

February 2016 Newsletter

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East San José



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

COMMUNITY BUDGET

PRIORITY SETTING

Feb 20 - 9 AM - 1 PM
180 Park Ave 95113

[Email Here](#)

SAN JOSE GIANTS JOB FAIR
February 20 - 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Municipal Stadium

[Apply Here](#)

ROSE GARDEN PLANTING

Feb 21 - 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
Emma Prusch Park - 647 S King Rd.
Contact [Omar](#) or [Mollie](#)

SUNRISE PHOTO SHOOT

Feb 21 - 6:30 AM - 9:00 AM

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

Dear Neighbor,

It's February, and I don't know about you, but I'm looking forward to the end of winter and the warmth of spring, which is just around the corner. In honor of this transitional season, we have a series of events that highlight transitions and new starts.

The VTA [Bus Rapid Transit project](#) (BRT) on Alum Rock has been quiet for the last month but is starting up again now. You can find out more information on the Holiday lights, festivities, and banners the businesses and VTA put together as well as more details on the upcoming construction.

[Silicon Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce](#) hosted the regional meeting of Hispanic Chambers on Alum Rock Ave last month. The event was hosted at Los Jarritos on Alum Rock Ave and celebrated Latino entrepreneurs and business owners from throughout the Bay Area.

[Community Coffee Hours](#) restarted with two so far this year. As always, this is a time for residents to come and speak with me about their concerns and learn more about how they

[Sierra Vista Open Space Preserve](#)
To register, contact [Janelle](#)

WASHINGTON DANCE
THEATER
Feb 26 & 27 - 8 PM
1700 Alum Rock Avenue
[Buy Tickets](#)

VEGGIELUTION FARM BOX
Registration Opens Feb - 27
[Join the Waitlist](#)
[Watch their Video](#)

[FREE CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOP](#)
February 27 - 9 AM - 1 PM
Mayfair Community Center
2039 Kammerer Ave

[LIFE AFTER DACA](#)
March 1 - 11 AM - 12:30 PM

[FOOD MAX: GRAND OPENING](#)
March 2 - 8:30 AM
3002 Story Road

[COMMUNITY FORUM ON
IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION](#)
March 2 - 6 PM - 8 PM
Roosevelt Community Center
901 East Santa Clara Street

[STATE OF THE CITY](#)
March 5 - 10 AM - 1 PM
Overfelt High school - 1835
Cunningham Avenue 95122
[Register Here](#)

ALUM ROCK/SANTA CLARA
BRT COMMUNITY MEETING
March 9 - 6 - 7:30 pm
Alum Rock Library, Comm Room
3090 Alum Rock Avenue

STRONG GIRLS, STRONG
WOMEN 2016 LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE
March 12 - 8 AM - 1:30 PM
1700 Alum Rock Ave
[Register Here](#)

[LAM RESEARCH "HEART &
SOLES 5K" WALK/RUN](#)
March 12 - Kids Fun Run (ages 2-7) @
8:30 AM, Dash Distances @10 AM
Lake Cunningham Park
[Register Here](#)

["BEING MORTAL" FILM
SCREENING & DISCUSSION](#)
March 16 - 1 PM - 4 PM
[Reservation](#) Required
Contact [Caitlin](#)

WAKE UP TO AGING: Are We
Ready for 2030?
March 17 - 9:30 AM - 12 PM
Bascom Community Center
1000 S Bascom Ave
[Register Here](#)

[ANNOUNCEMENTS:](#)

can help our wonderful district. And we have a new addition to look forward to - Foothill Division Captain Mata of the San Jose Police Department will be attending our upcoming coffee hours on March 9th.

Our community has a shiny new fire station, [Fire Station 21](#), now open at Mt. Pleasant and Ocala. I was honored to attend the grand opening on January 23. This state-of-the-art facility will serve residents in both our district and neighboring District 8.

And we have two exciting events coming up this weekend: the [Community Budget Priority Setting Session](#) on Saturday, February 20 and a Coffee and [Roses planting](#) at Emma Prusch Park on Sunday, February 21. This Budget meeting has traditionally been for just Neighborhood Association leaders and the Youth Commission, but the City has adopted a more democratic approach, opening up the process and encouraging community engagement during the meeting through the use of cell phones for live voting. Our rose planting brings together our new Senior Park staffer at Emma Prusch with more than 600 donated rose plants from Star Roses. Not only can you help our community park with your family but the first 100 volunteers will get a free rose bush to take home with them!

I look forward to all that this month has to bring and hope to see you all on the 20th at the Budget meeting, the 21st at the rose planting, and March 9 at our community coffee with Capt. Mata!



Happy February (and belated Valentine's Day)!

SANDBAGS FOR EL NIÑO?
For filling locations: 408-265-2600
To report flooding: 408-794-1900
After hours: 408-277-8955
Unincorporated area: 408-299-5700

FREE DENTAL SCREENINGS
For Kids 6 months to 18 years old
[Schedule Appointment](#)
If you have questions, [email here](#)

[LARGE ITEM PICKUP](#)
1st 3 items are free, every 3 after \$27

[BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB](#)
Summer Enrichment Camp

[YOUNG CODERS CLUB](#)
Every Saturday - 2:30 - 3:30 PM
Hillview Library - 1600 Hopkins Dr
[Email Here](#)

SCHOOL OF ARTS & CULTURE CLASSES
[For more info](#) or 408-794-6250

TRADES ORIENTATION PROGRAM
[For more info or to sign up](#)

AMERICAN ARTS INCUBATOR
[For new media and digital artists](#)
Deadline: Feb 29

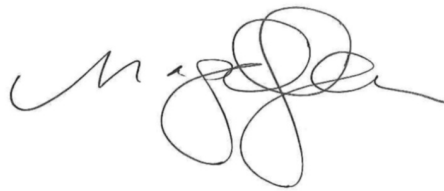
The Business Corner

La Costa



La Costa is a sea food based Mexican restaurant located on Alum Rock in East San José. From its humble beginnings as a food truck, it now has several locations throughout the South Bay. The restaurant is well known and has a large group of loyal customers. Their staff is always eager and happy to help anyone, whether it's your first or hundred time there. As for their food, you can't go wrong with anything, but as a personal favorite I would go with the tostada de ceviche de camaron. All of their seafood dishes will have you wishing you were at the beach enjoying the sunshine and waves!

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Emma Prusch Farm Park's Free Coffee and Rose Planting!

We are proud to announce our revitalization of the Rose Garden and our continuing mission of beautifying East San José.

On Sunday the 21st we will have our first Rose Planting event at Emma Prusch Park.

To achieve our goal of planting more than 600 rose bushes, we need our volunteers to come out and help us accomplish this as the season to plant is coming to an end soon.

Registration will begin at 8:30 A.M at the main parking entrance and the kickoff starts promptly at 9 A.M. The first 100 volunteers will receive a free bare root rose to take home with them courtesy of Star Roses.

We are excited for this event and hope to see you there! Feel free to contact Omar Torres for more information at 408-535-4943 or via [email](#).



UPDATE: Construction Resumes on Alum Rock

The holiday season was a quiet time for construction on the Alum Rock corridor, but that doesn't mean that the area on the whole was quiet.

The Alum Rock Santa Clara Street Business Association with some assistance of VTA had three weeks of events to celebrate the season. If you want to see how great a success it was, [check out the video](#).



Since the beginning of the year, you may have noticed the beautiful new "Shop, Dine, Enjoy, Thrive" Alum Rock signs have gone up. This was another project that VTA funded and worked with the City and the local businesses to put up and help encourage patronage of the businesses along the corridor. In case you haven't, see our picture below and make sure to check them out next time you drive up and down the street.

Now, with the holidays behind us, construction on Alum Rock Ave roadway for the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project and station improvements will begin again starting in April and going through the end of 2016.

The construction includes the lanes going East, the dedicated bus lanes in the middle of the road, and installation of the median BRT stations located at King Rd and Jackson Ave

intersections.

Over the last couple of weeks VTA has been working on installing traffic signals and street lights, sidewalks, and handicap ramps on eastbound Alum Rock Avenue.

If you need more information about the construction on the Alum Rock, please [click here](#).



2016 New and Improved Community Office Hours

On January 23rd, we hosted our first Community Coffee Hours of 2016, continuing with our tradition of bringing City Hall to East San José.

Due to the high level of inquiry into public safety, lack of open space, homeless encampments, and basic city services, my staff and I have decided to bring a guest speaker to one of my monthly community office hours.

On Wednesday, March 9th from 9:00 am till 10:30 am, I will be hosting San Jose Police Department Captain Anthony Mata of the Foothill Division. Captain Mata is one of the most qualified public figure to address our community's public safety concerns.

I highly encourage all of you to attend and if you are unable to attend then my regular coffee hours are always on the first Wednesdays and third Saturdays of the month from 9:00 a.m till 10:30 a.m.

If you have any questions feel free to contact [Jesse Quijada](#) or at (408)535-4947.



New East San José Fire Station Opens!

Congratulations to our San Jose Fire Department for their new station in East San José.

Our community's newest fire station moved from a single family home on Mt Pleasant Rd. to a new 8,750-square-foot building, funded in large part by Measure O, which voters had passed in 2002.

The station services our Ocala and Mt. Pleasant communities which border District 5 and 8.



Our East San José community is fortunate to have this state-of-the-art facility. In the past few years, two fire stations have opened for our East San José residents, a major contribution to the safety of our community.

One of the most important amenities of Fire Station 21 is the community room for our residents!

Concerned residents and community groups may rent the room for neighborhood watch meetings, monthly meetings, or other important events.

We worked hard with all of the city departments to make sure to add an addition 3,000 square feet if the station ever needs to expand.

Thank you, Vice Mayor Rose Herrera, for leading the charge in opening this station successfully!

San Jose Public Budget Priorities Meeting

This Saturday, February 20th is going to be an important day for East San José so circle it, highlight it, and put it in your calendar.

The City of San José is going to be having a budget meeting that is open to the entire San Jose community. The more of our friends and neighbors come, the more we will be able to help set the priorities and make sure that our neighborhoods get the resources that we need.

Specifically, this meeting will be about the extra money from last year's budget and how it will be prioritized and spent. This meeting is invaluable for our community so that we can make sure the needs of East San José are represented.

The meeting is going to take place at Parkside Hall at 180 Park Ave in San José and will begin at 9 AM and end around 1 PM. This is a huge opportunity for East San José and I urge everyone to come out so that we can be a part of the process in planning for the future of San José.



Chamber of Commerce Mixer

On January 22nd, I was grateful to be given the opportunity to speak at the Hispanic Chambers of California mixer which was coordinated by the Silicon Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. This organization has done great work in being a resource for Latino-owned businesses throughout California and Silicon Valley.

We had an outstanding turnout and many different groups had the opportunity to discuss how we as a region move forward and they did it here in East San José.

Many of these businesses are family-owned and have been passed down through generations, they are operated by hardworking people, many of whom reside in East San José. It was an honor to address the audience. My dedicated staff and I look forward to more events like this in the future.



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Recycling Old Junk Easy and Free

San José residents can now recycle their unwanted junk more easily and cheaply, thanks to a new large-item collection program. It's part of the City's concerted push to curb illegal dumping.

Residents follow only two easy steps: 1) Call their recycling hauler to schedule a pick-up appointment; and 2) set their items on the curb for collection.

In June 2015, the City Council approved funding for one free collection of large items for single-family homes during the fiscal year. 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: [California Waste Solutions or GreenTeam of San Jose](#)

TeenForce

We help our youth obtain the skills, habits and work experience to fulfill their potential. They have staff on site at many East Side high schools working to place youth in jobs with local businesses. They also manage special programs to support foster youth with work readiness and job placement. Find out how they can help match your business with a great young worker from our community [here](#).

Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley

We are offering a seven week enrichment program for \$750, with partial scholarships available at \$400 for qualified youth. Our program keeps youth active, safe and learning through diverse activities including STEM, sports, recreation and art.

Registration has begun and will fill up quickly.

Child Advocates of Silicon Valley

Our upcoming Volunteer Open House orientation session learn how you can serve as a mentor and friend to a child in foster care.

As a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer, you will be empowered by the courts to provide critical emotional and educational support to your advocate child and ensure that child's voice is heard in the dependency court system.

RSVP to an upcoming orientation [here](#).





Wake Up to Aging

August 2015
- July 2016

Aging University



Community Budget Priority Setting Building the Budget from Zero



Saturday, February 20, 2016

Parkside Hall 180 Park Ave, San Jose, CA 95113

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Residents throughout San Jose will have the opportunity to discuss and provide input on priorities for the 2016-2017 Budget and also participate in a "Zero-Based" budgeting exercise designed around programs and services that impact our neighborhoods.

In addition, we have expanded this year's event to be open to all residents who want to participate (800 person capacity).

Online Budget Game

Residents can participate online by playing the online budget game. The forum will be available from February 22 to February 28.

www.sjmayor.org



First 100 volunteers

receive a free bare root rose

courtesy of Star Roses

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED

Join us with coffee
and pandulce as we
revitalize the Rose
Garden!

Sponsored by Mayor Sam Liccardo and
Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco

COFFEE & ROSE PLANTING

EMMA PRUSCH FARM PARK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

REGISTRATION AT 8:30AM

9AM KICKOFF AT MAIN PARKING ENTRANCE.

VOLUNTEER HOURS AVAILABLE

CLOSED-TOE SHOES REQUIRED

Contact: Omar Torres

408-535-4943

omar.torres@sanjoseca.gov

Contact: Mollie Tobias

(408) 535-3588

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TET 2016 FESTIVAL

YEAR OF THE MONKEY

SUNDAY, FEB 21, 2016 | 10AM-9PM

EVERGREEN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

3300 QUIMBY ROAD, SAN JOSE, CA 95148

Vietnamese Footsteps...

VIET Cargo



JON
Jason Nguyen
PHOTOGRAPHY



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College



Dave Cortese
President, Board of Supervisor



Bay101
San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo
Councilmember Tam Nguyen
Councilmember Manh Nguyen
Councilmember Ash Kalra
Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco

ACTIVITIES:

- **Eating Contests:** Pho, Banh Mi, Watermelon, Eggroll, Springroll, Rice Cake.

- **Contest/Competitions:** Art, Karaoke, Photo, Dance, Fashion, Sport, Children Talent, MilkTea Tasting, Puzzle, Cook-Off

- Vietnamese Culture Race, Cultural Village, Traditional Wedding Ceremony, Lion Dance, Martial Art, DJ, Cultural Performances, Fashion Show, Car Expo

ADMISSION:

FREE - Toddlers (ages 1-3), Dress in Ao Dai / Vietnamese Traditional Clothing, Veteran with Full Military Uniform

\$7 - Early Bird/Online

\$10 - At Gate

FREE PARKING

SIGN UP FOR ACTIVITIES & BUY TICKETS ONLINE:

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WWW.VIVOUSA.ORG





2016 SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

AGES 6 and up

June 13 - July 29 • 7:30am - 6:00pm (M—F)

Join us for an exciting summer filled with fun, friends and adventure!

DAILY SNACKS & NUTRITIOUS
LUNCHES • FIELD TRIPS •
& ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING:

- **SPORTS, FITNESS & RECREATION**
Daily fitness, leagues, games
- **ARTS & CULTURAL ENRICHMENT**
Music, dance, crafts & other fine arts
- **EDUCATION & CAREER DEVELOPMENT**
Daily reading, STEM, Khan Academy
- **HEALTH & LIFE SKILLS**
Cooking, gardening, resiliency programs

...and MORE!



We have several Summer sites located throughout the Greater San Jose area. For a list of all summer locations please visit www.bgclub.org/summer

HOW TO REGISTER

Visit your local clubhouse or go to www.bgclub.org

FEE

\$750 - 7 week summer program

Payments processed at www.bgclub.org or in person.

(Partial scholarships available at \$400 for qualified youth. Please visit your local clubhouse.)

\$100 non-refundable deposit due with application, applied toward summer program fees. All fees must be paid in full by June 1, 2016.
~Closed July 4, 2016~

GREAT SUMMERS START HERE.



Silicon Valley YOUNG CODERS CLUB

Students (ages 10-17) are invited to join the Silicon Valley Young Coders Club.

Learn from tech mentors how to start-up your own software/app business. Take advantage of every session to build entrepreneurial and coding skills.

Participants will work in teams to:

- Develop a business plan
- Design a product
- Pitch ideas to local venture capitalists for a chance to win \$1,000 to start a business!

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

KICK OFF EVENT
SATURDAY, JAN. 9
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.




SESSIONS EVERY SATURDAY
JAN. 9 – JUNE 4
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Silicon Valley
◀ Young Coder's Club ▶

Hillview Branch
1600 Hopkins Dr.
San José, CA 95122
(408) 808-3033



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   /sanjoselibrary

sjpl.org/youngcoders

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Extends you a cordial invitation to attend our

GRAND OPENING

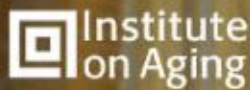
CELEBRATION & RIBBON CUTTING

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

8:30AM

Refreshments served: Coffee, Juice & Pastries

3002 Story Road, San Jose, CA 95127



BEING MORTAL

WHAT: FREE "Being Mortal" Screening and Panel Discussion. "Being Mortal," is a compelling PBS Frontline film on terminal illness and end-of-life choices, based on the bestselling book by Dr. Atul Gawande.

WHEN: Wednesday, March 16th, 2-4p.m. (Doors open at 1pm)

WHERE: Mexican Heritage Plaza Theater, 1700 Alum Rock Avenue, San Jose, 95116

2 CEs available (BBS, BRN, RCFE & MCLE) | **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED** at www.ioaging.org/events

PANEL FACILITATOR: Patrick Arbore, EdD, Dr. Arbore founded Friendship Line and the Center for Elderly Suicide Prevention and Grief Related Services (CESP), both programs at Institute on Aging in San Francisco. He is a 2015 Jefferson Award Winner, and a recipient of the American Society of Aging's 2013 Mental Health & Aging Award.

Panelists will feature end-of-life experts from the Asian, Southeast Asian & Hispanic communities:

- **Sophie Horiuchi-Forrester, MA** Consultant AND Former Executive Director of Yu-Ai Kai Japanese American Community Senior Service of San Jose
- **Angelica Leon, MSW**, Social Worker/Case Manager, Institute on Aging, Santa Clara Region Community Living Connection
- **Sulochina Lulla, M.D., MPH**, Allergist-Immunologist, Preceptor for Medical Residents of Kaiser Hospital, Santa Clara and for Nursing Students from San Jose University for School Health Nursing AND Representative from Pallium India, USA
- **Chi Mai, RN**, Stanford Healthcare E-2 ICU (Med/Surg/Neuro/Trauma) in Palo Alto, CA and Kaiser Permanente of Santa Clara Stroke Cardiac Telemetry Unit AND Research ambassador of the Stanford iSAGE program and the "Letter" project - educating the public about advance healthcare directives, power of attorney, and end-of-life decisions
- **Jeanne Wun**, Former Manager, Community Engagement & Community Relations of Hospice of the Valley, San Jose, AND Past Chair, Board of Directors Chinese American Coalition for Compassionate Care

PARTNERS:



For more information, please contact Caitlin Morgan, Senior Education Specialist, Institute on Aging, at cmorgan@ioaging.org or 415.750.4114.

WELCOMING SAN JOSÉ IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION PLAN

Your Voice:

The new Office of Immigrant Affairs needs your voice to make the City of San José a more welcoming place where immigrants can prosper.

Your Choice:

Join us for a discussion on:

- Equitable Access and Civic Engagement
- Economic Opportunity
- Education
- Safe, Healthy and Connected Communities

COMMUNITY FORUM
WEDNESDAY MARCH 2, 2016 6-8PM
ROOSEVELT COMMUNITY CENTER
901 E Santa Clara St, San José 95116

Child care and light refreshments will be provided
This event is free and open to the public





**Becoming an American citizen opens the door to new opportunities - including VOTING!
Start the citizenship process now to vote in the 2016 Presidential Election**

FREE CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOP

Saturday, February 27, 2016
Appointments available at
9 AM, 10:30 AM, 12 PM & 1 PM

Mayfair Community Center
2039 Kammerer Ave
San Jose, CA 95116

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CITIZENSHIP YOU MUST BE:

- 18 years of age
- A legal permanent resident for 5 years or 3 years if married to U.S. citizen

DON'T FORGET TO BRING:

- Your green card and social security card
- List of ALL trips taken outside of the US for the last 5 years
- Family information, including all children and spouse (current and former)
- If you have ever been arrested, certificates of disposition for all arrests
- Your address and job history for the last 5 years

TO APPLY FOR A FEE WAIVER:

- 2014/15 Income Tax or Proof of Public Benefits (such as food stamps, cash aid, SSI etc.)

**if you do not qualify for the fee waiver, the USCIS fee is \$680, payable to "US Department of Homeland Security" via credit card, check or money order*

Take the next step to become an American citizen:

- Learn about the requirements and process
- If eligible, get help completing your naturalization application
- If eligible, get help requesting a fee waiver
- Receive ESL and legal referrals, if needed
- Receive the 100 USCIS citizenship interview questions

For more information visit siren-bayarea.org / To register call (408) 474-0454



ADMINISTRATIVE RELIEF

RESOURCE CENTER

Life after DACA

Tue, Mar 1, 2016 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM PST

Show in My Time Zone

The panelists will discuss the next steps and opportunities for DACA recipients, including:

- How to get a social security number and drivers license;
- Employment and worker's rights;
- Travel;
- Higher education; and
- DACA renewal.

The panelists are Ignacia Rodriguez, Executive Action Justice Fellow, National Immigration Law Center; Michelle Saucedo, DACA Legal Advocate, Asian Americans Advancing Justice / LA; and Megan Horn, Staff Attorney and Policy Analyst, Farmworker Justice.