

# Nancy's News

## May Issue



Office of Councilmember Nancy Pyle



### Dear District 10 Residents and Friends,

May is going to be a busy month for District 10! The beautiful weather got here at just the right time because I'm happy to say that this May is going to be host to a wealth of fantastic events which I'm personally very excited about. Whether it's grand openings, our **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Budget/ Neighborhood forum** or celebrations of the wonderful moms and grandmoms in District 10, I know this month is going to have something for everyone. Please join me as we explore all that May has to offer!

Having already met with a number of homeowner groups to discuss budget concerns, I know that the Budget for 2006-2007 is a hot topic for many residents in our District. The deadline for next year's budget is fast approaching and I want to ensure that residents are able to get an explanation of the process and provide input into the areas which matter most to you. In order to make sure that can happen, **the District 10 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Budget/ Neighborhood Forum will be held on Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11 a.m. over at the Almaden Winery Community Center.** City staff will be on hand to explain the complex process and field any questions or concerns. Following an initial presentation, the City Staff will engage residents in an exercise which is designed to survey and assess the interests of the group. Results will be posted on the D-10 website and will aid my colleagues & I during the budget process.

While May is going to be a busy month when it comes to City Hall business, this month marks a great time for the celebration of many events in our District as well. One event which I'm looking forward to tremendously is the **Grand Opening of our new Almaden Library & Community Center on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.!** In the works for over 4 months, this grand opening is going to be a phenomenal community event. Not only will residents be able to finally get a look inside the amazing new facility, they will also be greeted by the amazing sounds of groups like the Pioneer Choir, Leland Chamber Singers, the Castillero Jazz band, and have an opportunity to take informative tours led by trained docents. We're expecting quite a crowd, so be sure to make use of the overflow parking that should be available around Castillero Middle School. With the new facility under construction for the last 2 years, this grand opening is definitely going to be an event to remember!

Finally, **May is also Older Americans Month and our office is celebrating this with plans to honor some of our local seniors on the District 10 website.** Keep an eye out for a new page on the District 10 website which pays tribute to these outstanding members of our community and highlights the amazing things they have done to make District 10 the best community it can be. It's going to be an amazing month, so I hope to see all of you out and about enjoying all that District 10 has to offer!

*Best wishes,*  
**Nancy Pyle**  
**Councilmember, District Ten**

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**Volunteers at the 2006 Great American Litter Pick Up get ready to beautify District 10 with Councilmember Pyle and coordinator Paul J. Gonzalez from the City's Anti-Graffiti & Anti-Litter Department**

## San Jose Announcements & Highlights

- **Congratulations to the 2005-2006 Teachers of the Year in District 10:** **Tiara Nelson** (Bret Harte), **Randolph Roland Schimdt IV** (Castillero), **Pat Fleischer** (Graystone), **Melissa Sherman** (Gunderson), **Carla Lucarotti** (Leland), **Ann Nelson** (Los Alamitos), **Patrick Bernhart** (Pioneer), **Jennifer Robitaille** (Guadalupe) & **Cathy Crowell** (Simonds). Del Roble, Parkview, Frost, & Almaden Country are TBA. Williams & Carson did not participate.
- **The Hoffman/ Via Monte Neighborhood Health Fair** was a fantastic success & the District 10 office worked with leaders of the local community to ensure that District 10 families in the Hoffman/Via Monte neighborhood were connected to a wealth of health and related resources.
- **Last month was the centennial of the 1906 Earthquake.** Did you know that San Jose sustained damage equivalent to San Francisco's in the quake? Be prepared for the next disaster, visit the City of San Francisco's great website [www.72hours.org](http://www.72hours.org) for ways you can make a plan, build a kit, and get prepared!



**Nancy and Mayor Ron Gonzales present a commendation to the Almaden Valley Women's Club; Cindy Griffeth accepted the award on behalf of the AVWC's Board.**

## Upcoming District 10 Events for May

### District 10's May Budget Forum

**Saturday, May 6th at 11 a.m. @ the Almaden Winery Community Center (5730 Chambertin Dr.)**



Come join Councilmember Pyle and special guests from the City of San Jose as they outline the proposed budget and provide an opportunity for feedback on what areas of the budget are important to residents of District 10.

**Call the District 10 office at 535-4910 to learn more**

### Almaden Library/ Community Center Grand Opening!

**6445 Camden Ave. (off Almaden Expressway)**



**Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

### May is Older Americans Month!

Help us Honor Our D-10 Seniors

Come visit the D-10 website in mid-May to enjoy profiles of several prominent seniors within our community!

### D10 Recipe of the Month

#### Spring Brie Peach Sandwiches

You can add meat to this sandwich recipe if you wish (fresh shrimp would be a fabulous addition), but the combination of tangy brie and the sweet and spicy peach preserves are perfect all by themselves.

#### Ingredients

- ½ cup peach preserves
- 2 peaches, peeled and chopped
- 1 Tbsp. minced green onions
- 1 tsp. raspberry vinegar
- dash red pepper flakes
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- 8 crusty french rolls
- 8 leaves butter lettuce
- 8 slices brie cheese

#### Preparation

1. Combine peach preserves, chopped peach, green onions, vinegar, and red pepper flakes; stir and set aside. Makes enough for 8 sandwiches.
2. Assemble sandwiches with the peach mixture and remaining ingredients just before serving.

# Almaden Library/ Community Center Grand Opening!

**Beginning at 11:00 a.m. with a brief welcome ceremony and ribbon cutting**, the grand opening event will be filled with a variety of special festivities! In addition to on-going tours of the new facility from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., visitors can also expect to be treated to entertainment by students from a number of local District 10 schools and enjoy cake and refreshments in the new community room.

Arrive early, as there will be a special gift for the first 1,000 visitors to commemorate this fantastic event! Vice Mayor Cindy Chavez, Councilmember Pyle and members of the Almaden and Blossom Valley community look forward to seeing you as the District 10 community comes together in celebration of this grand opening with entertainment, tours & more!

**Please call Eric Crane in the District 10 office at 535-4993 for more information on this upcoming event!**

## Neighborhood Center

### Community Leadership Academy (CLA)

We are excited about partnering with other organizations to provide these classes! Please register by calling 408.723.4114 or via email at [ndc@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:ndc@sanjoseca.gov).

### *Creating an Action Plan and Handling Money (sponsored by Community Foundation Silicon Valley)*

**Thursday, May 18, 2006, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Kirk Community Center, Room 4**

Now that your neighborhood association has received funding, this workshop will provide “best practices” in making sure you complete your projects on time and on budget. You will receive tools on creating an action plan and learn the financial responsibilities of an organization, along with ways to keep your money in order including tracking, reporting and administering grants.

### Your Input is Needed!

**Airport Curfew Funds** - Mineta San José Airport is presenting the community with an opportunity to submit their ideas and suggestions for the use of Airport Curfew Funds. To submit your recommendation, please fill out the official “Airport Curfew Fund Program” form. The form, along with submission instructions, may be found at [www.sjc.org](http://www.sjc.org). Submissions are due by May 15, 2006. For more information, please call 408.501.0979 or email [communityinput@sjc.org](mailto:communityinput@sjc.org).

### 1906 Earthquake Centennial & Building Safety Week

Earthquake, building safety photos, and literature are on display in the lobby of City Hall from April 17 - May 12. Stop by to see how San Jose's buildings are safer thanks to a "Century of Progress" and find out how to take a walking tour of downtown to compare the past with the present. Visit <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/> for more information.

### UPCOMING GRANTS & AWARDS

**San José Beautiful - Neighborhood Improvement Award** applications are due Friday, May 26, 2006. Recognize an individual or volunteer group whose work you admire and feel is worthy of recognition. Visit [www.sjbeautiful.org](http://www.sjbeautiful.org) for more information and to download an application.



**Williams Elementary School proclaims March 10<sup>th</sup> Tracy Cressio Day** in celebration of her hard work & dedication to their students. Pictured from left: San Jose Superintendent Don Iglesias, Tracy Cressio, Trustee for Area #5 Leslie Reynolds & Councilmember Pyle.

### Tours of City Hall

You can still tour the new City Hall facility Monday – Friday with a self guided tour or a docent led tour on Tuesdays at noon. **Come and visit – we’d love to see you! Call 535-3500 for more information.**

### Contact Us

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

San José City Hall has hundreds of visitors each day. We are looking for dedicated volunteer residents that can make a commitment to give tours of City Hall. Training will be provided, and you will be able to sign up for dates and times that fit your schedule. Tours take about 1 – 1½ hours and group sizes are limited to 15. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer tour guide, please email the Customer Service Call Center at [customerservice@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:customerservice@sanjoseca.gov) or call 408.535.3500.

**NO SHADE? BLAME NOT THE SUN.....JUST PLANT A TREE!**

Our City Forest has free shade trees NOW for:

- residents needing trees in the parking strip (the area between the sidewalk and the street)
- businesses needing trees in the public parking strips
- public schools needing trees in the school yards or along surrounding parking strips

In addition to the trees, Our City Forest provides free stakes, technical assistance, permits, trained volunteers, planting demonstrations, and tree care education.

Residents are encouraged to participate in the planting of their trees and will be required to sign an agreement to provide 3 years of tree care. Residents may call on Our City Forest for help regarding tree maintenance. **For a simple tree application, log on to [www.ourcityforest.org](http://www.ourcityforest.org) or call Our City Forest at 998-7337.**

**May Facts & Trivia**

- ❖ **The fifth calendar month, May**, was named as such in order to honor “Maiesta,” the Roman goddess of honor and reverence.
- ❖ **Infants born in May** are unique because they are an average of 200 grams heavier at birth than children born in any other month.
- ❖ **May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1921 is one of the most important dates** in the world of high fashion because it is the date that “Coco” Chanel first introduced the world’s best selling perfume, Chanel #5.
- ❖ **May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1913 marks the date** of the burial of the first soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

**And now for this month’s trivia question:**

*Which holiday was made official on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1914?*

- Answers to this and more can be found on the D10 website -

**City Council Meetings**

The City Council convenes every Tuesday at 1:30 PM at **200 East Santa Clara Street**. On the first and third Tuesday of the month the Council meets at 7:00 PM for Public Hearings. Meetings can also be viewed on the web at [www.sanjoseca.gov](http://www.sanjoseca.gov) or on the City cable TV station, Channel 26/26A.

Wednesday, May 3, 2006: 9:45 AM-11:00 AM  
**Almaden Senior Association Monthly Meeting**  
Almaden Winery Community Center; 5370 Chambertin Drive

Monday, May 8, 2006: 7:00 PM-9:00 PM  
**Almaden Valley Community Association (AVCA) meeting**  
Almaden Pizza Co.; 5965 Almaden Expwy (Almaden Expwy. & McAbee Rd.)

Wednesday, May 10, 2006: 6:00 PM-7:30 PM  
**Hoffman/Via Monte Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting**  
Almaden Hills United Methodist Church; 1200 Blossom Hill Road

Wednesday, May 10, 2006: 7:30 PM-8:30PM  
**Montevideo Homeowners Association Monthly Meeting**  
Corner of Coleman and Camden, in the clubhouse behind the pool

Thursday, May 11, 2006: 7:00 PM-8:30 PM  
**Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association (STFNA) Monthly Meeting**  
Southside Community Center; 5585 Cottle Road

Wednesday, May 17, 2006: 6:30 PM-8:30 PM  
**Hoffman/Via Monte Neighborhood Action Council (NAC) Monthly Meeting**  
Almaden Hills United Methodist Church; 1200 Blossom Hill Road

Tuesday, May 23, 2006: 7:30 PM  
**VEP General Meeting**  
Gunderson High School; 622 Gaundabert Lane

**Answer for last month’s trivia question**

**Q:** In April, 1877, what event made White House history?

**A:** Public egg-rolling celebrations were traditionally held on the grounds of the Capitol from as early as 1872. The children of Washington apparently caused such a ruckus on the Capitol grounds in 1876 that Congress passed the Turf Protection Law to prohibit the area from being used as a playground in future years. The event was rained out in 1877, but in 1878 the children were not allowed at the Capitol. President Rutherford B. Hayes, alerted to the plight of the children, opened the gates to the South Lawn and welcomed all the rollers to his end of Pennsylvania Avenue. Thus the first White House Easter Egg Roll on the white house lawn should have been in held 1877, but was held in 1878 due to the weather.

