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INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Alaska Airlines Announces New Flights from San José to Maui and Kona—On November 10, Alaska Airlines announced that it will inaugurate three-times-weekly service between San José and Kahului, Maui, beginning March 11, 2010, and four-times-weekly service between San José and Kona on the Big Island of Hawaii starting March 12, 2010. The Airport's ongoing surveys of travelers in San José and Silicon Valley have found a very strong interest in having direct Maui flights from SJC. Alaska will operate the new flights with Boeing 737-800 aircraft, accommodating 16 passengers in first class and 141 in the main cabin. Alaska is offering introductory one-way fares of \$169 between San José-Maui and San José-Kona for tickets purchased by November 24, 2009. Alaska also restored the SJC-Austin "Nerd Bird" in September, and it already announced a second daily departure to Austin to begin in March. For more information, contact Bill Sherry, Director of Aviation, at 501-7600.

Project Veterans Connect—On November 10, the City's Housing Department, in conjunction with EHC LifeBuilders partnered to honor homeless Veterans by coordinating a Project Veterans Connect event. Fifteen service providers gathered at the One Stop Center (located at the Boccardo Reception Center) to provide 87 homeless Veterans with a variety of services, including medical, dental, haircuts, employment, addiction support, and permanent housing. The next Project Homeless Connect event will take place January 2010 and will coordinate services for the unhoused community in Los Gatos. For more information, contact Leslye Krutko, Housing Director, at 535-3851.

USO Opens its Permanent Home in Newly-Opened Terminal—On November 10, after 18 years of operating out of temporary quarters in seven different locations at the Airport, the USO at SJC celebrated its final move into a new, comfortable and spacious home in the new Terminal B Concourse. Its new permanent facility includes a lounge, computers, kitchen, secure bag storage, library, and restrooms in 2,060 square feet of space serving approximately 11,000 military personnel and their families traveling through the airport each year. Staffed entirely by volunteers, the USO has operated at SJC since July 1991. The new street-level location in the Terminal B Concourse places the USO conveniently between Terminal A and the new Terminal B, scheduled to open in June 2010. For more information, contact Bill Sherry, Director of Aviation, at 501-7600.

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Google to Support Complimentary Wi-Fi for the Holidays at the Airport—Mineta San José International Airport and Google have partnered to make the holiday season easier for travelers with complimentary, terminal-wide Wi-Fi beginning November 10 through January 15, 2010. SJC launched its free full-service wireless Internet service in May 2008. This year Google offered to support the Airport's system during the holidays. This is a natural partnership between Google and the Airport to provide the best customer service for travelers. Google's gift to the nation's travelers during this holiday season includes similar partnerships with more than 45 airports that together handle 500 million passengers each year, or about 35 percent of the total number of annual passengers in the U.S. Google will also run some limited promotions for its products on airport networks' sign-in pages. For more information, contact Bill Sherry, Director of Aviation, at 501-7600.

Multi-Agency, Corporate Collaborative Hosts Todd Quick Trail Service Day—On November 7, 53 volunteers provided 165 hours of trail maintenance on the Todd Quick Trail in Alum Rock Park. Representatives from the Alum Rock Park Trail Volunteers, Bay Area Ridge Trail Board, BART, City of San José Parks & Recreation Commission, PRNS Park Rangers, Peet's Coffee, REI Retail Outlet, Volunteers for Outdoor California, and members of the Quick family all gathered to work along the popular trail. The Todd Quick Memorial Trail was named in honor of late San José Senior Park Ranger Todd Quick. It is the gateway to the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority's Boccardo Trail and allows visitors access to the top of the ridge overlooking the north side of the canyon. For more information, contact Mike McClintock, Park Facility Supervisor, at 277-3267.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

One-Stop Homeless Prevention Center Tours—Over the next three months, EHC LifeBuilders will be providing one-hour tours to anyone interested in learning more about the innovative services at EHC LifeBuilders' new One-Stop Homeless Prevention Center located at 2011 Little Orchard Street. The tour will consist of a short presentation outlining the program, how it assists clients to achieve stability and self-sufficiency in Santa Clara County, and additional information such as program goals and outcomes, success stories, as well as methods and principles implemented at the site. Tours will be held three times a month from October through December, or by special appointment. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Ray Bramson at 539-2103 or at rbramson@ehclifebuilders.org:

October: Tuesday, October 20 – 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.; Friday, October 23 – 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.; Wednesday, October 28 – 12:00 -1:00 p.m.

November: Wednesday, November 4 – 9:00 a.m. -10:00 a. m.; Thursday, November 12 – 10:00 a.m-11:00 a.m.; Tuesday, November 17 – 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

December : Thursday, December 3 – 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.; Tuesday, December 8 – 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.; Wednesday, December 9 – 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

"Day of the Dead: a Passion for Life" Exhibit— An exhibit of more than 50 images captured by accomplished local photographer and community newspaper publisher Mary J. Andrade. The exhibit, located on the second floor of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library continues through Friday, November 27. For additional information on the photo exhibit, contact Veronica Murguia at 436-7850 ext. 12 or at veronica@laoferta.com.

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"The Art of Remembrance" Exhibit—An exhibit of traditional altars curated by Mary Jane Solis, located on the fifth floor of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library through Saturday, November 14. The exhibit is part of Día de los Muertos 2009 presented by San José Multicultural Artist Guide and Teatro Familia Aztlan, in collaboration with the City of San José, Castellano Family Foundation, Target Stores, Mexican American Studies Department and Cesar Chavez Community Action Program at SJSU, Assemblymember Joe Coto and Councilmembers Madison Nguyen and Sam Liccardo. For more information, call 272-9924.

Unveiling of Deep Space Images from NASA's Great Observatories—On November 17 at noon, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library will host an unveiling of never-before-seen multi-wavelength images produced in collaboration by NASA's Great Observatories—the Hubble Space Telescope, Spitzer Space Telescope, and Chandra X-Ray Observatory. The Library is one of two institutions in the Bay Area (152 nationwide) selected to host this special event in celebration of the International Year of Astronomy. The International Year of Astronomy Great Observatories Image Unveiling is made possible by special funding from NASA's Science Mission Directorate. The project is collaboration between the Space Telescope Science Institute, Spitzer Science Center and Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics. The image unveiling takes place in the King Library's Fourth Street Lobby and will be followed on Saturday, November 21 with a day of discovery activities for all ages, including lectures by faculty from the SJSU Physics & Astronomy Dept. For more information, call 808-2397.

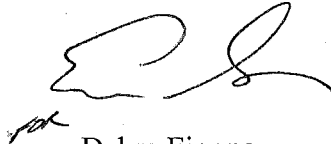
Silicon Valley Turkey Trot-Run or Walk for Health, Hope and a Home—Thursday, November 26, 7:30am-12pm Guadalupe River Park Arena Green. For more information, contact Carl Guardino at 501-7864.

Wonders of Our Water Works Bus Tours Extended Through November 21, 2009—First and third Saturdays, 9:00-11:00 a.m., and 1:00-3:00 p.m. Free two-hour bus tour of the Water Pollution Control Plant to learn how wastewater is treated. Participants must be 10 years or older. For reservations, contact Bruce Frisbey at 975-2542, or visit www.sanjoseca.gov/esd/plantmasterplan/tour-reservations.asp

Christmas in the Park—Friday, November 27 through Friday, January 1, Plaza de Cesar Chavez. For more information, contact Brian Clampitt, Event Coordinator, at 794-6203.

Heritage Holiday—Saturday, December 5, 12 p.m. -5 p.m., Kelley Park/History Park. For more information, contact Pam Watson at 918-1055.

San José Holiday Parade—Sunday, December 6, 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m., Guadalupe River Park Arena Green. For more information, contact Brian Clampitt, Event Coordinator, at 794-6203.


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