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Peregrine Falcons Lay a New Egg Atop City Hall

SAN JOSE – In the early evening on Thursday March 13, resident peregrine falcon, Clara, laid the first egg of the falcon season in her nestbox located atop a utility shaft of San José City Hall.

The egg was discovered by viewers of the FalconCam just after 6:00 p.m. Since that time both parents, Clara and Carlos, have been taking shifts protecting and keeping their new egg warm. According to experts from the Santa Cruz Predatory Bird Research Group, Clara may continue to lay eggs over the next few days.

Last year, the viewers of City Hall FalconCam witnessed the hatching, growth and subsequent first flight of three baby falcons, Esperanza, Hiko, and Spirit. Proud parents, Clara and José, witnessed their three children flying out of the nest in mid-June and flying away from the area permanently in early September. Father, José, also disappeared and a new male falcon garnered Clara's affection. The new falcon, dubbed Carlos, because he was regularly spotted perched atop buildings on San Carlos Street, has made a quick transition to City Hall.

The Santa Cruz Predatory Bird Research Group will be hosting a slideshow and discussion on the history of Peregrine falcon's in the Bay Area on Saturday, March 15 at 2:00 p.m. in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library (150 E. San Fernando Street) 5th Floor Schiro Program Room. Members of the public are welcome to attend to learn about the falcons, see a new photography display on the 4th floor, and use the Orion telescope on the 8th floor to get a glimpse of the falcons on City Hall. For more information on this event, please call 408-808-2040.

To view the FalconCam, go to the City of San José's Website at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov>

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