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*"Blue Zones have the longest living people who enjoy a higher quality of life with lower healthcare costs and I want the same for our community."
- Councilmember Dev Davis*

Councilmember Dev Davis aims for healthier community by becoming a Blue Zone

By Times Media staff

Councilmember Dev Davis, (representing District 6, Willow Glen) invited the San Jose community to City Hall's Council Chambers last month for a special evening presentation and reception to learn about Blue Zones. Councilmember Davis.

The goal was to seek input on how CEOs and local government officials can implement long lasting changes to San Jose's environment to improve community health.

"The quality of life and well-being of residents is of utmost importance to me and their insightful con-

tributions at this reception will be crucial to how we as a city explore this vision", Davis said. "Blue Zones have the longest living people who enjoy a higher quality of life with lower healthcare costs and I want the same for our community."

Son of Blue Zones founder, Dan Buettner Jr., Mayor Sam Liccardo, and councilmembers attended the event and discussed how to improve bike lanes, sidewalks, parks, school cafeterias, and grocery stores.

For more information about Blue Zones, visit their website: BlueZones.com

Pedestrian killed in cross walk on Willow Street when driver runs red light

San Jose Police Officers responded to the area of Almaden Avenue and Willow Street to investigate a traffic collision involving a vehicle and a pedestrian on Aug. 14.

A 2005 Ford F-150 was traveling northbound on Almaden Avenue at a high rate of speed. The vehicle traveled into the Willow Street intersection against a red signal light and struck an adult male that was believed to be walking across the street in a marked crosswalk.

The adult male driver fled the scene in his vehicle immediately after the collision. The pedestrian was pronounced deceased at the



scene.

The suspect driver was located and arrested in the 1100 Block of Starbird Circle later in the evening on Aug. 14. The suspect was booked at Santa Clara County Main Jail for felony DUI, felony hit and run, and gross vehicular manslaughter.

This is the 38th fatal collision and the 39th victim of 2021. This is the 15th pedestrian death this year.

Anyone with information on this investigation is urged to contact Detective O'Brien #3527 of the San José Police Department's Traffic Investigations Unit at 408-277-4654.

Persons wishing to remain anonymous may either call the Crime Stoppers Tip Line at (408) 947-STOP (7867) or click the "Submit a Tip" on the link below.

Persons providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspect may be eligible for a cash reward from the Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers.

Valley Water reaches milestone in work to improve fish habitat in Santa Clara County

By Barbara Keegan
Director, Valley Water

As Santa Clara County deals with extreme drought, Valley Water is taking every necessary step to ensure our communities have safe, clean water. Our agency also provides natural flood protection and protects our county's watersheds and aquatic ecosystems.

We must be mindful of balancing these objectives.

Valley Water recently reached a milestone in our essential work of improving fish habitat along our creeks while also considering Santa Clara County's water supply. On June 30, our agency published the draft environmental impact report (EIR) on the Fish and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort. This document will serve as a roadmap to balancing our water supply operations while considering impacts to



the environment.

Now, we are asking for the public's input on this report as we continue our work.

The plan details how Valley Water proposes to release water from our reservoirs while providing habitat for steelhead and Chi-

nook salmon to swim and spawn through the Stevens Creek and Guadalupe watersheds. The document also details how plants, wildlife, fisheries and water supply will be affected under different scenarios for operations and what we can do to enhance all the various benefits.

Our effort has endured some challenges and accomplishments, but the release of the draft EIR is a great achievement. On behalf of the Board of Directors' Stream Planning and Operations Committee, I'd like to thank the outside agencies and stakeholders who helped us reach this milestone.

On July 21, Valley Water held a virtual public meeting and shared information about the draft EIR. The public can watch the recording by visiting https://fb.watch/v/1fp3_EKIB/.

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Water

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The draft EIR is available for review online at, www.valleywater.org/node/1828/ in person at your local library and at Valley Water, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, Ca. Public comments are being accepted through Friday Oct. 15, 2021 at 5 p.m. Please send your written comments to:

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Please include a name, address, contact number, and email address for future correspondence related to this California Environmental Quality Act process.

The plan will also help Valley Water maintain groundwater recharge to make sure we continue to have a safe and reliable water supply. This is especially important given the extreme drought conditions affecting Santa Clara County and most of California.

To better deal with the drought, my fellow board members and I declared a water shortage emergency condition in early June 2021. On July 8, 2021, Gov. Gavin Newsom included Santa Clara County in the state's drought emergency proclamation, underscoring the serious threats facing the



region's water supply.

I urge everyone to do what they can to conserve water. Every drop saved today is one that is available tomorrow. Valley Water offers a variety of water conservation tips, rebates and programs. To learn more, visit watersavings.org.

Submitted on behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District. For further information, contact your elected district representative, Barbara Keegan at BKeegan@valleywater.org.

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AVWC hosting 2021 Wine Pull fundraiser: Sept. 19

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

By William Bellou
Publisher

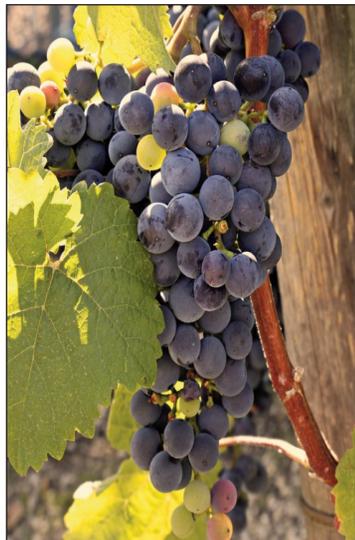
The Almaden Valley Women's Club is hosting the 2021 Wine Pull Sunday, Sept. 19 during the Champs Farmer's Market, located in the Princeton Shopping Center at the corner of Blossom Hill and Meridian.

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 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.

The Almaden Valley Women's Club is a non-profit all-volunteer organization that has existed for more than 50 years. The club is committed to serving the needs of both the Almaden Valley community and those of greater San Jose through funds raised at community fundraising events.



Editor's note: 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 under-represented minority students. (See tinyurl.com/cwu5jtyw)

Learning Landmark is a non-profit 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 students at various Bay Area insti-



Sanjana Ryali,
founder of Learning Landmark

tutes 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 under-represented 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.



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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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.

Offers unconditional emotional support

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 accu-

rately measure effectiveness and refine practices 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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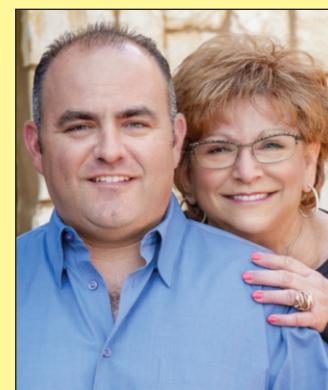


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Times **In Memory**

Elaine Kleven Fisk

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Taught typing and computer skills at Willow Glen High School

Elaine Kleven Fisk died peacefully on August 7, 2021, with her husband and children by her side. Even as her illness brought her to her final days, she reflected that she had lived a good life, and she felt lucky in almost every possible way.

She spent her childhood in Noonan, North Dakota, and moved to Salem, Oregon, for high school. As she worked her way through college at Oregon State, she won many of its highest honors: she was tapped to become a member of mortarboard and declared the outstanding business student of her class. Later, she said that she excelled mostly to prove she could do whatever she wanted to do.

She met Dale Fisk at a college party and married him, entering into a partnership that would last for the rest of her life. They moved to California, where she earned her master's degree at San Jose

State and began her career as a teacher. At San Jose High School, she taught secretarial skills, and she loved her students. She remained a dedicated teacher over the next thirty years, teaching typing and computer skills to the students of Hillbrook School, Los Gatos High School, Saratoga High School, and Willow Glen High School.

She was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis in 1969. For more than five decades after that, she thrived by the strength of her will to live as well as the excellence of the care she received.



She is survived by her husband of sixty-one years (Dale Fisk); her children (Gary and Gloria Fisk); and their partners (Michelle Fisk and Jed Boyar). Her family is fulfilling her wish to be remembered always with love and without ceremony.

As Elaine worked her way through college at Oregon State, she won many of its highest honors: she was tapped to become a member of mortarboard and declared the outstanding business student of her class.



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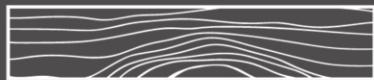
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The ballet will premiere at the Montgomery Theater in San Jose, and will also tour to the Cabrillo Crocker Theatre in Santa Cruz.

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.

One of Shakespeare's most popular and widely performed 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

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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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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.

Every drop saved today is one we can use in the future

Valley Water offers robust conservation 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.

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

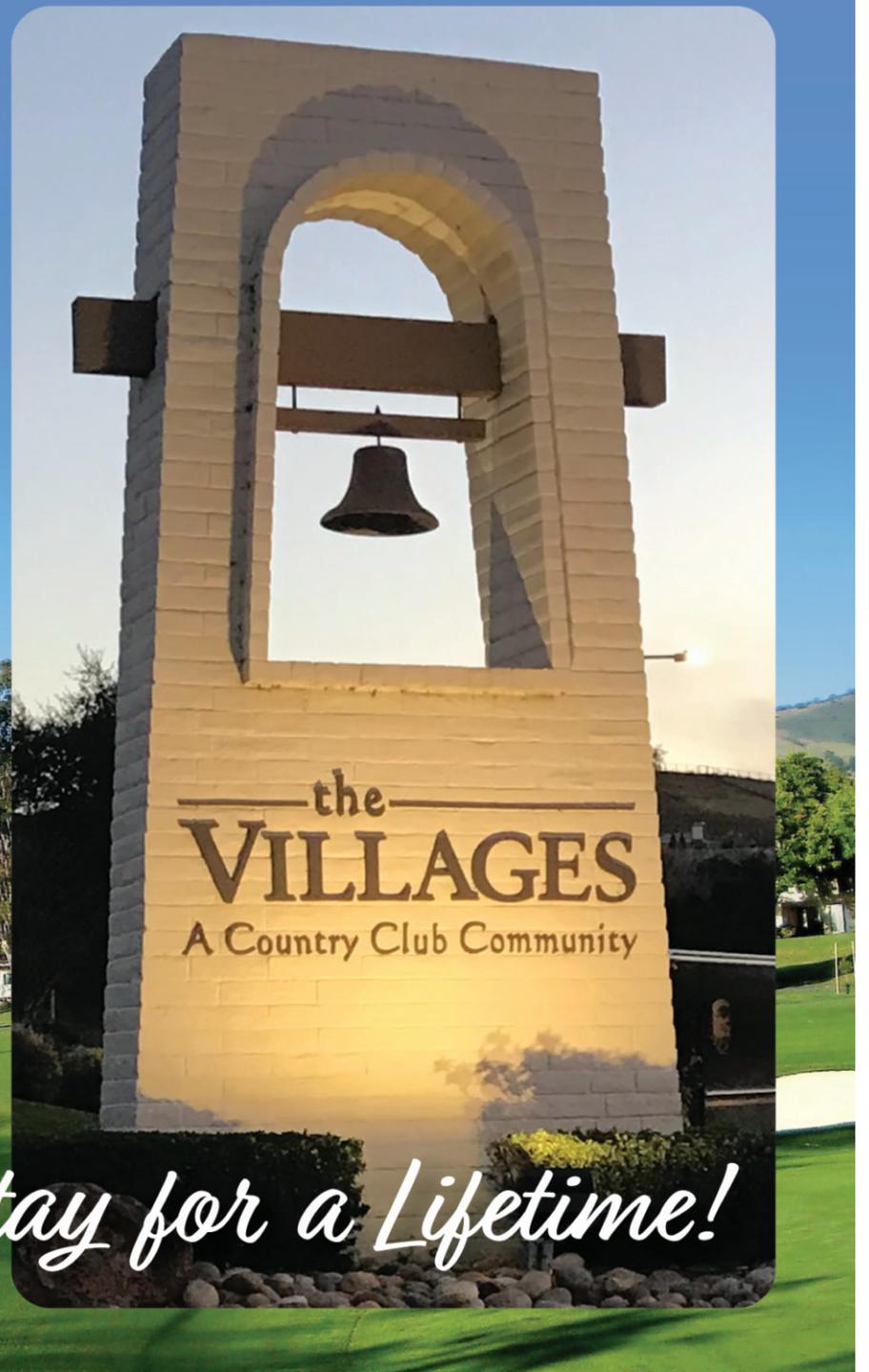
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The Gifts For Teens 2021 Committee

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.

Each bag and tote will be filled with sweatshirts and other warm apparel, school supplies, snacks and fast food gift cards, personal hygiene items and so much more.

The organization continues to collect \$25 gift cards from Target and Walmart which allow teens identified through the program who often wear second-hand clothes and

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

High school student volunteers will begin filling duffel bags and totes on three busy days in October.

If you would like to help, please mail gift cards to Beverly Bassett, 386 Castlemaine Ct., San Jose, CA 95136. Cash donations which we can use to purchase additional gift cards are also welcome.

Please make checks payable to ISPF-AAUW Gifts for Teens and mail them to AAUW, c/o Jan Giroux, 1165 Minnesota Ave., San Jose, CA 95125. Please help brighten the holidays for these underserved teens.

"Gifts for Teens is grateful to everyone for their continued support!" said GFT Committee member Elaine Benoit. "No gift is too small."

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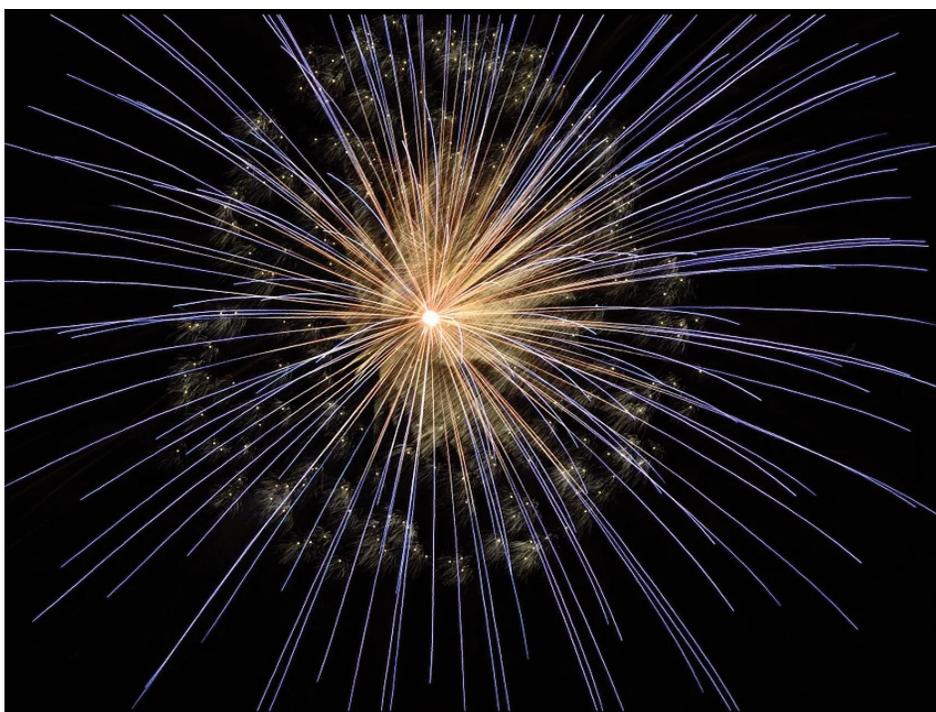
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Report: Enforcement is curbing illegal fireworks in San Jose

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 ordi-

nance—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**

San Jose mandates proof of vaccination for large events at city buildings

By Lloyd Alaban

Article courtesy of San José Spotlight

San 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.

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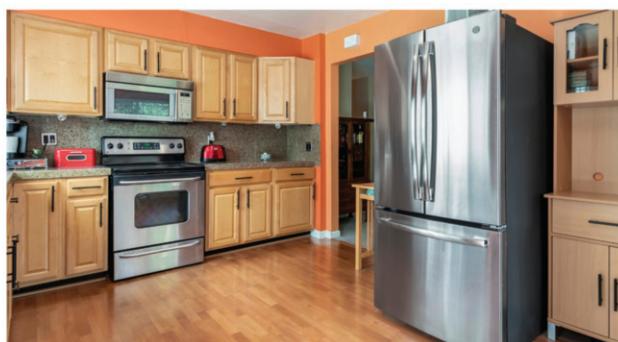


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