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Sprouts Farmers Market in Evergreen slated to open in second quarter 2019

Sprouts Farmers Market will open the new Evergreen store at 1771 East Capital Expressway in the second quarter of 2019.

The healthy grocer will become the anchor store now that Orchard Supply has closed in the shopping center. Sprouts is completely remodeling the former Safeway store which closed after sustaining water damage from a storm.

Sprouts grand opening date and hiring information for the Evergreen store will be announced in the Evergreen Times within the next two months.

Sprouts Farmers Market
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Laurelwood student innovates 'Mix-it-up-lunches'

By Frank Shortt
Times Staff Writer

In this society of conflicting views, it is good to note that there are some who think it necessary to “just get along!”

“Mix-It-Up Lunches” is the brainchild of Ava Villareal, a fifth grade student at Laurelwood Elementary School in the Evergreen School District.

Ava was selected as a Project Cornerstone member by her teacher, Mrs. Shende, and has been presenting her ideas to anyone who would hear about “Mix-It-Up Lunches.”

She has talked to the yard duty teachers, her parents, and her principal. After a meeting with Mrs. Kameelah Green, the principal at Laurelwood, a solid plan to make her dream a reality began to formulate.

Ava stated, “We should have a club for people to express themselves to other people. In this way we would be able to make new friends! While meeting with other people, they would be able to express different ideas on something that you have on your mind. They would be able to play with different people on the playground, meanwhile, learning to be kind with other people. In this way we would be able to show ourselves to the world.”

Ava decided to begin this little movement at her school because as she declared, “I hate to see others bullied and sitting by themselves and not having any friends. My goal is to help other people, who might otherwise be shy, with their social skills and helping them



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Students will get a stamp with a color or symbol on it as they enter the multi-purpose room. The stamp directs them where to sit for the day and then they are randomly mixed for that lunch period.”

When asked if she felt that other students would support her in her efforts, Ava replied, “I am not sure, but I posed the idea to Mrs. Green and she thought it would be a great idea for Project Cornerstone to take on.

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Evergreen Valley author to launch new book for busy women

Toni Julian of Evergreen Valley is releasing her new book, *Smart, Fit & Female: The Busy Woman's Blueprint for Looking and Feeling 10 Years Younger*.

To celebrate, she is holding a launch party for the community on Saturday, January 19, 2019. The event is generously hosted by Club Sport Silver Creek and takes place from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Former Vice Mayor and new VP of The Silicon Valley Organization, Madison Nguyen, will be speaking and introducing Toni.

Toni Julian is the CEO of Toni Julian International, a healthy lifestyle company. She is a local inspirational speaker, nutrition and fitness expert, author and the honoree of the Top 100 Women of Influence by the Silicon Valley Business Journal.

Her new book, *Smart, Fit & Female*, is an empowering quick read to help busy women with the most effective ways to look and feel 10 years younger. Toni Julian shares authentic, impactful ideas and lessons, through thought-provoking and often funny stories, from her own life and that of her clients. She



Toni Julian

focuses on the top three hacks in each chapter—from shifting your mindset and owning your voice, through sleep, nutrition, fitness and spirituality—that you can apply to your daily life now.

Smart, Fit & Female is Ms. Julian's second book. Her first, *BITE ME! Change Your Life One Bite at a Time*, debuted at Barnes & Noble in 2012. Toni laughed when remembering she was told by the store manager it was the biggest turnout for a “nobody” they had ever seen.

“I reached out to Madison because she represents strong

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Times **Feature**

Eastridge Community Room to offer new space for family-friendly activities

By **Sylvia Arenas**
Special to the Times

As I reflect on the past year, I can't help but feel so proud of all that we accomplished together in Evergreen and the Eastside. This time of year is especially exciting for me and my team as we hit the ground running with new opportunities to build a safe and thriving District 8.

I'm thrilled to share the launch of the much anticipated Eastridge Community Room located in the second floor of the mall between Cinnabon and Hallmark! Through an innovative partnership lead by my office with Eastridge Mall and the City's Park, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, our community now has another fun, safe space to enjoy family-friendly activities.

Last summer, we piloted a youth summer camp that quickly filled up. We saw that so many of you, our residents, valued the programming and availability of recreational classes for your families that we knew we had to work to fully establish a community room at Eastridge Mall. During the February 19-22 school break, kids can come and join staff for a fun-filled four-day camp where we will be enjoying crafts, games, and a one-time field trip. The camp is open for ages 6-12 from 8am to 3pm.

The community center has something for everyone and classes begin next week! Take a look at all that our city's Park, Recreation and Neighborhood Services department will offer. Scholarships are still available. Please let us know what kind of activities you'd like to see in the future or any suggestions you have for the Eastridge Community Center by emailing monica.rodriquez@sanjose.gov, with the subject line: Eastridge Community Center.

Finally, I'd like to thank you for all that you did to help create a stronger, safer,

and more prosperous District 8 community. My team and I made great strides but none of it was possible without your partnership and support.

In 2018 we continued to work closely with long-established neighborhood associations and helped create new associations across District 8 – including Brahms/Edgeview, Thompson Creek, East Hills, and Silver Oaks. I was proud to be part of leading the Council's efforts to adopt innovative strategies to address homelessness, specifically homeless children, through initiatives like the Tiny Home projects, a Safe Parking pilot program, and our first sanctioned encampment. My office remained steadfast in responding to

community safety concerns by organizing public safety meetings to support neighborhoods with burglary and robbery concerns, as well as many block-specific crime watch meetings.

I'm also pleased to announce the proposed major streets that will be paved in 2019: Nieman Boulevard, Flint Avenue, Rigoletto Drive, and a small section of Ocala. Together with Measure B funding and additional resources, San Jose will once again start repaving neighborhood streets. As the city reviews which neighborhood streets are in the greatest need of repaving, please feel free to send your suggestions to my office: matthew.savage@sanjoseca.gov.

Once again – thanks so much for your commitment and involvement in making District 8 a great place to live, I look forward to continuing our work together throughout the rest of the year.

P.S. Join us for a cup of coffee and a lively discussion about local issues at the Village Square Library on Thursday, January 24th, 10:00am. Residents will have the opportunity for a 5-10 minute, one-on-one conversation with me. Please call to confirm and let us know you'll be attending: 408-535-4908!



District 8 Report

By **Sylvia Arenas**
City Councilmember



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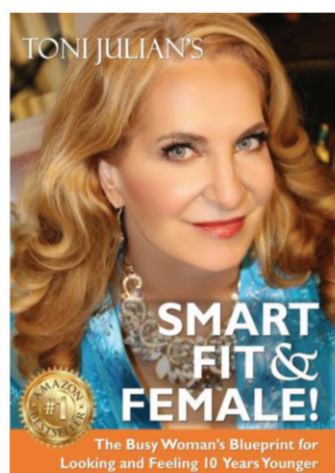
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Girl Up Club presents third annual Discussion and Awareness Talk Show

The Girl Up Club at Evergreen Valley High School ended the year with their annual Discussion and Awareness (D&A) Talk Show.

The purpose of the D&A Talk Show was to spark discussions and spread awareness about issues that uniquely impact our local community, through an engaging and interactive medium with speeches performed by passionate students, teachers, and school administrators who shared their own experiences and life lessons.

This annual event was sprung from the D&A Social Project that was founded by the club's predecessors, recent EV graduates themselves, Amrita Ramanathan and Damini Singh. The two young activists stated in their speech, "Amrita and I realized that something was missing from our school campus, and that something was real life, face to face discussions.

The social project we created was centered around posting messages around EV's campus related to these important topics, which helped to spark conversation among students and teachers alike about previously under covered, yet major issues. As every student is a future leader of this world, we need to learn to accept each other's opinions and become more understanding." The current Girl Up president, Jenna Bao, continued this project on campus and worked to make the talk show a reality. Bao explained, "Ever since I was a freshman, the D&A Talk Show and Social Project was something that had always inspired and uplifted me. The positive and empowering messages that were

spread by these initiatives created a visible difference in making the school community a much more inclusive and accepting space, and drove me to put in the hours to bring it back to our campus this year."

The fully student-run talk show took months of preparation consisting of an intensive auditioning process, rehearsal schedule, and advertising. Ultimately, the lineup consisted of 13 speakers who spoke about eye-opening and diverse topics, rang-

ing from autism awareness, inequality in the healthcare system, and the power of laughter. Speakers included: Mr. Steven Barnhill, Mr. Kyle Kleckner, Ms. Kelley McMillan, Mr. Tony Pham, Ms. Trisha Graves, Jayasree Peri, Jocelyn Horng, Anjanette Zumel, Kellie Phung, Britney Wooding, Andy Nguyen, Sophia Sena, and Nina Nguyen. The night was emceed by club president, Jenna Bao, and treasurer, Deeksha Rajesh.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

First annual gala a success

Dear Editor,

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your excellent coverage of our foundation's 1st annual gala. The positive exposure you gave on the Evergreen Times newspaper provided our community with a nice introduction to our mission and goals. As we are making progress with baby steps, to make a small difference to this DIPG community, we are indeed grateful for your willingness to include us in your publication.

Please extend our thanks to everyone involved. The fundraiser indeed was a successful one, we were able to raise over




(L-R) **Sarva Channarajurs**, **Prasad Rao** and **Rachna Prasad** are the founding members of Mithil Prasad Foundation.


\$65,000 towards DIPG research from this event alone. For the year, we have donated \$80,000 to UCSF for DIPG research and \$14,000 towards patient care through UCSF and PBTF.

Thanks again and Happy New Year!
Prasad Rao

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Times Feature



The new Sprouts store will bring approximately 140 new career opportunities to Evergreen.

Sprouts

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specializes in fresh, natural and organic products at prices that appeal to everyday grocery shoppers. The company was founded based on the belief that healthy food should be affordable. Since opening its doors 16 years ago, Sprouts has appealed to everyday shoppers interested in fresh, natural and organic products at affordable prices.

The new store will bring approximately 140 new career opportunities to Evergreen. A company spokesperson said that Sprouts offers competitive pay, team member discounts, a fun and rewarding culture, and numerous career advancement opportunities. "Sprouts continues to accelerate investments in team members, including enhanced pay, benefits, leadership development and recognition."

Sprouts offers fresh produce, meat and seafood from The Butcher Shop and Fish Market, freshly prepared entrees and sides at the Market Corner Deli, bulk foods, vitamins and supplements, dairy,

bakery, natural body care items and more. In addition to thousands of natural, organic and gluten-free groceries, shoppers can find more than 2,400 Sprouts Brand items, which meet strict ingredient standards while delivering exceptional value, taste and quality.

Through sustainability programs and nonprofit support that focuses on environment, sourcing, team members and community, Sprouts is a good neighbor in every community it serves.

About Sprouts Farmers Market

Sprouts offers a complete shopping experience that includes an array of fresh produce in the heart of the store, a deli with prepared entrees and side dishes, The Butcher Shop and The Fish Market at Sprouts, an expansive vitamins and supplements department and more. Headquartered in Phoenix, Ariz., Sprouts employs more than 28,000 team members and operates more than 300 stores in 19 states from coast to coast.

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Lunches

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On January 24, 2019 Laurelwood plans to merge together the Mix-It-Up Lunch and the "My Name, My Identity" to continue building a culture of mutual respect. The implementation of merging the two programs will be right on time honoring Dr. Martin Luther King's legacy as well.

"My Name, My Identity" is a district wide campaign started in response to a partnership between the National Association for Bilingual Education and the Santa Clara County Office of Education. In 2016 the Evergreen Board of Trustees adopted it as a resolution. Principal, Kameelah Green states, "This idea is important because names are important. They often carry rich family and cultural history. The simple act of calling people by their name and pronouncing it correctly, builds respect, deepens relationships and nurtures a positive and caring environment. In essence, the act says, 'I see you.' Ultimately, this is one of many tools we use to create a positive, caring school climate."

Many schools renew their commitment to the campaign each year by having a "My Name, My Identity" activity day, or

By Ava Villarreal
Kids don't eat alone club

- A club for people to express them selves to other people
- make new friends!
- Have other people you meet have different ideas on something you have on your mind
- play with different people
- learn to be kind with other people
- Show your self to the world

an entire week. The district initiative has been led by Director of Instruction, Denise Williams. Also, the California State Board of Education adopted the California English Learner Roadmap in July 2017.

Ava is not shy in declaring her future goals. She specified succinctly, "I desire to be a professional swimmer. I also would like to attend Harvard University after finishing my high schooling." Ava went on to say, "My favorite subjects are writing and art. I am really good at these subjects. My mom always says that I might become a good writer as I mature."



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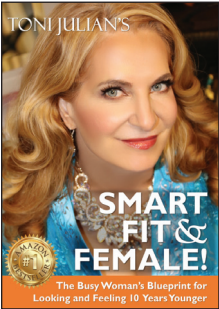
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women in our community who have overcome adversity and not only persevered, but thrived. Her family escaped from Vietnam, and was stranded on a boat for 12 days before being rescued, when she was only four years old. Although our backgrounds are quite different, I have grown through trauma and feel we have so much in common. I have been told I am the epitome of grace under fire. I couldn't have thought of a better person to help me inspire others."

As a pre-teen, Toni's family was terrorized by neighbors for several years. She and her sister, Diane, survived a military-scale tear gas bomb being thrown into their bedroom window, their home later flooded, and eventually their family home was burned to the ground.

More recently, Toni cared for her terminally ill father, full-time for five years while running her healthy food business. After his passing last year, she decided to write a second book. "People face challenges daily and I felt there was so much I could share to help people to overcome their struggles. My papa always taught me that in order to study and accomplish, I had to sit down on a hard stool and just get to it. That's exactly what I did. I was diagnosed with Melanoma on my arm, the worst type of skin cancer that has the ability to metastasize, in August. I felt that if it



was the last thing I could accomplish on this Earth, that I would finish the book."

Not knowing the outcome, Ms. Julian wrote uninterrupted for three weeks while undergoing three surgeries and endless testing. She was able to beat cancer, while pre-releasing her book on Amazon.

"Women are pulled in so many different directions. It's hard for most to balance their lives and make a healthy lifestyle a high priority. I wanted to cut to the chase, and help them find the fastest, most effective and impactful ways to achieve vitality and stay as healthy as they can be, so they can live their life to the fullest. My passion is helping them be healthy and happy."

During the event, Toni will do a reading from her book and will share some behind the scenes experiences and inspirations which led her to write Smart, Fit & Female.

The event is generously hosted by Club Sport Silver Creek and kicks off with a fun, energy alignment and posture clinic by Patricia Kirk, the Membership Director of the venue.

Guests will be able to purchase a soft-cover book on-site, and have it signed, if they register in advance. 10 percent of all product and book proceeds will be donated to Hunger at Home, a non-profit organization formerly directed by Madison Nguyen.

Guests from the community are invited to attend and can register at <https://tonijulian.com/upcoming-events>

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Times **Community**



Pictured above: All 20 top finalists from the Matsumoto Elementary School Spelling Bee, and (above right) the participants from the lower grades who participated in the written test.

Students abuzz about the Matsumoto Elementary School Spelling Bee

By **Frank Shortt**
Times staff writer

December 10, 2018 was the beginning of student's participation in the latest spelling bee sponsored by Matsumoto Elementary School in the Evergreen School District.

December 10 was the date set for all students to take the written test so they could qualify for the next round, the oral test that is more difficult as the pressure thickens. Top finalists of the written test would qualify for the oral test which was held on January 11, 2019 in the multi-purpose

room of Matsumoto School. All students were encouraged by the organizers of the event, "You may want to consider getting organized for your study of spelling. Start to compile a spelling notebook. Different sections can feature troublesome word endings, homonyms, troublesome double letter spellings, or specialized terms." They were also advised to visit the Scripps National Spelling Bee website to find practice words and advice about spelling bees.

Words used in the Matsumoto's Written Spelling Bee were selected from the 2019

School Spelling Bee List and the Spelling Bee Word Club. Words in the oral part were chosen from the 2019 School Spelling Bee List and Webster's Third New International Dictionary, Unabridged, Copyright 2002. The Scripps List runs all the way from the word 'red' to the word 'infinity'. The word list for the Oral part was such words as: tendrils, felicitously, homo sapiens, balaclavas, jacquerie, and auf Wiedersehen! These are words that most adults would have difficulty with.

The top 20 students who competed in the Oral Spelling Bee on January 11, were:

NAME	GRADE
Andrew H.	6
Pratinav A.	6
Tanishka T.	5
Rishitha B.	6
Aimee D.	5
Hemanjani M.	4
Sri Skanda Sourish G.	5
Saanvi B.	4
Zaki S.	6
Suditi K.	5
Aditya K.	5
Saanika W.	5
Aayush S.	5
Mutahhar W.	6
Abhinav G.	6
Ashley N.	4
Simran K.	4
Shivani I.	4
Ethan H.	6
Sreekar	

The winners of the Oral Spelling Bee on January 11, were:

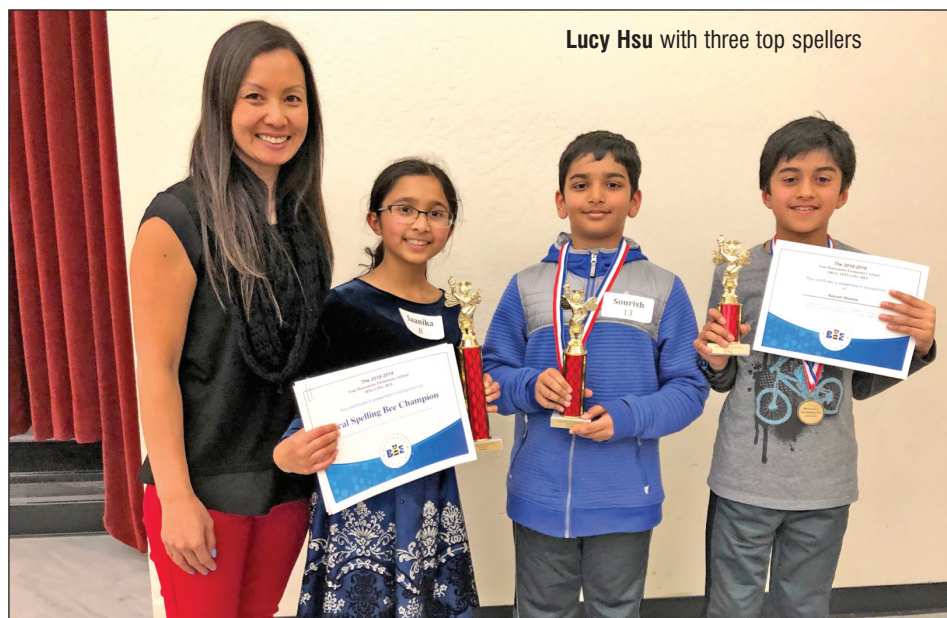
- 1st Place - Saanika (5th Grade)
- 2nd Place - Sourish (5th Grade)
- 3rd Place - Aayush (5th Grade)

The winner received a one year subscription to Encyclopedia Britannica and has the opportunity to take an online test. Based on the results, the champion may represent Matsumoto at the Local Area Spelling Bee (Scripps).

Congratulations to all these hard-working and industrious students!



Dr. Hong with three top spellers.



Lucy Hsu with three top spellers



Evergreen Senior Citizen Property Owners Are Eligible for Measure EE Parcel Tax Exemption

Evergreen property owners age 65 by June 30, 2020 or older are eligible to file for exemption from the annual \$125 Evergreen School District parcel tax for parcels they occupy as their principal residence.

For joint owners of a principal residence, only one owner needs to be age 65.

More information regarding the parcel tax exemption, including a form to request exemption, can be found on our District website at www.eesd.org/page.cfm?p=2896.

Forms are also available for Village residents at the Senior Resource Services office.

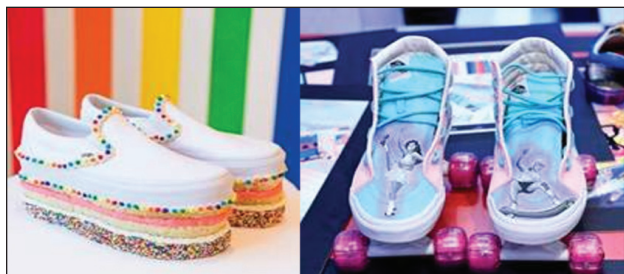
To complete the exemption, the form and supporting documents may be brought into the District Office located at 3188 Quimby Road, San Jose.

District representatives will be at The Villages Golf and Country Club, located at 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose, CA, to accept new exemption requests for Village Residents on March 8, 2019 or April 12, 2019 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Montgomery Center.

Residents must file for the exemption in person with documents to prove their home ownership, residency, and age eligibility.

Those who have previously been granted an exemption from the Measure H Parcel Tax, their exemption will continue to be automatically renewed each year as long as you remain eligible for the exemption.

Resident unable to submit the application in person or for additional information, contact Pearl Casey or Janet Ayers at (408) 270-6863.



High Schools can compete for \$75,000 in Vans Custom Culture Competition

Vans, the original action sports brand, invites public and private high school art students to participate in the tenth year of Vans Custom Culture.

Vans Custom Culture was created to provide high school students a platform to showcase their creative abilities, while providing access to underfunded art programs.

This year marks a decade of Vans' continued dedication to giving back to the arts through its competition where students have a chance to win a grand prize of \$75,000 and \$10,000 to four runner-up schools.

Now through January 31 at 5 p.m. PST, high school art teachers and administrators can register their schools on the Vans Custom Culture website to be one of the 500 schools vying to win the grand prize.

Vans has partnered with Yoobi, who will provide a box of basic art supplies to help students bring their artwork to life. The selected schools will be asked to design 2 blank pairs of shoes illustrating the themes of: "Local Flavor" and "Off The Wall." In addition to their shoes, schools will also submit their Impact Document to help Vans determine the top 50 participants. Then it's up to each school to rally the public to vote on April 22 – May 3 to be one of the top five finalists.

The grand prize-winning school will receive a surprise visit from Vans and its partners, Americans for the Arts and Journeys, for a lunch time celebration, filled with giveaways and a presentation of the \$75,000 check. The four runner-up schools will each be awarded with \$10,000 and a limited-edition Vans gift.

For information and registration guidelines visit Vans Custom Culture at customculture.vans.com.

Nathan Lam of Evergreen Valley named to the Dean's List at Lehigh University

Dean's List status, which is awarded to students who earned a scholastic average of 3.6 or better while carrying at least 12 hours of regularly graded courses, has been granted to Nathan Lam of Evergreen in the Fall 2018 semester.

For more than 150 years, Lehigh University (lehigh.edu) has combined academic and learning opportunities with leadership in fostering innovative research.

BestBrains opens in Evergreen Village Square

BestBrains Learning Center had a successful open house celebrating its new facility located at Evergreen Village Square.

Classes are scheduled to begin on February 1. The weekly class schedule is Tuesday and Thursday 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to noon.

Classes offered include Abacus, Math, English and G.K. (the first and only available GK program in the U.S. designed to make student global competitors.)

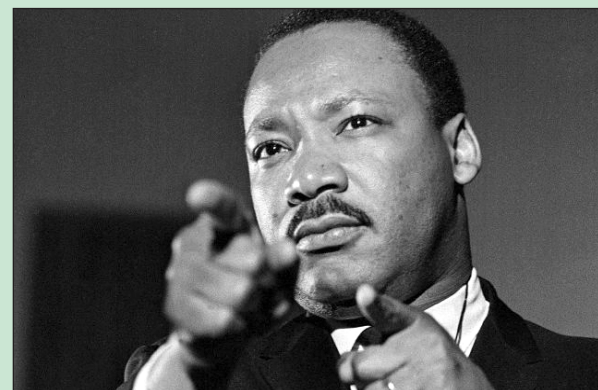
For more information, contact Jenny Bavi (408) 784-3560.

Why community service matters on Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Martin Luther King Jr. Day will be commemorated on January 21. If you are planning how to best spend the time off from work or school, consider volunteering.

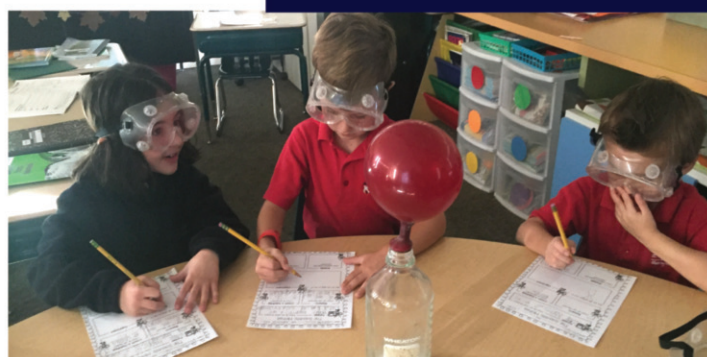
To honor the life and legacy of King, many communities offer service events that are easy to join for one day.

From serving meals to the elderly to interpreting critical health information to new immigrants, there are many ways you can devote your skills, time and energy to others in need.



A national listing of service projects can be found by visiting nationalservice.gov.

This Martin Luther King Jr. Day, consider how you can honor a great man, while helping to build a stronger community. (SPM Wire)



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Creating a good relationship with your veterinarian

By: Dr. Raj Singh
Special to the Times

Recently I had a painful experience of false online/social media slandering by a disgruntled client so I decided to give some tips to pet parents on how to establish a good relationship with a veterinarian.

Developing a good relationship with your veterinarian is an important part of caring for your pet's health. The most challenging part of finding a veterinarian is establishing trust, which can only come with time. These tips will make sure you and your vet are on the same page when it comes to your pet's well-being.

Developing a Relationship with Your Vet

There are several things you can do to make sure your vet is a good match for your pet(s), including:

- See your vet one to two times a year for a health check-up and yearly shots.

- Set an appointment with the veterinarian you have chosen when nothing is noticeably wrong with your pet.

- Engage the vet in conversation until you get to know his/her style with you and your pets.

- Bring in a single pet, not a carload; you don't want to overwhelm the vet all at once. It is also nice to bring a friend, be it a loved one or just a friend. It will help if you have a second person accompanying you, especially when you are in a stressful situation with a sick or injured pet.

- It's always best to set up an early morning appointment because the staff and the vet are fresh. If you need to leave your pet, it will be just for the day and not an overnight visit since you've come in early.

Prepare for the Visit

I find it always helpful to have a list of



Your Pet and You

By Dr. Raj Singh
Veterinarian

questions written out on a piece of paper to bring to the vet. With so much going on in the room, you will be focused on your pet. It is easy to forget important questions. I suggest you take five minutes the night before your appointment and make a list.

Ask Questions

Remember to ask questions when you do not understand. Your vet should always be happy to answer any and all questions, and this should

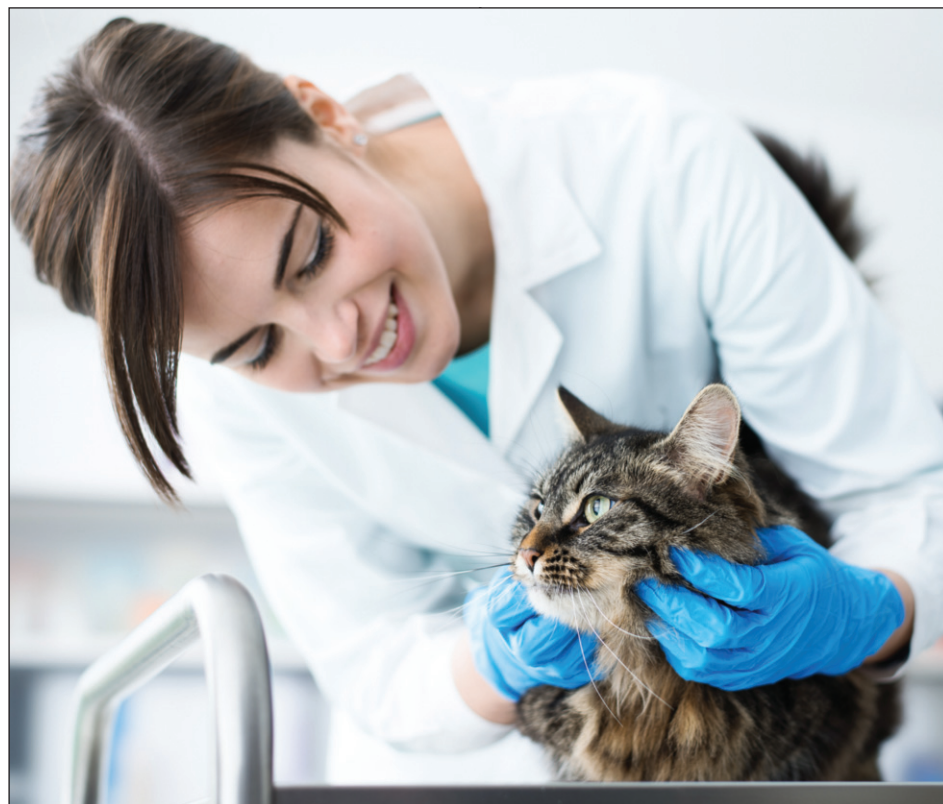
include the staff out front. You'd be surprised how many times people call my office just to ask a question, so they know they are on the safe side. Vets are always happy and willing to help pet parents. You also want to establish this type of relationship with your vet.

Treat your veterinarian with respect

Every veterinarian will tell you most clients are great. Unfortunately, it takes only a small number of difficult individuals to make a veterinary practice a nightmare. A few clients leave things to the last minute before they book an appointment and then demand others be bumped off the schedule to accommodate them right away. Out of guilt, they often blame their own negligence on the vet and then go on social media and complain about it. This can be very distressing for a veterinarian. Be nice. I find in life in general, I get further with honey than vinegar. When you are nice, friendly and outgoing, people tend to respond back the same way.

Imagine yourself in your vet's shoes

I'm a dog lover and every time I help a dog and his people, I imagine how I'd feel if I was on the other side. If you want your dog's vet to be your greatest ally, do the same. Try to see his or her point of view and then clearly state your wishes, expectations and decisions with kindness and clarity.



and decisions with kindness and clarity. The tone of the conversation and your body language is as important as what is being said.

What you can say to your veterinarian

Whatever you decide, explain your wishes to your vet. If he or she objects, politely decline, calmly stating you've made up your mind and you'd like him to respect your decision. This should put the issue to rest, but if it doesn't, state you'd like to stay with the practice, as long as you're free to make decisions for your dog. If the guilt-tripping continues, change vets or stick with your current one, but stand your ground.

Almost 15 years in practice, I've provided many second opinions and one of the most common concerns I hear from

dog lovers is they feel pressured by their vets to do things they don't want to do and buy products and services they don't want to buy.

As an 'insider' in the profession, I believe most of my colleagues have gone to school because they love animals, want to make a difference and honestly put their patients way ahead of financial gain. But it's true that's not always the case.

The goal of this article is to help you protect your dog and learn how to communicate with your veterinarian and build a good and honest relationship.

Editor's note: Questions for this column may be directed to Dr. Singh's email: for-petvet@yahoo.com or phone 408.270.4600. Aborn Pet Clinic is located at 3286 S. White Road, San Jose, CA 95148.

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One instructor who is not wasting time: The continuing saga of Lucy Hsu

By Frank Shortt
Times staff writer

Lucy Hsu, who is an instructional coach at Cadwallader School in the Evergreen School District, is a dynamo of energy and uses it to the fullest extent by volunteering in underprivileged countries!

What drives this young wife, mother, and coach of other teachers to expend her energies in other countries? Her reply, “I grew up hearing stories of my parents’ village lives in Vietnam and their eventual escape by boat, and difficulty surviving in a refugee camp before coming to the states. This inspired me to eventually travel to Asia and upon my first visit I was very touched to see firsthand the struggles of people residing in these underdeveloped countries.”

Hsu said she feels great gratitude being born and raised in America with the opportunity of a good education and overlooked luxuries we have like running water and unlimited electricity. “I have been blessed with so much, and I have a desire to give and help, both here at home and abroad,” said Hsu. “Simultaneously, I became fascinated with international travel, seeing the beautiful unique landscapes abroad, famous historical architecture and struc-

tures, and most of all immersing with the local people. I try not to be a tourist who just shows up, check into a fancy hotel, and go on some sightseeing tours! Traveling as a volunteer has been the best method for me to live with the locals, shop and eat amongst them, and truly get a glimpse of their everyday lives in such a way that I’m truly immersing myself and experiencing life in their shoes. Sleeping on a bamboo mat on the dirt floor, or sleeping in a hammock when there’s limited floor space (or mice and critters!) riding in a tuk tuk or rickshaw, drawing my own water from the communal well, learning how to use an old fashioned kerosene lamp... those are the experiences that make traveling and experiencing the world truly memorable for me.”

During the summer of 2018 from June 15 to July 20, Lucy visited Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Lebanon, Cambodia, Singapore, Brunei, Indonesia, and Malaysia. Why did Lucy choose Uzbekistan and Tajikistan? “I’ve always had a fascination with Central Asia and the ‘Stan countries.’ Historically they were the epicenter of the Silk Road where everyone from Ancient Europeans, Arabs, Chinese, and Indians gathered to exchange goods and ideas, resulting in a beautiful intermingling of culture, art,



Lucy Hsu is pictured helping build a school in Africa.

food, and people. Having gone to Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan previously and seeing this unique blend, I’ve been eager to experience the rest of this uniquely exotic region, particularly Uzbekistan. Tajikistan, on the other hand, is known for its breathtaking mountains and lakes, and marks the historic path of Alexander the Great. I love ancient history and a visit to this region is a must in my book!” She went to the two “Stan” countries by herself.

Mrs. Hsu chose to go to Lebanon for the following reasons: “The endless news stories of displaced Syrian families in the last few years, particularly images of mourning mothers and drowned children, had deeply impacted me. It brings back haunting stories of my own family... many who also escaped by boat from Vietnam, some having perished at sea. I had been searching for opportunities to work with survivors and got in touch with an NGO in Beirut. I have been researching the positive effects of meditation and yoga on trauma and PTSD, and created a proposal to teach a “Peace through Breathing” meditation program which was accepted by the NGO. While in Lebanon, I also connected with a ministry medical team from South Carolina, serving displaced Syrian families. Although I don’t have much professional medical experience, this team was willing to train me on the spot, as their medical assistant. Together, we made up a 10-person team, with doctors, pediatricians, pharmacists, dentists, and assistants. We served over 300 families in one week! On a side note, Beirut was once an important port and educational center of the Roman Empire; hence, there are scores of breathtakingly beautiful Roman ruins and temples all over Lebanon that I managed to visit. Such beauty is unknown to many around the world because the globe is too busy reporting on the destructive and ugly side of such countries.”

Side note: “I’ve been practicing Yoga and meditation for nearly 15 years and have seen the positive effects in my life as well as others. I’m currently working on my certification to become an international yoga

instructor. I’ve been accepted into the oldest yoga school in India (the region known as Rishikesh is the birthplace of yoga). I will complete this program in India over this coming summer.”

Lucy’s husband was not completely comfortable with having their daughter being in Lebanon with her so they arranged it so that her trip was shortened to two weeks. Lucy’s parents were scheduled to meet her on the next leg of her journey, Cambodia, along with her baby.

Why Cambodia? “About seven years ago my husband and I had traveled to Cambodia, and we befriended Kosal, a local tour guide and teacher. He shared his dream of building a village school so that local children could have the opportunity to learn English and basic computer skills. We kept in contact with Kosal over the years and promised we would support him in any way we could. Finally the school was completed back in Feb 2017, and I was invited to come teach the children and train two new teachers. Hence I visited the school in Siem Reap, Cambodia in July 2018. Siem Reap is a fascinating place, and the most important city in Cambodia; it is home to the famous Angkor Wat Temple, the largest religious complex in the world. I was eager to see this breathtaking temple for a second time and bring my baby with me. I invited my mom and dad to join me on this trip. Firstly, they also love to travel. Secondly, it was a great help to have them along to assist with my then 10-month old daughter.”

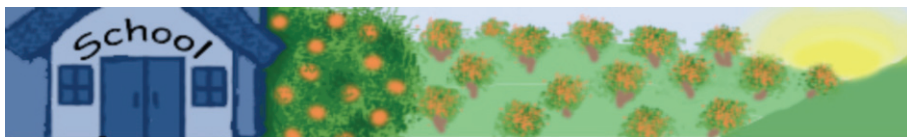
From July 8 through July 20, Lucy visited Singapore, Brunei, Indonesia and Malaysia. She reports, “My husband flew out here to meet all of us here. Since my husband has limited vacation days from work, he came only for this last leg of the trip to celebrate our 9th anniversary.” This must have been some family reunion!

When asked what she thought was her greatest accomplishments on this trip, Lucy replied: “connecting with Syrian families in Lebanon, volunteering with a medical team, despite being out of my comfort

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Lucy Hsu and Siena.



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**Mt. Pleasant School District
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Announcement of Vacancy**

A vacancy now exists on the Mt. Pleasant School District Board of Trustees due to the election of Board member Peter Ortiz to the Santa Clara County Office of Education Board of Trustees.

The Board has decided to fill the vacancy by provisional appointment until the next regularly scheduled Board election. The term of the appointment is:

February 2019 to December 2020

Any registered voter eligible to hold public office who lives within the boundaries of the Mt. Pleasant School District may apply for the vacancy. Application packets are available at the District Office (3434 Marten Avenue, San Jose, CA 95148) and on the District's website (<http://www.mpsd.org>).

The completed packet and all supporting documentation are to be returned to the Superintendent's office at the above address, or via email to the Superintendent at mengle@mpsd.org, by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 18, 2019. The Board will make its selection following the interviews.

For additional information please contact Superintendent Mariann Engle at 408-223-3710.

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Lucy

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zone, I'm glad I didn't let my fears stop me, appreciating the dedication of medical workers and gaining a greater appreciation for the hard work they do! I feel content to follow my heart and go to a country that had been calling me. Though people generally have negative impressions of Lebanon due to the media, I'm glad I followed my

instinct not to listen strictly to the media and instead, use other resources, such as firsthand accounts of other avid travelers from my travel clubs and travel networks. Many who were in Lebanon or had recently traveled there, felt the conditions were stable." Mrs. Hsu also felt that teaching and training teachers in Cambodia was a great accomplishment. It's a project I've followed for nearly 6-7 years and seeing it come to fruition is truly gratifying." These are truly

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Lucy poses with group of Syrian refugee children.

great accomplishments!

To tell the whole saga of this amazing young lady who has a heart for the poor and underprivileged of other countries would take many pages, a book in fact! But Lucy is not the only one who has seen some of these other countries. Her daughter, Siena, though too young to remember most of the travels will most assuredly have the photos and brochures to remind her in later years of all the places visited. Lucy relates, "In total, Siena has been to 17 countries; Australia, New Zealand, Azerbaijan, Dubai, Philippines, Belize, Mexico, Honduras, Cambodia, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Brunei, Saint Vincent, Grenada, Senegal, and this past summer she was with me in: Cambodia, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Brunei. Traveling with my baby has been a wonderful experience. My husband and I both share a love for travel, and we want to share the world's beauty with our daughter, rather than follow a common notion that global travel is dangerous or too inconvenient with a baby. There's certainly more preparation and precautions to consider, but we focus on the positives and the joys of the experience. When people question my choice to travel with her to certain countries, especially third world countries like Cambodia, the Philippines, Honduras, and Mexico, I have to trust my own judgement being that I've traveled extensively through many of these regions. Often times, it's those who haven't ventured out of the country much who have the most concerns, understandably. I also am part of various travel networks consisting of avid parent travelers with babies, and I consult my pediatrician before trips as well. Sure, there are places without readily available running water and electricity makes it more inconvenient, but there are parents raising babies in these countries which meant survival in such environments is nothing out of the ordinary!"

Changing the way other countries do things is not an easy task:

Lucy says, "In some of the underdeveloped countries, a lack of organization slows down progress greatly. There's a more 'go with the flow' approach, and

sometimes detailed plans and blueprints are lacking. Appointment times, deadlines, and committees are hardly set or followed...as results I've encountered confusion among workers and volunteers, inadequate preparations, and considerable delayed progress!"

So along with the unbearable heat in Cambodia, the delayed flights, inconvenience of lost luggage, this volunteer continues onward. Most of these countries have never even heard of air conditioning, and some do not have running water. Do any of these roadblocks, that would normally stop ordinary human beings, prevent this dynamo from accomplishing her goals? Not in the least! During Christmas break she was at it again traveling to Africa to help build a school in Malawi. For part of the trip to Senegal, Lucy's husband and daughter accompanied her. What will she do next?



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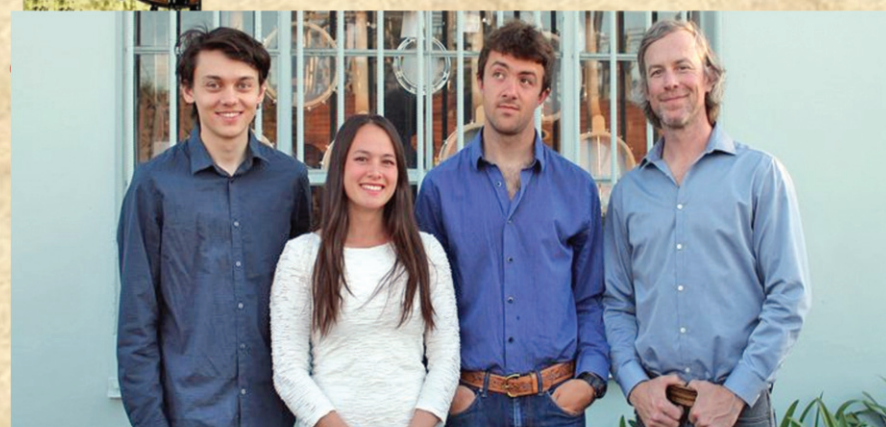
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Times Feature



Cashing in on the rain: Water District launches rainwater capture rebates

The Santa Clara Valley Water District is launching a new set of rebates to help Santa Clara County residents continue making conservation a lifestyle.

The water district now offers rainwater capture rebates within its Landscape Rebate Program. Rain gardens, rain barrels, and cisterns are all systems used to keep rainwater onsite for reuse within the landscape and are now available for a rebate.

With nearly half of the water supply in Santa Clara County coming from groundwater, rain gardens can serve as a valuable tool in the landscape to help capture stormwater runoff and sink it back into the ground, helping to replenish our underground aquifers.

Rain gardens are sunken garden beds that collect stormwater runoff from impermeable surfaces such as rooftops. These gardens are designed to mimic the natural landscape that once existed and have a variety of benefits. They help filter pollutants before reaching our creeks and streams, reduce flooding, recharge our groundwater supply, and provide wildlife habitat.

Under the new rainwater capture rebate, customers can receive a rebate of \$1 per square foot of roof area for stormwater diverted into designated rain garden areas (for a maximum of \$300). The rebate rate is based on the roof area and not the size of the rain garden. Residential and commercial sites can redirect rainwater collected from rooftops and funneled through downspouts into shallow depressions that have been strategically located and excavated in the existing landscape. These manmade seasonal wetlands can be designed to look like creek beds or mulched and planted to blend into the landscape.

Also offered under the new rainwater capture rebate are additional options for capturing rainwater onsite for reuse, including rain barrels and cisterns. Homeowners and businesses can receive a rebate of up to \$35 per rain barrel installed (40-199 gallon capacity). These simple barrels, designed specifically for rainwater capture, can be easily connected to an existing downspout to collect rainwater that will be redistributed into the landscape through a garden hose or watering pail. For sites wishing to install a larger, more robust rainwater capture system, a rebate of \$0.50 per gallon is available for installing cisterns (large above- or below-ground water storage tanks) that hold a minimum of 200 gallons of rainwater. The collected water can be used in an automatic irrigation system when equipped with an electric pump system and backflow device.

For all rebates under the Landscape Rebate Program, including the rainwater capture rebates, application submittal and approval is required before purchasing any new equipment or starting any work. Please visit watersavings.org for more information or call our conservation hotline at (408) 630-2554.



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This performance is on Sunday, January 27, at 3:00 PM at McAfee Center at Saratoga High School, 20300 Herriman Avenue, Saratoga 95070.

Performers: Tamami Honma, piano soloist. Visit www.saratogasympphony.com for more information.

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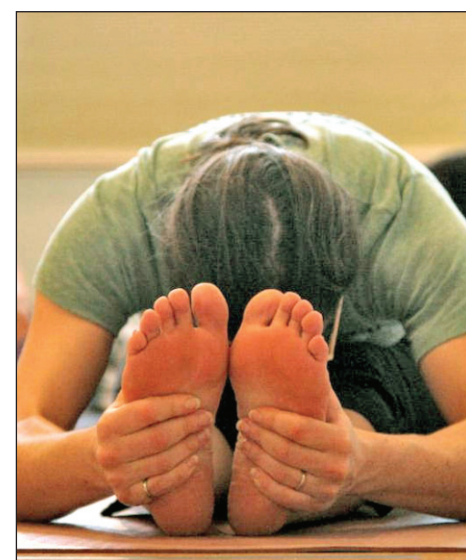
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Mayor Liccardo nominates Chappie Jones to serve as next Vice Mayor

Mayor Sam Liccardo recently nominated Councilmember Chappie Jones to serve as San Jose's next Vice Mayor.

"Throughout his tenure, Chappie has brought a thoughtful and independent perspective to this Council," said Mayor Sam Liccardo. "He's also a natural collaborator who seeks to understand all sides of an issue and is well-respected by stakeholders across the political spectrum."

"I greatly admire and fully share the progressive vision the Mayor has for San Jose," said Councilmember Jones. "I have worked diligently to establish an inclusive and innovative future for our city and will continue to advocate on behalf of its residents. I am humbled and proud to be given this new opportunity to continue to serve the City of San Jose and its extraordinary residents."

Councilmember Charles "Chappie" Jones was elected to

In making his nomination, the Mayor noted that he wanted to provide the opportunity for another member of the City Council to serve as Vice Mayor,

while also praising current Vice Mayor Magdalena Carrasco for her exemplary service and partnership over the past two years. "Magdalena has done a great

job as vice mayor and I'm particularly thankful for her willingness to pitch in over the past week as I recover from my accident," said Mayor Liccardo.

"She has been a great partner and I look forward to continue working with her to broaden prosperity and educational opportunity in our city."



Chappie Jones

the San Jose City Council in November of and started his second term January 2019. He represents City Council District 1 and also serves on the VTA Board of Directors. Chappie was born in Sacramento and moved to San Jose in the 1990s. His upbringing created a strong sense of civic responsibility. He is a tenacious advocate of civil service, fiscal responsibility, and community engagement. Chappie has a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from the University of California, Davis and a Masters of Business Administration from the prestigious Haas School of Business at University of California, Berkeley. Chappie has been married for over 20 years to Kelli Jones, a high tech sales and marketing consultant. Together they have two children and live in the Murdock neighborhood of District 1.

The City Council will take up the Vice Mayoral nomination at its January 15 meeting, as prescribed by the City Charter. The Vice Mayor is charged with chairing City Council meetings and performing other duties when the Mayor is absent.

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District 8 Community Roundtable

1st Thursday of every month from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Location: Village Square" library (For information, visit d8crt.org)

CalRTA-Area V-Div. 70 Retired Teachers Organization. Meets bi-monthly at various eastside cafes also conducts a variety of holiday socials/activities and scholarship fundraisers. Established in 1983! All teaching levels and others welcome. This organization supports the goals and purposes of the California Teachers' Retirement System.

For more information call E. Paros at (408) 274-1609 or email parosej@sbcglobal.net. **East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees** Meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the ESUHS Education Center, 830 N. Capitol Ave. 347-5000. Check the web site for agendas and updates: www.esuhds.org

The Evergreen Al-Anon meetings held at St. Francis of Assisi Church on Thursdays at 7 p.m. have been cancelled indefinitely due to lack of attendance.

The Evergreen Business Association is a networking group for business owners who live and work in the Evergreen and nearby areas. The purpose of the Evergreen Business Association is to develop and foster connections and to provide a forum for members to share knowledge, promote growth opportunities, and encourage referrals. The group meets on the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 am at the Evergreen Village Square Library, 4035 Evergreen Village Square,

San Jose. We also meet at Evergreen Coffee Company on the 4th Friday of the month for a more informal session at noon. Evergreen Coffee Company is also located at Evergreen Village Square. For more information, please refer to our website at www.ebagroup.org.

Evergreen-East Valley Realtors Marketing Meeting

Meets each Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The EEVRMM invites realtors, brokers, lenders and related affiliates to its breakfast meeting. Market your listings, match buyers with sellers and share real estate success stories. Meetings are held at New Seasons 5667 Silver Creek Valley Rd San Jose Ca 95138. \$3 admission, coffee and pastries included. For more information, call David Castillo at 238-2000.

Evergreen School District Board of Trustees

Meetings are typically held on the second Thursday of every month, in the district boardroom at 3188 Quimby Road. For more information, call (408) 270-6800.

The Evergreen Senior Advisory Council meets the third Thursday of every month at 9:30 a.m. Get involved in helping plan events for seniors, volunteering for a good cause, and getting to know your fellow seniors. For more information, call the Evergreen Community Center at (408) 270-2220.

Evergreen Valley Garden Club

Meeting at the SUNRISE SENIOR LIVING CENTER, 4855 San Felipe Road (across from McDonalds). Meetings will be on the 2nd. Wednesday of the month, from 3:15-4:15 EVGC (No meetings in July or August) Membership is \$20/year or \$30 for couples. For further information, please feel free to contact Susie Henderson: susiehenderson@sbcglobal.net or (408)532-6602

Evergreen Valley High School Athletic Booster Club meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the school's administration office.

Evergreen Valley High School Site Council

Meets the first Wednesday of every month on the EVHS campus in the administration building D, 3300 Quimby Rd., San Jose. Confirm meetings by visiting the school's web site, <http://ev.ca.campusgrid.net/home> and clicking on school site council in the left hand toolbar or calling the school at (408) 347-7000.

Evergreen Valley Service Organization For more information, call (408) 274-6756.

Falls Creek Neighborhood Association

Homeowners from the Madison and Pulte area developments are welcome and encouraged to attend future meetings. For more information go to the Web at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fallscreekneighbors> or call Dave Zenker at (408) 238-2591.

The Evergreen Community Center offers a variety of classes and special events, for kids, adults, and seniors. For more information on our activities visit: www.sanjoseca.gov/prns. The Senior Nutrition program serves a delicious and well balanced meal to seniors 60 and over every Monday – Friday at noon. The suggested donation is \$3 per person. Please make reservations at least one day in advance by calling (408) 270-1244. The center is located at 4860 San Felipe Road.

Friends of Evergreen Library Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of February, April, June, August, October and December from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in Group Study Room A at the Evergreen Branch Library, 2635 Aborn Road, San Jose. Visit their website at friendsofvergreenlibrary.org or call 408-808-3060 for more information.

Hidden Glen Community

To join a neighborhood discussion group, go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HiddenGlenSanJose/> The Kiwanis meet regularly every 4th Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster (12:00 noon). For more information, please contact: President of Kiwanis East San Jose Mr. Bud Lomonaco, Phone: (408) 903-7526

LeyVa Community Action Team Association

This group is bounded by Barberry Lane and Monrovia Drive, Capitol Expressway, Aborn Road, and South King Road. For meeting time and location, please contact the association at (408) 795-5855.

Lions Club - San Jose East Valley

This local Lions group meets at the Red Lobster restaurant on Capitol at Aborn on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Dinner and fellowship start at 6 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. Since we often meet at other places, attendees should contact Gayle Kludt at 408 531 1063 to confirm location. Guests are always welcome.

McLaughlin Corridor Neighborhood Assoc. Meets second Thursday at 7 p.m. at Tully Library. 365-1300.

Meadowfair Neighborhood Association meets the second Wednesday of odd-numbered months at 7 p.m. at Meadowfair Center, 2696 King Rd. For more information, call 539-2308.

Reid - Hillview Airport Association 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Location: Hillview Airport Terminal. (For information, call (408) 251-4939 or visit rhvaa.org)

Rotary Club of San Jose East/Evergreen meets every Thursday from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. at the Drying Shed Restaurant, 402 Toyon Ave., San Jose. (408) 270-0557.

Story Road Business Association

Meets third Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. at Prusch Park, South King Road at Story. For more information, call 238-5422.

San Jose/Evergreen Community College District Board

Normally meets second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Meetings in the District Office, Board Room, 40 S. Market St., San Jose, CA 95113.

San Pedro Squares Toastmasters Club meets every Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at Jimmy's Restaurant, 222 W. Capitol Expressway in San Jose. Contact Barbara at 373-2815, or email barbaramcchesney@sbcglobal.net for further information, or check out the website at <http://www.sanpedrosquares.freetoasthost.org>.

Silver Creek (PTSA) Parent, Teacher, Student Association Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday in the Silver Creek High School Principal's Conference Room, 3434 Silver Creek Road. For more information, call 347-5830.

Silver Creek School Site Council Meetings: Second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in room V-1.

Silver Oak Educational Partnership The Silver Oak Educational Partnership is now called the Silver Oak Elementary PTO (Parent Teacher Organization). New meeting schedule will be posted soon.

Tully Ocala Capitol King Neighborhood Association 1st Monday of every other month from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Location: Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley - Smythe Clubhouse

West Evergreen Neighborhood Assn This group represents the area bounded approximately by Flanigan Drive, South King Road, Aborn Road, and Alvin Avenue. Meets the third Tuesday at O.B. Whaley Elementary School, 2655 Alvin Ave., 7 to 8 p.m. For more information, contact the association at 535-8613.

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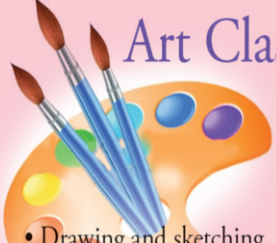
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