

Dear «Preferred_Name»,

2008 has been an outstanding year for Council District 10 and the City of San Jose. Despite the economic downturn, residents and the city have come together to complete several important projects and begin new initiatives.

In January of this year, the City, School District and local youth celebrated the kick off of the newly redesigned **Leland Sports Field Complex**. This landmark partnership leveraged City and School resources to improve fields for school based and recreational league sports. Also in January, my office and **Westfield Oakridge Mall** hosted the first annual Westfield Oakridge Winter Walk (WOWWW) in District 10 where seniors connected to health resources and participated in a walk through the mall.

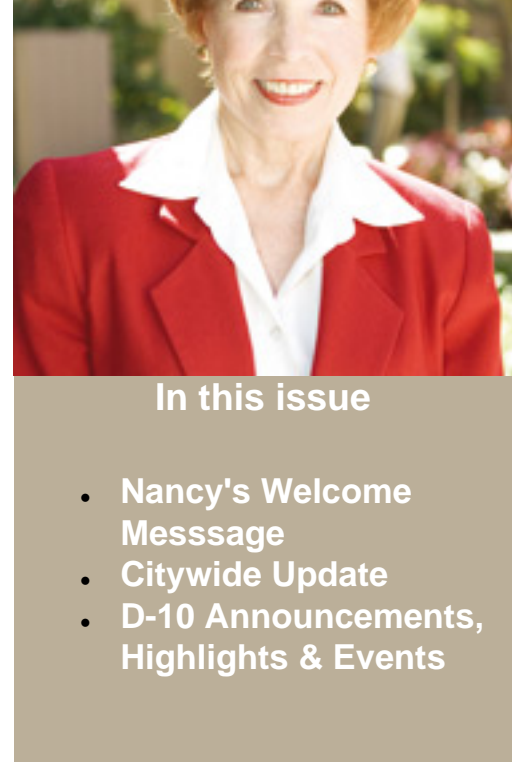
As a city, it is essential that we actively promote the local economy especially in light of the financial crisis. In January, Mayor Reed appointed me chair of the City's Community and Economic Development Committee to promote business growth. In District 10, **Sonoma Chicken Coop** and **Legends Pizza** opened new stores on Almaden Expressway and **Oakridge Mall expanded adding more than 10 new stores this year**. We have cut red tape for businesses wishing to open in San Jose by **cutting the time it takes to obtain a permit from 200 days to 120 days**.

Supporting neighborhood development by working directly with residents and community associations at the grassroots level has made San Jose a great place to live. This year, my office has **addressed over 600 constituent concerns** in addition to attending hundreds of **community meetings and events**. The **Vista Park Community Center Master Landscaping Plan** is well underway and the **Hoffman Via Monte Neighborhood Action Plan** is almost complete. In Almaden, several parks have been enhanced including the completion of **Almaden Lake Park Phase II and Fontana Park**.

Moving forward, I am excited to begin my second term on the City Council in January and continue working with District 10 neighborhoods. I would also like to thank voters for their overwhelming support of the four City of San Jose ballot measures: **J, K, L and M**. The passage of these measures will provide essential revenue for the city in the coming years and enable us to continue to provide excellent neighborhood services.

Happy Holidays to all,

Nancy Pyle
Councilmember, District Ten



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Citywide Update

City Council Meetings in December --

The San Jose City Council will meet the following days and times:
 December 2nd at 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm
 December 5th General Fund Structural Deficit Elimination Plan at 9:00 am
 December 9th at 1:30 pm
 December 16th at 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm

Agendas are available online at www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/agenda.asp. Residents are able to view Council meetings live online or on Comcast Cable Channel 26. Archive videos are also available online.

Preparations Underway for Storm Season --

Department of Transportation and Public Works staff have been working collaboratively to ensure the City's storm system will function effectively. To date, maintenance and testing on all of the City's 26 pump stations has been completed, detention basins and drainage swales have been cleaned out, and crews are in the process of cleaning all 29,000 storm drain inlets throughout the City. Additionally, sand bags are available at four of the City's Corporation Yards. Crews or contractors are available on duty or on-call at all times if needed to respond to various storm-related emergencies. The public may report problems by calling the customer call center at (408) 535-3850 or DOT at 277-4373.

Free Tarps Given Away for Anti-Litter Campaign --

On November 1st City staff partnered with agencies from across Santa Clara County to give out 395 free tarps to individuals using any of the nine landfills or transfer stations in the County. This Silicon Valley Anti-Litter Campaign event provided drivers of trucks approaching the landfills with their loads uncovered with a free tarp and an explanation of the associated fines and litter impacts. Debris falling or blowing out of vehicles is a significant source of litter on our streets and creeks and a dangerous road hazard. Tarps were provided by the Anti-Graffiti and Litter Program for sites in San Jose.

The Early Care and Education Commission Hosts Public Input Sessions --

Over fifty parents, childcare providers and community members attended two public input sessions facilitated by the Early Care and Education Commission and staff from the Library's Early Care and Education Services Unit. Participants related their experiences and views on topics such as the availability and quality of childcare, the recruitment and retention of early educators, the accessibility of current information and childcare in the City, and the leveraging of funds and programs with regional, state and national initiatives. The information provided will assist the Commission and staff during the revision of the City's Early Care and Education Strategic Plan titled "Investment in the Future." Currently, there is a gap of nearly 30,000 childcare spaces in the City. Of those, 11,000 are children from low-income families who are on the waiting list for a childcare subsidy.

City-SJSU "Public Sector Career Initiative" Attracting Workforce Talent --

On October 30th, Human Resources/Fire Administration and staff from the City Manager's Office participated in the "Explore a Career in Government" event at SJSU. The event was attended by more than 100 college students, making it the largest crowd of its type to date. The City received overwhelmingly positive feedback from the students via surveys, personal emails and an article in the Spartan Daily. Feedback highlights included praise for the City's diversity, the professionalism of its staff, the breadth of careers offered, and the growing Citywide Internship Program. The successful students-to-City workforce partnership between City Hall and SJSU continues to produce successful opportunities that acquaint college students with local government professions.

Community Sports Fields Study Results --

In October 2006, the City Council unanimously approved Councilmember Pyle's proposal to complete a community sports field study to better understand the challenges and opportunities for sports field development, operations and maintenance with the City of San Jose.

Some of the key recommendations include:

1. Focus on joint/shared development either through partnerships with school districts or organized users in an effort to reduce on-going maintenance costs. The majority of stakeholders recognize land and budget constraints and strongly advocate for partnerships to leverage limited resources;
2. Establish a tiered system of field types and new maintenance strategies in order to create a better correlation between field needs of individual user groups and the ability to recover costs required to maintain and operate fields for their intended purpose. A tiered system will be created to facilitate a diversity of fields and maintenance levels that, we believe, will result in an overall more efficient field maintenance program; and
3. Establish an Outdoor Sports Working Group to advise the Citywide Sports office. The level of community support throughout the study has been tremendous and extremely valuable. PRNS fully intends to maximize this support and is committed to an on-going dialog with community stakeholders to realize a truly exceptional community sports field program.

The final draft is available online at www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/agenda.asp and will be presented to the City Council during the evening session on December 2nd.

San Jose Library Increases Book Circulation in FY 2007-2008 --

For the fifth consecutive year, San Jose Public Library material circulation topped the 14 million mark at 14,399,685 borrowed, an increase of 2.5% over the past year. This high circulation makes San Jose Public Library one of the busiest library systems in the country. Over the past 10 years, library circulation has more than doubled while staffing has only increased 8%. Technology continues to be a key component of the Library's strategy to improve customer service while at the same time improving staff efficiencies. Almost 95% of materials at our branches are checked out through the self service checkout option. No other large public library system in the country has adopted self service checkout as successfully.

The Library also offers a wide variety of educational and cultural programming. In FY 2008-2009 approximately 9,000 children's, teens' and adult programs were offered to over 275,000 attendees. Highlights included: a series of programs on World War I featuring scholars from San Jose State discussing the cultural and historical legacy of the war. Silicon Valley Reads, in its 6th year showcased the book, "The Distant Land of My Father" by Bo Caldwell. A second Teen Idol competition also brought many talented youth into our libraries to showcase their talent.

New Recycling Company Offers Solution to Unwanted Used Tires

The San Jose Redevelopment Agency and the City of San Jose assisted Borgata to identify a 19,000 square-foot manufacturing and warehouse space for its new tire waste recycling center. Borgata currently employs a staff of 15 at its new facility and plans to expand its workforce to 71 employees. In addition to providing recycled construction materials from used tires (Enviro-blocks), Borgata Recycling is developing a new technology that will convert used tires to diesel fuel. Borgata services will support the City of San Jose's Green Vision which seeks to increase the number of clean-tech jobs and to convert waste into alternative energy. Since the company's launch in July 2008, Borgata has been able to divert 2,805 tons of used tires from local landfills. For more information on Borgata Recycling, visit www.borgatarecycling.com.

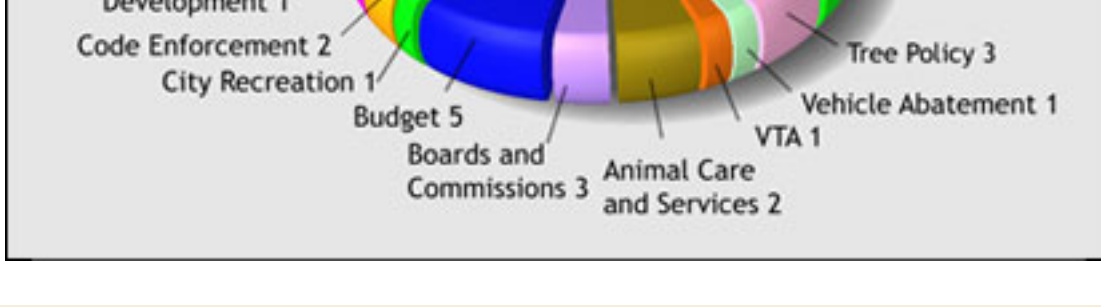
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Chamber of Commerce and City Representatives Travel to Chicago --

Councilmember Pyle joined a delegation of more than 80 business and civic leaders in on a fact finding trip to Chicago Illinois. The group discussed municipal economic development and governing strategies with key leaders to find best practices that can be implemented in San Jose.

Creative and bold policies have enabled Chicago to blossom and grow into one of the most dynamic cities in the world. Some of those policies include:

1. Extensively leveraging city assets using public/private partnerships
2. Enhancing Civic engagement through community access television
3. Using Green Roofs to reduce insulation costs while creating a visually appealing environment
4. Prioritizing education in order to retain young working professionals in the city and build a strong community for the future
5. Creating of a successful public transit system that is utilized by 57% of the population traveling downtown
6. Supporting bicycling as a mode of transportation
7. Encouraging the development of smaller nightclubs in the downtown area because they are less likely to attract crime and provide an attractive and lively place for all
8. Using Innovative revenue generation and maintenance strategies for streetscapes
9. Experimenting with varying service delivery models to reduce costs



VTA Platform Retrofit Complete on Budget and Ahead of Schedule

Councilmember Pyle and VTA staff celebrated the completion of VTA's system-wide light rail retrofit project at the Ohlone Chynoweth light rail station on Wednesday, November 12th. This project created a level boarding system at all 62 light rail stations within VTA's 42 mile light rail system; thereby increasing accessibility for people with disabilities riding public transit.

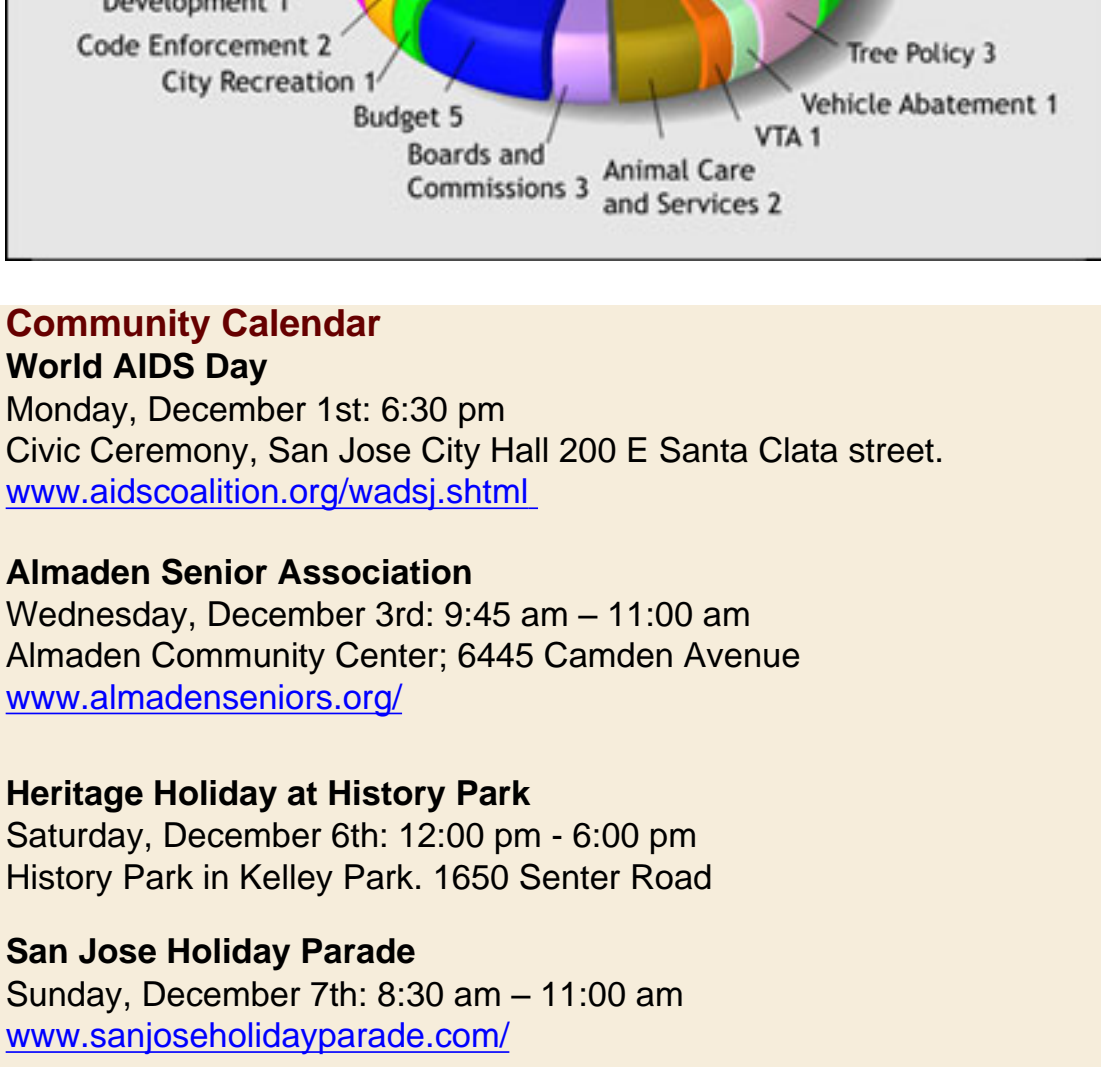
Unlike traditional trains where passengers have to negotiate a series of steps to enter a rail car, level boarding offers quicker and easier boarding. Level boarding eases access for individuals using mobility devices, as well as commuters with wheeled briefcases, parents with strollers and multi-modal commuters bringing bicycles onto light rail vehicles, among others.

The cost of the project was \$22.9 million and it was completed on budget and three months ahead of schedule. Federal funds covered 80% of the entire project cost.

Board and Commission Vacancies --

The following City of San Jose Boards and Commissions have vacancies. Please contact Stephanie Holm in the district 10 office (408) 535-4982 if you are interested in applying.

Volunteer Commission Openings	Application Closing Date
Advisory Commission on Rents	Open Until Filled
Civil Service Commission	Open Until Filled
Council Salary Setting Commission	Open Until Filled
Disability Advisory Commission	Open Until Filled
Senior Citizens Commission	Open Until Filled
Traffic Appeals Commission	Open Until Filled
Mobile Home Advisory Commission	Open Until Filled
Planning Commission	December 19, 2008



Community Calendar

World AIDS Day
 Monday, December 1st: 6:30 pm
 Civic Ceremony, San Jose City Hall 200 E Santa Clara street.
www.aidscoalition.org/wadsj.shtml

Almaden Senior Association
 Wednesday, December 3rd: 9:45 am – 11:00 am
 Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Avenue
www.almadenseniors.org/

Heritage Holiday at History Park
 Saturday, December 6th: 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm
 History Park in Kelley Park. 1650 Senter Road

San Jose Holiday Parade
 Sunday, December 7th: 8:30 am – 11:00 am
www.sanjoseholidayparade.com/

Eid al-Adha: Monday, December 8th

Almaden Valley Community Association (AVCA) meeting.
 Monday, December 8th: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Avenue
www.avca-sj.org

Annual Holiday Dinner Party for ABA and CBA members
 Tuesday, December 9, 2008
www.almadenbizassn.org/

North Pole Party
 Thursday, December 11, 4:00-6:00pm
 Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Avenue
 Make the holidays extra special with a fun-filled time that includes food, signing, art activities, and even a special gift from the North Pole Pre-registration required. (408) 268-1133 Ages 4-7 welcome. Cost \$25

Breakfast with Santa
 Saturday, December 13, 9:30am-12:00pm
 Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Avenue
 \$10 per person (Children 18 months and younger are free).
 Pre-registration required.

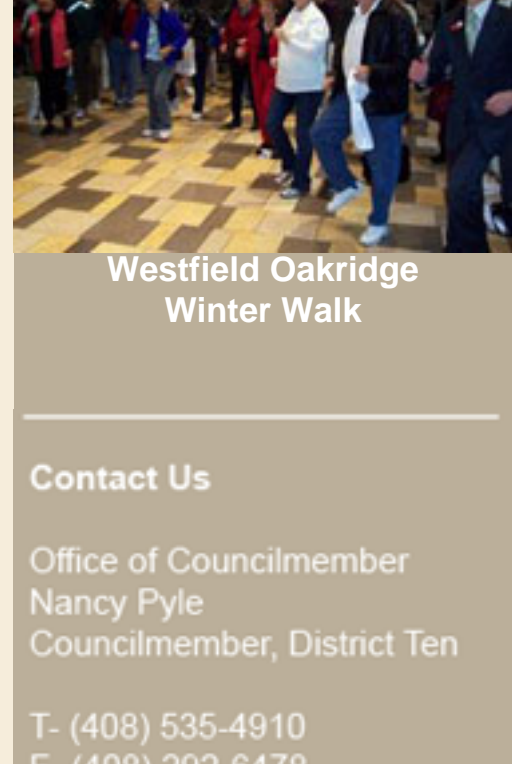
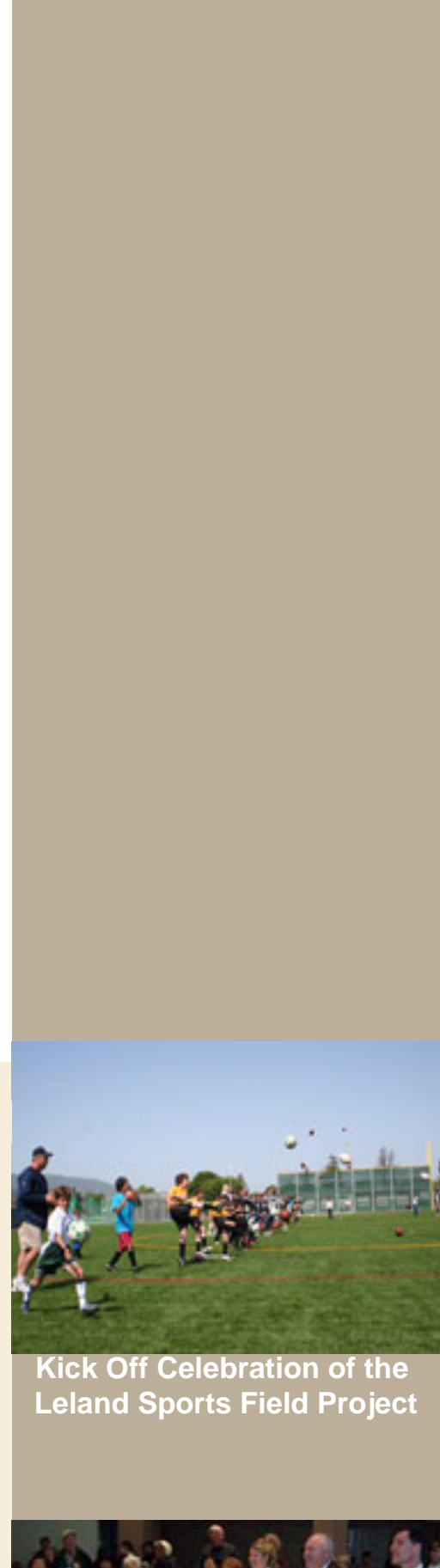
Hanukkah Begins: Sunday, December 21

Christmas Day: Thursday, December 25th

Kwanzaa: Friday, December 26th

"Keep your face always toward the sunshine - and shadows will fall behind you."

- Walt Whitman



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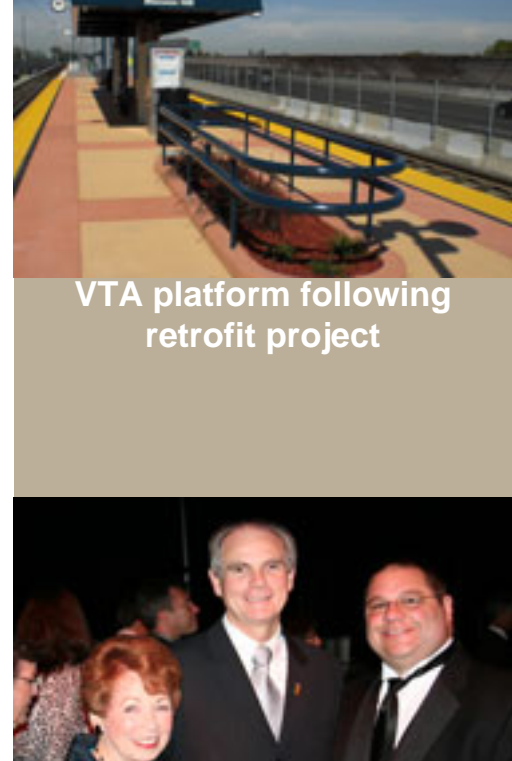
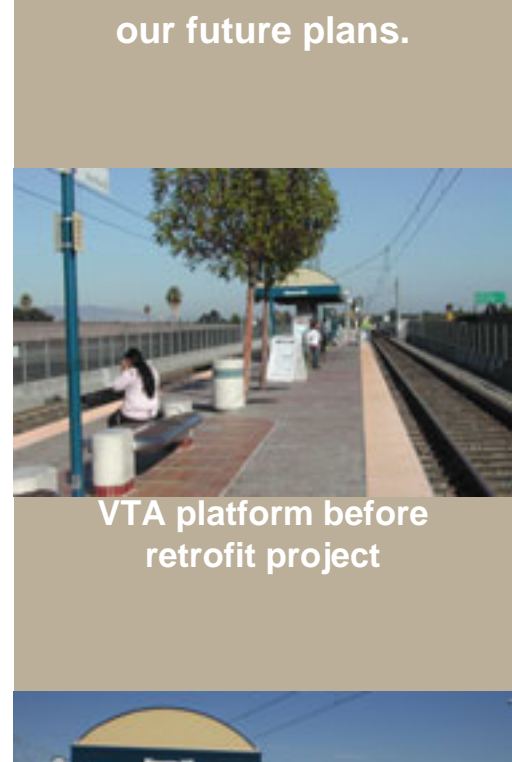
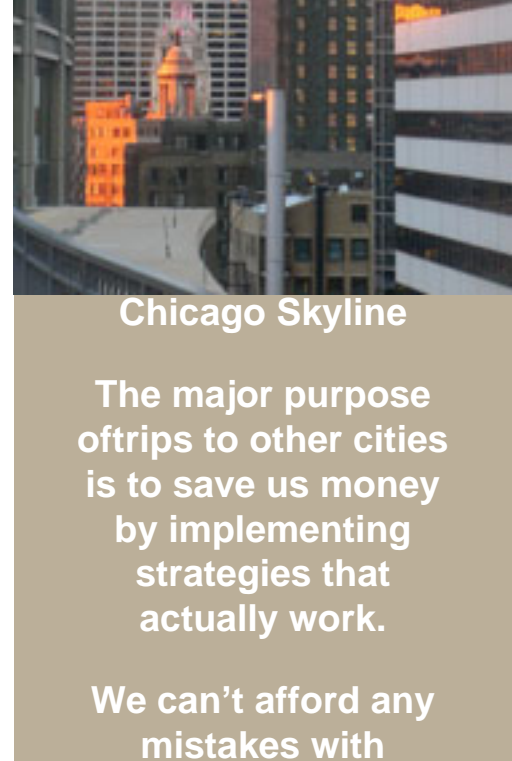
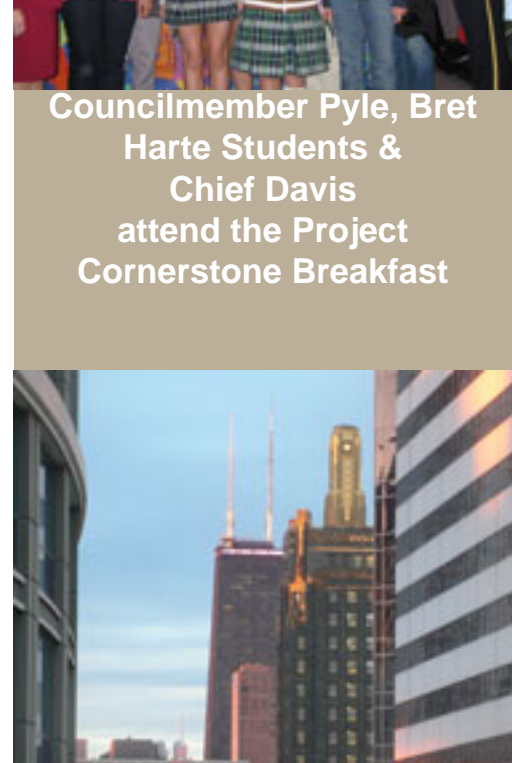
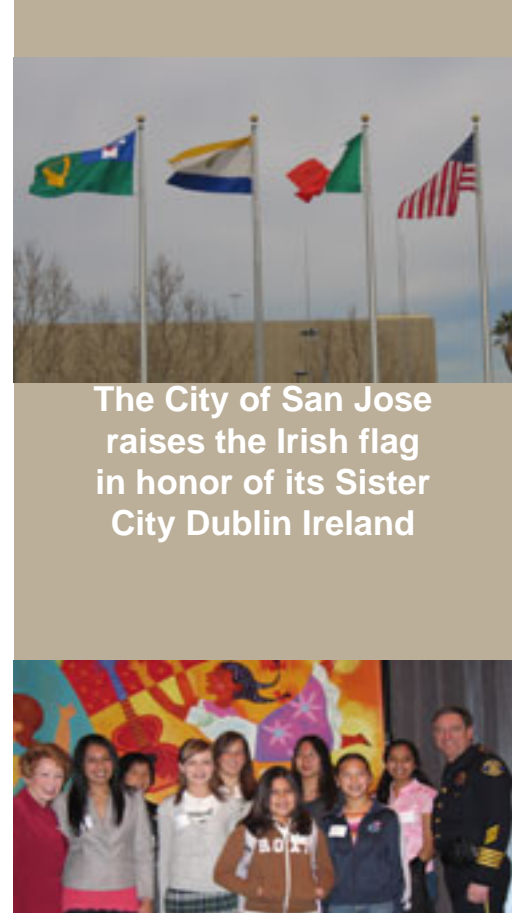
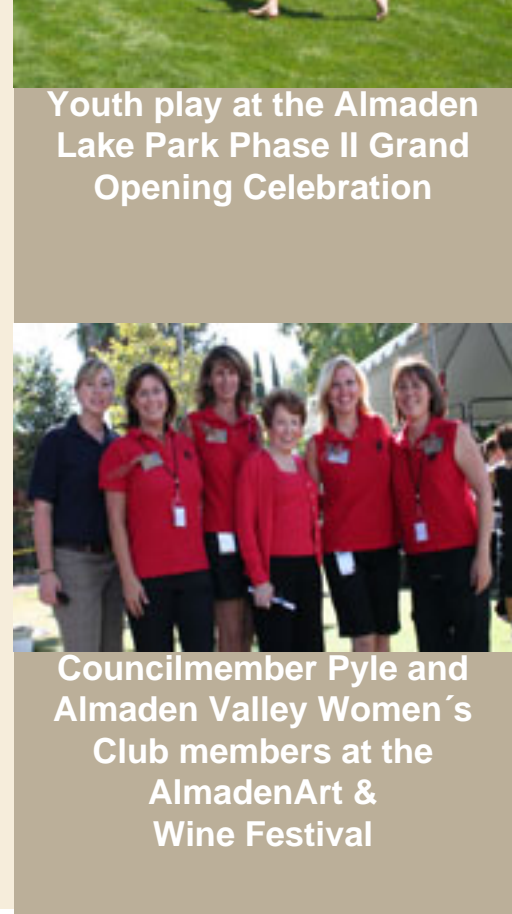
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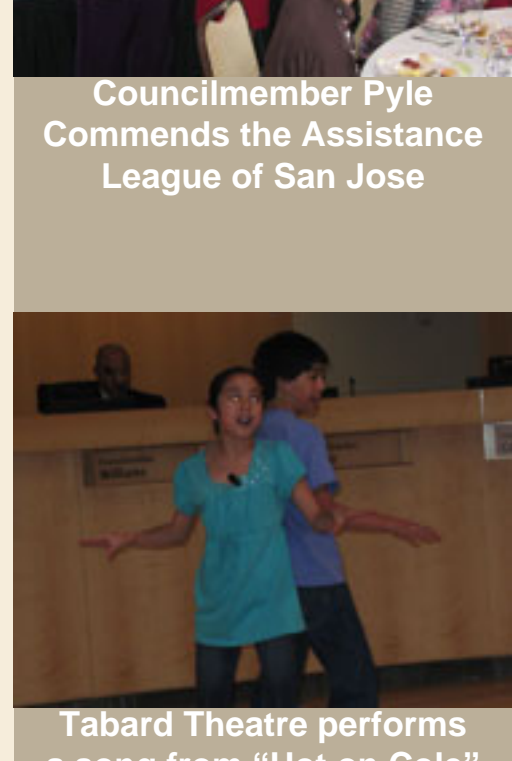
City Wide Phone List

- Call Center- 535-3500
- Police Non-Emergency 311
- Anti-Graffiti/Litter- 277-3208
- Animal Care- 578-729
- City Arborist- 277-276
- Crime Prevention- 277-4133
- Crime Stoppers- 947-STOP
- Drug Hotline - 971-DRUG
- DOT - 277-4373
- Environmental Services- 535-8550
- Hazardous Materials- 277-4659
- Housing - 535-3860
- Neighborhood Dev. Ctr- 723-4114
- Parking Enforcement- 534-2900
- Vehicle Abatement- 277-5305
- Gang Hotline - 293-4264



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