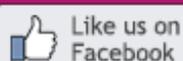


# November 2016 Newsletter

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East San José



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## Upcoming Events

[Fall Plant Sale Bonanza](#)  
Nov 19, 9 am- 3 pm  
Community Nursery  
1000 Spring St, 95110

[Tree Amigo Class](#)  
Dec 3- Jan 14  
Online and In-Person

*Si desea leer este boletín en Español, por favor envíenos un email a  
[district5@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district5@sanjoseca.gov)*

Dear Neighbor,

The holidays are upon us as we inch towards Thanksgiving. While many of us will give thanks with our families and friends, some families are struggling to make ends meet. Thankfully our community has many resources to provide a Thanksgiving Dinner to individuals; you can find out about the turkey giveaways [here](#).

Participatory Budgeting has kicked off the Steering Committee. Currently, the Committee is working on the rules and upon completion of their tasks, we will open up proposals to the public. We are still doing informational meetings, so if you would like to have us come to do a presentation for your local community, let us know.

While out in the neighborhoods picking up gifts for your loved ones, remember to shop local and support our mom and pop shops by supporting Small Business Saturday, on November 26.

You can join Our City Forest, at their annual Fall Plant Sale on November 19, 2016, at 1000 Spring Street, San Jose. Our City Forest also provides rental Christmas trees; you can learn about this program at [www.ourcityforest.org/holiday](http://www.ourcityforest.org/holiday).

Finally, if you're looking for something to do to help out your local community or who could use a place to participate in a Thanksgiving meal, please check out the [Mayfair Community Center's Thanksgiving Dinner](#).

## Announcements

### Rent-A-Tree from Our City Forest

Rent traditional and non-traditional Holiday Trees  
Early Reservation: Nov 1

### Latinos in Technology Scholarship

100 scholarships available, up to \$30,000  
Deadline December 7th

### Homework Club

Alum Rock Library  
Every Tuesday and Wednesday in October

### Resume & Job Search Help

Alum Rock Library  
Every Thursday through December 8th

### Basic Computer Workshop

Alum Rock Library  
Every Saturday through December 3rd

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)



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Magdalena Carrasco

[Email Your Councilmember](#)

## **East San Jose Halloween/ Dia de los Muertos Wrap Up**

Day of the Dead proved to be as excited as we had been anticipating. With dozens of events taking place in San Jose, it was difficult to not have attended one. There is one that is note mentioning, La Ultima Parada at the School of Arts & Culture. The event had dozens of vendors ranging from a photo booth in a Volkswagen Van to more traditional art work of Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera. The performances were equally diverse, having Opera in Spanish to a new adaptation of the Nutcracker. If you missed out don't worry, you'll always have next year and luckily for you it just keeps getting better.



## **Pedestrian Improvements**

In the coming weeks, you will notice a new traffic device installed in the district. On the corner of Alum Rock Avenue and Eastgate Avenue as part of the Bus Rapid Transit project, we are installing a High-Intensity Activated CrossWalk (HAWK.) It is a type of pedestrian crossing signal intended to increase safety for pedestrians at crosswalks.

The HAWK has been shown to decrease vehicular crashes with pedestrians by 69% at crosswalks after installation. Studies have also shown that 97% of drivers comply and yield to pedestrians at HAWKs. The City of San Jose is installing new HAWKs in appropriate locations to enhance pedestrian safety while minimizing delays to motorists. To learn more about how to properly use the HAWK system, click [HERE](#).



## 31st Street Park - Help Name the Newest E San Jose Park

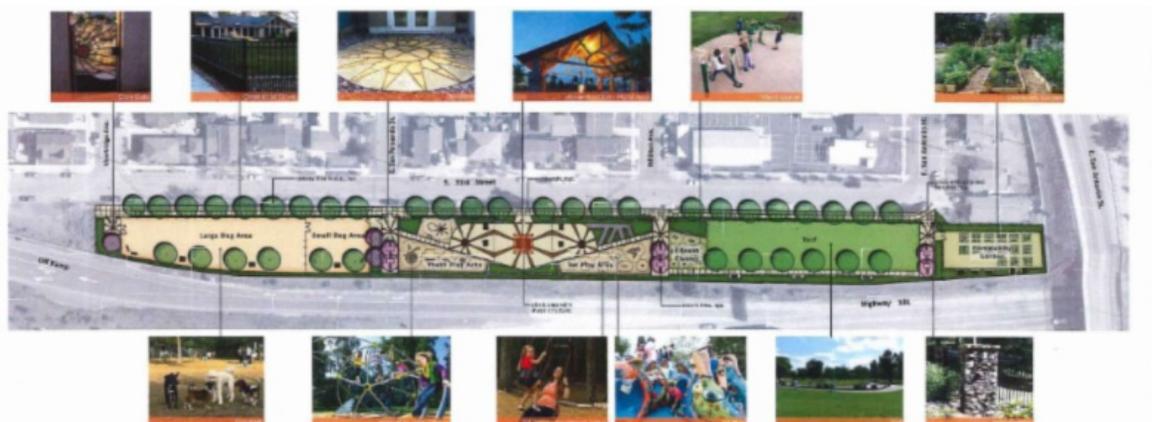
On the November 15th City Council meeting, my colleagues and I will be voting to approve the General Plan Amendment that will enable the change of land use at the 31st Street site to allow us to build a brand new park. You can view the item [here](#).

This new park will be a tremendous asset for the Gateway East Neighborhood Area and the surrounding areas as well as it has been a long term goal to have a park. The property was previously an excess parcel from Caltrans and has been vacant for decades.

Our office and the residents worked tirelessly to rid the area of the many homeless encampments and the massive illegal dumping that had been happening in this empty lots for decades. So instead of building a higher fence to deter crime, we are removing barriers to building a park which will bring our families and community. They now have a place to garden, have recreational activities but most of all, an active place to meet for neighborhood meetings, birthday parties or another type of community celebrations. Constructing this park would not have been possible without our passionate City Staff, working hard to find sources to fund this park.

I am thankful for Caltrans for their cooperation and Senator Jim Beall for working with us to ensure the negotiation went smoothly. I also like to thank the residents of the Gateway East Neighborhood for their relentless effort to open up this park in their neighborhood. They soon will have open space, with a tot lot, trees, and workout equipment, I am looking forward to the grand opening, but in the meantime, I will be working hard to ensure the second phase is being completed which will have a dog park and a field.

We are still in the process of naming the park; we have until November 12. If you would like to weigh in or suggest a name, please take [this survey](#).



## San Jose's Immigrant Welcoming Program Continues

At the October 18th Council meeting, the City adopted the Welcoming San José immigrant [integration plan](#), making ours the first major city in California to formally pass and publish a comprehensive, multi-sector plan on this important issue.



As of 2014, more than 38% of the City's population are immigrants, and the three-year plan sets forth goals and strategies that will help facilitate and accelerate their integration into our community. It laid out a plan for civic, economic, linguistic, and social inclusion and demonstrated the dedication of the City to

creating a future where immigrants and refugees are engaged, respected, and have the opportunity to reach their fullest potential.

For more information on what resources are available to immigrants, you can look at the San José Office of Immigrant Affairs [website](#) or the County's [Immigrant Information Website](#)

Here are some upcoming immigration events:

- [Citizenship Class](#) - Saturday, Nov 12, 19, and 26, 12 - 2 p.m., 1600 Hopkins Drive 95122 (Hillview Library, FLC Classroom)
- [The Other One Percent: Indians in America](#) - Friday, Nov 18, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., 4988 Great America Pkwy, Santa Clara (Citrix)
- [SIREN's DACA Workshop](#) - Monday, Nov 28, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m., 300 Mission College Blvd, Santa Clara (Mission College, Main Building Room E2-302)

## Want to Make Story Rd & Keyes St Better?

We value your perspective and would like your input to help shape recommendations for the Story-Keyes Corridor Complete Streets Study. The study will seek ways **to make the corridor safe and easier to use** for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders, while still serving drivers. We are currently evaluating the challenges, needs and opportunities for this corridor. This opportunity is the first of three rounds of public outreach.

**Join Us** - VTA and the City of San Jose invite you attend a Community Forum!

**Thursday, November 17**  
**6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Leininger Community Center**  
**Okayama Room**  
1300 Senter Road  
San Jose, CA 95112

VTA has also launched a new interactive multilingual [online survey](#) to help shape a better Story-Keyes Corridor. Please visit and provide feedback and share the link with your networks!

### Would you like to visit the corridor first hand?

You have also been identified to participate in a walk or bike assessment of the corridor. Assessments will be used to help note challenge areas and identify opportunities. Included is a [map link](#) to review the options. Please [RSVP](#) to Brent Pearse.

**Friday, November 18**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Walk: Story Road between King Road and Hopkins Drive**  
**Meeting at: Starbucks, 1110 King Road**

## Recreational Marijuana Sales Ban

On Tuesday, November 1st, the City Council passed an emergency ban on the sale and distribution of recreational marijuana. On November 8, 2016, the voters of California voted to legalize the recreational or adult use of marijuana by those 21 and older. Proposition 64 (the Control, Regulate, and Tax Adult Use of

Marijuana Act) took affect the following day. The ban would provide the time, for analysis and policy discussion, including conducting the required environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), community outreach, Planning Commission hearings, and City Council hearings prior to a vote on whether to allow and regulate the sale, cultivation, manufacture, delivery, etc. of recreational/adult use cannabis.



The urgency ordinance confirms that non-medical marijuana cultivated for personal use is restricted to six living plants and that non-medical marijuana must be grown indoors or in a secure accessory structure in alignment with Proposition 64, and must comply with fire and building codes. You can view the memorandum [here](#), and my [interview](#) on the topic with Univision.

## Changes to Outreach & Escort

On November 3rd, the Federal Bureau of Investigation executed a search warrant on Outreach & Escort, Inc., VTA's third party paratransit broker. The FBI raid caused a significant disruption to service for the paratransit clients as well as other communities of concern that rely on this service.



Following Board direction, VTA had already developed a Transition Plan to bring in another service provider on short notice if needed. This plan was instituted on an urgency basis, and VTA is now directly providing this service. During this transition period, there will be challenges and VTA asks for patience during this transition period. Until further notice calls for service should be placed to VTA at (408) 321-2300. In a life threatening emergency, clients are advised to dial 911.

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## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### **SCILC-- Seeking New Board Members**

Interested in disability justice work, community advocacy, promoting disability and senior services, or fundraising for a great cause? Then you may be a great fit for joining SVILC's Board of Directors!

Please contact Sheri Burns, Executive Director, at [sherib@svilc.org](mailto:sherib@svilc.org) or 408-894-9041 or Tricia Kokes, Board President, at [triciak@svilc.org](mailto:triciak@svilc.org) for more information or an application.

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### **Locations for Thanksgiving Food Banks**

#### **CITY TEAM MINISTRIES**

580 Charles Street, 95112 (Off of Oakland Rd.)

(408) 288-2185

November 24 from 11:00 AM-5:00 PM

## LOAVES & FISHES EASTSIDE

2150 Alum Rock Avenue, 95127

(408) 316-6472

November 21-24 from 4:30 PM-5:30 PM

### Sacred Heart Community Services

1381 South First Street, 95110

(408) 278-2160

Meal Box Registration:

Friday November 11 from 9am-12pm (in person)

Building Community Through Fun

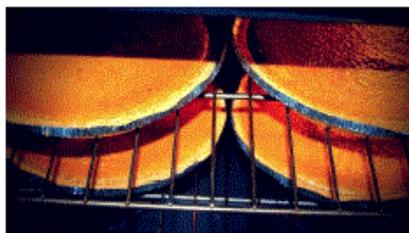


## Join Mayfair Community Center

at our annual **Head Injury Recreation and  
Leisure Network Thanksgiving Dinner**

### Donations and Volunteers Needed!

- Turkeys—Delivered by Nov. 10
- Pumpkin Pies
- Door Prizes
- Gift Baskets
- Grocery Store Gift Cards
- To volunteer please sign up at:  
<http://btrr.im/qykij>



### Thanksgiving Dinner Details:

Tuesday, November 15, 2016  
6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

2039 Kammerer Ave.  
San Jose, Ca 95116  
(408) 794-1065 or email:  
[liz.best@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:liz.best@sanjoseca.gov)

**Cost is only \$5.00 to attend  
and have a great meal!**



To request an accommodation for City-sponsored events or an alternative format for printed materials, please contact the Mayfair Community Center at 408-794-1060 (TTY) as soon as possible, but at least three business days before the event.  
[www.sanjoseca.gov/prns](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/prns)

