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Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Kerrie Romanow

SUBJECT: POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK

DATE: September 11, 2013

Approved

Date

9/11/13

INFORMATION

For the seventh consecutive year, the City will recognize National Pollution Prevention (P2) Week, September 14 - 21, 2013, with a series of education and outreach activities. This annual National P2 Week celebration, which began in 1993 with proclamations and resolutions from the California Governor and the Legislature, is now celebrated nationally during the third week of September each year.

The purpose of P2 Week is to increase public awareness and highlight simple actions that individuals can take to prevent pollution and protect the environment. Pollution prevention promotes the development and implementation of programs and activities that avoid, eliminate, or reduce waste and release of pollutants to air, land, and water.

Environmental Services Department (ESD) Regional Wastewater Facility Staff will host events to educate participants on a variety of pollution prevention actions for earth-friendly gardens, less-toxic homes, litter free and healthy creeks, and safe disposal for household hazardous waste. The events will also provide the opportunity for residents to safely dispose of unused medications and exchange old-fashioned mercury thermometers for a free digital one while supplies last. Events will be held at the Kaiser Permanente San Jose Medical Center, Barbara Lee Senior Center, Cupertino Senior Center, and the Mayfair Community Center in San José.

In addition, ESD will host several clean-up sites for Coastal Cleanup Day on Saturday, September 21. Please see the attachment for a complete list of event times and locations.

/s/

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For questions please contact Casey Fitzgerald, Environmental Services Acting Program Manager, at (408) 793-5378.



National Pollution Prevention Week September 14-21, 2013

Be Part of the Green Solution!

Come learn about simple actions you can take to help prevent pollution.

▶ **Drop off your expired or unwanted medications**

for safe and proper disposal.

*Sharps disposal containers and needles cannot be accepted.

▶ **Get a free digital thermometer**

in exchange for your glass mercury thermometer.

Limit one per household (while supplies last).

▶ **Event Locations**

Saturday, September 14 - 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Barbara Lee Senior Center

40 North Milpitas Boulevard, Milpitas

Saturday, September 14 - 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Kaiser Permanente San José Medical Center

Camino Verde & Santa Teresa Boulevard, San José

Monday, September 16 - 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Cupertino Senior Center

21251 Stevens Creek Boulevard, Cupertino

Friday, September 20 - 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Mayfair Community Center

2039 Kammerer Ave., San José

For more information, visit www.sanjoseca.gov/calendar.aspx or call (408) 945-3000.

Be the solution to creek pollution!

Coastal Cleanup Day

Saturday, September 21, 2013

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Come with friends, family, and lots of energy to help clean up litter. Wear long pants, sturdy shoes, gloves, sunscreen, and a hat!

Register at: www.cleanacreek.org for a creek cleanup site near you, or call **(408) 630-2739**.



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