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INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Recovery Act Website Now Available —The City's Recovery Act webpage is now available and can be viewed by visiting <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/recoveryact>. The Recovery Act webpage includes the following information:

- General information on the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*,
- Anticipated allocation amounts for San José,
- Information on specific projects by program,
- Publications and correspondence related to the Recovery Act, and
- FAQ's for residents and employees.

Staff is also in the process of adding other features such as information on regional investments and links to other opportunities for the community at-large. In October 2009, as mandated by the Recovery Act, staff will post reports demonstrating how the City utilizes Recovery funding. The webpage can also be accessed from the City's home page by clicking on the San José Recovery Act icon on the top right hand corner. For more information, contact Ashwini Kantak at 535-8147.

White House Financial Regulation Plan —On June 17, the Obama Administration announced plans for a new comprehensive system of U.S. financial regulations in response to the regulatory lapses and excessive leveraging which led to the recent financial crisis and subsequent recession. The recommendations are the broadest set of reforms for the financial services industry since the Great Depression. The President's plan calls for expanding the authority of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to promote transparency in disclosures to investors, which some municipal market participants have indicated appears to be inline with the SEC's plan to increase their oversight of municipal securities. While the SEC currently has no direct authority for regulating issuers, the language and recommendations in the reforms publication could result in direct impacts to the municipal market, including the potential for increased costs to local issuers for ongoing disclosure and compliance reporting. The Finance Department will continue to monitor these developments and work with the City's Federal Lobbyist. A detailed memorandum on the President's proposed financial regulation plan will be issued next week as staff further studies the provisions and analyzes its impact on the City. For questions, contact Scott P. Johnson, Director of Finance at 535-7001.

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City Held Successful General Obligation Bond Sale —On June 16, the City's Finance Department, in partnership with the City Attorney's Office and Financial Advisors, *KNN Public Finance*, executed an on-line request for bids from underwriters. The City received six bids for the \$9.0 million in 2009 General Obligation Bonds. *Southwest Securities* (a large syndicate with *Wachovia, Ramirez, Schwab and Wells Fargo*) was the winning bid at the lowest true interest cost of 4.536%. This demonstrates the investor's confidence in the City's high credit standing, significant interest in the City of San José, as well as the competitiveness of the sale. The 2009 GO Bond proceeds will fund public safety projects. A detailed information memo will be developed to provide a summary of estimated savings to the City's property tax payers. For more information, contact Scott Johnson at 535-7000.

RFP Issued for Neighborhood Stabilization Program —On June 12, the Housing Department issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking an entity to acquire, rehabilitate and resell foreclosed single-family homes using Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds from the *Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008*. As required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, eligible properties must be located in zip codes 95111, 95116, 95122 and 95127. Staff anticipates going to Council for approval of the entity selected at its September 1, 2009 meeting. For more information, contact Leslye Krutko at 535-3851.

Grant to Loaves and Fishes —The Housing Department has provided a \$75,000 Housing Trust Fund grant to *Loaves and Fishes Family Kitchen*. The grant will assist with their relocation to InnVision's Montgomery Street Inn. Since 1980, Loaves and Fishes have been providing hot meals to the City's lowest income residents. Over the past several years, Loaves and Fishes has experienced a huge increase in clientele. The relocation of the kitchen and dining room doubles Loaves and Fishes' capacity and will also serve the area's low-income and homeless residents in a more collaborative and innovative fashion since diners will also have access to InnVision's services for the homeless and at-risk families and individuals. For more information, contact Leslye Krutko at 535-3851.

Spartan Keyes Neighborhood Action Center Celebrates Opening —On June 13, Mayor Chuck Reed, Councilmember Sam Liccardo and San Jose Redevelopment Agency Deputy Executive Director Abi Maghamfar joined Spartan Keyes community members to celebrate the grand opening of their first Community Center at a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house. The 2,256-square foot center is located on the ground floor commercial space at Bella Castello Apartments, an affordable housing project located at 570 Keyes Street. The center will provide a gathering place for meetings, education and recreational programs as well as office space for Strong Neighborhoods Initiative (SNI) staff. For more information, contact the Spartan Keyes Neighborhood Action Center at 794-7585.

Seven Trees Community Celebrates Sidewalk Project —On June 13, Councilmember Madison Nguyen and Public Works Director Katy Allen together with SNI and Neighborhood Development Center (NDC) staff joined the Seven Trees Community in a ceremonial groundbreaking of the Seven Trees Boulevard sidewalk project. Construction on the one mile stretch of sidewalk along Seven Trees Boulevard from Senter Road to El Cajon is expected to begin in September. The project was designated as the top priority by the Seven Trees Coalition, the resident advisory group. The project will include a cement walkway, curbs and gutters, ADA ramps, a pedestrian crosswalk at San Mateo with flashing beacons and nearly 50 new trees.

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Blackford NAC Celebrates the City's First Solar-Powered Bus Shelter —On June 8, the City celebrated its first solar powered bus shelter at a ribbon cutting ceremony led by Councilmember Pete Constant. The project, located at Williams and Boynton Road was proposed by the Blackford Neighborhood Action Coalition (NAC) in the SNI Area's 2006 Neighborhood Improvement Plan Amendment. The installation was developed through a partnership with the Valley Transportation Authority and Clear Channel. The energy-saving Urban Solar PV-Shelter features a solar panel that charges the battery bank during the day. At night, the stored energy is released to power a bright white light. The Blackford Area shelter was the first of six installed in San Jose.

New Neighborhoods Commission to Hold First Meeting —On July 8, members of the City's new *Neighborhoods Commission* will meet for the first time from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at City Hall, Wing Rooms 118-119. The Commissioners were seated by Council at its June 2 meeting. Nominees of the 30-member commission were elected in their Council Districts through neighborhood caucuses held last year. The Neighborhoods Commission, a two-year pilot project, was proposed by members of the Strong Neighborhoods Initiative's Project Advisory Committee. With support from SNI and NDC staff, the commission will develop a work plan, to be approved by the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee. For more information, contact Ernest Guzman at 723-4114.

Training Evergreen Students to Go Green —On May 15 and June 2, 65 fifth and sixth grade students from John Montgomery and Thomas Matsumoto Elementary schools graduated from the Urban Arts Program. The program, overseen by *Going Evergreen*, is an organization that focuses on educating students and community members regarding resources available to encourage the adoption of conservation, and renewable resources. Students learned about conservation techniques, alternative energy, minimizing water use and techniques to conserve other scarce resources. Students were required to give short presentations, participate in question and answer sessions, perform in a student skit, and build model solar cars, eco-houses, and wind turbines. Graduates are now proficient in the science, physics, math and environmental effects of using renewable versus non-renewable energy. The program will continue in the fall with more Evergreen School District schools participating. The Environmental Services Department's Go Green and Solar America City Program staff and the local non-profit *Going Evergreen* will continue to work together, sharing information and opportunities to encourage environmental stewardship among San José youth. For more information, contact Jerry Nelson at 975-2533.

Sobriety/Drivers License Checkpoint —On June 12, two sergeants and sixteen officers from SJPD's *Traffic Enforcement Unit* conducted a sobriety / driver's license checkpoint on South Bascom Avenue and Whitethorne Drive. The checkpoint was funded through a grant from the State Office of Traffic Safety. Police Department staff screened a total of 1,089 vehicles. During the course of the screenings eight on-view arrests were made for DUI, two for narcotics; fourteen drivers were cited for unlicensed driving, five for driving with a suspended license and twenty-three vehicles were impounded.

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Upcoming Meetings & Events

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

Kick-Off Event for Three New Parks in Council District Two—Saturday, June 27, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at RAMAC Park (Great Oaks Parkway and Charlotte Avenue near corner of Poughkeepsie Road & Cottle Road). For more information, contact the Office of Councilmember Ash Kalra, at 535-4902.

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>

Northern California Hershey State Meet—Saturday, June 20, 9 a.m., Oak Grove High School, 285 Blossom Hill Road. For information, contact Suzanne Wolf at 793-5532.

Veggilutions Community Farming Project Groundbreaking—Saturday, June 20, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Emma Prusch Farm, at King and Story Road. Call Alex Pearson at 926-5560 for details.

Summer Swim Season Opening—Monday, June 22, nine pools citywide. For more information on the Aquatics Program and the Summer Swim Season, contact Jeremy Shoffner at 277-2191.

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