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INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Census Workers Start Walking San José Neighborhoods —On April 6, U.S. Census workers will begin canvassing neighborhoods in San José and throughout Santa Clara County. As the first step in gearing up for the 2010 Census, field workers will begin “address canvassing” to verify and update existing residential addresses and area maps. These will be used to deliver the Census 2010 questionnaires next year. The City is partnering with the County of Santa Clara, Valley Transportation Authority, and local communities to assist the U. S. Census Bureau with outreach efforts. An accurate Census count is important to the City and other local government agencies, because the Census count is used to make important decisions about the amount of funding our agencies receive. Every year, more than \$300 billion in federal funds is awarded to states and communities based on Census data. Address canvassing will be completed by June 19. If you have questions or concerns, contact the Local Census Office at (408) 343-8140.

San José Fire Department Recognized as an Accredited Training Provider —After a rigorous evaluation by the Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee and Fire Technology directors from accredited academies around the state, the Fire Department was recognized as an accredited training center by the State Fire Marshal. This recognition provides the department with unique opportunities, such as:

- Online delivery of State Fire Marshal classes,
- Ability to schedule Fire Service Training and Education Program (FSTEP) classes
- Issue certificates without going through the usual scheduling process, and
- Ability to electronically transmit class and student data to the Sacramento database

For more information, contact Ty Mayfield at 277-5958.

Energy Saving Project at Wastewater Treatment Plant To Be Acknowledged at State Environmental Conference —On April 30, the San José/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant's Process Engineering team will receive a Second Place Award in the California Water Environment Association (CWEA) State-Wide Competition for Research Achievement. The certificate will be presented at the 81st Annual CWEA Conference in Palm Springs for its research to optimize the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the Plant's dissolved air floatation process that led to significant energy savings of over 1.6 million kWh. Major consulting companies as well as other California wastewater treatment plants were competing for this prestigious award. For more information, contact Alex Ekster at 945-5137.

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Thermometer Exchange Events Held at Shirakawa Community Center and Tully Branch Library —On March 7 and 14, Environmental Services Department conducted two thermometer exchange events in locations convenient to area residents. A combined total of approximately 25 residents turned in 31 old-fashioned glass mercury thermometers. In exchange, residents receive free digital thermometers. Both events drew 65 visitors who came in to ask questions and learn more about pollution prevention. For more information, contact Sharon Newton at 277-5695.

Code Enforcement Results in Citywide Removal of Home Show Signs —After receiving detailed information from a citizen regarding a large number of Home Show signs placed on private property and public right-of-ways, Code Enforcement staff took immediate action to alleviate a highly visible citywide blight condition. Staff contacted the event promoter, advised of the violations, and ordered the removal of all of the signs throughout the City or administrative citations, for each sign, would be issued. The business was provided 3 days to complete the sign removal. Staff has been notified by community members that the signs have been removed. For more information, contact Michael Hannon at 277-4703.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Planning Division Community Meetings —Due to the volume of community meetings conducted by the Planning Division, please visit <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/planningcalendar> to view upcoming meetings and events.

Green Vision/Green Schools; Third Annual Go Green Schools Conference —Saturday, April 4, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. at the San José Fairmont Hotel, 170 Market Street. Conference will focus on the City's Green Vision and will help schools and school districts learn how to save money by protecting natural resources and fostering the next generation of environmental advocates. To register go to www.sjrecycles.org/gogreen/.

Distinctive Neighborhood Program Community Meeting —Tuesday, April 14, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at San José City Hall, Wing Room 118-119. For more information, call Hadasa Lev at 525-7838 or visit the program web page at: http://www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/distinctive_neighborhood.

27th Annual Palm Sunday Senior Brunch —Sunday, April 5, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mayfair Community Center, 2039 Kammerer Avenue, San Jose, 95116. Call 794-1060 for more information.

Foreclosure Help Initiative – Press Conference – Scheduled for Thursday, April 8, 11:00 a.m. Hillview Branch Library, 1600 Hopkins Drive, San Jose. For more information, contact Robert Lopez at 975-4402 or robert.lopez@sanjoseca.gov.

2009 Annual Park Volunteer Recognition BBQ & Dessert Picnic —Saturday, April 18, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Almaden Lake Park, Arroyo Picnic Area. Please R.S.V.P. by April 10. For more information, call 793-4190 or adoptapark@sanjoseca.gov.

"Neighbors in the Chambers" Training —One final training remains in this three-part series. Saturday, April 18: "The Effective Advocate," led by neighborhood leaders focuses on how to be an effective advocate and engage the community. All sessions are held from 10 a.m. to noon in the Council Chambers. Space is limited; to RSVP call or email: 723-4114 or ndc@sanjoseca.gov.

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Foreclosure Help Workshop – Scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 12:00–5:00 p.m. County Fairgrounds, 344 Tully Road, San Jose. For more information, contact Robert Lopez at 975-4402 or robert.lopez@sanjoseca.gov.

Great American Litter Pickup —Saturday, April 25, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Servando Perez at 277-3208 or Servando.perez@sanjoseca.gov. Locations listed below.

- Starbird Youth Center, 1050 Boynton Avenue, San Jose, CA 95117
- Oak Grove High School, 285 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose, CA 95123
- Roosevelt Community Center, 901 E. Santa Clara Street, San Jose, CA 95116
- Berryessa Community Center, 3050 Berryessa Road, San Jose, CA 95132
- Alviso Youth Center, 5040 N. First Street, San Jose, CA, 95134
- Mayfair Community Center, 2039 Kammerer, San Jose, CA 95116
- Sherman Oaks Community Center, 1800A Fruitdale Avenue, San Jose, CA 95128
- Cry Out Christian Fellowship, 3167 Senter Road, San Jose, CA 95111
- Dove Hill Elementary, 1460 Colt Way, San Jose, CA 95121
- Camden Community Center, 3369 Union Avenue, San Jose, CA 95124
- Pioneer High School, 1290 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose, CA 95118


Everything's Coming Up Roses; Municipal Rosegarden Rebirth Celebration —Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m. - Noon, Naglee Avenue @ Dana Avenue, San Jose, 95126.

Grand Opening Grace Art & Wellness Studio —Thursday, May 14, 2009, 5 p.m.- 7:30 p.m., 146 South 10th Street, San Jose, CA 95112. For more information, call 277-4007.

Spring into Health; 50+ Wellness Festival & Fun Walk — Friday, May 15, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., San José History Park, 1650 Senter Road, San Jose, 95112. Please call the San Jose Office on Aging at 979-7915.

Plant Master Plan Community Workshop —Saturday, May 16, 1:30 p.m.; Plant bus tour at 2:00 p.m.; Open house at 2:30 p.m. 700 Los Esteros Road San Jose, CA 95134. Seating is limited. Call 975-2556 to make a reservation or email Matt.Krupp@sanjoseca.gov for more information.

Wonders of Our Water Works Bus Tours — Tour the Water Pollution Control Plant and adjacent wildlife refuge to see this marvel and learn how our clean effluent protects the adjacent wildlife refuge and Bay. First and third Saturdays, May-October, 9:00-11:00 a.m., and 1:00-3:00 p.m. (exceptions for the month of July). Group tours also available first and third Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. For more information, call 975-2556.


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