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## **Free County Park Entrance Day Saturday, July 29**

By Times Media staff writers anta Clara County Parks and Recreation is pleased to **J**announce a special Free Entrance Day on Saturday, July 29.

The free park day is offered as a token of gratitude to the community for entrusting the Parks and Rec department with the stewardship and recreation of over 52,000 acres of beautiful parkland and 28 adventurous and unique parks.

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Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation is committed to preserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the region, providing residents and visitors with accessible and well-maintained parks that promote physical and mental well-being, environmental education, and community engagement.

# **Safety first: Batra discusses budget priorities**

**By Lorraine Gabbert** Senior Staff Writer

he city budget, safety and housing the homeless dominated a District 10 town hall. During his virtual "Talk with Batra," June 17, Councilmember Arjun Batra said the new City Council budget focuses on public safety, blight and homelessness.

Batra said the mayor, police and fire departments are committed to making San Jose safer.

To increase community safety, the San Jose Police Department is adding 31 officers, including six community service officers, he said, and to attract needed recruits, the San Jose Fire Department is offering a hiring bonus of up to \$10,000 for paramedics to join its Academy.

With a 10-1 vote, City Councilmembers passed the \$5.2 billion budget on June 13. Vice Mayor

Councilperson Arjun Batra said the mayor, police and fire departments are committed to making San Jose safer during his virtual "Talk with Batra.'

Rosemary Kamei opposed the new budget, voicing concerns it may come to rely on reserve funds. Although Mahan succeeded in having the majority of his budget priorities accepted, the council voted

against his proposal to shift almost \$23 million of Measure E funding from affordable housing to quickbuild homeless shelters. The 2020 Measure E ballot imposed a property tax to fund affordable housing

developments and homeless shelters. Striking a compromise, the City Council voted to allocate 68% rather than the voter-approved 75% of Measure E funding for affordable housing.

Batra said the city is investing in affordable housing and expanding interim housing capacity "to address the humanitarian crisis." He said in addition to \$93 million from Measure E funds set aside for affordable housing, \$44 million will go to homeless prevention and shelter services.

"Prevention is as important because at one time, (for) each homeless person we were moving out to a shelter, we were getting three new ones," Batra said. "At that pace, the only thing we were gonna see were more homeless people on our streets. We hope to See TOWN HALL, page 20

## The first six months: San Jose **Councilmember Arjun Batra**

By Jana Kadah San José Spotlight

an Jose Councilmember Arjun Batra is new to politics and said he doesn't think like a politician — but that's what he feels is his best asset.

Batra's background doesn't include the typical long-running list of political positions instead, he is a retired Intel executive and software engineer who forayed into government a few years ago after working for former Mayor Sam Liccardo's office of technology and innovation.

Now that he's entered the political fray, Batra said his goal is to address slow government processes and to give back to the South San Jose and Almaden neighborhoods where he's lived in the same house since 1987.

"I'm not here to make any money. I'm not here as a stepping stone for another job like mayor," Batra told San José Spotlight. "My only goal is to make San Jose a little better than how we found it."



San Jose Councilmember Arjun Batra is pictured in this file photo.

The city council appointed Batra to the open District 10 seat after his predecessor, Matt Mahan, left to serve as mayor. Unlike his fellow freshman councilmembers, Batra has only been in office for five months and his term ends next year. He plans to run for re-election and is focused on tackling bigger goals, including increasing the city's housing stock, improving public transit and addressing See BATRA, page 21

### **Former District 10** Councilmember **Nancy Pyle dies**

Represented Almaden Valley for eight years

ormer San Jose Councilmember Nancy Pyle, who served eight years as a San Jose City Council-



member representing Almaden Valley, passed away on Friday, July 14 at her home.

Pyle, 85, died from dementia according to her husband, Roger. Pyle worked for more than 25 years as a teacher

in the San Jose Unified School District before running for San Jose City Council where she represented District 10 for two full terms from 2005 to 2012.

San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan said Pyle served San Jose with distinction throughout her time as a teacher and councilmember.

"Nancy was a beloved, compassionate and fierce advocate who made her community a better place," Mahan said. "Her legacy lives on in the sports fields she expanded, the library hours she extended and the open spaces she prioritized."

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# Public participation options expand for county boards and commissions

• Public participation for the 52 County Boards and Commissions that are subject to the Brown Act will soon have a remote participation option.

• Funding approved by the County Board of Supervisors will allow the public to participate in County meetings in the way that best suits the varied needs and schedules of County residents.

Since the return of in-person Board of Supervisors meetings at the start of 2023 the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors has been wrestling with the challenge of providing remote public participation for all County Boards and Commissions that are subject to the Brown Act (the State's open meeting law).

Public participation for other Board and Commission meetings has been mostly limited to in-person only. Potentially, as soon as this August, members of the public will be able to attend in-person or watch online via a web portal. They will also be able to make public comment in person, online or by phone.

Until recently, technology gaps and facility limitations have meant that only meetings of the Board of Supervisors and its policy Committees have allowed for remote public participation. The move to provide remote participation was welcomed by County Supervisor Joe Simitian, who was among those Board members pushing for the accommodation.

"Frankly, it's been frustrating,"

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The opinions and viewpoints expressed by guest authors and columnists in this publication do not necessarily reflect the opinions and viewpoints of the staff and management of the Almaden Times and Times Media, Inc. said Simitian. "In the midst of the pandemic we used new technologies because we had to. We didn't have a choice really. But now we know, we have the tools if only we'll use them - use them to engage more people more conveniently. The 'new normal' looks a bit different, and candidly, our County wasn't as quick to pivot as we should have been. There was some bureaucratic back and forth, but I think at this point it's all been sorted out and adequately funded. Public participation isn't something it's just nice to have, it's essential to democratic governance."

Over the summer, the County will acquire the necessary hardware and train existing staff to begin remote public participation. The County will also hire two staff members for the Office of the Clerk of the Board and a multi-media specialist for the Technology Services and Solutions department.

"The County's Boards and Commissions are made up of dedicated volunteers that do good and important work. State law mandates that Commissions and Boards meet in person, and that will continue," said Simitian, who pushed for the additional funding. "But many members of the public live far from the County Government Center in San Jose. Many folks have work or family commitments or commuting challenges, and some folks have difficulty with mobility. For them, the only practical way to participate in these meetings is remotely."

"All of our Boards and Commissions benefit from public participation," said George Tyson, Commissioner of the Los Altos Hills County Fire District and Los Altos Hills Councilmember. "Broader public input and feedback help us make better decisions, and with this measure we can access the talents of many more of our residents."

"In the digital age, and post COVID, the public has come to expect remote public participation and that's a good thing; it's entirely reasonable. We want folks engaged with their governments including the County's 52 Boards and Commissions, and, we ought to make it as easy as possible for folks to watch, listen, and comment," Simitian noted.

To apply to join a County board or commission, click here: https:// tinyurl.com/3dfu8brc



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Pickleball is a hybrid of tennis, badminton and ping pong. It was declared the fastest-growing sport earlier this year by the Sports & Fitness Industry Association (SFIA). (Angelica Stabile/Fox News Digital /Fox News)

## **Pickleball injuries could cost up to \$500 million dollars this year, Wall Street analysts predict**

Sport could rack up health care costs as high as \$250M to \$500M in 2023

aking Money' host Charles Payne recently discussed the increase in popularity of Pickleball and also the cost of injuries in the new sport.

It's all fun and games until a pickleball player winds up in the hospital with a broken hip — or until health insurance premiums start to skyrocket.

Pickleball, a hybrid of tennis, badminton and ping pong, was declared the fastest-growing sport earlier this year by the Sports & Fitness Industry Association (SFIA).

Due to the popularity of Pickleball, the Villages Golf and Country Club in Evergreen Valley set up two courts near the entrance in the senior community for active seniors.

Seniors can pose greater risk in other areas such as sports injuries, leading to a greater number of orthopedic procedures," the UBS analysts said, per a Bloomberg report. The uptick in injuries is likely attributed to the sport's quick rise in popularity rather than any inherent dangers. Participation doubled in 2022 and skyrocketed more than 158% over a three-year period, the SFIA stated on its website. "Because of the nature of moving your body to

lunge at a ball, potential injuries can include pulling a muscle, breaking or spraining an ankle or wrist, or falling and scraping your skin," said one doctor.

Another 2020 study published in The Journal of Emergency Medicine analyzed pickleball injuries that resulted in emergency room visits between 2001 and 2017.

More than 90% of the patients were 50 or older. Again, strains and sprains are the most common injuries.

The uptick in injuries is likely attributed to the sport's quick rise in popularity rather than any inherent dangers, Purdy said.

A doctor reviews a post-operative X-ray of a shoulder. Pickleball is "not more dangerous than other team sports, but as with any activity, it's important to listen to your body and know your limits," said one physician.

"With more people playing, more injuries are being reported," she explained.

"The sport itself is not more dangerous than other team sports, but as with any activity, it's important to listen to your body and know your limits."

It's important to prep your body before engaging in physical activity, Purdy said. R RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL BUSINESS PAPER SHREDDING DROP-OFF SHREDDING SERVICE IT SH ER SHREDDING HARD DRIVE O PER BOX SHREDDING Ő 10"x12"x15" 65 Gallon Container **Executive Console** E CONTENT CLEANOUT RED DOG SHRED 408-377-2925 - 835-28ED D06 RED DOG SHRED 488-377-2923 - 916-998-9828 www.hedDogShred.com DOCUMENT PURGES PICK UP DOCS **ON-SITE SHREDDING** www.REDDOGSHRED.com 408-377-2925

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## OpEd Almaden Lake free fireworks 4th of July event resulted in heavy traffic

The event poster says, "No drop offs," so people try to park in the neighborhoods.

It is truly a beautiful event; with the proceeds going to charity. And while the park is nice and clean, car traffic is uncomfortable as soon as the fireworks are lit.

I took the car with family and we could not find a space to park more than an hour before the event. We finally parked perhaps a half mile away and the parking spot was a miracle to find.

I felt kind of bad for the people. Thousands were sitting outside the park looking through a chain link fence.

Hundreds of cars were slowly roaming around in search of fruitless spaces to park. They never got out of their cars to see the fireworks. This had to be a sad situation for many families.

As I tried to walk into a small gate, it was closed, so that only a large gate entrance was operated say about a quarter mile away. I forgot, there would be a search for booze. As I walked along the table to enter, the security guards in my view were a bit surly. Also, on the ground were dozens of unopened liquor bottles (champagne, beer and peach

## Max Stromfeld of Almaden named to Dean's List at RIT

**Max Stromfeld** (p;ictured) of Almaden Valley was named to the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the spring semester of the 2022-2023 academic year. Stromfeld is in the graphic design program.

Full-time degree-seeking undergraduate students are eligible for Dean's List if their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.400.

Rochester Institute of Technology is home to leading creators, entrepreneurs, innovators and researchers. Founded in 1829, RIT enrolls about 19,700 students in more than 200 career-oriented and professional programs, making it among the largest private universities in the U.S. coolers). This encounter of security and liquor in the open, put a damper, for me, on the patriotism of the event. I would have preferred to see any confiscated drinks to be put in black plastic bags or hidden garbage cans.

When the fireworks started and there were many oooos and ahhhs and it seemed to me the event was healthy and good. It was joyful to hear the little ones playfully scream upon seeing the sparkles and booms in the sky.

I would have preferred to see more of the unique fireworks rather than the same old blasts. Am I being trite? Anyway.

After the event as our family exited, there were several fast driving dangerous cars. We navigated our way back to our car and found out that big giant mortars like that of military grade were placed in the dark in the middle of the public streets. When lit, they were extremely dangerous for those walking back to their cars and if tilted they could shoot a rocket into someone's chest. We intrepidly tiptoed back to our car.

Solution?

After the event, in the quiet of the car, I thought, why not have Almaden city leaders ask the retail businesses if they can allow FREE PARKING for all Almaden Lake 4th of July celebration? That way the street parking in neighborhoods would be free of the pressure of those trying to find a place to park.

As I drove home, I wondered who took the liquor home that was confiscated.

Kevin Larsen San Jose resident







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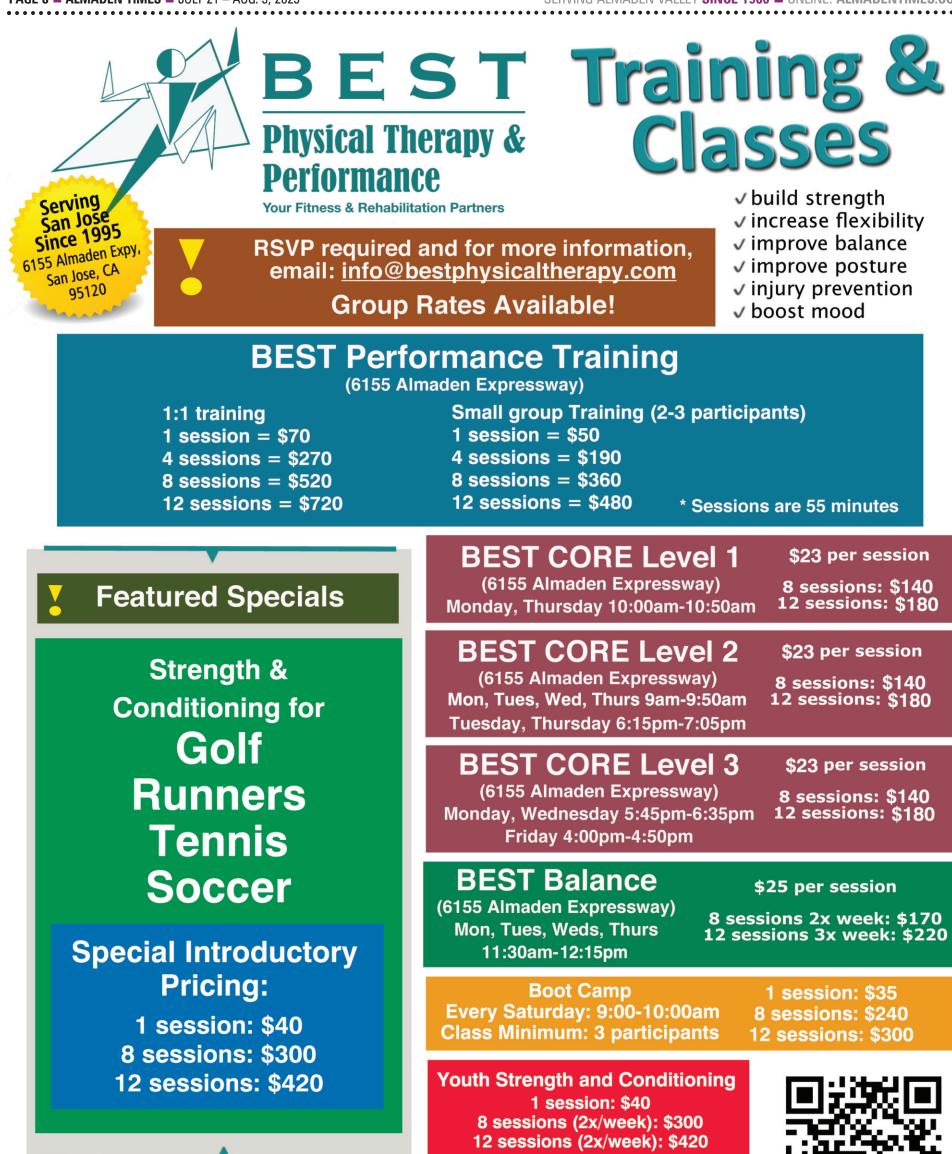
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## Spurred by 'Rust' movie tragedy legislature passes Senator Cortese's film safety bill

he Legislature passed legislation by Senator Dave Cortese last week establishing landmark safety rules on motion picture productions.

The state budget agreement, which incorporates Senator Cortese's SB 735, establishes the nation's first safety protocols in law for television and film workers.

The bipartisan legislation reflects two years of negotiations between studios and labor representatives following the 2021 death of a cinematographer on the 'Rust' film set. The bill is headed to the Governor for signature.

"Conversations about this legislation started the week after the tragic loss of a cinematographer. Those negotiations have produced the nation's first and best safety practices for California workers in the state's vital motion picture industry. The agreement will also boost diversity on film productions and create an industry pipeline for students of color, and it will uplift local economies by helping to keep motion picture productions in California," Cortese said, who chairs the Senate Committee on Labor, Public Employment, and Retirement. "This agreement establishes best practices statewide that were already in use among Hollywood's top studios. I commend Governor Newsom, the film studios and unions for their commitment to film safety."

The bill protects film and television workers by establishing clear, mandatory guidelines around the use of firearms and ammunition on productions, among other provisions. It establishes training requirements and safety standards for prop masters and armorers, and prohibits the use of live ammunition except in limited circumstances following safety rules and laws. The bill also creates a five-year safety pilot program requiring any employer who receives a motion picture tax credit to hire an independent safety advisor to conduct preproduction risk assessments, and oversee safety practices and procedures in motion picture, television, and streaming productions.

"We thank Senator Cortese for his leadership on this transformational legislation that will prioritize safety in our industry and save lives," said Rebecca Rhine, Western Executive Director of the Directors Guild of America. "Now DGA directors and their teams, along with all other cast and crew members, have a skilled and experienced ally and collaborator on production whose sole focus is keeping everyone safe. While this model starts with the film tax incentive in California, we look forward to the day it becomes the standard across the country."





## **Governor signs new legislation to grow quality jobs in infrastructure programs**

Bridging the gap between green energy and middle class employment

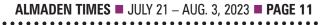
ov. Gavin Newsom signed legislation last week that will enhance California's job training pipeline, community benefits, and jobs standards in state and federal infrastructure programs.

The Governor was joined by the joint authors of Senate Bill (SB) 150: Senator Dave Cortese (D-San Jose), Senator Maria Elena Durazo (D-Los Angeles), Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas (D-Los Angeles), Senator Lena Gonzalez (D-Long Beach), and Assemblymember Luz Rivas (D-San Fernando Valley).

SB 150 is part of a greater infrastructure streamlining package initiated by Governor Newsom to address climate change and modernize California's transportation system. SB 150 will embed workforce and community benefit incentives into state and federal infrastructure programs including the federal Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act (IIJA), the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), and the Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors (CHIPS) and Science Act.

"As we prepare for a changing climate, we all also need to position California's workforce to meet the needs for sustainable industry in the 21st century," said State Senator Dave Cortese. "Over the past few years, my fellow lawmakers and I have doubled down on bridging the gap between green energy and middle class employment. SB 150 sets an exciting new bar! By harnessing both state and federal investments, and surpassing the job requirements established by the federal government, we are establishing the groundwork for the next generation of good-paying, eco-friendly jobs. This historic legislation puts California to work as we build resilience into our environment and economy."

"Most poor people work, often full time and more than one job. The problem isn't that Californians don't have jobs, or that our historic investments won't create jobs. It's that more people need access to good jobs," said State Senator María Elena Durazo. "In the midst of this industry-changing moment in the infrastructure, manufacturing, and sustainability sectors, SB 150 is about bringing the same intentionality that exists for reducing carbon emissions to our role in creating good jobs with taxpayer investments."







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## Phishing and other Cyber Crimes: How to avoid getting scammed

**By County Supervisor Joe Simitian** n 2001, when I was a new member of

the California State Assembly, a newspaper reporter alerted me to a strange development on the web page from my 1997-2000 term on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors.

Visitors looking for my old Supervisorial site instead found themselves on something called "Tina's Live Webcam."

Let me just say I was not amused. The District Attorney's office quickly determined that "Tina" was apparently located in New York, the company running the website was

somewhere in Canada, and the server was in China. Fortunately, the whole thing was shut down within a matter of days.

That early brush with online scamming sparked my interest in privacy protection and data security. During my time in the State Legislature, I authored more than a dozen related laws and chaired the State Senate's Select Committee on Privacy. After returning to the Board of Supervisors in 2013, I successfully pushed to create our County's first Office of Privacy Protection — because all these years later, the problems, of course, have grown even more complex.

Which is why, earlier this year, as a member of the County's Library Board, I was enthusiastic to help organize and moderate the Library District's two-part series on protecting ourselves and our families from online and telephone scams.

To give some sense of the scope of the challenge, according to the FBI, recently there were more than 847,000 complaints in a single year to the agency's Internet Crime Complaint Center.

Phishing — where criminals find crafty ways to get us to reveal passwords, credit card numbers, and personal information is one of the top three online crimes, along with nonpayment/non-delivery schemes and personal data breaches. The FBI also recently reported an uptick in romance scams, which often target people with fake crypto investments. In 2021, losses from suspected online crimes approached \$7 billion. Many cases go unreported, with victims embarrassed or ashamed to admit that they were deceived, or unsure of where to turn for help.

But remember this: Any of us can fall prey to these scams, regardless of age, gender, education, or economic background. Every demographic is vulnerable, but older folks — typically more trusting, often retired, more likely to have a nest egg, and who may have access to substantial home equity are known to be specifically targeted. For an older person on a fixed income, these scams can have a particularly devastating



financial and emotional impact. At the Cupertino Library's "Protect Yourself from Scammers" event, Riana Pfefferkorn, a researcher at the Stanford Internet Observatory, talked about a number of common schemes to bilk victims by phone, email, text, and online marketplaces.

Scammers, she said, come up with new tactics all the time – software to impersonate your bank, fake cryptocurrency platforms, stories that build trust or sound like a family emergency. All prey on people's vul-

nerabilities, compassion, or fears. Her commonsense tips for spotting a scam included:

• The domain of an email or web address that seems to be coming from your bank or credit union but doesn't match — check carefully.

• Messages that have misspellings, typos, poor grammar, or are in all caps.

• The "accidental misdial" caller who strikes up a conversation.

• The tone is off — a message from a family member or colleague saying they're in trouble that doesn't sound quite right.

• An urgent call to action, often with a threat for not complying.

• Being asked to pay in advance, in an unusual way – gift card code, cryptocurrency, a payment app (e.g., Zelle, Venmo), or a wire transfer.

Pfefferkorn offered additional advice on keeping personal information safe, being proactive about protecting your finances, and what to do if you do get scammed. (Step one, as I learned all those years ago: don't be reluctant to ask for help.)

Financially literate consumers are folks who have the skills to assess the credibility and detect the fraud at the earliest opportunity. I hope you'll check out Pfefferkorn's full video presentation, as well as the Library District's "Protect Yourself from Scammers" event featuring Santa Clara County Deputy District Attorney Erin West, both available on my website at: https://district5.sccgov.org/district5events.

With a little effort, you can keep yourself safe!

Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian represents the Fifth District which includes Cupertino, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Saratoga, Stanford, portions of San Jose and unincorporated communities in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Stay up to date on news and events happening in District Five by signing up for Supervisor Simitian's monthly newsletter at his website: Supervisor-Simitian.org.

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# Poppies and the populace

By Matthew Frazier Qualified Stormwater Manager Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper ith July here and hot days ablaze... There is much apprehension surrounding garden/yard work and landscaping.

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are emerging in barren gardens and yards throughout Santa Clara Valley.

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Hues of orange glow with ferocity and force in the waning light of the evening as the

drying weeds and wild grasses of The Meadowverse sway in the turbulent summer winds, ushering in the nights. Beneficial insects... Migratory and native birds... There are many who find their presence most pleasing.

Daytime temperatures at the full peak of the year... The Poppy declines to yield in form or structure. The heavy rains of winter and spring have seen our native clay soils rehydrated and recharged. There is much to admire about this environment. Our sun glows with the fervor and fury of the celestial majesty one expects in mid-summer.

Fully immersed in a study of Horticulture at the moment, The Poppy has captivated my admiration and my attention. Hastening to recall any cosmetic or structural damage to this emerging volunteer flower ... The

sight invokes solace and imbues the passerby and the viewer with a calamity unrivaled by much else.

Gardens and yards benefit greatly from The Poppy, as does The Populace. Evenings and nights with mason jars of lemonade and limeade garnished with mint are a condiment to the allure and spectacle of this wondrous flower. Few flowers command the respect of The Poppy.

Heralded as a prize globally for many reasons, The Poppy offers an element of mystique. Fields of poppies are aglow in the early morning hours and waning hours of the evening. Their very presence invokes conversation and reflection. Enjoy these evenings

with your poppies, as they emerge in your landscapes. Xerigation and Xeriscaping

are a much-needed asset in

July. With the resilience and

strength of The Poppy, little if

any supplemental irrigation is

necessary. California natives

and Santa Clara Valley natives

are many. Yarrow will be dis-

cussed in a coming article/

essay but for now, let us rejoice

in the existence and the pres-



Water Wise Matthew Frazier, Certified Water Manager

An excuse to relax and retire to our gardens and yards for an evening refreshment, and a conduit for conversations and an object of desire and wonder. The Poppy is certain to bring about some very inspirational and potent visions of drought-tolerant gardens and landscapes, featuring The Poppy as a conversation piece and as a focal point.

ence of The Poppy.

I invite each and all to embrace The Poppy and if you have the chance, purchase some of their seeds and broadcast them about your gardens and yards. Our wildlife will thank you. Thank you for your attention and time this evening.

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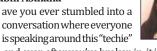


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#### **TECH JARGON OF THE WEEK Electronic Waste**

#### By Shubhi Asthana



word - and even after you've broken in, it is difficult to understand the unfamiliar jargon and acronyms? Well, there's no need to sweat it. Let me teach you the meaning of some commonly used tech words: Electronic Waste

As a tech-hungry nation flush with cash gets ready to upgrade to the next generation of lightning-fast 5G devices, there is a surprising environmental cost to be reckoned with: a fresh mountain of obsolete gadgets. About 6 million pounds of discarded electronics are already processed monthly at recycling giant ERI's Fresno plant. Pallets of once beloved but now outdated devices, like smartphones with only an 8-megapixel camera or tablets with a mere 12 GB of storage, arrive here daily. Workers with hammers hack at the bulkiest devices, while others remove dangerous components like lithium-ion batteries. The scene is like a twisted Pixar movie, with doomed gadgets riding an unrelenting conveyor belt into a machine that shreds them into piles of copper, aluminum. and steel.

Electronic waste or simply E-waste, is any refuse created by discarded electronic devices and components as well as substances involved in their manufacture or use. The disposal of electronics is a growing problem because electronic equipment frequently contains hazardous substances. In a personal computer, for example, there may be lead in the cathode ray tube (CRT) and soldering compound, mercury in switches and housing, and cobalt in steel components, among other equally toxic substances. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), more than four million tons of e-waste go to U.S. landfills each year.

Electronics have always produced waste, but the quantity and speed of discard has increased rapidly in recent years. There was a time when households would keep televisions for more than a decade. But thanks to changes in technology and consumer demand, there is hardly any device now that persists for more than a couple of years in the hands of the original owner.

The increase in consumption of electronics has two major adverse ecological effects. First, it significantly increases mining and procurement for the materials needed for production of gadgets. And second, discarded devices produce large quantities of electronic waste. That waste could be reduced through reuse, repair, or resale.

Around the world, several initiatives have arisen to address the issue of e-waste, by promoting the reuse of electronic devices (e-cycling) and mandating that safer alternatives to hazardous substances be used in their manufacture whenever possible. In Europe, legislation has been drafted to deal with the problem, including the Waste from Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive and the Basel Convention. In the United States, initiatives have mostly come from the private sector, such as eBay's Rethink project.

Do you enjoy reading this column? Send in your comments or feedback to the author at shub.saxen@ gmail.com. Shubhi Asthana works as a Research Senior Software Engineer at IBM in Almaden.

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## Largest annual antique auto show in the West to be presented at History Park San Jose Sept. 9

Go back In time at the 23rd annual Antique Autos in History Park San Jose on Saturday, September 9 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The 23rd 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 9 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 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.

Also located on the grounds this year will be the Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association. There will be antique crafts demonstrated, antique collectibles, and toy trains. Also, take a trolley ride and see blacksmith demonstrations. Food will be available from food trucks and other possible outlets. Several activities will be provided for children attending the event.

#### Music venue

Rhythmaires Dixieland Band will provide music. Songs will be sung by The Fabulous JewelTones along with dancing by the San Francisco Bay Area Vintage Dancers.

Requirements for entering an antique vehicle

For those interested in entering their antique vehicle, there is no registration required. They can just bring their antique vehicle to the gate at History Park. All vehicles permitted on the grounds of History



Park must be 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 1916 to 1930 Orphan Autos.

An example of a an orphaned U.S. vehicle, is a 1920 Liberty Model 10-C, the nomenclature proclaiming that it's the longer and more powerful version of the two six-cylinder model lines that Liberty produced in 1920, pretty much the precise midpoint of its existence. This 10-C model is based on a 117 inch wheelbace and develops 56 hp

117-inch wheelbase and develops 56hp. **Plan your day around the following:** 

11:15: Dance Performance

12:00: The Fabulous JewelTones 12:30: Music by Rhythmaires Dixieland Band

12:30: Video: Merrily we Roll Along, narrated by Groucho Marx

2:00: Model T Put Together

2:30: Barbershop Quartet

3:00: Silly Ricky's Juggling & Fun

3:30: Drawing for Door Prizes

Tickets prices at the door are: Adults: \$10, Seniors: \$8, Children (6 to 12) & History San Jose members: \$5. Participants & Children under 6 are free. (Adjacent City Parking: \$10.)

Editor's note: There is NO alcohol, NO pets (except service dogs), and NO BBQs allowed inside the park. These are History Park rules and must be followed by everyone in attendance.

## Live concerts at the 'Festa' Sat. and Sun. August 5-6

rom an international singing sensation to a Bay Area country music star, there's entertainment for everyone at the 2023 Italian Family Festa San Jose on Saturday and Sunday August 5-6. And it's all free!

World Folk & Roots singer Michela Musolino will be performing on Saturday August 5th, from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. The Sicilian-American singer has been internationally lauded for her unique ability to reimagine Sicilian folk and roots music. Her songs make your heart sing and your feet dance!

On Sunday August 6th, we'll get a little bit country with Silicon Valley's own, Mike Annuzzi.

He takes the stage from 1:30pm-3:30pm. You've heard his hits on country radio, including "Just Getting Started" and "New Boots On."

The Anthony "Nino" Lane Band brings its classic Italian sound to the "Festa" Sunday August 6th from 4pm-6pm. Anthony has been performing since he was 10 years old. His credits over the past few decades are long and impressive.

Also joining a weekend of excellent entertainment, Bay Area Sinatra - John DeMers, Gold Money Band, Blue House, Livewire, The Fratello Marionettes and Nadejda (Nadia) Posk-atcheeva.

And new this year, a Roman Encampment and Legionaries Parades... happening both Saturday and Sunday. The Roman experience is educational and interactive... kids and adults will be enchanted with the authentic, cultural addition to the "Festa."

Please visit www.italianfamilyfestasj.org for the full entertainment schedule.

Editor's note: The Italian Family "Festa" is presented by the Italian American Heritage Foundation (IAHF). All proceeds support the preservation of Italian culture and the Italian American Heritage Foundation Scholarship Program.



Michela Musolino (Photo by Nino Di Maio) At right: Anthony "Nino" Lane Band



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## **National Night Out promotes** police-community partnership

**By Senator Dave Cortese** 

or the last two decades, I've joined neighborhoods across Santa Clara County in hosting National Night Out, a series of block parties, cookouts, and

parades. Held each year on the first Tuesday in August, National Night Out is intended to promote police-community partnerships. But National Night Out also represents so much more. As a third-generation Californian, I know the power that lies within our neighborhoods when we come together.

Many of us have watched our area evolve over the decades, and the development of our dense urban landscape has generated the development of tightknit groups with different cultural identities. Our cultural

diversity is a testament to the beauty and richness of our region, but it can also limit interactions among neighbors from different walks of life.

Adding to the issue, literal walls, such as the sound walls constructed to reduce highway noise, have separated communities across our county and unintentionally contributed to secluded neighborhoods. Events like National Night Out, which falls on August 1 this year, help everyone open their hearts, allowing neighbors to laugh together, share stories, and learn from each other. These events help us transcend cultural boundaries and unify.

## **California city** named the 'Most Stressed **City' in America**

o you think that a large majority of citizens in your city are stressed? Stressful factors including (but not limited to) unemployment rates, housing costs, and traffic all directly correlate to how stressed someone feels on any given day.

Despite a laundry list of positive attributes to offset the stressful factors, some cities harbor a more stressful environment than others.

According to a list compiled by Zippia, the most stressed city in California is Mead Valley. Mead Valley was also named the most stressed city in America! Zippia mentioned that, "The regular workweek there exceeds the normal 40 hours and the normal commute is 22.5 minutes."

Here is what Zippia had to say about compiling the data to discover the most stressed city in each state :

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Community cohesion is more than a feelgood sentiment — it is also vital for our safety. When neighbors know and trust each other, they become a collective force against crime and other potential threats. National Night Out lets families meet with the peace officers who patrol their communities. This open dialogue, often over a hot dog on a relaxing summer evening, builds trust and partnerships with peace officers, and helps us all remember that law enforcement is another community of people just like you and me. They work for you, and they are here to keep vou safe.

As your former City Councilmember, for-

mer County Supervisor, and current State Senator, I've pushed for a fully-funded sheriff's office and growing the number of patrol officers and rehabilitation systems. But it's up to all of us to build open lines of communication and understanding with law enforcement. Our peace officers are happy to answer your questions, and hear about any challenges you face and your thoughts on how they can help. These conversations build harmony over time, and help neighborhoods peacefully overcome problems.

This National Night Out, let's come together for a fun experience that will make for cherished photos and memories. If you live in Santa Clara County, you can register for National Night Out by visiting www.tinyurl. com/NationalNightOut2023. The deadline to enter is Friday, July 21.

If you encounter an issue planning a National Night Out, or you want to learn about a planned one close to you, please contact me at Senator.Cortese@sen.ca.gov.

Senator Dave Cortese represents State Senate District 15, which encompasses much of Santa Clara County in the heart of Silicon Valley. Visit Senator Cortese's website: https:// sd15.senate.ca.gov



"To determine which cities were the most stressed we looked into the average number of hours worked each week, how long the average commute was, and determined the income to home price ratio. Using the most recent data from the U.S. Census American Community Survey for 2013-2017 and BLS, we ranked each city in America in the following criteria:

Unemployment

- Hours Worked
- Commute Times
- Income-To-Home-Price Ratio • Percent of Uninsured Population

The higher a city ranked in any of these areas, the more stressed it was. We then took a closer look at each of the 50 states and ranked the cities in each state from most stressed to least stressed."

For a continued list of the most stressed cities across the country visit zippia.com. Photo: Getty Images



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**Times Community News** 

## New California firearm laws went into effect July 1

*Here's everything that you need to know* 

By Times Media Staff writers n July 1, a number of new laws went into effect in California that tightens regulation of the firearm industry, codifies a new state holiday and seals criminal records.

Here's a brief overview of the legislation that just became law:

Civil suits against firearms makers

AB 1594, the Firearm Industry Responsibility Act, creates a new firearm industry standard of conduct and makes it easier for Californians to bring firearm retailers to civil court.

Firearm dealers will be required to establish and enforce practices that prevent the sale of guns to traffickers, people prohibited from firearm possession under state or federal law and people who a retailer would have reasonable cause to believe is a risk to themselves or others.

The new law, signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom a year ago, also prohibits the manufacturing, marketing, importing or offering for sale any gun deemed "abnormally dangerous."

Victims of gun violence, public officials and the Attorney General can file civil lawsuits against firearm industry members for violations of the standard of conduct.

Sealing old criminal records

SB 731 will allow almost all convictions on a person's criminal record to be permanently sealed if they've served all terms of incarceration and have been conviction-free for at least four years since.

Eight million Californians currently have an arrest or conviction on their record. An estimated 225,000 will have old convictions automatically sealed on July 1. One million more will be eligible to petition a judge for a seal.

The law's proponents see it as a way to help people with criminal records regain employment. People will not be able to seal convictions for sex crimes.

Other new California laws

AB 2011, the Affordable Housing and High Road Jobs Act of 2022, and SB 6, the Middle Class Housing Act of 2022, streamline construction of affordable, multifamily housing developments on areas zoned for office, retail or parking use. The laws also bolster health benefits and wage laws with construction contractors.

AB 1655 comes two weeks too late — the new law adds June 19, or Juneteenth, as a California state holiday. California state offices and courts were notably open this Juneteenth, though the day was declared a federal holiday for the first time this year.

AB 1667, prohibits CalSTRS, the state teachers pension, from requiring teachers to pay back overpayments detected in audit reports. In the past, retired teachers have had to pay back benefits when audits found them to be miscalculated.

SB 301 aims to crackdown on the online



sale of stolen goods. Starting July 1, "highvolume third-party" sellers will be required to provide data including contact information and bank account numbers.

AB 2960 allows people in California to request and petition for a restraining order related to domestic violence or gun control electronically.

AB 2043 requires California bounty hunters to be licensed, trained and registered. The new law sprouted from advocacy from a family whose son was killed by a man illegally working as a bounty hunter in Palm Springs in 2021.

#### Mercury News digital archives now available for free to all San José Public Library cardholders

Digital archives expansion comes on anniversary of San José Mercury News launch thanks to Margaret Ma

n the 172nd anniversary of the San José Mercury News, the San José Public Library (SJPL) and the San José Public Library Foundation (SJPLF) announced that all of the more than 650,000 San José Public Library members will now have access to a digital archive of the San José Mercury News from 1900 to 1985 for free.

Library members can access the vast archives from any internet-connected device by visiting sjpl.org/ MercuryNewsArchive and entering their SJPL library card barcode and PIN number. Until now, students, researchers, and members of the public had to complete their research using microfilm and microfiche by traveling to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library's California Room where nearly 60,000 historical documents are stored.

The digital archives expansion was made possible thanks to a donation from Margaret Ma, a lifelong San José resident who volunteered in SJPL's California Room. "I made this gift in honor of my mother, Susan Renzel Carter, who grew up visiting the library. The gift is to honor her love of the library."

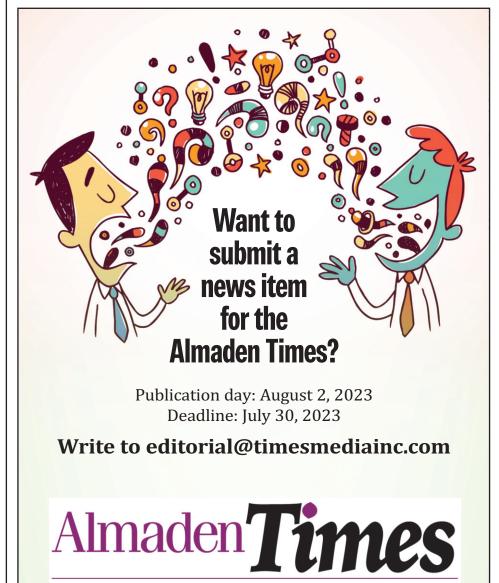
"It is my way of leaving the library a lasting gift that makes researchers' jobs a little easier," said Margaret Ma. The decision to donate to the San José Public Library Foundation to purchase the digital archives came about when she began researching her family's past and struggled to use the microfilm reader to complete her research. She realized others would benefit from accessing the digital archives as she had.

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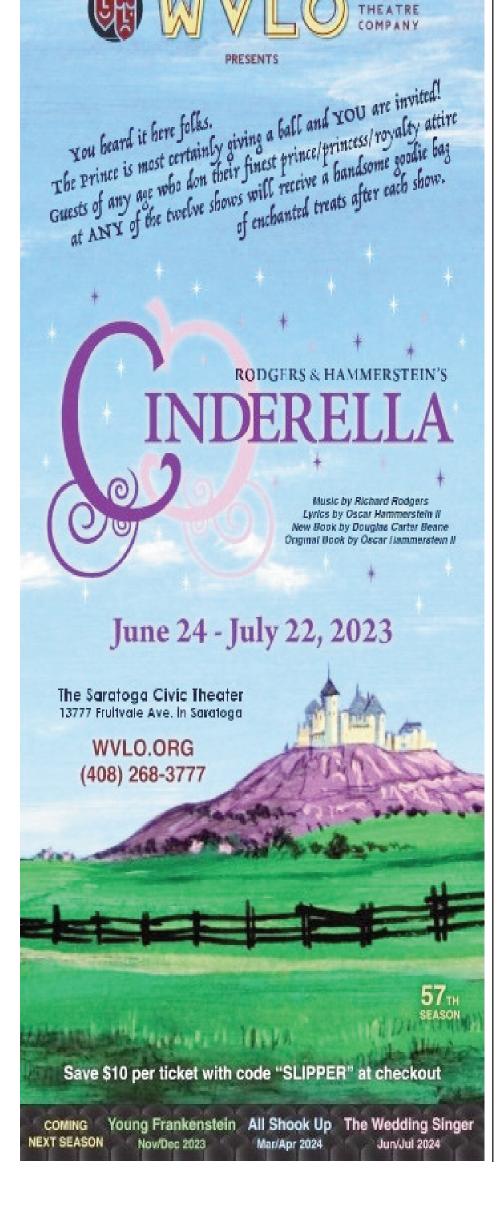
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Lake Cunningham in Evergreen Valley. The state recently allocated \$1.5 million to help start restoration efforts. *Photo by Jana Kadah.* 

# Lake Cunningham receives funding for restoration

**By Julia Forrest** San José Spotlight fter failed attempts to restore the much-neglected Lake Cunningham, San Jose has found a way to kickstart the lake's revival.

The state budget allocated \$1.5 million to improving the East San Jose lake last week, which for years has suffered under the weight of faulty infrastructure and poor water quality. San Jose Assemblymember Ash Kalra, who pushed for the funding in the state budget, said the money will mostly go toward restoring the wetlands in hopes of further improving the water quality in the lake.

"I understand how important Lake Cunningham is for my district and the city," Kalra told San José Spotlight. "The restoration process is critical, not only for the enjoyment of the public, but in order for us to reestablish the wetlands in what is otherwise a highly developed area."

Lake Cunningham is a man-made lake near Tully Road that was used by residents to go fishing and boating. But several years ago, it was deemed unsafe due to pollution from feces and fungi after decades of neglect. East San Jose is historically a lower-income community of color that has faced decreasing access to green, open spaces and has coped with environmental issues.

"The water quality at Lake Cunningham is an absolute issue," San Jose Councilmember Domingo Candelas, who represents the area where the lake is located, told San José Spotlight. "A greater chunk of money is needed to holistically complete the projects. This is going to help us improve the water quality... and get it to a better place." A recent city study found cleaning up the lake would cost anywhere from \$3 million to \$20 million, considering the level of infrastructure restoration needed. Candelas said the money from the state is just a catalyst for more funding opportunities.

"This is just the down payment on what's really necessary," he said.

The state funding comes after the San Jose City Council argued in March over using funds from Measure T, a \$650 million disaster preparedness bond approved by voters in 2018, to restore the lake, resulting in the proposed funds being diverted. A previous iteration of the council in 2021 allocated \$3.2 million in Measure T funds to improve Lake Cunningham's water quality.

The proponents of diverting the money away from Lake Cunningham said it would be a misuse of Measure T funds, including Councilmember David Cohen who said in March that most of the conversations focused on restoring Coyote Valley, not the lake.

"I consider the Lake Cunningham environmental project a priority that needs to get handled, it's obviously difficult and very expensive for the city to fund it," Cohen told San José Spotlight. "It's great that (lawmakers have) been able to get (funding) so quickly to get going."

Robert Reese, who chairs a land use committee in East San Jose, praised the state funding to help the lake. He said he believes city officials like Candelas will keep pushing for even more state and federal funding to continue revamping it.

"It's going to be one step at a time," Reese told San José Spotlight. "I think that the east side councilmembers are going to keep their foot to the pedal... (and stick with it) on almost a day to day basis to make sure that progress is made."

**CINE-WISE Goldfinger returns to local theater: 3Below** 

By Matthew Frazier Columnist/Essayist/ Playwright/Screenwriter or those who read Water Wise, you may ask: "What is this? A column on Film reviews?" to which I retort: This is our newest addition to Times Media's offerings. It's a pleasure to be writing to you this evening about a classic American feature film with a universal fan base and following.

For those who read our articles entitled "Water Wise" in Times Media's three local independent newspapers throughout San Jose, California ... You are likely familiar with my style and tone as a writer.

Upon watching the official theatrical trailer and some key scenes... Upon reading some reviews... The evidence is there for a strong cinematic experience, the states, and the world over. Goldfinger will be screening Thursdays along with Thunderball throughout the month of July right here in the bay area at the local independent cinema 3 Below Theaters.

With an A-list cast and stunning cinematography and production design, this blockbuster feature is sure to thrill. Following the protagonist, international agent James Bond, we are swept away into a riveting plot of high-stakes thievery perpetrated by the antagonist, the elusive and cunning Auric Goldfinger.

Bond follows Goldfinger throughout his exploits of cheating and gambling, eventually uncovering a plot to smuggle Nazi gold out of England. Along the way, Bond has affairs with the female associates of Goldfinger's, gradually bringing him closer to uncovering a larger plot to steal gold from Fort Knox.

Operation Grand Slam begins to materialize as Goldfinger, and his colleagues advance in their preparations. The plot involves using poisonous gas to assault the security at Fort Knox and infiltrate the building. Bond catches on very quickly and makes several attempts to thwart the plot.

Though I have not followed the James Bond films as many have, there's no doubt in my mind that this film, and the others in the series, are sure to exceed expectations of action and adventure, with several of its spectacular scenes.

Though horror is my primary genre, with supernatural and suspense are my preferred sub-genres, the James Bond films add high caliber components and elements of intrigue and mystique to Classic Cinema.

Now 60, this beloved Bond film has attracted and retained hundreds of millions of Cinema fans globally. The protagonist and antagonist are well-defined and well-portrayed as potent assets of the franchise and the saga. Bond must perpetually outwit not only Goldfinger but those who serve Goldfinger and his malicious ambitions. The female leads and co-leads are not only brimming with wit, but also exude a cinematic and theatrical beauty that draws much attention to the screen. Goldfinger delivers action and suspense at every turn; strong performances with a solid plot and characters who engage our attention and imagination. This film has it all!

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make our city a better-looking place and give the neediest of our society a place to live and rebuild their life."

The budget also provides \$27 million to fund road repairs, sewers, the airport and other infrastructure projects, Batra said. About \$15.6 million will fund BeautifySJ, a city program to clean up neighborhoods, he said, adding the program is expanding its Cash for Trash program to encourage garbage being collected from homeless encampments.

Batra said the city is improving its 311 service, establishing a Beautify your Block program, enhancing the vehicle abatement program, responding to blight near emergency interim housing communities and implementing a Homeless Encampment Management System.

#### Area developments

A grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony was held June 14 for Mesa Terrace, a new housing community near Blossom Hill Road and Almaden Expressway, which provides 23 homes for youth transitioning out of foster care and 22 homes for low-income families with a preference for seniors. The development, located at 1171 Mesa Drive, was funded in part through affordable housing bond Measure A. Passed in November 2016, it awarded nearly \$644 million for housing developments across Santa Clara County.

Kaiser Permanente San Jose Medical Center is planning to expand its hospital from 250,000 square feet to 685,000. The project, located at 250 Hospital Parkway near Santa Teresa Boulevard and Cottle Road, also proposes constructing a central utility plant and a parking structure.

#### **Community Q&A**

Resident Geoff Schuller said he was very excited to see the city budget passed. He favors quick builds to house the homeless and asked if citizens can help with painting, plumbing and electrical work to make them more affordable.

"We're all sad about the homelessness that we see," Schuller said, "and we know that the government has restricted finances to handle this. But it's our city, too and I think it would be awesome to actually get volunteers together to help solve this problem on behalf of those who need the assistance."

Batra responded warmly to his suggestion promising to look into it.

"I couldn't have gotten a better offer this morning," he said. "You made my Saturday." Schuller asked for an update on Home Depot

on Blossom Hill Road, which burnt to the ground during a fire on April 10. "I miss my Home Depot," he said. "It's a

giant piece of blight on my corner."

Batra said the owner hasn't submitted an application to rebuild it with the Planning Department.

Resident Mary Cannon expressed her dismay over repeated serious car crashes on McAbee Road. A car hit and destroyed three trees before wrapping around another one and bursting into flames and an SUV hit a tree and bounced into a neighbor's yard, she

said.

Batra said he wants to get the traffic department engaged as funding is available for safety projects.

Resident Steve Brock said near McAbee there's constant racing nearby on Almaden Expressway and Coleman Road. More traffic control is needed in Almaden Valley, he said. Batra said traffic control can be stationed there.

Brock was disappointed the City Council didn't fully back Mahan's plan for funding quick build units. Batra said quick builds are



Almaden's Hanna Model named to President's List and Anika Odgers named to Dean's List for UA Spring 2023

The University of Alabama named Almaden Valley resident Hanna Model

the solution to homelessness and the mayor wants to create 1,000 by the end of the year. Almaden Valley Resident Hania Garcia said Almaden Expressway and Camden Avenue no longer has an island median for residents to wait on while waiting for the light to change. She is concerned with students on their way to school being unsafe and having to race across Almaden Expressway as cars turn onto it. Batra said a highlighted crosswalk might help alert motorists of pedestrians.



(above left) to the President's List with an academic records of 4.0 (all A's) and Almaden Valley resident Anika Odgers (above right) to the Dean's List with an academic record of 3.5 (or above).

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### Batra

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public safety — particularly around schools. The growing homeless and housing crisis is

what motivated Batra to serve on the council. On his first day on the job, he set up tours at temporary housing sites to understand the plight of those living on the street. Batra choked on his words recounting his conversations with some of the homeless residents he encountered.

"One woman said she was grateful the city gave her the shelter and was feeling almost so confident that within a short time she is going to be able to move out of this place," Batra said. "She said 'once I get out of this place and I have my own place I'm going to come back here and volunteer to help the people who are in a similar situation.' It just really moved me."

Batra regularly meets with city administrators to find ways to speed up the city's permitting and housing development process, which has become increasingly backlogged over the years.

Outgoing Housing Director Jacky Morales-Ferrand said Batra is more engaged than most councilmembers and seeks to understand the city's complicated financing system. He's particularly focused on speeding up housing development with more affordable rents to lower the overall cost of living.

"He's making suggestions and wants to figure out how he can be effective in the whole housing conversation," Morales-Ferrand told San José Spotlight. "He also has an open mind and for a councilmember, it's good that he is still saying "I'm interested in learning" versus I already have a position."

Batra said most of his work as a councilmember is behind the scenes. He's introduced and collaborated on 11 memos so far. As a former member of the Measure T Oversight Committee, he took the lead to ensure tax dollars were prioritized to build more fire stations — as the 2018 voter-approved measure intended. He also worked on opening the city's safe parking site at a South San Jose VTA lot and is exploring policy to reduce the number of cars the city tows — about 4,600 a year — by encouraging people to request junkyard pick ups that may pay for car parts.

Batra said residents tell him they care deeply about making streets safer. In response, he approved 15 new speed bumps across his district, repainted certain streets to make them appear narrower and placed speed radars to encourage slower driving.

In this year's budget, Batra secured 10 new school crossing guards and \$190,000 to add more lights in the Hoffman Via Monte area. He's working on creating bike routes so children and parents can safely ride to school campuses.

He also secured \$150,000 to host the district's annual 4th of July fireworks show at Almaden lake — one of the several community events held by his office.

Richard Sanders, a member of the Almaden Senior Association, said he's appreciated Batra's candor and sincere efforts to listen to community concerns.

Politically, Batra is best described as a moderate, though his votes are not always predictable or align with any one particular side. He said he doesn't have go-to allies on the council because he tries to work with everyone to find the best solutions for San Jose. "He always has information about what's going on, he is straightforward and he has grown a lot into this role since I met him in February," Sanders said.

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The city council appointed **Batra** to the open District 10 seat after his predecessor, **Matt Mahan**, left to serve as mayor.

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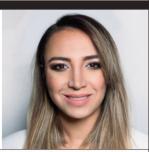
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