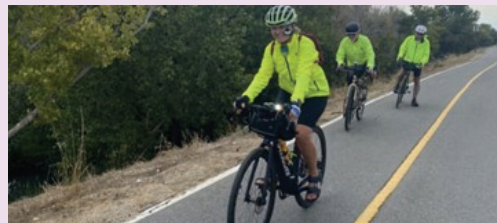


San Jose brings 150 homeless neighbors indoors; removes nearly 300K lbs. of trash
SEE PAGE 4



More San Jose residents utilize local recreational trail following homeless camps sweep
SEE PAGE 8



Almaden

SERVING ALMADEN VALLEY SINCE 1986 ■ ALMADENTIMES.COM

Times

SEPT. 26 - OCT. 9, 2025 ■ VOL. 38, NO. 20



Cancer survivor **Alex Camp** and her husband **Kyle**, at this year's Cancer CAREpoint annual Garden Party. Alex is AVAC's Tennis and Pickleball Office Supervisor.

AVAC hosts Dink4Pink fundraiser to fight against breast cancer

October 4 charity event brings pickleball community together to raise \$50,000, benefiting Cancer CAREpoint, a nonprofit supporting Bay Area cancer patients, survivors and families

By William Bellou
Publisher

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the award-winning Almaden Valley Athletic Club (AVAC), will rally the community and its love of pickleball to fight against breast cancer during its Dink4Pink charity event held Saturday, October 4th from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Heart of the Event

Every year, thousands of women are diagnosed with breast cancer, and it's not just happening to middle-aged or older women. AVAC's Tennis and Pickleball Office Supervisor, Alex Camp, was diagnosed with breast cancer at 35. Considered 'too young' for screenings, which typically start at 40, she had to advocate hard for imaging. Soon after, doctors confirmed she had breast cancer that had already spread to her lymph nodes despite being in an early stage.

While she's cancer free today, her journey was one of the most
See DINK4PINK, page 3



Valley Water joined forces with the Creek Connections Action Group to remove litter and debris from creeks across Santa Clara County on Coastal Cleanup Day. Photo courtesy of Valley Water.

More than 15,000 volunteers rallied to remove more than 25,000 pounds of trash on Coastal Cleanup Day

By William Bellou
Publisher

Valley Water joined forces with the Creek Connections Action Group to remove litter and debris from creeks across Santa Clara County on Coastal Cleanup Day Saturday, September 20.

More than 15,000 volunteers removed thousands of pounds of trash entering San Francisco and Monterey bays. The effort reflects a shared commitment to protecting the environment, supporting healthy ecosystems and preventing trash from entering local waterways.

Local cleanups were part of the larger effort organized by the California Coastal Com-

mission, where volunteers were on the hunt for litter in creeks and rivers statewide.

Of the approximately 25,885 pounds of trash and recyclables collected this year, interesting items included a boombox, a mini-fridge, a message in a bottle and a 3D-printed lizard.

"Coastal Cleanup Day is an inspiring reminder of what we can achieve when we come together as a community," said Valley Water Board Chair Tony Estremera. "I want to thank all the volunteers, families and partners who made this effort possible."

In addition to collecting trash, the county-wide cleanup served as an educational oppor-

See CLEAN-UP, page 3

San Jose on the hunt for new e-scooter provider

By B. Sakura Cannestra
San José Spotlight

San Jose is looking for a new e-scooter partner after negotiations with the exclusive vendor fell through.

Scooter users were surprised to see an announcement in the Spin app saying it would end services on Aug. 27 in San Jose. City officials said they declined to renew the company's permit because Spin never deployed the required minimum of 500 scooters. But a Spin representative said the city didn't

address rampant vandalism.

Colin Heyne, spokesperson for the transportation department, said Spin had a one-year contract with the option to extend it another year. The permit allowed Spin to deploy up to 1,000 scooters city-wide, but city data shows the company only deployed about an average of 240. Heyne deferred questions about why Spin couldn't reach its minimum requirement to the company.

"We hoped that giving a permit to a sole operator would make San Jose a more enticing market," Heyne told San José Spotlight.

Shiraz Rosenthal, a government partner manager for Spin, said the company lost more than 400 scooters to theft or vandalism in the first half of 2025, a "significant portion" of the company's fleet. She said they tried

See SCOOTERS, page 3



San Jose reins back plan to put police on horses

By William Bellou
Publisher

The San Jose Police Department is pushing to reinstate its mounted horse unit, which disbanded in 2018, but they will most likely have to wait until next year to potentially get back in the saddle.

The Police Horse Mounted Unit has operated for more than 100 years but was disbanded in 2018 due to financial and staffing difficulties.

The San Jose City Council voted last week to hold off on reinstating the San Jose Police Department's Horse Mounted Unit.

Councilmembers Peter Ortiz, Rosemary Kamei, Anthony Tordillos, Domingo Candelas, Pamela Campos and David Cohen voted in favor of deferring the request to next year's budget approval, citing a projected \$25 million deficit.

Mayor Matt Mahan and Councilmembers George Casey, Michael Mulcahy and Bien Doan voted against the delay. Councilmember Pam Foley was absent.

Pictured above: San Jose Police Department's Horse Mounted Unit. File photo



SEE OUR LISTINGS OF LOCAL REALTORS, CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING AND HOME IMPROVEMENT ADVERTISEMENTS INSIDE THE BACK COVER

ATTENTION GOLFERS

Thinking about downsizing to a gated community?



Play golf on a Spectacular Championship 18 hole golf course
for ONLY. . . . \$34.00

The Villages Golf & Country Club

Homes ranging from \$500,000 to \$1.7 million

Enjoy Country Club Living in this 55+ Gated Community

Other Amenities:

Tennis - Pickle Ball - Bocce - Pools - Hiking - Billiards

Fine & Casual Dining in our Clubhouse & Bistro

Come for a Tour ~ Stay for a Lifetime



Dee Ramirez

KELLER WILLIAMS SILICON VALLEY

Lic# 00683945 ■ REALTOR

408.440.7617

Dee@RamirezRealtyTeam.com

www.DeeRamirez.com

2110 S. Bascom Avenue #101 | Campbell, CA 95008

Please note: I have not and will not be verifying or investigating any information supplied by others.

Times **Community**

Scooters

Continued from page 1

to work with city officials to renew the contract, but San Jose required Spin to pay a permit fee for the maximum 1,000 scooters, which wasn't financially feasible.

"While we're of course disappointed that it came to this, it was an honor to provide the community's residents and visitors with access to eco-friendly, alternative transportation options," Rosenthal told San José Spotlight.

Micromobility devices, such as e-bikes, skateboards and scooters, were controversial when they first began popping up, but companies working alongside local governments and regulators have made them more consistently accessible. While Spin's e-scooters have disappeared from San Jose, the city is still part of the Lyft Bay Wheels program, which provides rentable e-bikes at dozens of stations.

Heyne said Spin asked for a lower scooter number for the additional year extension, but the city rejected the request because it ran counter to the micromobility program's goals to provide accessible and effective transportation services.

City data shows people used the scooters one to two times

every day. The highest number of scooters available in one month was November 2024, when 499 scooters could be found throughout San Jose.

Spin scooters can still be rented in partnering cities nationwide, the closest being San Francisco.

Monica Mallon, transit advocate and San José Spotlight columnist, said she used the scooters a few times a month and wanted to use one last weekend before she saw the announcement in the app. The scooters weren't available in Mallon's neighborhood, so she could only use them when traveling through more highly trafficked areas, such as downtown.

Mallon said she's seen more people use bikes and scooters on public transit to reach their final destination. She said renting a shared scooter can be more accessible than buying one, because the rider doesn't need to worry about maintenance or theft.

Cities across Santa Clara County have been looking to provide "last-mile" connections, to help residents travel shorter distances from transit hubs or homes. Santa Clara and Cupertino jointly contract with an on-demand micro transit ride-share service, Silicon Valley Hopper, which Sunnyvale plans to sign up with soon.

Dink4Pink

Continued from page 1

challenging life events she's had to navigate. Cancer CAREpoint, a local nonprofit offering free support and resources to patients, survivors, families and caregivers, was a vital part of her support system.

"Dink4Pink is a full circle moment for me," said Alex Camp, cancer survivor and AVAC's Tennis and Pickleball Office Supervisor.

"A year ago, I never imagined I'd be here. I'm deeply grateful for the chance to give back to Cancer CAREpoint, an organization that's very close to my heart. I encourage everyone to sign up for the Dink-a-Thon and help us reach our goal of \$50,000 to make a real impact in the fight against breast cancer!"

Dink-a-Thon: Rally to Raise \$50,000

The charity event's main draw is the Dink-a-Thon, a pledge-based fundraiser that encourages participants to gather "per game pledges" before the event. On game day, they will have a 10-hour window of open play to get as many games in as they can, using their pledges as incentives. The event aims to raise \$50,000, with all proceeds going towards

Cancer CAREpoint.

All levels are welcome, including beginners. AVAC will host complimentary beginner clinics for adults and juniors (8 and older). Those who want more action can sign up to play in a one-point tournament where the first to win a single point advances to the next round, making it anyone's game.

Cheer, Watch & Connect

If you want to support the cause without playing come cheer on Dink-a-Thon participants, watch exhibition matches featuring local pros, bid in the silent auction, or try your luck in the raffle. Cancer CAREpoint representatives will also be onsite, sharing resources and answering questions.

"Whether cancer has touched your life or you simply want to support a meaningful cause, Dink4Pink is the place to be," said Josh, Director of Tennis and Pickleball at AVAC. "The event honors AVAC's tradition of bringing the community together and giving back to life-changing causes. We hope to see you there!"

For more information or to register for the Dink-a-Thon and start collecting pledges, visit www.avac.us/dink4pink

Clean-up

Continued from page 1

tunity, raising awareness about the impact of litter on local ecosystems and encouraging sustainable practices in everyday life.

Valley Water encourages year-round community involvement through its Adopt-A-Creek Program, inviting volunteers to help protect and preserve local waterways. Program partners monitor trash in their adopted creek segments and organize at least two cleanups annually.

Beyond volunteer cleanups, Valley Water is committed to reducing litter throughout the year. With programs such as the Good Neighbor Program, Valley Water helps remove thousands of pounds of trash annually from waterways across the county. These ongoing efforts play a vital role in protecting fish and wildlife, improving water quality and ensuring our local creeks remain clean and healthy.

The Coastal Commission reports that approximately three-quarters of the waste collected by volunteers over the past 40 years is plastic. Additionally, 80 percent of the trash collected originates on land before eventually making its way into waterways and draining out to the ocean.



Receive Your
3-Day Guest Pass at
AVAC.US/AlmadenTimes



ALMADEN VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB
5400 CAMDEN AVE • SAN JOSE • CA • 95124
AVAC.US • 408.445.4900

Almaden**Times**

Times Media, Inc.
(408) 494-7000

EXECUTIVE EDITOR
WILLIAM D. BELLOU
williamb@timesmediainc.com

ADVERTISING SALES
WILLIAM D. BELLOU
408-494-7000

CONTRIBUTING WRITERS:
DIANE BLUM, SUNAY SANGHANI,
SEAN EASTWOOD, NIRBAN SINGH,
FRANK SHORTT, JUDY LY, EUGENE
LUU, APOORVA PANIDAPU

ART DIRECTOR
JEFF BAHAM
graphics@timesmediainc.com

PUBLISHER / CEO
WILLIAM D. BELLOU
williamb@timesmediainc.com

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
SANDY BELLOU

Copyright © 2025 Times Media, Inc. All rights reserved.
The ALMADEN TIMES prefers letters to the editor and
submissions of guest articles and columns for possi-
ble publication to be sent by email to [editorial@times-
mediainc.com](mailto:editorial@times-
mediainc.com). All submitted materials become the
property of Times Media, Inc., and receipt of unsol-
icited materials cannot be acknowledged. The opin-
ions and viewpoints expressed by guest authors and
columnists in this publication do not necessarily reflect
the opinions and viewpoints of the staff and man-
agement of the ALMADEN TIMES and Times Media,
Inc.

San Jose brings
150 homeless
neighbors
indoors; removes
nearly 300K lbs.
of trash

*Dozens more will soon be
housed in tiny homes,
motel placements*

The City of San José recently began clearing Columbus Park — launching the city’s largest clean-up operation in the last decade.

When work began, 370 people occupied the park, including 11 children and over 50 seniors living in unsafe, unmanaged conditions. There were also 120 lived-in vehicles, the majority of which were inoperable.

“As we’ve cleared Columbus, we’ve removed nearly 100,000 pounds of trash and moved about 40 people indoors – every single week,” said San José Mayor Matt Mahan. “This is an incredible achievement made possible by many departments working in tan-



dem to create the change our resi-
dents have been demanding. We
have a long way to go, but we’re
proving in San Jose that when you
create basic, dignified housing,
require people come indoors and
establish no encampment zones,
we can maintain lasting progress.”

After extensive outreach over a
70-day period, approximately 65%
of those occupying Columbus Park
had agreed to come indoors as of
last week, and more than 160 peo-

ple have since moved into shelter
placements. Casa Linda and Fontaine
Inn are both now at capacity and
move-ins will continue this week at
the Alura Hotel, Bristol Hotel and the
Taylor Safe Sleeping Site.

“The progress at Columbus Park
speaks to our unwavering com-
mitment to reduce unsheltered
homelessness and improve our
neighborhoods,” said City Manag-
er Jennifer Maguire. “It shows what
is possible when we combine com-

passion with action. We are help-
ing residents move into safer living
conditions while preparing the park
to be a place of pride and belong-
ing for the entire community.”

Police, Fire and BeautifySJ teams
have since made significant
progress cleaning up the park,
removing nearly 300,000 lbs. of
trash and 110 vehicles from the
area. Potable water distribution and
city outreach services continue to
be offered on site.

SAVING WATER OUTDOORS IS *EASY*
WITH OUR *FREE* WATER-WISE SURVEY



Almaden Senior Association Presents

Diwali

Festival of Lights

Celebrate with us at the Almaden Community Center

Sunday, October 26, 2025, from 12 noon to 3pm

Enjoy a multi-course Indian lunch

The menu includes an appetizer of Samosa (potatoes in a crispy pastry) w/mint & Tamarind Chutneys, Green Salad, Raita (yogurt w/cucumber)

Entrees: Chana Masala (Garbanzo beans), Cauliflower w/potatoes and peas, Saag Paneer (Cheese and spinach curry)

Sides: Jeera Rice, Roti and Paratha (Indian bread)

Dessert: Ras Malai (Cottage cheese balls soaked in sweetened milk)

Drinks: Mango Lassi (mango yogurt shake), Indian tea and coffee

Enjoy a yoga demonstration, Indian Classical Dance and Bollywood dances (audience participation encouraged)

Drawings for gift baskets and gift cards

Tickets: ACC Members \$25, Non-members \$28, Cash or check only. A table can be reserved with a purchase of 8 tickets. (Sorry no refunds)

Ticket sales for ACC members begin on Monday September 22.

M, W, F 8:00-10:00am in the lobby of the

Almaden Community Center

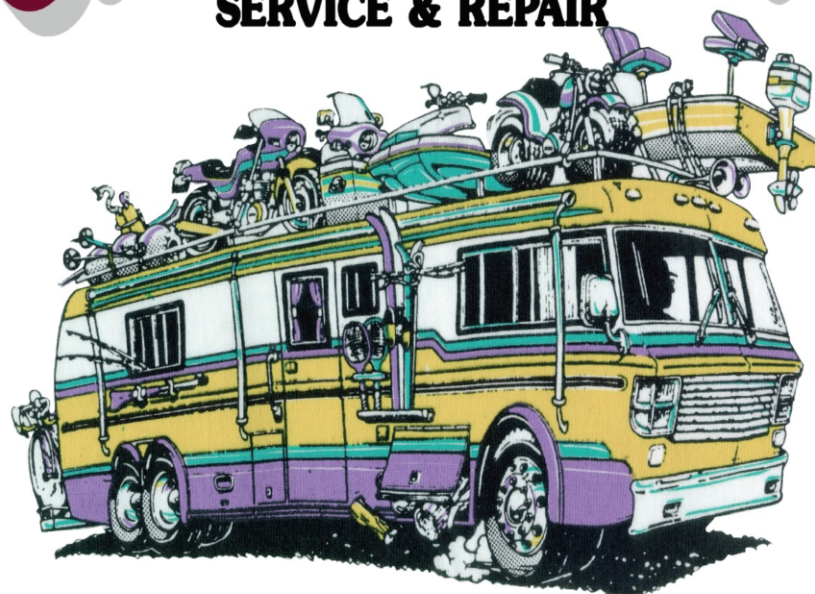
6445 Camden Ave, San Jose, CA 95120

Ticket sales for non-members start Friday October 3

For further information call Narender at 408 623-3106 or Bharat at 408 930-7244

Almaden RV

SERVICE & REPAIR



408-289-9442
Total RV Repair Service
Complete Parts Service & Repair
SAN JOSE, CA

One Step Closer Therapeutic Riding presents

G.R.I.T.

An Equine-Assisted-Learning Program for Women

SELF-CONFIDENCE

RESILIENCE

LIFE SKILLS

SAFE BOUNDARIES

"It is deeply healing to tap into the power of the centuries old bond between horse and human. It's truly profound that our two species, with such diametrically different views of predator vs prey, can come together in partnership and trust. I feel privileged to have the opportunity to learn what these incredible teachers have to offer us." - GRIT Participant

OSC has opened a new program for women based upon equine interaction and equine-assisted-learning, designed to develop self-awareness and self-acceptance, confidence and resilience, and safe boundaries.

G.R.I.T. is for adult women led by OSC founder Landa Keirstead. The small group meets in 2 hour sessions, once per week for six-weeks

Contact One Step Closer for more information and to enroll
one.step.closer@sbcglobal.net 408-778-3567

Voted
BEST DOG TRAINER!

in Silicon Valley
 2024 & 2025



D FOR DOGZ
 changing behavior • improving lives

- ✓ Day School
- ✓ Private Training
- ✓ Board & Train
- ✓ Puppy Classes
- ✓ Leash Reactive Dog Classes
- ✓ Dog About Town Classes
- ✓ Boarding

Result oriented puppy
 & dog training solutions

650.538.3011 * www.DForDogTraining.com

HAVE SOME NEWS TO SHARE?



CONTACT US AT
times@timesmediainc.com

WHEN JOURNALISM IS NOT PRESENT TO SERVE COMMUNITIES, BAD THINGS HAPPEN.

Trained journalists report authentic, credible information. And we fight for those who produce genuine news!

Almaden Times
Serving the community since 1986

Times Media, Inc.
■ Almaden Times
■ Evergreen Times
■ Willow Glen Times

Source: University of
North Carolina School
of Media & Journalism



Times Advertising Works!

Call
(408) 494-7000
for more
information
or rates.



SENIOR SAFARI

Presented by  **KAISER PERMANENTE®**

2025 Season • Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m.

Sept. 25 • Oct. 23

Happy Hollow Park & Zoo
748 Story Road, San Jose, CA 95112

Exclusively for ages 50 and up. Free parking, free admission.

Come feel like a kid again and enjoy fresh air and exercise at Happy Hollow!

- Free parking & early entry into the park and zoo
- Animal Meet & Greets
- Zookeeper chats
- 10,000-step challenge
- Engaging activities

Guests who enter before 10 a.m. may stay the whole day for free!

More info: happyhollow.org/seniorsafari



Thank you 2025 Senior Safari sponsors

Presented by
Kaiser Permanente

Gold
Star One Credit Union

Silver
Valley Water
Santa Clara County Department
of Aging and Adult Services
Anthem Blue Cross
Councilmember Bien Doan
San Jose Water Company
Stanford Health Care
Tech CU

Bronze
AARP California
Santa Clara Family Health
Friends of Senior Safari
Councilmember David Cohen
Vice Mayor Pam Foley

Silver Creek Academy

INSPIRE EXPLORE CHALLENGE

AN AWARD-WINNING LEARNING CENTER IN SAN JOSE



- Reading Comprehension
- Writing & Grammar
- Public Speaking & Debate
- Mathematics
- Logic & Critical Thinking
- Competitive Debate
- HSPT, PSAT & SAT Test Prep
- Study Skills for Academic Success
- Test-Taking Strategies

Visit: SCAASanJose.com
for the complete schedule
of camps & classes!



Silver Creek Academy
5619 Silver Creek Valley Road
San Jose, CA 95138

Academic Courses!
Grades K - 12

***Online & In-Person**

Now Enrolling!
2025/26 School Year
Courses!

(408)839-5905



It's easy & FREE to get rid of your junk

CITY OF
SAN JOSE

CAPITAL OF SILICON VALLEY

Environmental Services

Make appointment · Set out · We'll pick up



Sjenvironment.org/junkpickup

Help keep our neighborhood clean! Report illegal dumping: 408-535-3500



EXPLORE

Symphony San Jose's 2025/2026 Season
and embark on a journey of
musical adventures!

Begin with the sparkling opening concert
with **Masquerade**, featuring our favorite
pianist, Jon Nakamatsu. Delight in Broadway
magic with **Symphonic Spooktacular** to
celebrate Halloween. Start the holiday season
on a joyful note with **Holiday Spectacular** and
The San Jose Nutcracker. Fall in love with
Hopelessly Romantic with Schubert,
Sibelius's passionate Violin Concerto, and
Schumann's stirring Symphony No. 4.
Experience a night of Chorale power and
mystery with **The Enigmatic Voice**. Movie fans
will soar through **Hollywood Spectacular: Out
of This World**. Travel through **Beethoven's
Pastorale** and feel the excitement of the
world cup coming to town with our
Symphonic World Cup season finale!

www.symphonysanjose.org



Times **Local News**

San Jose says more cyclists and pedestrians are using the Guadalupe River Trail now that it's banned homeless people from living near city waterways. Photo by Joyce Chu.

San Jose river trail use up after homeless sweeps

By Joyce Chu
San José Spotlight

More San Jose residents are utilizing a local recreational trail following a city ban on homeless camps in the area.

That's according to city data and environmental advocates, who also say more wildlife is returning since no encampment zones took effect last year. San Jose has worked to clear homeless people living near rivers and creeks and keep them from coming back. The mayor has previously said roughly 90% of pollution in local waterways is caused by homeless encampments, and the city is under scrutiny to comply with the Clean Water Act and reduce pollution in its waterways, or face a fine.

Several cyclists who zipped along the Guadalupe River Trail near San Jose Mineta International Airport on Thursday said they've noticed fewer homeless people and

encampments along the trail.

"The city's been trying to clean this for years now," John Diquisto, one of the cyclists, told San José Spotlight. "In federal law, they can't have all this contamination going into any river system that goes into the bay, so it's a tough one."

San Jose began clearing its waterways last year after the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board denied the city a stormwater permit because it was found to be noncompliant. The city approved a plan last February to sweep multiple homeless camps along the Guadalupe River Trail and prevent people from returning.

Data provided by the city shows Guadalupe River Trail usage increased by 110% after the city swept the area from Woz Way to Julian Street. Usage increased 36% when it cleared Julian Street to

See RIVER TRAIL, page 10

Bring your yard to life!

Our rebates of up to \$3,000
help make the change!

WaterSavings.org



Times **Local News****WATERWISE**

Water challenges are formidable

By **Matthew Frazier**

San Jose is being confronted by a set of formidable water challenges.

The potential for devastating wildfires continue to bring anxiety among residents and local officials alike.

Although the immediate impacts of the drought were somewhat alleviated by statewide water reserves that had accumulated from the previous two wet winters, the precarious scenario that unfolded warranted urgent action and a collective response from the community.

Statewide Water Conditions

California's overall water supply painted a mixed picture as July ended. Thanks to two consecutive winters marked by generous rainfall, reservoir levels across the state were at a commendable 108% of their historical average. This figure offered a temporary sense of relief amidst the uncertainties; however, as dry summer conditions settled in, major reservoirs began to release substantial amounts of water to satisfy various allocations. Particularly in San Jose, this was a critical juncture for water man-

agement.

Regional Disparities

The rainfall distribution throughout California also revealed alarming disparities. While Northern California was fortunate enough to bask in near or above-average precipitation in the lead-up to summer, San Jose found itself in stark contrast, experiencing a severe rainfall deficit. The situation worsened as Southern California grappled with dramatically low rainfall levels, amplifying the risk of drought conditions in that part of the state. Additionally, the Sierra Nevada snowpack, a crucial reservoir for summer runoff, showed signs of weakness as it slipped below the average levels late in winter.

Local San Jose Conditions

Locally, while San Jose managed to avoid an official drought declaration, the statistics revealed a concerning reality: the city recorded its driest June in an astonishing 131 years. This was more than just a record; it was

an alarming indication of the severe environmental conditions we faced. The U.S. Drought Monitor provided some reassurance, noting that as of late July, Santa Clara County remained drought-free. Nevertheless, the prevailing dry trends posed an imminent risk that could swiftly change the status quo. With every passing day devoid of significant rainfall, the future of water security in the region hung in the balance.

Wildfire Risk

Compounding these anxieties was the esca-



Water Wise
Matthew Frazier,
Certified Water
Manager



lating risk of wildfires ravaging through dry landscapes, made worse by rising summer temperatures. Predictions released by the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) indicated a higher-than-normal fire potential in Northern California for August and September, amplifying the urgency for enhanced fire preparedness and robust community safety measures. The combination of dry vegetation and high temperatures left many areas vulnerable to fires, leading to increased apprehension among residents regarding fire safety in their neighborhoods.

Immediate action is crucial to ensure water security and mitigate the burgeoning risks of wildfire as the community enters a prolonged dry season. The responsibility lies not only on local agencies but also on individuals and families to engage in proactive measures that safeguard precious water resources and promote fire safety awareness.

By embracing a collective spirit of vigilance and responsibility, the residents of San Jose can work together to navigate these challenging times, fostering a more resilient community that is better equipped to face whatever environmental hurdles may lie ahead. The time for action is now, and through cooperation and preparedness, we can ensure a brighter, safer future for San Jose.

Senator Cortese's bill reducing wildfire risk while protecting native plants approved by assembly

By **Sean Eastwood***Times staff reporter*

Senator Dave Cortese's (D-Silicon Valley) Senate Bill 653 that defines and promotes environmentally sensitive vegetation management to reduce catastrophic wildfire risk while protecting native plants and wildlife was passed by the California Assembly Sept. 8. The bill now goes back to the Senate for approval.

This bill was passed as the peak of California's year-round wildfire season gets underway running through the fall including significant risks from Santa Ana winds in Southern California.

"My bill about vegetation management is so crucial because it addresses a key tension between wildfire prevention and environmental conservation. Senate Bill 653 is a science-based approach that eases that tension and is protective on all fronts," said State Senator Dave Cortese. "This bill will help guide state agencies that fund these projects to prioritize certain ecological best practices while reducing long-term catastrophic wildfire risk."

**Helpful Tips:**

- Know how to download your camera footage
- When mounting cameras, please be aware of places where people may have a reasonable expectation of privacy (examples: their backyard or interior of their home)
- Focus and mount your video on key points of entry or concern
- Exterior Mounting Location Options: Front door, rear door, side gate, driveway/front parking lot, second floor wide view and street view.
- Keep batteries charged in your cameras.
- Consider lighting around your cameras.

For assistance call the
Crime Prevention Unit (408) 277-4133.

SAN JOSE POLICE DEPARTMENT
201 W. Mission St.
San Jose, CA 95110



Partner with the
San Jose Police Department
in fighting crime by registering
your camera today.

HOW TO REGISTER

- Complete the registration form through sjpd.org or scan the QR code below.
- If a crime occurs in your community or place of business, SJPd will contact you for video footage.
- All information is confidential. Registration is voluntary and there is no cost associated with registration.



<https://www.sjpd.org/community/crime-prevention/security-camera-registration>

South San José Senior Walk 2025

Resource Fair & Walking Course



Friday, October 3, 2025, 9-11 a.m.

Almaden Lake Park, Arroyo Picnic Area
5949 Winfield Blvd, San José, CA 95118

This event promotes long, healthy, active lifestyles with a walking course, a contest for prizes, and a resource fair!

Free and open to all, no RSVP.
Limited water & snacks provided.
Free parking in Winfield lot.

1 mile/30 min walk

IT'S SPOOKY SEASON - WALK IN YOUR BEST HALLOWEEN COSTUME TO WIN PRIZES!



Hosted by Councilmember George Casey, Vice Mayor Pam Foley, and Councilmember Pamela Campos!

COUNCILMEMBER
George Casey
ALMADEN • BLOSSOM VALLEY • SANTA TERESA

VICE MAYOR
PAM FOLEY
CITY OF SAN JOSE

PAMELA CAMPOS
San José • Councilmember • District 2

Paid for by the CITY OF SAN JOSE

Contact district10@sanjoseca.gov or (408) 535-4910 for info.



The Almaden Senior Association is a diverse group of enthusiastic active adults 50+ who enjoy new learning opportunities, new experiences, and new adventures. Join us today. Meet new people and get involved with classes and programs that will enhance your life and open new doors.

Senior Safari is back this summer.

Visitors ages 50 and up are invited to visit San Jose's iconic Happy Hollow Park & Zoo for free on the 4th Thursday of each month from May to October. The LAST opportunity to take advantage of this great event is Thursday, October 23rd. Get some fresh air and exercise as you enjoy free admission, free parking, early entry to the park, the zoo, animal meet and greets and much more. To get in free, you must arrive between 9 and 10 am.

Walt Disney Family Museum/Pier 39, Thursday, October 16, 2025:

Take a bus trip to the Walt Disney Family Museum, at the Presidio, San Francisco. Enjoy learning about the life of Walt Disney and his journey from birth to his first drawings, cartoons, films and the creation of Disneyland. Many static and interactive displays to see and enjoy. Then on to Pier 39 for lunch and shopping on your own before returning home. Depart ACC 8:15am. Return around 4:30pm. \$70 Cash or Check. Contact Rich at 408-219-8641 for more information.

Diwali event, Sunday October 26, 2025:

Celebrate Diwali, Festival of Lights with a menu of traditional Indian fare and entertainment of classical and modern dances. October 26, 2025, 12noon to 3pm. Tickets are on sale now, \$25 for members, \$28 for non-members. Contact Narender at 408-623-3106 or Bharat at 408-930-7244 for more information.

For these events and trips, sign up MWF from 8 to 10am in the Almaden Community Center Lobby. All events and trips are for those 50 years and over. Payments are cash or check only, sorry no refunds.

Almaden Senior Association
at the Almaden Community Center
6445 Camden Avenue, San Jose, CA 95120
<https://almadenseniors.org>
<https://www.facebook.com/almadenseniors>



Walt Disney Museum

Come enjoy a bus trip to the Walt Disney Family Museum in the Presidio in San Francisco. You will explore and learn about the life of Walt Disney and his journey to creating the Disney company. There are many exhibits to view taking you from his childhood to his first drawings and movies to feature films and the creation of Disneyland. There are many exhibits to see with several interactive displays to enjoy.

After your time at the Disney Museum we will take the bus to Pier 39 for lunch and shopping on your own before returning home.

This will be a day to explore, learn and eat with your fellow Almaden Seniors.

Date: Thursday October 16, 2025
Time: Arrive @ ACC 7:45am, depart 8:15am

Tour the Walt Disney Family Museum from 10am-12pm.
Depart Pier 39 at 3:00pm.

Returning to Almaden Community Center around 4:30pm.

Price :\$70.00 cash or check (Sorry no refunds)



Jason Su, executive director of nonprofit Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, said there are more people fishing along the trail and more sightings of wildlife, such as deer and wild turkeys. San Jose Mayor **Matt Mahan** and District 6 Councilmember **Michael Mulcahy** stand behind him. Photo by Joyce Chu.

River trail

Continued from page 8

Coleman Avenue. The city continued sweeping the trail up to Interstate 880.

A parks department spokesperson said the city also measured use of the Guadalupe River Trail during peak hours — including weekday mornings and evenings — before and after enacting the no encampment ban.

The city conducts a yearly count of how many people use its trails, which has gone up and down over the years and varies by trail. The Three Creeks Trail near Willow Street decreased from 414 people using it over a 12-hour period in 2022 to 339 in 2024. The Guadalupe River Trail near Coleman Avenue has increased from 440 people in 2022 to 569 in 2024.

Jason Su, executive director of nonprofit Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, said they are seeing more people fishing along the trail and there are more sightings of deer and wild turkeys.

"It's just all a reminder that this is a wild river with the ecosystem through it, and just by allowing it to thrive, it will show its own evidence of recovery," Su told San José Spotlight.

The city has 21 no encampment zones, including around its eight tiny home sites, along sections of the Guadalupe River and Coyote Creek, around public spaces such as Watson Park and most recently Columbus Park.

Columbus Park has been home to several large homeless encampments that have been cleared over the years. The most recent sweep started in August, with an estimated 370 people living in the park. It has been cleared as of Monday. Almost 200 people have moved into motels recently converted to house homeless residents.

"The work around Columbus Park is just one of many," District 6 Councilmember Michael Mulcahy, who represents the area, said at a Thursday news conference. "It's

a major piece, but just one of many investments and actions taken to make sure that we can bring this asset back to its full potential and deliver it back to the city of San Jose and all of its citizens as a regional draw."

Todd Langton, founder of nonprofit Agape Silicon Valley, said the city did not offer housing to most of the homeless people he knew living along the waterways.

"The creeks and the parks needed to get cleaned out. But this could have all been prevented long ago, if we'd put more effort into taking care of our unhoused," Langton told San José Spotlight. "I wish the city would put as much effort into housing as they put into cleaning all these spaces."

Su said in clearing the waterways, people can utilize and appreciate the beauty of the city's natural habitats.

"Through the pandemic, more people have realized the importance of parks in increasing public health," Su said. "All those benefits to health can only happen when the park is well maintained and the ecosystem is balanced, thriving and regenerative."



Times Classifieds



Call to place your
ad today!
408-494-7000

Buy/Sell

I Buy Comic Books.
Cash Paid. Alex
(408) 393-1385

Employment

LOGISTICS SPECIALIST
Analyze logistics operations. Bachelor's in International Trade related. \$62421/yr, Pumyang Shipping America Inc., 3494 Depot Rd, Hayward, CA 94545

Jewelry

M & L Jewelers

Jewelers & Watch Repair
Ring sizing - Watch bands
Watch batteries - Engraving
Stone replacement & More!
Ask about our exclusive watch battery warranties!
(408) 270-6080
3218 S. White Rd. San Jose, CA
Mon.-Fri. 10am-7pm, Sat. 10am-5pm

Painting

SPRING SPECIALS!
Call us for details
LOOK!!!
FREE!!!

Free Window Cleaning w/ Ext. Paint Job!
Free Pressure Wash w/Ext. Paint Job!
Free Estimate & Color Consultation w/Job!

- Residential & Commercial
- Interior & Exterior
- Drywall Repairs
- Handyman Services

We'll Beat Any Reasonable Price!
30+ Years Experience
CA. ST. LIC #651686
Insured & Bonded
TEL: (408) 281-7500
www.faithpainting.com



Mausoleum Crypt for sale

Reflections Mausoleum
For sale 254C double crypt in the beautiful Reflections Mausoleum at Los Gatos Memorial Park. The crypt is a perfect location, just above eye level. Price: 29,500. The Cemetery will make all transfers. (408) 455- 8696 Tony Ranieri; OneGolfingWino@gmail.com

Shoe Repair

ANDY'S SHOE REPAIR
408-270-0850

No Shoe is Ever Too Old!

Hours:

Mon-Fri
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday
9:30 am - 4:00 pm

2850 Quimby Rd. Suite 100 • 270-0850

Gutter Cleaning/Roof Repair

GUTTER CLEANING AND ROOF REPAIR SPECIAL



Only \$89 for local professional GUTTER CLEANING.
And MINOR ROOF REPAIR only \$89. Experts in
Roof Restoration and Home Maintenance.
Local Willow Glen Resident. **Call Daniel (408) 771-8814.**



LIVING HOPE APOSTOLIC MIN- ISTRIES

<https://www.livinghopeam.org>
2650 Aborn Rd.
San Jose, CA 95135
(408) 592-7562
Pastor Shelia Sapp
"Bible Study" (Group Study Room) every Saturday at 12:00pm
OUR MISSION: Evangelizing our community and the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ. OUR MINISTRY: Training ministers on how to use their love for God to reach those in need of His love. OUR PASSION: Transforming lives within our community with God's love.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ALMADEN

6581 Camden Ave.
San Jose, CA 95120.
The Rev. Shelley Booth Denney, Rector
Phone: 408-268-0243
Web: www.ecc-sj.org
At the Episcopal Church in Almaden (ECA), we are joyful followers of Jesus Christ. Through worship, study, fellow-

ship 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.



EVERGREEN ISLAMIC CENTER (EIC)

<http://www.eicsan-jose.org>
2486 Ruby Ave,
San Jose CA 95148.
(408) 239-6668
"As-Salaamu-Alaikum" the English meaning is "Peace be upon you".
Q) What is Islam, who are Muslims, and what is the Quran?
A) Islam is a faith and way of life. Islam began in the 7th century. People who follow Islam are known as Muslims. The Quran is the Divine book that guides Muslims to

practice Islam.
"Hufazik Allah Waeai-latak" the English meaning is "May Allah (swt) protect you and your family". Please visit our website to learn more.

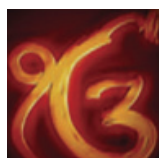


GRACE CHURCH OF EVERGREEN

www.GraceChurchEvergreen.Com
408-274-1200
See you on Facebook.
2650 Aborn Rd at Kettmann, across from the Public Library.
Serving Evergreen for over 55 years.
John Goldstein Pastor.
john@GraceChurchEvergreen.com. Christian worship every Sunday at 11am. Together we build better lives and a better community.
Music Institute (408) 791 7772. After School Piano, Violin, Other classical Instruments.
PreSchool, Ages 2-6
Caring for your child with God's love and affection.
Check our website for current activities.

**HOLY SPIRIT
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Faith.Knowledge. Community - this is our

promise to our members. If you are looking for an active Christian faith community, we invite you to experience Holy Spirit Parish Community. All are welcome! We are located at 1200 Redmond Avenue, San Jose, CA 95120. Mass is celebrated at 8:30 a.m. Monday - Friday. Our weekend Mass schedule is Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Rite of Reconciliation is every Saturday at 4 p.m. or by appointment. Our Parish Office is open Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Call 408-997-5100 for recorded information or 408-997-5101 to speak with someone in our parish office.



God is One
ੴ ਸਿਕ ਹੈ
Rab Ik Hai

**SAN JOSE
GURDWARA**
3636 Gurdwara Ave.
San Jose, CA 95148

The word Sikh (see-kh) means "disciple" or "student." A Sikh is a practitioner of the faith founded in the 15th century by Guru Nanak in Punjab of old British India. A Guru who is a "teacher" or "enlightener" completes the relationship of teaching and learning. Sikhism is monotheistic and stresses the equality of all men and women. Sikhs believe in three basic principles; meditating on the name of God (praying), earning a living by honest means and sharing the fruits of one's labor with others. Currently there are close to one million Sikhs living in the USA and Canada and 25 million Sikhs living around the world. Sikhism is the 5th largest religion in the world. At the Gurdwara (House of God) in San Jose we welcome all. We pray daily for peace and prosperity for everybody in the world. Come to visit and enjoy Langer (food) in our kitchen which is open 365 days of the year and serves complementary vegetarian meals. We also encourage you to enter our history room

on site and walk the beautiful grounds. Learn more about us and community events we sponsor by visiting our website; <http://www.SanJoseGurdwara.org>

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

5111 San Felipe Rd.,
San Jose, CA 95135
408-223-1770
www.sfoasj.com
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, I.G.N.I.T.E. High School, & North Star Young Adult Ministries, along with small faith communities and opportunities to help the poor and marginalized of San Jose. Our Chapel, Gathering

Hall, Parish Office, Mission Center, Parish Gift Shop, and Memorial Garden are all located at 5111 San Felipe Rd. Please come join us in worship at any of the following times in our Chapel: Weekdays (M-Sa) at 8:30 AM; Saturdays at 4:00 PM (English) and 5:30 PM (Vietnamese); Sundays at 8:00 AM (English), 10:00 AM (English), 12:00 PM (English), 4:00 PM (Vietnamese), and 6:00 PM Youth Mass (English). The Villages Gated Community also features a Mass on Sundays at 8:15 AM at the Cribari Auditorium. For more information, please call or visit us at the Parish Office 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!

1

the**point**.church

THE POINT CHURCH
3695 Rose Terrasse Cir
San Jose, CA 95148
(408) 270-7646
English Service:
Sundays at 9:30 & 11:00 AM
Spanish Service:
11:00 AM
Cambodian Service:
11:00 AM
Cantonese Service:
11:00 AM
Mandarin Service:
11:00AM
Youth Extreme Point
(7th-12th grade):
Every Saturday at 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM



To place a worship
listing, email
times@
timesmediainc.com

RED DOG SHRED



RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL BUSINESS PAPER SHREDDING

DROP-OFF SHREDDING SERVICE

WATCH IT SHRED!

RECYCLE
ELECTRONICS

MULTI MEDIA



65 Gallon Container



PAPER SHREDDING
\$10.00 PER BOX
10"x12"x15"

HARD DRIVE
SHREDDING

Executive Console



**RED DOG
SHRED
PICKS UP**

JUNK IT!



- OFFICE CONTENT CLEANOUT
- DOCUMENT PURGES
- PICK UP DOGS
- ON-SITE SHREDDING

WWW.REDDOGSHRED.COM

408-377-2925

BAY AREA - SAN JOSE • 14944 Camden Avenue, San Jose, CA 95124 (Cambrian Plaza)