March 2016 Newsletter





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UPCOMING EVENTS:

CAAMFEST 2016 MARCH 10-20

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

LYMPH SYSTEM CLASS

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

Dear Neighbor,

The rain we so desperately needed has arrived and that's a welcome sign of the coming springtime. The first official day is March 20, and March 27 is Easter, both of which mark a time of new beginnings.

This month also offered us all a few more firsts. Last weekend was the Mayor's State of the City speech, held for the first time at Overfelt High School in East San José. The emcee for the speech was also our own Somos Mayfair Executive Director, Camille Llanes-Fontanilla, who did an excellent job introducing the acts, the Mayor, and our community honorees.

The City recognized several departments who served our community or worked on projects that are making San José a wonderful place to live. These Pride of San José honorees included:

 Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services staff, who put together San José's first ever <u>Viva Calle</u>, which had one of its end points at Emma Prusch Park and had over 35,000 participants; March 16 - 6 PM - 7:30 PM Cancer CARE point 2505 Samaritan Dr #402 Register Here

WAKE UP TO AGING: Are We Ready for 2030?

March 17 - 9:30 AM - 12 PM Bascom Community Center 1000 S Bascom Avenue Register Here

YMCA CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

March 18 - 4 PM - 6 PM Katherine Smith Elementary 2025 Clarice Dr, San Jose, CA 95122 Contact <u>Juan</u>

RAPE ON THE NIGHT SHIFT

March 18 - 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM County Government Center 70 West Hedding Street <u>Learn More</u>

FIRST DAY OF SPRING BEGINNER'S BIRD & PLANT WALK

March 20 - 9 AM - 11 AM Lake Cunningham Park RSVP Here

STARRY NIGHTS

March 26 - 8 PM - 10 PM Rancho Cañada del Oro Open Space Preserve

CITIZENSHIP DAY

April 2 - 9 AM - 2 PM San Jose City College 2100 Moonpark Avenue Learn More

REBUILDING DAY

April 23 Registration Open Until March 31 <u>Volunteer Here</u>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

LARGE ITEM PICKUP

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

SAN JOSE GIANTS

Buy Tickets Now Opening Night April 7th

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

in the 2016 TOMODACHI-Mitsui & Co. Leadership Program <u>Learn More</u>

ADULT GARDENING WORKSHOP

Wednesdays from March 2 - April 6 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

A NEW PROGRAM

for Alternative Fuel Vehicles in

- "Welcome San Jose" Immigrant
 Integration Team for delivering the 3-year workplan from the Office of
 Immigrant Affairs;
- Library staff for working so hard to expand service and staffing to ensure that our libraries are open now 6 days a week;
- Hammer Theater Reuse Team for their determination and hard work. They had partnered with San José State's College of Humanities and the Arts to take over and reopen the historic theater; and
- Officer Michael Johnson, whose mother and widow accepted the award in the name of Officer Johnson, <u>killed in the line of duty last March</u>.

My office also recognized a long-time East San José family who have done so much to improve the lives, wellness, and happiness of countless families: the Guerreros. They have served the District 5 community since their time in college and well into their professional career. Martha Guerrero has worked at Mt. Pleasant High School for 29 years, first as a teacher and now as a principal. Jose Luis is a retired Battalion Chief for the San Jose Fire Department. Juan Carlos has earned an Emmy for his work as producer for Univision. Ignacio is the Director of the Department of Child Support Services for the County of Santa Clara. Veronica, who was unable to attend the ceremony, devotes countless volunteer hours at Our Lady of Peace. For these things and many more, it was my pleasure to recognize them as the District 5 Community Honorees.

The program continued with the Mayor's State of the City address. This year he focused on job creation and supporting our working families by expanding the San Jose Works program to employ 1,000 more teens and increasing the minimum wage in San José and across Santa Clara County. He also talked about our affordable housing crisis, and announced two projects that will retrofit empty hotels for interim homeless housing, plans to create a 150-unit "micro-village", and an initiative to house all our homeless veterans by Veteran's Day 2018. Other community resources we all can look forward to include: a community soccer center near Avaya Stadium; a softball complex in East San José; and highspeed Internet coming to neighborhoods that

6 local counties

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Summer Enrichment Camp

SUMMER SHAKESPEARE CAMP

June 20 - July 1 Contact <u>Melissa</u>

VOLUNTEER FOR VETERANS

Outreach Driving Program Contact <u>Omar</u>, Veteran mobility Manager

VEGGIELUTION

Get Fresh Fruits and Vegetables weekly

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

The Baltazar Business Corner

Fast Bicycle



Spring is right around the corner and before you know it, summer will have arrived. So to be ready, head down to Fast Bicycles and check out their wide selection of bikes. This family owned business was first started by Jeff over 30 years ago and is now operated by his son, Tom. Tom and his staff offer great support. Whether one is buying their first bike or repairing a decade old bike. My staff personally uses Fast Bicycle for repairs and assistance to their mountain bikes. Don't forget we have the lovely Alum Rock Park and San José Bike parties to make full use of your bike!

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haven't had access to fiber optic speeds before. If you're interested, you can also read the whole speech here.

I look forward to working with the Mayor, my fellow Councilmembers, and all of you to continue to improve our neighborhoods, our parks, our schools, and our community.

Happy March (and don't forget to move your clock forward on Sunday)!



Councilmember/*Consejal*, Magdalena Carrasco

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Emma Prusch Farm Park's Rose Planting

On February 21st, we planted 500, much needed, bare root roses at Emma Prusch Park.

With the help of our incredible volunteers we were able to finish this extensive project in only 90 minutes.

Since we had some extra time our volunteers took it upon themselves to weed other sections of the gardens.

Events like these keep our district's parks inviting and beautiful.

We have so many people to thank for the success of this event, specifically to both the Mayor's Office for cosponsoring and Parks & Recreation for the volunteers.



We hope to see you at our next event, we all had so much fun making District 5 an even more beautiful place to call home!





Dumpster Day At Hillview

It was great to see many members of Latinos United for a New America (LUNA) coupled with young energetic students from both William C. Overfelt High School and Cindy Avitia High School.

Students woke up early on a Saturday morning to volunteer and invested their time into helping keep East San José clean.



Together we were able to fill two forty yard bins within the first hour and a half of the event.

I would like to thank the Hillview Neighborhood Association for graciously donating breakfast items for our volunteers, and I would also like to thank the Hillview Branch Library staff for helping secure the location for our dumpster bins to be dropped off.

If you have any questions about upcoming litter days or dumpster days, please contact my staffer Jesse Quijada at: (408)535-4905 or send an **email**.



New Chief Of Police Confirmed

Last week, my colleagues and I voted in our Interim Chief, Eddie Garcia, to be San José's permanent Police Chief.

We selected Chief Garcia for his numerous qualifications, Chief Garcia has spent his entire career with the San José Police Department (SJPD).

He has served at every rank within our SJPD, becoming an officer for the city back in February of 1992. He worked the Patrol Division and was selected to work in the Narcotics Enforcement Team.



After working in the Narcotics Enforcement Team, he was selected to work in Special Operations - M.E.R.G.E (Mobile Emergency Response Group and Equipment). Chief Garcia was promoted to Sergeant in August of 2000.

He worked patrol and then was selected to work as a Night Detective and later as a Homicide Investigator.

He was promoted to Lieutenant in December of 2005.

As a lieutenant, he commanded the Community Services Division and the Special Investigations Unit.

He was instrumental in creating the East San José Weed and Seed program, a program that partnered SJPD with various nonprofits like Fresh Life Lines for Youth/Boys and Girls Club in order provide opportunities to assist them in making positive healthy choices.

In all, Eddie Garcia has committed over two decades of his life to serving and protecting the residents of San José.

My colleagues and I are confident that Eddie Garcia will be able to lead our Police Department, to the title of "Safest Big City in America" like others before him.



Mobile Homes Protected

This past month the city discussed amending title 20 of the municipal code (promotes and protects the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare) to further protect residents of mobile home parks.

This is a very urgent issue due to the thousands of San José residents residing in mobile homes. Our current economic environment is pushing for a greater demand on affordable housing.



The additional amendments would include, relocation assistance, should a resident's mobile home park close or convert for another use. Council has directed city staff to clarify areas of mobile home protection. Additionally, Council is considering the "opt in" clause for mobile homes. In this scenario, park owners that adopt "opt in" programs could pass capital improvements costs to residents.

Council has committed to further investigate solutions, but in order for any policies to be implemented, the policies must be voted and passed by City Council.

Mobile homes serves as one of the many forms of affordable housing for San José residents. Taking note, Council will continue to carry out the work on this matter for all residents.

A Welcome to our New Independent Police Auditor

The new Independent Police Auditor for the City of San José is Walter Katz Mr. Katz was appointed by the Mayor and City Council on November 3, 2015 and assumed his responsibilities on January 5, 2016.

Previously, Mr. Katz served as a Deputy Inspector General for the County of Los Angeles Office of Inspector General (OIG), which oversees the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

In that role, he led the Inspector General's effort in monitoring the LASD's body-worn camera implementation program. Furthermore, Mr. Katz

developed a framework for increased transparency by the LASD to disclose use of force and civilian complaint information to the public.

Prior to the OIG, he worked as a staff attorney at its predecessor agency, the Office of Independent Review, since 2010.

There he closely monitored and reviewed the LASD's investigations of deputy-involved shootings and disciplinary investigations. Mr. Katz has also advised other police agencies and municipalities in their reform efforts.

Mr. Katz is active in the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE), serves on the non-profit organization's Training, Education and Standards Committee and has frequently been a panelist or moderator on accountability and transparency issues at its annual conference.

He has written about police accountability in the Harvard Law Review Forum and The New York Times and has given his insights in The Atlantic, on public radio and other news outlets.

Prior to his work in civilian oversight of law enforcement, he served a deputy public defender in Southern California for seventeen years.

He received his law degree from the McGeorge School of Law at the University of the Pacific and his undergraduate degree from the University of Nevada, Reno.

New Park Meeting 31st St & Alum Rock Avenue

Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) is inviting you to a community meeting in order to get your input on a new park located between South 31st Street and Highway 101 by the Alum Rock Corridor.

The meeting will be on Wednesday March 16th, at 6:30 pm at Mexican Heritage Plaza, 1700 Alum Rock Ave, San Jose, CA 95113.

For more information or to arrange an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call

Jason Condit (408) 793-4189 or the TTY number, (408) 294-9337, at least 48 hours in advance.



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: <u>California Waste</u>

Solutions or GreenTeam of San Jose

Citizenship Day

Learn how to begin the process of becoming a US citizen.

Check out the **FLYER** below to learn essential information.

Including Document Requirements, Record Requirements and Photo Requirements.

Our City Forest

All are welcomed to attend these free community events. All events are held Saturday mornings during Community Nursery hours opened from: 9AM - noon. Find us at: 1000 Spring St. San Jose, CA 95110.

Learn more details by visiting their website.

March 7 - 14: Celebrate Arbor Week! - Learn more **HERE**.

March 12: Kid's Day at the Nursery (9AM-12PM)

March 19: Learn About our Urban Ecosystem (10AM-12PM)

March 26: Rain Barrel Workshop (TBD) - Attendance fee may be required.

April 23: Spring Plant Sale Extravaganza + Earth Day/Arbor Day Appreciation

RSVP to events or direct questions **HERE**

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:

Hillview Branch: 12, 19 and 26 March

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 <u>The Health Trust</u> called <u>Food for Everyone</u> 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.



COFFEE WITH COUNCILMEMBER **CARRASCO & SAN JOSE POLICE** CAPTAIN TONY MATA

CAFECITO CON CONCEJAL **CARRASCO Y CAPITAN DE** POLICIA TONY MATA

> SATURDAY MARCH 19TH SABADO 19 DE MARZO 9:00AM-10:30AM







District 5/Districto 5

Learn about Neighborhood Watch! ¡Aprenda sobre el programa

de Neighborhood Watch!

Concerned about public safety?

¿Preocupaciones sobre su seguridad pública?

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Learn how to get involved in your community! ¡Aprenda como involucrarse

PLEASE NOTE LOCATION CHANGE/ NOTE EL **CAMBIO DE UBICACIÓN**

Robert Sanders School 3411 Rocky Mountain Dr. San Jose, CA **Community Room**



Wake Up to Aging

August 2015 - July 2016

Aging University



It's easy & FREE to recycle your junk.

- Make an appointment
- Set out



Visit sjenvironment.org/largeitems

One FREE large item pickup per single-family home. Up to 3 items.
Only \$27 for additional pickups.

Help keep your neighborhood clean! Report illegal dumping: 408-535-3500





REGISTER NOW!

www.bgclub.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.
"Clased 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

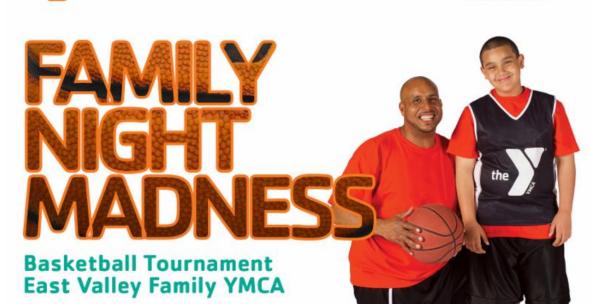






sjpl.org/youngcoders







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 Mananger, 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:







Parles, Remotion and

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



Panel Moderator:

Esther Peralez-Dieckmann, Director County of Santa Clara Office of Women's Policy

Panelists:

Andres Cediel, Filmmaker Investigative Reporting Program, UC Berkeley

Denise Solis, Vice President, SEIU-USWW

Ruth Silver Taube, Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center

William Tamayo, EEOC District Director SF Office

Perfa Flores, Division Director Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Human Trafficking, Community Solutions

Jennifer Reisch, Legal Director Equal Rights Advocates

Hosted by Investigative Reporting Program, UC Berkeley, SEIU-USWW, County of Santa Clara Office of Women's Policy, and the Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center

In partnership with Equal Rights Advocates, the EEOC, Working Partnerships U.S.A., and Community Solutions.

Please join us for a presentation of the film Rape on the Night Shift, an investigation into sexual abuse of immigrant women in the janitorial industry. The film will be preceded by a reception and followed by a panel.

March 18, 2016 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm County Government Center 70 W. Hedding St., San Jose, CA 95110 Free parking in all County parking lots and metered parking on the street.

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm - Reception, Lower Level 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm - The film will be shown in English in the Board Chambers and in Spanish in the Isaac Newton Senter Auditorium 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Panel, Isaac Newton Senter Auditorium

Childcare will be provided.

Please contact Ruth Silver Taube at 408-621-5678 or RSilverTaube@scu.edu with questions.

CITIZENSHIP DAY 2016

Citizenship Application Assistance Saturday, April 2, 2016 | 9am - 2pm

To register call: 408-664-0322

More Information siren-bayarea.org

Apply for citizenship now to vote in the 2016 Presidential Election!

San José City College 2100 Moopark Avenue San Jose, CA 95128

TIME	LANGUAGE	ROOM
9:00AM	Spanish	A Gym
	Cantonese	GE - 113
	Cambodian	GE - 115
	Arabic	GE - 111
	Amharic	GE - 101
	Russian	GE - 105
10:00AM	Vietnamese	T-415
11:00AM	Korean	GE - 115
	Somali	GE - 105
	Tagalog	GE - 111
	Tigrinya	GE - 101
	Mandarin	GE - 113
	English	A Gym
12:00PM	Spanish	T-415
1:00PM	Farsi	GE - 103
	English	A Gym
2:00PM	Vietnamese	T-415

ROOM KEY:

A Gym - Auxiliary Gym

GE - General Education Building

T - Technology Building

You must meet the following requirements:

- Reside in the U.S. as a permanent resident for 5 years or 3 years if married to a U.S. citizen
- . Live in the U.S. for half of the five or three year period
- · You are at least 18 years old

What to bring:

- · Green card and social security card
- . List of ALL trips outside the US for the last 5 years
- Family information for ALL children and spouses (current and former)
- If you have ever been arrested, certificates of disposition for all arrests
- Two passport photos
- Address and job history for the last 5 years

To apply for fee waiver:

 2015 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.

Sponsored by the Santa Clara County Citizenship Collaborative,







The New Americans Campaign, San Jose/Evergreen Community College District, and Slicon Valley Community Foundation