

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Norberto L. Dueñas

SUBJECT: City Manager's Weekly Report

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INFORMATION

"Sky's The Limit" Downtown High-Rise Development Incentive - The City Council recently approved suspending the collection of construction taxes in order to encourage high-rise office development in Downtown San José. With more than 2,500 new housing units under development and more than 110 tech companies, we are experiencing stepped-up demand from employees and businesses to locate in Downtown. The High-Rise Development Incentive builds on successful efforts led by the Office of Economic Development, San José Downtown Association, and downtown banks and property owners to reduce office vacancy rates and add more businesses downtown where there is ample transit, housing and amenities. Construction costs also could be reduced by an estimated \$800,000 to \$1.5 million in the next two years. [For more information](#), contact Cara Douglas, OED Communications Manager, at 408-535-8168, or cara.douglas@sanjoseca.gov.

Heidi Dolamore Named Assistant Director of San José Public Library - Heidi Dolamore was appointed as Assistant Director of the San José Public Library. Prior to joining SJPL, Heidi was deputy director of public services at the Solano County Library, managing a staff of nearly 200 at eight branch locations. She oversaw an annual department budget of \$9 million and spearheaded a community-led approach to library service design. Currently a resident of San Francisco, Heidi holds a bachelor's degree in art history from Bryn Mawr College, was a graduate fellow in German language and literature at Washington University, and holds a master's in library and information science from the University of British Columbia. She will start in San José is on January 26. For more information, contact Elizabeth Castañeda, Marketing Representative at 408-808-2175.

Santa Clara County Homeless Census and Survey - The City of San José and County of Santa Clara are preparing for the 2015 Santa Clara County Homeless Census and Survey and seeking volunteers to fill about 400 shifts on January 27 and 28 from 6:00 to 10:00 a.m. Volunteers will meet at a deployment center and be assigned teams to canvas a census tract and conduct a visual count of everyone who appears homeless. The biennial project helps us understand the numbers and nature of homelessness in our community, supports requests for federal and other sources of funding for homeless services, and provides critical information to engage our community in ending homelessness. To register, visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SantaClara2015VolunteerRegistration> or call 831-728-1356. For more information please contact Michelle Covert, Housing Department, at 408-975-4424.

SJC Speaks – Silicon Valley's Airport is Seeking Opportunities to Speak to Community Groups - *SJC Speaks* is Mineta San José International Airport's program to seek opportunities to make presentations to community, business, and civic organizations about airport issues and opportunities, history, air service development, passenger services and airport operations, environmental efforts, aviation careers, and small business outreach. Learn more about *SJC Speaks* and invite an Airport representative to participate in a future meeting as a speaker by filling out [the online Speaker Request Form](#). Requests will be filled based upon staffing availability. For more information, contact Director of Aviation Kim Becker Aguirre at 408-392-3610.

Let's Have Lunch! Senior Nutrition Transitions to a Cook-On Site Model - The Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services will begin implementing the on-site cooking model on January 20. The new model, approved by City Council last October for 11 of the City's 13 sites, restores a service that had been in 2011 because of budget constraints. The vendor, Bateman Senior Meals, will support customization of menus and meal quality for senior participants. For more information, please contact Suzanne Wolf, PRNS Deputy Director, at 408-535-3576.

Medical Marijuana Enforcement Activities - Of the dispensaries that applied for registration as a Medical Marijuana Collective in San José, 23 three of them have received a Zoning Code Verification Certificate. Two of these dispensaries subsequently surrendered their certificates, and therefore 21 are continuing through the process of backgrounding and operational review. Because 33 dispensaries were located in a prohibited sites, they have been disqualified from City registration and were denied a Zone Code Verification Certificate. Applications for a Certificate from 12 other dispensaries are still pending. For dispensaries that did not submit applications for registration, the Code Enforcement Division has now sent letters to 23 property owners to advise them that the dispensary is not allowed at that location and must immediately cease operations. To date, City staff has confirmed that 21 of the dispensaries at these locations have closed their doors for business, and two are facing eviction proceedings by the property owners. The City has also issued citations to property owners leasing to the following dispensaries, with fines in the following amounts: Cookie Company, Inc., \$75,000; Platinum Society, \$50,000; San José Organics, \$37,500; Herb's, \$5,000; and Blue Sky, \$10,000. In addition the City is working with the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office to ensure the closure of noncompliant dispensaries. For more information, contact Angelique Gaeta, Assistant to the City Manager, 408-535-8253.

San José Information Memos Distributed December 19, 2014 through January 8, 2015:

- Squire Patton Boggs FY2015 Federal Appropriations Analysis of Local Government Interests
<https://www.piersystem.com/external/content/document/1914/2439742/1/12-22-14IGR.PDF>
- Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Audited Financial Statements
<https://www.piersystem.com/external/content/document/1914/2439746/1/12-22-14Finance.PDF>

- EPS Alternative Product Pricing Update
<https://www.piersystem.com/external/content/document/1914/2443542/1/01-08-15ESD.PDF>
- City Manager's Office Interim Staffing Changes
<http://www.piersystem.com/external/content/document/1914/2443770/1/01-08-15CMO.PDF>

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Tully Community Branch Library Celebrates 10 Years of Success – January 13, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m., Tully Community Branch Library. Join us to celebrate Tully Community Branch's 10 year anniversary. The community celebration will include live performances by the Cambodian Dance Troupe, Baile Folklorico Dance Group of Washington Youth Center, Samahang Filipino of Most Holy Trinity Dance Group, and other fun activities. All who attend will also have a chance to win great prizes that include gift cards to major retail stores and restaurants, an autographed picture of a Golden State Warrior, a hockey puck autographed by a San José Sharks player, and an autographed plate by famous restaurateur and TV personality Guy Fieri. Since Tully Community Branch opened in 2005, it has attracted more than 4 million visitors, circulated more than 10 million items, and hosted more than 12,000 programs. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Elizabeth Castañeda, Marketing Representative at 408- 808-2175.

Rosemary Wells, Award-Winning Children's Author/Illustrator Visits Almaden Branch Library – January 15, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., Almaden Branch Library. Celebrated children's author Rosemary Wells will speak as the Doris Dillon Author at the Almaden Branch Library and Community Center. Ms. Wells is well known for the *Max and Ruby* series, which follows the everyday adventures of sibling bunnies, curious three-year-old Max and bossy seven-year-old Ruby. There will be a book signing opportunity at the end of the presentation. The school with the greatest number of participants (both adult and children) will receive \$200 for their Learning Resource Center made possible by the generous donation from the Almaden Valley Women's Club. For more information, contact Elizabeth Castañeda, Marketing Representative at 408-808-2175.

Jack Hanna Coming to Happy Hollow - A Benefit for Wildlife Conservation - January 15, 7:00 p.m., Downtown San José - Montgomery Theater. Jungle Jack Hanna explores the corners of the globe as one of the most respected animal ambassadors. His enthusiasm and "hands-on" approach to wildlife conservation has won him widespread acclaim as a conservationist, television personality, author and Director Emeritus of the Columbus Zoo and the Wilds. Recognized as America's favorite zookeeper, Jack has made countless television appearances on shows such as *Good Morning America*, CBS's *The Talk*, and *The Late Show with David Letterman*. The evening will feature Jack Hanna sharing his stories of his animal adventures across the globe and he will be accompanied by a variety of animals. Guests will have the opportunity to meet some of the animal ambassadors after the show.

Happy Hollow connects people to nature through play by using the Zoo's creative environment and its connections with the Association of Zoos & Aquariums to lead initiatives and inspire a new generation. Happy Hollow has raised over \$140,000 for Gorilla protection in Virunga National Park in the last eight years. Together, we can have a huge collective impact on protecting wildlife. A special message from Jack Hanna made for Happy Hollow: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iuP-b3ZgJy0>. For more information, please contact Vanessa Rogier, Conservation Manager, Happy Hollow Park & Zoo at 408-794-6404.

Volunteers Needed to Prune the Entire San José Municipal Rose Garden - On Saturday, January 10, hundreds of volunteers will help keep the San José Municipal Rose Garden growing, by pruning rose bushes. With thousands of bushes needing individualized attention, volunteers will receive training and then cut back this year's growth throughout the garden. Over three hours, each plant will be pruned, all leaves stripped from the remaining limbs, surrounding weeds pulled, and all the green waste gathered for onsite composting. This will be the eighth year that volunteers demonstrate their loyal support for the Rose Garden by coming out and serving the San José community in partnership with Parks Maintenance Staff and Friends of the San José Municipal Rose Garden. To see this year's pruning video: <http://youtu.be/sqWLG1nMuCO>. More volunteers are welcome to join in this annual event. Please email ParkVolunteer@sanjoseca.gov or contact Mollie Tobias at 408-595-3483.

PRNS Winter Leisure Class Registration for Classes Beginning January 12 – PRNS Winter Leisure Class Registration is now open. Take a minute to see what classes, camps and activities your local community centers are offering this season and find your favorite out of the hundreds of options. Visit www.sanjoseca.gov/prns and view their Community Center Brochures today. For more information, please contact the PRNS Customer Service Help Line at 408-793-5565.

PRNS Accepting 2015 Citywide Scholarships Applications – The Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services is accepting scholarship applications for the upcoming 2015 leisure class season. PRNS offers over 800 hundred classes and programs, such as early childhood recreation, dance, music, health and fitness, gymnastics, theater and many more. Scholarship applications and submission directions can be picked up at any PRNS community center or can be found online at www.sanjoseca.gov/prns. For more information, please contact the PRNS customer service helpline at 408-793-5565.

Downtown Ice – This is the last weekend for this season's Downtown Ice, which closes Sunday, January 11, at the Circle of Palms. For the fifth consecutive year, the San José Downtown Association and their partners, Kristi Yamaguchi's Always Dream Foundation and Hawaiian Airlines, have hosted the South Bay's largest outdoor skating rink through the holiday season. People of all ages are welcome to experience the outdoor skating rink at the Circle of Palms between the Fairmont Hotel and San José Museum of Art. For admission prices and hours, please visit: <http://sjdowntown.com/downtownice/>.

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San José Pop-Up Project - November 27 thru January 15, 2015. During the holiday season, the Pop-Up project brings 9 new retailers to the downtown San José. From apparel companies to a bike shop to shipping-containers storefronts, the Pop-Up shops add something new to the old favorite. To check out locations of the stores, please visit: <http://sjdowntown.com/popup/>.



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Attachment



Office of the City Clerk

CITY OF SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA
**PLANNING COMMISSION
VACANCY**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5:00 P.M.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2015**

Applications are now being accepted to fill vacancies on the **Planning Commission**. The following vacancies are available:

One (1) Vacancy for an Unexpired Term Ending June 30, 2016

About the Commission: The Planning Commission is a quasi-judicial commission established under Section 1000 of Article X of the San José City Charter. The commission advises and makes recommendations to the City Council on all matters relating to the future physical development of the City with respect to land use and development zoning and subdivision regulations, and the City's Capital Improvement Programs. In addition, the Planning Commission acts as an appellate body on certain Planning Director decisions and certifies Environmental Impact Reports.

For more information regarding the Planning Commission, please contact the Commission staff at (408) 535-7811 or (408) 294-9337 (TTY).

Applicant Qualifications: In order to be considered for appointment to the City of San Jose Planning Commission, applicants must meet the following three criteria:

- (1) Citizen of the United States for at least one year preceding appointment and remain so throughout their incumbency;
- (2) Resident of the City of San José for one year preceding appointment and remain so throughout their incumbency; and
- (3) Be a registered voter in the City of San José at the time of appointment.

Applications may be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 200 East Santa Clara Street, Wing Building, 2nd Floor, San Jose, CA 95113, or you may apply online at: <http://sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=330>. **Applications are due no later than Friday, January 30, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.**

For questions regarding the application process, please call the Office of the City Clerk at (408) 535-1260 or e-mail at commissions@sanjoseca.gov.

Appointment Process: All qualified applications received by the deadline will be submitted to the Mayor and Council Members who, in turn, will notify the City Clerk as to whom they would like to interview. Applicants receiving four or more such indications of interest will be asked to appear and be interviewed by the Mayor and Council during an Open Session of the City Council to be held on February 24, 2015. The applicant receiving six or more votes, or the highest number of votes over six, will be appointed to serve on the Planning Commission.

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