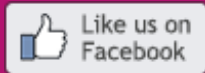


December 2016 Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Community Trust in Police Forum

Jan 21, 9 am- 2pm
Mexican Heritage Plaza
1700 Alum Rock Ave.

Announcements

Our City Forest is Hiring

Pays a living stipend and an education awarded

Dear Neighbor,

December has been a very busy month in District 5. On December 9th we had a fantastic turn out for my annual tree giveaway. We donated 475 trees to our community members, with the thought that a small token can brighten a family's holidays. I want to thank all of the volunteers that came out, specifically the Conservation Corp who spent over 12 hours unloading trees, strapping them on cars and then continued to help the Fiesta Navadana that was happening consecutively at the Mexican Heritage Plaza. I want to thank Battaglia Ranch for donating an extra 175 trees for our giveaway. I hope that any of you who received trees can share the pictures of your decorated tree with me on Facebook and Instagram with the hashtag #sjd5holidays.



We look forward to the new year, and the completion of some major infrastructure projects. First is the completion of the VTA's Bus Rapid Transit project. VTA will host a community celebration in the upcoming months to mark this critical juncture in this project. We will begin significant improvements along Ocala Road including repaving, new

upon completion

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Baltazar's Business Corner

The Alum Rock corridor has been impacted by the BRT construction so its important that we continue to support our local merchants.

H. Salt Esq., Since 1968

Independently owned and operated, H. Salt Esq. Fish and Chip specializes in battered and deep fried items prepared in quality oil with no trans-fat and cholesterol. Besides fish fillets, their menu includes shrimps, scallops and oysters. They also offer vegetable side dishes such as zucchini, artichoke hearts and mushrooms.

Located on Story and White, guests are welcomed to sit in a fast casual environment or to take their food to go. Phone orders are welcomed.

Restaurant hours:

Mon - Thurs, Sat
10:30am - 9:00pm

Friday
10:30am - 9:30pm

Sunday
12:00pm - 8:00pm

Restaurant location:
3090 Story Road
San Jose, CA 95127

sidewalks, crosswalks and plantings to improve our groundwater management. The Contractor will break ground on the first phase of the 31st Street and Alum Rock Park with the help of Senator Jim Beall. Our beloved Plata Arroyo Park is currently undergoing renovations and will be completed this year. Safety improvements are being made to the crosswalks and pedestrian, and bike-friendly improvements are moving forward along King Road.

This year we passed an increase to the Minimum Wage, which will increase the wage to \$15 by 2019. As a council, we worked with community advocates and home gardeners to allow for Urban Agricultural Incentives Zones. The new areas will provide a property tax break for property owners who allow farming on small parcels. I hope to see the first few in my district this year and get our hands in the dirt to make our blighted parcels come to life. The voters passed Measure F which will enable us to begin to bring back our police officers to sustainable numbers. Also, we passed Measure A which will provide much-needed services for homeless families and put shovels in the ground to build affordable housing and provide first-time homebuyer programs.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Councilmember/Concejala,
Magdalena Carrasco

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Highway Trash Relief Coming Soon

As we embark on a new year, we would like to commend the collaboration between those at the city and state level in their efforts to find solutions towards keeping our freeways clean, safe, and free of blight. Caltrans has just announced that they will be partnering with the San Jose Conservation Corps to create more maintenance crews to service our roads. We have been listening to our community about blight, trash, and graffiti along our freeways and here is our answer. The increased staffing through the San Jose Conservation will allow Caltrans to conduct more abatements and cleanups in San Jose

and the rest of Santa Clara County.

Other programs are also being put in place towards addressing these issues. In regards to graffiti, Caltrans restored its contract with Graffiti Protective Coatings (GPC) to help erase graffiti throughout our freeways. Surely this partnering will make it more possible to tend to and maintain the quality of our freeways throughout San Jose. A special thanks goes out to Senator Jim Beall for his leadership on this matter as well, given that that Caltrans is monitored on a state level, his leadership and collaboration goes a long way in creating graffiti free, safe roads for San Jose residents. From the 101, 280, 680, 85, 87, these freeways surround our city and many are very close to commercial and residential areas so they need to be in safe, quality conditions. We look forward to seeing this partnership contribute to quality of Caltrans regulated freeways in San Jose and throughout Santa Clara County.



FREE LARGE ITEM PICKUPS

Residents have the opportunity to request FREE curbside large item pickups. Single family homes are allowed up to 2 large item pickups. This is the perfect opportunity for residents to get rid of large bulky items such as mattresses, furniture, refrigerators, etc. All pickups must be arranged through your recycling collections company. If you are unsure what company that is, please use the [Residential Services Lookup](#).

Apartments & Condos

Apartment and condominium residents with communal garbage dumpster service can contact their property managers to arrange for free large item collections.

Businesses, too, can arrange for large item collection [online](#).

Recycling your large items keeps them out of the landfill and helps San José achieve its Zero Waste goal and keeps our neighborhoods clean.



What to do with your Christmas tree?

It is simple. Curbside collection of Christmas trees is on your collection day beginning December 26, 2016 through January 27, 2017. Remove stands, tinsel, and decorations. Cut into 5-foot pieces. Set out on the curb near your carts by 6:00 a.m.

Holiday Meals for Those In Need

Over thirty million Americans are affected by hunger every year. One in five children go hungry every month. Do you know anyone that needs a warm meal over the holiday break? These organizations will be open during the break to feed people in need.

Loaves & Fishes Eastside

2150 Alum Rock Ave., San Jose, 95127 | 408-316-6472
December 23 and 26: 4:30 PM-5:30 PM



For other locations in Santa Clara County, please click this [link](#).

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

San José Public Libraries Open Citizenship Corners at 10 Branches

The spaces are dedicated to providing resources, such as citizenship test preparation materials, English teaching materials, and information about library and community programs that help with the naturalization process. In addition, 3 branch libraries will offer Citizenship Lawyers via videoconferencing providing customers access to legal advice by off-site attorneys.

Save the Date!

COMMUNITY TRUST IN POLICING FORUM

Join your fellow community members and the San José Office of the Independent Police Auditor to kick-off an 18-month project to strengthen relations between communities of color and law enforcement in our city. Come share your thoughts about the challenges and propose solutions to keep building a stronger and safer San José. This **FREE EVENT** will take place on Saturday, January 21, 2017 and it will feature speakers, breakout sessions, and refreshments for all attendees. More details to come.

Registration opens this Friday, December 16, 2016.

This event is co-sponsored by the Office of the Independent Police Auditor, San José Mayor Sam Liccardo, San José Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco, the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, and the generous support of the San Francisco 49ers.

Saturday, January 21, 2017

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Doors open at 8:00 a.m.

Mexican Heritage Plaza

1700 Alum Rock Avenue

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