

April 2016 Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

THEATER ON SAN PEDRO SQUARE

Performing Crowns
April 8th - May 1st

[BUY TICKETS](#)

FIRST TEE OPEN HOUSE

April 16th - 1 PM - 3 PM
Rancho Del Pueblo
1649 Hermocilla Way

SPRING GARDEN MARKET

April 16 - 9 AM - 2 PM
History Park
1650 Senter Rd
It's FREE

*Si desea leer este boletín en Español, por favor envíenos un email a
district5@sanjoseca.gov*

Dear Neighbor,

The month of April is upon us and with it Earth Day, which gives us the chance to reflect on our family's relationship with the natural world around us.

Earth Day falls on Saturday, April 22nd, and it doesn't have to be a stand alone day of direct action, but reminder to to reflect daily on our choices and the impact those choices have on our home and the greater community. Some small changes we can keep in mind to lessen our impact on this world our children will inherit are:

- limiting our consumption of products that have plastic packaging
- recycling all allowable products, and
- avoiding buying single-use items like flats of water bottles (get a reusable bottle instead).

If you can make time this month for a project, consider adding a tree to your home through [Our City Forest](#) and add some shade, a home for wildlife, and visual interest to your yard. In fact, did you know that the [Arbor Day Foundation](#) named San José the largest city in the U.S. with a commitment to our urban canopy?

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS FOR SPRING 2016

Recruitment ends April 21

HEALTH TRUST HIKE & BIKE

May 1 - Registration at 9 AM

Hellyer Park

985 Hellyer Avenue

REGISTER HERE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LARGE ITEM PICKUP

1st 3 items are free, every 3 after \$27

SAN JOSE GIANTS

Buy Tickets Now

Opening Night April 7th

HEAD START

In Home Preschool Services

Now Enrolling

CANCER CAREPOINT

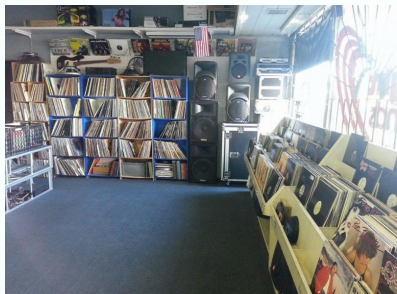
April Event Calendar **HERE**

TRADES ORIENTATION PROGRAM

For more info or to sign up

Baltazar's Business Corner

Knight Sounds



Knight Sounds began in 1983 and became a full-time company in 1986. Knight Sounds has performed at thousands of events in the past 25 years primarily at weddings and for corporate clients. They also performed at most of the nightclubs in the Bay Area. The owner, Carlos Diaz, offers a free consultation to get to know you better and to come up with a well-thought out itinerary for your reception or event. From music for any professional gig to equipment sales, repairs, and rentals - he does it all. Best of all, Knights sounds is conveniently located at 1518 Alum Rock. Check out their website **HERE**.

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

In East San José, our litter pickups and dumpster days, including our **most recent one** last month, improve both environmental and public health. By keeping our streets and parks free of litter and larger, illegally dumped items, we can make our community more inviting and healthy for all who wish to run, play sports, have a picnic, or otherwise enjoy the Great Outdoors this spring and year round.

Earth Day serves as a good reminder of our water needs, too. While this winter has brought some incredible amounts of rain, after five years of extreme drought, we still need more! Please continue your daily efforts to save water such as limiting yard watering, taking shorter showers, and only running your dish and clothes washer when they're full.

If you'd like to join your neighbors to make a difference, feel free to attend our **Great American Litter Pickup** (GALP). The whole city of San Jose joins this nation-wide effort every Earth Day, and we want to break records this year in East San Jose! RSVP to our office to help out at Capitol Park or Mayfair Community Center by contacting our office at (408-535-4905) or **email us** to let us know you will head up a clean up in your own neighborhood.

Our efforts to keep East San José beautiful are nothing without your help.





Think green and have a beautiful Earth Month!

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Magdalena Carrasco".

Councilmember/*Consejal*,
Magdalena Carrasco

[Email Your Councilmember](#)

TAX DAY

I wanted to take a moment to remind everyone of their favorite day of the year: Tax Day!

This year April 18th is the deadline to file your individual tax return (yes, you read that right - April 18th).

Although it typically falls on the 15th, it was pushed back this year because Washington D.C is closed for Emancipation Day on April 15.

Also, April 18th is the deadline to file for an extension.

For any of those wishing to file an extension or if you have any additional questions, follow the [link](#).



**MOUNT PLEASANT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
DUMPSTER DAY**

On Saturday March 26th, the Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Association held a dumpster day at Robert Sanders Elementary School.

We were able to fill four forty-yard dumpsters completely, which equates to several tons of garbage, unwanted furniture, and more.

It is always great to see how much the community enjoys having these types of events.

My staff and I are definitely looking forward to the next dumpster day, which will be taking place on Saturday, May 21st at Robert Sanders Elementary School.

If you are interested in having a dumpster day or litter clean up in your area, please call my staffer Jesse Quijada at (408)535-4947 or send him an [EMAIL](#).



COMMUNITY COFFEE WITH CAPT. MATA

On Saturday, March 19th, I hosted a Community Coffee with Foothill Police Captain Anthony Mata and Crime Prevention staffer Sandra Avila at Robert Sanders Elementary School.

Our fantastic turnout included both District 5 constituents and residents from other council districts in East San José.

Captain Mata fielded community questions on issues of youth safety, speeding cars during school hours, 911 calls, and many other public safety concerns.

As one Eastside resident said: "Captain Mata is earning a reputation as a very community accessible leader. Good things happening on the Eastside."

With community safety as our number one concern, we're all ready to work together and make our neighborhoods safer block-by-block because we all deserve feel safe both inside our homes and out walking to the store, going to school, or heading to work.

A big thank you to Captain Mata, Foothill BEAT officers, and Sandra Avila for spending time on talking to the community on a Saturday morning. We would also love to thank our host, Sanders Principal Julie

~~KIWANIS~~ parent leader Monique Neeke Gaines-Aguilar for making us feel at home with their "Welcome" banner. Your hospitality was appreciated!

On Saturday, April 2nd, the Kiwanis Club organized a Day of Service at our favorite Emma Prusch Farm Park. Hundreds of Eastside youth and Kiwanis members came together to beautify East San José jewel.

They mulched, pruned, and plucked weeds to keep Emma Prusch the amazing place it is for families to play and learn.

On behalf of the residents in D5, I would just like to say thank you to all of the volunteers for investing in East San José!

If you have not visited [Emma Prusch Park](#), please come and visit this real working farm with farm stand and barn, play ground, and, of course, their free roaming chickens.

Have a picnic, organize a small community event, celebrate your birthday or marry the love of your life here!





BUDGET MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Have you wondered what and how the City determines its budget?

Are there services you would like to see in your neighborhood?

Do you want your voice to be heard?

Your opportunity to get your questions answered and to learn more about the budget process is coming in May! East San José is going to come together as a community to discuss our collective budget priorities as we head into budget season.

Community-members will have the opportunity to voice their concerns at the Mexican Heritage Plaza on May 7th.

The meeting will start at 9 AM and go until 11 AM on Saturday morning. To RSVP to the event, please contact [our office](mailto:ouroffice@cityofesj.org) at 408-535-4905.



APARTMENT RENT ORDINANCE VOTE

On April 19th, the San José will take up the restructuring of our City's Apartment Rent Ordinance.

San José is in the midst of a serious affordable housing crisis, which is making it harder and harder for our residents who have been living here to be to continue living here.



The proposed recommendations from the Housing staff include changing the allowable rent increase, which currently can go up 8% every year. The new increase would be tied to 100% consumer price index (CPI), which fluctuates as the cost of living changes. Staff is also recommending putting a floor of 2% and a cap of 8%, so that if increase could never be less than 2% or more than 8% even in periods where the CPI drops very low or rises very high.

The recommendations also introduce an Anti-Retaliation Protection Ordinance (ARPO), a form of tenant protection to prevent no retaliation against a tenant who reports code enforcement violations within their unit or building.

This item will be heard at Tuesday's Council meeting sometime after 3:00 PM. If this is an important issue for you and your family, you are more than welcome to attend and voice your support.

STREET SWEEPING

Late last month, the City Auditor's Office produced and presented to City Council a report on the efficiency and effectiveness of street sweeping services in San José.

The report revealed something that we have heard from many residents, that the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Environmental Services Department (ESD) vehicles are understaffed and underfunded. The result is that many of our city streets are dirty and not swept often enough

According to the report, addressing this problem would cost \$805,000.

Besides funding, one of the serious obstacles the report mentioned was parked cars - there are only 11% of curbs in San José have signs that prohibit parking during scheduled street sweeping.

Other barriers included yard waste, garbage and recycling containers, and low hanging tree branches.

The report recommends the City should increase outreach efforts to the community about cleaner streets by improving the flow of information and adding additional reminders.

The Council directed staff to look at options to improve the current service and return to Council with more detailed recommendations.

Click to read more of the [REPORT](#).

Click to [HERE](#) check the street sweeping schedule in your neighborhood.



GOOD NEWS ON PENSION REFORM RESOLUTION

As many of you know, San Jose has been trying to come to an agreement with our public employee unions, including the Police Department, since the passage of Measure B.

[A decision](#) was made on Tuesday to allow the new measure, which was agreed upon by the City and unions, to return to the voters this November.



The new City Council has been working on this deal for the last year and a quarter, and the City can now finally move forward!

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Recycling Old Junk Easily and Free of Charge

San José residents can now recycle their unwanted junk more easily and cheaply, thanks to a new large-item collection program.

Residents follow only two easy steps:

- 1) Call their recycling hauler to schedule a pick-up appointment
- 2) Set their items on the curb for collection.

The first collection of up to three large items is free and includes furniture, mattresses, appliances, and tires. Each subsequent collection- up to three items- costs \$27.

Residents in single- family homes, town homes, and mobile homes contact your hauler at: [California Waste Solutions or GreenTeam of San Jose](#)

The Tech Museum

The Museum of Science and Technology in San José invites all families to participate in STEM classes offered every Saturday of the month from 2 to 3:30 pm

Classes at the following libraries of San Jose on the following dates will be offered:

Central Branch Dr. Martin Luther King: 9, 16, 23 and 30 April

Seven Trees Branch: 7, 14, 21 and 28 May

[The Health Trust](#)

With so much focus on growth and change in San José, we know that many folks in our City are still struggling to take care of their basic needs.

A report just released by **[The Health Trust](#)** called **[Food for Everyone](#)** focuses on two of the most vulnerable groups in San José: homeless individuals and families and low-income seniors.

It shows that in our communities, many low-income seniors and homeless individuals and families are unable to access healthy food.

Check out the findings in Food for Everyone to see what healthy food access resources for homeless individuals and families and low-income seniors look like in your community.

You can take action by letting me know how your community is affected and what changes you'd like to see in your neighborhood.



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