meeting tight schedule requirements. The Airport will continue to work with the Federal Aviation Administration to seek stimulus funding for the extension of the Westside taxiway ("Taxiway Whiskey"), and it will move forward with bidding this project to meet current stimulus timelines for grant offers in June, 2009. Although the Westside taxiway project was not initially programmed for stimulus funding, it remains a high-priority project for both the airport and the FAA. For more information, contact Bill Sherry at 501-7600.

***New Open Government Web Page*** —The City Communications Office, with assistance from the Office of the City Clerk, has launched a new Open Government web page located on the City's web site at [www.sanjoseca.gov/openGovernment/](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/openGovernment/). This page is intended to serve as a single portal through which the public may directly access some of the most frequently requested information found on various departmental web pages. The new page also enables the public to make public records requests directly with an on-line electronic form, gives advice on how to effectively craft requests, provides information on the City's policies on public records and open meetings, and links to the newly revamped Sunshine Reform Task Force web page. For additional information contact Tom Norris at 535-8120.

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***Sign Code Update Outreach*** —On April 22 and 23, phase II of the Sign Code Update community outreach process will begin with a series of stakeholder focus group and community input meetings. These outreach meetings are an important part of the update process and will include visual preference materials to generate discussion and feedback regarding amounts, location, types and quality of signage including electronic signs, billboards, freeway signs, shopping center signs and more. Additional information regarding the Sign Code Update is available on our website <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/zoning/sign.asp>. Everyone is invited to attend one of the Community Meetings. Stakeholder focus groups are open to attendance by the public, but participation is limited to invited stakeholder representatives. Opportunity will be available at the end of each focus group meeting for public comment. For more information, contact Carol Hamilton at 535-7837.

***City's Green Vision/Green Schools Conference Doubles Attendance from Previous Year*** —On April 4, the Environmental Services Department hosted the City's Third Annual *Green Vision/Green Schools Conference*. The full day event was held at the Fairmont San Jose, and had 187 registered attendees from across the bay area and beyond, doubling last year's attendance numbers. This year, attendees had many more sessions on a wider spectrum of environmental topics to choose from. Four tracks of education sessions were offered:

- Gold from Green: Focused on saving money through structural or operational environmental initiatives
- Recycling 101: Covering the basics of recycling and composting
- Beyond the Basics: Featuring more advanced topics such as school gardens and funding opportunities, and
- Connecting Children with Nature: An interactive session designed to connect teachers with field trip and nature in the classroom opportunities.

A new special feature of this year's conference included the presentation of Green Star Awards to acknowledge participants in the Green Schools program for innovation and leadership. The conference was featured last weekend on KBAY Sunday, and has generated other media interest, including a representative from the local U.S. Green Building Council that will be producing a documentary on green school programs in California. Staff received a great deal of positive feedback from conference attendees, and have already received inquiries about the details for next year's conference. For more information, contact Christy Wolter at 975-2609.

***Excellence in Government Fellows Visit San Jose*** —On March 25, a 30-member delegation representing several federal government agencies came to learn about San José's priority initiatives as part of a "Leading Change" training program. Representatives from Economic Development, Environmental Services, the Strong Neighborhood Initiative and the City Manager's Office gave presentations and answered numerous in-depth questions. This visit was organized by the non-profit, Partnerships for Public Service, based out of Washington, D.C., charged with bringing prestige to government service at the federal level. Members of this delegation are GS 14/15 grade, the highest level prior to advancing to senior executive service. Delegation members represented several federal agencies, including Defense, Agriculture, Commerce, Transportation, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, Justice and the Social Security Administration. In addition to meeting with City staff, the group also met with Lockheed Martin and Hewlett Packard as part of their training. For more information, contact Joe Hedges at 535-8186.

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***Recommended Ranking of HNVF Proposals for Service Posted*** —The Healthy Neighborhoods Venture Fund (HNVF) program has posted the recommended ranking of 2009-10 proposals for services on its website. The program rated and ranked 112 qualified proposals to provide early care /preventative services to youth and senior populations in San José. The ranked list of agencies and programs will be considered by the Healthy Neighborhoods Leadership Committee in its April 16 meeting. Once adopted by the Leadership Committee, the list will be forwarded to the City Council for funding consideration in early May. The rating and ranking system follows Council's direction to utilize a need-based funding methodology. HNVF is a Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) program. It was established by the City Council in 2000 and is funded annually by the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement. Those funds have traditionally been allocated to youth, senior, and tobacco-cessation programs. The proposal rankings can be found at [www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/grants/hnvf](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/grants/hnvf). For more information, contact Jay Castellano at 535-3571.

***Strong Neighborhood Initiative Staff Honored by First 5*** —On March 27, SNI staff members Jose Villareal and Greg Cajina received the "High 5" Award from the First 5 Association of California. The award recognized their support of the program which is dedicated to promoting early childhood development and was presented at a First 5 Commission Meeting. Nominated by Go Kids, a non-profit agency that operates learning and recreational activities from two SNI neighborhood centers in the Hoffman/Via Monte and Edenvale/Great Oaks SNI Areas, they were praised for "participating in the vision to provide access to programs and services through Go Kids' FIRST 5 grant" and exhibiting a "do whatever it takes" attitude.

### **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/planningcalendar> to view upcoming meetings and events.

***Distinctive Neighborhood Program Community Meeting*** —Tuesday, April 14, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at San José City Hall, Wing Room 118-119. For more information, call Hadasa Lev at 525-7838 or visit the program web page at: [http://www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/distinctive\\_neighborhood](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/distinctive_neighborhood).

***2009 Annual Park Volunteer Recognition BBQ & Dessert Picnic*** —Saturday, April 18, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Almaden Lake Park, Arroyo Picnic Area. Please R.S.V.P. by April 10. For more information, call 793-4190 or [adoptapark@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:adoptapark@sanjoseca.gov).

***"Neighbors in the Chambers" Training*** —One final training remains in this three-part series. Saturday, April 18: "The Effective Advocate," led by neighborhood leaders focuses on how to be an effective advocate and engage the community. All sessions are held from 10 a.m. to noon in the Council Chambers. Space is limited; to RSVP call or email: 723-4114 or [ndc@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:ndc@sanjoseca.gov).

***Foreclosure Help Workshop*** – Scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 12:00–5:00 p.m. County Fairgrounds, 344 Tully Road, San Jose. For more information, contact Robert Lopez at 975-4402 or [robert.lopez@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:robert.lopez@sanjoseca.gov).

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***Great American Litter Pickup*** —Saturday, April 25, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Servando Perez at 277-3208 or [Servando.perez@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Servando.perez@sanjoseca.gov). Locations listed below.

- Starbird Youth Center, 1050 Boynton Avenue, San Jose, CA 95117
- Oak Grove High School, 285 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose, CA 95123
- Roosevelt Community Center, 901 E. Santa Clara Street, San Jose, CA 95116
- Berryessa Community Center, 3050 Berryessa Road, San Jose, CA 95132
- Alviso Youth Center, 5040 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95134
- Mayfair Community Center, 2039 Kammerer, San Jose, CA 95116
- Sherman Oaks Community Center, 1800A Fruitdale Avenue, San Jose, CA 95128
- Cryy Out Christian Fellowship, 3167 Senter Road, San Jose, CA 95111
- Dove Hill Elementary, 1460 Colt Way, San Jose, CA 95121
- Camden Community Center, 3369 Union Avenue, San Jose, CA 95124
- Pioneer High School, 1290 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose, CA 95118

***Everything's Coming Up Roses; Municipal Rosegarden Rebirth Celebration*** —Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m. - Noon, Naglee Avenue @ Dana Avenue, San Jose, 95126.

***Grand Opening Grace Art & Wellness Studio*** —Thursday, May 14, 2009, 5 p.m.- 7:30 p.m., 146 South 10th Street, San Jose, CA 95112. For more information, call 277-4007.

***Spring into Health; 50+ Wellness Festival & Fun Walk*** — Friday, May 15, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., San José History Park, 1650 Senter Road, San Jose, 95112. Please call the San Jose Office on Aging at 979-7915.

***Plant Master Plan Community Workshop*** —Saturday, May 16, 1:30 p.m.; Plant bus tour at 2:00 p.m.; Open house at 2:30 p.m. 700 Los Esteros Road San Jose, CA 95134. Seating is limited. Call 975-2556 to make a reservation or email [Matt.Krupp@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Matt.Krupp@sanjoseca.gov) for more information.

***Wonders of Our Water Works Bus Tours*** — Tour the Water Pollution Control Plant and adjacent wildlife refuge to see this marvel and learn how our clean effluent protects the adjacent wildlife refuge and Bay. 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 more information, call 975-2556 or visit

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/esd/plantmasterplan/tour-reservations.asp>

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