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World Taekwondo Demo Team earns a spot as semi-finalists on 2021 America's Got Talent. Pictured (left to right) are: Hyeri Lee, Sean Wallace, Long Nguyen, Kelsey Ha, and Jiseok Lee.

## World Taekwondo Demo Team earns spot as semi-finalists on 2021 America's Got Talent

*Three team members are from San Jose*

America's Got Talent 2021 returned live on Aug 24 for the quarter-finals telecast on NBC.

Among the 12 acts appearing on the show, World Taekwondo Demo Team, which includes three members from San Jose, won a spot on

one of the show's upcoming scheduled semi-finals telecasts.

The AGT judges were very impressed with the Team's quarter-finals performance.

"I love you, I love your ambition. This is what AGT is all about," said Simon Cowell.

"It's a beautiful controlled chaos," said Heidi Klum.

"This was the best act of the

night," said Howie Mandel.

The World Taekwondo Demonstration team members from San Jose include: Kelsey Ha, 24, Sean Wallace, 23, and Cassidy Wallace, 20, all grew up near each other in Evergreen Valley.

Sean and Cassidy trained with Team-M Taekwondo, joining the team in Jan. 2018; and Kelsey also

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## 'Undecided' web app helps students determine their major, locking down a college path of study

*"Like a lot of teenagers, I was also undecided for a while, so the web app not only helps others, but it has helped me as well."*

*—Anagha Purushotham*



Anagha Purushotham (left), a junior at Leland High School, recently created a new web app called "Undecided Gauge" to help students ascertain their college major.

Anagha said as she embarked on her educational journey throughout high school, was unsure about what she wanted to pursue in her higher education and she decided to change that.

"I created this web app for  
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Councilmember Matt Mahan discussed housing, paving and the unhoused with local residents during his online Chat with Matt series on Aug. 28.

## Housing, paving and the unhoused: focus of mini Town Hall

**By Lorraine Gabbert**  
*Senior Staff Writer*

Councilmember Matt Mahan discussed housing, paving and the unhoused with local residents during his online Chat with Matt series on Aug. 28.

Mahan opposes Opportunity Housing's plan to increase available housing by allowing duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes on parcels designated for single-family homes.

Instead, he created the Smart Growth San Jose Plan, based upon the city's Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan, which focuses on developing denser housing downtown and along major transit corridors. To view the Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan, visit: [tinyurl.com/4kt9s8ms](https://tinyurl.com/4kt9s8ms)

"The city has not done enough to implement a general plan that's a pretty good plan," Mahan said. "It is a smart growth plan that we just haven't been executing."

Mahan said Opportunity Hous-

ing's plan would increase traffic and air pollution and over burden infrastructure not built for double, triple or quadruple the density.

"Where we have transit infrastructure is where we want to double down on adding those jobs and houses," he said.

Mahan expressed frustration that although the city identified 68 sites for urban villages 10 years ago, only 13 have been approved for investment due to a slow permitting and inspection process.

"The Smart Growth Plan includes a number of reforms that would allow the city to get out of its own way," he said. "The biggest battle we face as a city is, 'How we want to grow' and 'What are our land use policies?'"

Mahan also opposes Senate Bill 9, which would allow local zoning to build up to four units on what are currently single-family lots. He advised residents to ask

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## Almaden Valley Women's Club hosting 2021 Wine Pull fundraiser: Sept. 19

All proceeds from the Sept. 19 event benefit local area non-profit organizations

By William Bellou  
Publisher

The Almaden Valley Women's Club is hosting the 2021 Wine Pull Sunday, Sept. 19 during the Champs Farmer's Market, located in the Princeton Shopping Center at the corner of Blossom Hill and Meridian.

The 2021 Wine Pull is the second of three fundraising events that the club is sponsoring for 2021. A portion of the funds raised will benefit the club's annual scholarship program.

"We are unable to host our annual Art & Wine Festival due to the pandemic," states Beth Swartz, President of the Almaden Women's Club. "Instead we came up with three smaller fundraising opportunities to help San Jose area non-profit organizations who submit grants to us each year."

The Wine Pull involves participants literally pulling a cork and winning a bottle of wine plus a commemorative stemless wine glass. Participants can sign up for a donation of \$30 for one bottle and one glass or \$35 for one bottle and two glasses. The club is accepting donations on site during the Champs Farmer's Market or online at [www.almaden-women.org](http://www.almaden-women.org).

The Almaden Valley Women's Club is a non-profit organization comprised of women in the 95118, 95120 and 95123 zip codes. An all-volunteer organization that has existed for more than 50 years, the club is committed to serving the needs of the Almaden Valley community and those of greater San Jose through funds raised at community fundraising events.



*Editor's note: Almaden Women's Club members have a booth at the Farmer's Market at the Princeton Shopping Center each Sunday leading up to the event in order to provide detailed information.*

## DROUGHT Valley Water reservoirs reach historical lows

2017 and 2021 comparison shows impacts of extreme drought

Valley Water's reservoirs, full in 2017, are currently at 12.5% of capacity.

These historic low levels illustrate the impact the extreme and exceptional drought is having on our local water supplies.

Statewide reservoirs are also reaching historic lows. Oroville Reservoir is at just 23% of capacity and San Luis Reservoir is at 15%. These low conditions resulted in drastic reductions to the amount of imported water Valley Water will receive this year from each reservoir.

### Retrofit project

Further challenging our local water supply, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ordered Anderson Reservoir to be drained for public safety. This means our largest reservoir will be unable to store water for the next 10 years as construction on the Anderson Dam Tunnel Project and Seismic Retrofit Project take place.

Valley Water is taking decisive measures to protect our water supplies. On June 9, Valley Water's

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# Valley Currents

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

## Valley Christian High School teen believes in STEM education for all

Research has shown the importance of beginning STEM education in middle school. Early exposure to science is especially important for underrepresented minority students. (See [tinyurl.com/cwu5jtyw](http://tinyurl.com/cwu5jtyw))

Learning Landmark is a nonprofit organization working to cultivate a love for technology and computer science in students and to encourage them to pursue their interests and careers in these fields.

Sanjana Ryali, a junior from Valley Christian High School and the founder of Learning Landmark, believes that nurturing an interest in science, math, and technology during the critical middle school period will help students to better see themselves as leaders of tomorrow.

Learning Landmark is helping to create the next generation of innovators and problem-solvers by delivering STEM experiences to communities underrepresented in STEM. Ryali and her team of six volunteers work with schools and individual students across the Bay Area to deliver science kits that provide engagement and hands-on learning. The kits contain all the materials needed and a lesson plan with easy-to-follow instructions. These lessons are offered in online and off-line formats, free of cost, to seven participating schools.

Learning Landmark has provided more than 1,000 science kits to



Sanjana Ryali,  
founder of Learning Landmark

students at various Bay Area institutes like ACE Inspire Academy, ACE Esperanza Academy, Family Connections, Aspire Richmond School, San Jose Tully Library, and numerous schools in the Fremont and San Jose school districts. They have reached 107 students, ranging from 6-14 years old, as part of their STEM education initiative.

### Efforts of Learning Landmark graciously recognized by participating schools

"This year Family Connections partnered with Learning Landmark to help our Young Scholars, students ages 6-12, gain experience in STEM fields. It has been great to see our students getting excited about topics like mechanical and aerospace engineering! This program has given our students an opportunity to explore different STEM concepts while having fun and interacting with their knowledgeable instructor and their

peers," said Giannina Cadenas, Young Scholars and Alumni Coordinator at Family Connections.

Science teachers like Stephaney Wilson from Aspire Academy were extremely impressed with the content of the Learning Landmark lessons. "We had a lot of GEARED UP learning today with Sanjana introducing us to

Simple Machines!! We learned about simple machines ranging from screws to pulleys (just like an elevator), building gears, and about possible careers in building robotic arms," said Ms. Wilson.

To raise funds to buy and build more science kits, Ryali has conducted online coding camps during school breaks. During the coding camps she teaches kids Python and Scratch programming. She has also raised funds by selling her kits. She plans to seek corporate sponsorship to help fund these initiatives.

Ryali also conducted a Learning Landmark Science Fair, in which students came up with their own science experiments and presented them to each other and to judges. They applied the scientific method that they had learned during their Learning Landmark workshops. Through this competition, Ryali hoped that the students would demonstrate the ability to transfer their newfound skills to the real world! "I would like to extend the contributions of Learning Landmark all over the country and even all over the world," she said.

Ryali is currently in the process of expanding her organization to reach kids in other countries including India, Thailand, New Zealand and UAE. She will continue to encourage kids to expand their love of science and to go into STEM careers. She further plans to adapt lesson plans to elementary kids, and to include art as a part of the offering to create a STEAM curriculum.

*Editor's note: Landmark's mission is to provide children in underrepresented communities with free STEM education. Diversity brings unique insight to the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. For more information, visit: [www.learninglandmark.com](http://www.learninglandmark.com).*



Left: Ryali hands science kits to Jenny Mai, librarian and TeensReach coordinator at the San Jose Tully Library. Right: Order of 50 science kits to be delivered to Aspire Richmond Academy



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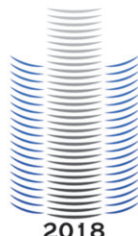
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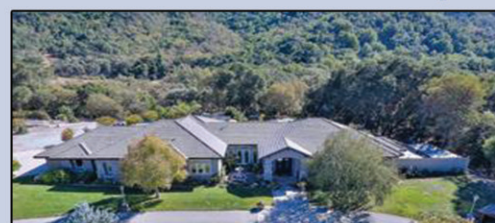
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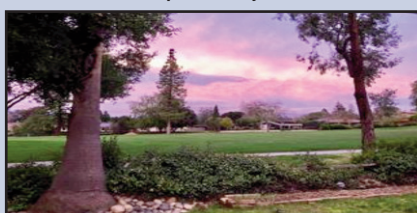
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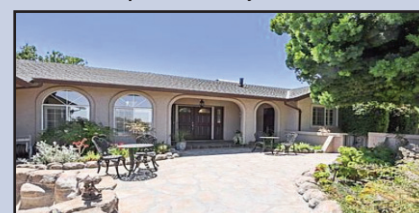
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Stratford School students ready for the opening in Almaden Valley.

## Stratford School opening in Almaden Valley

Stratford School, an independent private school is opening four new campuses, including Stratford School Almaden preschool.

The school is inviting local families to schedule a personalized tour to learn more about in-person and online enrollment options and explore the advanced educational programming for the 2021-2022 school year.

Stratford's new campuses feature beautifully renovated classrooms, outdoor playgrounds and ample room to grow, while the Stratford Online Academy will continue to foster collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity in a virtual setting, yet fully aligned with the in-person learning experience.

Since its inception in 1999, Stratford School has grown from four preschool classrooms and a small, dedicated team of educators to 26 campuses throughout California.

Whether in-person or online, Stratford School's commitment to providing a challenging, enriched curriculum that encourages and motivates students through high expectations, delivers the exceptional academic excellence that parents have come to expect, and continues to pave the way for Stratford's growth each year.

"From the opening of our first school, I envisioned Stratford School to offer a distinctive learning environment and curriculum that would shape the minds and hearts of young children throughout California. More than twenty years later, I couldn't be more proud

to see this dream in action as we continue to grow," said Sherry Adams, co-founder of Stratford School. We are thrilled to welcome families to Stratford's new campuses and offerings this year, where our high-quality education and skilled educators foster connections, nurture growth, and prepare students for their academic journey and beyond. To this day, our motto, Summa Spes, Summa Res (Highest Hopes, Highest Things) exemplifies our sustained spirit of providing an uplifting education."

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### Drought

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Board of Directors declared a water shortage emergency condition, one of the strongest actions they can take. They also implemented a 15% mandatory water-use reduction compared to 2019 for all of Santa Clara County.

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programs that can help our communities save water and money, including our Landscape Rebate Program. Every drop saved today is one we can use in the future. If this drought lasts into 2022 and beyond, stricter water restrictions are likely. Learn about all Valley Water rebate programs, conservation tips and how to get free water-saving tools at [watersavings.org](http://watersavings.org).

*Editor's note: For a visual comparison with video and photographs of reservoirs in 2017 and 2021, visit: [bit.ly/vwreservoirs](http://bit.ly/vwreservoirs)*



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Times **Local News**

## How to ride your lawn chair

By Kevin Larsen

Times Staff Writer

You might remember a news story long ago when a man decided to tie large helium balloons to his lawn chair and with his wife looking on, he successfully flew into the skies. As he got too high up, he popped a balloon or two to gently land miles away.

Another innovation for the lawn chair took flight in Evergreen Valley recently on a hot August summer day.

Using a One Wheel kind of skateboard, Josue decided to tie a comfortable lawn chair onto it in order to trek his way to Evergreen Valley College in style.

After he fastened the chair and learned how to lean forward just right to pick up speed, he moved along the bike paths of the roads. Spotted going up Aborn road, he took a right on San Felipe and then kindly stopped to explain his innovation.

"I've actually seen people ride around on a chair like this so I wanted to customize my own. Our group usually holds rides once a week in Evergreen, we just sit down and relax and enjoy nature," Josue said.

This new mode of transportation allows the rider to pick up higher speed toward their destination. Also, with the advent



of high-tech music systems, songs were played while flying down the road.

"It takes a couple of times to learn how to ride, but once you get it down it's life changing. You just lean forward and off you go." While leaning casually back in the chair and getting ready to take off with feet up, Josue referred to it as "the lazy style ride."

Like the adventurer long ago who tied balloons to his lawn



chair to rise above the clouds, Josue is following in the footsteps of a previous generation by exploring cutting edge ways to get around.

Heading off down the road he remarked with a smile, "Just a man enjoying his lawn chair."

*Editor's Note: To learn more, type One Wheel into your computer search engine.*

## Drunk-driver detectors for cars part of infrastructure bill

Times staff writers

A provision in the infrastructure bill, which was passed on Tuesday, August 10 by the U.S. Senate, requires new cars to have technology to detect drunk drivers and a system to keep children from being accidentally left in vehicles on hot days.

Additional provisions included in the bill are a mandate for automatic emergency braking and crash avoidance systems for new cars, and rear guards for semitrailer trucks to keep the passenger compartments of cars from being crushed in rear impact collisions.

Backers say the anti-drunk driving provisions in the measure would drastically reduce the number of deaths that occur on U.S. roads.

### Systems studied

Among the systems that have been studied are ones that monitor a driver for signs of distracted, impaired or fatigued driving. One uses sensors that scan drivers' eyes for signs that are similar to ones that police officers look for when they suspect impairment during traffic stops.

This is the most significant rulemaking in NHTSA's history," said Stephanie Manning, government affairs officer for Mothers Against Drunk Driving. "Every year we wait, thousands of people will die."

The provision mirrors legislation that Representative Debbie Dingell has championed for several years. Her legislation orders NHTSA to study the feasibility of various technologies and establish a final rule within three years mandating some form of anti-drunk driving technology for the auto industry.



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Fireworks are illegal in most of Santa Clara County. Photo courtesy of Pixabay.

## Report: Enforcement is curbing illegal fireworks in San Jose

By Eli Wolfe

Article courtesy of San José Spotlight

Firework activity over Fourth of July significantly decreased compared to last year, and city leaders are taking this as a sign that recent enforcement campaigns are working.

Earlier this month, members of San Jose's Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee heard highlights from a report on illegal firework activity leading up to Fourth of July weekend.

Between June 15 and July 5, the San Jose Fire Department received 56 calls for service, with 14 being outside fires related to fireworks while the rest were smoke scares or fires of undetermined origin. No reported structure fires resulted from fireworks.

During the same period, the San Jose Police Department received 1,769 complaints about fireworks through its online reporting tool. In total, 10 reports resulted in a citation, while 479 reports resulted in a warning. The remaining 1,280 complaints did not have enough information to warrant action, but will be used as data for tracking hot spots for firework activity.

After illegal fireworks complaints tripled last year, officials in San Jose doubled fines for first-time violators. In the run-up to Fourth of July weekend this year, officials in San Jose and Santa Clara County spent weeks making pleas and threats to persuade residents to not set off illegal fireworks.

SJPD Capt. Jason Ta said there was a dramatic decrease in calls for service compared to last year. In 2020, the department got more than 2,000 calls for service related to fireworks. This year, there were slightly more than 1,000.

Ta and Arthur Belton, acting deputy fire chief, credit the lower amount of firework activity to several enforcement efforts, including increased fines for illegal fireworks, community outreach efforts, improvements to the online reporting system and the expanded social host ordinance—a law passed in May that allows the city to fine tenants and property owners for fireworks launched on their property, regardless of if they set them off or not.

Looking to the future, Vice Mayor Chappie Jones asked Ta at the meeting about the possibility of fully eliminating illegal fireworks in San Jose.

"Is this war winnable?" Jones said, adding that there are only so many police and the sheer volume of fireworks is high. "Is this winnable... or are we just trying to mitigate the damage?"

Ta responded that this year's operation was successful, noting that the SJPD made 13 arrests and seized over 550 pounds of illegal fireworks.

"I do think the social host ordinance is moving us in the right direction," Ta said. He added that improvements to the warning system could potentially further reduce the use of fireworks.

Not everyone is pleased with the city's efforts to curb firework use in San Jose. Laurel Pathman, a resident of Alviso, said her neighborhood is rocked by fireworks every year. She said there were enormous crowds in Alviso and numerous fireworks went off during the holiday weekend, but she witnessed little police involvement.

"I've lived here since 2002 and it's gotten worse every year," Pathman told San José Spotlight.

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Times **Feature**

## Undecided

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students from the ages of 13-18 to help them gauge their interests and decide what they want to major in for college by having them answer ten behavioral questions,” Anagha said. “Like a lot of teenagers, I was also undecided for a while, so the web app not only helps others, but it has helped me as well. The environment and support I have been surrounded by for these past two years are what pushed me to launch ‘Undecided.’”

### Inspiration for app

Over the summer, Anagha had the constant question confronting her of what she wanted to do in college roaming around in the back of her mind.

“For a while, I was completely unsure, and that somewhat scared me, so I decided to take the opportunity to help other people who were also unsure about locking down a college major as well and help hone their interests and gear them in the right direction,” Anagha said. “Eventually I was able to outline an idea of what the app would look like and the project started building from there.”

Anagha said she introduced her idea to Sumit, who has vast experience with programming different computer platforms, to help mentor and teach her everything she needed to know in order to bring her idea to life. She was able to achieve her goal with the support from not only Sumit but also her parents who continuously encouraged and supported her.

“Sumit taught me how to use platforms like site design, react programming and the AWS platform,” Anagha explained. “Together we were able to successfully launch my idea into a web app. We started meeting weekly, and soon the hours grew along with the progress. I was able to learn so much in such a short amount of



time through a project I sincerely loved.”

“The idea was pretty simple. I created ten open-ended behavioral questions for students primarily in late middle-high school to answer. I then set out to discover the logic between each answer choice and created my own algorithm that would correspond to a given result. Finally, I concluded that there would be three possible

outcomes: STEM/ health professionals, business, and arts/humanities. I figured out a way that logically connected every possible outcome, and transferred my work from the excel spreadsheet, into Atom. I worked on this project from May to July, and towards the end of July, I was able to launch the app. This platform has complete user end privacy, and feedback from my peers has allowed me to make a difference in many people’s lives, including my own. Together, Sumit and I worked to get my project to an execution point, along with creating a separate site that allows us to view the diagnostics of our data.”

Anagha’s priority is now to spread the word and get more people to complete this through the URL [www.undecidedsurvey.com](http://www.undecidedsurvey.com). Over time, her hope is that her new platform continues to grow and help more students who are undecided to potentially make up their minds for a great future.



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## Times Feature

## San Jose Unified School District skips streaming meetings

By Annalise Freimarck

*Article courtesy of San José Spotlight*  
The largest school district in San Jose, San Jose Unified School District, does not broadcast its board meetings, potentially excluding voices from disadvantaged families who can't attend in person.

The San Jose Unified School District has not provided a live broadcast of its board meetings since May—despite the pandemic—when its board returned to in-person sessions. The only way residents can voice public comment is to show up to the meetings, leaving some parents out of discussions that directly affect their children.

Crystal Calhoun, grandmother to three SJUSD students and spokesperson for the San Jose Unified Equity Coalition, said the lack of a live broadcast puts families of color at a disadvantage.

"Mainly that board serves an affluent white community," she told San José Spotlight.

"They can show up."

SJUSD predominantly serves Hispanic and Latino students, with approximately 53% identifying as Hispanic or Latino.

According to the 2018 Silicon Valley Latino Report Card conducted by the Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley, 57% of Latino households in Silicon Valley had income below the self-sufficiency standard, which accounts for basic needs.

Santa Clara County's Latino community was the hardest hit by the pandemic. According to the county, Latinos made up 51% of the positive cases, while only making up 25.8% of the total population.

These factors make it difficult for families to attend San Jose Unified School District board meetings in person.

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Brian Wheatley, SJUSD board president, said the board does not have plans to pursue a hybrid option to broadcast meetings, but it's willing to change that if COVID-19 cases continue to rise in San Jose.

Wheatley also said the board wants to set an example for district employees during the pandemic by showing up in person.

"It would feel disingenuous somehow to tell our teachers for example... 'you need to be in person with all your kids, but we're going to be on WebX,'" he told San José Spotlight.

Calhoun said the decision to not broadcast board meetings live excludes families of color from board decisions.

"They really don't want to hear from them," she said, adding that she doesn't feel the board listens to the community. "If you say you're there for my students and my grandchildren and all that good stuff, then why can't you listen to me? Why can't you talk to me before you make these decisions? If you don't talk to me and

you don't listen to me, you don't care."

Wheatley said if residents can't attend meetings in person, they can email him and other board members.

"If someone wants to reach out and share a perspective, they can always do that," he said.

Alex Lee, District 25 Assemblymember, helped author a bill currently under review that would require government meetings in California to broadcast live via teleconference even after the pandemic. While the bill would only apply to government meetings, it could set a precedent for other public bodies such as the SJUSD board for how they receive public participation.

"Having digital access, real technological access, means that you have working people, you have parents, you have people with different abilities, different language abilities, who are now more readily available to participate," Lee said.

Calhoun said she wants the SJUSD board to hear the community's thoughts and take them into account when making decisions that will have a large impact on students.

"What I want to see in the board is them actually asking for community support and sitting down and actually talking to us, and listening, not just talking but actually listening," she said.



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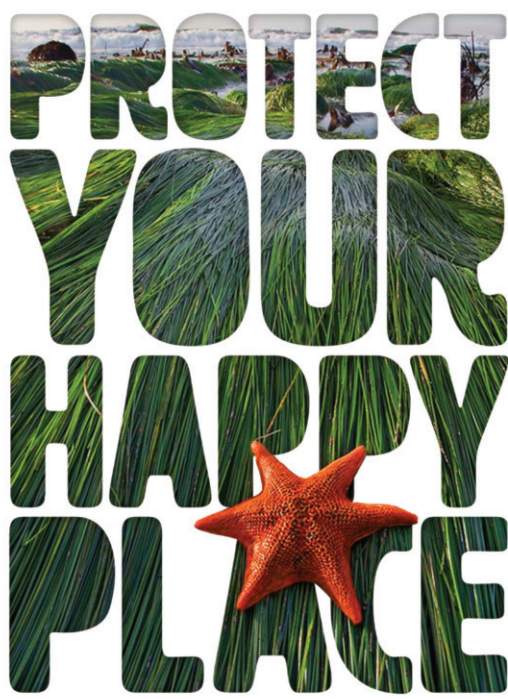




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Times **Feature**

Walter S. Johnson Foundation grant offers foster youth opportunity to build sustainable future

Foundation funds new Unity Care project for youth and emerging adults  
By William Bellou  
Publisher

Unity Care, a nonprofit agency providing housing and supportive services to transitional age foster youth announced it has been awarded a grant by the Walter S. Johnson Foundation.

**Helping foster youth to thrive in transition to adulthood**  
The \$200,000 two-year grant will enable the agency to pilot its Successfully Independent Project, which aims to help Unity Care refine its work to help former foster youth thrive in adulthood.  
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The pilot program will build on the agency's

proven service model of delivering help to teens and young adults exiting foster care by providing stable, affordable housing; education and employment support; skills to enhance well-being; and unconditional emotional support.  
**Successfully Independent Project**  
The Successfully Independent Project will enable Unity Care to use data to more accurately measure effectiveness and refine prac-

tices accordingly, more extensively use evidence-based cognitive behavioral therapies for healing and wellness, and train staff to effectively coach youth on setting and progressing toward their goals.  
Unity Care has served foster youth in California for 28 years. In recent years, the agency has made the strategic decision to focus its efforts toward stable, affordable housing and supportive services for young people, ages 16-21.

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Times **Community News****San Jose mandates proof of vaccination for large events at city buildings**

By Lloyd Alaban

*Article courtesy of San José Spotlight*

**S**an Jose sports fans will need to show proof of vaccination the next time they see the Sharks play a home game.

After a chaotic recess and more than two hours of comments from dozens of anti-vaccination protesters, the San Jose City Council voted Tuesday to require proof of vaccination for events of 50 or more people at city owned-buildings —such as the SAP Center and the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts.

A negative test will not substitute for proof of vaccination as it does now, and the requirement doesn't apply to those under 12 who are not yet eligible for vaccination.

"As the third-largest city in California, 10th largest in the country, we have a huge responsibility to lead by action and make sure we are taking care of all of our residents and we do it with science-backed data and facts, not misinformation and fear tactics," said Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco in support of the ordinance.

The new rules go into effect right away, but facilities will have a grace period to comply. It's unclear how long the grace period will be, and according to city officials, the requirement will be repealed only after a subsequent ordinance repealing it is passed or if the city ends its emergency COVID-19 proclamation.

"There's not much question among experts in the field that indoor settings are particularly risky. That's why we have mask mandates indoors," Liccardo said on Tuesday. "That's why we're considering this mandate. There's obviously no surefire way of eliminating risk from COVID transmission. We live in a world in which we need to take reasonable measures that can reduce risk. This certainly seems like a reasonable measure."

Councilmember Maya Esparza sent out a social media post saying some attendees made racist, xenophobic remarks toward Ven. Thich Phap Luu, abbot of the Chua Di Lac Buddhist temple who provided an invocation at the start of the meeting.

"The comments I heard today do not reflect the values of the San Jose I know and love," Esparza said on Facebook. "We are a community that understands that we draw our strength from our diversity... We are a community that unequivocally rejects racism, xenophobia and bigotry."

Residents overwhelmingly spoke against the mandate at the meeting. Some read Bible scriptures, urging the council to vote no, while others compared the mandate to communism and Nazi Germany policies, calling them "discriminatory." Some commenters threatened councilmembers with a recall if they voted for the policy.

Councilmembers had to clarify several times after public comment that the vote was not a requirement for people to get vaccinated—only that people show proof of vaccination to enter city buildings during large gatherings.

Other residents claimed that the proof of vaccination mandate is a violation of their medical and constitutional rights. Some commenters repeated "my body, my choice" in protest, and some claimed they already caught COVID-19 and survived.

"Forced vaccinations and masks are not done in a free society. I strongly oppose a vax mandate for the Chinese, communist virus," said

Doug, a resident who didn't give his last name. "If you do choose not to, then your voice is separated from the public forum. Just like in China, Venezuela, Cuba, North Korea, Hong Kong, Santa Clara County and now Australia."

The new requirements come in an effort to combat rising COVID-19 infections due to the contagious Delta variant. First identified in India, the variant is believed to be more than twice as contagious as previous dominant COVID-19 strains, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

According to county data, 86.5% of county residents age 12 and up have at least one dose of the vaccine, while 80.9% of county residents age 12 and up are fully vaccinated.

Still, the seven-day average of cases in Santa Clara County is 347—more than 10 times higher compared to just three months ago. The unvaccinated case rate for individuals age 12 and up is more than five times higher than that of vaccinated residents.

"Key numbers are going in the wrong direction," said Dolan Beckle, assistant director of the city's emergency operations center.

Though public comments were overwhelmingly against the policy, a few callers agreed with the city's assessment.

"I'd just like to say I 100% support a vaccine mandate and passport," said Lauren, who didn't give her last name. "I look forward to the day I can safely go out of my house and not be surrounded by anti-vaxxers, religious extremists and conspiracy theorists."

The council also directed city officials to look at data from San Francisco and speak with small businesses in San Jose to figure out how the requirements will be handled. City officials said they would come back with data "in the next few weeks."

When considering the new requirement, councilmembers looked to San Francisco's vaccine mandate that went into effect on Friday, becoming the first major U.S. city to require proof of vaccination to enter restaurants, bars, gyms and theaters, among other indoor venues. Patrons are required to show their vaccination card, a picture of their card or a digital vaccine record from the state. Additionally, residents age 12 or older are required to show their vaccination cards at indoor events with 1,000 or more attendees.

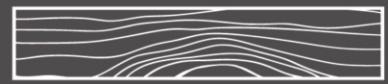
In contrast, Liccardo's proposal only applies to city-owned buildings. Some San Jose businesses are already requiring proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test for entry, including bars, restaurants and performing arts exhibits. Councilmembers will return at a future meeting to discuss requiring proof of vaccination to enter certain private businesses.

"I think we will have a robust discussion when we come back with other cities' experience requiring it at privately-owned facilities," Councilmember Dev Davis said. "Our businesses have been so hard hit, and I will want to hear from our small businesses directly before I make a decision on that issue."

San Jose employees are already required to either submit proof of vaccination or agree to weekly testing. If a worker refuses to give proof or submit a negative test, the city will place them on unpaid administrative leave. The county's approximately 22,000 employees are also required to show proof of vaccination.

Earlier this month, Gov. Gavin Newsom required all public and private school teachers and staff to be vaccinated or be subject to weekly COVID testing.

"I appreciate people are frustrated right now. We're all frustrated. We want to do whatever we can to get back to the feeling we had before this pandemic hit. But the world has changed," Liccardo said. "We're going to continue to follow the data to do whatever we can to protect the safety of our community. And we look for-

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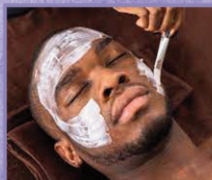
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Daniel Radcliffe in "Harry Potter Deathly Hallows Pt 2."

## Symphony Silicon Valley announces the final installment of Harry Potter Film Concert Series

By William Bellou  
Publisher

The Harry Potter Film Concert Series returns to San Jose Center for the Performing Arts with Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows – Part 2 - In Concert, the final chapter in the Harry Potter series.

Symphony Silicon Valley and SSV Chorale will perform Alexandre Desplat's entire score live while the film plays on a high-definition screen above the stage November 20-21. Conducting the score live is John Jesensky while the entire film plays in high-definition on a 40-foot screen.

In 2016, CineConcerts and Warner Bros. Consumer Products announced the Harry Potter Film Concert Series, a global concert tour celebrating the Harry Potter films. Since the world premiere of Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's/Philosopher's Stone in Concert in June 2016, more than 2.7 million fans have enjoyed this magical experience from J.K. Rowling's Wizarding World, which is scheduled to include over 1,295 performances across more than 48 countries worldwide through 2021.

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Justin Freer, President of CineConcerts and Producer/Conductor of the Harry Potter Film Concert Series explains, "The Harry Potter film series is a once-in-a-lifetime cultural phenomenon that continues to delight millions of fans around the world. It is with great pleasure that we bring fans for the first time ever an opportunity to experience the award-winning music scores played live by a symphony orchestra, all while the beloved film is simultaneously projected onto the big screen. This is truly an unforgettable event."

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Shows are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Performance location: San Jose Center for the Performing Arts; 255 S. Almaden Blvd, San Jose, CA 95113.

*Editor's note: COVID vaccination cards for those over 12 years of age will be checked for entry as required by the City of San Jose. (These policies will be amended if conditions change.)*



The ballet will premiere at the Montgomery Theater in San Jose, and will also tour to the Cabrillo Crocker Theatre in Santa Cruz.

## San Jose Dance Theater to present 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'

San Jose Dance Theatre Company is relaunching live theatre with the classical ballet A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Choreographed by Artistic Director, Linda Hurkmans, the ballet will premiere at the Montgomery Theater in San Jose, and will also tour to the Cabrillo Crocker Theatre in Santa Cruz.

The company is excited to be touring for the first time in its recent history with this exquisite production. Audiences are certain to be delighted with the ballet's humor and beautiful dancing.

Based on the play by William Shakespeare, the ballet is set in Athens and is a twisted adventure of numerous tales. One follows the conflicts of four lovers that revolve around the marriage of Theseus and Hippolyta. Another follows a cluster of amateur actors rehearsing a play which they are to perform before the wedding. Both groups find themselves in a forest inhabited by fairies who manipulate the humans and are engaged in their own domestic intrigue.

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***One of Shakespeare's most popular and widely performed productions, San Jose Dance Theatre will reimagine it for the classical stage.***

productions, San Jose Dance Theatre will reimagine it for the classical stage. Set to Mendelssohn's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" score, Hurkmans encapsulates the magic in her own choreography.

"I have always wanted to bring such an iconic production to San Jose and am excited to also showcase this ballet for Santa Cruz audiences," Hurkmans says. "Mendelssohn's score for 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' has always inspired me as a choreographer. The score truly captures the story and provides an ideal backdrop for classical movement."

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" launches San Jose Dance Theatre's 2021 - 2022 season and their new touring program. The 2021-22 season will also include San Jose Dance Theatre's 56th production of "The Nutcracker" in December, the 2nd annual production of "Innovation" in February 2022, and the full-length "Sleeping Beauty" in June 2022. In the coming years, the company will build on its touring network across the San Francisco Bay Area, bringing ballet to regional communities.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" is playing at the Montgomery Theatre, San Jose September 25 - 26, and the Cabrillo Crocker Theatre, Santa Cruz on October 2, 2021.

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The Gifts For Teens 2021 Committee

## Gifts for Teens 'Wrapping Up'

**By Cheryl Markman**  
*Gifts for Teens*

Gifts for Teens is currently working hard to fill 504 duffel bags and sturdy totes, up about 25% from 2020, to have them ready for holiday giving to low-income and homeless teens in the San Jose area.

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shoes, to personally select new things they want or need, certainly a rare treat for them.

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Times **Local News****COVID RESPONSE****Simitian pushes for Covid-19 booster shot planning**

**S**anta Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian is urging County staff and his colleagues on the Board of Supervisors to move quickly in rolling out booster shots for eligible individuals in Santa Clara County.

At the Board of Supervisors August 17 meeting, the Board directed County staff (5-0 on Simitian's motion) to provide a written report detailing the County-wide booster shot distribution plan to the Board of Supervisors at its upcoming Sept. 14 meeting.

Simitian's request was made in anticipation of an announcement by the Biden administration that it plans to offer booster shots starting September 20 to all Americans who got Pfizer or Moderna vaccines more than eight months ago. Simitian said, "Our County has to be prepared to dispense booster shots this fall to all who want them, as quickly as advisable."

"For the past many months, I have been asking about booster shots. The answer was always, understandably, 'Too soon to know; we'll see how things develop.' We're now getting clear indication that a third dose may be advised to maintain a high level of immunity against the virus. That means we need to have a vaccine distribution plan in place here in Santa Clara County as quickly as we can."

"We've learned a lot from the challenges of the past 18 months. We need to apply the lessons learned to a plan for County-wide booster availability. For better or worse we've got a fragmented system – multiple private healthcare providers, community clinics, pharmacies, and the County's own Health and Hospital System. I want to make sure that when someone asks, 'When, where, and how do I get a booster?' there are good answers to those questions."

Simitian noted that initial guidance seems to suggest the advisability of boosters eight months after initial vaccination. Given that some area residents started getting COVID-19 vaccinations late last fall, "That means we need a plan in place more or less immediately," said Simitian.


County officials this week announced that a third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine is available for people who have a compromised immune system. Eligible individuals are encouraged to contact their primary healthcare provider for consideration of the additional dose. Appointments can also be scheduled through the County's website, [sccfreevax.org](http://sccfreevax.org), which includes information about drop-in vaccination sites throughout the county, including local pharmacies.

Simitian said he is pleased with how far the County has come since launching its vaccine drive in November 2020. More than 80 percent of the County's residents are vaccinated—one of the highest rates in the country. But, Simitian cautioned, this is not the time for complacency.

Santa Clara County has been experiencing its highest case count since February. Alarming, the Delta variant accounts for a vast majority of new cases, particularly within the County's most vulnerable communities. As new strains emerge and cases continue to climb, COVID-19 booster shots will be necessary to maintain immunity against the coronavirus.

"I want us ahead of the curve," Simitian noted.

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## Laura's Law represents a small but important step

By Matt Mahan  
*Special to the Times*

We won't be able to solve homelessness in our community until we—and specifically, our County and State governments—adopt stronger policies providing, and when necessary, requiring supportive services for mental illness and addiction.

That isn't to say that everyone living on our streets suffers from mental illness or addiction, or that everyone suffering from mental illness and addiction is homeless, but we know that the overlap is significant.

That's why it was such a big deal when, after years of delay, the County adopted Laura's Law on May 25th. Laura's Law, also known as assisted outpatient treatment (AOT), is court-ordered mental health care for severely mentally ill people, many of whom are unhoused and can't fully perceive their own illness. It represents a small, but important step toward getting our most vulnerable community members the care that they need to have a shot at a better life.

In the lead up to that vote, our office organized a community working group made up of diverse stakeholders, submitted a co-signed letter, spoke at the County's Health and Hospital Committee meeting, organized a petition with over 400 signatories, hosted a press conference, published an op-ed in the Mercury News, and organized over 50 speakers

to share their voice at the May 25th meeting.

But it isn't enough that the County adopted this new program on paper. As with all policies, the difference between success and failure lies in the implementation. That's why we've stayed engaged on the topic and are in frequent communication with the County, experts, family members, and advocates.

For one, we are advocating to the County for an independent, citizen-led Laura's Law oversight commission in order to ensure accountability for access to and quality of service. Our calls so far have largely been successful, as the County has agreed to create a citizen advisory board -- though we have to keep pushing to ensure that this advisory board actually has oversight power.

One of the key stakeholders we have worked with on Laura's Law is Brian Stettin of the Treatment Advocacy Center, who has been instrumental in advising our advocacy, especially on implementation. He is very familiar with how to do AOT well, and how not to do it. Sadly, many California counties have implemented the program in ways that reduce how many people get care and how effective the care is. We must avoid that outcome in our county.

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## Talent

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trained with Team-M Taekwondo, joining the team in Oct. 2009. All three teammates joined World Taekwondo earlier this year.

"When Sean and I first joined Team-M's Community Program, we were rather intimidated by the incredible skill and accomplishments of our new teammates," Cassidy said. "Some we had never met, and the rest (including Kelsey) we had only known as coaches at seminars. Over the past couple of years, however, our shared experiences at training and competition have brought the three of us very close. Sean and I both feel extremely lucky to call Kelsey one of our very best friends."

### Tokyo Olympics

"We were invited to perform at the Tokyo Olympics but unfortunately we could not do it due to COVID-19," said Kelsey, referring to the global pandemic that postponed the Olympics by a year.

During the team's first appearance on AGT, Simon Cowell responded, "So you could say you chose us over the Olympics."

### 'Peace is more precious than Triumph'

The World Taekwondo Demo Team performs their choreographed action sequences that could have been created for any big-budget Hollywood action film. With intricate skill, they break dozens of difficultly-placed song-pans (wooden boards). They always end their performance with a banner that reads: "Peace is more precious than Triumph," and receive thunderous applause from the audience.

"Performing with my Taekwondo teammates always feels like a dream," said Ha. "Getting the opportunity to represent Taekwondo on the largest stage in the world and

in front of my favorite celebrities makes it all feel so surreal."

Ha said her heart has been filled with gratitude by all of the responses and overwhelming support we have received. "I can't thank my teammates, coaches, friends, family, and community enough, and can only hope we make them proud in the semi-finals."

Sean Wallace, said, "Getting to perform with my teammates alongside the World Taekwondo Demonstration Team already felt like a dream, but us performing on a stage as large as AGT in front of such large celebrities makes it feel even more unreal. I'm incredibly thankful for my coaches, friends and family for supporting me along this journey, and hope that we can put on a show that will make martial arts fans everywhere proud of the sport."

Teammate Cassidy, Sean's sister, said, "I'm so grateful for the unwavering support of my teammates and community, and I can only hope to do them justice during the upcoming semi-final event."

*Editor's note: As the Almaden Times went to press, the World Taekwondo Demo Team participated in America's Got Talent's semi-finals and won a spot as a finalist as tabulated from viewer votes. Their incredible journey continues.*



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# Town Hall

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Gov. Gavin Newsom to veto the bill.

Residents echoed Mahan’s position during the discussion.

A resident identified as Sandra thanked the councilmember for opposing the four-plex and SB-9 and Shani Kleinhaus said smart growth is critical.

A resident identified as Brad said if SB-9 is passed, it takes local control out of local governments.

“Why even have a planning department if this is going to happen?” Brad said.

Kleinhaus also raised concerns about the development of the Almaden Office Project along a creek bank. Mahan said he would look into it further.

“We want downtown to be a dense area, but I understand how close to the river it is and why that’s a problem,” Mahan said. “I’m very supportive of putting more jobs and housing, especially in downtown...where we get the most benefit with least cost, but I don’t think buildings should be built right up to the edge of the creek.”

With the pending sale of Glider Elementary School, Sandra expressed the need of preserving the open space for the community’s use for baseball and soccer games. She asked Mahan if the city could purchase the school’s playground and fields as park space.

Mahan said he likes this idea and is against the sale of schools because populations ebb and flow. He said maybe a city development proposal could include maintaining the fields.

**Paving**

When a resident expressed frustration with some local streets receiving slurry patching while others in better condition are fully paved, Mahan said the city is paving in clusters.

He said the city is working on a 10-year back log. Each year 25 miles of each district are paved in addition to slurry patchwork. Mahan said the patching doesn’t really fix the problem and spends taxpayers’ dollars.

“I think people would rather we put 100% of our resources into repaving the roads,” Mahan said, “even if it’s a little slower.”

**Homelessness**

Mahan said Santa Clara County’s strategy for addressing homelessness is failing.

“It’s not that we’re not spending any money,” he said. “We are spending money, but not effectively.”

Mahan said that although Measure A provided almost a billion dollars to address the unhoused, it was mostly spent on new apartments which cost \$700,000 to build.

“We need more cost-effective shelter solutions,” he said. “We need treatment programs that can operate at scale.”

Mahan said the county has “a pitiful number” of detox beds and doesn’t require people to use them. He said facilities and policies which compel people to get care when they need it are essential.

“It’s not humane...to have people dying on the streets and let them stay there because they prefer to be there,” Mahan said. “There are a lot of people who are struggling with addiction and mental illness who are not making good decisions for themselves or for the community. I think we need to change our approach.”

## Health officials: wear N95 masks to protect from California wildfire smoke, COVID

Public health and fire officials are concerned about the effects of hazardous smoke from wildfires burning in California and recommending the wearing of a mask when outdoors and encouraging people to stay indoors when the air qual-

ity is poor.

The California Air Resources Board, the state agency that monitors the air we breathe, is recommending people wear a mask, specifically an N95 mask, when the air is smoky and unhealthy.

“The reason we’re sharing this information today is so people can take those proactive steps to protect themselves now,” said Amy MacPherson with the California Air Resources Board. “Air quality changes by the minute during wildfire season. One shift in the wind and all of a sudden you

can get socked in with smoke before you know it.”

Health officials say wearing masks outdoors will offer a layer of protection from the smoke and COVID-19.

“During smoky time periods your lungs are going to be dealing with clearing that - those additional particles out - and then if you encounter flu or COVID viruses, if you’re vaccinated you’ll be more protected that way,” said Sumi Hoshiko with the CDPH.

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3636 Gurdwara Ave.  
San Jose, CA 95148  
The word Sikh (see-kh) means "disciple" or "student." A Sikh is a practitioner of the faith founded in the 15th century by Guru Nanak in Punjab of old British India. A Guru who is a "teacher" or "enlightener" completes the relationship of teaching and learning. Sikhism is monotheistic and stresses the equality of all men and women. Sikhs believe in three basic principles; meditating on the name of God (praying), earning a living by honest means and sharing the fruits of one's labor with others. Currently there are close to one million Sikhs living in the USA and Canada and 25 million Sikhs living around the world. Sikhism is the 5th largest religion in the world. At the Gurdwara (House of God) in San Jose we welcome all. We pray daily for peace and prosperity for everybody in the world. Come to visit and enjoy Langer (food) in our kitchen which is open 365 days of the year and serves complementary vegetarian meals. We also encourage you to enter our history room on site and walk

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We invite you to join our community of faith located in the Evergreen area of San Jose. We are an inclusive diverse community striving to serve as Disciples of Jesus Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis, offering prayerful and joyful liturgies; evangelization, fellowship, and service opportunities to the community. We offer spiritual opportunities for all ages, including children's liturgy, dynamic E.C.H.O - Jr. High, IGNITE - High School and North Star -Young Adult Ministries, along with small faith communities and opportunities to help the poor and marginalized of San Jose. Our Preschool is the only Catholic Preschool offering quality family oriented service in the Evergreen and Silver Creek areas. Our Chapel, Gathering Hall, Parish Office, Mission Center, Parish Gift Shop, Memorial Garden and Preschool are all located at 5111 San Felipe Rd. Please come join us to worship at one of the following times and locations:  
St. Francis of Assisi Chapel: Saturday 5:00PM, Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 4:00 PM (Mass in Vietnamese), 6:00 PM Youth Mass  
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Sunday 9:00 AM, Sunday 11:00AM, Igbo Mass - Second Sunday of the month 12:30 PM  
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Sunday 9:30 AM  
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- organized and run by members of the Association;
- book clubs, cooking, computer and photography classes;
  - trips to local and not so local places of interest such as the Steinbeck Museum in Salinas, Whale Watching in Monterey, casino trips and more.

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#### Connected

We enjoy meeting new people, making new connections and getting involved. All volunteer opportunities are based on your time and energy commitment. Fees for classes, trips and social events are kept low because of senior volunteer participation and membership strength.

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**For more information, go to [www.almadenseniors.org](http://www.almadenseniors.org)  
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