



Councilmember
NANCY PYLE 10
District



Dear «First_Name»,

September was filled with many events for District 10. This has put me in contact with many residents over the past three weeks who are concerned about our country's current fiscal crisis. I too, along with the remainder of my colleagues are waiting to see how this will unfold. However, the City of San Jose is making huge strides in our local economy. On September 17th Tesla Motors announced that the nation's leading electronic car company will locate its headquarters, manufacturing research and development campus in San Jose.

Construction of the proposed \$250 million facility on an 89-acre site, located at Zanker Road and Highway 237 near the San Jose Water Pollution Control Plant in North San Jose, is planned to begin in the summer of 2009. The first vehicle will likely roll off the assembly line in late 2010. When fully operational, the facility will employ approximately 1,000 workers. This is a huge win for San Jose!!!

Another big event in September was the 32nd Annual Almaden Art and Wine Festival presented by the Almaden Women's Club. This wonderful event took place on September 21st at Almaden Lake Park and was attended by thousands of residents. Year after year the Almaden Women's Club does a superb job on the festival and should be commended. Congratulations and thank you for your hard work, ladies we all had a great time.

Nancy Pyle
Councilmember, District Ten

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November City Sponsored Ballot Measures

In the excitement of selecting a president and an array of local candidates this November, San Jose officials are hoping residents don't overlook four City ballot measures also up for a vote.

- **Measure J** if approved, would eliminate the emergency communications (9-1-1) fee of \$ 1.75 with a voter-approved tax of \$1.57 per line per month. This represents a 10% rate reduction, and there would be a corresponding reduction for commercial-type trunk lines. Residents exempt from the current fee, including low-income seniors and people with disabilities who receive lifeline telephone service, would continue to be exempt from payment of the proposed tax. The current fee is set to expire in July 2009. There also have been legal challenges raised about such a fee in other jurisdictions. If the proposed tax is not approved and the fee is not extended by the City Council, the City would lose an estimated \$24 million annually in revenues based on what residents and businesses are currently paying. If the tax is approved, it would be used to support all City services including police, fire, emergency response, park and libraries. Just to put this number in perspective, \$22.6 million is equal in this fiscal year to 76% of the General Fund dollars that pay for San Jose's libraries or 38% of the General Fund dollars that pay for San Jose's parks and recreation programs.

- **Measure K** if approved, would reduce the telecommunications users tax rate from 5% to 4.5% (a 10% rate reduction). This tax was



Nancy at Tesla's Future Site



Almaden Art & Wine Festival

introduced in 1970 and currently generates approximately \$26 million annually for all City services including parks and libraries, police, fire, and street maintenance. If the reduced tax rate is approved, it would generate slightly less — an estimated \$23 million annually. As with similar tax ordinances throughout the state, San Jose's ordinance was written before new telecommunications technologies were introduced and before several changes to federal law. As a result, legal issues have been raised in other jurisdictions. This measure would update the ordinance to avoid potential legal issues and apply tax equally regardless of the technology used. Existing exemptions would continue to apply.

The measure would have no impact on the existing utility users tax applied to electrical, gas and water services. Just to put the \$23 million revenue stream in perspective, this fiscal year it represents 88% of the General Fund dollars that pay for San Jose libraries or 44% of the General Fund dollars that pay for San Jose parks and recreation programs.

- **Measure L** if approved, would permit the use of approximately three-quarters of an acre of Lincoln Glen Park for construction of Fire Station No. 37. The portion of the six-acre park to be used is immediately south of Willows Senior Center on Lincoln Avenue and about a mile south of the Willow Glen business district. The new fire station would not affect recreational uses at the park, but would reduce parking by about 34 spaces (from 204 to 170).

- **Measure M** if approved, would allow the City Council to negotiate long-term agreements with non-City entities with the aim of improving parks and enhancing recreational opportunities. Currently, any such agreements over three years in length must be approved by voters. Public-private partnerships, sponsorships, and other proposals can require significant up-front investments. The intent of this proposal is to give private companies sufficient time to recover their costs. The proposed measure would only apply to parks of five acres or larger that also had a pool, community center, reservable sportsfield or other "community serving amenity." The proposal also specifies that the City Council must adopt a policy that would contain a number of requirements including community outreach standards, affordable access to the parks, periodic performance reviews, and early termination rights. Voters would still be required to approve agreements in excess of 25 years, as well as other proposed actions that are not specifically included in this character amendment. Examples of long-term leases previously approved by voters include Lake Cunningham (Raging Waters) and Kelley Park (History San Jose).

Citywide Update

Residential Burglaries Advisory with Suspect Sketch — The suspect responsible for these residential burglaries, 40 year-old Joseph Hoppa, was arrested on Friday, September 12, 2008.

Almaden Library and Community Center Rated State-of-the-Art by Fitness Professionals — Athletic Business, a national publication for athletic, fitness & recreational professionals, has named the Almaden Library and Community Center in its annual State-of-the-Art facilities showcase. Described as the first facility in the San Francisco Bay Area to accommodate fitness amenities with community rooms and a full-service library, this multi-use facility is commended for a building plan shaped to suit the existing site by developing building systems to protect the existing large redwood trees, respecting the adjacent elementary school and accommodating a large program without compromising the adjoining neighborhood park. With this recognition, the Almaden Library and Community Center joins 88 nationwide facilities under consideration for an annual architectural merit award.

Weight Watchers at Work Program — As you probably know, the two City healthcare providers provide Weight Watchers' discounts to their members but effective January 1, 2009, Blue Shield will expand this discount to members who participate in the Weight Watchers at Work Program. In addition, Weight Watchers will be added to a list of wellness activities, which will allow Blue Shield members to receive monetary rewards for participation

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Community Calendar October 2008

- Wednesday, Oct 1st
9:45 am - 11:00 am
Almaden Senior Association
Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Avenue
November Ballot Measures
- Wednesday, Oct 2nd
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Almaden Business Association Mixer
Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Avenue
- Wednesday, Oct 15th
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Hoffman Via Monte Neighborhood Action Coalition Monthly Meeting
Hoffman Via Monte Neighborhood Center; 1180 Blossom Hill Rd, 2
- Monday, Oct 20th
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Almaden Valley Community Association (AVCA) meeting
Almaden Community Center; Camden Ave

in the Weight Watchers at Work Program (\$50 per 12 weeks of participation). As an official City-sponsored program, Weight Watchers will be allowed to advertise its program to employees and will have access to City facilities for meetings. The Weight Watchers Program supports and encourages employees to make lifestyle changes, which over time, will increase their health and reduce employee and City health care costs.

King Library 5th Anniversary Celebration, "5 on Fourth" — On August 16, 2003, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library celebrated its grand opening. Since then, the Library has transformed a once quiet city corner into a bustling educational and cultural hub. The past five years have recorded more than 13 million on-site visits and 11 million items checked out. To mark this special anniversary, a month-long celebration titled "5 on Fourth" was scheduled for September with a kickoff consisting of a full day of multicultural performances, exhibits, tours, a video game tournament, and other family-oriented activities. Everyone was invited to post an anniversary message on the Library's guestbook and receive additional information about the celebration at the Library's Anniversary website www.SJLibrary.org/anniversary.htm

School Zero Waste Lunch Program Kicks Off in San Jose — On August 21, the Union School District, in partnership with Environmental Services (ESD), launched the first-of-its-kind Zero Waste Lunch Program in San José. More than 400 teachers and staff attended a kick-off breakfast at Union Middle School. The new program includes lunch composting and expanded recycling efforts at all eight schools and the District offices, setting a standard for schools and helping the City reach its Green Vision goal of Zero Waste in 15 years.

Record recycling rate set at Jazz Festival — Nearly 90 percent of the waste from the Comcast Jazz Festival was recycled or composted, achieving a record recycling rate for a large public event in San José. Over 100,000 people attended the Jazz Festival held August 8-10. All bottles, cans, glass, and cooking oils were recycled. Additionally, all plates, cups, utensils, food scraps and charcoal were sent to a composting facility. ESD staff worked with vendors and festival organizers to make this a "zero waste" event. The Conservation Corps provided 167 Corps members and staff to aid with event recycling.

Police Substation Celebrates Construction Milestone — On August 26, placement of the last structural steel beam on the Police Southside Substation was celebrated with a "Topping-Off" ceremony. In keeping with tradition, the topping off ceremony offered participants an opportunity to sign the final beam before placement but, more importantly, celebrated a safe job site – the Substation steel frame was constructed without loss of life or serious injury, a testament to the success of the weekly safety meetings and site inspections conducted by the contractor. Upon completion, this \$82 million Public Safety Bond project will not only improve police services to south San José but will also add to the City's Green Building inventory and provide additional public meeting space for the community. The Substation is on schedule for completion in November 2009.

Residential Street Sealing Project — The Department of Transportation (DOT) is currently performing the Residential Street Sealing project on 75 miles of residential streets throughout the City. The project involves two sealing processes – a chip seal and a slurry seal – known as a double seal or cape seal. The first chip seal process was started in mid-July and was completed last week. The second and final slurry seal process occurs about four to eight weeks later and is expected to be completed in October. While the double seal process impacts residents and neighborhoods more than a traditional single sealing process, it is an innovative approach to maintaining our streets that will provide a much more durable and smoother street. The project is being performed on streets that were previously designated for more costly resurfacing and would not have been treated otherwise. Staff will be proactively reaching out to schools to coordinate the final sealing process as the school year begins.

More Than Three Tons of Trash Cleaned Up From Guadalupe — On August 28, staff from the City and Water District partnered to remove 6,580 pounds of trash and debris from the Guadalupe River from Coleman Avenue to near the Hedding Street bridge. Social services were offered to seven homeless individuals, of which four accepted beds at local shelters.

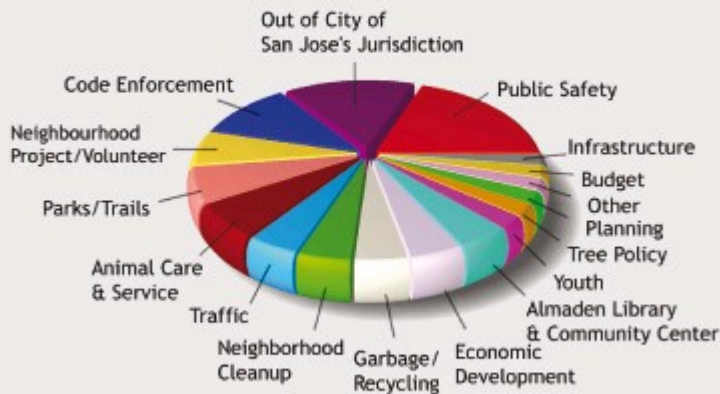
- Monday, Oct 20th
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Almaden Valley Community Association (AVCA) meeting
Almaden Community Center; Camden Ave

- Tuesday, October 28th
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Election Forum regarding ballot measures
Cosponsored by VEP
Community Association
AVCA STFNA
Gunderson HS Theatre

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-DRU
- **DOT** - 277-4373
- **Environmental Services** - 535-8550
- **Hazardous Materials** - 277-4659
- **Housing** - 535-3860
- **Neighborhood Development Center** - 723-411
- **Parking Enforcement** - 534-2900
- **Vehicle Abatement** - 277-5305
- **Gang Hotline** - 293-4264

September 2008 Constituents, Comments & Requests by Category



Almaden Times Classic race



Gift from Dublin Sister City Program

District 10 Youth Advisory Council

Who: Youth ages 14-20
What: Service organization composed of young people who work with Council-member Nancy Pyle's Office and the City of San Jose to put together neighborhood improvement projects and community events
When: Meetings occur on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM at the Almaden Community Center (6445 Camden Avenue)
Contact: Stephanie Holm in the Council Office
Phone: (408)-535-4982 Email: Stephanie.holm@sanjoseca.gov

Disability Awareness Day

Come Celebrate the Abilities of Persons with Disabilities! Together with The CADRE Emergency Preparedness Conference for People with Functional Disabilities



Enjoy live music, art, education, community resources, demos of adaptive sports, and learn about federal, state, and local disability access laws.

To request an accommodation for this event or an alternative format for any printed materials, please call Steve Wing at 408-535-8326 or 408-294-9337 (TTY) as soon as possible, but at least three business days before the event.

Youth Job Fair

On Saturday morning, September 20th, Councilmember Pyle and Councilmember Nguyen and Westfield Oakridge hosted a youth job fair at Westfield Oakridge in the Sears Courtyard. More than 150 job seekers attended the 2 hour workshop that was led by Mariah from Center for Training and Careers. The Job Fair included more than 20 different employers who were taking applications and passing out information. All employers commented on how well prepared and professional the applicants were. If you are interested in more information about job training contact www.work2future.biz or www.ctcsj.org



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Youth Job Fair

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

- Martin Luther King Jr., “Strength of Love”, 1963

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