

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Debra Figone

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INFORMATION

Labor Negotiations – An update on labor negotiations is available on the City's Labor Relations website at: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/employeeRelations/labor.asp>. Proposals and correspondence with all bargaining units related to negotiations are also available on this website. For questions please contact Alex Gurza, Director of Employee Relations, at 535-8150.

\$330,000 in Grants Available to Promote Community Energy Efficiency—Through the Silicon Valley Energy Watch, the City's county-wide partnership with PG&E, the City is accepting applications through April 12, 2011 for its Community Energy Champions grant program designed to promote energy efficiency as an integral component of community climate action outreach and education. The City will award the grants to local non-profits and government agencies in amounts up to \$25,000 and \$30,000, respectively. Applications are available through the City of San José's online WebGrants system, <http://grants.sanjoseca.gov>. Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to attend one of four workshops to learn more about the grant requirements and application process. See Upcoming Meetings & Events for dates, times, and locations. For more information, contact Mike Foster, Supervising Environmental Services Specialist, at 975-2601.

San José Council Salary Setting Commission— The Commission has announced its meeting schedule to gather input regarding compensation for the Mayor and City Council. Under the City Charter, the Council Salary Setting Commission is appointed by the Civil Service Commission and meets in odd-numbered years to establish compensation for the City's elected officials. The Commission will issue a report by April 30, 2011 that will recommend compensation and benefits for the Mayor and City Council beginning July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013. As a part of its process, the Commission invites comments during public meetings. Please see the upcoming events section for more information. For more information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at 535-1260 or cityclerk@sanjoseca.gov.

e-ideas Online Employee Suggestion Program is now LIVE—On February 28, the City launched the new e-ideas Online Employee Suggestion Program to all City employees. E-ideas uses a web-based platform to provide an open and transparent process for employees to submit their ideas for improving our workplace and better serving our community. All City employees can submit ideas, as well as comment, vote and build upon submitted ideas. The new e-ideas program encourages creativity and collaboration among our employees, and recognizes ideas that improve City operations and the services we provide to our community. For more information about the e-ideas program, visit our new e-ideas Intranet site at www.csj.gov/eideas or contact Allen Fong, Capital Projects Specialist, at 535-8146 or at allen.fong@sanjoseca.gov.

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New Retail Store Opens in Terminal B— “Sound Balance”, another new retail concession at the Airport, opened this week in Terminal B opposite the Sharks Cage near Gate 19. Sound Balance features a selection of digital cameras, camcorders, DVD players and Blu-Ray players, as well as a wide variety of headphones and audio devices, cell phone accessories and portable power converters. For more information, contact Bill Sherry, Director of Aviation, at 392-3611.

Fresh Choice to be a Major Sponsor of the City's 2011 Bay Area Schools Conference—On February 22, Fresh Choice Inc., as part of their commitment to serving locally grown, organic food at their restaurants, provided breakfast, lunch, and snacks to 350 participants attending the Bay Area Schools Environmental Conference, a contribution valued at approximately \$20,000. This year's Conference theme is “filling your plate with green,” and features keynote speaker Jamie Smith, Senior Manager of Food Services and Nutrition for Santa Cruz City Schools. The event was hosted by the City's Environmental Services Department, Go Green Schools Program. For more information, contact Jennifer Seguin, Associate ESD Specialist, at 975-2543.

Two San José Schools Win Top Honors in State-Wide Recycling Challenge—On February 11, Keep California Beautiful announced Independence High School and Union Middle School as winners of the 2010 K-12 Schools Recycling Challenge for diverting the most material from the landfill. This includes recycling paper, bottles, and cans or composting food waste. The competition was conducted in November 2010, and included 84 schools and four school districts throughout the state. Both schools have received Youth Education and Improvement Grants and free recycling containers from the Environmental Services Department's Go Green Schools Program to develop their campus-wide recycling programs. For more information, contact Jennifer Seguin, Associate ESD Specialist, at 975-2543.

Aviation Director Bill Sherry Interview on KLIV CEO Show— On March 1, SJC Aviation Director Bill Sherry was the guest on the weekly CEO Show produced by the Silicon Valley Leadership Group on radio station KLIV. Bill discussed the Airport's current efforts to attract more flights to serve Silicon Valley businesses and residents, as well as its focus on remaining cost competitive to airlines during a challenging financial period. To listen to a replay of the interview between Bill and SVLG CEO Carl Guardino, go to the podcast at http://kliv.gotdns.com/kliv/MP3_Audio/03_01_11_CEO_Show.mp3. For more information, contact Bill Sherry, Director of Aviation, at 392-3611.

Wall Street Journal Article about SJC—On March 3, The challenges to gaining more flights for Silicon Valley's airport was the subject of an article in the Wall Street Journal. The Journal noted both the benefits resulting from the completion of the airport's modernization, as well as the competition for service from other Bay Area airports. SJC's location near major Silicon Valley technology corporations and their support for the Airport, its customer amenities position the airport well for more service, but its proximity to SFO continues to be an obstacle for securing additional flights. The article can be found at: <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704506004576174462781500954.html>. For more information, contact Bill Sherry, Director of Aviation, at 392-3608.

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Upcoming Meetings & Events

PRNS Winter/Spring Break Camps Begin Registration—Registration began Tuesday, February 1, dates and times vary by location. For more information please visit www.sanjoseca.gov/prns or email Sjregistration@sanjoseca.gov.

Operation Prom Dress 2011— Dress donations will be accepted through April 8, 2011 at drop-off locations listed on the attached flyer. Dress distribution will take place on Saturday, April 9 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Seven Trees Community Center located at 3590 Cas Drive. For more information, contact Lan Thao Nguyen, District 7, at 535-4959.

Community Energy Champions Grant Workshops—Silicon Valley Energy Watch will conduct four workshops for Community Energy Champions Grant Program applicants. The grant program is designed to foster innovative projects that build awareness, interest, and knowledge of energy efficiency in the PG&E territory within Santa Clara County. The workshops, held around Silicon Valley, will give prospective applicants a chance to learn more about the grant and ask questions. For more information, contact PJ Iyer 975-2603 or pj.iyer@sanjoseca.gov or go to: <http://energy.sanjoseca.gov/energy-efficiency/>.

- March 8, 9:30-11:00 a.m. at San José City Hall, Wing Rooms 118-119, 200 East Santa Clara St., San José
- March 8, 3:00-4:30 p.m. at the Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin Street, Mountain View, CA
- March 9, 3:30-5:00 p.m. at the Morgan Hill Community Center, 17000 Monterey Rd., Morgan Hill
- March 10, 3:00-4:30 p.m. at the Camden Community Center, 3369 Union Avenue, San José

3rd Annual Reading Challenge and Hullabaloo! -- Saturday, March 5, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Camden Community Center. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Kiersten McCormick at 559-8553 or at kiersten.mccormick@sanjoseca.gov.

Willow Glen Free E-Waste Recycling Event—Saturday, March 5, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Willow Glen Community & Senior Center Parking Lot, 2175 Lincoln Avenue. For more information, please call Benriya, Inc. at 857-3395.

Family Camp Registration for the 2011 Season Begins —Saturday, March 5. For more information please visit www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/familycamp or call 794-6523.

Council Salary Setting Commission—The Commission has announced its meeting schedule to gather input regarding compensation for the Mayor and City Council. Below is the list of dates, times and locations:

- Monday, March 7, 2011 7:00 p.m. West Valley Branch Library
1243 San Tomas Aquino Rd. San José
- Tuesday, March 15, 2011 5:30 p.m. City Hall Wing – City Clerk's Office Room W-242
City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara St., San José
- Saturday, March 19, 2011 10:00 a.m. Tully Branch Library
880 Tully Rd., San José
- Monday, March 21, 2011 6:00 p.m. Vineland Branch Library
1450 Blossom Hill Rd., San José

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- Tuesday, March 29, 2011 6:00 p.m. Roberto Cruz Alum Rock Library
3090 Alum Rock Ave., San José

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Introduction to Motivational Interviewing—Friday, March 11, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., San Jose City Hall, Wing Committee Rooms 119 and 120, 200 East Santa Clara Street. This workshop will focus on a guiding communication method to help those who may have experienced family/domestic violence or child abuse. Training conducted by Melinda Hohman, Ph.D., Professor at San Diego State University's School of Social Work. Workshop co-sponsored by the San Jose State University Institute for Collaborative Response and the City of San Jose's Family/Domestic Violence Advisory Board. For more information or to RSVP, contact Christine McClure at 924-2918.

4th Annual San Jose Youth Conference—Friday, March 18, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., San Jose City Hall, 200 East Santa Clara Street. For more information, contact Betty Montoya or Veronica Hennesey, San Jose Youth Commission at 793-5559. (see attached flyers)

Great American Litter Pick Up—Saturday, March 19, Clean-up: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., multiple locations. For more information or to sign up, please call 277-3208.

JDS Walk For Babies—Saturday, March 19, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Almaden Lake Park. For more information please contact Beth Maddatu at 903-6305 or at emaddatu@yahoo.com.

Walk for Thought—Saturday, March 26, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Almaden Lake Park, Almaden Expy & Coleman Rd. For more information, please contact Liz Best, Therapeutic Specialist, at 794-1065.

"Make It Count" Skateboard Contest—Saturday, March 26, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Mayfair Skatepark, 2039 Kammerer Ave. For more information, contact Todd Larson at (949) 294-5378 or at todd@elementalawareness.org.



Debra Figone
City Manager

Attachment



The City of San José
in partnership with
Vice Mayor Madison Nguyen
present...

Operation Prom Dress 2011

There are many young women in the community who are excited about the upcoming prom season. Unfortunately, in this tough economy, many families are struggling to make ends meet and as a result cannot make buying a prom dress a priority.

For the past three years, my office has organized Operation Prom Dress Drive, an effort to collect new and gently used prom dresses from residents and local retailers. Since 2008, we have given away more than 1,500 dresses to young women across the city. We are launching the third annual Operation Prom Dress Drive and would like your assistance in helping us reach our goal of 1,000 dresses for the 2011 prom season.

We will be accepting dress donations until Friday, April 8, 2011. Dresses can be dropped off at the entrance of City Hall or at local libraries and community centers throughout the city.

With a valid Student ID, we invite girls from all over the city to try on and choose a dress of their choice at no cost at our dress distribution event on **Saturday, April 9, 2011** at the Seven Trees Community Center, located at 3590 Cas Drive in San Jose, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Thank you for your support.

Madison Nguyen
Vice Mayor, District 7

Libraries

Almaden Library
Alviso Library
Berryessa Library
Cambrian Library,
Dr. Roberto Cruz Alum Rock Library
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library
Edenvale Library
Evergreen Library
Rose Garden Library
Santa Teresa Library
Tully Library
Vineland Library
West Valley Library
Willow Glen Library

Community Centers

Evergreen Community Center
Roosevelt Community Center
Seven Trees Community Center
Southside Community Center
West SJ Community and Policing Center
Willow Glen Community Center
San Jose City Hall



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