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## INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

***New Terminal A Checkpoint to Open Next Wednesday***—The completion of the new centralized security checkpoint at Terminal A is on schedule for opening next Wednesday, November 4. The checkpoint will start with eight lanes for TSA passenger screening, with room for up to twelve lanes to accommodate future growth. The new checkpoint is located on the second floor of Terminal A in the area that previously housed airline ticket counters and concessions. It will replace the two existing congested checkpoints with more efficient and comfortable lanes that will provide faster processing for passengers. The opening of the checkpoint is a significant milestone for the project to upgrade Terminal A, which includes the expanded street-level ticket lobbies, new concessions, new baggage system, and replacement of flooring, ceilings, and restrooms throughout the terminal. With the exception of the ongoing construction for the concession program and delivery of baggage security equipment by TSA, the Terminal A upgrade will be complete in February 2010. For more information, contact Bill Sherry, Director of Aviation, at 501-7669.

***One-Day Regional Parks Closures to Begin November 30***—On November 30, PRNS staff will close select regional parks one day per week in accordance with the Budget Reduction Plan approved by the City Council in June 2009. Alum Rock Park, Almaden Lake Park, and Prusch Farm Park will be closed on Mondays; Overfelt Gardens will be closed on Tuesdays. Closing these parks one day a week will reduce maintenance staff costs. Guadalupe River Park, Kelley Park and Lake Cunningham Park, the most popular regional park sites, will not be closed or affected by this action. During the closures visitors, joggers and picnickers will not be able to enter the selected sites and trail users will be advised of a detour. Affected park classes, tours, activities and events will be rescheduled and, in certain cases where rescheduling groups is not possible, the parties will be accommodated. Facilities will still be available for rent (ie. corporate events, weddings) on park closure days but at a premium fee. Park rangers will patrol to enforce the park closure and protect park security. For more information, contact Gina Aning, Community Services Supervisor at 277-5136.

***City Receives \$1.9 Million in Clean Renewable Energy Bonds for Solar Installation***—As part of the Obama Administration's efforts to spur renewable energy production, the U.S. Department of Treasury announced the allocation of \$2.2 billion in Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (CREBs) for 805 recipients nationally. The City will receive an allocation of \$1.9 million in clean renewable energy bonds for the installation of solar Photo Voltaic (PV) at the Municipal Water Fowler Pump Station. This Solar PV technology provides the City with potential savings estimated at \$23,000-\$47,000 annually. The bonds function as tax credit bonds which allow investors to receive federal tax credits in lieu of the payment of a portion of the interest on the bond. For CREBs, the federal tax credits will

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cover 70 percent of the interest on the bonds. For more information, contact Mary Tucker, ESD Energy Program Manager, Solar Energy at 975-2581.

***Airport Operations and USO Offices Move Into New Space in Terminal B Concourse—***

Construction of street-level office space in the new Terminal B Concourse is now complete, and the Airport Operations Division began moving into the new space this week. Over the next several weeks additional moves to the new location will be completed as the Airport Communications Center will relocate from Terminal A and the Airport Properties section from administrative offices on North First Street. In addition, the USO at SJC moved from its temporary building near the Terminal C baggage claim wing to a permanent street-level location in the new concourse next to Airport Operations. A ribbon cutting to celebrate the new USO location is scheduled for noon, Tuesday, November 10. For more information, contact Bill Sherry, Director of Aviation, at 501-7669.

***American Airlines to Eliminate Maintenance Operations at SJC—***On October 28, American Airlines announced that it will eliminate its line maintenance operations and 17 positions at SJC by next September. This step is part of an overall reduction in maintenance operations across American's system that will result in the elimination of up to 700 jobs system wide. American has reduced its fleet from a high of 900 aircraft to 600, and therefore it is also realigning its workforce accordingly. American's employees at SJC will be offered a voluntary separation package, and some may have seniority rights that could allow them to work elsewhere in American's system. American Airlines informed Airport staff that this reduction has no impact on its current flight schedule at SJC. For more information, contact Bill Sherry, Director of Aviation, at 501-7669.

***Amgen Tour of California Returns to San José for 5th Year in a Row—***On May 19, 2010 San José will be a host city for the record-setting Amgen Tour of California professional cycling road race—the largest sporting event of its kind in North America and the largest in the history of California. The announcement was made last week via a Twitter exchange among Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and some of America's most accomplished cyclists. The 2010 Amgen Tour of California will travel to 16 host cities throughout the state over the course of eight days from May 16-23. After four years of being positioned in February, the date change will allow the Tour de France-style road race to visit locations that wouldn't have been possible in February, it will also allow for stronger spectator attendance at each stage, and greater economic impact on businesses and hotels. The Tour raises awareness about the environmental and health benefits of cycling. For more information, contact Steven Brewster, Office of Economic Development, at (415) 577-8851 cell.

***LIVESTRONG Challenge to Remain Signature Summer 2010 Event—***On October 28, The Lance Armstrong Foundation announced that San José will again be the site of the LIVESTRONG Challenge, the Lance Armstrong Foundation's signature fundraising event, scheduled for July 10 and 11. The start and finish, as well as a festival area, will be located in San José's Downtown Core. The LIVESTRONG Challenge will also feature a fundraising appreciation dinner—for participants who raise a minimum of \$3,000—on Saturday, July 10. For more information, contact Steven Brewster, Office of Economic Development, at (415) 577-8851 cell.

***Trail Count 2009 Shows City Trail Usage Nearly 10%—***The City of San José Trail Count 2009 the third annual survey of city trail users, was conducted on September 23, 2009. Results show a 9.6% increase in both bike and pedestrian traffic on City trails. 531 trail users were tallied representing a 24% increase from last year's count. These figures are consistent with the US Census report and 2008 Annual Commuter Survey, which shows San José area residents bike to work two-and-a-half times more than the national average (1.2% versus 0.5%) For more information, contact Yves Zsutty, Trail Manager at 793-5561 or visit <http://www.sjpark.org/Trails/TrailCount.asp>.

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***City Receives the California Municipal Revenue Tax Association's (CMRTA) 2009 Lighthouse Award for the City's Ballot Measures; Measures J & K***—During the California Municipal Revenue Tax Association's (CMRTA's) annual conference earlier this month, the City's Finance Department received the 2009 Lighthouse Award. The Lighthouse Award was established to recognize outstanding achievements by staff of CMRTA member cities/counties. Candidates for the award have made unique contributions to their organizations that benefit businesses, community, CMRTA members, or their city as a whole. The Award was presented to Finance staff for the categories of innovation, collaboration and excellence. The award was presented for Finance staff's participation in the City's planning and successful implementation of Measures J and K, which passed with a super majority of 78% and 80% respectively. The objective of these two Ballot measures was to preserve the on-going revenue streams of the City. Kudos to the Finance Department Revenue Management staff for contributing to the success of implementing Measures J and K, which resulted in preserving approximately \$50 million of on-going general fund revenues. For more information, contact Scott Johnson, Director of Finance, at 535-7001.

***City of San José Team Takes 1<sup>ST</sup> Place at 2009 ROCK 'N' ROLL ½ Marathon***—

The City of San José Team won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Municipal Team Division in the Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon, San José's "GET FIT Challenge" held October 4. Designed to motivate co-workers to step out of the office, get fit, have fun and work towards a goal together, the "GET FIT Challenge" brought together 49 San José employees who took part in the City of San José Team—making the team the largest of any participating municipality. Other organizations, large and small, took part as well by forming a team of colleagues and training for this fourth annual musical half-marathon. For more information, contact Steven Brewster, Office of Economic Development, at (415) 577-8851 cell.

***Flood Education Effort Translates Into Savings for San José Flood Insurance Holders*** - This week Flood Protection brochures were mailed to approximately 100 property owners city-wide. These brochures are part of an annual outreach effort prescribed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that targets property owners who have had 2 or more claims paid by FEMA within any 10-year period since 1978. The goal of the brochure is to educate homeowners on flood risk and protective actions that can be taken. By working to educate our community, the City of San José gets credit from FEMA for outreach activities. Credits for outreach and other activities translate into flood insurance premium savings for policy holders.

For more information, contact Timm Borden, Deputy Director, Public Works at 535-8499.

***Wastewater Plant Industrial Users Training***—On October 21, the Environmental Services Department (ESD) held a second session of the annual *Industrial User's Academy* for the permitted industrial waste dischargers. The workshop, held at the San José/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant (the Plant), was attended by 37 industrial discharger representatives and 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 Elaine Marshall, ESD Program Manager at 277-5697.

**Upcoming Meetings & Events**

***Voices United: Run for Health***, Saturday, October 31, 7 a.m.-12 p.m., Lake Cunningham Park-Cypress Pavilion, Walking Paths and Interior Road. For more information, contact Gabrielle Antolovich at 292-7292.

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***Making Strides against Breast Cancer***, Saturday, October 31, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Guadalupe River Park Arena Green & Guadalupe River Trail. For more information, contact Justin Clark at (510) 285-7928.

***Haunted History***, Saturday, October 31, 1 p.m.-4 p.m., Kelley Park/History Park. For more information, contact Pam Watson at 918-1055.

***Grand Opening of St. Elizabeth Park*** –Saturday, November 7, 10am, southeast corner of St. Elizabeth Drive and Curci Drive. For additional information, contact Brian Clampitt at 794-6203.

***Project Veterans Connect*** – Scheduled for November 10 at the Boccardo Reception Center – One Stop Homeless Prevention Center, 2011 Little Orchard from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

***One-Stop Homeless Prevention Center Tours***, Over the next three months, EHC LifeBuilders will be providing one-hour tours to anyone interested in learning more about the innovative services at EHC LifeBuilders' new One-Stop Homeless Prevention Center located at 2011 Little Orchard Street. The tour will consist of a short presentation outlining the program, how it assists clients to achieve stability and self-sufficiency in Santa Clara County, and additional information such as program goals and outcomes, success stories, as well as methods and principles implemented at the site. Tours will be held three times a month from October through December, or by special appointment. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Ray Bramson at 539-2103 or at [rbramson@ehclifebuilders.org](mailto:rbramson@ehclifebuilders.org):

***October:*** Tuesday, October 20 – 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.; Friday, October 23 – 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.; Wednesday, October 28 – 12:00 -1:00 p.m.

***November:*** Wednesday, November 4 – 9:00 a.m. -10:00 a. m.; Thursday, November 12 – 10:00 a.m-11:00 a.m; Tuesday, November 17 – 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

***December :*** Thursday, December 3 – 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.; Tuesday, December 8 – 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.; Wednesday, December 9 – 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

***“Day of the Dead: a Passion for Life” Exhibit***, An exhibit of more than 50 images captured by accomplished local photographer and community newspaper publisher Mary J. Andrade. The exhibit, located on the second floor of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library continues through Friday, November 27. For additional information on the photo exhibit, contact Veronica Murguia at 436-7850 ext. 12 or at [veronica@laoferta.com](mailto:veronica@laoferta.com).

***“The Art of Remembrance” Exhibit***, An exhibit of traditional altars curated by Mary Jane Solis, located on the fifth floor of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library through Saturday, November 14. The exhibit is part of Día de los Muertos 2009 presented by San José Multicultural Artist Guide and Teatro Familia Aztlan, in collaboration with the City of San José, Castellano Family Foundation, Target Stores, Mexican American Studies Department and Cesar Chavez Community Action Program at SJSU, Assemblymember Joe Coto and Councilmembers Madison Nguyen and Sam Liccardo. For more information, call 272-9924.

***Unveiling of Deep Space Images from NASA's Great Observatories***—On November 17 at noon, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library will host an unveiling of never-before-seen multi-wavelength images produced in collaboration by NASA's Great Observatories— the Hubble Space Telescope, Spitzer Space Telescope, and Chandra X-Ray Observatory. The Library is one of two institutions in the Bay Area (152 nationwide) selected to host this special event in celebration of the International

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Year of Astronomy. The International Year of Astronomy Great Observatories Image Unveiling is made possible by special funding from NASA's Science Mission Directorate. The project is collaboration between the Space Telescope Science Institute, Spitzer Science Center and Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics. The image unveiling takes place in the King Library's Fourth Street Lobby and will be followed on Saturday, November 21 with a day of discovery activities for all ages, including lectures by faculty from the SJSU Physics & Astronomy Dept. For more information, call 808-2397.

***Silicon Valley Turkey Trot-Run or Walk for Health, Hope and a Home***, Thursday, November 26, 7:30am-12pm Guadalupe River Park Arena Green. For more information, contact Carl Guardino at 501-7864.

***Wonders of Our Water Works Bus Tours Extended Through November 21, 2009***, First and third Saturdays, 9:00-11:00 a.m., and 1:00-3:00 p.m. Free two-hour bus tour of the Water Pollution Control Plant to learn how wastewater is treated. Participants must be 10 years or older. For reservations, contact Bruce Frisbey at 975-2542, or visit [www.sanjoseca.gov/esd/plantmasterplan/tour-reservations.asp](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/esd/plantmasterplan/tour-reservations.asp)

***Christmas in the Park***, Friday, November 27 through Friday, January 1, Plaza de Cesar Chavez. For more information, contact Brian Clampitt, Event Coordinator, at 794-6203.

***Heritage Holiday***, Saturday, December 5, 12 p.m. -5 p.m., Kelley Park/History Park. For more information, contact Pam Watson at 918-1055.

***San José Holiday Parade***, Sunday, December 6, 8:30 a.m.-11a.m., Guadalupe River Park Arena Green. For more information, contact Brian Clampitt, Event Coordinator, at 794-6203.



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