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San Jose City Council District 8 candidates participating in the public forum (left to right) are: Pat Waite, Joshua Barousse, Denise Belisle, Jimmy Nguyen, and Sylvia Arenas.

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Cao attends White House Science Fair

Anton Cao, an 11th grade student at Evergreen Valley High School, attended the 2016 White House Science Fair held this week in the White House East Room.

Cao earned a perfect score on the AP Calculus AB exam in 2015 and was among of only twelve students in the world to earn every point possible on the exam.



Anton Cao

President Obama is hosting the final White House Science Fair

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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO HOLD CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUM

Home, HomeFirst, The Health Trust, LifeMoves and Abode Services organizations are sponsoring a San Jose City Council Candidate Forum to be held on Monday, April 18.

The event will be held at the Boccardo Reception Center (homeless shelter), 2011 Little
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Candidates speak out at public forum

San Jose City Council District 8 and Assembly District 27

By William Bellou
Publisher

More than 100 residents attended a "Candidates Forum" on April 7 to meet the candidates and listen to their views. There were two slates of candidates speaking at the forum: San Jose City Council District 8 and California Assembly District 27.

The venue for the forum was

the Evergreen Community Center, which was sponsored by District 8 Roundtable. The League of Women Voters determined the final questions and the order in which the candidates spoke.

Each candidate had 10 seconds for lightening round questions (LRQ) and one to two minutes to respond to complex questions. District 8 Roundtable and the audience provided the questions, which ranged from the Evergreen College retail development

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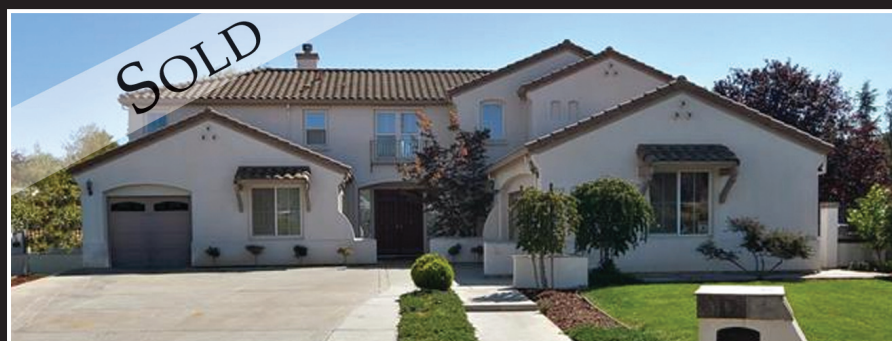
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A lighter moment is captured during the Candidates Forum with California Assembly District 27 candidates (left to right) **Madison Nguyen, Van Le, Esau Herrera, Coung Do, and Ash Kalra.** Photo by Ray Rodriguez.

Forum

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proposal to human trafficking.

San Jose City Council District 8

San Jose City Council District 8 candidates participating in the event included: **Sylvia Arenas, Joshua Barousse, Denise Belisle, Jimmy Nguyen, and Pat Waite.**

Here are the questions and answers for each City Council District 8 candidate. The responses are listed in the order in which they spoke, which was determined by Gloria Chun Hoo, representing the League of Women Voters.

The answers for each question are verbatim, without editing of syntax or grammar. The transcripts have been checked for accuracy by the staff of the Evergreen Times.

FIRST INSTALLMENT

Editor's note: This is the first installment of the candidates' responses. The second installment will be published in the April 29th issue of the Evergreen Times.

What do you think the City should do to improve traffic safety and congestion during commute hours? (Reminder: answers are unedited)

Joshua Barousse: "As I mentioned, my top priorities, when I mentioned education, I've actually met with both the superintendents of both the Evergreen School District and the Eastside Union High School District. There are traffic concerns at both these school districts. The first thing that both mentioned was to make sure we have mechanisms in place to enforce traffic around schools. Knowing that a lot of our schools, especially in front of Evergreen Valley High School, they are on main thoroughfares, and they finally put in a pedestrian crosswalk. It's a big issue making sure we're able to restore public safety and back-fill the vacant positions in our police department. Once public safety is restored, we can restore the traffic enforcement unit, making sure they are out there enforcing traffic. Now, as far as traffic congestion, yes, the harsh reality is that Evergreen is so much a bedroom community, it is hard to get out in the morning and hard to get back in the evening and that's a major concern. It's important that we invest in metered lights



and extra lanes to help with the flow of traffic in order to plan for growth."

Jimmy Nguyen: "Walking the precincts, I talked to a lot of residents who complain about the same thing, and I think most of you agree we have people who are speeding and driving recklessly in our district. You can also tell by the memorials that were victims that this is a huge problem in Evergreen. One of my team members found a statistic online that San Jose, excuse me, is it Vision Zero?...it's a traffic study by San Jose that found that roughly 50 kids under the age of 15 are either injured or fatally hit by a car every year in San Jose for the last 30 something years. You can also, like I said, all those memorials for people driving recklessly, all those victims of people driving recklessly. What we can do about it? Traffic enforcement. Because of our weak budget, the police are focused more on serious crimes and not ticketing people who are speeding in our neighborhoods. So that's one thing that I would make a priority.



Pat Waite: "One of the best things that we can do to improve congestion and traffic around the schools is to get the School District to re-implement bussing. There is a Conga line of cars around my neighborhood every morning to get the kids to school, because Evergreen School District doesn't run busses for everybody. So, that makes for more traffic through there, and that's not a good thing. So, I would like to work with the School District to help them understand how they can better accomplish that goal and get the kids out of their parent's cars and into busses. Regarding the speeding and the deaths that are happening out there, we need to get the traffic enforcement unit expanded so that there are more officers out there to remind us what the legal speed limit is. Without that, we're going to continue to see cars crashing down Silver Creek Valley Road, and we're going to continue to see joggers run over by people speeding on Yerba Buena, because kids will be kids, and idiots will be idiots."



Denise Belisle – "I think everybody

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State Senator **Jim Beall** (center) hosted a Vietnamese roundtable in Evergreen Valley to discuss issues that effect the community on March 18.

State Senator Beall hosts Vietnamese roundtable in Evergreen Valley to discuss relevant issues

By **William Bellou**
Publisher

Jim Beall, State Senator 15th District, sponsored a Vietnamese roundtable in Evergreen to discuss relevant issues affecting the community at the Evergreen Library on March 18.

“I held the roundtable meeting because I wanted to hear directly from Vietnamese community leaders about the issues that affect them,” said Beall.

Beall said the participants raised many topics, including funding for a culturally competent center for Vietnamese seniors and for Vietnamese non-profit service providers. One of the topics discussed was the need to preserve their culture and the necessity to keep college accessible for low-income youth.

“It was a very productive meeting. In fact, they requested that I schedule more roundtables with them, which I will do,” said Beall.

Best of all, the gathering also served as an opportunity for some of the participants to meet each other for the first time.”



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San Jose Vice Mayor **Rose Herrera** and Apple co-founder **Steve Wozniak** hang out at the Silicon Valley Comic Con, the largest of its kind in Northern California. Wozniak brought the event to San Jose last month and attracted more than 60,000 people. The event paired science and fiction featuring celebrity appearances, science/tech discussions, panels with award-winning authors, displays with comic book artists, and cosplay contests. Marvel comics legend Stan Lee also appeared at the convention, and signed memorabilia for fans, such as these Captain America shields.



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Times **Feature**

Cao

Continued from page 1 of his administration, celebrating students in a board range of STEM fields.

As an honored guest, Cao is interacting with other students, professional scientists, high-level senior government officials, and private sector representatives.

The President will also announce new commitments in support of the Administration's "Computer Science for All" initiative announced earlier this year, as well as the "Educate to Innovate" campaign to ensure that all students are engaged and prepared in STEM subjects.



Cao (third from left) earned a perfect score on the AP Calculus AB exam in 2015 and was among of only twelve students in the world to earn every point possible on the exam.

Forum

Continued from page 1 Orchard St, San Jose starting at 6:30 p.m. The forum will take place in the courtyard.

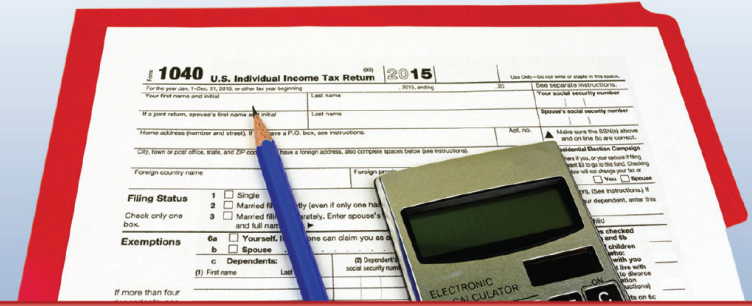
All candidates have been invited who have filed to run for city council in any seat up for election in 2016 have been invited, including districts 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10.

The following candidates have accepted the invitation: District 2 include Steve Brown, Sergio Jimenez, Joe Lopez, and Elias

Portales; District 4 candidate Lan Diep; District 6 candidates Peter Allen, Helen Chapman, Dev Davis, Erik Fong, Norman Kline, Ruben Navarro, Chris Roth, Myron, and Van Raesfeld. District 8 candidates include Joshua Barousse, Denise Belisle, and Pat Waite; District 10 candidate Johnny Khamis has also accepted.

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Evergreen School celebrates 60 year anniversary

By William Bellou
Publisher

Several hundred parents and students celebrated the 60th anniversary of Evergreen School on Fowler Rd. by traveling back in time, on Sunday April 10.

The event theme was exploring the 1950's, the decade the school opened, with interactive displays, activities, and performances provided by Evergreen students, staff, and families.

In 1955, Evergreen Elementary School opened on Fowler Road. The oldest school and namesake of the district, it was located at two previous locations in Evergreen Valley dating back to the 1800's.

Santa Clara County Supervisor Board President, Dave Cortese, spoke at the event explaining that he attended Evergreen School the year it opened on Fowler Rd.

Cortese presented a proclamation to the school from the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, "recognizing Evergreen Elementary School for the significant impact in education it has made for the last 60 years, and will continue to make far into the future."

"I will be 60 years old this June and I attended this school when it opened as a kindergartener," said Cortese. "I'm impressed with all of the research the students came up with and the displays highlighting the 1950's, just like 'Back to the Future.'"

Cortese said that when he attended Evergreen School the buildings were sur-



Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of Evergreen School are (l to r) Josh Barousse, candidate for San Jose City Council District 8, Dave Cortese, President of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, Sam Sam, a student, and Mario Lopez, photographer. Cortese attended Evergreen school in 1955 as a kindergartner and Barousse graduated from the school in 1994.

rounded by trees. "At this time of year, the trees were nearly completely white with blossoms," he said. "I also remember the types of toys on display here today, just like the ones students played with during recess."

The anniversary celebration has also inspired the theme for this year's PTA membership drive: "Backing the Future for 60 years. As in the 'Back to the Future' movie, the anniversary planning committee utilized the theme perfectly, as the movie referenced

the year 1955 in the past, and 2015 in the future.

60th Anniversary community picnic planned

An Evergreen School 60th Anniversary community picnic has been planned in May 2016 to celebrate the important milestone in the school's history. The 60th Anniversary Planning Committee needs your help to make the event unforgettable. If you have history with the school please share copies of pictures, homework, textbooks, school mem-

orabilia or stories of favorite memories of Evergreen School. You can drop off any regalia at Evergreen School 3010 Fowler Road San Jose, CA 95135 or contact the planning committee at evergreen60th@gmail.com.



Evergreen School principal, Stephen Sweeney and Tami Ozubko join the celebration for the Evergreen School's 60th anniversary. Tami handled the production of the 60th anniversary t-shirts and managed the sales booth. Tami graduated from Evergreen School in 1986.

Ashritha Eswaran of Evergreen competes in U.S. Women's Chess Championship

By William Bellou
Publisher

Evergreen Valley chess champion Ashritha Eswaran, 15, has been invited to the invitation-only 2016 U.S. Women's Chess Championship in St. Louis for the second year in a row this week.

Only the top 12 of the nation's best female chess players are invited to participate in the prestigious event. In 2014, she was the youngest player and won a prize for the Best Game of the Tournament, had three wins, and was the youngest and lowest-rated player in the tournament.

Eswaran began playing chess when she turned seven, and at 13, she received her National Master title. Her ratings have risen rapidly, in January 2010, she had a rating of 650 and by Feb. 2014, she became Candidate Master. She received training first at the NorCal House of



In August of 2015, Ashritha Eswaran won first place at the Pam Am in El Salvador, and received title of Woman International Master.

Chess and then with Bulgarian GM Dejan Bojkov.

In June 2015, Eswaran won first place in the U.S. Girls Junior Championship in Tulsa, Oklahoma despite being lowest seed. She won with a 6.5/9 and qualified to play in the 2016 US Women's Championship. The very next day, she flew to

Cali, Colombia for the 2015 Pan American Youth Chess Championship, where she tied for first place, but ended up getting the Bronze through a tie break in Girls Under 18 section.

In August of 2015, Eswaran won first place at the Pam Am in El Salvador, and received title of

Woman International Master. This year in February, Eswaran played and came in an impressive third in the incredibly competitive American Continental Women's Championship in Lima, Peru.

Eswaran is also a part of the "Young Stars - Team USA" program which is sponsored by the Kasparov Chess

Foundation (KCF) and the Chess Club & Scholastic Center of Saint Louis (CCSCSL). Other accomplishments throughout her career: All-Girls National Championship U12 (2012) and again in 2013 in U14 section. She played in the World Youth Championships four times from 2012-2015.



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- # 21 Women Category in the Nation
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Times **Your Community**

Celebrate Earth Day by caring for our environment

By Vice Mayor Rose Herrera
Special to the Times

I want to start by thanking all those neighbors who properly dispose of their litter, garbage, and refuse in Evergreen and across the city every day. I also want to thank all those who have participated in the last seven years of the Great American Litter Pickup while I've been in public office. We've averaged hundreds of bags of trash picked up every year during our one day of organized clean up and we want to continue that great success!

This year, Earth Day is Friday, April 22, 2016 coinciding nicely with the Great American Litter Pickup on April 23rd. In case you're wondering, the idea for a national day to focus on the environment came to Earth Day founder Gaylord Nelson, then a U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, after witnessing the ravages of the 1969 massive oil spill in Santa Barbara, California. Inspired by the student anti-war movement, he realized that if he could infuse that energy with an emerging public consciousness about air and water pollution, it would force environmental protection onto the national political agenda. Senator Nelson announced the idea for a "national teach-in on the environment" to the national media; persuaded Pete McCloskey, a conservation-minded Republican Congressman, to serve as his co-chair; and recruited Denis Hayes from Harvard as national coordinator. Hayes built a national staff of 85 to promote events across the land. April 22, falling between Spring Break and Final Exams, was selected as the date.

To help celebrate this year's Earth Day and to help keep your neighborhood clean, join us for the Great American Litter Pickup which takes place on Saturday, April 23rd starting at 8:30 a.m. We will be hosting two kick-off sites: the Evergreen Branch Library (2635 Aborn Road) and the Boys & Girls Club – Smythe Clubhouse (2195 Cunningham Ave). For more information, please contact Rose Dhaliwal at 408-535-4908 or rose.dhaliwal@sanjoseca.gov or pre-register at <http://govoluntr.com/events/2178>. This is a terrific event for church groups, neighborhood groups, families, scout troops, and individuals to come together for the good of our community and help spring clean our city.

In these days and times, there is no excuse for littering or illegal trash dumping in developed countries. There are proper places and procedures in place to get rid of unwanted material and waste. Littering and dumping causes problems with groundwater contamination, animal poisoning, and brings down property values. It is an eye sore that clogs drainage systems, blocks walkways, and can create health and fire hazards. Litter can also hamper economic development of a community. When new businesses look for a dynamic growing community where their businesses can

grow, they would hardly be interested in setting up new ventures, if they see a lot of litter around. Help us make Evergreen look like the place new businesses want to be!

If you've never been involved with a litter pickup, it's time to experience the pride you have in your community and join us! By seeing neighbors working together, cleaning up their streets and neighborhoods, we show our community that we care what about what happens to our environment.

Many times illegal dumping happens when residents have large items they want or need to get rid of but don't want to pay dump fees. In case you didn't know, the City of San Jose has been conducting a pilot program for large item trash. The Large Item Collection Pilot Program allows a San José resident in a single-family home to schedule one large item collection (for up to three items) at no extra cost through June 30, 2016. With large item collection, you may leave up to three items at the curb, which will be picked up by your recycling collection company. Large items include mattresses, sofas, refrigerators, tires, and more. To take advantage of large item collection, call and schedule a pick up date with your recycling collection company. For downtown, north, east, and south San José, call California Waste Solutions at (408) 213-7800.

This is a pilot program so make sure you take advantage of the benefit of a free pick-up of large, unwanted items before the end date. The more items that are picked up, the more likely the pilot program will be considered a success and possibly continue as a regular program.

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Vice Mayor

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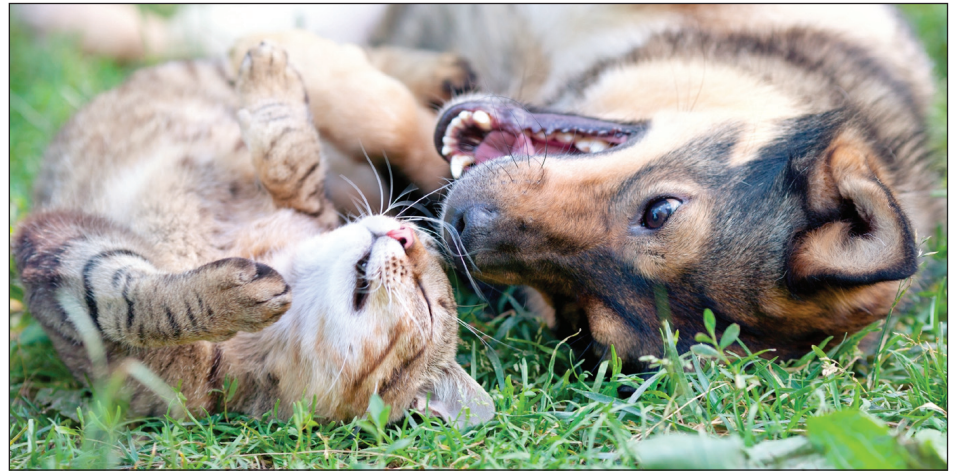
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Mt. Pleasant High School teacher starts San Jose Yale National Initiative in the Bay Area

Vanessa Vitug, a teacher at Mt. Pleasant High School, is spearheading efforts to establish a local San Jose Yale National Initiative.

Similar to the current program at Yale University, in which teachers from San Jose spend several weeks collaborating and training with university professors to develop content-driven curriculum, the local San Jose Teacher's Initiative will help Bay Area teachers develop a curriculum that will continue to revitalize and complement classroom instruction.

The program is designed to help teachers become core leaders within their schools and the school districts they serve.

Ms. Vitug and the San Jose Yale National Initiative Steering Committee are seeking partnerships with universities in the Bay Area to continue the Teacher's Initiative program and establish a local Teacher's Institute. Their goal is to bridge the gap between uni-

versities and K-12 education with the support and assistance of university professors.

This has become a multi-district endeavor with support from Chris Funk, East Side Union High School District Superintendent, Juan Cruz, Franklin-McKinley School District Superintendent, and Nancy Albarran, San Jose Unified School District Superintendent.

"This would be a first in the West Coast, and we hope to partner with a university in the Bay Area to create the first Teacher's Institute on the West Coast," said Ms. Vitug, Yale National Initiative Fellow and San Jose Yale National Initiative City Representative. "There is so much interest from our local teachers and a real need to establish these valuable collaborations. I'm excited at the possibilities. Not only would our teachers benefit, but most importantly, our students would be the true winners."

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Evergreen Valley College drops housing plans

By William Bellou
Publisher

Evergreen Valley College threw in the towel last week wiping out its controversial plans to build up to 400 apartments on 27 acres of college land that local students and residents say should be used to improve academics.

An application was filed at City Hall to change the land use of the parcel -- from its "quasi-public" designation to neighborhood community commercial. The proposal is headed to City Council in the fall, although someone checked the wrong box designated "mixed use."

The land next to Evergreen Valley College, designated surplus by the college, is a part of a 27-acre parcel that is at the center

of one of the hottest land-use battles in the city.

A majority of Evergreen residents and District 8 San Jose Council candidates oppose the project because they believe the proposal will have a negative impact on traffic, schools, and the morale of Evergreen Valley College students and faculty.

San Jose City Council candidate Pat Waite isn't pleased with the project. "There's a fundamental reason why 18,000 college students commute daily from Evergreen Valley to attend alternative colleges, such as DeAnza and West Valley," he said. "Until the College trustees offer a college that we can be proud of, the 27-acre property development proposal should be denied."

Without the housing component, the proposal stands a better chance of gaining approval by the council, but that is not a certainty. Republic Urban Properties was the lone bidder, which some say is unusual.

The development originally called for up to 250 market-rate apartments and up to 150 senior apartments, along with 40,000 square feet of retail, 40,000 sq. ft. designated for offices, gym and an aquatics center.

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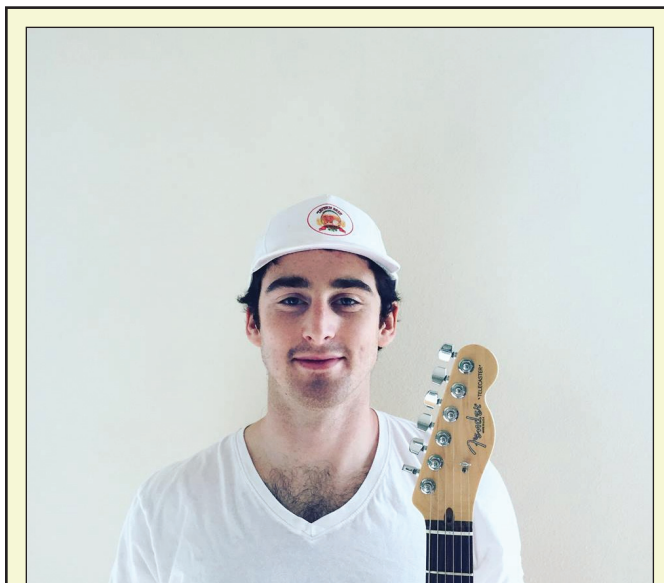
Sat, April 16, 11am-12pm, Class for Kids Ages 5-12 on Planting their Own Herb Garden. Meet in Community Classroom. \$5. Registration info below.

Tues, April 19, 10-11am: Spring Produce Store Tour. Enjoy tastes of fruits and veggies and learn about the farms that grow them. Free. Registration info below.

Wed, April 20, 11am-12pm: Wellness Lecture: Special Diets for Special Kids. April is Autism Awareness Month. Join Certified Health Coach Kim Rice and learn how certain foods can affect brain function and behavior in both children and adults on the autism spectrum. Free. Registration info below.

Fri, April 22, 5-7pm: Music on the Patio. Enjoy live music by the acoustic artist Grumpus during the complimentary wine tasting and cheese pairing featuring Rombauer Vineyards. Purchase dinner from the hot bar, take a seat, sit back and relax. Free.

Sat, April 23, 11am-12pm: Teen Cooking Class--Snacks that Fuel. Teens will learn to make tasty, healthy snacks and be inspired to make good choices about food they eat. Plenty of



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Please help Santa Clara County house its homeless veterans

By Supervisor Dave Cortese
Special to the Times

Tony Harrison served five years in the U.S. Army, and was stationed in the U.S. and abroad, including Iraq. His life was going pretty well when he was discharged in 2006. He bought a condo and had a good job. And then when the economy crashed, everything started to unravel.

He had to short sell his home, he lost his job and, in his words, "things just crashed."

He rented a room for \$500 until the rent was raised to \$800, and he could no longer afford it. Even though he had a security job at the time, he had to start living out of his car. After he learned he may qualify for a Veterans Administration housing voucher, Tony began to see a glimmer of hope.

His Veterans Administration Supportive Housing application was accepted, so armed with a monthly stipend, he began to look for an apartment. In two months, he filled out 26 applications. Some property managers put him on a waiting list, and 16 others charged a fee for processing the applications, ranging from \$25 to \$50 each. He was turned down 26 times.

In September 2015, the day before the voucher was to expire, a property owner rent-

ed him a two-bedroom apartment in South San Jose, providing him, "a place to come home to."

His experience as a homeless veteran also led him to his new job with the San Jose Downtown Streets Team, a nonprofit that helps homeless people get back on their feet through employment and housing. Part of his job is to approach landlords, talking to them about giving homeless people a chance to live under a roof and turn their lives around.

"When you've been through something like this and you have a chance to help other people, you're happy to do it," he said. "You've been there and you don't want anyone to feel the way you felt."

In November 2015, the County and the City of San Jose launched "All the Way Home," a campaign run by Destination: Home to house the 703 veterans who are without permanent housing, according to the 2015 Homeless Census. Like Tony, 260 of them have housing vouchers but, in today's competitive market, cannot find a place to rent.

We need you to join the campaign. If you have a room, apartment, condo or home to rent, please contact my office immediately or come to an informational meeting at 6 p.m.



County Report

By Dave Cortese
Supervisor

on Tuesday, April 26, in the Board Chambers at the County Government Center, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose. We'll give you all the details about the financial incentives that the County is offering to landlords who rent to veterans.

No one who served our country should sleep under a freeway overpass, in a tent near a creek or on a sidewalk. They fought for us and now we need to stand up for them.

You can contact my office at 408-299-5030 or email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org.

Guinness record attempt at City of San Jose Village Square Branch Library grand opening on April 16

By Sean Eastwood
Times Staff Writer

Vice Mayor Rose Herrera and the San Jose Public Library will cut the ribbon for Village Square library in Evergreen, on Saturday, April 16, starting at 11 a.m.

The library's grand opening is expected to attract hundreds of residents who have been eagerly watching the construction of the library during the past 18 months. San Jose Mayor, Sam Liccardo, is expected to attend the event.

"I'm grateful to the voters who passed Measure P in 2000 for making this library possible. This library will be a 21st century learning center for all ages and a gathering place for the community," said Herrera. Our Guinness World Record Attempt "Read for the Record" honors our culturally diverse and multi-lingual

heritage while celebrating the importance of reading to our children."

Entertainment from local talent will also be presented, including Dance Theater International, Line Dancing by the Northern California Line Dancing Association, Dance by from India by Carolyn Clark Elementary students, Chinese Performers by Vinh Son Liem Lion Dance, Wings of 100 Viets, and Chaboya Middle School Band.

Boy Scout Troop 251 will be leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Library volunteers will offer arts and crafts and other activities to children, while parents can enjoy coffee, cake and refreshments.

The Village Square Branch Library Grand Opening will feature welcoming remarks and a ribbon cutting. Food

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Times Features

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Fairmont San Jose is offering two spectacular Mother's Day brunch on May 8.

Two brunch options are offered for Mom's special day at the prestigious hotel. The Flower Market Brunch will be served in the Imperial Ballroom. The California Summer Buffet will be served in the Fountain Restaurant.

Flower Market Brunch Mother's Day fare

This elegant brunch will feature a carving station showcasing roasted New York strip with garlic jus and Asian crispy roast pork with hoisin chili sauce.

Menu items like pan seared foie gras with sherry cocoa gastrique, roast Columbia River salmon served with strawberry endive slaw and gourmet chef-prepared omelets will impress Mom on her special day.

An extravagant dessert buffet will showcase decadent sweet treats among bouquets of spring flowers.

Brunch will be accompanied by live piano music, games for children and a special chil-

dren's menu. Reservations available from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.; \$84 per person including wine service; \$74 without wine; \$37 for children under 12; complimentary for children 5 and under.

Fountain Restaurant Mother's Day fare

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Brunch will feature an assortment of desserts including mignardises, petit fours and pastries.

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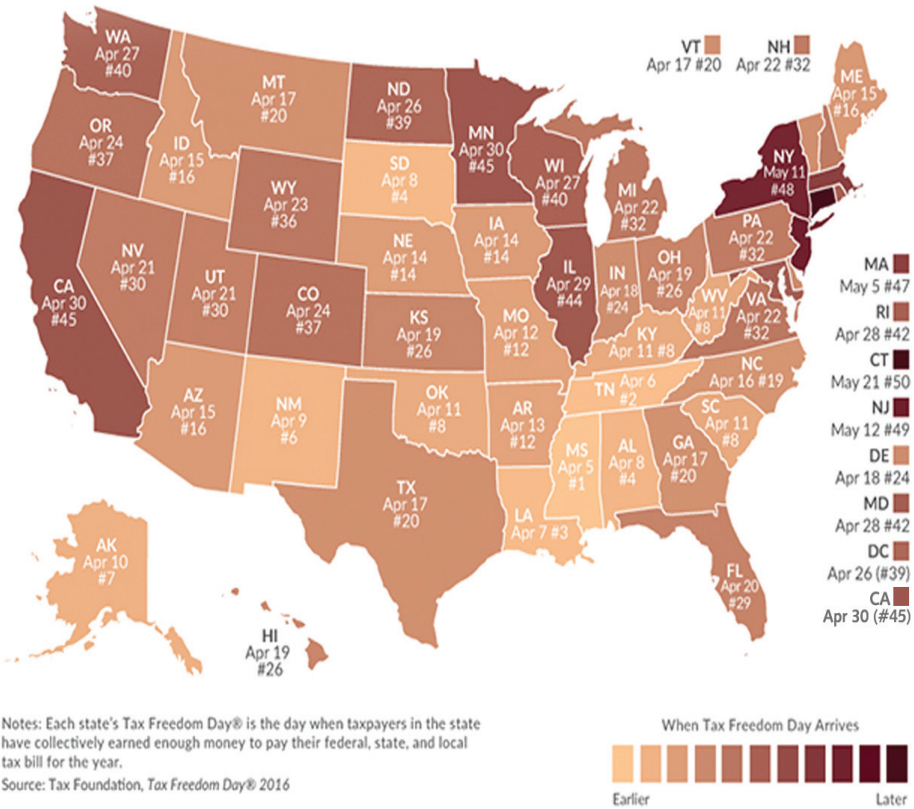
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Tax Freedom Day, by state



National 'Tax Freedom Day' April 24

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In California, residents will earn enough to pay their tax bill on April 30. In some states -

including New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and Massachusetts - residents will have to work through May before they achieve tax freedom. That's largely because these are higher tax and higher income states. In others - like Mississippi, Tennessee and Alabama - residents have already achieved tax freedom.

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would agree that we need more police. We need more police for a lot of reasons and one of the reasons is to make sure that traffic rules are being followed and speeders are stopped, given tickets, and prosecuted if necessary. I think that we can do a lot in schools. I know there is program in Evergreen called "Walk and Roll" which is teaching children how to be good pedestrians and how to be safe pedestrians. There's other things that are happening in the schools in terms of safety which are traffic chokers which are medians, cement medians that are put



over by in schools that have crosswalks where people will pull up and wait for their kids to get out it's what they are doing now, and I think we just need, I think first and foremost we need to really look at ways to be smarter and traffic lanes, and so on, and so on.

Sylvia Arenas: "I would love for my kids to play in the streets...I just don't trust the cars that are passing by. And we all seen, I think one fatality as Jimmy was talking about is one too many. And so I think we need to really adopt this "Vision Zero" which is an infrastructure that will do assists, incidents in fatalities that are optimum related to zero, optimum to zero. It doesn't happen quickly, but it is over time. And we



can use smart technology that will let us know how to help mitigate traffic. We have "Walk and Roll" program in our schools...and they are really fantastic. We have healthy choice options in our schools, but we really need to look at infrastructure for traffic safety.

If elected, what changes would you propose to address the chronic homeless issue facing the city of San Jose? (Reminder: answers are unedited)

Jimmy Nguyen: "Currently the City of San Jose has gone a housing first method of addressing the homeless problem. It's where anyone whose homeless you try to house them first and then you send in social workers to find out what their problem is why they're homeless, where it be mental illness or some financial catastrophe, whatever it is. Housing first, stabilize them, and then help them get into paying jobs contributing members of society."

Sylvia Arenas: "This is such a huge issue and there's so many needs in our homeless community. You have vets to think about, there are folks who have mental illness issues. It's not just homeless. Being homeless is not the only issue they are facing. They are facing how to adjust medications, where to get medications, how to maintain a healthy mental health. So we really need to look at wrap around service, a comprehensive look. If you give somebody a home and they've never and they haven't been used to a home for a while, you really, we really could be setting them up for not the best success for the situation. So I think we need to have a multi-layer approach for homelessness. What we really need to look at what are the issues that our homeless community are facing. For example in our Evergreen School district we have folks that just cannot afford an apartment, so they are living in their cars."

Denise Belisle: "I think an opportunity that we're missing is that we need to work closer with our county health workers. I think that it would be very important that we narrow our homeless issues that the police have to address and have to go out on calls. I think it would be very helpful to bring a county health worker, possibly a mental health worker to determine if they need mental health treatment or know so they are able to analyze and access what this homeless person's situation is and deal accordingly. So for example if they are in need of medications and they can't get medications then that social worker, that mental health worker will be able to work with the police, help train the police to understand the things that need to be assessed so they can decide what to do with this particular homeless person, whether it's mental, whether it's physical. I think it just needs to be more collaborative with the county"

Joshua Barousse: "The harsh reality is that we have more concentrated wealth here in San Jose than any other city in the US and we have such a fast growing homeless population with roughly 4600 men, woman and children, including veterans, on any given night, living on our streets. Even right here in District 8 we have individuals living on the Thompson Creek Trail. So, I support the current approach brought forth by the City Council to convert existing structures, such as old hotels and motels to transitional housing. I support a bond measure which has been floated at the state level to fund mental health and substance abuse services needed to help them transition back into their communities. So I see this as a full wrap around service approach where they can have case workers on site at these transitional housing facilities in order to provide services, and essentially serve as a "one-stop" to help them transition them back. I also support micro or container housing. This is housing that can be manufactured off-site and brought in to be used for transitional housing. And that's the approach I would use to transition homeless back into our communities."

Pat Waite: So, Josh correctly pointed out that it's a tragedy that one of the richest and most creative parts of the world we struggle with this, and it has been a struggle for centuries, it's not unique to us. What has been talked about are the band aids necessary to deal with it today, but that doesn't stop the staunch the bleeding that creates it tomorrow and the next, and the next century, and the next...and we need to focus on that too. We need to make sure that we're providing the kids and our school system, our children and our grandchildren, the opportunity to get the education that they need so that they can be

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successful members of society, so they'll have the skills to participate in the job market of tomorrow. We also need to create a San Jose that attracts businesses instead of scaring them away...where it's easy to start a business and easy to hire people so that there's more jobs for the people who are capable...so that people who find themselves homeless because they have temporarily lost their jobs have another one to go to. We need to focus on the root cause as well as the outcome.”

The land of Evergreen Valley College has been leased to a private developer for 95 years. Based on the current district population size and available college facilities for City residents, would you as a Council Member approve private commercial or housing development on community college land within the City? (Reminder: answers are unedited)

Denise Belisle: “So you're referring to the 27 acres is that what the question is about? We'll you must all probably know, the 27 acres, it was decided that there was not going to be housing put on it and I know that that was very, very, very much a concern for everyone as far as they did not want housing on that property. I think that the school Evergreen Valley College in this district hasn't done a really great job of community outreach and I think there's a lot of misinformation out there, I think there's a lot of anger and resentment about what's going on in the school and at the board level. And I think that before I comment on what I think should happen, I think that the community needs to be more involved, and get more input and have some more information provided by the new Chancellor, because I think that I've heard good things about her and I heard she is trying to make everyone made aware of what the plan is which I think really nothing is written in stone at this point in time.”

Pat Waite: “I think Sandi Randles put it best in an op ed that ran in the paper the other day. This community deserves a community college that we can be proud of. Now I don't know if that fits in the footprint we have now. I don't know if it needs another 27 acres. I don't know if it needs another 127 acres. But I do know that there's a reason that 18,000 kids a day drive out this area to go to DeAnza, or

West Valley, or some of the other alternatives out there. So until the school can prove to the community that we have a program that we can be proud to send our kids to, and that the counselors at the local high schools can be proud to recommend their students go look at as an alternative, then no, they should not be doing anything with that property until that point in time. It's also a great way to reduce carbon emissions, get rid of those 18,000 commutes, and also to mitigate the cost of college. Community college is a great way to start your education.”

Sylvia Arenas: “Open space is really important. It really adds to the quality of life of our families. It creates a sense of community for us. And so I think it is important to us to preserve it and protect it. I agree with Ms. Belisle I think there is some misinformation about what this development is going to look like. And I think we have a very strong community, a very strong voice than can provide the direction that we want. And I think there are two issues here. One is the issue of the open space and what to do with it, and should it be set up for retail, or not? And the other is the quality of education that the college is offering our students and why aren't more students attending school right in their backyard. So I think we should look at those issues and hold Evergreen accountable for both separately.”

Jimmy Nguyen: “I've had some conversations with residents and there's one gentleman in particular back there, his name is Glen Wetzel. What do we do with this land? We have enough land to provide a quality higher education offering for our students in this area. I don't think so. Gentleman over here asked me how I feel about it earlier, and I didn't want to give him a final answer, but now I am on the spot. How much room do we have for retail? How much room do we have for higher education? So if I voted today, then no, I wouldn't allow the zoning to change.”

Joshua Barousse: “I also believe that if there's any development on that parcel that it should be an extension of the college campus. I also see it as an equity issue. Why do 18,000 community college students here in our district that are residing in the Evergreen Community College district boundaries have to drive across town to

attend community college classes? We should be investing in our local community, and also reducing our carbon footprint, and also invest in the enrichment of future opportunities for our students. And no, I currently oppose the current submitted application.”

Do you support a Police Civilian Review Board for our City, and why? (LRQ) (Reminder: answers are unedited)

Pat Waite: “Yes, because I believe a certain degree of oversight is important to maintaining the safety of our community and the behavior of our police officers.”

Joshua Barousse: “Yes, I already served on one and it's called ‘independent police auditor advisory committee’ and I served on it for the last four years and I think it's essential.”

Denise Belisle: “Yes, I believe there needs to be more accountability and transparency in the process.”

Jimmy Nguyen: “Yes.”

Sylvia Arenas: “Transparency is important it creates faith in our police department.”

Tell us your plans to stop Human Trafficking in San Jose? (Reminder: answers are unedited)

Pat Waite: “It's sad that we live in a society where people take advantage of others like that. All we can do is work very hard to enforce; you can do it through entrapment, you can do it through decoys, because it is unfair that people are being taken advantage of.”

Joshua Barousse: “Right and I concur, as we need to add funding to the police department including the human trafficking unit as well. As right now there is only one officer who is actually in the human trafficking unit. There are two task forces working with Councilman Kharla. And the other thing about human trafficking in more recent times the new phase of human trafficking is wage theft. They are in the

back of kitchens. They are not getting the wages they deserve, so we need inspections in these restaurants, and the police need more patrols.”

Jimmy Nguyen: “I believe there's an existing human trafficking unit with the...in relation of what you said, as you said, the Super Bowl, the FBI, county sheriffs and other local law enforcement had success busting some people who traffic in humans. So, I don't think we need to reinvent the wheel we have the existing infrastructure for that and I think everyone here would agree we should support that instead of inventing a new solution.”

Sylvia Arenas: Human trafficking comes in many different ways. This is an example of something that you would never think about as human trafficking. And we've all seen folks selling fresh produce on the corners, right, really love some of those Mangos, but unfortunately some of those workers are part of a human trafficking site. So they are forced to work and forced to sell produce and some of us really think they are there to make a living, but they are really there because they need to pay back housing or other expenses and I really think that it's an economic development issue that we need to offer a variety of options for or youth and for folks who are in the vocational settings as well as augment.”

Denise Belisle: “I think again it all comes back to our police, our law enforcement. Having more funds to be able to hire, hire these kinds of units to be able to address this problem. I just think we don't have enough police, we just don't have enough people to help address these issues of human trafficking and prostitution and when it happens it's very sad and it's something that every city probably has to deal with but I especially think that it's something that we all need to pay attention to.”

California Assembly District 27
California Assembly District 27 candidates participating in the event were **Coung Do, Esau Herrera, Ash Kalra, Van Le, and Madison Nguyen.** (District 27 candidates Darcie Green, and **Andres Quintero** did not participate in the forum.)

Editor's note: Due to space limitations, here are the opening remarks from each of the District 27 candidates.

Coung Do – Do said: “We need to improve the job market, we need more public transportation, and we need affordable housing.” Do is a software engineer.

Esau Herrera — Herrera said: “My platform is straightforward and far-reaching; Green jobs and more jobs, strong schools and safe neighborhoods. Green jobs will employ graduating students.” Herrera is an attorney and also serves as a trustee for the Alum Rock Union School District Board.

Ash Kalra – Ash said: “Transportation is a major concern, housing needs to be more affordable, and we need to address homelessness in Silicon Valley.” Ash Kalra serves on the San Jose City Council District 2.

Madison Nguyen – Nguyen said: “Education needs to be more affordable, including universal pre-K. “I want a UC campus to be located in San Jose. We need higher wage jobs, reduce regulations, and bring new businesses to California.” Nguyen served on the San Jose City Council from 2011 to 2015.

Van Le – Le said: “Education including vocational training needs to be a top priority, and also safety. I want to give back to the community and that is why I serve on the school board.” Le is a business owner and serves as trustee for the East Side Union High School District Board.



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Times Local News

OFF THE SHELF

Litter Pick-Up, Book Sale mark the start of spring

By Edith Sutterlin
Special to the Times

Spring has sprung, and we are into spring cleaning! Meet in our parking lot on Earth Day, Saturday, April 23, at 8 a.m. for the Great American Litter Pick Up sponsored by San Jose Vice Mayor Rose Herrera. Do your part in keeping us clean and “Ever”green. The Friends of the Evergreen Library’s Spring Book Sale is the same day, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in our Community Room. Shop for gently used books, movies, and music for kids, teens and adults at prices that can’t be beat. Proceeds from this book sale help support programs at the Evergreen Library.

Last April San Jose Public Library celebrated the Month of the Young Child as we kicked off our 1,000 books before Kindergarten challenge and hosted Wee Play parties. If you and your child shared an average of three books daily all year—before bedtime or at a library storytime, you will have read 1095 books by now, and your child’s name might already be on the SJPL 1,000 Books Wall of Fame! This program is ongoing, so it is not too late to sign up or to report your child’s progress and work towards earning their own SJPL kindergarten supply kit.

This year for Month of the Young Child, we have added new ways to celebrate: the Play Pledge and Wee Play and Learn Kits. Why does a library get involved with play? Because we know the power of play for child development, health, and school success, like reading and writing! Although doctors advise children to spend at least 60 minutes of free play daily, play time is shrinking in our society, with many planned activities and earlier emphasis on academics. Fred Rogers, a well-known author, educator, and the creator of Daniel Tiger and his magical neighborhood, was the 2002 recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his contribution to the well-being of children and a career in public television that demonstrates the importance of kindness, compassion and learning. Rogers advised adults, “For children play is serious learning. Play is the work of childhood.” Through play, children develop critical cognitive,

social and physical skills. The San José Public Library is committed to creating opportunities and safe spaces for children to engage in play and discovery. Please consider taking the “Play Pledge” at the Evergreen Branch or online, committing that you will make time and safeguard play in your child’s life. To take the Play Pledge, visit sjpl.org/playpledge.

Our brand new Wee Play and Learn kits are available for checkout to library cardholders for free. There are several choices to explore: letters, numbers, shapes, colors, dinosaurs, farm activities, simple science, or creative movement. Place a hold today, then pick up the portable box of toys, books, and play supplies when it arrives at the Evergreen Branch! Combine books and play in each library visit with our Wee Play stations, playdates, and storytimes with Stay and Play sessions. The library also offers structured learning opportunities to supplement those essential free play experiences. Did you know SJPL now subscribes to the interactive and engaging web resource, ABC Mouse, with over 3,500 fun-filled learning activities for children ages 2 to 7 for use in the library?

Everyone is invited to come support the Evergreen Branch as it hosts the City of San Jose Library and Early Education Commission meeting, Wednesday, April 20, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.. The Commission advocates for high quality, impactful, and innovative library and early education services that serve as a foundation for our vibrant and diverse city. The Commission provides a venue for public discussion of services and resources that support and promote early education and world class libraries.

Upcoming Events for children include Weather stories and craft, Tuesday, April 19, 11:30 a.m., our Mother’s Day Flower craft, Wednesday, April 27, 5:30 p.m., and a Children’s Concert with Sean Mendelson, Saturday, April 30, at 2:00 p.m., for young children and families.

Additional Events

You can view Evergreen Branch Library’s complete event listings and information on activities at other library locations at

events.sjpl.org. Updates on library events are also available via our RSS feeds (sjpl.org/updates) and our Facebook page (facebook.com/sanjoselibrary).

Parking

When the library parking lot is full, customers may find additional parking available at Grace Church on the other side of Aborn Road. We thank Grace Church for this generous offer that allows the library to better serve the

Evergreen community.

Edith Sutterlin is a librarian at the Evergreen Branch Library, (408) 808-3060. Evergreen Library is located at 2635 Aborn Road, between Capitol Expressway and White Road. Evergreen Branch Library is part of the San José Public Library System. For more information, visit the library website, sjpl.org.



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For more information, please contact Rose Dhaliwal at rose.dhaliwal@sanjoseca.gov or 408-535-4908

Record

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Trucks from Off the Grid will be selling a variety of international cuisine.

Guinness World Record
Vice Mayor Herrera is challeng-

ing the community to join her in attempting to set the Guinness World Record for the most number of languages read aloud from the same children’s book to mark the grand opening event.

The Village Square Library is located at 4001 Evergreen Village Square.

Times **Your Community**



Hundreds of ESD students attend reclassification celebration at Quimby Oak Middle School.

Evergreen students participate in reclassification celebration

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff reporter

Evergreen School District hosted its 10th annual district reclassification celebration at Quimby Oak Middle School on April 6.

The School District's re-classification program for English learners prepared hundreds of students to meet reclassification criteria.

The celebration marks the exit of the students from the English learner program and becoming proficient in English, their second language.

"We honored 539 students who have worked very hard to be reclassified as English Proficient students," said Denise Williams, Director of Instruction. "These students have demonstrated proficiency in reading and writing of the English language comparable to

that of a native speaker in their same grade level. They now have a great advantage over their peers, bilingual, which makes them awesome kids."

The Reclassification Celebration not only is an opportunity for building the school community, and celebrating success, but marks the beginning for students to read, speak, and write about more contextualize concepts and topics and do so by using the more formal language structures and functions.

Each student must pass the California English Language Development Test, create a proficient writing sample, learn English Language Arts and English Language Development standards, have their report card grades reviewed, pass a standardized assessment determined by the district and be assessed on a language proficiency rubric.

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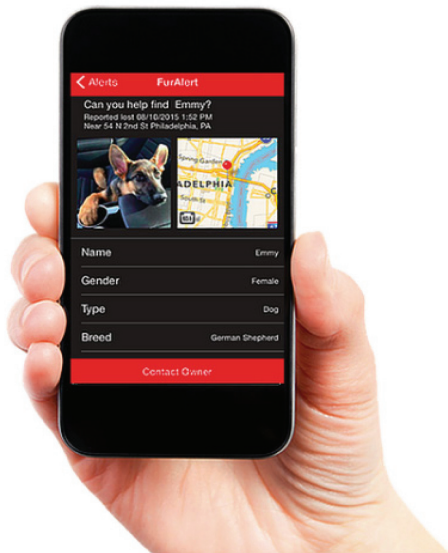
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EvergreenAreaMeetings

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District 8 Community Roundtable
1st Thursday of every month from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Location: Evergreen Library. (For information, visit d8crt.org)

CalRTA-Area V-Div. 70 Retired Teachers Organization. Meets bi-monthly at various eastside cafes also conducts a variety of holiday socials/activities and scholarship fundraisers. Established in 1983! All teaching levels and others welcome. This organization supports the goals and purposes of the California Teachers' Retirement System. For more information call E. Paros at (408) 274-1609 or email parosej@sbcglobal.net.

East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees
Meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the ESUHSD Education Center, 830 N. Capitol Ave. 347-5000. Check the web site for agendas and updates: www.esuhd.org

The Evergreen Al-Anon meetings held at St. Francis of Assisi Church on Thursdays at 7 p.m. have been cancelled indefinitely due to lack of attendance.

The Evergreen Business Association is a free networking group for business owners who live and work in the Evergreen and nearby areas. The purpose of the Evergreen Business Association is to develop and foster

connections and to provide a forum for members to share knowledge, promote growth opportunities, and encourage referrals. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 a.m. at the Village Square Branch Library, 4035 Evergreen Village Square, San Jose. The group invites business owners and leaders. There is no cost for membership. For more information, please refer to our Meetup page here: <http://www.meetup.com/Evergreen-Business-Association/>

Evergreen-East Valley Realtors Marketing Meeting
Meets each Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The EEVRMM invites realtors, brokers, lenders and related affiliates to its breakfast meeting. Market your listings, match buyers with sellers and share real estate success stories. Meetings are held at MegaByte Pizza Co., 5623 Silver Creek Valley Rd., San Jose, CA 95138. \$3 admission, coffee and pastries included. For more information, call David Castillo at 238-2000.

Evergreen School District Board of Trustees
Meetings are typically held on the second Thursday of every month, in the district boardroom at 3188 Quimby Road. For more information, call (408) 270-6800.

Evergreen School District Parent Advisory Committee
The Parent Advisory Committee Meetings for 2015-16 will meet on the first Wednesday of the months of October, December, January, February, March and May. The meeting is held in the Evergreen School District boardroom, 3188 Quimby Road at 9:30 a.m.

The Evergreen Senior Advisory Council meets the third Thursday of every month at 9:30 a.m. Get involved in helping plan events for seniors, volunteering for a good cause, and getting

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Evergreen Valley Garden Club
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Evergreen Valley High School Athletic Booster Club meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the school's administration office.

Evergreen Valley High School Site Council
Meets the first Wednesday of every month on the EVHS campus in the administration building D, 3300 Quimby Rd., San Jose. Confirm meetings by visiting the school's web site, <http://ev.ca.campusgrid.net/home> and clicking on school site council in the left hand toolbar or calling the school at

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Evergreen Valley Service Organization
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Falls Creek Neighborhood Association
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The Evergreen Community Center offers a variety of classes and special events, for kids, adults, and seniors. For more information on our activities visit: www.sanjoseca.gov/prns. The Senior Nutrition program serves a delicious and well balanced meal to seniors 60 and over every Monday - Friday at noon. The suggested donation is \$3 per person. Please make reservations at least one day in advance by calling (408) 270-1244. The center is located at 4860 San

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Friends of Evergreen Library
Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of February, April, June, August, October and December from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in Group Study Room A at the Evergreen Branch Library, 2635 Aborn Road, San Jose. Visit their website at friendsofvergreenlibrary.org or call 408-808-3060 for more information.

Hidden Glen Community
To join a neighborhood discussion group, go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HiddenGlenSanJose/>

LeyVa Community Action Team Association
This group is bound by Barberry Lane and Monrovia Drive, Capitol Expressway, Aborn Road, and South King Road. For meeting time and location, please contact the association at (408) 795-5855.

Lions Club - San Jose East Valley
This group meets Tuesday evenings from 6 pm to 8 pm for a dinner meeting

at Carrow's Restaurant, 1696 Tully Rd. near the corner of Tully Rd/King Road. For more information, contact Lions Club member Bill Evans at (408) 274-4728.

McLaughlin Corridor Neighborhood Assoc. Meets second Thursday at 7 p.m. at Tully Library. 365-1300.

Meadowfair Neighborhood Association Meets the second Wednesday of odd-numbered months at 7 p.m. at Meadowfair Center, 2696 King Rd. For more information, call 539-2308.

Reid - Hillview Airport Association
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At the Episcopal Church in Almaden (ECA), we are joyful followers of Jesus Christ. Through worship, study, fellowship and outreach, we strive to nurture and grow a strong faith community of believers, a family of all ages, where each member feels welcomed, loved, valued and empowered to serve. Children are especially welcomed and cherished as an important part of God's family. All junior high and senior high students are welcome to participate in our Youth Groups. During the school year we have joint Sunday School with our sister church, the Congregational Church of Almaden Valley, UCC. The Episcopal Church in Almaden offers the following regular opportunities for worship: Sunday at 7:30AM and 10:30AM, Holy Communion service. Each Sunday service is followed by a coffee hour for friendship and conversation.

EVERGREEN VALLEY CHURCH

Visit our Web Site at www.evcsj.com
2750 Yerba Buena Rd. San Jose, CA 95121. Phone: 408-274-7422. Saturday worship is at 5 pm. Sunday worship services at 9 am and 11 am.. Excellent contemporary Christian music and Bible-based teaching. Nursery care and Children's Sunday School programs at 9 am and 11 am. Junior High students meet at 9am and High School students meet at 11am. Nuevo Comienzo: Servicio en español, Domingo 4pm.

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Worshipping at 55 N. 7th Street, in downtown San Jose. (Horace Mann school) firstchurchdowntown.com Telephone: (408) 294-7254 x310. We are a community serving the Christ from the heart of the City, working to know Jesus and make Jesus known by serving, worshipping, and learning together.

Worship services are at 10:00 AM at the Horace Mann Community Center (7th and Santa Clara Streets). Worship includes both contemporary and traditional music, a message that is relevant to real life, based in the Bible, and meaningful to people of all ages and backgrounds. We work in our community to provide real assistance and long-term, life-saving solutions: food, housing, counseling, and spiritual direction. Our children's & families' ministries include Sunday classes, outdoor family activities such as bike rides and fishing trips. Come, Make a Difference and feel the difference God can make in your life!

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THE POINT CHURCH

www.ThePoint.Church
3695 Rose Terrasse Circle. San Jose CA 95148
Located at the top of Aborn Rd and Murillo Ave. Come be inspired and build your faith as we worship together this Sunday @ 10:30 AM. KidsPoint is our children's ministry, serving infants through 5th grade. It is a fun and safe experience for kids as they grow in their walk with God. ONE is our student ministry, serving 6th through 12th grades. We help lead students into a growing relationship with Jesus through conversations, fun and service. Because of the diversity of Evergreen we offer church services in 5 languages, each with their own auditorium and pastor. 10:30 AM English, Mandarin, Cantonese and Cambodian. Spanish at 1:00 PM.

SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

We invite you to become a part of our hospitable, intimate Catholic parish. We are a caring community, promoting spiritual growth, reaching out to people in need and where you get to know people by name. We offer children's religious education

(CREATE); Youth Ministry (BLAST & X-STATIC); Scripture Study (day & evening); Senior's Group and many other adult ministries as well. Saint Anthony parish is located in Almaden Valley at 20101 McKean Road, San Jose, 95120. Our weekend Masses are at 4 p.m. on Saturday at our historic church at 21800 Bertram Road in New Almaden, CA 95042 and on Sunday at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. at the McKean Road location. Our Parish Office is open Monday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and Tuesday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 - 4 p.m. For more information, stop by the Parish Office or call 1+ (408) 997-4800, or visit our website at www.churchsanthony.com. Fr. Larry Hendel, Pastor.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

5111 San Felipe Rd., San Jose, CA 95135
408-223-1562. www.stfranciscosassisi.com
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We invite you to join our community of faith located in the Evergreen area of San Jose. We are an inclusive diverse community striving to serve as Disciples of Jesus Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis, offering prayerful and joyful liturgies; evangelization, fellowship, and service opportunities to the community. We offer spiritual opportunities for all ages, including children's liturgy, dynamic E.C.H.O - Jr. High, IGNITE - High School and North Star -Young Adult Ministries, along with small faith communities and opportunities to help the poor and marginalized of San Jose. Our Preschool is the only Catholic Preschool offering quality family oriented service in the Evergreen and Silver Creek areas. Our Chapel, Gathering Hall, Parish Office, Mission Center, Parish Gift Shop, Memorial Garden and Preschool are all located at 5111 San Felipe Rd. Please come join us to worship at one of the following times and locations: St. Francis of Assisi Chapel Saturday 5:00PM, Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 4:00 PM (Mass in Vietnamese), 6:00 PM Youth Mass
St. Francis of Assisi Gathering Hall
Sunday 9:00 AM, Sunday11:00AM, Igbo Mass - Second Sunday of the month 12:30 PM
Mt. Hamilton Grange - 2840 Aborn Road
Sunday 9:30 AM
The Villages Gated Community (Cribari Auditorium)
Sunday 8:15 AM
For more information, please call or visit us at the Parish Mission Center open M-F 9:00 AM -12:00 PM; 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Come join us and share your presence with us so that together we may grow and share our gifts to help build God's Kingdom!

Worship listing advertisements are \$495 annually. Please call Brigitte at (408) 558-3623.

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Story Road Business Association

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San Jose/Evergreen Community College District Board

Normally meets second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Meetings in the District Office, Board Room, 40 S. Market St., San Jose, CA 95113.

San Pedro Squares Toastmasters Club

Meets every Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at Jimmy's Restaurant, 222 W. Capitol Expressway in San Jose. Contact Barbara at 373-2815, or email barbara@cchesney@sbcglobal.net for further

information, or check out the website at http://www.sanpedrosquares.free-toasthost.org.

Silver Creek (PTSA) Parent, Teacher, Student Association

Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday in the Silver Creek High School Principal's Conference Room, 3434 Silver Creek Road. For more information, call 347-5830. Silver Creek School Site Council Meetings: Second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in room V-1.

Silver Oak Educational Partnership

The Silver Oak Educational Partnership is now called the Silver Oak Elementary PTO (Parent Teacher Organization). SOEPTO will not be meeting over summer. Meetings will resume in September. New meeting schedule will be posted in August.

SIR Branch 114 at the Villages

Sons in Retirement (SIR) Branch 114

meets every first Tuesday of the month in the Villages' Clubhouse Fairway Room. The meeting agenda includes a noon luncheon for all SIR Branch 114 members and a 12:30 p.m. speaker open to all Villagers and friends. For more information, call Lou Figone, SIR 114 BIG SIR at (408) 966-4175.

Tully Ocala Capitol King Neighborhood Association

1st Monday of every other month from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Location: Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley - Smythe Clubhouse

West Evergreen Neighborhood Association

This group represents the area bounded approximately by Flanigan Drive, South King Road, Aborn Road, and Alvin Avenue. Meets the third Tuesday at O.B. Whaley Elementary School, 2655 Alvin Ave., 7 to 8 p.m. For more information, contact the association at 535-8613.

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