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**FROM:** Debra Figone

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**INFORMATION**

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

***Roosevelt Community Center Earns National Recognition for "Green Design & Construction"***

—In April, the American Public Works Association (APWA) selected the Roosevelt Community Center as one of an elite group of *2009's Public Works Project of the Year*. This prestigious national award recognizes environmental design elements for LEED Silver certification, use of reclaimed water for site irrigation, building systems that are 43% more efficient than code requirements, and public art that serves as a functional runoff collection system leading to landscaped bio-swales that treat the runoff before it enters local waterways. APWA also recognized construction practices that recycled 62% of construction waste, used building materials manufactured locally, and ensured that 86% of the wood used came from sustainably harvested forests. The award will be presented at the International Public Works Congress in September 2009. For more information, contact Katy Allen at 535- 8444.

***New Terminal A Ticketing Lobbies Open Next Wednesday*** —On May 13, the Airport will open new street-level ticketing lobbies at Terminal A, increasing by 60% the number of ticketing stations at the terminal. This achievement marks the completion of the first newly constructed facility in the Airport's Terminal Area Improvement Program (TAIP) as Terminal A upgrades come into service over the rest of this year. The opening of the ticketing lobbies requires a complex series of moves involving Airline and Airport technology equipment and systems, such as Airline ticket counters currently on the upper level of Terminal A. The Airport has worked closely with contractors and carriers to provide customer information and signage for the move. The old ticket lobby on the second level will be demolished to make way for additional security checkpoints that will help reduce passenger queues. The additional checkpoints are scheduled to be completed this fall. The expanded lower level ticket lobbies, together with the additional security checkpoints are just two of many planned improvements that will significantly improve the passenger experience in Terminal A. For more information, contact Bill Sherry at 501-7669.

***Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Program*** —A new, local drop-off facility for household hazardous waste will be available to the community beginning in Spring 2010. The facility will be located at 1608 Las Plumas Avenue, and operated through the County of Santa Clara Household Hazardous Waste Program. Residents may drop-off old paint, cleaners, pesticides, batteries, compact fluorescent lamps, and other hazardous waste materials for proper disposal at no cost. The County operates permanent drop-off locations in Sunnyvale and San Martin, and schedules temporary drop-off events in other jurisdictions within the County several times per month. Appointments are necessary for the drop-offs, which can be made by contacting the County at (408) 299-7300, or online at <http://www.hhw.org>.

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***City's Disaster Shelter Plan Now Posted***—San José's brand new Disaster Shelter Plan for Vulnerable Populations and its appendices have been posted to the OES website at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/emergencyServices/>. This document, an annex to the City's Emergency Operations Plan, has been hailed by both the California Department of Rehabilitation and the California Emergency Management Agency as groundbreaking for its initiative to include special needs residents in general population shelters during a disaster. Funded by a grant from the Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), one of San José's primary goals has been to share the plan with other jurisdictions as a best practice tool, with the ultimate goal of enabling the region to provide quality care and shelter services to vulnerable residents.

***San José Recognized as National Leader in Organics Management***—On April 26-30, the City was showcased as a municipal leader at BioCycle's *50th Anniversary International Organics Conference*, in San Diego. The conference was sold out, attracting more than 500 attendees representing over 15 countries including Mexico, China, Brazil, Egypt, Germany, and New Zealand. The City's Organics Manager, Michele Young, delivered the conference plenary address on San José's pioneering experience and current leadership efforts in zero waste, energy conversion, and program redesign. During the conference, City staff presented workshops and technical sessions on the following innovative San José efforts: the Zero Waste Event Program, the multi-family composting and recycling program, the pilot program to bring zero waste to the Union School District, collection of organics in the food service sector, and market development for municipal compost use. For more information, contact Jo Zientek at 535-8557.

***Safe School Campus Staff Receives 2009 Provost Award***—Safe School Campus Staff working in the McKinley neighborhood were awarded the 2009 *Provost's Award for Excellence in Service Learning*. San José State University's (SJSU) Provost praised staff for their collaboration with ComUniverCity to provide SJSU students opportunities to gain real life experiences by working with high-risk youth. SJSU students have volunteered countless hours at the McKinley Community Center's Late Night Program to facilitate a learning environment where youth can gain knowledge about their community and explore opportunities to reach goals that seemed previously unattainable. The Center's average attendance ranges from 30-38 students, ages 13 to 20 years. The Center is open every Thursday from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information, contact Joe Mosley at 277-2741.

***Grand Opening of Grace Community Center's Art & Wellness Studio***—On May 14, Grace Community Center will co-host, along with the Friends of Grace Community Center, the Grand Opening of their "Art & Wellness Studio." The event will be held at the newly renovated Victorian House, located at 146 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street in downtown San José, and feature creative works on display and for sale by the artists of Grace Community Center. The new "Art & Wellness Studio" was designed to provide a holistic and nurturing environment that promotes mental and physical wellness for persons with mental disabilities. Since its inception in 1971, Grace Community Center has provided therapeutic programs and services to people with mental disabilities out of the basement of Grace Baptist Church. With the re-opening of this adjunctive program space, the center will be able to serve the 120+ individuals that participate daily in their therapeutic programs daily more effectively and comfortably. For more information, contact Teresa Quijance at 277-4007.

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**Trail Web Site Lauded at California Trails and Greenways Conference** —On April 23, the City's Trail Program was presented an Award of Merit for their Web site at the California Trails and Greenways Conference. The conference jurors recognized the Web site as this year's recipient due to its effective information delivery, provision of developer resources, and support for volunteers. The California Trails & Greenways Conference provides an opportunity for land and recreation program planners, trail administrators and managers, trail advocacy groups, trail builders, and other trail enthusiasts to network, advocate for trails in their community, and to learn about new techniques and opportunities. For more information, contact Yves Zsutty at 793-5561.

**2009 Great American Litter Pick Up Event** —On April 25, the City held its 9<sup>th</sup> annual Great American Litter Pick Up Event. The event drew 1,785 volunteers who collected 634 bags of litter and 63 bags of recyclables. The number of volunteers doubled over last year's participation rate and there was a 50% increase in materials collected. The Citywide cleanup was a collaborative effort between Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Department of Transportation, Caltrans, San José Conservation Corps and the Department of Corrections. In addition, Our City Forest planted 55 new trees at Mise Park and T.J. Martin Park. For more information, contact Art Catbagan at 871-3824.

### **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

**Affordable Housing Week Events** – For more information, call Jacky Morales-Ferrand at 535-3855.

- **Community by Design: Innovations in Affordable Housing** –Wednesday, May 13, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Roosevelt Community Center, 901 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose.
- **One Paycheck Away** –Thursday, May 14, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the San Jose City Hall Rotunda, 200 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose.
- **Foreclosure Help** –Monday, May 18, 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Roosevelt Community Center, 901 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose.
- **Why It's a Good Time To Buy a Home** –Friday, May 22, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the San Jose City Hall Rotunda, 200 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose.

**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 Teresa Quijance at 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. Contact Tracey Gott at 979-7906 for information.

**Celebrate Cambrian Festival** — Saturday, May 16, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at Camden Community Center, 3360 Union Avenue. Contact Diana Miller 535-4976 for more information.

**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.

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***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 information, call 975-2556 or visit <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/esd/plantmasterplan/tour-reservations.asp>

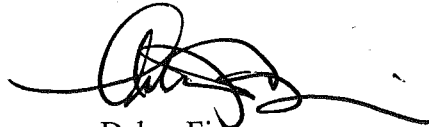
***2009 Community Budget Meetings*** —Below is a listing of remaining meetings. Please contact Ernest Azevedo at 535-8119 for more information.

District 2 —Saturday, May 9 at 10:00 a.m. Edenvale Library, 101 Branham Lane.

District 1 —Monday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m. Archbishop Mitty High School, 5000 Mitty Way.

District 5 —Wednesday, May 14. Location and Time to be announced.

District 3 —Wednesday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m. San Jose City Hall, Wing Rooms 118-119.



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