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## Celebrate 4th of July at San Jose Gurdwara with a free 'Under the Moonlight Ice Cream Social' 7-10 p.m.

By Kirpal Atwal  
*Special to the Times*

This 4th of July, our friendly San Jose Gurdwara located in Evergreen will offer everyone a free ice cream social in celebration of our great country!

The annual event 'Under the Moonlight Ice Cream Social' will take place Thursday, July 4th from 7-10 p.m. San Jose Gurdwara is located at: 3636 Gurdwara Ave San Jose, CA 95148.

### History

When the Sikh Gurdwara was first built (located all the way up Aborn Road) we made a pledge to find good

ways for us to introduce ourselves to the Evergreen community.

We decided to have many events and as always, there is always a free entrance and delicious nutritious complementary foods for everyone. We are all part of the same family of mankind, expressing love for all people of all races, and all backgrounds.

The Gurdwara on the hill is a community place and a community asset for all to utilize and visit. Some say the grounds are beautiful and so well kept that maybe one day it can become a national landmark. Tour busses come regularly to view the overlook of the lovely Evergreen Valley and partake in having complementary lunch in our kitchen (Langar).

We are so very proud as American citizens to walk hand and hand with everyone. Always know, in our heart, we are so proud to be a part of America. We fight for this country and respect it's ideas. The 4th of July is a very important day for us and we cherish it. Sikh boy scouts and girl scouts with deep pride help set up for our events. After all, this is an important place of freedom in our world. We understand that and take pride in singing American patriotic songs and carrying the American flag with strength and honor.

Our little tradition each year is for  
*See GURDWARA, page 6*



Nor-Cal State Team Finalists (left to right) Front Row - Head Coach Rekha Chowliur, Anushka Raman, Aarushi Saha, Aseem Pannu, Tanisha Bhugra, Shasta Mudda, Ashwithaa Raja, Priyanka Keshavan, and Coach Preeti Miudda. Top Row - Joseph Kennedy, Sudhir Venkataraman, Kaivalya Singh, Devarsh Shekar, Sumedh Seetharaman, Advay Salotra, Abhinav Raja, Riyansh Goyal, Absent - Annabella Chou, and Kathy Ton.

## Chaboya Middle School's Black Team triumphs at NorCal Science Olympiad State Finals

*Black Team clinches 250 Medals this season*

By William Bellou  
*Publisher*

Chaboya Middle School's Black Team secured an impressive 3rd place finish, etching a new chapter in the school's history at the Northern California Science Olympiad State Finals held recently at Califor-

nia State University, East Bay.

Established in 1984, the Science Olympiad is a renowned nationwide competition engaging nearly 8,000 teams from all 50 states.

### The Science Olympiad

The Science Olympiad events are meticulously designed to recognize a wide variety of skills possessed by students. While some events demand

*See OLYMPIAD, page 6*



## Fireworks display event options for July 3-4 in SJ

If you're ready to make plans to watch local fireworks, you have three options to choose from this year, including pyrotechnic displays at Almaden Lake Park, Lake Cunningham Park, and Excite Ballpark.

Residents looking for a natural setting than a street or a baseball stadium on the Fourth can head to Almaden Lake Regional Park, which has its ninth annual festival starting at 3 p.m. July 4 with live music, food trucks and a fun zone for kids before the fireworks start about 9:15 p.m.

San Jose Councilmember Domingo Candelas is hosting his First Ever Fireworks show at Lake Cunningham Park in East San Jose for the first time. Those festivities start at

*See FIREWORKS, page 6*



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## 19 acres ablaze

A grass fire broke out at 8:24 a.m. Saturday, June 15 at the perimeter of the Meadowlands neighborhood in Evergreen Valley which resulted in dozens of firefighters responding to the incident that spread to 19 acres. The Villages Golf and Country Club was also threatened, but fire fighters were able to stop the advancing flames. A Cal Fire helicopter was involved in the response, along with 80 personnel and 6 fire engines.

*Photo by Toni Julian Appgar*

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# Happy Birthday America!

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*We will not be using any fireworks but if you bring your binoculars and keen eyesight you will see the displays far in the distance which light up the sky!*

All have been through such great challenges in the past years. We sincerely care about everyone and understand the sacrifices which have been made by families. We continue to have a fully outdoor event where you can walk under the moonlit stars with your family and friends. Admission and food are free. It is an event of joy and celebration of how wonderful you are and our strong and noble country called America is! If you can, come on up and have complimentary ice cream or fresh fruit and connect under the moonlit sky with those of all races and cultures in our wonderful Bay Area! It is a night of building family for all. We also will be serving complimentary vegetarian meals to-go at the Langar (kitchen area). – Kirpal Atwal, *Gurdwara Director*

We embrace the values of our American heritage strongly! Values of justice, liberty, equality and the caring about others are enshrined in the Constitution and also form the cornerstone of our Sikh beliefs. We are the Sikh Americans and very proud to be a part of the United States of America and of course the wonderful Evergreen community!



The San Jose Gurdwara is open for you to visit 365 days of the year. It is located all the way up Quimby Road on the hillside. The Sikh religion reaches out to the less fortunate and donations are always welcome. You can find information at our website below. The address is 3636 Gurdwara Avenue, San Jose, CA 95148. Gurdwara contact: Kirpal Atwal (408) 835-7712 | Website: [sanjosegurdwara.org](http://sanjosegurdwara.org)



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Times **Community News**

# ESUHSD school board votes to approve parcel tax vote on Nov. 5th ballot and increase teacher salaries

By Times staff writers

The East Side Union High School District board of directors voted on two major spending items at its June 20th school board meeting.

The board approved a resolution authorizing a Parcel Tax vote that will be included in the November 5, 2024 ballot. (See Item 9.01 of the June 20 school board meeting in written form on the school district website)

Subject to two-thirds approval of the voters, the education parcel tax of \$49 per parcel (except exempt parcels), shall become effective for five years commencing with fiscal year 2025-26 and be collected by the Santa Clara County Tax Collector at the same time as and along with, and shall be subject to the same penalties as general ad valorem taxes collected by said tax collector.

**BALLOT MEASURE:** "With funds that cannot be taken by the State and spent elsewhere, shall East Side Union High School District's parcel tax to protect career technical education and college preparation programs and maintain competitive wages and benefits for teachers and staff at Andrew Hill, Calero, Evergreen Valley, Foothill, Independence, James Lick, Mt. Pleasant, Oak Grove, Piedmont Hills, Santa Teresa, Silver Creek,

Yerba Buena and W.C. Overfelt High Schools be adopted at \$49 per parcel, raising \$6.4 million annually for five years, with senior exemptions and full public disclosure of all spending?"

Unlike school district bond measures, 75% of the voters must agree and vote for a parcel tax to pass, also people over a certain age (in their 60's who own a home can move to not pay their parcel tax by filing out a form with a school district.

### Teacher and Classified work-pay increase approved

The board approved an increase in teacher salaries (Item 9.03), which included a 2.25% salary schedule increase and a one time, off schedule stipend equal to 1.25% of the unit member's respective salary and any applicable stipends received by the unit member for ESTA, CSEA and the San Jose Federation of Teachers per the terms of those parties' collective bargaining agreements with the District including Classified and Certificated Management Salary Schedules for Unrepresented Employees (Not Including the Superintendent, Associate Superintendents).

*Editor's note: The June 20, 2024 board meeting can be seen on YouTube by searching this link: [ESUHSD Board Meeting 6/20/24](#)*

# Lillian Fasano of San Jose wins 2024 Calaveras County World Championship Frog Jumping Contest

Fasano nearly breaks previous record when her frog "The Frog Father" jumps 20 ft. 5.5 inches

By William Bellou  
Publisher

Lillian Fasano from San Jose has won the 2024 Calaveras County World Championship Frog Jumping contest.

Fasano nearly broke the world record when her frog "The Frog Father" jumped 20 feet 5.5 inches. The current world record is held by "Rosie the Ribiter," a frog owned by Lee Giudici, that jumped 21 feet, 5.75 inches in 1986.

As one of the founding members of the Gustine Frog Team, Lillian has participated in the frog jumping contest along with her family for more than 60 years. She has done well in the past, coming in 2nd place and 3rd place, but she has never taken 1st place before.

"I finally got it, first place" said Lillian Fasano, "I told my son Frank, make sure not to give me one of those little frogs, he pulled out a bigger frog for me, and it looked ready, I immediately thought this could be the winner!"

The Fasano family is the most decorated family in frog jumping history. The Gustine Frog Team, started in 1958, has a long line of champions, including Lillian's son Frank Fasano (1979), her husband Gene Fasano (1988), her son Bob Fasano (1998 and 2004), her grandson Justin Fasano (2017) and her great grand-nephew Nolan Moncref (2022). Lillian's sons Bob and Frank



Lillian Fasano of Almaden Valley won the International Frog Jump finals at the Calaveras County Fair and Jumping Frog Jubilee with her frog "The Frog Father." Photo credit: Smal-liz + Raskind

are Leland High School graduates.

"The Frog Jump is a family legacy that has become a big tradition for all of us every year" Lillian said, "I'm so happy to see my children and grandchildren competing every year, I just hope they're not scared that I might break the world record and win the \$20,000 cash prize next year!"

More than 3,000 contestants entered to jump frogs at the 2024 annual contest. The famous Calaveras County Fair & Jumping Frog Jubilee contest takes place the third weekend in May annually at Angels Camp, CA.

*Editor's note: There are two wonderful stories written in the late 1800s which highlight humor on a frog jumping contest in a gold mining town in Calaveras County. "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County" was written by Mark Twain in 1865 and Bret Harte authored, "The Outcasts of Poker Flat" in 1869. Today's annual event was inspired by the Twain story, and has been held in Angels Camp Calaveras County California since 1928. Other like events are held in Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Washington, Maine, Missouri, Louisiana, New York, Wisconsin, and Manitoba, Canada.*

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## Olympiad

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knowledge of scientific facts and concepts, others rely on science processes, skills, or applications. The event challenges young minds to approach events with scientific rigor and iterative problem solving, to foster a deeper understanding of theoretical knowledge and practical concepts.

This year's season, October 2023 to April 2024, saw a cohort of 60 students from Chaboya Middle School engage in spirited competition across various mini, satellite, in-person, and virtual tournaments nationwide. Notable events included the Georgia scrimmage, Dodgen-Walton Invitational in Marietta, Georgia, Boyceville Invitational in Boyceville, Wisconsin, Rickards Invitational in Tallahassee, Florida, Rustin Invitational in West Chester, Pennsylvania, High Desert Invitational in Southern California, Bird Invitational at the University of Southern California, So-Cal, Mira Loma Invitational in Sacramento, California, Kennedy Invitational and Stem Boost in Cupertino, California, Santa Clara Regionals in Milpitas, California, culminating in the Northern California State tournament at California State University, East Bay.

The coaching ensemble was spearheaded by parents: Rekha Chowlur (Head Coach, Chaboya M S & Silver Creek H S), and Preeti Mudda (Coach, Chaboya M S) supported by Jagannath Rao Mudda as the Nature of Enquiry Coach, along with Vijay Parmar as the Technology and Engineering Coach.

**250 medals earned**

Throughout the season, Chaboya's Black Teams earned a notable total of 250 medals across a diverse spectrum of scientific disciplines, including Life Science, Personal & Social Science, Earth & Space Science, Physical Science & Chemistry, Technology & Engineering, and Inquiry & Nature of Science. Additionally, at the Santa Clara regionals hosted at Milpitas High School, Chaboya's White and Red teams secured 16th and 17th place respectively.

Head Coach Rekha Chowlur and Coach Preeti Mudda expressed their pride in the Chaboya Middle School Teams' journey this season.

"Our students' victory at the Regionals and progression to the State Finals came as no surprise," said Coach Chowlur. "The preparation and dedication of our Chaboya teams were evident, leading to the anticipated outcome."

Particularly noteworthy this year was the enthusiasm of students eager to explore science at an elementary level.

Coach Chowlur reflected on Chaboya Middle School's consistent excellence in regionals for several consecutive years, stating, "their strong performance in local competitions, coupled with teamwork, has been instrumental in their remarkable achievements over the last few years."

The Science Olympiad encapsulates the pinnacle of educational research and innovation, with its success largely attributed to the lessons learned within classroom walls. Throughout the program, students cultivate essential teamwork, group planning, and collaborative skills. They are involved in strategic planning, innovative thinking, and the pursuit of shared goals.

The coaching team underscores the significance of students showing respect to all. At its core, the program promotes advanced science learning through active, hands-on group participation, to enhance scientific knowledge. By participating, students not only showcase their abilities but also foster a deep interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). The coaches aspire that participating students discover the pivotal role that team spirit and good sportsmanship play in their overall achievements.

Recognizing the critically important role of school leadership, Coach Chowlur expressed her deep appreciation to Chaboya Principal Dr. Marena Doxie.

"We are grateful for her exceptional support of this program," she underscored. Dr. Doxie's encouragement and endorsement have undoubtedly propelled the team's accomplishments. "As



Chaboya's Teams Black, Ivory, Red and White students along with Head Coach **Rekha Chowlur**, Coach **Preeti Mudda**, Proctors and Test Writers - **Deepa Gopalakrishnan**, **Parna Roy**, **Sumana Sashidhar**, **Rashmi Bhugra**, **Christopher Kennedy**, **Krishna Chintalapudi**, **Sanjay Singh** and **Harpreet Pannu**.

coaches, we strive for participating students to embrace diverse learning methods and adopt innovative perspectives," Chowlur explained.

The coaching team extended its thanks to Ms. Jennifer Anderson-Chaffee, Assistant Principal, and Ms. Renu Singh, PTA President, as well as Custodian Mr. Pedro Aguilar, for their invaluable assistance in allowing students to utilize the Chaboya facilities for practices and tests.

The coaching team also acknowledged the invaluable contributions of parents and parent volunteers who served as mentors, test writers, and proctors throughout this season.

**Proctors, Test Writers and Logistics Team**

Deepa Gopalakrishnan (Head Coach SCHS '25), Christopher Joseph Kennedy, Daleep Pannu, Parna Roy, Athul Salhotra, Rashmi Bhugra, Sumana Shashidhar, Sanjay Singh, Santanu Dey, Priya Viswa, Hiral Parekh, Sirisha Govindaraju, Neyla Kennedy, Harpreet Pannu, Iqbal Pannu, Chandra Ranganathan, Bhaghi Raja, Neeta Kamat, Krishna Chintalapudi, Manish Gupta, Neha Vyas, Purushottam Kamat, Vanessa Chou, Dinesh Jha, Puneet Bhargava, Vasanth Venkatraman, Seetharaman Ramachandran, Dat Ton, Li Wen, Pratima Rao, Sneha Magar, Kiran Magar, Krishna Chittabathini.

**Team Captains, Alumni Mentors and Research Contributors**

Team Co-Captains: Sahana Chowlur, Silver Creek High School (2018 - 2024), specializing in Space Science, Chemistry, Technology & Engineering, and Ojasvi Mudda, Evergreen Valley High School (2018 - 2024), focusing on Life Science and Nature & Inquiry of Sciences.

Alumni Student Mentors and Research Contributors: Arya Kamat, Zakhi Shaikh, Deshna Shekar, Puneet Nalluru, Sreekar Baddepudi, Neeta Kamat, Naushin Shaikh, Kusuma Nalluru.

Top medalists and Top 10 ranked winners among all 60 team members throughout the 2023-2024 season, including gold, silver, bronze, 4th, 5th, and 6th place medalists: Chaboya's Black Team, NorCal State Finalists are: Tanisha Bhugra, Joseph Kennedy, Advay Salhotra, Shasta Mudda, Annabella Chou, Kathy Ton, Aarushi Saha, Anushka Raman, Priyanka Keshavan, Aseem Pannu, Sudhir Venkataraman, Devarsh Shekar, Kaivalya Singh, Sumedh Seetharaman, Abhinav Raja, Ashwithaa Raja, and Riyansh Goyal.

**Chaboya's Red, White & Ivory Teams**

Haniya Khan, Veenanjali Chellaboina, Anvisha Parekh, Sathvika Govindaraju, Aaryan Magar, Krish Darshan Raj, Veenanjali Chellaboina, Saesha Bargal, Joseph Silver, Jiya Patel, Shreya Preetham, Laya Gowravaram, Advay Rastogi, Annika Singh, Ashwin Karunakaran, Sathvika Govindaraju, Haode (Thomas) Wen, Krithik Chittabathini, Saahiti Chintalapudi, Naavya Lalchandani, Simran Kaur, Ayan Banerjee, Siddhart Rao, Anjalika Sriwastava, Anshu Jammula, Autumn Le, Medha Oruganti, Viraj Pandey, Manas Jha, Pranav Vandana, Arhan Bhargava, Shivanth Muthuswamy, Mukund Shankar, Keith Dey, Tishya Chutani, Naisha Chutani, Aneka Talluri, Tanya Kang, Niyati Deshmukh.

Chaboya's substantial achievements are largely attributable to the hard work and dedication of participating students. As Chaboya Middle School continues to raise the bar, it remains a beacon of scientific excellence in the heart of Santa Clara County.

## Gurdwara

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you to walk up and join us in this outdoor event with special ice cream and refreshments under the moonlight sky at the Gurdwara on the Hill. You and your family and friends can park and leisurely walk up to have ice cream and joyfully look down at the valley. You can see fireworks so if you want, bring binoculars too.

These important historical days help educate all about our patriotism and how each culture contributes unique gifts which weave the beautiful tapestry of our country. Understanding others combined with embracing diversity brings strength to all for overcoming any stereotypes we instinctively may harbor.

It truly is a wonderful event, and I say that from the bottom of my heart!

In India, all say that America is the land of opportunity. It's true that any person can truly bring themselves up from the ground to gather wealth and plan well for their future. That is not always the case in other countries.

The American Sikhs believe in equality between all people with regard to cultures, race, religion as well as between men and women too. The Sikhs were one of the first cultures in history to honor and embrace equality between men and women. The truth is, America is such a grand place to live that all one has to do is just grasp the opportunities and figure out how to make things work for each unique situation.

**Freedom!**

What is so wonderful about America is that it is a diverse country and a place where people accept one another regardless of race, creed, color or religion. We also know that Independence Day is important for without fighting for our country we would have

no freedom!

The sky is the limit in how one can achieve goals and live their life in this beautiful and so very special place.

Thank you, Evergreen Community for accepting the Sikh Americans as your friends. Please visit our place on the hill where we serve complimentary vegetarian food 365 days of the year. Also, we never try to proselytize (change others religion or push them towards ours called Sikhism) instead we honor and respect all religions and treat everyone as brother and sister.

On Thursday, the 4th of July, come up and say hello! I serve ice cream with others and you can say hi. If you like you can come back for seconds.

**Message from President Bob Dhillon**

Our Gurdwara is a community center as well as a place of worship. We have many events of this kind each year and want you to know you're always welcome.

We have completed a beautiful children's playground open to the public and are in the process of designing a wonderful nature trail for the community to use in the future.

It is very heartwarming to meet and see the community come up and greet each other in this annual 4th of July ice cream social. We don't have fireworks but you can see such displays in the beautiful valley below while enjoying delicious tasty ice cream. The children can go back for seconds if they wish to.

Thank you, Evergreen Community, for your friendship and camaraderie. For more information on the Under the Moonlight 4th of July Ice Cream Social go to the San Jose Gurdwara website and you can get our app too; sanjosegurdwara.org

*Editor's note: Learn more by viewing the informational ad for this event on page 2 of this issue.*

## Fireworks

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7 p.m. and also will feature food trucks and family-friendly activities.

The rockets will go off July 3 after the Giants' game against the Stockton Ports, and on July 4 the fireworks will follow a concert by country music artist Matt Stell, presented by Bay Country with both events at Excite Ballpark.

For more information regarding the Almaden Lake Park fireworks show, visit <https://sjd10.com/4th-of-july>

For more information regarding the Lake Cunningham Lake Park fireworks show, visit <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/6855/4738?curm=7&cury=2024>

For more information regarding the Excite Ballpark fireworks shows, visit [sjgiants.com](https://sjgiants.com).

*Editor's note: There is one more option on the evening of the 4th of July by attending San Jose Gurdwara's annual "Moonlight Under the Stars" event features a walk up and get free ice cream. Although there are no live fireworks at this site, one can view other fireworks displays from the Gurdwara hilltop location.*

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# The 2024 Italian Family Festa will rock!

By William Bellou  
*Publisher*

The 2024 entertainment lineup at 2024 Italian Family Festa is off the charts! The 42nd Annual Festa will feature many more talented musicians this year.

The event takes place Saturday, August 3 from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Sunday, August 4 from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. at History Park, 1650 Senter Rd. in San Jose.

The ever-popular Italice! These talented musicians serve up the most original and authentic Italian music. The group has more than 40 years of musical experience and has performed all over the west. Italice will likely turn the Festa into a dance party!

The Festa is also excited to have the award-winning San Francisco Brass Band! The group won the North American Brass Band Association (NABBA) 2nd Section in 2023. And, this year, it clinched the title for 1st Section. The band is among the top ten brass bands in the United States.

Also performing at this year's Festa is The Houserockers... a 10-piece rock & soul band that plays the greatest songs ever recorded. The Houserockers have won several Bay Area Best Band Awards, including "Best Cover Band in the Bay Area."

Also performing at the Festa this year are Opera San Jose, Gold Money Band, and Fratello Marionettes.

The Festa is also offering special entertainment for the kids this year in the Zona di Ragazze e Ragazzi... aka, Kids' Activity Zone!

Back by popular demand, Satvik the Magician! He brings magic, mystery, and excitement! Youngsters and parents will be astonished! Kids can also try their hand at swordsmanship with the Italian Renaissance Swordsmanship



The ever-popular Italice! These talented musicians will serve up the most original and authentic Italian music at this year's Italian Family Festa.

Academy! Other hands-on activities for kids include a professional face painter.

Please visit their website for the full schedule of entertainment: [italianfamilyfestasj.org](http://italianfamilyfestasj.org).

Admission is FREE!

**Entertainment schedule**

**Saturday, August 3**

- 12:30 - 1:00 Opera San Jose
- 1:30 - 3:30 San Francisco Brass Band
- 4:15 - 6:45 The Houserockers - Saturday Night Street Dance

**Sunday, August 4**

- 11:30 - 12:00 Opera San Jose
- 12:30 - 2:15 San Francisco Brass Band
- 2:45 - 4:45 Italice

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.



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OP ED

# Evergreen iconic local library open noon to 5 p.m. Sundays

By Kevin Larsen  
Special to the Times

One of our finest libraries in San Jose, Evergreen Library, located at 2635 Aborn Rd., is now open on Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

Employees at Evergreen Library are family friendly, for they love and care about people. They smile, have highly professional communication practices and they're smart!

One employee was caring enough to ask me how I was doing after I suffered a major accident more than a month earlier.

**Climate change already occurred**

Ever notice we have had climate change in libraries? I'm referring to the way you are treated. This Evergreen library has had a culture and climate shift where the workers really care.

I have been coming to this library often and know there is another library at Village Square which is nice, but this is the only library in Evergreen Valley open on Sundays and it's a charming place to visit on a Sunday afternoon!

**More customer care highlights**

- It's the only library with a nice children's playground near it with benches

- Clean place with nice parking lot
- You are greeted with a smile when you walk in

- There is a beautiful collection by Friends of the Library where different books are available to pick up and keep for a small donation. The proceeds go to good causes and it is all run by volunteers who hold special book sales in the large room

- A multitude of computers (over 25) are available for you to sit and work, and copies can be made at fifteen cents a copy or a little bit more for color



- All kinds of activities are listed at this library and one librarian takes time to make free flyers listing the activities at the main desk. Go pick one up and stick it on your refrigerator at home to remind yourself of the upcoming events

- It is unbelievable all of the customer care that exists here

If you lose a book, they work with you to get your library card balanced with things you can do in lieu of paying money. You can also look at magazines and the current issue of the *San Jose Mercury News*.

I had a smile today as I was speaking with a lady who has come to this library for well over 30 years. She explained, "I took all my kids here. I love the spacious layout of the environment, and also because one can find a quiet, private place to sit and read. The workers are fabulous and help with anything you need. I like the shows presented here. Most of all, I love the photos my son sends me of his daughter as she is seen reading a lot. I love that!"

# Cost of water to increase in Evergreen Valley

The cost of drinking water will increase \$10-\$11 per month for customers of the San Jose Municipal Water System living in Evergreen Valley, North San Jose, Alviso, and Edenvale. The changes are expected to go into effect on July 1.

City councilmembers voted 8-2 in support of raising rates on drinking water.

The reason for the increase, according to city officials, is due to the rising cost of wholesale water, which it purchases from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, Santa Clara Valley Water District and South Bay Water Recycling.



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## Santa Clara County Fair to celebrate 80th anniversary

*Celebrating 80 years of 'Innovation: From the Fields to the Future' opens July 25th*

The Santa Clara County Fair is getting ready to celebrate its 80th anniversary with the theme "Celebrating 80 years of Innovation: From the Fields to the Future." This year's fair will take place from July 25th to 28th and August 1st to 4th. The 2024 fair will be a nostalgic experience for people of all ages as it celebrates the rich history of innovation and diversity in Santa Clara County.

The fair promises to be unforgettable, with exciting activities for everyone. On Thursday, July 25th, a special ribbon-cutting ceremony will open the fair, followed by an honor for military veterans. Children aged 12 and under will receive free admission on this day. On Saturday, July 27th, the fairgrounds will host the Fair Parade.

This year's fair will feature many old favorites, such as the pig races, horse exhibit, dog show, rabbit and cavy show, goat show, a petting zoo, and the popular livestock auction in the Expo Hall. In addition, the fair will introduce new attractions that will pique the interest of children, teens, and adults, including the robotics exhibition and the Hop 'N' Vine Garden, featuring local wineries and breweries.

During the fair, there will be various free entertainment on four stages, including music from multiple genres and eras, children's magic acts, pig races, BMX stunt shows, a mini-circus, and a carnival. Bungee jumps and carnival rides are available for those seeking an adrenaline rush. The 2024 fair promises to be the ultimate family fun experience, delighting ev-

ery member of your family.

Of course, no fair would be complete without delicious food, and there will be plenty of options available. You can indulge in traditional fair favorites such as Angelo's Pepper Steak and corn dogs or try new international dishes. There will also be a wine and beer garden and a tequila saloon for those looking to relax.

In addition to all the fun and excitement, you can learn something new at the fair. There will be hands-on exhibits from Tech Interactive, opportunities to explore local flora and fauna, and home art displays to inspire your creativity. You can even get up close with the animals, including sheep, goats, pigs, horses, and mini donkeys.

"The Santa Clara County Fair has always been a significant event for the community. This year marks the 80th anniversary of the fair and it is going to be a fantastic celebration that honors the past, present, and future," said Abe Andrade, Executive Director of the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds Management Corporation.

Tickets are now on sale at Etix: <https://www.etix.com/ticket/v/29648/santa-clara-county-fair>

Free tickets are available on designated days for children 12 and younger, seniors 62 and older, veterans, first responders, and those with special needs. Additionally, anyone who enters the poster contest will receive two complimentary tickets, and anyone who enters to join the parade will get a free ticket.

**Fair Highlights**

- On Thursday, July 25th, a special ribbon-cutting ceremony will open the fair, followed by an honor for military veterans.

- Support the Jr Livestock Auction in the morning on August 3rd, followed by the Firefighters Chili Cook-Off, which benefits the Firefighter's burn unit.

- Special appearances by the Ninja Turtles on July 26 & Aug. 3 and Peppa



the Pig on Aug. 4.

- Día De Feria! Experience the best of Latino culture on July 28 and August 4 at the Santa Clara County Fair.

**Special Days**

- Fri. 7/26: Veterans
- Thurs. 8/1: Seniors
- Sat 8/3: Special Needs & First Responders
- For the run of The Fair, enjoy the Hop 'N Vine Garden, featuring local wineries and breweries
- Music lovers can look forward to great music throughout the fair's run.

Poster Contest: Attention Artists of all Abilities! For the first time, the fair's commemorative poster contest is open to people with special needs and school-age youth. All participants will receive two tickets to the fair's opening day on July 25. The deadline to submit is May 15. For contest rules, visit <http://bit.ly/3wit6nc>. For more details and to enter, contact Shea DeArman at (408) 494-3103 or [SDearman@thefair.org](mailto:SDearman@thefair.org).

Exhibitors: Calling People of all Ages, Cultures, Interests, and Abilities! Artists, craftspeople, inventors, collectors, hobbyists, and everyone in between are invited to participate in the fair's Home Arts exhibit. The exhibit welcomes entries in various categories. The deadline to submit your entries is June 26, 2024. For more information and to enter, please visit <https://thefair.org/exhibitors/>.

July 27th Parade: The fair is looking for entertaining, creative, and exciting entries to participate in the July 27th parade at 6 p.m. Equestrians, bands, floats, drill teams, dance teams, comical groups, military groups, and other unique, fun, and entertaining entries are invited to apply. Think outside the box! Visit <https://form.jotform.com/230965571573161> to read the guidelines and apply.

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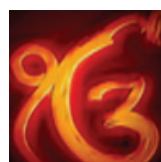
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