

**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.

**Internet Outage**—On Tuesday, April 26, 2011, the City's internet service provider (AT&T) suffered an outage that affected multiple customers in the Bay Area including City Hall. The issue was traced to switching equipment in Pleasanton. The failure occurred at approximately 11:40 a.m. and internet service was not restored until approximately 2:15 a.m. the following morning. The outage interrupted internet service for most of the day on April 26, including the ability to send and receive external email, access to the City's website, and web streaming of the Council meeting. Video of the April 26 Council meeting is currently available on the City's website. Internet email was queued and delivered upon restoration of service. Internet access operated normally on Wednesday, April 27. Prolonged internet outages during business hours are very rare for the City. Although unrelated to this particular instance, the IT Department is in the process of implementing redundant internet service from a separate provider which is anticipated to be in place by August 2011. For questions, please contact Vijay Sammeta, Acting Chief Information Officer at, 535-3566.

**Federal Entitlement Funds Cut for the Housing Department**—On April 22, the City's Housing Department received preliminary news that its three entitlement programs from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development were cut, and one was increased, for a net loss of \$2 million to the Department's FY 2011-2012 budget. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds were cut 16.1%; HOME funds were cut 11%; HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS) funds decreased 1.3%; and Emergency Shelter Grant funds increased 38.7%. These cuts were not as extreme as in the House Republicans' initial proposal—which included complete elimination of some programs, including CDBG. However, the programs are likely to face the potential for additional cuts in the FY 2012 Federal Budget. The Housing Department has adjusted its FY 2011-2012 budget projections accordingly, and is informing the public about impacts through its Consolidated Plan Draft Annual Action Plan, posted to the Department's website at [www.sjhousing.org](http://www.sjhousing.org). For more information, contact Leslye Corsiglia, Director of Housing, at 535-3851.

**Guadalupe Community Garden Project**—On April 23, a grand opening for Phase 2 of the Guadalupe Community Garden Project was held. The Phase 2 Project provided 45 new garden plots and was funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The Guadalupe Community Garden now consists of 76 garden plots irrigated with recycled water. The

project was a collaboration between the City's Departments of Public Works, Environmental Services and Parks Recreation and Neighborhood Services. This Project was designed, bid and awarded in less than four months in order to meet Federal deadlines. With over 100 people on the wait list, the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy is looking for additional grant opportunities. The City is also looking for alternative delivery methods to develop the remaining 22 plots in the Guadalupe Community Garden. For more information contact Matt Cano, Division Manager, at 535-3580 or [matt.cano@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:matt.cano@sanjoseca.gov).

***Airport Excellence Recognized by Associated General Contractors of California(AGC)***—The Airport's modernization program and its design/build contractor Hensel Phelps Construction Company received the "2011 Constructor Award" from the AGC this month in the category of Excellence in Project Management for projects over \$10 million. The Airport's \$1.3 billion Terminal Area Improvement Program (TAIP) was delivered ahead of schedule and under budget in partnership with Hensel Phelps and its team of architects and subcontractors. The annual AGC Constructor Awards recognize their members' achievements for professional skill, unique undertakings, and ability to address difficult challenges. For more information, contact Bill Sherry, Director of Aviation, at 392-3611.

***The Airport Receives Good Customer Reviews on Yelp***—Below is a sampling of [recent customer reviews on Yelp](#) about the City's newly modernized airport. Prior to the grand opening and during the Terminal Area Improvement Project (TAIP) construction, customer reviews were understandably mixed. For more information, contact Bill Sherry, Director of Aviation, at 392-3611.

- "A trend I have noticed at airports is a lack of facilities or shops OUTSIDE the secure area. Well, if loved ones may be there for a while to greet you, might they want a snack or drink? SJIA has that in the two wings I've been too. A coffee shop in one, and a small shop at the other. That is nice. Very convenient to get in and out. Parking is very reasonable. I don't feel like I'm getting robbed at short term or long term. Smaller than SFO and Oakland, convenient, and much nicer." – Bob M, Merced, 4/26/11
- "This airport was much cleaner than expected, prettier to look at, and easy to navigate. It's a bit more comforting when the people who designed the airport kept style/aesthetic appeal in mind with functionality. Makes it way less uncomfortable for traveler's, makes me feel less like I'm just shoved into a bungalow waiting to be shoved into a pressurized tube. The bathrooms were also super clean and pretty. The stalls were huge, with an extra shelf to put down your carryon/purse. Also made you feel less shoved in. I approve." – Nicole R, Granada Hills, 4/26/11
- "I love the new look. The fact that it has free Wi-Fi, charging stations for your devices is awesome!" – Vu N., San Diego, 4/25/11

**San José Information Memos Distributed April 21 through April 29, 2011:**

- Status Report on Grant for Tobacco Prevention Policy  
<https://www.piersystem.com/external/content/document/1914/1070595/1/04-21-11%20CM>
- Medical Marijuana  
<https://www.piersystem.com/external/content/document/1914/1071027/1/04-21-11%20CMO%202.PDF>
- Energy Efficiency Exceptions to Council Policy #4-3 on Outdoor Lighting on Private Property  
<https://www.piersystem.com/external/content/document/1914/1073699/1/04-26-11%20PBCE.PDF>
- Envision 2040 General Plan Outreach Activities  
<https://www.piersystem.com/external/content/document/1914/1076267/1/04-29-11%20PBCE.PDF>
- Management Consolidation in HR and OER / Deputy City Manager Appointment Effective July 1, 2011  
<https://www.piersystem.com/external/content/document/1914/1076495/1/04-29-11%20CMO.PDF>

**Upcoming Meetings and Events:**

***Community Redistricting Meetings***—The City is holding a series of Community Redistricting Meetings. The following are two of the upcoming meetings:

- Advisory Commission Regular Meeting and Public Hearing #5 –Monday, May 2, 7 p.m., Mexican Heritage Plaza, Theater, 1700 Alum Rock Avenue, San José, 95116
- Advisory Commission Regular Meeting and Public Hearing #6-Monday, May 9, 6:30 p.m., Willow Glenn Community Center, 2075 Lincoln Avenue, San José, CA 95125

For a complete listing of all Redistricting Meetings including date and time click on the following link: [www.sanjoseca.gov/redistricting/2011redistricting/events.asp](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/redistricting/2011redistricting/events.asp). For more information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at 535-1260.

***Community Budget Meetings***—The schedule for the Community Budget Meetings on the 2011-12 Budget can be found at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/BudgetInfo.asp>. For more information about these meetings and the City's budget process, contact Ernest Azevedo at 535-8119.

***Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Winter/Spring Break Camps Begin Registration***—Registration began Tuesday, February 1, 2011. Dates and times vary by location. For more information please visit [www.sanjoseca.gov/prns](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/prns) or email [Sjregistration@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Sjregistration@sanjoseca.gov).

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

***Healthy Families Day***—Saturday, April 30, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Seven Trees Community Center, 3590 Cas Drive, San José, 95111. For more information call 794-1690.

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***Fifth Annual Bay Area Schools Environmental Conference***—Saturday, April 30, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mexican Heritage Plaza, 1700 Alum Rock Avenue, San José. For more information, visit [www.sjrecycles.org](http://www.sjrecycles.org) or contact Reena Brilliot at 975-2533.

***Walk MS: San José***—Saturday, April 30, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., Guadalupe River Park-Arena, Santa Clara @ Autumn, San José, 95113. For more information, contact Audrey Rufe, at 415-230-6678.

**THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED-*Kid-Friendly Water Wise Gardening***—Tuesday, May 3, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Tully Community Branch Library, 880 Tully Rd, San José. To register, call (650) 349-3000.-

***Berryessa Art & Wine Festival***—Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Penitencia Creek Park, Berryessa Rd @ Summerdale Dr, San José, 95132. For more information, contact Zoa Fitch 923-3083 or [dragon25@earthlink.net](mailto:dragon25@earthlink.net).

***Scout-O-Rama***—Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Kelley Park / History Park, 1300 Senter Rd, San José, 95112. For more information contact Pam Watson at 918-1055 or [pwatson@historysanjose.org](mailto:pwatson@historysanjose.org).

***Bay-Friendly Garden Tour***—Sunday, May 15, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Various locations throughout Alameda and Santa Clara counties. Visit [www.BayFriendlyCoalition.org](http://www.BayFriendlyCoalition.org) by May 6, 2011 to register for the tour.



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