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## National Night Out 2022 celebration slated for Aug. 2

On Tuesday, August 2, neighborhoods participating in National Night Out events throughout San José are asked to join in a city-wide effort to strengthen their community by planning an event with their neighbors.

Residents are encouraged to light up their street by turning on outside lights and spending the evening with your community and local police department.

National Night Out is an annual crime prevention event and community-building campaign that is sponsored nationally by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the San José Police Department.

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## New proposed 16 building project in Evergreen Village Square

*Submitted project is to be constructed across from public library*

By Kevin Larsen  
Special to the Times

For years, Evergreen residents have complained about the plastic tarps and undeveloped plot of land just across from the public library at Evergreen Village Square.

There is now a proposed planned development permit to allow for the "construction of three buildings on two lots, for a total of 16 residential units including seven live-work units."

Slightly less than one acre (.82), the project, by Reyad Katwan Hawkstone Development, is in the planning stages of development.

Laura Meiners, Acting Planner IV – Supervising Planner of the San Jose City Planning Department was very helpful in explaining the following:

"We are still pending the second

submittal for our review. Once the project has been reviewed and all reviews are complete, including the CEQA review, the project will be scheduled for hearing. Since it has been six months since the last review letter, there is no estimated timeline for the hearing at this point."

The files for the project can be easily accessed via the City Planning website by following these instructions:

1. Navigate to [www.sjpermits.org](http://www.sjpermits.org)
2. Click on "Search Permits, Property, and Zoning"
3. Scroll down to "Permit Search" and enter the project file number PD21-020
4. When the search results come up, click "Details"
5. At the very bottom of the Details page, you can download the attachments.

*Editor's Note: Look for more updates on this project in your upcoming Evergreen Times newspaper.*



This duck pond will be the overlook of the possible development of the 16 homes at Evergreen Village Square.



The proposed development is across from the library in the Evergreen Village Square.

## Montgomery Hill Park has its own celebrity coyote

By David Burckhard  
Special to the Times

By now, most anyone who visits Montgomery Hill Park regularly is aware of our latest celebrity coyote.

At the risk of invoking human-centric naming rights, we've been referring to the canine as "Monty." We've been observing him or her for weeks throughout the park, in the neighborhood, and around the college.

There have been some "warnings" about Monty as some have suggested that animal control should take it away and other fearful messages.

Anecdotally, we see the coyote nearly every day. Monty has never

been aggressive, keeps a respectful distance from us and others; but seems curious and cautious around people.

Let's remember that it is not encroaching on our territory but that we are in its environment. Mutual respect is in order. It appears the ground squirrels are its main focus. There are plenty for it to hunt so please don't leave food for it. Doing so only invites trouble.

Those who want to meet Monty virtually are welcome to view the video I shot recently. Here is the link: <https://youtu.be/l0eYARbp1q4>

*Editor's note: Montgomery Park is located above in the hills of Evergreen Valley College.*



Montgomery Park's celebrity coyote "Monty." Photo by David Burckhard

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National Night Out at Mayfair Community Center a few years ago.

## Night Out

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More than 38 million people across the country are expected to participate in National Night Out efforts to strengthen partnerships between neighbors and local law enforcement agencies.

National Night Out is designed to:

- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships
- Heighten crime prevention awareness
- Generate support for, and participation in, local crime prevention efforts

Neighborhoods will be hosting

a variety of events ranging from small potlucks and BBQ's to block parties. Some additional event ideas include, but are not limited to, ice cream socials, games, contests, food or clothing donations, plan a clean-up day to beautify a common area, discuss neighborhood issues or set neighborhood goals, discuss or plan a Neighborhood Watch Program. It is an opportunity to be creative, have fun and celebrate your neighborhood!

For any further questions about National Night Out contact the Crime Prevention Unit at (408) 277-4133 and speak with any of the National Night Out Planning Team staff members.

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**Q2: How many times can I attempt the online driver's test?**

A2: The test can be attempted

online twice. If you fail to pass the test after two tries, you will be prompted to go to a DMV office to take the test a third time.

**Q3: What happens after I take my online knowledge test or eLearning course?**

A3: Customers with a testing requirement for their license must still go to an office after completing one of the online options to provide the required identity and residency documents, take a photo, provide a thumbprint, complete a vision screening, and be issued a licensing document.

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Student offers perspective on gas prices, inflation

Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for providing quality coverage of our local news.

I'm a high school student attending Evergreen Valley High School and wanted to express my opinion on the recent article, "High gas prices have San Jose commuters seeing red" by Lorraine Gabbert.

The problems of high inflation and gas prices have been plaguing our entire country, and San Jose is no exception. While I'm

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sure that with time, gas prices will eventually return to normal (in maybe 8-16 months), our city needs to address this issue nonetheless because oil shocks are nothing new to our economy and will continue to happen in the future. I believe that San Jose should start taking steps now to improve infrastructure for pedestrians, bikers, etc., and should focus on trying to decrease urban sprawl.

San Jose has been a prime example of poor city planning, with spaced-out housing miles away from where people work. This means that it's almost impossible to travel distances without a car. For people traveling to work or school, owning an expensive vehicle is not an option; not to mention all of our roads are prioritized for cars and not other forms of transport. I think that our city should start with two main changes to combat the reliance on cars:

1. Change the zoning of our city to prevent further urban sprawl. This also includes building more compact housing closer to the city. This decreases the amount of time people spend on the road since their commute is shorter, and thus decreases traffic.
2. Prioritize bike, bus, and pedestrian infrastructure. This means repainting bike lanes to make them safer, installing more sidewalks, implementing more bus stops, making more rentable electric bikes/scooters, etc. It's not currently very safe to ride your bike to work, so clearer bike lanes would solve this problem.
3. These two changes are a great start to solving our problem.

**Dhruva Cheethirala**  
Evergreen Valley High School

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San Jose sees rising property values despite economic woes

By Tran Nguyen  
San José Spotlight

The value of taxable properties in San Jose skyrocketed last year thanks to demand for luxury homes and new construction. However, experts and county officials say the growth won't last.

At the heart of wealthy Silicon Valley, the assessed value of all property grew by \$15 billion over the last 12 months—a jump from \$215.9 billion to \$231 billion. In Santa Clara County, the value has reached a record-breaking \$619.9 billion, according to county data. That's a \$43 billion increase over the prior year, demonstrating the COVID-19 pandemic's economic impact has limited reach.

Changes of home ownership and new commercial construction continue to be the greatest drivers of growth in the region, Santa Clara County Assessor

Larry Stone told San José Spotlight. New construction in the county contributed \$5.9 billion to the total increase last year. Changes in home ownership contributed \$24.5 billion—nearly half of the total increase—in the region. In San Jose, residential assessments accounted for \$9.9 billion of the total increase, while commercial properties contributed \$5.1 billion.

The county's assessment roll, which contains nearly 500,000 properties ranging from boats and airplanes to commercial buildings, is revalued every year.

"In Silicon Valley, the luxury home market has been on fire particularly," Stone said. "On the commercial side, it was primarily new construction and major (tech) companies building and leasing spaces."

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi inducts Gia Hy Hoang

Gia Hy Hoang of Evergreen Valley (inset) was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Hoang attends San Jose State University.

Phi Kappa Phi membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the



number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States, its territories and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

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**Adelphi University names Pappas to Spring 2022 Dean's List**

Outstanding student **Emmanuelle Pappas** has been named to the spring 2022 semester Dean's List at Adelphi University. Pappas is a graduate of Silver Creek High School.

The Dean's List includes full-time students registered for 12 or more credits who have completed at least 9 graded credits and achieved a GPA of 3.5 or above for the semester. This recognition becomes part of the student's academic record and is entered into the individual's transcript.

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**Pranav Pusarla of Evergreen named to Georgia Tech Dean's List**

**Pranav Pusarla** of Evergreen Valley made the Dean's List for the

Spring 2022 semester at the Georgia Institute of Technology. This designation is awarded to undergraduate students who have earned a 3.0 or higher academic average for the semester.

The Georgia Institute of Technology, or Georgia Tech, is a top 10 public research university developing leaders who advance technology and improve the human condition.

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**Evergreen School District Board Member Leila Welch Resigns**

Evergreen School District (ESD) Board of Trustees Member **Leila Welch** has announced that she will resign from the Board, effective immediately.

Welch has served on the ESD Board since December 2016.

"It is with a full heart that I bid goodbye to the Evergreen School District community. After six years of service as a Board of Trustee, I decided to step down from my role as a board member effective immediately. In the past six years, I had the pleasure of working with my Board colleagues to balance and pass budgets, hire and evaluate superintendents and celebrate the successes of all Evergreen schools and diverse student populations. I want to thank my Board colleagues, ESD staff, students, and families for their love and support over the years. Farewell to my Evergreen family I will miss you."

The Registrar of Voters has been notified of Ms. Welch's resignation. Section 5091 states, that the default 60-day rule shall not apply to a vacancy on a governing

board if the vacancy occurs, or a resignation specifying a deferred effective date is filed with the county superintendent of schools, during the period between six months and 130 days prior to a regularly scheduled governing board election and the position is not scheduled to be filled at such election. In such a case, the position shall be filled at a special election for that position to be consolidated with the regular election. A person elected to fill a position under this subdivision shall take office at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the governing board following the certification of the election and shall serve only until the end of the term of the position which he or she was elected to fill. As the upcoming election for three Board of Trustees seats is scheduled for November 8, 2022, the period covered by this provision is May 8, 2022, to July 1, 2022. Accordingly, the vacancy must be filed by a special election as part of the November election. The candidate elected at that time will serve for two years (ending

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December 2024). Thereafter, the seat will be up for election (for the full four-year term) in November 2024.

Board President Chris Corpus stated, "For the many years I have known and worked with Leila Welch, the one thing I understood that defines her excellence in education is her laser focus on success for all students. As a teacher, administrator, Trustee, and community volunteer, she served self-

lessly and with dedication, ensuring that all voices were heard, appreciated, and represented. Although we will miss her leadership on the dais, she certainly will remain a leader in the community. Please join me in thanking Trustee Welch for her excellent service, and for me, for her friendship."

"I want to thank Ms. Leila Welch for her dedicated service as a Trustee in the Evergreen School District and for her many years of service in education as a teacher, district administrator, community leader, and most importantly an advocate for all students," said Dr. Antoine Hawkins, Superintendent. "Undoubtedly, Ms. Welch played an important role in ensuring the success of the Evergreen School District. In the most challenging times her leadership, her contributions, her commitment to the board, and her commitment to ensuring the success of all students did not falter. I truly appreciate her wisdom and belief in my vision for ESD. I wish her the best in her retirement as she intends to spend more time with family."

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The entire family will enjoy the *Italian Family Festa* (pictured: the 2019 event).

# Italian Family Festa returns celebrating its 40th year at History Park San Jose Aug. 20-21

Free admission for the entire family

The 2022 *Italian Family Festa* is back and better than ever August 20-21 celebrating its 40th anniversary at History Park San Jose. Admission is free.

The Italian American Heritage Foundation announced the return of *Italian Family Festa* after two years as it gears up to share their Italian culture hospitality with the Bay Area community. The festivities begin on Saturday, August 20 from 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, August 21, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

### Community support

“We are thrilled to be back after two years and grateful for the community support, volunteers, plus grants from the City of San Jose and County of Santa Clara that make this festival possible,” said Nancy Morreale, Festa Director. “With everything going on make sure to make time for our daily grape stomp and a marionette show each day, and don’t forget our Festa Wine Tasting Garden, presented by The Sobrato Philanthropies, which will feature local Italian wineries and is always a popular activity.”

### Family emphasized

This year will be a Festa to remember. “The Foundation announced it is emphasizing the family at *Italian Family Festa* with the addition of a new children’s area, Ragazzi Zona, sponsored by Harker School. The new additions are set in a

“Saturday Night Street Dance” with Livewire

large grass area where families can relax and children can hear Italian story tellers, enjoy crafts, and learn some Italian along with all the fun,” Morreale said.

### Musical performances

“This year, the Roma Stage will feature musical acts with performances from Mike Annuzzi, Blue House, Bella Ciao, John DeMers, a tribute to Sinatra and our “Saturday Night Street Dance” with Livewire, a Bay Area favorite tribute band,” said Morreale. “A special Sunday only Festa favorite, the performance by the Anthony “Nino” Lane Band, will bring all generations of music lovers together.”

### Culinary secrets shared

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“Of course, we haven’t forgotten all the favorite things that make our Festa unique,” said Morreale. “Our Cultural Village, presented by JP Napoli Companies, will feature presentations on local Italian history, the lace makers are back demonstrating the lost art of Italian lace, and the Italian Renaissance Swordsmanship

Bella Ciao

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# Crossing San Jose streets may become less dangerous

By **Jana Kadah**  
*San José Spotlight*

One of San Jose’s most dangerous roads will receive multi-million-dollar funding from the state to reduce accidents and fatalities. The city is receiving \$10 million in state funding to install more street lights, build out bike lanes and other protective measures around Senter Road. The 4.7-mile stretch from Monterey Road to Story Road ranks sixth in terms of traffic accidents, with more than 570 accidents since 2016. During this period dozens have been seriously injured and killed. State Assemblymember Ash Kalra, who represents part of the city’s East Side, advocated for the \$10 million for fiscal year 2022-23. The funding will add concrete medians and partitions for bike lanes, enhanced crosswalks with flashing beacons and better street lights. It also includes a new traffic light at Senter Road and Balfour Drive to simplify the complex intersection,

and new signage and additional radar speed signs on other streets. District 7 Councilmember Maya Esparza said for years, residents have been asking for more street lights, better signals and additional protections for bike lanes and that’s what this money provides. “We’ve had some just really heartbreaking accidents on Senter,” Esparza told San José Spotlight. “You have the elderly crossing the street with children. You can see moms out there with strollers, so that’s why the urgency to do something immediately was there.” During the last decade, San Jose traffic deaths more than doubled from 29 in 2010 to 60 in 2021. Last year was a record high with 60 deaths and 2022 is on track to beat this number with 36 deaths to date. Senter Road is the first major safety corridor redesign project in San Jose that has been prioritized through the city’s 2020 Vision Zero Action Plan, Kalra said. San Jose adopted the Vision Zero initiative in 2015



The Tully Road and Senter Road intersection is one of the most dangerous locations in San Jose. Photo by Tran Nguyen.

to analyze traffic data and develop safety programs after 60 traffic fatalities occurred that year. In 2018, the city identified 17 of its most dangerous corridors — seven of the streets run through District 7. “The proposed improvements will make this corridor safer and more amenable for all street users,” Kalra wrote in his budget letter request. “Especially for the city’s disadvantaged communities that live and work in this area of San Jose.” Data analyzed by San José Spotlight found those roads account for more than 70% of all traffic-related deaths last year. District 7 had the most fatalities with 16. The deaths occurred along Monterey and Story roads, McLaughlin Avenue, Capitol Expressway and Tully and Senter roads. The city has funded temporary, quick-build infrastructure solutions to make streets safer. On Senter Road, the city spent under \$1 million to paint the intersections and put green balls and plastic barriers in place to force drivers to slow down. These efforts saw traffic death and serious injuries along Senter Road drop from 15 in 2020 to five in 2021, according to city data.

Esparza said while that was a notable improvement, she is ecstatic to see a much larger investment on the East Side. “This \$10 million is to serve people that are already there in the heart of San Jose,” Esparza said. “It’s not to serve a new project. It’s not to build new development. It’s to do right by the people who live in the heart of our city. And that’s what’s different about this project. It’s the equity part of it.” The redesign of Senter Road has a \$30 million price tag, but the \$10 million allows the city to move forward and qualify San Jose to apply for additional grants. Typically, money for transportation projects is doled out only when there is new redevelopment, which is why this investment is noteworthy, Esparza said. “Nothing’s real in transportation until you have money,” Esparza said. “Now that we do, we are literally applying for more grants this month.” By August, the city will release the timeline for the Senter Road corridor safety improvement project. It’s unclear how long the build out will take.



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## Festa

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Academy, a local group, will be reenacting medieval sword fights and sharing their experience and knowledge.” **Navy brass band honored** This year the foundation is honored to host the United States Navy brass band, along with a few friendly Naval robots that love to share and show off for the crowd. So, grab a glass of wine, fill up on Italian food and enjoy a day in Italy right here in Santa Clara Valley at the 2022 *Italian Family Festa!*

**About Italian Family Festa** The *Italian Family Festa* is presented by the Italian American Heritage Foundation (IAHF). The Festa brings to the Santa Clara Valley all things Italian. Through food, music, crafts, bocce, grape stomp, cultural offerings and wine tasting garden they share their Italian cul-

ture and heritage. They welcome everyone to share a bit of Italy. All proceeds support the preservation of Italian culture and the Italian American Heritage Foundation Scholarship Program. **About Italian American Heritage Foundation** The Italian American Heritage Foundation (IAHF), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Italian heritage and culture in the Santa Clara Valley. IAHF Cultural Center, 425 N. Fourth St, San Jose, CA, [iahfsj.org](http://iahfsj.org), [iahfsj@iahfsj.org](mailto:iahfsj@iahfsj.org), 408-293-7122 *Editor's note: History Park San Jose is located at 1650 Senter Road, San Jose, CA. For more information, visit [www.ItalianFamilyFestaSJ.org](http://www.ItalianFamilyFestaSJ.org). For a schedule of activities, visit [www.italianfamilyfestasj.org/schedule](http://www.italianfamilyfestasj.org/schedule). Follow the Festa on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/ItalianFestaSJ>; and Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/italianfamilyfesta>*





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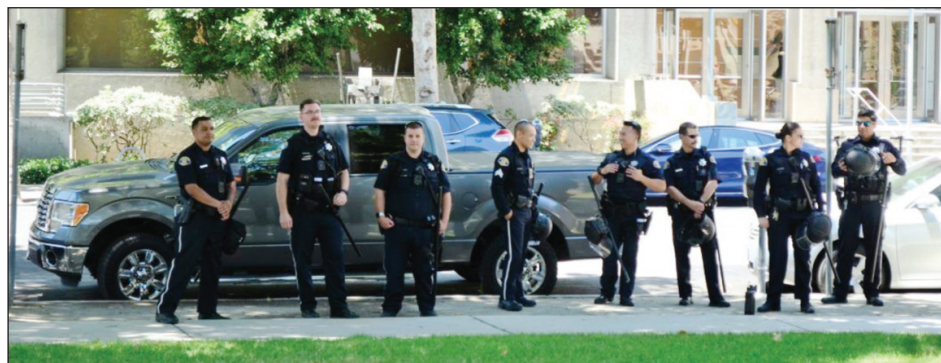
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### Times **Community**



## You might see more beat cops in San Jose neighborhoods

By Tran Nguyen  
*San José Spotlight*

**S**an Jose is ready to bring back police foot patrols to address rising safety concerns and build trust with residents, a service that has not gotten consistent funding for decades.

The City Council unanimously approved a proposal from Mayor Sam Liccardo last month to fund 16 police to patrol San Jose streets. The program, which costs nearly \$3.7 million, is part of the mayor's efforts to rebuild the police department.

The program will add four permanent foot patrol officers to each police division in the city—with the focus on the downtown core, dense residential neighborhoods and business corridors. SJPD has four divisions, including central/downtown, Foothill, Southern and Western.

"Thanks to this year's budget, for the first time in decades, San Jose will have dedicated walking beats in every police district, and added foot patrols to high crime areas and downtown focused on street outreach, renewing our commitment to community policing in San Jose," Liccardo said.

The San Jose Police Department is the most thinly-staffed law enforcement department of any major U.S. metropolis, city officials said. The chronic staffing shortages in the department have intensified over the past decade from budget cuts. Increases in population and calls for service have also resulted in rising demand for police.

Police officials and residents hope the program will help law enforcement build relationships with the communities they serve, further advancing community-based policing.

"Foot patrols are significant because, by design, they are made to interact on a face-to-face basis with community members, local businesses and visitors to the area," SJPD spokesperson Steve Aponte told San José Spotlight.

San Jose expects the new officers to start patrolling in a year, as hiring and training will take at least 12 months, Aponte said. The city will rely on current officers to pilot the program this year. The City Council budgeted \$900,000 in overtime funding to accommodate this first year need.

The funding also includes \$632,000 to purchase eight patrol vehicles, \$186,192 in equipment for the new officers and \$67,536 for other supplies, budget documents show.

### A game-changer for downtown

Councilmember Dev Davis, who has long called for more police officers, said the cap-

tains of each division will decide where officers will patrol on foot. The city also has plans to use data to prioritize high crime areas.

"When we have done walks with SJPD in the past, in our business corridors, they are always very well received," Davis told San José Spotlight. "It's really a way to get the community and the police department working together and to understand each other."

Downtown leaders and residents are excited about the foot patrol program, calling it long overdue. The issue came to a boiling point in April after an unhoused person assaulted a San Jose Downtown Association worker while cleaning graffiti.

Downtown San Jose's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic has also been grim and economically lagging, a new city report shows. Months-long shelter-in-place orders led longtime businesses to close. With tech workers still working remotely, restaurants and bars continuing to suffer, and people are not comfortable walking downtown, a neighborhood association leader said.

"This is going to be a significant change for the downtown core," Elizabeth Chien-Hale, president of the San Jose Downtown Residents Association, told San José Spotlight. "I don't think downtown is going to be revived until we can promise people that it is clean and safe."

Businesses don't want to move into downtown because of safety issues, Chien-Hale added. She hopes the city will dedicate more officers in the downtown core.

Scott Knies, CEO of the San Jose Downtown Association, said the business group has been hiring SJPD officers to walk the downtown core prior to the program. He's disappointed the city will have to wait a year for foot patrols to be fully implemented.

"We're really optimistic that the level of interaction with the community will increase with the foot patrol concept," Knies told San José Spotlight, adding he hopes to see more collaboration between the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office and San Jose State campus police as well. "I just wish we could (start) the services up quicker."

### Challenges ahead

Tom Saggau, spokesperson for the San Jose Police Officers' Association, is skeptical of the program, citing the city's issue with hiring and retaining police officers.

"We feel a little bit frustrated because it always sounds good on paper, but where are these bodies gonna come from?" Saggau told San José Spotlight, adding he worries the city will cut back on other services to prioritize foot patrols.

District 3 Councilmember Raul Peralez, representing downtown, said the city has improved its retention issue and is working to hire new officers for the program.

"We're not losing them at the same rate that we were five years ago, but hiring has gotten more challenging indeed," Peralez told San José Spotlight. "It's a reality that we may not be fully prepared to permanently staff these new 16 positions next year."



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Times **Feature**

## Potter the Otter: A Healthy Adventure exhibition re-opens at Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose

*Museums for All initiative offers  
inclusion for low-income families*

**By William Bellou**  
Publisher

Thousands of visitors attended the re-opening of the popular STEAM-based exhibition *Potter the Otter: A Healthy Adventure* at Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose.

Featuring the beloved otter's adventures and his discovery that eating fruits and veggies, drinking plenty of water, and staying active helps children become their best selves, the exhibit emphasizes positive messages for parents about the benefits of healthy decisions and affirming fun activities for children.

The exhibition originally opened in February of 2020 with funding from FIRST 5 Santa Clara County, but had to immediately close due to COVID. The exhibition will now run 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through January 15, 2023.

"We're so pleased to bring this exhibition back to the community. The goals of the exhibit remain critically important – curbing childhood obesity and supporting the development of very young children with activities that promote learning through creativity and developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills" said Marilee Jennings, executive director of Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose. "I'm so proud of the work we do with FIRST 5 Santa Clara County to change the lives of very young children by helping families and children make positive choices."

"We are so thrilled to be a part of this celebration as we slowly return to familiar life patterns as we emerge from COVID-19. The re-opening of this exhibit where children can learn, enjoy, and play is a joyous moment," says Jennifer Kelleher Cloyd, chief executive officer of FIRST 5 Santa Clara County. "With recent news of the COVID-19 vaccine being available for our youngest children, we are excited to share our newest *Potter the Otter* book at this event about helping young children handle their emotions during the pandemic."

With friends – Moose, Goose, Toada, and the Kangaroos – Potter is off to catch a Rain-

bow Racer fish and join a water polo team. Tag along with Potter and pedal a boat, build and stack small logs to forge Rainbow River, explore Lapis Lake and Bubbling Brook, and create a colorful plate in The Market for a healthy adventure!

Near the end of Potter's exploits, children can help Potter catch the Rainbow Racer and take his well-deserved place on the water polo team - celebrating the healthy choices of eating fruits and veggies, drinking plenty of water, and being active.

Cost of museum admission: adults: \$15; children: \$15; seniors: \$14; infants and members are free.

Editor's Note: Reduced Admission Tickets are available so that all are welcome and included in the Discovery Museum experience with the Museums for All initiative. Their website states: Children's Discovery Museum is proud to be part of the Museums for All national initiative.

Ensuring that every child and family has access to high quality museum experiences, Museums for All makes it affordable for all families to discover our fun educational exhibits, programs, and events anytime during regular Museum hours.

Offering an easy way for low-income families to access the Museum at a reduced rate, Museums for All shines a light on our community's commitment to inclusiveness and accessibility for all children regardless of neighborhood, background, or ability to pay.

Museums for All is a cooperative initiative of the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Association of Children's Museums.

All Museums for All tickets must be purchased in-person at the Museum.

\$2 per person for up to four people during regular Museum hours when you show photo ID plus one of the following:

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Cards cannot be used for payment. Discovery Museum accepts cash, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover.

Advance reservations are not required. A percentage of tickets are allocated for this program for each session.



Times **Community**

## San Jose Chamber celebrating its 40 year anniversary at its Annual BBQ August 25

By Tony Mirenda

It's that time of year again!

The San Jose Chamber Annual BBQ is quickly approaching and this year we are celebrating our 40 year anniversary!

We're firing up the BBQ Grill (a grill for 500+ that is) and looking forward to a great

night of networking, drinks, and fun. Come join us as we continue to once again celebrate camaraderie and good fellowship in our wonderful San Jose Summer weather!

Sponsorships and group ticket packages are available for purchase and can be split between companies. VERY affordable individual tickets are available as well by activating this link in your favorite browser: <https://lnkd.in/gqzBZ5eq>

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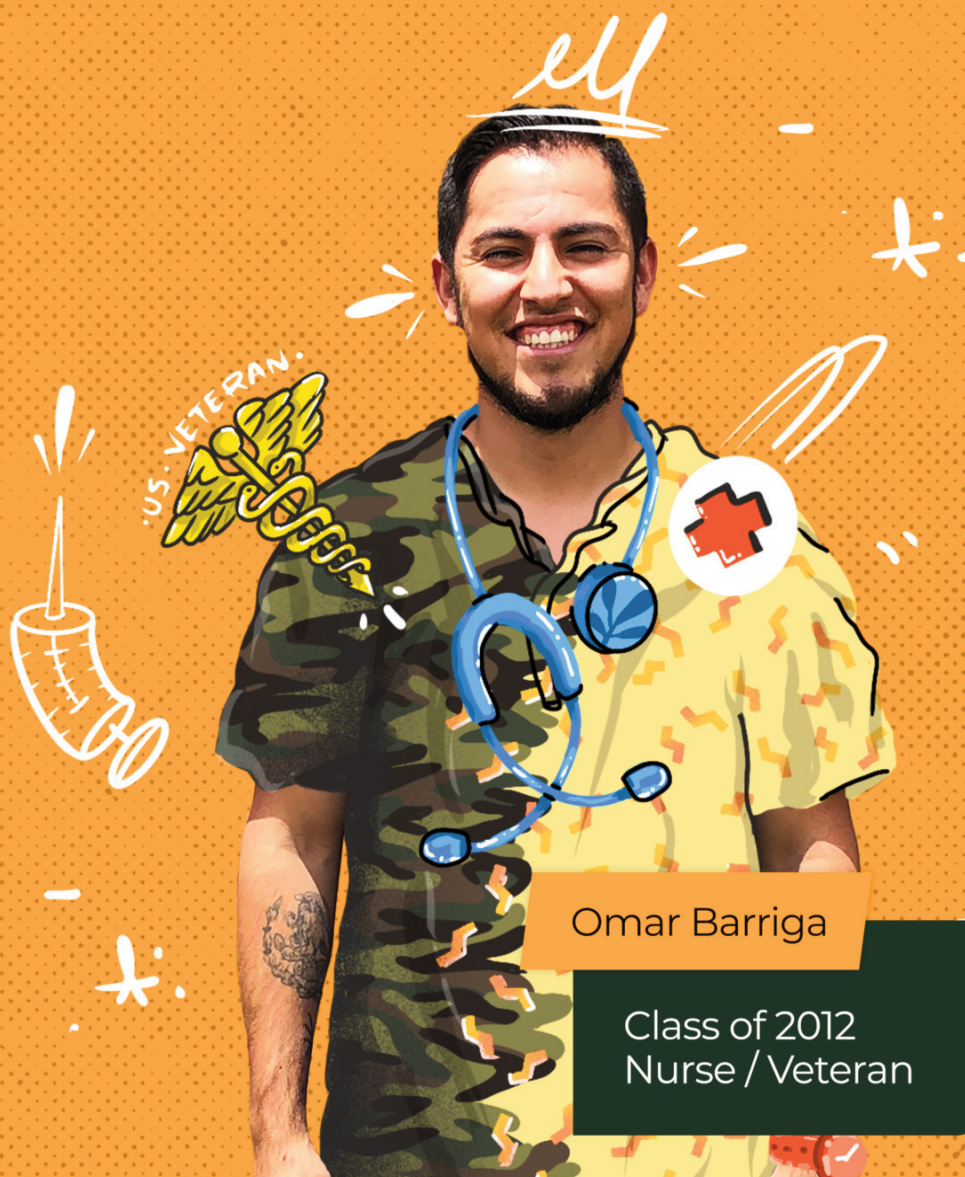


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**Times Feature**

The entrance to the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds on Tully Road in San Jose. Photo by Lorraine Gabbert.

# San Jose State track proposal for fairgrounds

By Lorraine Gabbert

*San José Spotlight*

A proposed track and field at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds may return a university to former glory.

Assemblymember Ash Kalra requested \$25 million from the state Legislature for a San Jose State University Speed City Legacy Center and Track and Field Training Facility. The Legislature approved \$4 million in the 2022-23 fiscal year budget. The 9-acre project will be a partnership with Santa Clara County and San Jose State University at the fairgrounds.

The facility gets its name from the university's track team, known as Speed City, after several of its athletes competed in the 1968 Olympics. Two of the medal winners, Tommie Smith and John Carlos, raised their fists during the awards ceremony in protest of racism and human rights violations. This iconic moment initiated the Olympic Project for Human Rights and is captured in a statue on the SJSU campus.

Kalra would like to see a center for social justice programming and services for the underserved as part of the track and field project.

"By funding the Speed City Legacy Center... we can use the framework of restorative justice to create a dynamic home to keep the legacy and values of Speed City and the Olympic Project for Human Rights alive," he said in a statement.

This isn't the only sports-related work planned at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. The county wants to create a variety of recreational opportunities at the site, and has lease agreements with the San Jose Earthquakes for a soccer academy and Major League Cricket for a 15,000-person stadium on 14 acres of the fairgrounds.

Santa Clara County entered into a no-cost exclusive negotiating agreement with SJSU in April to study the feasibility of leasing the parcel for the Speed City project. The contract runs until April 2023. During this time, SJSU will determine the potential costs and revenue for the project, provide design and planning details, develop a community engagement plan and development agreement and propose a lease for board review.

The facility, located in an unincorporated part of the fairgrounds just south of

Franklin Elementary School, would also be open for public use.

Kenneth Mashinchi, spokesperson for SJSU, said the efforts by Kalra and Supervisor Cindy Chavez to secure funding for the Speed City project are appreciated.

"The funding from the state budget is held by Santa Clara County," he told San José Spotlight. "We look forward to our continued partnership with the county regarding the funding and how it could be used."

The site has been underutilized for years. It's home to the annual county fair, off-track horse betting and a paintball arena. It also has a shelter that serves 50 to 80

**About 72% of residents surveyed said they value the fairgrounds as a public meeting and event space, with 80% wanting active recreation on the site, according to Chavez, whose district houses the fairgrounds. She was not available for comment.**

homeless people per night, and part of the area also serves as the county's largest COVID-19 testing site. A group of advocates is pushing for a portion of the fairgrounds to be used for safe RV parking and prefabricated housing for homeless people.

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"It will be an honor to host the legacy of San Jose State's iconic track program and the Olympic Project for Human Rights," Chavez previously told San José Spotlight.

San Jose Councilmember Maya Esparza also supported Kalra's request for the development of the Speed City Legacy Center. As chair of the city's Monterey Corridor Working Group, she said the project prioritizes historically marginalized and

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Times **Feature**

## Antique autos in History Park Sept. 17

The largest annual antique auto show in the West: 'A living History Day

Why not mark your calendar for a truly fun-filled opportunity for you, your family and friends to take a walk back in history!

The 22nd annual Antique Autos in History Park presented by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club and History San José will take place on Saturday, September 17, 2022 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This event fills History Park (Kelley Park, 693 Phelan Ave, San José, CA) with 200 period-correct pre-1946 vehicles, fire equipment, bicycles, and motorcycles of all makes.

### Entering your antique vehicle

There is no registration re-quired to enter a vehicle. Just bring your antique vehicle to the gate at History Park.

All vehicles permitted on the grounds of History Park, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. were manufactured between the late 1800s and 1945 and are period-correct.

No vehicle will be allowed on the grounds of History Park during the show that is newer than 1945.

The featured vehicles this year are Horseless Carriages, (Up to 1915).

Also located on the grounds will be the Ear-

ly Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association. There will be antique crafts demonstrated and antique collectibles displayed.

A Dixieland Jazz Band will provide music, songs will be sung by The Fabulous Jewel-Tones, and dancing by the San Francisco Bay Area Vintage Dancers. Food will be available from food trucks and ice cream from O'Brien's Cafe. Activities are provided for kids.

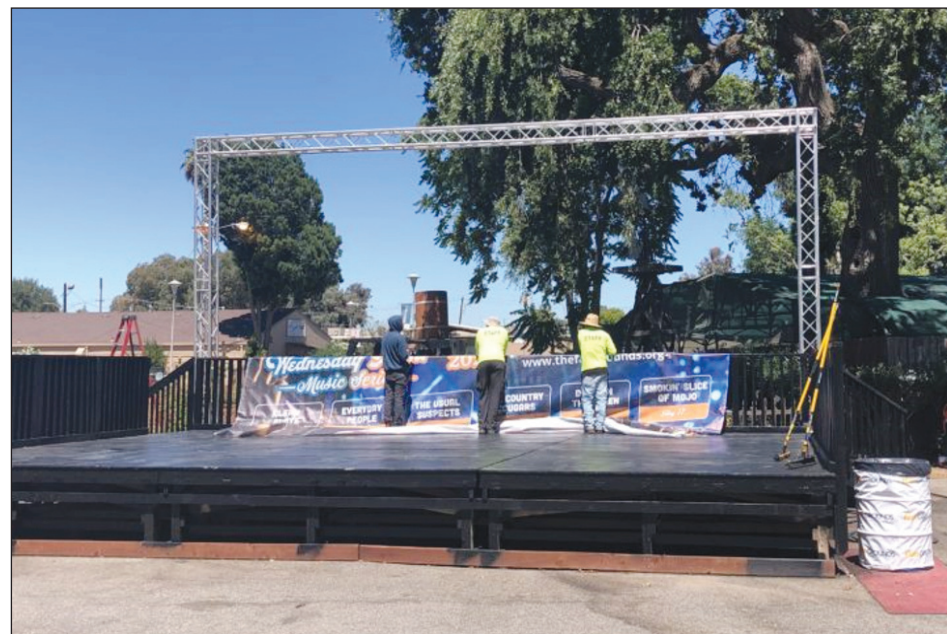
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Plan your day around the following:

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- 12:00 The Fabulous JewelTones
- 12:30 Music by Toot Sweet Jazz Band
- 12:30 Video: Horseless Carriage Brass Tour
- 2:00 Model T Put Together
- 2:30 Barbershop Quartet
- 3:00 Magician
- 3:30 Drawing for Door Prizes

### Admission

Adults: \$ 10; History San Jose members and Children (6 to 12) \$5. Participants & Children under 6: Free (Adjacent City Parking: \$10).



Workers set up a stage for a music series at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. Photo by Lorraine Gabbert.

## Track

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Contactless Payments

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**Contactless Payments**

Have you simply tapped your credit card to a terminal to buy a coffee, doughnut, or slice of pizza? Merchants like Visa, Mastercard have rolled out the technology to make contactless cards a reality. The successful rollout of EMV chip cards has proven that consumers are willing to adapt to new

ways to use credit cards.

**How do they work?**

They come embedded with chips and a near-field communication – or NFC – antenna. When consumers are ready to check out, they tap their contactless cards to a point-of-sale terminal. The card communicates with the chip terminal through radio waves. Contactless cards come with enhanced security, too. The cards generate a unique cryptogram with every transaction, making it more difficult for thieves to steal data.

Today’s EMV cards, in which consumers must dip their cards into a reader, can take up to 30 seconds to close a transaction. Contactless cards can complete the same transaction in 13 to 15 seconds, thus making them a viable option.

Contactless payments are not just in the form of contactless credit cards! They can be in the form of key fobs, smart cards or mobile wallets using de-

vices like smartphones that use RFID (radio-frequency identification) or NFC (near-field communication). So how do mobile wallets work?

The NFC technology enables mobile wallet apps to link the secure credit card information which is stored in your mobile device to the connected payment terminal. Therefore, all you must do is open the app that contains your credit card information and move it in front of the terminal.

In addition, this app can be used for managing your finances by tracking your spending and signing up for digitized receipts and purchase notifications. Finally, it can help you store data on your phone, improve mobile shopping experience and make better spending decisions. Examples include Apple Pay, Samsung Pay, and Google Pay etc.

Apparently, there are numerous technology discoveries around contactless payments that can not only improve security, but also make the entire

payment process more convenient and faster. Some of these methods are simple and straightforward, while others are ambiguous and more difficult to grasp.

As the technology gains acceptance, nontraditional banking institutions and third-party payment providers such as PayPal have begun to experiment with ways to improve frictionless checkout. For example, some payment providers are exploring ways that GPS technology can be added to help mobile customers locate financial services, such as ATMs, or opt into loyalty promotions conducted through targeted geofenced campaigns.

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Last month, the San Jose City Council unanimously approved saving the remaining Measure T funds towards environmental and water quality improvements projects and to come back to council in February 2023 with an allocation plan that brings forward the results of the ongoing study to improve the water quality at Lake Cunningham.



## Neighborhood Beautification

Have you noticed your streets being cleaner?

This, past month, there were three clean up events in District 8.

The success of the clean ups was made possible by the hard work of the neighborhood associations and volunteers who came out to help beautify the community – including Meadowfair Neighborhood Group, Norwood Neighborhood Association, and Evergreen Estates Neighborhood Association. In fact – it was both Norwood Neighborhood Association and Evergreen Estates Neighborhood Association first ever dumpster days! A total of 10 dumpster bins were completely filled all thanks to their leadership!



## Pavement projects in District 8

It's Summer, which means it's repave-ment season! The City of San José's Department of Transportation has released their three-year paving plan – where Councilmember Sylvia Arenas has advocated for your street to be repaved. Please visit the Pavement Story Map to check out all the streets that have been repaved and are in the pipeline to get repaved!

## National Night Out

National Night Out is returning this summer and is a favorite amongst our neighborhood associations!

You are invited to participate with your neighbors throughout San José in celebration of National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2nd, 2022!

Join over 38 million neighbors across more than 16 thousand communities around the nation for National Night Out, an annual community building campaign that



promotes police/community partnerships and neighborhood spirit to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

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## Report: 2022's Best Cities for Hipsters

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We looked at 30 anti-cool factors — from access to thrift stores, farmers markets, and vinyl to unicycle- and morning rave-friendliness.

Check out the 10 best cities for the modern Bohemian (and the 10 cities that hipsters would find very midtown) below. You'll also find some of our rants and raves about the ranking results.

Our full ranking and analysis are available here: <https://www.lawnstarter.com/blog/studies/most-hipster-cities>

### 2022's Best Cities for Hipsters

Rank	City
1	New York, NY
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3	Portland, OR
4	San Francisco, CA
5	Chicago, IL
6	Seattle, WA
7	San Diego, CA
8	Denver, CO
9	Austin, TX
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### 2022's Worst Cities for Hipsters

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4	Mesquite, TX
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## Report: 2022's Best & Worst Places to Rent in America

With last year's rental prices having grown at nearly double the rate of any previous year, the personal-finance website WalletHub today released its report on 2022's Best & Worst Places to

Rent in America, as well as accompanying videos and expert commentary.

To help prospective renters get the most bang for their buck, WalletHub compared more than 180 U.S. cities based on 22 key indicators of rental attractiveness and quality of life. The data set ranges from historical rental-price changes to the cost of living to job availability.

To view the full report and your city's rank, please visit: <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-cities-for-renters/23010>

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9. El Paso, TX
10. Casper, WY

### Worst Cities for Renters

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**WATER WISE**

# The solace of citrus

By Matthew Frazier

In the fifteen years I worked in retail and wholesale garden centers and nurseries, I enjoyed the spoils of my efforts to care for and promote plants which were both aesthetically pleasing and environmentally conscientious. The very first nursery I worked in had eight consultants/salespersons of which I was one, where I was assigned to care for the owner's and manager's citrus, ornamental trees, and vines.

**The collector's corner**

I enjoyed the experience of caring for each and all of the plants, even the ones in The Collectors' Corner. There was something alluring about the citrus which set them apart from all other live goods on the property.

As the sun would set, the plethora of colors would glow in the waning light and accentuate the nuances of each and every item in the spaces. The citrus were both shrubs and trees. Their spectrum of oranges and yellows from the fruits and the greens from the foliage were something to witness.

**Fragrance**

The citrus have different flowering and fruiting periods, depending on the variety. One thing they had in common ... The aroma of the blossoms eclipsed all other features. The fragrance drew native pollinators including our very own native bees. Standing immediately outside of the gravel beds where they resided, I took in the smell while reminiscing about the day's events.

There are many varieties of citrus, as one will come to learn with some reading and studying. There are dwarf, semi-dwarf, and standard versions of most varieties. The dwarf limes were among our favorites. The sharp contrast of tart flavor against the sweet smell of the blossoms was one very noted feature.

In the two years and one month I worked at this nursery, I introduced hundreds of customers to the gallery of citrus which were my personal pride for which to care. Staging the black plastic pots symmetrically on a grid which was equidistant from all angles and sides caught the attention of passersby.

**Citrus can ward off nuisance insects**

One little-known advantage of citrus rinds

is that they contain an enzyme which will ward off nuisance insects when grated with a culinary or a wood rasp. I have concocted home-made repellents using citrus rinds, dating back to when I worked at this nursery and beyond.

One challenge with caring for frost-tender varieties is that they must be covered with burlap as the sun goes down, to protect it from the cold air which settles by night. When the sun rises and the dew begins to vaporize, the image is at once cinematic and mesmerizing.



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Regardless of whether you visit a garden center/nursery, a hardware store, or a home improvement center to purchase your plants ... You will be well-advised to visit the citrus section. The scene and the scent invoke solace among other positive emotions.

Citrus like well-draining soils. I have seen them in a wide variety of soil mediums including nitrified redwood dust and sand. The composition and texture of the soil

medium has much to do with the drainage efficiency of the citrus. I have found that the best is an aggregate of small-particle sand and nitrified redwood dust.

**Citrus love sunshine**

If your landscape or yard has full sun most of the day ... Citrus is a strong candidate. They can even handle brutal mid-day summer sun if irrigated correctly and efficiently. Irrigating at night is best in late spring and summer, I have found. The irrigation contractor I have mentioned in past articles says 9pm, 12am, and 3am, two nights per week in summer.

With the raging mega drought in Santa Clara Valley and throughout California, there is no better time to introduce this gem to your property. For areas of the landscape or yard which are battered by brutal mid-day sunlight ... Few better options exist.

**Seek out citrus**

To conclude: I strongly encourage you each and all to visit your local retail garden center or nursery and seek out the citrus. I am confident you will find one or more varieties which speak to your desires. Thank you for your time in reading this article.

I am available to answer questions via email for any and all who wish to inquire. Best wishes in your gardening and landscaping endeavors. Be well.

*Matthew Frazier is a Certified Water Manager, Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper, and Qualified Stormwater Manager. You may contact him at: (408) 656-5622 – Mobile/Text; or by email: kitchenfrazier@hotmail.com*



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Times **Feature**

## California's water saving target missing in action

Water usage numbers released last week show that Californians continue to miss conservation targets by a large margin.

The state is currently in a severe drought (97%) and (59%) in an extreme drought, the third and fourth most severe of five drought categories.

Last July, Governor Newsom declared a drought emergency and asked California residents to voluntarily cut urban water use by 15% compared with 2020 levels. The emergency request has fallen on deaf ears.

Northern Californians reduced consumption by 8.5% in May, Southern California regions fell far short at just 2.2% and dragged the statewide reduction in use to 3.1% compared with May 2020.

Will Governor Newsom's threatened crackdown in upcoming, mandatory conservation targets for each city take place? Some say it is similar to what former Gov. Jerry Brown imposed



during California's last drought.

Newsom spokeswoman Erin Mellon called the May numbers a positive trend but said more needs to be done. "Individuals and California businesses need to step up," Mellon said.

### Two day limit

In May, Newsom told the agencies to step up outreach and education efforts to communicate the urgency of the crisis to the public. A few weeks later, the state water board required most cities and water districts to limit outdoor watering to two days a week and ban the irrigation of "nonfunctional turf," or grass at office parks and industrial sites, but not at schools, parks or golf courses.

## San Jose Airport gets funding for disability upgrades

By Jack Delaney

San José Spotlight

Traversing San Jose's airport will get easier for people with disabilities thanks to future accessibility upgrades.

The Federal Aviation Administration is allocating \$10 million toward improving accessibility at Mineta San Jose International Airport, Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren said in a statement last week. The funding is part of a bipartisan infrastructure package providing \$25 billion in total to airports over five years, of which \$1.5 billion will likely go to California airports.

"Americans with disabilities should be able to travel and access airport amenities fully and equally," Lofgren said. "I supported the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to upgrade our infrastructure in California and nationwide. These funds will help improve Mineta San Jose International Airport and ensure it is accessible to everyone in our community."

A 2018 study conducted by Jensen Hughes, an outside firm hired by the San Jose airport, found 1,760 accessibility issues. Though the airport is involved in a larger accessibility overhaul that includes exterior improvements, the federal funds will support work inside the two terminals. Potential changes include lowering flight information display screens to be more visible to people with limited vision, adding

low railings for travelers who navigate spaces with a cane and adjusting ramp slopes. Work is scheduled to begin later this year.

Representatives with the San Jose Peace & Justice Center, Disability Rights California, Parents Helping Parents and the Silicon Valley Independent Living Center did not respond to requests for comment.

Airport spokesperson Scott Wintner told San José Spotlight the proposed changes are mostly small adjustments to bring facilities up to code, but will have a major impact.

"If the slope of a surface is a degree or two off, people who have full mobility might not notice. But for someone in a wheelchair, it might make a big difference," he said.

Director of Aviation John Aitken thanked Lofgren in a statement for her advocacy and support of the airport.

"This grant will support improvements that are core to our mission of making travel through Mineta San Jose International Airport easy and efficient for all travelers," Aitken said.

This is the most recent effort to address accessibility at the airport. In December 2020, SJC began its Sunflower Lanyard initiative, which allows travelers to subtly indicate to airport workers that they have a disability. In March of this year, it briefly piloted the use of autonomous wheelchairs, though officials have not yet decided whether to pursue this as a long-term option.

"As an airport, one of our unique features is that we're easy to get in and out of," Wintner said. "We want that to be true not just for people who enjoy being able to park close to the terminal, or have a short walk to the gate, but also for all people—regardless of accessibility challenges they may face."



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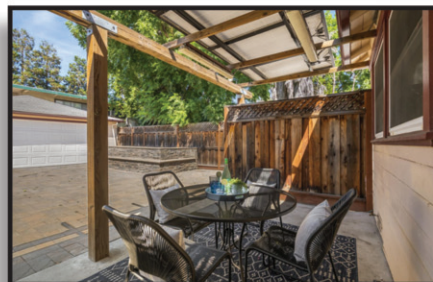
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**1940s Bungalow**  
**981 Myrtle Street | Offered at \$1,198,000**

***Gorgeous 1940s bungalow with 3 bedrooms and 1.5 bathrooms • 1,000 square feet of living space • Situated on a 5,067 square foot lot • Part of a wonderful neighborhood in San Jose not far from Willow Glen***

This classic bungalow takes you back to a simpler time in the Bay Area, yet it's been updated with plenty of modern flair! Inside, its open floor plan and bright, airy atmosphere provide the perfect environment for hosting. Every space inside seamlessly flows into the other and gleaming hardwood flooring follows you the entire time. The kitchen is perfect for the budding chef and both bathrooms have been recently updated. The covered patio in the back will let you enjoy California dining, no matter the time of year. Part of a peaceful community in San Jose, the home is a short drive to both downtown San Jose, the Rose Garden, and iconic Willow Glen. Its central location makes commuting a breeze, while also giving you the ability to take advantage of the area's spectacular dining, parks, and entertainment options.



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## 790 Finchwood Way



**\$2,599,000 | 5 Bed | 3 Bath | 3032 Sq Ft | 8025 Sq Ft Lot**

This stunning home in Almaden Valley's quiet Woodside neighborhood is just steps away from the Alamitos Creek where you can stroll or bike to Lake Almaden. One of the five bedrooms is on ground floor, and is adjacent to a full bath. Expansive great room with view of Mt Umunhum. Primary suite includes a large walk-in closet, oversized jetted tub, & large granite shower. One upstairs bedroom is extremely large and would make an ideal bonus room. Fully owned 3.9kw solar panels. A seating area with built in benches and sunken hot tub allow enjoyment of the backyard. Top schools: Graystone Elementary, Bret Harte Middle and Leland High.



## 20601 Via Santa Teresa

**\$4,990,000**

**5 Bed | 4 Bath | 3 Half-Baths | 7158 Sq Ft | 2.62 Acre Lot**

Enter the private driveway up to this stunning Almaden Valley executive-style home and you are immediately awestruck by panoramic views in Santa Clara County. This architectural masterpiece incorporates the sweeping views into almost every room in the home. Gourmet kitchen, office/library, media room, game room, bonus room that could be an "in-law" suite. Tesla charging station. Solar. 4-car garage with workshop. Numerous balconies as well as the side yard with outdoor kitchen, two sitting areas, fire pit, pergola, hot tub, lawn, and pavers. Top schools: Graystone, Bret Harte, Leland.



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