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Veteran's Day Celebration Nov. 11 at LDS Church

The Villages Music Society and Veteran's Club's 33rd annual celebration of Veteran's Day will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, November 11.

It is the second largest event in San Jose on that day. The downtown parade is first.

The venue is the LDS Church gymnasium; 4977 San Felipe Road, San Jose CA 95135.

All veteran's and spouses will be recognized and presented with a rose.

Platform participants include the Village Voices, the

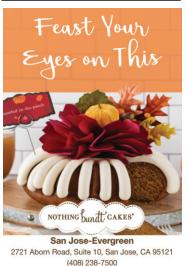


Villages Concert Band, the Villages Handbell Ensemble and military guests.

This year's special guest bass soloist **KC Armstrong** (pictured above) has just retired from the US Army Chorus in Washington DC.

A regular duty Marine Color Guard will present the colors. San Jose Councilmember Sylvia Arenas and County Supervisor David Cortese will also

be in attendance.



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Evergreen School District Board Trustee **Jim Zito** has announced his candidacy for San Jose City Council District 8.

Jim Zito running for San Jose City Council District 8

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By William Bellou Publisher

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-year Evergreen resident and Evergreen School District Board Trustee Jim Zito has announced his candidacy for San Jose City Council District 8, challenging councilwoman Sylvia Arenas.

Many thought that Arenas would go unchallenged after Rose Herrera confirmed she wouldn't challenge Arenas' re-election next year. But now Zito, a fiscal conservative, social moderate and community advocate, has jumped into the race as a formidable candidate.

Zito said it's a consequential time for San Jose, particularly District 8. "The City will re-

vise its general plan and specifically a development plan that guides growth in Evergreen," said Zito. "We also need to address housing affordability, work to bolster our retailers and strengthen our neighborhoods. We have seen some store closings recently that is a concern to many residents. Decisions guiding our solutions and future growth have to come from the heart, and not from political special interests. I have always been an advocate for our community and families, and am honored to have had the support of our community for my past 20+ years in public service. I will continue to serve our families and communities at city hall, and I would be See ZITO, page 7

Evergreen School District initiates plan to close three elementary schools

By William Bellou *Publisher*

he Evergreen School District (EESD),

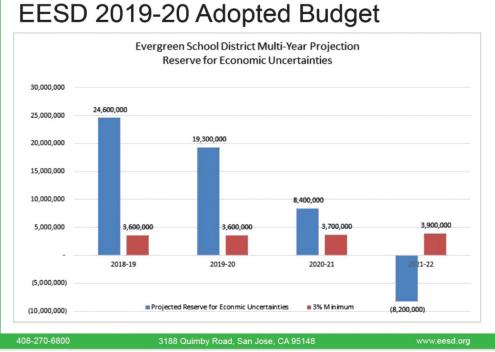
faced with declining attendance and a deficit of 12 million dollars in two years, has initiated a budget plan that includes closure or repurposing three of their fifteen elementary schools.

At the October 10 school board meeting three possible proposals in deciding what monies could be cut were presented to the school board. The Board of Trustees selected budget plan number two which states that EESD will close or repurpose two schools next school year and another school the following 2021-22 school year.

Following 45 minutes of discussion the vote was 4-1 to initiate the closures or consolidation plan proposed by Evergreen School District Superintendent, Dr. Emy Flores.

Trustee Jim Zito cast the lone dissenting vote.

Zito said he voted against the proposal because he is concerned that the district needs more time to "thoughtfully execute the plan" and suggested that the decision to close all three schools be moved to the 2021-22 school year. "I'm asking, considering the gravity of what we're doing, that we do this process correctly," Zito said.



Year 2021-2022 shows projected shortfalls (deficit).

Zito later clarified what he stated at the board meeting; "I did not mean by voting for either proposal we would single out any particular schools at this time. My comments were in response to Dr. Flores' statements that much work had already been done by the prior FAC committee." He went on to say; "I was pointing out the recent FAC work focused only on specific schools. Any new *See SCHOOLS, page 6*

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are pictured with the next generation cheerleaders. **Jamie LeGrande**, Varsity Cheer Captain from graduating class 1994 (standing right) is pictured with her daughter **Presley LeGrande** (kneeling second from right) who was also Varsity Cheer Captain graduating class 2019.





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Kansen Chu 'meet and greet' Nov. 3 at **Round Table Pizza**

ssemblymember Kansen Chu, who is running for Santa Clara County Supervisor, has scheduled a "meet and greet" at Round Table Pizza (3212 S. White Rd.) on November 3 from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Kansen Chu (right) served on the San Jose City Council for seven years. He was the first Chinese-American to serve on the region's



City Council. During this time, he made public health and environmental issues top priorities, passing legislation to require citywide green building standards and championed a ban on single-use plastic bags. He also spearheaded the installation of automatic heart defibrillators throughout San Jose.

Chu was elected to the Berryessa Union School Board District in 2002. As a school board member, he worked to strengthen curriculum and improve public access to school board meetings.

Born in Taiwan, Chu moved to the United States in 1976 as a graduate student. He holds a Master's in Electrical Engineering from Cal State Northridge, and worked as a Microdiagnostics Microprogrammer at IBM for 18 years. In addition, he also owned and operated Ocean Harbor Chinese Restaurant for 16 years.

Chu and his wife Daisy have been married for nearly 40 years. They have two adult children, Ann and Walt, a son-in-law Steve, and grandchildren, Kimberly and Connor.

"I am committed to being accessible to my constituents," said Chu. "I am results-driven and have a long record of accomplishments. I look forward to meeting residents of Evergreen to better understand their concerns and issues."

Valley Currents

cur-rent (adj.) Present, topical, timely, newsworthy. (n.) Movement in a definite direction, a flow.

Big turnout for Sylvia Arenas campaign kick-off rally

ore than 200 supporters turned out for the kick-off campaign for San Jose City Councilwoman Sylvia Arenas on Oct. 17, 6 p.m. at Sophie's Mediterranean Grill in Evergreen Village Square.

"This room of people is full of love and compassion and understanding of our community and I'm really happy with that's who I have surrounded myself with," Arenas said.

"I have three priorities I'm focused on: public safety, increasing access to key community services and land use and economic development. With public safety I am proud to have supported our department in increasing more than 300 police officers so we can feel safe in our neighborhoods."

In regard to land use, Arenas said she appreciated the work of the District 8 Roundtable land use committee, headed by Robert Reese. "We worked together to help defeat Measure B and pass Measure C."

In regard to the 27-acre development at Evergreen Valley College, Arenas said, "There was a lack of communication between the developers and the community and so we pushed a 'reboot button' and it really allowed us to talk to one another and figure what are some of the needs in our community, what do we value and how was that reflected in some of the plans they were putting together. Now that the project has been dropped, we hope



their support for Arenas were

State Senator Jim Beall, Assem-

blymember Ash Kalra, Supervisor

Dave Cortese, Councilwoman Mag-

dalena Carrasco and Council-

The first to speak was Supervi-

"I am here to support and pub-

licly endorse Sylvia Arenas for re-

election," Cortese said. "What's

not to like? She's a great listener

in working with our neighbor-

hoods. She's been a great leader

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county on homelessness, domes-

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She's a strong local, municipal

and regional leader. We must get

"I am so proud to be here to

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"I am here to support and publicly endorse Sylvia Arenas for re-election," Supervisor Dave Cortese said.

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Svlvia Arenas

that the land stays as open space." Arenas said she is proud of her work revitalizing Welch Park and the community center there. "I helped fund Project Hope through my budget process which benefited the improvement of Welch Park'

Speaking at the event pledging

vote to have our own utilities run by customer-owners. Sacramento County has had their own utility since 1923. Palo Alto also has their own utility. San Francisco is in discussion for a buy-out. What does it take?

Anh Nguyen Evergreen Valley

Fire causes loss in value Dear Editor,

Once upon a time, many, many, many months ago at the Villages, there was a fire at the adjoining condominiums, addresses 3364 and 3365 Bolsena Court, and after the

the community so well in District 8," said Kalra. "At this moment in time in San Jose we have enough people that are speaking for the powerful. They have their voice heard. We need more leaders like Sylvia that are going to represent the rest of us - those of us that are struggling to stay in our homes and living pay check to pay check."

Beall congratulated Arenas for her work on revitalizing Welch Park. "It was a great struggle to fix up the Welch Park area which was neglected by the powers to be on the city council," Beall said. "You can see the work that she did turning the park around."

Beall also said he is proud of Sylvia's commitment for affordable housing. "I'm proud of Sylvia for not giving billionaire developers another tax break when we have so many homeless in our community."



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Utility district should stand apart

Dear Editor,

Evergreen should have its own utility district. What does it take?

Why do we have to put up with PG&E and let them keep bullying us? Their failure in maintaining their facilities and equipment have caused at least \$40 billion dollars damage for California and claimed many lives. Yet we continue to let them abuse us. We should

street, a traffic hazard for through traffic and an eyesore that made it difficult for the drivers in the opposite condominiums to enter and exit their garages. At the present time, as an attorney and real estate broker, my estimate on the valuation of the properties on this once lovely street in beautiful Del Lago have decreased \$100,000.00. **Thomas Roy Harney**

fire, a huge, green fence was put up with the

unfriendly sign: "Construction Zone, All Per-

sonnel Keep Out" on it. And a huge rust and

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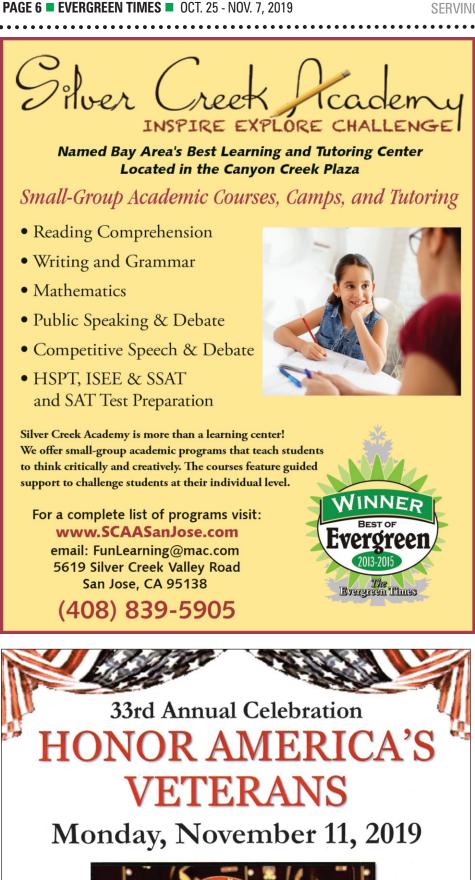


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Fiscal Stabilization Plan with 1 school consolidation moved to year 3 Fiscal Stabilization Options with 2 schools in year 2, 1 school in year 3 Savings Needed for 3% in 2021-2022 (12,000,000) 2019-20 2020-21 2021-22 TOTAL Options Increase Revenue Development of Martin property - conser Saturday School Attendance Recovery F Increase Use of Facilities Revenue 200,000 600.000 235,000 360,000 60,000 120,000 120,000 120,000 Additional Savings in MYP since Budget Adoption (STRS/PERS, etc.) 400.00 200,000 200,000 2 950 167 5 18/19 Unrestricted Ending Balance Savings 2,950,167 ion to Nutrition - Surplus in 18/19 will reduce 19/20 contril 250,000 175,000 Reduce Licenses 150.000 Communications Position Saving 150,000 450.0 150,00 mize Restricted Funding with agement Positions (TBD) Rec 215,000 215.00 645.0 252,185 Unrestricted GF Department Allocation - 20% 13 Additional FTE and retirement Savings due to declining enrollment (total of 7) 254,588 14 2 Furlough Days - Management, Supervisory, Confidential 80,000 80 00 575,000 15 2 Furlough Days - Certificated 575,000 2 Furlough Days - Classified 2 Furlough Days - Classified School Consolidation (2 schools in 20-21, 1 in 21-22) T-+tal Possible | 65.00 3,937,352 3,382,64 4,870,270

Items Subject to Negotiation

School Board approved Plan 2, which shows items approved by the school board to be possibly cut over the next three years.

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Schools

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decision would need to focus on much broader criteria, have significantly broader outreach, and consider the entire district as a whole, as was done by the 2009-10 consolidation committee." FAC is an acronym for Facilities Advisory Committee.

Zito said the reason for his dissenting vote was to allow the district ample time to thoroughly complete all legal and necessary steps in deciding which schools would be affected, and to put a well thought out plan in place to implement any consolidation. Zito concluded by saying; "Closing schools has a dire affect on students and communities. A decision of this magnitude must be carefully planned and delicately implemented."

The Evergreen School District (EESD) was faced with removing a deficit of approximately 12 million dollars in two years. The district which is overseen by the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) needed to balance the budget three years out. All school districts submit budgets which will ensure proper reserves. When adding in the district costs, the deficit swells to \$16.6M in three years. Such budgets are subject to approval by the Santa Clara County Office of Education.

Many school districts are facing declines in student enrollment. As fewer children attend the schools, districts are met with increasing costs and decreasing funding. The district is projected to lose 443 students in the 2020-21 school year and 314 the following year. Each "lost" student impacts approximately \$10,000 in funding. It is estimated that when a school closes the savings to the district is approximately \$400,000 in yearly costs.

Other items proposed to be cut in the approved three year budget plan can be seen in the power point presentation posted on the EESD website.

Names of schools scheduled for closure not released

The passage of the budget plan did not

state which three elementary schools were targeted for closure or repurposing. Flores said administrators have not decided which Evergreen schools to shutter. Dove Hill and Laurelwood Elementary schools are possible contenders.

The consensus among most residents who attended the meeting said the school closures are needed to reel in escalating costs in the district. Some said that the school closures should have been made a couple of years ago which would have made the current deficit much smaller. Trustee Christopher Corpus said that the move isn't just about saving money but rather improving efficiency for all students.

It was expressed that much work will need to be done in the next eight months to work with the community in the transition movement of students, teachers and administrators to other Evergreen schools. Officials said the board president and the superintendent will meet again to discuss a transition plan and timeline for the school closures. One key consideration of any plan will minimize or mitigate any additional enrollment loss caused by the consolidation process. The schools selected may be announced at the end of this school year.

School Board Meeting October 10

Item 5.7 "To approve the Superintendent's recommendation of fiscal stabilization plan # 2, 2 schools to consolidate in Year 2, 1 school in Year 3, and 2 furlough days in Year 3."

Motion by Marisa Hanson, second by Leila Welch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Bonnie Mace, Leila Welch, Christopher Corpus, Marisa Hanson Nay: Jim Zito

Editor's Note; To listen to the school board meeting on audio one can go to the EESD website and go to TRUSTEES and click on the minutes archive and then click on the audio for the October 10, 2019 board meeting. To review the power point presentation one can go to Board Docs on the same website and go to Item 5.7 (Fiscal Stabilization Plan).

Times Cover Story

Statements from Evergreen School District Superintendent Dr. Emy Flores and Board President Bonnie Mace in regards to the recent Board decision of consolidating schools

Statement from Dr. Emy Flores, Superintendent -Evergreen School District

B vergreen School District Board of Trustees approved a fiscal stabilization plan on October 10th. In this plan, the Board approved closing two schools in 2020-21 school year and a third school in 2021-22 school year. While there has been speculation on which schools are affected, at this time, the Board of Trustees has not identified the schools that will be closed. District management is currently putting together a plan to include all relevant information that will include demographer's data and school capacities with neighborhood population.

Evergreen School District has been experiencing declining enrollment in the last several years. I believe that this is largely due to the high cost of living, including expensive real estate and rent. Many families struggle financially and many have moved out of the area to more affordable cities. Consolidation of schools will allow Evergreen School District to maximize resources and continue to provide the highest quality of education to all our students. As a district, we will work and come together with the community during this difficult time, making sure to maximize the learning potential of each student. **Statement from Bonnie Mace,**

Board President - Evergreen School District Board of Trustees

E vergreen School District Board of Trustees has full confidence in our Superintendent's leadership in ensuring that a school consolidation process is carried out in a manner that is sensitive to all district stakeholders and in compliance with the California Department of Education's recommendations. We put a high priority on open and transparent communication with our parents, staff and the wider community during this process.

Zito

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honored to be your next councilmember."

Zito, who previously worked almost 30 years in computer engineering and bio-tech positions, is well known in Evergreen. He currently spends his time as a 7th grade math teacher in an east-side Title 1 middle school. "I was encouraged to run by a broad bipartisan range of community members, small business owners and supporters." said Zito.

Zito said his heart lies in San Jose's Eastside and Evergreen district, where he's lived since 1984. He was raised in a lower-middle class neighborhood in Brooklyn, NY. There he lived with his father, a WWII veteran and 40-year union mechanic for the NYC Transit system; his mother, once a seamstress and stay-at-home mom; and four siblings. "The seven of us lived in a little 3-bedroom, 1200 sq. ft. 'duplex' until each of us moved out on our own. I went away to a state university to get my computer science degree, but the house where we grew up is still in the family."

"I believe the thing that separates me from my opponent is that I'm a fiscal conservative," Zito said. "I also have extensive land use and policy experience, with over 20 years serving San Jose in this capacity."

Zito's community roots run deep. He served for eight years on the San Jose Planning Commission; four years on the Envision San Jose 2040 Task Force, in addition to its two update committees. Before that he served over four years on past Councilmember Dave Cortese's Evergreen-East Hills Visioning Task Force. In 2008 he co-founded and co-wrote the original by-laws for the existing District 8 Community Round Table. The Round Table serves as a common body of community members who come together to address, research, communicate and educate on issues important to the San Jose Council District 8 communities.

Zito ran for the Evergreen School District

Board in 2010. He is currently the longest serving board trustee. His term expires in 2022. He is also a founding family and active member of the St. Francis of Assisi worship community.

"District 8 and Evergreen have great communities in which to live, work, learn and play. San Jose is a great city. I raised my family in District 8 and am proud to say that my two daughters have grown up and entered successful careers. My son is doing equally as well in his junior year at high school. I know I have been blessed." Zito says, "And I work every day to help ensure the same blessings and opportunities will continue to exist for all residents of District 8."

First community endorsements

"In his more than two decades of public service, Jim Zito continues to be a strong advocate for district 8 families and neighborhoods and the city of San Jose," said Bonnie Mace, Evergreen School Board Trustee and President. "With over 12 years of service regarding land use, and almost 10 years on the Evergreen School Board, he has the breadth, depth of experience and commitment needed to be an effective council member. He is the kind of leader we need serving our community."

"Jim Zito has been a community leader in District 8 and in the City of San Jose for many years," said Denise Belisle, former Evergreen small business owner.

"He has the unique ability to get to the core of the issues, understands them, and knows how to communicate them effectively. Jim's impressive resume and his commitment to our district is exactly what we need at this time."

"I want to see Jim Zito as our next city council member because he doesn't bow to pressure from unions and corporations, but instead fights for the little guys ... families like yours and mine," said Parag Gupta, Evergreen parent. "He doesn't back down from taking an unpopular stance as long as it is the right thing to do for the community. That's the kind of person I want representing my family."



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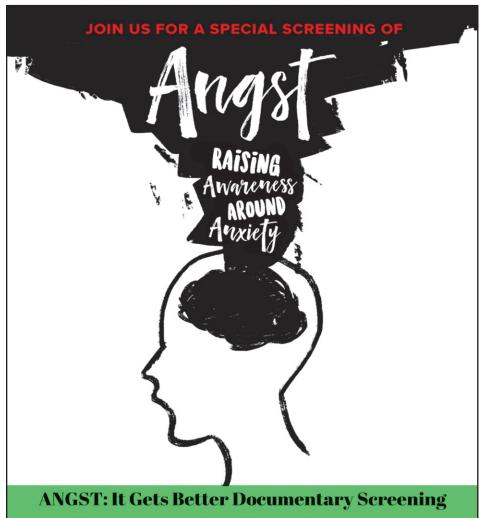
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Mayor Liccardo wants to explore creating city-owned utility

Mayor: 'It's time to explore a San Jose without PG&E'

Mayor Sam Liccardo says it's time for the City of San Jose to explore the possibility of creating a city-owned utility.

After California's biggest utility cut power to hundreds of thousands of residents creating a nightmare for many, Mayor Sam Liccardo says he wants to explore a San Jose without Pacific Gas and Electric.

The PG&E blackout exposed the downside of depending on PG& E's unreliable, outdated grids and the utility's questionable decisions about when and where to turn off the power. "We cannot reasonably expect our residents to tolerate that level of risk in their daily lives, certainly not in the heart of Silicon Valley," Liccardo said.

Liccardo drafted a memo that will go before San Jose's rules committee asking staff to investigate creating a city-owned utility to develop independent power systems such as microgrids. Microgrids can be run off of solar power, batteries, generators or a mix of various power sources.

When a shutdown takes place, the microgrids allow customers to use the energy they've created and stored when PG& E's transmission lines go down.

Liccardo acknowledged that creating microgrids and maintaining local power lines will take a significant amount of resources and capital investment to bring it to a reality.

San Jose this year switched electricity suppliers from PG& E to San Jose Clean Energy — a nonprofit, that provides residents and businesses with carbon-free electricity. However, although the electricity is supplied by the nonprofit, the power still runs through PG& E transmission and power lines.



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Times Feature



Egret fishing

There was a lot of egret and cormorant activity on The Villages golf course last week. This snowy egret was near the top of a 40 foot tree near the 7th green. It dropped from this height to catch a 6 inch minnow. *Photo by Lou Alexander*

East Side Union High School District Board unanimously supports staff housing with \$60M bond

The East Side Union High School District Board (ESUHSD) of Trustees unanimously supported to move forward with the next step in the staff housing proposal by passing a resolution at its Oct. 17 board meeting.

This housing initiative is aimed at building affordable housing for teachers and staff in order to address the increasingly high cost of living, unaffordable home prices, skyrocketing rents, long commutes, and the district's challenges in attracting and retaining quality staff.

ESUHSD has targeted approximately 4.5 acres of land at their District Office, located at 830 N. Capitol Ave. The resolution specifically authorizes a school bond measure to be placed on the ballot for the March 3, 2020, general election.

The authorized amount of the bond issue is \$60 million and the purposes for which the bonds are authorized consist of the construction of housing for teachers and employees on land which is owned by the District.

The resolution further specifies all of the accountability requirements of applicable

state law, including the requirement for a citizen's oversight committee to be appointed and the requirement for annual performance and financial audits to be performed on the bond expenditures.

California mandates later start times for middle and high school students

Gov. Gavin Newsom has signed legislation that will mandate a later morning start for most middle and high schools in response to medical research that shows most teens are sleep deprived.

In Evergreen, one middle school will be affected. Quimby Oak has a start time of 7:45 a.m., so the school must adjust the start of its school day.

When it goes into effect in 2022-23, the law will require middle schools to begin no earlier than 8 a.m. and high schools to start regular classes after 8:30 am.

Newsom chose to side with pediatricians and the PTA rather than the state's teachers union.

The California School Boards Association said the mandate "fails to respect parental decisions or consider the needs of local communities."

Calling all cars for the Veterans Day Parade UNMATCHED COURAGE

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> Parade starts at noon Contact Gina to enter or for more info: gkeydeniers@yahoo.com



District 8 Community Round Table Upcoming Meetings

The D8CRT meets the first Thursday of the month.

November 7, 2019 at 7:00pm at Grace Church (note location change) • County Supervisor Candidates Forum

- December 5 at 7:00pm at Village Square Library
 - Holiday Potluck
 - San Jose History Presentation
 - Officer Elections
 - PLEASE RSVP TO: info@d8crt.org

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'ANGST - It Gets Better!' documentary to be Screened at St. Francis of Assisi Church

"ANGST- It Gets Better!" is a new documentary which was produced to raise awareness and offer practical, take-home suggestions to help with anxiety among students.

The documentary will be screened followed by a discussion after the viewing on Saturday, Oct. 26 at St Francis of Assisi Church, 5111 San Felipe Rd. in Evergreen from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

'ANGST-It Gets Better!' is poignant, humorous, and practical. It offers real-life interviews with students and mental health experts and also strategies for living with anxiety and thriving.

The screening of "ANGST" is appropriate for middle school through college age and beyond. Parents, Grandparents, Guardians, Teachers, School Administrators, Catechists, Youth Ministers—all concerned for our youth—are encouraged to come to the screening. Participants will receive a takehome guide to continue the discussion with family, friends and at school.

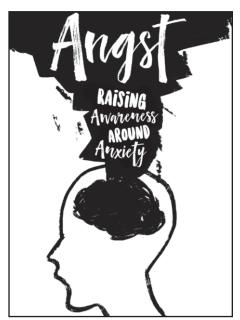
The 56-minute film will be followed by a panel discussion and Q&A with Mental Health Professionals including:

• Lisa Ayala LMFT, Beacon School, Clinical Director

• Yvette Frojelin, LMFT, Presentation High School, Counselor-Learning Specialist

• Trish Graves MSW, Evergreen Valley High School, Counselor

• Rex Huang MD, Kaiser Hospital, Chief of Child Chair of Adolescent Psychology &



Assistant Chief of Psychiatry

• Bharat Sampathi MD, Kaiser, Hospital Resident in Psychiatry, focusing on crosscultural psychology and suicide prevention

• Fr. Michael Syjueco MDIV, MS (candidate) Counseling & Psychology, Associate Pastor, St. Francis of Assisi Church

The event is free. Register by Friday, October 25 thru Eventbrite: eventbrite.com/ e/angst-it-gets-better-documentaryscreening-tickets-72550986955

Editor's note: Church doors are open for walk-ins on the day of the screening on a first come, first served basis.



Volunteers needed for Holiday Teen Gift Bag Drive

By Jan Giroux Special to the Times

ommunity volunteers are needed to assemble 1,200 holiday gift bags, full of fun and useful gifts, distributed to needy and homeless San Jose teenagers. Bag assembly will take place from De-

Bag assembly will take place from December 5 through December 17 with 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. shifts available. Saturday and evening shifts are also available as needed. Jump-start your holiday spirit by being a part of this worthwhile program.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact: Kathy Heihn, Kathy@ gifts4teens.org. Bag assembly location: 14928 Cambrian Park Plaza, San Jose. Easy access off Hwy 17 or Hwy 85.

Cash donations are welcome as well. This allows us to purchase much-needed items for gift bags at a special discount. For more information contact: Elaine Benoit, Elaine@ gifts4teens.org, or www.gifts4teens.org.

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Adlibmasters Toastmasters Club: A group dedicated to helping develop communication and leadership skills. The group meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 5:15 - 7 p.m. at HGST, a Western Digital Co. and the second and fourth Tuesdays from 12 - 1 p.m. at IBM. For more information, go to www.adlibmasters.org or call Lorraine Myers at 1(408) 717-5552 weekdays or 1 (408) 238-4580 weekends

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 Teach ers 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 parosei@ shcolobal 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 ESUHSD Education Center, 830 N. Capitol Ave, 347-5000. Check the web site for agendas and updates: www.esuhsd.org

San Jose East / Evergreen Kiwanis Club: The Kiwanis meet regularly 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 12:15pm at The Ranch Golf Club, 4601 Hill Top View Ln, San Jose, CA 95138 For 2nd Saturday community projects and 4th Thursday evening socials, consult www.rotarysjee.org

The Evergreen Business Assn 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 Ever-green 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 dis-trict 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

vour 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 Hen-, derson: 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 Rotary Club We are a local service club dedicated to improving our neighborhood and the world. Local business leaders and active community members may visit us every Monday at 12:15 p.m. at the Clubhouse at the Villages Golf & Country Club in Evergreen.

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

Falls Creek Neighborhood Assn: 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 meet on the 3rd Thursday of January, April, July, and October from 5:30p.m.-

7p.m. in the Community Room of the Evergreen Branch Library located at 2635 Aborn Boad, San Jose, For more information call 408-808-3060. LeyVa Community Action Team Assn: 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 oddnumbered months at 7 p.m. at Meadow-

fair Center, 2696 King Rd. For more information, call 539-2308.

The Norwood Neighborhood Association serves the neighborhoods from Norwood Avenue to Tully Road between White and Ruby. We meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at East Valley Church located at 2827 Flint Avenue, Please visit Next Door Norwood for more information.

Reid - Hillview Airport Assn: 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 Drving 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 Assn: 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 4:00 pm in the Parent Center

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 Assn: 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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Times Feature



Opening remarks – (I to r) Councilmember Johnny Khamis, Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco, Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, and Supervisor Dave Cortese say a few words to the crowd at Fall Family Festival. Also pictured is Sylvia's daughter.



Councilmember Arenas with youth-led nonprofit group, Empower Educate Youth.

A fun day for all at Fall Family Festival

By William Bellou Publisher

Great weather, fun and excitement treated festival goers at The Fall Family Festival held at Lake Cunningham Park on Saturday, Oct. 12.

Fall Family Festival featured live entertainment, a zipline and rock wall, interactive children's activities, enticing ethnic food trucks, and the ever-popular free BBQ and pumpkin give-away at the pumpkin patch.

The event offered free food, water, pumpkins and fun activities for the kids. Firefighters Local 230 cooked hundreds of barbequed hot dogs over the grill that were served quickly with hardly any wait time.

Councilwoman Sylvia Arenas met with event goers and made walks around the event and went back on stage often to thank the community and to explain that her office is there to help. One touching moment she asked if the crowd could sing Happy Birthday to her daughter and a worker in her office who shared the birthday week.

"So many of our families look forward to the Fall Family Festival at Lake Cunningham Park every year and I'm proud to keep this tradition alive, in fact, I think this one was the best festival yet!" said Councilwoman Arenas. "This year's event brought together thousands of families across San Jose to enjoy games for all ages, cultural performances, a new beer garden, and community resources- including free vision and dental screenings for children from the Healthier Kids Foundation. I'm glad my office can continue to provide a fun, family-friendly experience where our diverse community can have a blast and make long-lasting memories."

Supervisor Dave Cortese said, "These are the folks that serve you, why don't we all thank the wonderful City Councilmember Sylvia Arenas," to which the crowd applauded. Magdalena Carraso, Councilwoman for District 5, which adjoins the Evergreen district stated, "I hope you are enjoying this wonderful event! Having festivals that allows us to enjoy our time with our little ones is important."

Councilwoman Carrasco also thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for all of their great efforts in setting up all the canopies, the sound system and power for the various activities.

Pumpkin Passports

Pumpkin Passports were introduced this year. The concept required a child with a parent to visit different booths and get credits signed off by a vendor in order to receive a free pumpkin. The activity brought an element of excitement to the festival by helping children gain knowledge about the different companies and organizations, and created fun in the process.

Kids Zone

A lot of free exciting children activities were featured at the festival. Zorbs were there in which kids got inside gigantic clear plastic spheres and rolled them through a course. The children were quite adept at getting the hang of travel by rolling around inside a gigantic golf ball shaped vehicle. Other kids fun activites included, Fitz Wheels, Photo Booth, Sumo Wrestling, Air Jumpers, Obsticle Xourses, Inflatable Slides, Climbing Wall, Zip Line, Pumpkin Pitch, Soccer in Slow Motion and more.

But wait, there was more. All aboard, there was a train this year and kids took it and traveled in style. Also wonderful local groups were there such as the Boulevard Bombs, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, San Jose Clean Energy, the American Legion Post 809, and many others.

See FESTIVAL, next page





Air Jumpers enjoy the view.

Dancer from the Jayendra Kalakendra dance group performing the "Bharatanatyam Dance."



Families watch the entertainment at the Fall Family Festival at Lake Cunningham Park.



Member of SJSU Vietnamese Student Association performing the "Fan Dance."



Sara Calkins, past president, Rotary club of East San Jose –Evergreen greeted attendees at the Fall Family Festival.

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Festival

Continued from page 12 Beer Garden

For the first time ever the Fall Family Festival offered a Beer Garden where proceeds went to non-profits.

Thrilling stage shows

Lori & RJ/Cotton Candy Express Music award winning entertainers helped Councilwoman Arenas to present the most wonderful and memorable all day stage show! They are known for their amazing energy, enthusiasm and passion for their music and fun.

People of all cultures honored at Fall Family Festival

Cultural Groups from all over San Jose participated in this year's Fall Family Festival including SJSU Vietnamese Student Association presenting a beautiful Fan Dance. Jayendra Kalakendra School presented Bharatanatyam Indian Dance; Bytes & Notes Music Studio with youth singers; and Son Los Panaderos, a traditional Mexican folk music collaboration presented music from regions in Mexico.

Enchanting marionettes, the Mondinga & Perez Puppet Show, held both adults and kids spellbound. The costumes combined with the movement of the marionettes along with sweet voices made everyone smile.

A Magic Show had everyone laughing and having fun; Evergreen Studio of Music and the Arts presented Daniel Ordoñez with his family singing and dancing traditional and modern songs in English and Spanish.

Truly something for everyone, hip hop was presented along with ballet too. Grupo Folklórico Los Laurels presented bright colorful folkloric dance with proud presentations of six different class levels. The dances represented cultures from all over Mexico. **Music and the sounds reverberated**

off Lake Cunningham

The versatile band Grupo Son de Kali featured great toe tapping, body moving Cumbia, Salsa, Bachata, Merengue, and Reggaeton Latin music and topped off the not to be missed festival with a dynamic acoustic sounds. Everyone felt connected as beautiful melodies were sung with a variety of rhythms of syncopation. One could not help but reminisce of the similar sound and lyrics of Gloria Estefan's rendition of



The Rock Climbing Wall was a popular activity at the Fall Family Festival.

the song 'Turn the Beat Around.'

Everyone was partying and smiling and such music helps all to wind down after a long day of meeting and speaking with many neighbors and friends with lots of selfies taken all over the place.

The event was something to be proud of Lori of the Cotton Candy Express music company stated, "The turnout was greater than our expectations. The event was a huge accomplishment and enormous success. The event goers were well taken care of for the day."

As the day went on it was wonderful to see kids on bikes and scooters enjoying nature and gallivanting around Cunningham Lake with joy, smiles and comradery. Many loved visiting the tasty food trucks which offered delicious hot food from unique world cultures.

Editor's Note: The smooth orchestration and exciting flow of acts and singers on stage was assisted from Lori of Cotton Candy Express. Lori is the owner and has been entertaining families for 30 years. She was the #1 Bay Area Cartoon Host over a span of 15 years on KTVU Fox Kids and WB20 Kids. Her musical teaching experience has given her the opportunity to be a music director for several plays and Glee Clubs. To learn more about her skills and services in setting up events go to her website: loriandrj.com.



Members of Evergreen Presbyterian Church greeted attendees of the Fall Festival. Pictured (top row): John Rasmussen and Reverend Jenni Bales. (Bottom row): Carolyn Thomas (left) and Pam Siu.



Firefighters Local 230 BBQ several thousand hot dogs offered free to everyone at the Fall Family Festival.



Each family received a free pumpkin while supplies lasted at the Fall Family Festival.

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Times Feature

Musician in residence program established at Grace Church

race Church of Evergreen has established a 'Musician Jin Residence' position.

The Church's goal is to encour-age young local, accomplished musicians to develop their musical excellence while sharing their musical ability with the church

and general community, according to Pastor John Goldstein. The first 'Musician in Resi

dence' is Ryan Sheng (inset).

Ryan's first performance as the 'Musician in Residence' and soloist is Sunday, October 27 and November 3 at 11 a.m. The Service will be a modern liturgical service with organ and piano as the key instruments involving the old and new in worship styles. Pastor John Goldstein will be the officiating Worship Leader.

The Evergreen community is invited to share in the 11 a.m. worship services and to experience the exceptional music leadership of the Musician in Residence.

Ryan Sheng is a founding member of Evergreen Ensemble. He has taught piano voluntarily at Grace Music Institute since 2013. Besides playing piano, Ryan enjoys reading, playing basketball and playing oboe. He is currently the oboist in the Evergreen Valley High School Wind Ensemble.

Ryan started learning to play the piano at age five and soon began to perform internationally in competitions and festivals. Most recently, he was invited to participate in 2019 Van Cliburn Junior International Piano Com-

petition Festival, Young Artist Program with full scholarship. As the winner of the concerto competition, he performed Mozart Concerto No. 21 with Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra under the baton of maestro Miguel Harth-Bedova.

In 2017 Ryan was invited to perform a solo recital at Brussels Music Festival in Belgium, and he was one of the 24 contestants of 2016 Gina Bachauer International Competition and a prize winner of many local and international competitions. Other prizes he has won include 3rd prize of Virgina Waring International Piano Competition Intermediate cate-

gory; 2nd prize, Audience Award and Young Jury Award at 2019 Emory piano competition; 1st prize and the special prize of Best Performance of Bence Kutrik Introverted Confessions at the 10th Rosario Marciano International Competition in 2018 in Vienna; 1st prize of 2018 Pacific Music Competition; 2nd prize at 2018 International White Night Festival Piano Competition in Russia, 1st prize at 2014 Schlern International Competition Young Musician Category in Italy and he has won many 1st prizes of US Open Music Competitions.

Ryan has been invited by audition to perform in the 2010, 2015 and 2018 Junior Bach Festival. In the summer of 2017 and 2019, he won 1st prize in North Coast International Piano Festival Competition, earning him performances in Carnegie Hall for 2017 and 2018 and 2019 winner's concerts.

Grace Church of Evergreen is located at 2650 Aborn Road, San Jose. There is plenty of off street parking.



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Nikita Cardozo researched numerous critical community issues before choosing to spend her time at the San Jose Family Shelter for her Gold Award.

Girl Scouts award Gold Award to Nikita Cardozo

he Girl Scouts Gold Award represents the highest achievement that Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors may earn, recognizing girls who demonstrate extraordinary leadership through remarkable projects that have sustainable impact in their communities and beyond.

For her Gold Award, Nikita Cardozo researched numerous critical community issues before choosing to spend her time at the San Jose Family Shelter.

After learning that state budget cuts have led to public schools removing art and culture related programs and focusing solely on STEM education, Nikita felt compelled to take action. While this may not be a problem for students who are located in affluent areas or attend private schools, this does pose a problem for students of low-income areas, as they cannot afford to take private classes. This lack of art-related programs hinders students' abilities to think outside the box and takes away the chance for them to express their creativity. Studies have shown that arts and music related programs also help to boost science and math capabilities. Students provided with arts learning are proven to have higher achievements, especially for students from economically disadvantaged situations. The arts are a key role for the success of students.

This research prompted Nikita to partner with Induz, a nonprofit organization that focuses on imparting creativity skills to kids around the world. As an ambassador, Nikita hosted a program called "Passport to World Arts and Culture." This curriculum gave students exposure to meaningful art forms from cultures and regions around the world. Students were encouraged to bring their own originality and imagination into each project, and were given the opportunity to showcase their work at the end of each session. This program addressed the lack of access to art and global learning education for underprivileged kids at the Family Shelter. Through these sessions, Nikita took the children on a virtual journey of the world, with destinations and related art forms including: hieroglyphics from Egypt, stained-glass paintings from Italy, Aboriginal dot painting from Australia, masks from Africa, paper dragons from China, and more. Nikita helped to promote appreciation of diverse cultures, creativity, compassion, and acceptance.

Nikita hoped to impact these kids by helping them gain art skills and encourage a creative, out of the box style of thinking. Her goal was to help them gain important life skills that would help them escape the cycle of poverty. Many of the students she met at the shelter are intelligent and have unlimited potential, but many do not have the resources and opportunities to help them succeed. By passing on her knowledge to the kids, Nikita believes she made a positive impact on their lives. Moreover, the kids enjoyed creating the artwork, and many took it home to show their parents. In fact, some enjoyed the sessions so much, that they would ask when Nikita would be back for the next one!

Through her Gold Award, Nikita learned teamwork, cooperation, dedication, leadership, and responsibility. During her sessions, she had to work with mentors and advisors at Induz and the Family Shelter's adult volunteer team. With a variation of ages of the children at the shelter. Nikita made sure to diversify her teaching style and included fun games to keep their attention. Hoping to keep the project long term, Nikita created a binder that can be used for future volunteers at the shelter to host similar sessions. She wants the kid to always remember how important art is and how to always be inspired.

Nikita thanked everyone involved in helping her complete this project, including her mom, Annie Sequeira, Girl Scout troop leader, Reena Arya, mentors and advisors from the Family Shelter, Sara Tran and Jenna Banwait, her advisor from the Induz Organization, Ray Mitra, and everyone from the Girl Scouts organization including Joanne Louie.





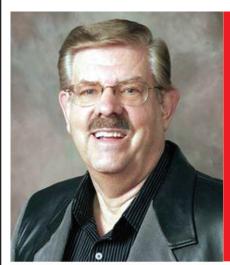
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District 8 Roundtable land use meeting standing room only

Proposal presented for the Khmer Krom Cambodian Buddhist Temple

By Robert Reese Special to the Times I t was a standing room only community gathering which spilled on to the patio of the Community Room of the Evergreen Village Square Library at the District 8 Community Round Table (D8CRT) on Oct. 3. Based on strong community interest and attendance at the D8CRT's June Land Use Panel Discussion, District 8 Roundtable President Pat Waite asked me to help out and organize another land use meeting.

The Agenda for the D8CRT October Meeting started with a presentation by Ruby/Norwood resident Murali Pabbisetty on community concerns on a proposal for the Khmer Krom Cambodian Buddhist Temple for the Watt Kampuchea Krom community on a 1.89 acre site zoned for single family residential uses at the corner of Ruby and Norwood Avenues. Temple representative Leslee Guardino of Canyoun Snow also helped out with background information and answering resident's questions on the proposed Temple.

This is very early in the planning process for the proposed Temple, and no applications have been filed yet. The community meeting was not a City meeting but rather an opportunity for Ruby/Norwood residents to share their ideas with the Evergreen community. Once an application has been filed with the City there will be at least one Community Meeting which the City organizes. Residents will also be able to meet with the Planning Department and Evergreen District 8 Councilmember Sylvia Arenas.

Leslee and her team for the proposed Temple are far and away exceeding the City's requirements for community engagement by previously holding two community meetings, filing a pre-application for residents to see and for the City Planning Department to provide comments. They will be presenting at the D8CRT January 2020 meeting.



In his presentation Ruby/Norwood resident Murali Pabbisetty stressed that the neighborhood is very diverse and expressed concerns that the underground parking is an urban form of development which intensifies building size and usage of the site relative to the prior development proposal for six homes. He expressed his concern that the size of the building area has been increased from 15,000 sq. ft. to 19,000 sq. ft. from the first community meetings.

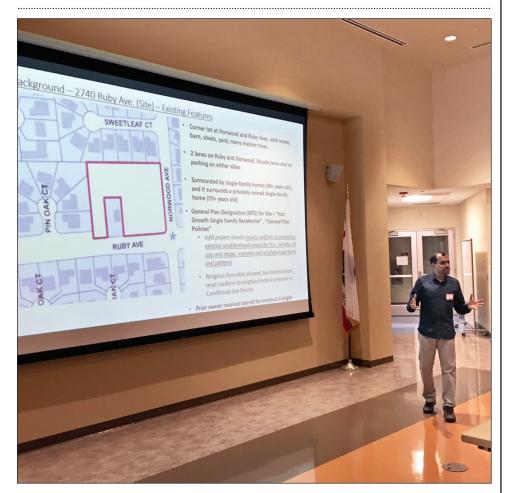
Pabbisetty said the neighborhood has concerns about traffic volumes involved and safety and that this intensity of use is not planned for in the neighborhood land use designations which supports infill development which closely conforms to the existing neighborhood character.

Leslee Guardino representing the proposed Temple wanted everyone to know that the Temple wants to listen to everyone, wants to be a good neighbor and that is why they have started engaging the community in community meetings before the development Application has even been filed with the City. She stated that the size of the buildings were increasing due to the requirements of the Planning Department based on their responses in the pre-application filed by the Temple. The Temple will utilize an underground parking structure and will provide less parking than required for the building area proposed and instead utilize shuttles. They believe there will be no overflow parking on neighborhood streets. The Temple concept on using the underground parking was to be a good neighbor and reduce parking overflow and allow for a very well designed site for the Temple with abundant landscaping while also only being a one story structure. She indicated that she received good feedback to consider from the community on the design issues and looked forward to further community meetings and dialogue.

San Jose Director of Planning Building and Code Enforcement Rosalynn Hughey made a presentation on San Jose land use planning policies and issues. She said the City with be reviewing and doing a four year review and update of the 2040 General Plan which was originally adopted in 2011. A 42 member Task Force with a diverse group of San Jose community will be working with the City in the update. The current General Plan anticipates an additional 470,000 San Jose residents and

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District 8 Roundtable speaker Murali Pabbisetty expressed the concerns of the neighborhood.

300,000 new jobs in San jose thorough 2040 and the review and update process of the General Plan includes monitoring and evaluating implementation of the Plan as well assessment of progress and midcourse adjustments.

The Evergreen East Hills Development Policy (EEHDP) which was last updated in 2008 will also be considered as most of the development capacity has been exhausted. The discussion will include whether or not the EEHDP should be retired and closed out or if a new EEHDP is warranted. Rosalynn also shared with community members that the City is strongly encouraging homeowners to consider granny or in law units which are also now referred to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) by offering fee waivers for affordable units and express ADU Applications processing on Tuesdays. The City has created a web page for ADUs: sanjoseca.gov/adus with all the useful information to get started in thinking about building ADUs.

Our Evergreen District 8 Councilmember Sylvia Arenas shared with the community that after her taking office in 2017 she became aware that the community had not been engaged by the San Jose Evergreen Community College District and the developer they selected to develop 27 acres on the Evergreen Valley College Campus. She outlined that her land use decision making process was to ensure that residents are engaged, look for community benefits and make sure that rules are followed. The Measure B Evergreen Initiative which was overwhelmingly defeated in 2018 was given as an example of a developer trying to break the rules and develop in a way that was not consistent with the 2040 General Plan.

Arenas let the Ruby/Norwood residents know that once the Temple Application is filed, City Planning and her office will then Councilmember Sylvia Arenas outlined that her land use decision making process was to ensure that residents are engaged, look for community benefits and make sure that rules are followed.

have additional community engagement and review of residents' concerns. She wanted the community to know that Evergreen will have three representatives on the General Plan Task Force: Bonnie Mace, President and Jim Zito, Trustee of the Evergreen School District and herself while other Council Districts only have one representative. Given the State's adoption of the Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) metric for traffic analysis and that the Level of Service measure of traffic congestion will no longer be used. Instead the review of the EEHDP will include analyses of changes to the EEHDP to assess how the VMT metric could be utilized in the EEHDP. The VMT map shown indicated that development in the southern Evergreen Valley would strictly limit new growth in Evergreen in the northwestern portions of District 8 along Capitol Expressway.

Jim Zito shared with the community his concern about opening up the EEHDP and will be keeping his eye on it very closely. He is concerned with recent Valley Transportation Agency (VTA) decisions to continue with plans to extend Light Rail to Eastridge as this will result in the loss of carpool lanes on Capital Expressway.

D8CRT Member Wes Lee prepared a video of the Meeting which can be found at: youtu.be/BItVZRV6j0A

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All treats, no tricks

By Gayle Kludt San Jose Host East Valley Lions Club Secretarv

ach year our Lions Club gets to work with hundreds of people and volunteers in our community, from screening for diabetes and per-

forming vision tests, to making backpacks and working at food pantries; the Lions Club motto is "We Serve."

This summer our Lions Club added the Grateful Garment Project to our list of community groups to work with and support. In August we did a clothing drive and

donated items for 70 individuals. The mission of the GGP is to ensure that every victim of a sexual crime who crosses the threshold of a Sexual Assault Response Team facility or who seeks medical attention and/or law enforcement involvement is provided with whatever new clothing, toiletries, snacks, and other items that they may require.

The vision of TGGP is that "no victim of sexual violence in our communities should ever experience further suffering due to a lack of clothing to wear." After making our clothing donation, we were asked to help collect small bottles of shampoo and conditioner along with soap, lotion, deodorant, razors, toothbrushes and paste that are often placed in hotel rooms for guests. The victims of sexual assault, after completing their medical screening, can use these items to shower and clean up, along with returning home with a new set of clothing. In mentioning this at our last club meeting, by our next meeting two weeks later, we had collected 238 items for the project. This got me thinking, if 19 people can do this



in two weeks, what could the many people in the Evergreen-East Valley area do in a month? If you have such items, please contact me at kludtgayle70@gmail.com to arrange a collection or pick up. **Branch Club**

Our club is also starting another new project this month, the development of a branch club. A branch club works with the main club to achieve common goals, be it working on service projects, fundraisers, whatever the two groups de-

> cide to do. The benefit of a branch club is there are no meetings, although members are certainly welcome to attend them. A branch club can be chartered with as few as five members. We have already identified several groups and members to work with us and will be having a "branching

out" party to form and formulate this group. Have a church, school, or community group that would like to partner with us? Again, contact me at the email above. We already have a group that wants to knit and crochet hats and blankets for our local shelters. Other upcoming projects include building a greenhouse at James Lick High School along with transporting clients of the San Jose Blind Center to medical appointments. The advantage of a branch club is you can participate as your schedule allows. As I said above, "All treats no tricks!"

I hope everyone is working on their Halloween costumes and that you all have the sweetest Halloween ever. Reese's Peanut Butter cups, watch out!

The San Jose Host East Valley Lions Club meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm at the Red Lobster restaurant, Capitol at Aborn. You are most welcome to attend. Please confirm attendance by contacting me at kludtgayle70@ gmail.com. Additional information is available at our website, www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/sanjosehost

Santa Clara County League of Conservation Voters honor Thang Do, FAIA

Thang Do, FAIA, CEO at Aedis Architects was honored at the League's Annual Fundraiser and Environmental Awards recently.

As an Awardee, Thang has done some outstanding environmentallyrelated work in Santa Clara County within the past year.

Every year, the Santa Clara County League of Conservation Voters honors those who are making a positive difference on Santa Clara County's environment.





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The Arbor Day Foundation will brighten up your fall by offering 10 colorful trees and bushes when you join the organization in October.

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Everyone who joins the Arbor Day Foundation in October will receive 10 colorful trees and bushes selected for your area.

"Members will especially enjoy these trees during the autumn months because they'll add abundant, vibrant color to any yard or landscape for years to come," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between Nov. 1 and Dec. 10. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

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30 years after the Loma Prieta earthquake, red cross marks anniversary by urging residents to get prepared

In memory of the 30th anniversary of the Loma Prieta earthquake, the American Red Cross Northern California Coastal Region urges residents of Northern California to take the necessary steps to prepare their households for an emergency.

"The Loma Prieta earthquake and this week's moderate earthquakes serve as a reminder that earthquakes are an unavoidable fact of life here in California, so we should not be caught off-guard," said Jennifer Adrio, CEO at American Red Cross Northern California Coastal Region. "The next earthquake could be even more devastating, and a little knowledge and preparation can make all the difference between life and death."

The 15-second 6.9-magnitude quake caused widespread damage from San Francisco to Monterey County on October 17, 1989. Within hours, Red Cross volunteers, many of whom were personally impacted, began working side by side with our government and community partners to provide safe shelter, food, emergency relief supplies, emotional support, and health services to people in need

In the weeks and months that followed, 7,824 members of the Red Cross workforce:

Provided lifesaving medical supplies

• Housed nearly 65,000 people in 45 shelters

- Served 642,785 meals in shelters or from 43 mobile feeding vehicles
- Distributed 750,000 pounds of blankets, food, and clothing to 15,000 families

Contributions received before and after the quake also enabled the Red Cross to help rebuild the lives of Northern Californians. The Red Cross helped to fund long-term recovery projects like:

• Rebuilding of 1,165 homes in six Bay Area counties

Drilling for new wells and repairing water pumps in Santa Cruz County
Restructuring an access bridge

in Monterey County

In the 30 years since Loma Prieta, the Red Cross and its partners have been working to prepare Northern California for the next catastrophic disasters. After a major earthquake, families should be prepared with enough food, water, and emergency supplies to last up to two weeks until help can arrive. The Red Cross recommends three easy steps:

BUILD A KIT.

• Pack the following items in an

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easy-to-carry container – a gallon of water per person, per day; nonperishable food; flashlight and hand-crank or battery-powered radio; extra batteries; sanitation and personal hygiene items; copies of important papers; extra cash and any medical, pet or baby supplies family members may need.

MAKE A PLAN.

• Have all members of your household help create your emergency plan that includes your pets.

• Consider what emergencies could happen where you live, what to do if you are separated, and how will you let loved ones know you are safe.

• Talk about earthquakes with your family so that everyone knows what to do in case of an earthquake. Discussing ahead of time helps reduce fear, particularly for younger children

• Pick safe places in each room of your home, workplace, and/or school. A safe place could be under a piece of furniture or against an interior wall away from windows, bookcases or tall furniture that could fall on you.

• Bolt and brace water heaters and gas appliances to wall studs. Have a professional install flexible fittings to avoid gas or water leaks.

• Do not hang heavy items, such as pictures and mirrors, near beds, couches, and anywhere people sleep or sit.

• Install strong latches or bolts on cabinets. Large or heavy items should be closest to the floor.

• Anchor top-heavy, tall, and freestanding furniture such as bookcases, china cabinets to wall studs to keep these from toppling over.

• Check at your workplace and your children's schools and daycare centers to learn about their earthquake emergency plans.

BE INFORMED.

• Find out how local authorities will notify you that an emergency is happening.

• Practice DROP, COVER and HOLD ON

• Make sure at least one household member is trained in first aid, and CPR in case help is delayed during a disaster.

• Learn how to shut off the gas valves in your home and keep a wrench handy for that purpose.

• Learn how to use a fire extinguish. Fire is the most common hazard after an earthquake.

• Download the FREE Red Cross Emergency App for instant access to information about what to do to before, during, and after an earthquake. The app also includes content on other disasters and emergencies and provides locations of open Red Cross shelters.

For more earthquake preparedness tips, visit redcross.org/prepare.

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USPS® Domestic Shipping Deadlines

When sending thoughtful holiday cards or gifts to clients, it makes more of an impact when it is sent out on time! Make the right impression this season and keep your costs low by using one of the USPS services.

Note: If you are shipping on a budget, check out using Priority Mail® flat rate boxes.

- Retail Ground: Dec. 14
- First-Class Mail: Dec. 20
- Priority Mail®: Dec. 21

• Priority Mail Express: Dec. 23

FedEx® Shipping Deadlines FedEx waived the holiday surcharge this year for residential deliveries, which will help cut down on shipping costs. You can manage your costs even more by shipping early and using FedEx Smart Post® or FedEx Ground® for your deliveries.

Note: FedEx SmartPost is a cost-efficient way to deliver light-weight packages domestically because it uses the USPS delivery network.

• FedEx Smart Post®: Dec. 9

• FedEx Ground: Dec. 16 • FedEx Home Delivery®: Dec.

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• FedEx 2Day: Dec. 20

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UPS® Shipping Deadlines Like FedEx, UPS also waived their holiday shipping surcharges on residential deliveries, which can help lower your shipping costs. The UPS has compiled some tips for shippers this holiday season that should make the holidays less stressful for you and your recipients!

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3014 Bellworth Court	\$1,998,000	5	4 0	3,479	7,710 Lot SqF
2792 Clara Smith Place	\$1,975,000	6	5 0	4,349	5,747 Lot SqF
4014 Higuera Highland Lane	\$1,900,000	3	2 1	3,192	22.89 Acres
3083 Marston Way	\$1,560,000	5	3 0	2,674	8,060 Lot SqF
3271 Pappani Way	\$1,488,000	4	2 1	2,143	4,645 Lot SqF
4138 Beebe Circle	\$1,420,000	4	2 0	1,722	8,280 Lot SqF
2911 Mitton Drive	\$1,275,000	3	2 0	1,958	8,383 Lot SqF
3614 Klein Court	\$1,265,000	4	3 0	2,584	8,074 Lot SqF
3525 Milburn Street	\$1,250,000	4	3 0	2,587	9,913 Lot SqF
5145 Willow Estate	\$1,170,000	4	2 0	1,652	6,952 Lot SqF
3345 DENSMORE Court	\$1,145,000	4	2 0	1,767	8,533 Lot SqF
4168 Voltaire Street	\$1,130,000	3	2 1	1,820	2,075 Lot SqF
2935 Stutz Way	\$1,080,000	3	2 0	1,639	6,017 Lot SqF
3021 Harvest Moon Court	\$1,450,000	4	3 0	1,963	2,941 Lot SqF
3137 Cunningham Lake Court	\$1,000,000	4	3 0	2,204	9,937 Lot SqF
2962 Remington Way	\$975,000	3	2 0	1,463	6,000 Lot SqF
3042 Bradshaw Drive	\$985,000	3	20	1,512	6,049 Lot SqF

SILVER CREEK AND SURROUNDING AREA

Street Address	Price	Bds	Bths	SqFt	Lot Size
2237 Bentley Ridge Drive	\$2,410,000	5	3 0	2,999	18,555 Lot Sql
4765 Mountaire Place	\$2,190,000	5	4 1	4,172	8,196 Lot SqFt
5737 Algonquin Way	\$2,180,000	5	4 1	3,991	9,091 Lot SqFt
5838 Cannes Place	\$2,020,000	4	4 0	3,536	7,642 Lot SqFt
1618 Heritage Bay Place	\$1,520,000	5	4 1	3,188	4,264 Lot SqFt
839 Schoolhouse Road	\$1,290,000	4	3 0	2,535	5,275 Lot SqFt
5407 Silver Trail Court	\$1,100,000	3	2 0	2,332	3,293 Lot SqFt
7012 Goldenspur Loop	\$1,050,000	3	2 1	2,018	2,944 Lot SqFt
5313 Silver Point Way	\$1,000,000	2	2 0	1,793	2,755 Lot SqFt
5709 Silver Leaf Road	\$950,000	4	2 1	1,987	5,978 Lot SqFt

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