

Happy Holidays!



December 2012 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Spartan Keyes Cleanup

- Saturday, December 8th
- 9:00am-1:00pm
- Meet at 7th Street and Virginia Street
- Look for Kim Thai and Paul Gonzalez

Rock Springs Neighborhood Cleanup

- Saturday, December 15th
- 9:00am-11:00am
- Meet at Rock Springs Drive in front of Paseo Senter building

Want to organize a cleanup? Send an email to CCHC@sanjoseca.gov

Neighborhood Resources

Anti-Graffiti &
Anti-Litter Program
(408) 975-7233
Get free anti-graffiti tool kit,
litter pick-up supplies

Hazardous Waste
Recycling Disposal
(408) 299-7300
Get rid of your HOUSEHOLD
HAZARDOUS WASTE for
free!CCHC@sanjoseca.gov

Cleans Creeks, Healthy Communities would like to thank everyone for helping to keep your neighborhood clean!

From the end of September through the end of November, 123 Volunteers including a local Boy Scout Troop and other residents in the community collected nearly 156 cubic yards of trash.



Downtown Street Teams
October and November
Statistics

DST is a local organization that helps homeless people to re-establish their lives through service within the community.

DST volunteers in San Jose removed over 2500 cubic yards of garbage from Coyote Creek in the past two months!

Nature's Beauty of the Month: Canada Geese!

Encountered on Roberts Avenue
Have nature pictures? Share them with us!
CCHC@sanjoseca.gov



City of San Jose

Dept. of Transportation

(408) 277-4373

Report large debris and illegal dumping on public streets

San Jose Animal Care

(408) 794-7297
Report dead animals in the street and other animal concerns.

Garden 2 Table

(408) 297-3301
Have fruit trees in your yard that are ripe with fruits? Call to have them collected for the Olinder Food Program, or to volunteer!

Need resources not listed here? Call CCHC at (408) 771-7069

Green Holiday Tips

Reuse gift wrap

Cut down on the tons of wrapping paper and bags that are trashed every year

Minimize Shopping Trips

Save money and time by combining drives to shopping centers or buying gifts online

Send E-cards

Reduce paper used and greenhouse gas emitted to make holiday cards

Buy energy efficient lights

Decorate with LED lights which use 90% less electricity

Give gift experience

Offer presents that do not add to consumption like movie or event tickets

Paseo Senter Cleans Their Community!

Community members at the Volunteer Neighborhood Cleanup removed 2.23 cubic yards of trash.

Pablo, Paseo resident:

"I really like coming out to these cleanup events because it gets me out of the house. It's good for my mental health to talk to my neighbors during the cleanup."



Reduce Waste This Holiday Season

Americans generate 25% more trash throughout the holidays from Thanksgiving until New Years Eve compared to other times of the year. Take old clothes and electronics to local charitable donation locations like Hope Services, Goodwill, and Salvation Army, in order to cut down on the amount of used items that end up in landfills toward the end of the year. Donation locations will recycle many household items. Hope Services accepts e-waste whether it still works or not.

To arrange for a home pickup with Hope Services call (408) 748-2874.

For more information about minimizing your holiday impact on the environment <u>click here</u>.



Clean Creeks, Healthy Communities is a four-year grant-funded program dedicated to restoring the natural beauty of Coyote Creek through reducing trash pollution and improving water quality. CCHC will address the sources of trash pollution by collaborating with the homeless, deterring illegal dumping, and engaging neighbors as stewards of the creek. We are always encouraging people to get out and explore their creek.

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