

Spartan Keyes Neighborhood Activity Center

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Say Hello!

Phone: 1.408.771.7069
E-mail: CCHC@sanjoseca.gov

We are 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 to be stewards of the creek. We are always encouraging people to get out and explore their creek.

Building Healthy Communities

Clean Creeks and Healthy Communities go hand in hand!

The behaviors we practice to take care of the creek are the same ones we use to build safe and healthy communities.

A good habit to practice is checking in with your neighbors. See how they're doing, exchange information about your neighborhood and create new friendships.

Notice a broken street light? Take a moment to report it to Street Light Repair at 1.408.794.1903 and encourage your neighbor to do the same.

Below are contact numbers to help you maintain a clean and safe community.

GET INVOLVED

Once you've made a few friends on your block or neighborhood, consider joining a Neighborhood Association (NA). NAs are great ways for you to share information, organize events, and seek help from your neighbors. Get in touch with an NA and see how you can start making an impact TODAY!

Spartan Keyes NA

Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of the month 7:00pm
Spartan Keyes Neighborhood Action Center
570 Keyes St. Office #2
San José, CA 95112
President: Richard Stewart
spartankeyesNAC@gmail.com
1.408.202.6189

Rocksprings Los Poseos NA

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of the month 6:30pm
Los Poseos Center
1898 Senter Rd.
San José, CA 95112
President: Olga Aguilar

*Cleanups every 3rd Saturday, 8am
Meetings in Spanish and Vietnamese

Olinder NA

Meetings: 1st Wednesday of the month 6:30pm
Olinder Neighborhood Center
848 E. William St.
San José, CA 95116
President: Huynh Kang
imelda004@aol.com

McKinley Bonita NA

Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of the month 6:30pm
McKinley Community Center
651 Macredes Ave.
San José, CA 95116
President: Dario Lerma
monieglerma@gmail.com
*Cleanups every 2nd Friday, 4:00pm
Meetings in Spanish.

CLEAN CREEKS COURIER

COYOTE CREEK IS YOUR BACKYARD

Coyote Creek doesn't get as much love as it deserves. Originating from the Diablo Range just northeast of Morgan Hill, Coyote Creek flows northwest for about 42 miles through Morgan Hill and urban San José where it empties into the Lower South San Francisco Bay Area in Alviso.



"Volunteers remove trash out of Coyote Creek"

At the base of the Diablo Range, Coyote

Creek is impounded by two dams forming the largest reservoirs in Santa Clara County, the Coyote and Anderson Reservoirs. The 53 other creeks, which together total more than 670 miles of natural creek bed, flow into Coyote Creek and form the 320-square-mile Coyote Watershed.

Coyote Creek is the most extensive of the five watershed systems in the Santa Clara Valley basin and is home to at least 10 native fish species including Pacific lamprey, steelhead trout, and Chinook salmon.

While we have this amazing, beautiful natural resource right in our backyards, Coyote Creek is also the Bay Area's most polluted waterway. Coyote Creek is severely impaired by trash. Wrappers, cups, bottles, bags, cigarette butts are just some of the items that make their way into our creek. According to Save the Bay, each year approximately 3,000,000,000 (that's BILLION) cigarette butts end up in the San Francisco Bay, carried there by creeks and stormdrains.

This is where we step in! We are *Clean Creeks, Healthy Communities* and our goal is to partner with you to clean up Coyote Creek and make it a place where you and your neighbors can enjoy. From Henry Coe State Park and the Diablo Range all the way to San Francisco Bay, we can walk/run, hike, bike, play, bird watch. But, the most important stretch of Coyote Creek is where it runs through your neighborhood. There is so much that we can do together as a community and it begins with the choices we make today.

Let's work together to preserve Coyote Creek!

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Clean Creeks, Healthy Communities Partners:



HANDY RESOURCES

Animal Care & Services
1.408.794.7297

Anti-Graffiti & Litter Hotline
1.866.249.0543

Code Enforcement
1.408.535.7770

Extra Garbage Stickers
\$6.25 at City Hall, San José
Libraries, Safeway, Luckys and Save Mart

Gang Hotline (Anonymous Tips)
1.408.293.4264

Homeless Encampments
1.408.510.7600

Household Hazardous Waste
(FREE! disposal of auto fluids, cleaners, expired medicines, sharps, mercury thermometers, paints and pesticides)
www.hhw.org | 1.408.299.7300

Illegal Dumping
1.408.794.1900

Illegal Dumping: Storm Drains
1.408.945.3000

Large Item Curbside Collection
(mattresses, furniture, etc): Contact your recycling hauler for pick up.
www.sjenvironment.org/largeitems
1-3 items for \$26.30

Litter Prevention
www.sjenvironment.org/stoplitter

Recycling: Unusual Items
1.408.535.3500
www.recyclestuff.org

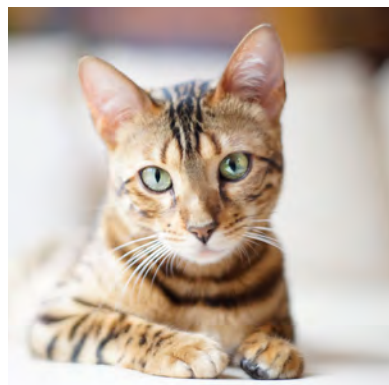
Street Light Repair
1.408.794.1903

Valley Transportation Authority
1.408.321.2300
www.vta.org

Volunteer!
Anti-Litter Program
1.408.975.7233

Creek Connections Action Group
www.cleanacreek.org

Watershed Watch
1.866.WATERSHED
www.mywatershedwatch.org



New Program Controlling the Cat Population

The cat population has tripled in the past 40 years to 148-188 million cats, half of which are stray or feral. Recently, the City of San José and its community partners are taking a new approach to deal with stray and feral cats known as TNR for Trap, Neuter, Re-lease.

Since this program began, the City and its partners, notably 13th Street Cat Rescue, have seen a significant decrease in the number of stray and feral cats roaming around. 13th Street Cat Rescue has TNRed over 2,200 cats, of which nearly 1,500 have been adopted. This past year, they started loaning cat traps to community members, who TNRed almost 100 cats!

Studies nationwide have shown that TNR is the most effective method of dealing with feral and stray cats and allows them to live happily and freely without contributing to the overpopulation of cats.

If you need help dealing with stray or feral cats in your neighborhood and would like more information on TNR, call the San José Animal Care and Services at: 1.408.794.PAWS(7297), visit 13th Street Cats at: www.13thstcats.org or the Cat Resource Center at www.catcenter.org.

FERAL FACTS



DID YOU KNOW?

- One breeding pair of cats can produce over 450,000 kittens in 7 years!
- Within one year of TNR, 2,000 fewer cats were brought into the Animal Care Center.
- Since 2010, the euthanasia rate has dropped 40%.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fri 6/6: South First Fridays
www.southfirstfridays.com
Free live art, music, and food every 1st Friday
First St. between East San Carlos and E William St.
7:00 pm—11:00pm

Fri 5/16, 6/20: San José Bike Party
www.sjbikeparty.org
Free every 3rd Friday, visit website or www.facebook.com/sjbikeparty for more info.

Sat 5/17: National River Cleanup Day
Join CCHC at Yerba Buena High School
Meet at Phelan St. and Roberts St.
Cleanup: 9:00 am—Noon

Thur 5/22, 6/26: Senior Safari Walkabout
Happy Hollow Zoo. For information: 1.408.794.6400
Free for adults 50+
9:00 am-10:00 am

Sat 5/24: Future Roots Festival
www.futurerootsfestival.com
Plaza De Cesar Chavez, Market St, Downtown SJ
12:00 pm—6:00 pm

Sat 5/24: San Jose Taco Festival
at History Park San Jose
\$10.00 admission
12:00 pm -8:00pm

Sat 6/14: Dia de Portugal San Jose
at History Park San Jose
Free
10:00 am -6:00pm

Free events are happening all over town! Visit these websites to see what's happening near you:
City of San José: www.sanjose.com/calendar
San José Public Library: www.sjpl.org
www.sjdownatown.com

NATIONAL RIVER CLEANUP DAY Saturday, May 17, 2014
9AM—Noon
(408) 630-2739
For more information, visit our website: www.cleanacreek.org



NOT IN MY BACKYARD!

Illegal dumping is a huge problem in our communities. Not only does it make our neighborhoods unsightly, but it can also pollute the environment (Coyote Creek!), attract pests, and expose residents to harmful materials or rotting waste.

So what does illegal dumping look like? It's that spring cleaning that ends up on the side of the creek. It's that couch or mattress sitting at the side of the road with a sign that says "free." It's that area behind a grove of trees at the park littered with tires, plywood, and shopping carts.

Because of the harms of illegal dumping, we need to act as a community to address it:

- Monitor the site: remove litter and graffiti so the site does not appear abandoned.
- Clean up immediately because dumping attracts dumping!
- Improve visibility by trimming overgrown bushes and improving lighting.
- Activate the area: set up a community garden, put up a basketball hoop, create a mural.
- Mark it as a community space!



"Illegal dumpsites like these may contain hazardous materials that are harmful to the environment."

Report illegal dumping of furniture, shopping carts, and mattresses to the Department of Transportation. Call 1.408.794.1900 or use the San José Clean Mobile Phone App on iPhone and Android.

Get the free San José Clean app. Just snap a picture and send it in! Scan the QR code with your smartphone to get the app.



LIVE HEALTHY

• San José State Aquatic Center
Lap swimming at \$3/day or \$25/mo.
www.sjsu.edu/spartanrec
1.408.924.6341

• San José State Club Sports
\$8/day or \$25/mo.
www.union.sjsu.edu/clubsports
1.408.924.6341

• San José State Bud Winter Field
Free public access to track
Located at Alma St. and 10th St.

• Roosevelt Community Center
Fitness room \$24.99/mo.
901 E. Santa Clara St., 95116
1.408.794.7555

<http://sanjoseca.gov/facilities/Facility/Details/320>

EAT CLEAN

Farmers Markets are the perfect way to buy fresh, local fruits and veggies.

Here is short list of local markets:

• San José Downtown Farmers Market
Fridays May 2—Nov. 21 10:00 am—2:00 pm
San Pedro Square between Santa Clara /St. John St.

• Alum Rock Village Farmers Market
Sundays year-round 9:00 am—1:00 pm
James Lick High at 57 N. White Road

• Kaiser-Santa Teresa Farmers Market
Saturdays year-round 10:00 am—2:00 pm
Kaiser Permanente- Cottle Road and Hwy 85

More info at www.cafarmersmarkets.com

MEET THE STAFF



HI. MY NAME IS MATTHEW ...

I am your new Community Activity Worker!

I am a San José /Milpitas native, I am fluent in Vietnamese and I am a recent graduate of UCSD where I studied Ethnic Studies and Biology.

While in San Diego, I spent a lot of time organizing students and communities around social justice issues. This included prioritizing and improving public education and increasing access for the underrepresented in higher education.

I am so happy to be working with all of you to help improve the quality of our creek and neighborhoods.

Email me at: matthew.vu@sanjoseca.gov



I'd love to hear your ideas on how we can all move forward together!