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Traditional Chinese dance performed by the troupe at K. Smith Elementary School on Feb. 4. Photos courtesy SCCOE



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COUNTY NEWS

Help make 2015 the 'Year of Opportunity' in Santa Clara County

By Dave Cortese
Special to the Times

At last month's State of the County event, I declared 2015 to be the Year of Opportunity.

Economically, the county is strong and the valley is booming. But for every new millionaire we create, there are many more people who struggle to survive. In this year of opportunity, I call on all of us to work together so that a better quality of life exists for everyone in our valley.

I have challenged myself, my colleagues on
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Young Cultural Ambassador students, parents and teachers from China visit Evergreen schools

More than 100 students, along with dozens of parents and teachers from China recently spent a day in Evergreen schools. They attended classes, shared lunch and recess together, made some great new friends and put on a spectacular cultural showcase.

The visit was part of an exchange program created by the Santa Clara County Office of Education and the Chinese Society of Education (CSE)—the first and also the largest academic educational organization in China, founded in 1979.

The Young Cultural Ambassador Communication Troupe visited Evergreen School District's Matsumoto, Carolyn Clark and Katherine Smith elementary schools
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Valley Currents

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The National League of American Pen Women, Santa Clara County Branch honored Carolyn Larsen, Melody Sheppard, Patricia Sherwood, Marie Cameron, Ann Bridges, Clare Mullin, Deanna Grenier-Mullins and Patricia Dennis for their achievements in the arts at a gala held at the Elks Club on Feb. 7. Photos by Judy Bingman

Women in the arts honored at Pen Women luncheon

By Jeanne C. Carbone
Managing Editor

The arts were celebrated as local women with excellence in art, music and writing were honored at the Santa Clara County Branch of the National League of American Pen Women celebrity luncheon at the



Members (left to right) Edie Mathews and Susan Zerweck congratulate achiever Ann Bridges at the National League of American Pen Women, Santa Clara County Branch celebrity luncheon.

Elks Club on Feb. 7.

With a theme of Unleashing the Creative Women, the luncheon honored in art: Patricia Dennis, Carolyn Larsen, Patricia Sherwood, Marie Cameron, in letters; Ann Bridges, Clare Mullin, and for music Melody Sheppard and Deanna Grenier-Mullins. The celebration of these talented women was also a fundraiser for scholarships for local high school senior girls.

The luncheon program featured the national president of the NLAPW, Candace Long, who sang and presented a lecture on her personal journey in the arts.

One of the achievers was Evergreen resident, Ann Bridges. As one of few women in the high-tech world, Bridges retired and began her lifelong dream of becoming an author. Marrying the tech world with fascinating characters has already gained her a publisher, Balcony 7 Media and Publishing. Her novels *Private Offerings* will be released in the Fall 2015 and its sequel *Precious Mettle* will be released a year later. Her historical novel, *Kit's Mine* is scheduled for Spring 2016. She had previously self-published "101 Great Hikes Above Silicon Valley."

The Santa Clara County Branch was founded in 1922 and is part of the National organization that began in 1897 to promote the development of the creative talents of professional women artists, writers, dramatists, lecturers and composers. For more information, visit www.nlapwsantaclara.org.

Mailbox



Concerns over EVC planned land development

Editor,

As a Villages resident and a faculty member at Evergreen Valley College, I am writing because I believe Evergreen residents have not been informed of the San Jose Evergreen Community College District's planned Land Development of 27 acres that consist of the previous SJECCD district office, the Police Academy, and 14.8 acres of vacant land along San Felipe Road.

The site plan consists of: 1)

Expansion of the existing shopping center; 2) Up to 400 affordable and/or senior apartments; 3) Medical outpatient, dental, and urgent care facility; 4) Private aquatic and competitive training site. The process has started and the bids are due April 14, 2015.

I have several serious concerns about this proposal: 1) the Board of Trustees believes that this is surplus land, but the college faculty and students believe this land is needed for the growth of Evergreen College. 2) This development will have dangerous effects on traffic in the area. 3) The increased housing will affect Evergreen K-12 schools that are already impacted with too many

students. 4) The college's land and operations are funded by taxpayers to serve the community's educational needs, not for commercial investments that negatively impact Evergreen neighborhoods, schools, and quality of life.

If you have concerns about this proposal, please contact Vice Mayor Rose Herrera's office at (408) 535-4908 or district8@san-joseca.gov.

Robin Hahn
Evergreen Valley

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Times **Community News****SCHOOLS****East Side District Board ratifies salary increases**

The East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees ratified the collective bargaining agreements for each of the bargaining units: East Side Teachers Association, California School Employees Association, American Federation of Teachers and Administrator Collaborative of East Side at their meeting on Jan. 15.

The ratified agreements include a 5 percent on the schedule salary increase and up to an additional 1.5 percent on the schedule salary increase, which is contingent on the Legislature taking action increasing current year (2014-2015) Proposition 98 LCFF funding. The new agreement continues to pay 100 percent of family medical insurance benefits, including 100 percent of life insurance, vision and dental benefits.

The Collective Bargaining Agreement with the East Side Teachers Association also includes: an increase to hourly rates used to pay for teachers' extra duty; stipends for advisors, counselors and other certificated positions outside of the classroom; and, an increase to the salary schedule for our children's center instructors.

In addition, the District is required to

increase their contribution for certificated and classified employee pension benefits, effective July 1, 2014.

"We appreciate the hard work and collaborative efforts on the part of all the bargaining teams," says ESUHSU Superintendent Chris Funk. "The District's goal is to provide its employees with a total compensa-

**"We believe that our dedicated public employees deserve to be rewarded for their professionalism and the sacrifices made during the fiscal crisis that California faced since the last recession."
– ESUHSU Superintendent Chris Funk**

tion package, which includes salary and health and welfare benefits, which is competitive in Santa Clara County. We believe that our dedicated public employees deserve to be rewarded for their professionalism and the sacrifices made during the fiscal crisis that California faced since the last recession. ESUHSU is a destination to work and provide an outstanding education for every student."

Cortese

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the Board of Supervisors, our County CEO and our community partners to be open to ideas and solutions from any quarter that will improve the services we deliver to our community. I'm challenging our residents, too.

I want to know what you think of the initiatives I have proposed, how you can help us get them done and any new ideas that you have to help solve our most pressing problems. Among my proposals:

Homelessness: A new Task Force will meet for 10 months and focus on the most immediate needs of the thousands of people in Santa Clara County who are homeless. Co-chaired by Matt Mahood, President and CEO of the San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce, and Ben Field, Executive Officer of the South Bay Labor Council, the Task Force will hear ideas from the public and come up with a plan this year to create transitional housing as a safe and healthier alternative to forcing people to camp near creeks and sleep in doorways.

Type 2 diabetes: In Santa Clara County, 18 percent of adults have been told they are diabetic or pre-diabetic. And, of course, it's unknown how many residents have not been diagnosed but are at serious risk of develop-

ing type 2 diabetes. Supervisor Ken Yeager will lead an effort to make sure everyone has access to screening and diabetes-prevention education. This is a health problem we can do something about now.

Office of Neighborhood Safety: This new office is patterned after one in Richmond. Our Office of Neighborhood Safety will focus on children and young adults who have been victims or offenders of violent crimes. With mentorships and intervention services, we'll work to change this behavior and lower violent crime statistics.

The South Bay really does have a South Bay: Boaters and kayakers have been making use of our access to the San Francisco Bay at the Alviso Marina County Park for years. It's time we invest in making the marina a must-visit attrac-

tion and an educational tool for residents, visitors and school children. I'm envisioning a floating classroom where students—and adults—can learn about the Don Edwards Wildlife Refuge or just enjoy our very own South Bay waterway.

You can read the entire State of the County speech or watch it by visiting my website, www.supervisorcortese.com. I look forward to hearing from. You can call my office at (408) 299-5030 or email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org.

Dave Cortese is the President of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors.



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By Dave Cortese
Supervisor



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Times **Your Community****OPINION****ETA President says teachers are being suffocated with Common Core**

By Kevin Larson
Special to the Times

Something is amiss. Some are saying there is a problem in the way our district implemented the Common Core with regard to teacher workload in creating new lessons, presenting, and grading them.

The district also bought Investigations Math Supplemental Program for grades 1-5 and it is this parent's opinion there may be problems associated with it. Now we learn there is currently a teacher workload situation.

At the Jan. 8, 2015 school board meeting the following was stated to the school board trustees by the Evergreen Teacher Association President Brian Wheatly, "... I hope you are aware ETA filed a demand to bargain around the implementation of Common Core ... Basically, the people I represent are suffocating under the weight of having to create new curriculum as well as implement it ... the time commitment required is simply unsustainable."

Evergreen School District did not adopt of a new Common Core Math Textbook for this school year. With extended time requirements placed on teachers for creating tailored math and language arts Common Core lessons, all other subjects and responsibilities such as science, art, physical education, social studies, differentiating lessons for English Language Learners, and behavior management may also be negatively impacted due to a lack of time for the tired teachers to do it all. So, what should parents do?

We must create "buy in" on how Common Core will be taught and measured and not have top down implementation of it. We need horizontal collaboration of decisions with equal power from all stakeholders. Teacher and parent input must be a solid part of the decision process in selection of teaching materials (the district is currently testing out possible textbooks for next year).

Let's listen to teachers, knowing we have an earnest desire to not only hear them with a nod, but to truly understand what they want. Let's build schools and classrooms so that the teaching materials and methods are loved by parents and teachers and students instead of imposing materials and methods that are not embraced or effective. Everyone must get involved in deciding solution paths.

Let's lean on data to know which teaching materials truly help educate properly with strength, for some publishers are radical in nature, and can sell slick products with substantiated hogwash at a high price tag that can actually regress learning in my opinion. This is why teachers and parents are the watchdogs of improper and non-effective teaching methods and materials. Voices matter!

Speak out if you believe, parts of the education process are slipping in the classroom or school your child attends. If you don't, they will never know your views. Also, negative snowball effects could take place that

could slow the child's academic growth year to year with troubled issues of the implementation of this Common Core learning methodology. We have to keep an eye on it all.

At the beginning of this school year the Evergreen School District stated in their newsletter to all ... *"Attract, develop, and retain quality staff at all levels"* Once again, these two interdependent goals will form the epicenter of the top-quality education our students will receive. We are now utilizing Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and have been working closely with our teachers to provide them the support they need to be successful. Teacher-led design teams worked throughout the summer on CCSS-aligned mathematics and language arts units - these Units of Study are the backbone to class-



room instruction in 2014-15 and beyond serving as a guide to planning instruction. (Detailed Common Core information can be found on our District website.)"

In the opinion of this parent, the above paragraph is perhaps full of wishful hyperbole, and instead, more concrete planning may be needed with traditional measures of student academic growth (benchmarks). The current roll out of Common Core materials and teaching has affected the school and classroom climate and weather inside each classroom. There may be different levels of teaching effectiveness from school to school so find out if it is raining inside your child's classroom or full of sunshine.

Be involved in checking to see if Common Core teaching methods are effective in your son or daughter's classroom and explore supplemental websites such as IXL math. Help in convincing the district to reinstate math benchmarks on report cards so we can determine if Common Core Learning is understood without grade subjectivity. No matter how imperfect, we need immediate math benchmarks. Email decision makers. Ensure some subjects are taught with extra at home time if teachers are being pressed for time. Ask your child if they like Common Core math.

Kevin Larsen is a parent in Evergreen School District.



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Times Feature

OFF THE SHELF

Join Open Data Hack Feb. 21

By Amanda Choi
Special to the Times

This weekend the San Jose Public Library will be celebrating International Open Data Day on Feb. 21 with **CodeAcross 2015: Open Data Hack San Jose**. Everyone is invited to join in a day of civic hacking at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library (room 255).

You don't need to be an expert in technology to participate; you just need to care about your neighborhood and community.

What will be happening?

■ Conducting an Open Data Census for San Jose.

■ Using VTA's Open Data to visualize transit usage and build useful apps.

■ Writing content for San Jose LocalWiki to build a community repository of knowledge.

■ Helping San Jose Public Library figure out how to make the California Room Digital Collections more open, engaging, hackable, linkable, browsable, tagable, map-able and responsive.

Who should attend?

■ Everyone is welcome: non-techies, data geeks and everyone in between. Just bring your laptop, skills, ideas and enthusiasm!

■ Community members of all ages with local knowledge

■ Software developers who want to visualize data and build apps

■ Writers, content strategists and social media experts

■ Civic leaders, community organizers and activists

■ Transit enthusiasts, city planners and urbanists

■ Elected officials and government staff

Schedule

■ Code for San Jose will supply breakfast, lunch and beverages to keep you going throughout the day.

■ 9:30 a.m.: Registration and breakfast

■ 9:45 a.m.: Introduction and kick-off

■ 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.: Morning activities

■ 12:30 p.m.: Lunch break

■ 1 - 4:30 p.m.: Afternoon activities

■ 4:30 p.m.: Show and tell

■ Registration is free and can be completed on Eventbrite.

As always, we have many exciting programs coming up at the Evergreen Branch Library. Join us on Wednesday, Feb. 25 from 6 - 8 p.m. for **Effective Resume Writing for the Job Search**. If your resume

needs a makeover, this is the event for you. Guest speaker Marianne Adoradio will teach powerful techniques to identify and communicate your personal brand, set yourself apart from the competition, make your resume content pertinent to the job, and format your resume to appeal to the reader.

On Saturday, Feb. 28 at 2 p.m.,

we are very proud to present author, **Bich Minh Nguyen**, who will read from and discuss her book, *Stealing Buddha's Dinner*. In this coming-of-age memoir, Nguyen recounts her experiences as a young Vietnamese immigrant with a passion for American food despite her family's Buddhist lifestyle. *Stealing Buddha's Dinner* is one of the

featured selections of this year's *Silicon Valley Reads* program.

Kids are invited to celebrate the author of classics like *The Cat in the Hat* and *Green Eggs and Ham* with a **Dr. Seuss Birthday Party** on Monday, March 2 at 4 p.m. Party and read Dr. Seuss with your neighbors. It's going to be Seussical!

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 (<https://www.facebook.com/san-joselibrary>)

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.

Amanda Choi is a librarian at the Evergreen and Berryessa Branch Libraries. Evergreen Library is located at 2635 Aborn Road, between Capitol Expressway and White Road. The library phone number is (408) 808-3060. Berryessa Branch Library is located at 3355 Noble Avenue, San Jose 95132. The library phone number is 408-808-3050. Both libraries are part of the San José Public Library System. For more information, visit the library website, sjpl.org.



Off the Shelf
Amanda Choi
Librarian



Times Newsbriefs

Road closures morning of Saturday, Feb. 21

On Saturday, Feb. 21, San Jose will be hosting the Double Road Race, a 15k foot race divided into two parts. The following streets will be closed on that day are:

Southbound Hellyer Avenue between Silver Creek Valley and Piercy roads - closed from 7 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21;

Northbound Hellyer Avenue between Silicon Valley Boulevard and Piercy Road - closed from 7 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21;

Westbound Piercy Road between Hellyer Avenue and Silver Creek Valley Road - closed from 7 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21;

Eastbound Piercy Road between Hellyer Avenue and Tennant Road - closed from 7 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21;

Southbound Tennant between Piercy Road and Hellyer Avenue - closed from 7 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21;

Optical Court - closed from 7 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21.

For more information about *The Double Road Race*, please visit www.sanjosedouble.com.

Free kids' vision and dental screenings

Healthier Kids Foundation FocusFirst and DentalFirst programs are conducting free (donor-funded) vision and dental screenings for children ages 6-months to 18-years-old.

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with a high-optic digital camera, and dental screenings are performed by a licensed dentist, Monday through Friday at your school, church, daycare center, community center, after-school program, or community-based organization. This program is done on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Schedule your screenings by calling Sunny Ochoa at (408) 564-5114 ext. 206 or email sunny@hkidsf.org.

Seventh annual Crime and Gang Prevention Summit

The Mayor's Gang Prevention Taskforce presents the seventh Annual Crime and Gang Prevention Summit on Saturday, Feb. 28 from 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Mt. Pleasant High School located at 1750 S. White Road, San Jose. Youth and families are all welcomed to join this free event.

The summit will feature informational workshops, a community resource fair, children's activities, and a free lunch for participants. Workshop topics include: Gang 102 & A Way Out, Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force: Proving It Works, We're All In It Together: Servicing Our Youth & Families, The Power of Multi-Media (Youth Voice Initiative & Youth Digital Arts), and Re-Entry: The Process of Coming Home.

Fabian Debora, a counselor and mentor with Homeboy Industries will discuss the importance of finding employment and job training skills for our youth as part of the keynote address. Please RSVP online by Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2015. RSVP at <http://conta.cc/1vGURus> or call Paul Pereira at (408) 535-4832.



Linette Atterbury is an eBay employee with a garden plot at StartOrganic's employee garden. Photo courtesy Start Organic

Changing the world one garden at a time

StartOrganic's mission is to empower and educate people to grow their own produce

By Ankita Bhanot

Special to the Times

In today's world, especially here in the Bay Area, many people are seeking fresher, healthier, and more organic foods. But as our local supermarkets seem to be leaning farther and farther away from this label, how are we to maintain easy access to the healthiest foods?

According to StartOrganic, the answer is right under our noses—our own backyards.

Started by Josh Levine and Troy Smothermon in 2011, StartOrganic is a professional landscaping service specifically designed to help South Bay area residents grow the best organic produce right at home: The goal being for more residents in our community to become less reliant on produce in the grocery stores and reach for a superior food product.

"We have a great environment, many of us have ample space in the yard, and almost everyone has a lawn," Levine said, when asked how the idea for StartOrganic was born.

"We developed the nuts and bolts of StartOrganic in a Tahoe cabin over the winter of 2010 and have been growing food with Silicon Valley residents ever since!" he adds.

Since its founding, StartOrganic has had great success with its clients, who are happy to not have to perform countless hours of research for each step of the growing process and have a resource that has been growing food for a long time. To effectively walk their clients through each step, StartOrganic has designed a comprehensive at home education program where an expert small plot farmer comes monthly to the client's home to teach them the best practices for growing organic food in their specific garden location. This also functions as a support system, where the client can contact their farmer throughout the month for any general gardening question.

Even beyond their connection with individual

clients, StartOrganic has extended to benefit the community as a whole. They donate a percentage of each garden they build to support the StartOrganic Institutional Learning (SOIL) fund which builds at least one school garden at no cost to the school each year. So far, SOIL has given back to schools like Downtown College Prep, Forest Hill Elementary and Steinbeck Elementary, among others.

Additionally, Levine and Smothermon have also volunteered and spoken at local schools in the area and given consultations to help spearhead children's connection with the earth and best practices for organic gardening. The two are currently on the planning board for the San Jose Go Green Schools Conference, which will be happening again March 2015.

With the drought becoming a statewide issue, StartOrganic has created 'SmartScaping' to combat what they believe are the two root causes of wasted water: lawns and wasted landscaping. SmartScaping involves replacing lawn with good looking, drought-tolerant native flowers and plants combined with mulch, gravel or other low-maintenance materials.

"The most rewarding part of this job, for me, is seeing our clients grow food successfully for the first time," said Levine. "I really love seeing children's first realization that the seed they planted two months ago has turned into this carrot that they pulled out of the ground this morning, and will eat as a snack this afternoon! That moment of connection with the food that is going to be eaten is priceless."

For more information visit: www.startorganic.org.



Produce from a Start Organic client's garden. Photo courtesy Start Organic

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- Improve muscle tone, bone health flexibility, and lung capacity
- Lower risk of obesity

Pets Boost Your Social Life

Spending time at a dog park and walking around the neighborhood ups your chances of interacting with neighbors and other dog owners.

Sources: <http://centerforresearch.org/>, <http://www.heart.org/>

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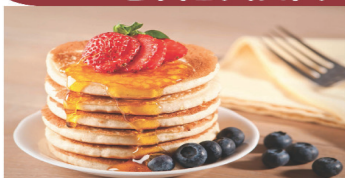
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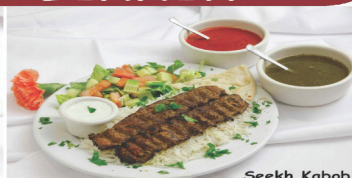
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San Jose a national leader in gang prevention

By Vice Mayor Rose Herrera

Special to the Times

A well-known axiom often heard from San Jose police leadership is that “we can’t arrest our way out of a gang problem.” San Jose approaches gang prevention from a three-prong approach - prevention, intervention and suppression. If you want to learn about why San Jose is recognized as a national leader in gang prevention, plan to attend the Seventh Annual Crime and Gang Prevention Summit, sponsored by the Mayor’s Gang Prevention Task Force, on Saturday, Feb. 28, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Mount Pleasant High School Theater – 1750 South White Road. The purpose of this summit is to educate residents about the goals and activities of the gang prevention task force and solicit community input. Representatives from City of San Jose, and local community-based organizations will share their efforts to build a safer and more vibrant city. You will hear from ex-gang members on how they turned their lives around as well as basic information on how to keep kids out of gangs. The summit will feature informational workshops, a community resource fair, children’s activities, and a free lunch for participants. If you’re interested in attending the Summit, register online by Tuesday, Feb. 24th at: <http://conta.cc/1zP72pj>

Engaging the community as partners in preventing gangs has been a critical factor in the task force succeeding. As a member of the Mayor’s Gang Prevention Task Force (MGPTF), and the Chair of the Community Engagement Subcommittee, I have worked directly with the outstanding members of the MGPTF technical team who have successfully completed 151 specifically planned actions to increase the safety of neighborhoods and schools. The MGPTF recommended and helped institute long-term structural changes that are now in place such as the school-based emergency response protocol through the Safe School Campus Initiative, which allows city staff and the San Jose Police Department to directly interface with other front-line service providers and community members.

Since the inception of the Mayor’s Gang Prevention Task Force in the early 1990’s the city of San Jose’s commitment to ensuring safe communities and neighborhoods has remained steadfast. Over the years, we have developed a strong relationship with our neighborhood faith communities, many in Evergreen through the connections made at my annual Faith Leaders Appreciation Breakfast. It’s by leveraging the resources the faith community offers the MGPTF, either by volunteer work and/or facility use, that our programs for youth are enhanced.

This Faith Initiative has the goal of proactively establishing a relationship between the Faith Based Community and the Mayor’s Gang Prevention Task Force to create community awareness of resources and foster hope in gang affected neighborhoods.

Borrowing an idea from Salinas, community volunteers, led by clergy, have been walking through gang impacted neighborhoods in the evenings on Friday nights to show support for the neighborhood. In coordination with our police department, San Jose Night Walks in the Alum Rock neighborhood started Friday, April 18, 2014. As of Friday



District 8 Report

By Rose Herrera
City Councilmember

Jan. 16, as reported by the leader in this initiative, Reverend Peggy Bryan, the Night Walks participants have been walking every Friday for 40 weeks with 153 different individuals participating. Representation from the community includes 21 different faith community members from Christian, Jewish, Buddhist and Unitarian congregations, as well as 4 non-profits, local, county and state government representatives, and 7 educational institutions including elementary, high school, college and district offices. Early results show fewer incidences of crime along the Night Walk route.

Night walks have been a strategic method of crime prevention in other Bay Area Cities - all with one common purpose: to rebuild and establish good relationships in communities in need. The Night Walks Project offers a great outreach opportunity for all faith communities in and around Santa Clara County. Assemble a group and schedule one Friday over the next six months. If you’re interested in forming a group or joining an existing group please Contact Rev. Peggy Bryan, St. Philip’s Episcopal Church, by phone at (408) 679-0240 or email Peggy.Bryan@stphilips.org for more details. I also encourage you to visit their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/san-josenightwalks>.

Finally, I want to again invite you to attend the Mayor’s Gang

Prevention Task Force Summit. The keynote speaker, Fabian Debora, a counselor and mentor from Homeboy Industries, will be speaking on the importance of finding employment and job training skills for youth. Workshop topics include:

- Gang 102 & A Way Out
- Mayor’s Gang Prevention Task Force: Proving It Works
- We’re All In It Together: Servicing Our Youth & Families,
- The Power of Multi-Media (Youth Voice Initiative & Youth Digital Arts
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See you at the Summit!

If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to email my office at district8@sanjose-ca.gov

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Times **Your Community****Santa Clara County pilot summer jobs initiative approved***Program aims to reduce youth crime, improve career prospects*

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously this past week to create up to 500 paid summer internships and job opportunities for at-risk and low-income youth.

The Board action on a proposal by President Dave Cortese and Supervisor Cindy Chavez authorizes the county to partner with the non-profit Work2Future to coordinate with public, private and nonprofit employers in providing paid internships and employment opportunities for youth and young adults from 16 to 21-years-old. This pilot program would target foster youth, CalWorks families, low-income and disconnected youth.

The plan, which was first proposed by Cortese and Chavez in September 2014, was met by support from the City of San Jose. On Feb. 9, Mayor Sam Liccardo stated in a letter that the city would be willing to match funding for the program.

"I am grateful for the outpouring of support from my colleagues on the board, the City of San José, and from the overall community," said Cortese. "The unanimous approval of this pilot youth summer jobs program is a clear message across our region, state and nation that we in Santa Clara County are willing to use every tool at our disposal to make our community safer and more prosperous."

"We know from first-hand experience that increasing job opportunities decreases the incidence of high-risk behaviors," said Chavez. "In addition to the fact that it is smart public safety and economic policy, it's the right thing to do."

In 2012, President Obama announced a public-private partnership initiative to create 110,000 new summer jobs for youth. Since then, summer youth jobs programs in cities such as Philadelphia, Chicago and San Francisco have resulted in dramatic reductions in crime rates among target populations. Studies have also shown that high school students with summer employment experience tend to be more successful later

in their careers.

In January 2015, the *U.S. News and World Report* stated that there has been a 40 percent decline in summer youth employment particularly among low-income and racial and ethnic minority youth.

Supes approve proposal to curtail growth of Type 2 Diabetes

Recognizing that the development of type 2 diabetes among adults and children is growing at an alarming rate in Santa Clara County, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to expand screening and strengthen education efforts to fight the chronic disease that affects 29 million people each year in the U.S.

The unanimous vote was taken at the Board of Supervisors meeting on Feb. 10, at the request of Supervisor President Dave Cortese, who also proposed the initiative during his State of the County speech on Jan. 27. Supervisor Ken Yeager is leading the initiative, which will be heard first by the Board's Health and Hospitals Committee.

In Santa Clara County, 18 percent of adults have been told they are diabetic or pre-diabetic, and countless others could be at high-risk of developing diabetes.

"We can ensure that every one of our 1.8 million residents has access to screening and care that will prevent cases from getting beyond the pre-diabetes stage," Cortese said. "Valley Medical Center has more than 35,000 diabetic patients now, compared to 15,000 in 2011, representing a 123 percent increase in four years."

"Diabetes is rising at a scary rate," said Yeager. "If we are going to slow the growth in health care costs without limiting access, we need better prevention strategies."

Diabetes care is one of the major drivers of increased health care costs. If an effective diabetes prevention program for patients of the local health care safety net system could be implemented on a large scale, the potential for financial savings is substantial.

For more information, contact Supervisor Dave Cortese at (408) 299-5030. Supervisor Ken Yeager's Office can be reached at (408) 299-5040, and Public Health Officer Dr. Sara Cody at (408) 792-5040.

Mayor announces first steps for SJ After-School and Youth Jobs Initiatives

With a goal of addressing the critical challenges of economic disparity and public safety, Mayor Sam Liccardo today took the first steps in launching two signature initiatives, SJ Learns and SJ Works, announcing the co-chairs and initial meeting dates of the working groups for both.

The working groups will bring together experts from the community, education, philanthropy, labor, and business to tackle these challenges in a spirit of collaboration.

"We can arm every teenager with a job and a path to college, or we can let the gangs arm them with a gun and a burglar's crowbar," said Liccardo. "It's critical for San José's future that we reach our kids first."

SJ Learns: After School Program

SJ Learns proposes to expand after-school programs for children in kindergarten through fifth-grade. Emmett Carson of the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, and Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco, will co-chair the SJ Learns Working Group, which will hold its first meeting on Monday, Feb. 23 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Room 118, City Hall Wing.

"Investing in our children is an investment in our collective future. By expanding high-quality after-school programs for elementary school children we can set them on track for future success," Carson said.

"All of San José's children deserve the opportunity to access quality academic and enrichment programs that provide a strong foundation for achievement," Carrasco said.

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Times **Your Community**

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Feb. 3 - 4. At K. Smith the Chinese students showcased their talent in music, calligraphy, painting, and performed a Chinese version of the song "Let It Go" from the film *Frozen* accompanied by classical Chinese dance.

K. Smith Principal Aaron Brengard says the visitors fit right in.

"In the classroom, K. Smith students were partnered up with their Chinese classmates for the day," Brengard said. "It was a chance for us to have our Chinese guests be K. Smith students. Other than the introductions, classroom activities carried on as usual. When entering a room, it was difficult to tell a K. Smith student from their Chinese counterpart."

As a special treat, the school photography provider, Pro Images, hosted a photo booth for the Chinese and K. Smith students as a fun way to give them both something to remember the day and to let kids be kids.

K. Smith dubbed the day Global Connection Day and saw it as a chance for to make connections with students, parents and teachers from across the world.

"While we were able to compare our differences in cultures and school experience, what really came out of the day was how much we are the same," Brengard says.

The group first made an appearance at Carolyn Clark School Feb. 3 where they were officially greeted by Superintendent Kathy Gomez and Principal Gina Juarez.

"Our time together with the Beijing students from China was a great learning experience for both our students and theirs," says Juarez. "Our students particularly loved the end of the day performances that the Beijing students put on for us ... It was a great day!"

Matsumoto Principal Jim Sherman, who also hosted the delegation, adds, "Our incredible students treated the Beijing student ambassadors not as people from some 6,500 miles away, but as friends from across the street. And, they got the same in return. It was a



Katherine Smith School and the Evergreen School District received a plaque and recognition for sponsoring the Young Cultural Ambassadors Communication Troupe day. Pictured is **Nanette Donohue**, K. Smith assistant Principal **Denise Williams**, SCCOE Dr. **Ramsey**, Principal **Aaron Brengard** and two Chinese ambassadors. Photos courtesy SCCOE



Classroom activities carried on as usual throughout the day.

treat to watch the students interact. Some of our students spoke Mandarin; some of theirs spoke English. But the universal language was friendship."

The idea for the exchange trip was sparked when Santa Clara County of Education Science Coordinator Sandra Yellenberg was selected to join the Silicon Valley Corps of Science Educators in China due to her leadership in the local science education community. She along with two teachers from Alum Rock Union Elementary School District traveled abroad to present at a special two-day conference about American innovations in STEM and also to learn about the Chinese education system. Over the course of the trip she and event organizers began discussing how students and teachers from both countries could continue to benefit and learn from a visit to Santa Clara County public schools.

Besides the Evergreen schools, the Young Cultural Ambassador Communication Troupe visited Campbell Union School District's Rolling Hills Middle, Forest Hill Elementary, Castlemont Elementary schools, and the "Campbell

Cares" after school program.

"Part of what we do at the SCCOE is to develop and promote local and international partnerships that provide real-world context for global learning experiences," said County Superintendent of Schools Jon Gundry. "We are proud to be able to connect schools with these partners and create the learning environments that make diversity and global engagement concrete and tangible for our students, so that they develop a lifelong connection to other cultures, languages and experiences."

Looking back on the visit, K. Smith's Principal Brengard sums up the experience for all the local hosts: "When they loaded on the busses for the day, we could all feel the connection. Although we are separated by almost six thousand miles, we just added 117 new members to our family."

—Jeanne Carbone



K. Smith Principal **Aaron Brengard** and two parents of students create a selfie at the Young Cultural Ambassadors Communication Troupe day on Feb. 4.



Global Connection Day offered students a chance for to make connections with other students, parents and teachers from across the world.

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The SJ Learns Working Group will have 20 to 30 members with backgrounds in education and youth development including school superintendents, school board members, as well as representatives from foundations, nonprofits, and universities, including Councilmembers Carrasco and Donald Rocha. The Working Group will develop a roadmap that identifies best practices within after-

school programs, and potential private investors to leverage an initial city investment and expand the number of high-quality after-school programs for students in grades K-5.

SJ Works: Youth Employment

SJ Works has a goal of increasing youth employment and expanding access to job training for at risk youth/young adults. The co-chairs of the SJ Works Working Group are Josue Garcia, CEO of the Santa Clara & San Benito Counties Construction & Building Trades

Council, and Matthew Mahood, president & CEO of the San José Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce.

"Despite our growing economy, youth unemployment continues to be over 20 percent. By working together, we can build opportunities for at-risk youth to develop skills so they can compete in the workforce and have success in life," Mahood said.

"Often that first job experience makes all the difference for a teen,

giving them the confidence they need to pursue further training or education. I'm looking forward to partnering to expand opportunities to get San José youth into the workforce," Garcia said.

The SJ Works Working Group will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, March 4 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Roosevelt Community Center. Membership will include 20 to 30 representatives, including Vice Mayor Rose Herrera and Councilmember Johnny Khamis.

An early task for the SJ Works Working Group will be connecting youth with summer jobs through existing partnerships and nonprofits, such as Work2Future Summer Youth Employment Program and TeenForce.

Liccardo will announce a push for funding for 500 youth summer jobs in his March Budget Message. The County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to help provide funding for employment for summer jobs for 300 to 500 youth. The nonprofit Work2Future will be the contractor with the county.

There will be opportunities for teens to sign up and learn more about the summer jobs program at the upcoming Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force Annual Crime and Gang Summit on Saturday, Feb. 28, and at the State of the City Celebration's Resource Fair on Saturday, March 14.

San Jose launches voluntary security camera registry

The city of San Jose announced this past week the launch of a voluntary security camera registry that allows residents and business owners to notify the San Jose Police Department that they are using security cameras on their homes or businesses.

In the event of criminal activity in a neighborhood, patrol officers and investigators can review the registry and reach out to residents and businesses that have security cameras and ask to review their security tapes to seek leads to help solve crimes.

"Security camera registries work in other cities," said Mayor Sam Liccardo, who first proposed the idea as the District 3 councilmember following a series of arson fires in his district. "I want to encourage our residents and businesses to sign up. The video footage you share could help solve a crime and keep our neighborhoods safe."

Participation is voluntary. SJPD will only access camera footage after an incident has occurred and with the permission of the camera owner. The police will not be able to access the camera remotely or in real time. Camera owners may leave the registry at any time.

"Knowing where neighborhood camera resources exist will save time for our investigators and will allow us to reach out quickly to review potential evidence," said San Jose Police Chief Larry Esquivel.

The camera registry was announced on Feb. 11 community meeting at Bret Harte Middle School in Almaden Valley, the South San Jose neighborhood that has been recently experiencing an increased number of residential burglaries.

To register a security camera, go to: www.sanjoseca.gov/securitycamera. Questions about the program can be directed to crime prevention staff at (408) 277-4133.

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- A burglary occurs every **14.6 seconds**.¹
- **1 out of every 5 homes** will experience a break-in or home invasion.²
- A home without a security system is **3 times more likely to be burglarized**.³
- **85% of Police Officials surveyed** believe home alarms deter burglary attempts.⁴

1. Federal Bureau of Investigation, 2008 National Crime Report http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2009/june/ucr_stats060109 2. <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/press/vdibpr.cfm> 3. FBI, 2008 National Crime Report http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2009/june/ucr_stats060109 4. <http://www.beyondidentitytheft.com/home-security-statistics.html>

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Times **Your Community****New ballpark at fairgrounds?**

The city of San Jose could get a new ballpark—just not one downtown, and not for the A's.

The San Jose Giants are reportedly exploring the possibility of building a new ballpark at the county fairgrounds property on Tully Road.

The *San Jose Mercury News* quotes San Jose Giants CEO Daniel Orum as saying that the team is in “The research phase” of building a stadium and youth sports complex on the site.

An off track betting facility and the annual county fair are the only regular current uses of the 150-acre land.

Possible road blocks for the proposed stadium include financing, county-city cooperation and the possible effects on San Jose's efforts to lure the A's south.

New Eastridge Transit Center ready for passengers

Customers who have been waiting patiently can now enjoy the new Eastridge Transit Center, which opened this past week.

In the fall of 2013, VTA began the construction of the new Transit Center beginning with the relocation of Eastridge Loop Road. In summer 2014, construction began. If you're just getting used to the changes, staff and signage will be available to help guide passengers to their correct bus bays.

HSSV and vets celebrate Spay & Neuter Month

The Humane Society Silicon Valley has partnered with 20 local veterinary offices to provide reduced spay and neuter services throughout the month of February. Sterilized pets have a higher chance of living a healthier and longer life, while reducing the overpopulation of homeless animals in the community. Clients can receive up to 40 percent off regular price by appointment only.

“Increasing spay and neuter efforts at this time of year heads off hundreds of homeless litters in the spring and summer months,” says Dr. Cristie Kamiya, HSSV Chief of Shelter Medicine. There are a number of added benefits to spay or neuter your pets. It can completely eliminate the risk of testicular cancer in male animals and also reduce the risk of ovarian and other cancers in females. There is less desire for animals to roam, minimizing the interest to mate, spray or mark territory while

also decreasing the chances of an accident with a vehicle and fights with neighboring animals.

Visit hssv.org/snmonth to find a participating veterinarian near you and schedule an appointment today.



Broadway San Jose's 2015-16 season includes Disney's hit musical “Newsies.”

Broadway San Jose announces 2015-16 season

Following a record-breaking 2014/15 season, Broadway San Jose, a Nederlander Presentation, announced Feb. 9 the six productions that will comprise the lineup for the 2015/16 season.

Highlights include the triumphant return engagement of Disney's *The Lion King*, Andrew Lloyd Webber's enchanting adaptation of the all-time classic *The Wizard of Oz*, the smash hit *Motown the Musical*, Disney's *News* and more. In addition, a limited engagement of Disney's beloved classic musical *Beauty and the Beast* will be available as a special season add-on.

“Broadway San Jose's 2015/16 season is filled with Tony Award-winning blockbusters featuring magic, puppetry, dance, and some of the most beautiful music every written,” said Broadway San Jose General Manager Nanci Williams. “Led by the return engagement of Disney's landmark musical *The Lion King* – last seen at the Center for the Performing Arts in 2006 – our season will showcase a wide array of theatrical productions that will delight, entertain and surprise the whole family!”

All performances for Broadway San Jose's 2015/16 season will be held at the 2,700-seat San Jose Center for Performing Arts, a mid-century modern architectural showcase designed by the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, at the corner of Park Avenue and Almaden Boulevard in downtown San Jose.

Broadway San Jose season subscriptions range in price from \$223–\$513 for the basic 6-show package and can be purchased online at broadwaysan-jose.com, or by calling (866) 395-2929. Single ticket on-sale dates will be announced at a later date.

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Cinequest Film Festival Feb. 26 – March 8

The 25th anniversary of the Cinequest Film Festival - Silicon Valley, will present 91 World and U.S. film premieres, a stellar lineup of film artists and technology innovators.

The Maverick Spirit Award events are with renowned actor Rosario Dawson (Feb. 28) and directing legend John Boorman (Feb. 26), plus a new *Future of Film* Showcase. Cinequest Film Festival 25 (CQFF25) occurs Feb. 24 - March 8, 2015 with more than 100,000 patrons in attendance.

Some of the highlights include:

The Opening Night Screening and Celebration on Feb. 24 at 7:15 p.m. at the California Theatre will feature *Batkid Begins*, director Dana Nachman's powerful documentary, chronicling the amazing response to a young cancer patient's desire to be the super hero for just one day, who "saves" San Francisco. Nachman's stirring film details the undaunted spirit of Batkid Miles Scott, as the City by the Bay rallies around his "quest," and captures the astounding social media reaction to Miles's wish that exploded around the world.

The Closing Night Screening and Celebration on March 8, at 6 p.m. at the California Theatre will feature writer/director Victor Levin (*Mad Men*) and star Anton Yelchin (*Star Trek*) for a screening of the romantic comedy, *5 To 7*, featuring perform-

ances by Yelchin and ex-Bond girl Bérénice Marlohe (*Skyfall*). The supporting cast includes Olivia Thirlby (*Juno*), Eric Stoltz (*Caprica*), and screen legends Glenn Close (*Damages*) and Frank Langella (*Frost/Nixon*). Immediately following the screening, a farewell to the Film Festival will occur at the Glass House.

The Media Legacy Award Events recognizes the pivotal role journalists play in connecting audiences to films and technologies, providing insight into artists, technologists, and the collaborative nature of both disciplines. CQFF25 recipients are Anne Thompson and Richard von Busack from the Metro Newspaper.

For the full Film Festival lineup, visit www.cinequest.org.

Santa Clara County Homeless Census and Survey

On Jan. 27 and 28, 331 community volunteers teamed with nearly 100 homeless guides to conduct the 2015 Homeless Census.

Each morning, from 6 to 10 a.m., staff from the City of San José and County of Santa Clara deployed teams from Gilroy to Palo Alto to canvas census tracts and conduct a visual count of all homeless people in the community. In the coming weeks, paid homeless guides will conduct an additional survey to gather supplemental information from their homeless peers such as basic demographics data and causes of homelessness. R

Required by the federal government, this biennial project helps communities understand the profile of homelessness, supports requests for federal and other sources of funding for homeless services, and provides critical information to engage the community in ending homelessness. The final results from the census and survey are expected in the spring.

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A group dedicated to helping develop communication and leadership skills. The group meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 5:15 - 7 p.m. at HGST, a Western Digital Co. and the second and fourth Tuesdays from 12 - 1 p.m. at IBM. For more information, go to www.adlibmasters.org or call Lorraine Myers at (408) 717-5552 weekdays or (408) 238-4580 weekends.

District 8 Community Roundtable (D8CRT)

The District 8 Community Round Table (D8CRT) meets the first Thursday of the month from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Community Room in the new Evergreen Branch Library on Aborn Road. <http://d8crt.org>

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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.

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Meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the ESUHS 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

Intended to allow business owners and leaders in the Evergreen community to meet, connect, and network with each other in this fast growing part of San Jose. We believe that doing business with local business serves everyone in the community. The group held its first meeting in October and will meet each month on the third Thursday. The group invites owners and leaders of B2B and B2C businesses in the Evergreen area. 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 2011-12 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 to know your fellow seniors. For more information, call the Evergreen Community Center at (408) 270-2220.

Evergreen Valley Garden Club

Meets at the Evergreen Library on Aborn Road, San Jose the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Each meeting will feature a monthly gardening class FREE to the public. For further information contact Arvind Kumar at (408) 715-7020 or email chhaprahiya@yahoo.com

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 (408) 347-7000.

Evergreen Valley Service Organization

For more information, call (408) 274-6756.

Falls Creek Neighborhood Association

Homeowners from the Madison and Pulte area developments are welcome and encouraged to attend future meetings. For more information go to the Web at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fallscreekneighbors> or call Dave Zenker at (408) 238-2591.

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 pro-

gram 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 Felipe Road.

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 friendsofvergreen-library.org or call 408-808-3060 for more information.

Hidden Glen Community

To join a neighborhood discussion egroup, go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HiddenGlenSanJose/> **LeyVa Community Action Team Association** This group is bounded 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.

POWERPartners is a dynamic group of small business owners with the mission of providing a positive and supportive environment to empower female sole proprietors to be their personal and professional best. By supporting each other, we can leverage each other's expertise, collaborate and provide services - some community service contributions and others for profit - to other women in the areas of health, wellness and aesthetics. In essence, help women learn how to take impeccable care of themselves as their life expectancy increases as well as to help people increase the quality of that life.

Reid—Hillview Airport Assn Meets third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Reid Hillview airport terminal, 2350 Cunningham Ave. 251-4939. For more information visit www.rhvaa.org.

Rotary Club of San Jose East/Evergreen Meets every

Thursday from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. at the Ranch Golf Club, 4601 Hill Top View Lane. (408) 270-0557.

Story Road Business Association

Meets third Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. at Prusch Park, South King Road at Story. For more information, call 238-5422.

San Jose/Evergreen Community College District Board

Normally meets second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Meetings in the district board room on the Evergreen Valley College campus, 4750 San Felipe Rd. 270-6402.

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 barbaramcchesney@sbcglobal.net for further information, or check out the website at <http://www.sanpedrosquares.freetoasthost.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.

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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SPORTS BRIEF

Youth basketball begins March 13h through May 15th at Chaboya

Open to all 6th & 7th graders (8th grade league with enough sign-ups) Teen Basketball at Chaboya Middle School begins Friday, March. 13th, for all interested Evergreen-area boys and girls in sixth and seventh grade regardless of the school they are attending. (There will be a 8th grade league if there are enough participants). Sign-ups will continue until the 80 available slots are full.

This is a co-ed league with no more than ten players on each team. This is a "funpetitive" league and everyone receives equal playing time. Practices are usually no more than once a week and we are looking for coaches (most coaches practice right before their game). Cost for the league is \$130 which includes a game jersey, 6 games and play-offs, personal basketball, participation medal, 1st and 2nd place trophies and gym rental.

For more information or to register, phone (408) 605-1513, John Franza. You can also stop by Chaboya, or e-mail E.A.S.Y. Hoops Basketbball @ easyhoopsbasketball@yahoo.com to obtain a registration form.

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