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East San Jose walking trail to be expanded

By Jeremy Hoang
San Jose Spotlight

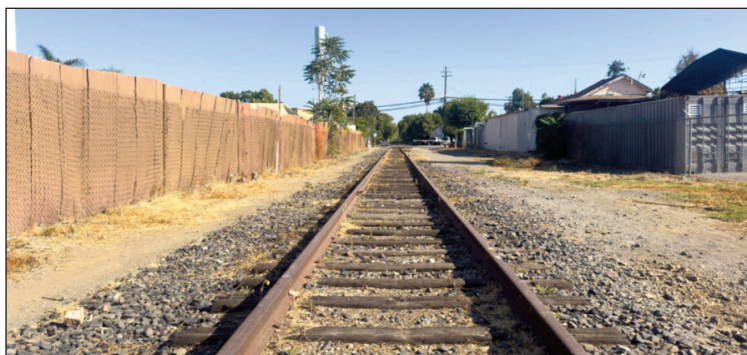
Twenty years after East San Jose residents began advocating for more open spaces in their community, city leaders have completed a key step in expanding the neighborhood's celebrated Five Wounds Trail.

The San Jose City Council unanimously voted Tuesday to acquire the final parcel of land needed to complete the trail from VTA at no cost. This will extend Five Wounds Trail to 2.17 miles of walking and biking paths, with a goal of being completed and open to the public by 2031.

Councilmember Domingo Candelas praised the yearslong collaborative effort between multiple government agencies and local organizations.

"It's been a long time coming," Candelas said. "I'm super excited to be moving forward and ultimately, and eventually, taking the trail from District 8 all the way to the future BART Station."

The trail, which runs from Coyote Creek to Silver Creek, will be extended from East Williams Street to the future site of the Little Portugal BART Station, which over the years has faced a myriad of delays and added layers of scrutiny. It's



An old railroad line in San Jose is being converted to create the Five Wounds Trail for walking and biking. *Photo by Torres Iraheta.*

anticipated to be completed in the next decade.

Bill Rankin, president of local nonprofit Save Our Trails, is a longtime supporter of the expansion project. In a letter to Mayor Matt Mahan, Rankin wrote the trail extension will offer recreation, transportation, dignity and safety to East San Jose residents.

"San Jose has one of the best trail systems in the country and the Five Wounds Trail is a critical connection in the city," Rankin said at the meeting.

The land is the site of a former railroad line and could cost the city roughly \$5 million to rid the soil of lead and arsenic contamination, according to an Aug. 29 memo by Nanci Klein, the city's director of economic development. The Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority and Santa Clara County Parks intend to contribute \$500,000 each to the project by the end of the year, in exchange for restrictions on development of the land, the memo read.

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St. Francis of Assisi of Evergreen hosts October 21 Blood Drive

The next Evergreen Blood Drive, sponsored by St. Francis of Assisi of Evergreen and the Stanford Blood Center is scheduled Saturday, October 21 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the St. Francis Gathering Space located at 5111 San Felipe Rd in Evergreen.

"The event is open to the public and any and all eligible donors are encouraged to come by that Saturday and donate," said Blood Drive coordinator, Tom Mitchell. "The promo for October is a drawing for a gift card."

Blood drive officials encourage sign-ups in advance so there will be plenty of staff so no one has to wait. Of course, there will be no sign-ups at the Church, so use the link below. If you have questions, please call Tom Mitchell at (408) 476-6104.

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Visit https://sbcdonor.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11514 to sign up or to learn about your eligibility to give blood.

Sikhs walk with Holy Book attracts thousands

Annual procession through Evergreen promotes awareness and understanding of sacred writings with community

By Kevin Larsen
Special to the Times

A procession hosted by San Jose Gurdwara honoring and promoting awareness and understanding of sacred writings in their Holy Book was held Sunday, Sept. 24th and attracted thousands of people in Evergreen.

Before the float moved, a beautiful prayer was said by respected priest, Mohinder Singh Bajwa of the Gurdwara who is always praying and loving towards all with his reassuring voice, command of knowledge and caring warm smile.

Singing started as the float began its walking speed journey around the Evergreen Valley from Aborn Road to Ruby then back up the elevated



These young five and six years olds walked four miles with the Sikh float in Evergreen Valley on Sept. 24.

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the Golden Temple in India to become the centerpiece of the prayer hall.

Sikhs walk with Holy Book

The annual procession included the singing of sacred writings of the major tenant seen on the side of the float which states, "God is one." If one reads or listens to these scriptures in this Holy Book, it is suggested one cover their hair in respect. Such cloth head coverings are neatly folded for public use at all Gurdwaras. Each day at the San Jose Gurdwara, as one enters the prayer hall, the words are read aloud and also shown on an electronic display in English, Punjabi and Hindi as the scriptures are sung.

Thus, this is the Holy embrace of Sikhism the world over.

Guru Nanak

This Sikh religion was founded by 16th century poet and composer Guru Nanak who wrote much of his revelations and teachings in the form

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History San Jose announces exciting Halloween activities in month of October

By William Bellou
Publisher

History San José is so excited to announce its Halloween activities happening this October! Whether you are looking for a fun fall night out or something for the whole family, we've got you covered this October.

On Friday, October 27th from 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. History San José will be hosting its 2nd annual Slash & Sip: Adult Pumpkin Carving event in

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Trail

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Expansion of the trail has been a point of contention between local advocates and the city for at least a decade, with no finalized plan being passed by officials until now—despite council approval of an earlier version of the current proposal in 2013.

Klein told San José Spotlight the trail construction will be completed in phases and happen alongside the

laying of BART tracks. She hopes neighbors will use the trail as a way to commute to work and for spending time with each other outdoors.

The overarching goal for Five Wounds Trail is much bigger—connecting all of San Jose's trails together to eventually create a network that leads all the way to San Francisco, she said.

"In our city's history we have underinvested in East San Jose," Klein said. "This is an opportunity in a very significant way to add beautiful trails with foliage. It's a happy thing."

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Times **Local News**

Fall Family Festival and other October upcoming events

By **Domingo Candelas**
City Councilmember

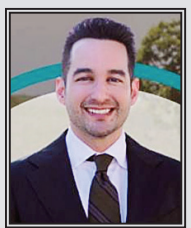
Autumn is finally here, and I am planning some big things for the month of October to bring together families and our community, including the Fall Family Festival at Lake Cunningham Park on October 28th from 10 p.m. to 2 p.m.

I will also be working with neighborhood groups on beautification events, most notably the Autumn Great American Litter Pick-Up on October 21st from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. I expect hundreds of volunteers to come to a neighborhood near you to clean up our parks, trails, schools, and streets.

During the month of September, I am proud to share the success of my small business grant program. My office distributed grants

to 57 small businesses. Supporting small businesses is important. They form the fabric and identity of our community. My parents are small business owners, and I understand keeping your doors open when times are tough is easier said than done.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you for reporting concerns to my office. It is so valuable to hear from residents to help solve issues and cut through the bureaucracy — from potholes to community safety concerns.



Council Report

Domingo Candelas, District 8 Councilmember

Homelessness has been a top issue across major cities in California, especially in San Jose. My staff has been working with you to help connect RVs with Safe Parking resources and collaborate more effectively with our Police Department, Homeless Response teams, and County Mental Health partners.

I am taking a unique approach to bringing a more permanent solution to homelessness instead of moving the problem from one street to the other.

If you have a comment, please email me directly at district8@sanjoseca.gov, or give us a call at 408-535-4908.

Halloween

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Downtown San Jose's San Pedro Square Market.

Enjoy a night out with friends carving and decorating pumpkins while drinking libations from participating San Pedro Square Market bars.

On Saturday, October 28th from 2:00 -

6:30pm you can participate in welcoming back the Children's Halloween Haunt for one day only! Families can enjoy crafts & activities, carnival games, trolley rides, trick-or-treating at the historic houses, juggling from Silly Ricky, Dia de Los Muertos sugar skull demonstrations, and more!

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Times Local News

Want a degree without classes and lectures? Calif. Community colleges test new approach

With Competency Based Education, 'No more grades, lectures, seminars or deadlines'

By Adam Echelman

Eight community colleges in California are testing out a new education model, one that defines success by the skills a student learns, not the time they spend in a classroom. But changing the traditional education system isn't easy.

Eight state community colleges start pilot program

A revolution is in the making at California's community colleges: No more grades, no more sitting through lectures or seminars, no more deadlines. In a pilot program taking shape across eight of the state's community colleges, the only requirement for some associate degrees will be "competency."

Students who can prove that they have the relevant skills can earn that degree.

More flexibility in attaining two year associate degrees faster

In theory, this model, known as "com-

petency-based education," could provide students with more flexibility and the potential to attain degrees faster in key job sectors. The pilot is geared toward working adults, many of whom left community colleges at record rates during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As the state's population of K-12 students continues to shrink, leaving colleges with fewer students right out of high school, the pilot aims to attract adults who are already in the workforce by "valuing their lived and work experience," said Madera Community College President Ángel Reyna.

If successful, these community colleges will set themselves apart from every other two-year institution in the country. The pilot, which launched in 2021, provides eight California community colleges with up to \$515,000 over the course of four years to each design a single associate degree program using this new model.

The goal is for students to be able to enroll at some point in the 2024-25 academic year, said Aisha Lowe, an executive vice chancellor at the California Community College Chancellor's Office. In practice, colleges must overcome bureaucratic and logistical hurdles to make the new system work. At least one community college says it is struggling to hit the state's deadline.

The challenge is to create something that works "but isn't so different that colleges can still wrap their heads around it and engage," Lowe said. "It's definitely unprecedented."

A new way to measure learning

The new model restructures the requirements of a degree to reflect what students have learned, rather than the amount of time they spend in class.

Currently, all college degrees require a certain number of hours spent in a



Students walking along the walkway to the Academic Village building 2 at the Madera Community College campus. Photo by Larry Valenzuela, CalMatters/CatchLight Local

classroom, either in-person or virtually. An associate degree, which California's community colleges offer, requires roughly 3,000 hours spent in a classroom or on homework in a traditional academic year. That's why some refer to it as a "two-year degree." Teachers get paid in part based on the number of hours they teach. Because of the high number of part-time students, the state funds colleges and universities based largely on the number of hours that a student spends in class, not the number of students themselves.

In this current system, students may be required to sit through classes to get college credit even if they can demonstrate they already have some of the requisite skills. Students who may have less time for school because of work or family obligations lose out too, said Charla Long, the president of the Competency-Based Education Network, a consultant for California's pilot program.

"We've created an inequitable system because it's so time bound," she said.

In the new system, students seeking an associate degree in early childhood education at Shasta College in Redding will take 60 different exams, each one testing a specific skill, said Buffy Tanner, the college's director of innovation and special projects. Students in the program will have materials to teach themselves, teachers will be available to answer questions and coun-

selors will be able to provide wrap-around support.

Currently, a student is required to take 20 semester-long classes for that same degree. Students in the new program will be able to take an exam up to three times and can move as quickly or as slowly as they want, Tanner said. In-state students in the new program who do not qualify for financial aid will pay the same total tuition, just shy of \$2,800 for an associate degree, not including the cost of books, classroom supplies, or other miscellaneous fees. Shasta College, like the other colleges in the pilot, is still trying to figure out how much to pay faculty in the new system.

Not a fit for all learners

Not every student can succeed in this self-paced format. Tanner said the plan is to vet students for the program through questions about their lives and study habits: "Do you need external deadlines? What kind of self-discipline do you have?"

"We have to make sure students fully understand what they're getting into," she said.

A growing phenomenon

Such alternative education systems have existed for decades. Since the 1970s, some colleges and universities have experimented with new models of teaching and learning that offer more flexibility and try to evaluate students based on what they know, not on how much

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Report: 2023's 'Best Cities for Golfers'

Which U.S. cities are like a second home to the avid golfer?

To mark National Golf Lover's Day on Oct. 4, LawnStarter ranked 2023's Best Cities for Golfers.

The LawnStarter website compared the 200 biggest U.S. cities based on six categories. More specifically, they factored in public and premium course access, course quality, golfer groups, and climate, among 25 metrics.

See the 10 birdies and 10 bogeys of golf cities below, followed by key stats from the report.

Best Cities for Golfers

Rank	City
1	Scottsdale, AZ
2	Orlando, FL
3	Las Vegas, NV
4	Cincinnati, OH
5	Savannah, GA
6	Tucson, AZ
7	Los Angeles, CA
8	Birmingham, AL
9	San Francisco, CA
10	San Antonio, TX

Worst Cities for Golfers

Rank	City
1	Pasadena, TX
2	Paterson, NJ
3	Bridgeport, CT
4	Warren, MI
5	Miramar, FL
6	Santa Clarita, CA
7	Anchorage, AK
8	Garden Grove, CA
9	Orange, CA
10	Lancaster, CA



Key Insights:

Scottsdale Is King: For the second year in a row, the low round of the day goes to Scottsdale, Arizona, which ranked top 5 in 5 of 6 categories. Scottsdale blew away the competition, scoring a hole-in-one in Public Course Access, Premium Course Access, Training Access, and Course Quality. It also ranked No. 2 in Community.

The Perfect Storm: Florida-based golfers might feel they missed the fairway with only 2 Florida cities, Orlando and Tampa, appearing in our top 25. That's a bit of an eyebrow raiser for those familiar with Florida's reputation as the "golf capital of the world," thanks to legend Arnold Palmer. Florida cities were dinged for their Climate scores.

The Home of Golf: At No. 2 overall, Orlando, Florida, was the only city apart from Scottsdale, Arizona, with a top-3 ranking in at least 2 categories (No. 2 in both Premium Course Access and Training Access). Orlando also ranked top 10 in Public Course Access (No. 6) and Course Quality (No. 8). Orlando really is one of the most magical places on Earth — for golfers.

Golden Statement: California and Arizona each have 5 cities in the top 25, making them the most golf-friendly states on our list. California golfers will feel they won the match, however, with a total of 9 cities in our top 50 compared with Arizona's 6.

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Governor signs Senator Cortese's bill protecting public school teachers

The Governor has approved legislation by State Senator Dave Cortese that protects the monthly benefits of retired teachers, SB 432.

“Caring for California’s students means taking care of all the people who work at our public schools,” Cortese said. “Governor Newsom recognizes the importance of ensuring that retired teachers are not penalized through no fault of their own; this legislation will bolster the teaching profession during a time when it’s needed most.”

“This important legislation will further California’s goal of protecting our retired teachers from mistakes they did not make,” said Suzie Dixon, California Retired Teachers Association (CalRTA) President.

“Mistakes made by the California State Teachers’ Retirement System (CalSTRS) can put retired teachers’ retirement at risk.”

Case in point, if CalSTRS identifies an overpayment it is responsible for, a retired teacher might face a penalty, reducing their monthly benefits. SB 432 ensures that retired teachers will be informed about these errors, and the bill shields their monthly retirement payments from penalties when the mistake is not their fault.

Senator Dave Cortese represents Senate District 15, which encompasses San Jose and much of Santa Clara County in the heart of Silicon Valley. Visit Senator Cortese’s website: <https://sd15.senate.ca.gov>

Degree, continued

time they spent in class, Long said.

In 1997, a group of 19 governors from Western states agreed to develop a private, non-profit institution, known as Western Governors University, to provide “competency-based” education. With roughly 150,000 students today, it’s the largest higher education institution in the country. Though headquartered in Utah, the university is entirely online and boasts students from all 50 states.

Other large for-profit and non-profit university systems have experimented with the same model, including Capella University, an

online college, and Southern New Hampshire University. California followed. In 2018, at the behest of former Gov. Jerry Brown, the state created a new community college, known as Calbright, which is free, entirely online, and exclusively “competency-based.”

“This is radically different, and an incredibly powerful way to support our students,” Calbright’s blog says about its model.

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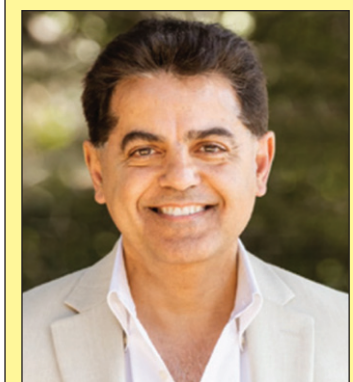
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San José takes action to combat homelessness with grand opening of converted hotel

The Arena Hotel opens with 90 units of interim housing available to at-risk residents

San José Mayor Matt Mahan, joined by City Staff, representatives from HomeFirst and new residents, celebrated the grand opening of the Arena Hotel on Sept. 28—a former commercial hotel that has been revamped to serve homeless San Joseans.

The Arena Hotel was funded in part by a \$25.2 million grant from the State’s Homekey program – a statewide effort to sustain and rapidly expand housing for persons experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, in addition to \$20.8 million from the city’s Measure E funds. This interim housing facility will provide 90 units to get people living on the streets indoors.

“When the people of San Jose passed Measure E, they stood up and said enough is enough,” Mahan said. “We wouldn’t have anything to celebrate here today if residents across the city didn’t believe the crisis on our streets was an emergency that required emergency action.”

To ensure the community

had a voice in this project, a Community Advisory Board was established in which neighbors, concerned residents and formerly homeless individuals could direct questions to City staff and project stakeholders, to understand project timelines and deliverables, as well as a breakdown of how Homekey funding was being spent.

“My team and I will continue to work with our community partners to ensure that the Arena Hotel operates smoothly and delivers on its core mission which is to get folks off the streets and on the pathway to permanent housing,” said District 6 Councilmember Dev Davis.

Pictured below: The Arena Hotel circa 2022.



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Times Feature

Mahiya Patil: Poetry that prevails

By William Bellou
Publisher

Local Silver Creek High School student Mahiya Patil is advancing to semi-final round of an esteemed national poetry contest.

In the realm of literary talent, where words turn into art and verses weave tales of emotion, we are proud to spotlight a local student who has achieved national recognition for her poetic prowess.

Mahiya Patil, 17, an avid poet and author of "Poisoned", has recently been named a semifinalist in the upcoming Poetry Nation's National Amateur Poetry Competition book published worldwide showcasing the best poets from across the nation.

"To my mind, poetry has a capacity to unify us on an indispensable level," Mahiya said. "It empowers us to delve into the recesses of our innermost feelings and find solace in commonalities."

The winning poem in question, "Poisoned", depicts the awful reality of domestic abuse, illuminating its stealthy nature and the victim's experience of its devastating effects. It is as follows:

Poisoned

*how may it come to be that
the scuffed crimson on my wrists still
echoes your blessed name
that I refuse to forget, i embody it
unconscious
oh once I was pure, unscathed and
unsullied*

*naive to the touch of your chemical
blinded,
it found me though
it came for me, as it was fated to be
mine.*

*oh how I will yearn for days on end,
how I'll miss the purity, the virtue
I've lost blind and incognizant
taken from me as i was chained to
obey your spell perfection.*

*people call it traumatic and inhu-
mane
yet I don't weep*

*I don't crumble, however I perch qui-
etly burying my face in the corner
of the window on the topmost floor
of the building on the seventh street
and as I flashback, as I feel it again,
undone*

*I feel the poison start to disillusion
my mind and course through my
body, only my soul remains. oh, per-
haps I was wilting
perhaps I was blackening unaware,
and my petals were starting to with-
er*

*and your poison numbed it,
perhaps you always knew.*

*you knew that the venom was hid-
den away in precipices nailed shut
as was the way you one handedly
extinguished the raging fire inside
of me*

*perhaps my ears will stop ringing
perhaps my head won't pierce
sharply*

*as the sting of that same vial spills
onto me without warning de novo,
coursing through my veins, howev-
er seldom*

*and my smile would not fall and
crash to nothing.*

*perhaps someday, it won't matter.
I'll be cured with memories oblivion.*

Analysis of poem

The poem, Poisoned, conveys the victim's struggle to confront the stark contrast between their past, marked by innocence, and their present, tainted by the toxic influence of their abuser. This inner conflict is depicted as a palpable journey, where the victim grapples with memories of a time when they were untouched by harm.

Despite enduring traumatic and inhumane treatment, the victim's resilience shines through. The poignant imagery of the victim

seeking solace by burying their face in a window corner underscores the isolation and internalized pain often experienced by survivors. The recurring theme of poison coursing through their veins emphasizes the enduring impact of the abuse, while the hope for eventual healing and the fading of painful memories remains a distant but well-cherished aspiration.

This poem finds its roots in the author's personal connection to a close friend who endured repeated domestic violence. Unable to imagine the torture she once had to face, Mahiya makes a driven effort to capture her multifaceted emotions through the rawness of the dialogue. Although this friend is now in recovery, Mahiya stress-

es the need to empathize with those who have experienced such trauma and fosters awareness about the urgent need for support and intervention.

Editor's note: We congratulate Mahiya on this remarkable achievement and eagerly await the release of the national anthology, Quilted by Eber and Wein Publishing, where her poem will take its rightful place among the best contemporary poets in the country.

When she goes on to take part in the finals in December, in the running for the grand prize of thousands, we wish her the best of luck, having no doubt that Mahiya will continue to inspire and move readers with her thoughtful and evocative poetry.

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Procession

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of poems, which he sang. He was the first spiritual leader of the Sikhs and traveled to many countries to share knowledge. By listening to God, over the centuries eight more sacred spiritual leaders created this Holy living book of words. Then one day, it was deemed forever completed to stand alone as its own spiritual leader to form the bedrock of understanding for all Sikhs in offering guidance to all subjects with its wise, powerful, Holy words.

Annually, the San Jose Gurdwara honors this scripture by bringing it out under the open sky from the prayer hall. It rides on a special float that wheels around the neighborhood to honor and welcome its knowledge to all who wish to partake! One of the major tenants seen on the side of the float is that "God is one." Often the road leading up Gurdwaras in cities and towns throughout the world bestows that name.

Sukhdev Bananiwal offers blessings for everyone

Leader, Sukhdev Bananiwal states, "Sikhs believe in the concept "Sarbat da Bhalla" meaning "blessings for everyone." We welcome all people of all cultures and religions to our celebrations. Today we celebrate our sincere beliefs which are sacred to us. Our community helps anyone in need with the concept of "Wand Kay Chakna" meaning "Share with those in need." The purpose of this walk is to celebrate those concepts taught by Guru Granth Sahib Ji. Also, I wish to thank the Evergreen community for how gracious and giving this community is, which rhyme with our concepts."

Complimentary food served

The procession on Sunday, Sept. 24th was joyful. Before walking with the float, the Sikhs and other members of the community partook in eating delicious freshly cooked complimentary vegetarian hot foods served under outdoor canopies. The Gurdwara also ladles out complimentary food in the Langar (kitchen) all day long, 365 days of the year to which all are welcome. This worship and community center acts as an oasis of prevention of hunger for many in the Evergreen community which eases the minds of the needy while also supporting the neighborhood and beyond in many other pressing important

areas of need.

Poetry is sung

All along the way children sang special hymns called kirtans in which the words floated in the air. Kirtan means "singing the praises of God." Most are shabads from the Guru Granth Sahib (Holy Book). The words are set to traditional musical scales called ragas. The Guru Granth Sahib Ji is poetry combined with wisdom and guidance which when recited and sung and understood, and is said to offer great wisdom.

Nagar Kirtan: singing divine hymns

"Nagar" means "town or neighborhood," and "Kirtan" describes the singing of Shabads (divine hymns). Nagar Kirtan (this walk) celebrated by the Sikh community in Evergreen happens annually all over the world. The event commemorates the anniversary of the installation and creation of the spiritual book referred to as the Guru Granth Sahib Ji.

Sikhism is rooted in oneness and love and encourages a life of servitude and spirituality. In Punjabi, the word "Sikh" means "disciple", and central to the faith is the relationship between the Sikh and his master, who guides him through the teachings and writings of the 10 Gurus contained in this Holy Book. Holy teachings in this book (Garanth) offer a roadmap of how to live a beautiful Godly life.

The Sikh religion stresses the importance of doing good over getting too absorbed in ceremonies and rituals. It's a belief that to lead a good life, one must work hard and live honestly, treat everyone equally, serve others, be generous to the less fortunate, and keep God close in the heart and mind at all times.



Ever so carefully the Holy Book Guru Granth Sahib Ji is brought outside from the prayer hall and put on the float to travel the Evergreen neighborhood.

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