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PREVIOUSLY, AT THE CITY...

San José State University announced a new housing plan for its students, staff and faculty. The plan includes the conversion of the Alquist Building on Paseo de San Antonio into 800 to 1,200 affordable apartment units. Additionally, a pilot program will provide emergency beds for students with nowhere to go at night. There will also be a dedicated space built for SJSU Cares, one-stop shop where students can get help with housing, food insecurity and other issues.

Santa Clara County reported its first case of the novel Coronavirus on Friday, Jan. 31 and a second case on Feb. 2. Four cases total have been confirmed in the Bay Area. Five workers who were exposed to a Coronavirus patient at Good Samaritan Hospital in San José were instructed to stay home until Feb. 11. Santa Clara County declared a local emergency, however, the area is still considered low-risk for an outbreak. The public is encouraged to use healthy practices, such as washing hands often and staying home if any flu-like symptoms arise.

City Council recently approved a 365-unit, 1.13-acre affordable housing project near Diridon Station. Council also approved new track alignment for the future Diridon Transit Center set to open in 2030, that recommended a four-track option through the station's current alignment. This is in lieu of a second proposed option that involved building an elevated viaduct over I-280.

In alignment with its Vision Zero initiative to reduce the number of traffic deaths in San José, City Council approved allocating an additional \$7 million toward the Vision Zero plan over the next two years, forming a Vision Zero task force and creating a public outreach campaign to create public awareness.

In a nationwide study conducted by Brandeis University, San José ranked second in the United States for best places to raise healthy and successful children. The study took into account different factors, including poverty, employment rates, high school graduation rates, quality of schools, and environmental impacts.

Students from San José's Independence High School Marching Band and Color Guard received were honored with an invitation to perform in the 2021 New Year's Day Parade in London, England. This internationally renowned parade is one of the largest of its kind and features thousands of performers from the UK and around the world.

Neighborhood Association Meeting



I went out to the Penitencia Neighborhood Association on the morning of Jan. 18 to discuss what issues were important to the community. Thank you for letting me join.

Lunar New Year Celebrations



Tết, also known as "Lunar New Year," is a time to reconnect with family and celebrate new beginnings. This celebration is one of the most iconic in Vietnamese culture. Throughout the months of January and February I participated in several different Lunar New Year Celebrations, including having lunch with the residents from Quail Hills senior home.

Mayor Sam Liccardo, Councilmembers Raul Peralez, Johnny Khamis, Sylvia Arenas and I rang in the Year of the Rat at the UStar Tet Festival on Saturday Jan. 25. This annual event attracted thousands of people throughout San José and the Bay Area and featured various activities and performances that highlighted Vietnamese culture. I was honored to attend these festivities.



My colleagues and I on the City Council wished the Vietnamese community a happy Tết! We raised the Vietnamese Freedom and Heritage Flag above City Hall to recognize the contributions of Vietnamese Americans to San José, and to remind us that across the pacific, Vietnamese citizens lack basic liberties. So long as this flag flies, the fight to bring those liberties to Vietnam continues.



Hyatt House Grand Opening



I was thrilled to join the Silicon Valley Organization for the grand opening of Hyatt House San Jose Airport, the 100th hotel in the Hyatt House family. As our city continues to be the center of innovation, we still have a shortage of accommodations for business travelers and tourists. This new Hyatt House is a welcomed addition to District 4 and San José!

Westwinds Mobilehome Park



Mayor Sam Liccardo and I went to Westwinds Mobile Home Community to answer questions on Jan. 27. We aimed to allay the fears of eviction of Westwinds residents and assure them that the City Council has their back. If you missed it, the takeaway is this: The City Council will vote on March 10 to designate Westwinds as “mobile home use” only under the City’s General Plan.

Dumpster Day & Cataldi Cleanup



A special shout out to the UNICEF club members at Piedmont Hills High School for helping beautify our community on Feb. 1. They helped my office with Dumpster Day and a cleanup near Cataldi Park. We filled up seven bins and 20 trash bags! We’re working hard to keep the streets of District 4 beautiful.

COMING UP NEXT IN DISTRICT 4...

COME OUT TO THE DISTRICT 4 HEALTH FAIR

Sunday, February 23rd from 1:30-5:00pm
Berryessa Community Center, 3050 Berryessa Road, San Jose

Councilmember Lan Diep and staff are hosting a Health Fair for District 4 residents. This event will be free of charge, and will have a variety of health-related information and services available.

VENDORS WILL INCLUDE:

- Community Health Partnership
- Health Trust
- Oakmont Senior Living
- National Alliance on Mental Illness Santa Clara County
- Shamika Wallace, RN and wellness coach
- Alum Rock Counseling Center, Substance Abuse Team
- Uplift Family Services
- Berryessa Chiropractic
- Kaiser Permanente
- Villa Sport
- Numo Acupuncture
- Life Saving Images
- Valley Water
- On Lok Lifeways
- Gardner Health Services

Questions? Email district4@sanjoseca.gov or call 408-535-4904

DISTRICT 4

Dumpster Day

When: Saturday, March 14th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in District 4

The following items are **not permitted:**

- ✗ Electronic waste
- ✗ Automotive cleaning products
- ✗ Fertilizer and pesticides
- ✗ Fluorescent light bulbs
- ✗ Gas cylinders and tanks
- ✗ Paints, solvents, etc.
- ✗ Pharmaceuticals and sharp objects
- ✗ Oils
- ✗ Tires
- ✗ Propane tanks

TO PARTICIPATE, YOU MUST REGISTER HERE:
<https://tinyurl.com/D4mardumpsterday>

Santa Clara County
Hazardous Waste Program:
(408) 299-7300.

San Jose Junk Pickup:
<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/junkpickup>

Goodwill be accepting donations, we will have walk-up bins for residents to walk their items to, and we will also have an additional bin accepting only metals, so please keep your metals separate!

ILLEGAL DUMPING HOTLINE
(408) 535-3500

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COMMUNITY MEMBER COMMENDATION

It was my great pleasure to join Mayor Liccardo to present a commendation to Daoyuan Hu today at our council meeting on Feb. 4. Dao has volunteered at the Educational Park Branch Library since November 2018. She helps as a storytime assistant and translates children’s stories into Chinese for kids and grandparents alike. Storytime attendance has grown to over 60 people since Dao has been there. What a great example of volunteerism!

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