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Residents were surprised to find the neighborhood coated with hail in this Evergreen area. Photo by Brian Hom

### COUNTY NEWS

## Cortese takes over as chair of the MTC

Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors President Dave Cortese was elected chair of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission board at its meeting on Feb. 25, for a two-year term.

The unanimous vote was taken by 18 voting members of the 21-member regional commission in charge of planning, financing and coordinating transportation for nine counties that comprise the San Francisco Bay Area.

"I am honored to be steering MTC during this time of tremendous challenge and opportunity for the agency and the region," Cortese said. "The Bay Area is blessed with renewed economic growth, but we must contend with

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## Evergreen experiences unusual weather pattern this past weekend

By Frank Shortt  
Special to the Times

Around 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28, a slow rumble sounded overhead around the area of Yerba Buena Road and the Evergreen foothills. Soon, the sky was being lit up with flash after flash of lightning that was experienced throughout South San Jose.

This was the beginning of a beautiful storm that produced .47 inches of rain according to the ones who record such things in San Jose. There were six displays of nature that this storm produced:

First, clouds had been gathering since early morning. These clouds began to

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The icy weather even caught this wild turkey by surprise. Photo by Lou Alexander



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# Valley Currents

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Cadwallader students pose with the Kindness Matters poster they created at the beginning of the Great Kindness Challenge the week of Feb. 23-27. Photos by Jeanne Carbone

## KINDNESS MATTERS

### Cadwallader creates more kindness with Great Kindness Challenge

By **Jeanne C. Carbone**  
Managing Editor

In a time when bad news proliferating airwaves and print, Cadwallader Elementary School decided to focus on a week of goodwill with the Great Kindness Challenge.

“We live in such an egocentric time and I think it’s good for the kids to think outside of themselves and look to what they can do for others,” said parent Maria Galeon and organizer of the Cad “wonderful” Cougars Care Week Feb. 23 - 27. “To adapt Kennedy’s famous words ‘ask not what your fellow man can do for you, ask what you can do for your fellow man.’”

Galeon had read about a school having the



Cadwallader students **Isabella Aquino, Hannah Arellano, Estrella Contreras and Anahy Perez** loved the Great Kindness Challenge.

Great Kindness Challenge which is a program offered by Kids for Peace, a southern California nonprofit whose mission is to “cultivate every child’s innate ability to foster peace through cross-cultural experiences and hands-on arts, service and environmental projects.” The Great Kindness Challenge is one school week devoted to performing as many acts of kindness as pos-

sible, choosing from a 50 item checklist.

From a huge poster stating “Kindness matters” with students handprints and names welcoming everyone created at the beginning of the week, to special thank you notes to friends, teachers, and family, to something as simple as sitting at lunch with someone new, Cadwallader

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## Mailbox

### EVC development bad planning

Editor,

It recently came to my attention that the Evergreen Valley College is planning a massive development on the vacant areas on the property.

As a resident in Evergreen for more than twenty years, I have come to enjoy the rustic-like atmosphere of the Evergreen neighborhood. I enjoy the green rolling foothills sprinkled with poppies and yellow flowers.

Now, however, Evergreen Valley College (EVC) is planning a huge

build out on the vacant land. This includes adding 500 apartments, 40,000 square feet of retail space, 40,000 square feet of office space and a 40,000 square foot private competitive swim club. The apartments themselves may very well be four-story eyesores which would disrupt the beautiful natural sight lines of our community. And the additional residential and office/retail spaces will certainly impact traffic.

It’s been projected that the new build out will degrade the Level of

Service at the San Felipe/Yerba Buena intersection to a grade of “F”. This translates to “unacceptable” delays. So what’s unacceptable?

According to the Supplemental Environment Impact report (PP-08-121) the average delay controls will be greater than 80 seconds per car. To put this in perspective, for a queue of 10 cars, the total delay would be about 13 minutes. That

is bad. And if the number of cars were to increase to 15, the delay grows to 20 minutes. That’s unacceptably bad. Furthermore, the noise will significantly increase in our quiet neighborhood.

I encourage you to stay informed on the EVC plans. On March 5 at 7 p.m., there is a meeting at the Evergreen Community Center, where you can ask questions and raise concerns to the EVC planners and members of our city (Vice Mayor Rose Herrera’s staff) and county (Supervisor David Cortese’s staff) governments. Also, check out the NextDoor.com forums for Evergreen where there are lively discussions on the merits of these plans as well many other issues affecting our community.

**Wesley Lee**  
Evergreen

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## Times Valley Currents



Enzo and his best friend Erich place their handprints on the Kindness Matters poster. Photo by Maria Galeon

## Kindness

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students participated in the Challenge with bliss and huge smiles. Teachers and parent volunteers guided students to smile, compliment everyone or even create your own kind deed to someone.

“You’re doing this out of the kindness of your heart,” says Galeon. “It’s all in the spirit of kindness. The kids really ran with it. They got it!”

“It’s awesome,” agrees parent volunteer Erin Apalla who helped with the Challenge. “We need more of it.”

Kindness quotes were written on bookmarks and given to friends on the blacktop with plenty of hugs exchanged. Two separate girls wrote thank you cards for the janitor for all that is done for the school. And every morning after the pledge of allegiance, a kindness quote was read. Students also nominated their friends for an act of kindness witnessed.

“It definitely has changed what the children are talking about out on the playground,” said Cadwallader Principal Tina Tong Choy. “We have had the Kindness Station set up throughout the week at lunch time that parents and upper grade leadership students have been running. It has actually

turned into a meeting place at lunch for kids to talk about kindness as they do different kindness activities ... Students are coming up to me letting me know how they have been kind to others. It’s been the talk of the week!”

Choy credits parent Galeon for bringing the Great Kindness Challenge to Cadwallader. But the school already implements a culture of kindness. Monthly, a different classroom decorates a wall in the staff office. The month of February is full of cut out Valentine hearts with messages like “I show love by calling a friend” and “I show love by giving chocolates to mom.”

“Children have a natural ability to share kindness with others regardless of societal boundaries,” says Choy. “The kids are already looking forward to doing it again next year or even sooner. Kindness truly matters.”

Cadwallader third-graders Isabella Aquino, Hannah Arellano, Estrella Contreras and Anahy Perez loved the Great Kindness Challenge.

“It was fun,” said Isabella and the other three girls smile and agree. Asked what their favorite activity was for the week and they all chimed in “making the poster with handprints!” The classmates definitely epitomized a culture of kindness.

## Cortese

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the transportation impacts of this growth, and work to ensure that people at all income levels have access and mobility options.”

Cortese noted that he is the first Santa Clara County representative to lead the MTC since Jim Beall, who was a commissioner from 1987 to 2006, and chair from 1999 to 2001. Beall, now a state senator, recently became chair of the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.

“I feel fortunate to be stepping into the MTC chair role at a time when the Senate Transportation Committee is being chaired by someone as knowledgeable about transportation and the Bay Area as Jim Beall,” Cortese said. “The close working relationship we’ve developed over our many years in government will be helpful as the region

partners with the state to implement the Cap and Trade Program and address other urgent issues.”

Cortese served eight years as an MTC commissioner, with the past two years as MTC’s vice chair. He was first appointed to MTC in 2007 as the Association of Bay Area Governments’ representative, later transitioning to Santa Clara County’s seat on the Commission.

Cortese has served on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors since 2008, and in January of this year, was elected to serve as the 2015 Board President. He also chairs the Board’s Housing, Land Use, Environment and Transportation Committee.

MTC’s Commission also serves as the governing board of the Bay Area Toll Authority and the Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways, and Commissioner Cortese will chair those as well.



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### Times Community News



Vice Mayor Rose Herrera awards Ron Davis and the Boy Scouts of America a Commendation from the City of San Jose. Left to right: Ron Davis, Vice Mayor Rose Herrera, Gary Varano, Judy Davis, Rick Adams and Cecil Lawson. Photos by Tom Kost

## Fast and furious: Ninth Annual Boy Scout Pinewood Derby

By Judy Davis  
Special to the Times

Cub Scouts were racing to the finish line at the Boy Scout's ninth annual Coyote Creek District Pinewood Derby.

Race day was on Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Eastridge Mall. Sixty-four racers registered at this year's event and qualified for racing with five classes of racers – Tigers (first-graders), Wolves (second-graders), Bears (third-graders), Webelos (fourth- and fifth-graders), and Open Class (racers of any age, Girl Scouts, and even adults!).

Vice Mayor Rose Herrera welcomed the Scouts and their families to the exciting event for the youth of San Jose. She helped kick off the derby racing by starting a few races, and as in previous events, assisted in the voting for the winners of the Best Design, Akela Award and Most Original categories – always a difficult task with so many incredibly designed cars.

A tradition that started in 1953, entering a Pinewood Derby is one of the highlights of a Cub Scout's year. The idea behind the Pinewood Derby is for the parent to spend time with their child by helping the child design, carve, paint and tune the car. Each Scout gets a kit that is simply a block of pinewood and a set of plastic wheels, along with nails that serve as the axles. Each car is carefully inspected before qualifying for racing. The rules state the car must be no longer than 7 inches, no wider than 2¾ inches, no taller than 3 inches, and no heavier than 5.00 ounces. With a little imagination, some sanding, and paint, these impressive racecars compete by zooming down one of the three computer-controlled racetracks.

The Cub Scouts and their families cheered as their cars competed and speeded down the tracks. Each car runs in each of the four lanes of one of the tracks,

and competes for the fastest cumulated time. Winners of each class received dazzling trophies and the congratulations from everyone in the district.

To commemorate the ninth Annual Pinewood Derby at Eastridge Mall, Vice Mayor Herrera awarded Ron Davis, Chairman of the Pinewood Derby, and the Coyote Creek District of the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council, Boy Scouts of America a Commendation from the City of San Jose, that was also signed by Mayor Sam Liccardo.

Ron Davis, also serving as event emcee, organized the exciting event with the help of many other volunteers, including more than 35 Boy Scouts and Adult Leaders from Troop 251 (Chartered by St. Francis of Assisi). After all the races were completed, Rick Adams, BSA District Executive, and Vice Mayor Herrera awarded the winners their trophies.

The Coyote Creek District, part of the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council Boy Scouts of America ([svmbc.org](http://svmbc.org)), serves the area of Edenvale, Evergreen, Milpitas, Berryessa, Alum Rock, Mt. Pleasant parts of downtown, and East San Jose.



The Pinewood Derby was held in the center of the Eastridge Mall where cars raced down one of three tracks.

Times **Your Community**

# Life cycle of the San Jose budget

By Vice Mayor **Rose Herrera**  
*Special to the Times*

It's that time of year again, when peregrine falcons nesting atop city hall, actively circling the high-rise structure for their next meal, are a reminder that we are in the midst of budget season. A falcon's priority is to lay their eggs, then, once the chicks are hatched, feed their young to allow them to grow up strong and healthy and finally fledge from the nest. It's all part of a cycle of life that reoccurs every year, just like our city's budget cycle. The Mayor and City Council are required each year to produce a balanced budget by June 30 for the following fiscal year.

Early in the budget cycle we seek community input through the Priority Setting Sessions, where neighborhood association leaders across the city from every council district (a good reason to start a neighborhood association) and members of the youth commission are invited to City Hall to participate in Budget Games and improving community engagement in budgeting. These neighborhood leaders and youth commissioners will be meeting on Saturday, March 7 to get a first look at the 2015-2016 City Budget and they will be asked to work in groups to prioritize funding of city services using the available budget presented to them.



**District 8 Report**  
By **Rose Herrera**  
Vice Mayor

In addition to the Priority Setting Session this weekend, the Mayor's office will be hosting two additional events where the budget priorities will be discussed. The Mayor's State of the City Celebration will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at the Independence High School Gym (1776 Education Park Drive, San Jose, CA 95133). The doors open at 9:30 a.m., and the program starts at 10 a.m. Registration is required by going to <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eaghyhmg36391c55&llr=ffcsvncab> or by calling the Mayor's office at (408) 535-4800. This year, the State of the City will include a resource fair following the official ceremony.

The second event is the Community Budget Meeting held in each district of the city. I will be welcoming the Mayor and his staff to present to the District 8 residents on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the Evergreen Community Center (4860 San Felipe Rd, San Jose, CA 95135). The purpose of these meetings is to inform residents about the city's fiscal situation and potential budget impacts. They also provide and opportunity for residents to give their input on the budget directly to City leaders.

It's not only during the budget season that I am working on the priorities of creating a vibrant, safe city. I work all year long to identify - many times with the help of residents who write, call, or stop me on the street - priorities within our community that need funding or additional funding to make them successful or sustainable. At present, my top priorities are public safety, pedestrian safety, creating local jobs and increasing San Jose's tax base by attracting revenue-producing businesses to locate here.

One of my top priorities is to rebuild our

police department, but this will take time. We now have an offer out to the Police Officer's Association (the police union) and we're hoping that they join the city at the bargaining table soon. I voted for and supported the funding for the Community Service Officer program now finishing it's first successful year of 28 out on the streets assisting our sworn personnel. I will be supporting funding this year for additional 28 Community Service Officers to be trained and deployed.

Pedestrian safety must be a critical priority as San Jose has seen at least five pedestrian fatalities this year. If we want to encourage the development of a walkable city, we need to make sure the city is safe for pedestrians. Therefore, I will be supporting additional funding for traffic safety mitigation across our City. Projects like speed bumps and traffic Radar feedback signs can reduce speed and make streets safer. I've supported efforts in the past to streamline the process for implementing these kinds of projects in neighborhoods and will continue to advocate for flexibility.

A strong priority of mine every year since joining the city council has been to increase the number of local jobs. These jobs are not only for the high tech, highly educated workforce but jobs for every skill level and especially our youth. Recently, Mayor Liccardo appointed me to the San Jose Works – Youth Jobs Working Group. Despite a growing regional economy, San Jose's youth unemployment rate continues to hover above 20 percent. This Teen Jobs Initiative has a goal of increasing youth employment and expanding access to job training for at risk youth/young adults. I look forward to working on this initiative and expanding opportunities for training and employment for our young people.

Recent articles have highlighted the fact that, unlike other cities to our north, San Jose does not have enough jobs or economic base to support a healthy taxbase. Our per capita sales tax and property tax is lower making it more difficult to pay for city services. I will continue to work with our economic development department and private sector to encourage companies to start, grow and locate in San Jose.

All of these priorities are not housed in silos, but interconnected initiatives that will help the overall health and prosperity of our city. If you have priorities you would like to share with me, I invite you to attend the Community Budget Meeting and let your voice be heard!

Oh, by the way, if you need a break from reading the 2015-16 Proposed City Budget, log onto the Falcon Cam and watch the City Hall Peregrine Falcons managing their priority of raising their young: [http://san-jose.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish\\_id=91](http://san-jose.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=91).

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## Times News from the Villages



Michiko Yonemaru's quilt, titled "Best Friends" is machine appliqued. Photo courtesy Annette Mach

## Santa Clara Valley Quilt Association Show to be held March 14 - 15

The weekend of March 14 - 15 brings to the Santa Clara Convention Center a beautiful display of quilts. This spectacular show is sponsored by the Santa Clara Valley Quilt Association.

The Santa Clara Valley Quilt Association has 450 members from San Mateo to Gilroy, Scotts Valley to Castro Valley and all the cities in-between who attend the monthly meetings. Well-known artisans in the world of quilting are featured speakers at the meetings.

This year's show will have over 350 quilts by local artists on display; traditional, art, modern and innovative. In addition, there will be a selection of quilts from The San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles. Opening in 1977, this was the first quilt museum in the United States.

During the two days of the show, there will be demonstrations, opportunity baskets and quilt appraisals. Many vendors will be in attendance for your shopping fun.

Whether or not you are a quilter, you can appreciate the artistic talents that will be on display. Jean Gillette, Carolyn Kuri, Annette Mach, Lorraine Navone, Roberta Pabst and Michiko Yonemaru, all from The Villages will have quilts on display.

The show will be at the Santa Clara Convention Center at 5001 Great America Parkway on Saturday, March 14 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 15 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. For the two day admission the cost is \$12 (children 12 and under are free) and parking is free.

For more information you can visit the web site: [www.scvquiltshow.org](http://www.scvquiltshow.org) or call Roberta Pabst (408) 238-1904.

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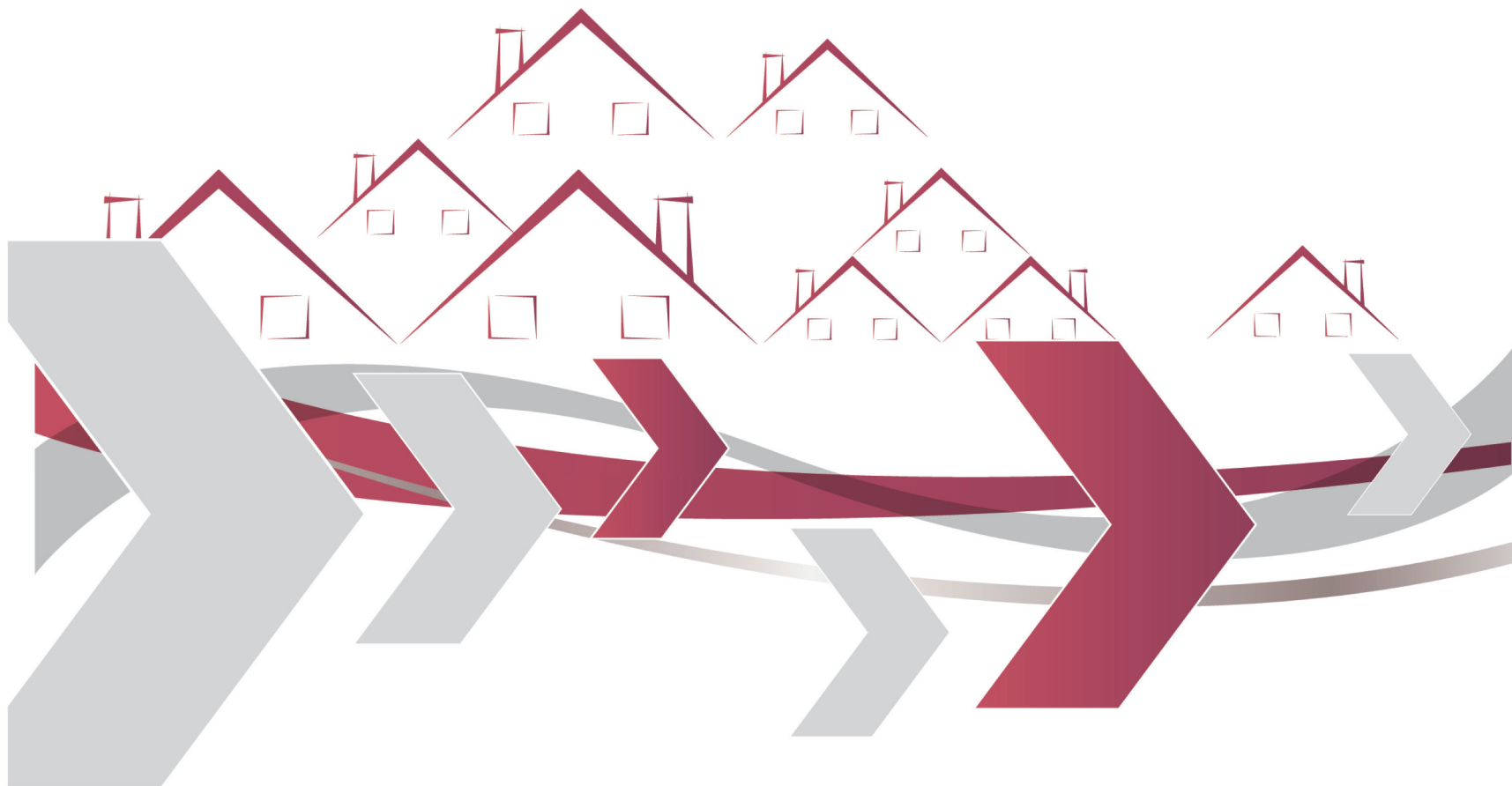
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Times **Your Community**

# JFS holds Under the Tuscan Moon fundraiser at Hayes Mansion

By Jennifer Chiou  
*Special to the Times*

The James Franklin Smith Elementary School PTA held its annual dinner and auction event, Under the Tuscan Moon, last month.

Continuing the JFS tradition, this was the seventh year that the school has held this very successful fundraiser. This year the event was held at a new venue at the Dolce Hayes Mansion. More than 170 guests comprised of parents, teachers and community members gathered at the historic mansion for a beautiful evening of fine dining and shopping.

Guests bid on a great variety of items, including baskets donated by classroom parents and donations from the community. We thank all of the local businesses for their generous donations, totaling thousands of dollars, to support our children's education. We thank our platinum sponsors for their continued support

throughout the years: Vision Martial Arts and Freeman Orthodontics. We also are privileged to have the support of Crimson Property Specialists, Plaza Dental Group, Silver Creek Academy, Mathnasium of Silver Creek and Sato Sushi.

In one evening, we raised over \$40,000. The most popular items being auctioned off were the beautiful art pieces that each class had created. Parents were bidding for those one of a kind art pieces, whether it be a painting or a ceramic piece that will be a treasured keepsake of their child's time at JFS. Numerous parents took home these priceless works of art to display in their homes.

All of the night's proceeds will directly benefit the students of James F. Smith. It is truly amazing how with one event, bringing together so many in a community, we have positively impacted our future generation of leaders.

—Photo courtesy Jennifer Chiou



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Times **Your Community****EVC opens new district office downtown***District chancellor to retire*

San Jose Mayor **Sam Liccardo**, Vice Mayor **Rose Herrera**, Supervisor **Dave Cortese**, Chancellor **Rita Cepeda** and others attended the grand opening of the San Jose-Evergreen College District new office building complete with a ribbon cutting. The new office is located downtown at 40 S. Market St.

In other district news, Chancellor Rita Cepeda, 63, announced her retirement effective this summer. Cepeda took the position in July 2010

—Photo courtesy Mary Anne Groen

**D8 Community Round Table discusses EVC development**

Join the District 8 Community Round Table this Thursday, March 5 at 7 - 8:30 p.m. for their monthly meeting held at the Evergreen Community Center, located at 4860 San Felipe Road, San Jose.

Note that the Community Center is a one-time location for the meeting. Normally, it is held at the Evergreen Branch Library on Aborn Road.

On the agenda will be representatives from the San Jose Evergreen Community College District, as well as the Evergreen Academic Senate regarding the development plan proposal on the college grounds east of San Felipe Road.

**49ers' estates on market**

The San Jose estate of San Francisco 49er linebacker Aldon Smith is up for sale in Evergreen Valley. The 6,400 square foot home has six bedrooms, five bathrooms, a home theater, bar and is powered by a solar system. The 10-acre property includes a horse stable. The estate is on the market for \$3 million.

Vernon Davis, a 49er tight end, also has his Evergreen home on the market. The four bedroom, four and a half bath, 4,073 square foot home is listed for \$2,449,888.

**GasBuddy says: Expect aggressive increases at the pump**

The transition from 'winter blend' to 'summer blend' gasoline always brings increases in retail gasoline prices, but nothing you've seen over the past year is likely to match what GasBuddy anticipates over the next two to three weeks.

"Wednesday brought a big price rally in gasoline markets and gasoline wholesalers are seeing huge increases," said Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy. "Wholesale prices today alone have increased coast-to-coast from 10 to 27 cents per gallon; and when you add that on top of the increases that occurred earlier this month, it's inevitable that retail prices will climb aggressively in weeks ahead."

While some of the rally is attributed to the seasonal decline in gasoline inventory; reduced refinery output and the shift to summer grades of gasoline, there have also been significant operational issues at refineries in five states. And of course, the United Steel Workers Union strike that began Feb. 1 exacerbates operations at 12 refineries where they've imposed 'work stoppages' in California, Texas, Louisiana, Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio.

"Volatility is the name of the game right now and we expect that to translate into 10-cent increases in retail gasoline, week after week over the next two to three weeks, with larger, more immediate increases in West Coast areas," DeHaan said.

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## All About VOLTAIRE MAMARIL: The Inside Scoop

Voltaire is a realtor at one of the most prestigious real estate firms in the United States. He's committed to serving the communities of Silver Creek and Evergreen. A community he loves, supports, and cares about because it's where he grew up and built many relationships.



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when, at the age of 24, he closed his very first transaction for \$1.5M, setting a record for the highest sale in one of the streets of Evergreen Valley.

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He graduated from the University of Southern California (USC) with a B.S. in Real Estate Development and decided to pursue his passion for architecture, design & helping people achieve their dreams.

Voltaire has been mentored by a top realtor from Sotheby's International Realty in Beverly Hills, where he worked with several celebrities and a variety of high-end clients. He is committed to maintaining the utmost privacy and confidentiality for all his clientele.

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Half Dome looks as beautiful as ever at Yosemite National Park. Inset below: A lone coyote appears in daylight hours at Yosemite. Photos by Frank Shortt

# Nature in turmoil

*Yosemite displays climate changes*

By Frank Shortt  
Special to the Times

California is a land of change. When Atlantis sank, the western regions, known as the Pacific Coast, arose, and have been rising since.

Recent drought conditions have caused changes in nature not usually seen at this time of year. Is this due to Global Warming? New England, with six feet of snow, would beg to differ. Nevertheless, reality must be faced at some interval.

On a recent trip to Yosemite National Park, I saw firsthand the results of sparse rainfall, and almost no snow in the Sierra Mountains.

Entering the park, there were no snowbanks, bushes and trees were beginning to show evidence of an early spring by new buds that were almost bursting. The Sierra's snow is melting at volumes unheard of. The Merced River gushes forward, showing wonderful ripples and rapids. All the waterfalls in Yosemite are gushing at full speed ahead. Bridal Veil Falls has never looked fuller.

While viewing the falls at a distance, in broad daylight, a coyote appeared not fifty yards away. He strolled slowly past as if in a daze. With the nocturnal habits of coyotes, why he was out during the day? And why was he so tame? It was as if no humankind was even there. He made no attempt to avoid me and did not flee as was a coyote's usual habit.

The air was so clear that, even with a small digital camera, great photos of El Capitan, Sentinel Rock and Half Dome were possible. As monoliths, they remind one that we are only a small piece of the puzzle of nature.

Entering the Ahwahnee Hotel, one is taken back in time to the 1920s. Times were simpler and not many of lesser means were able to enjoy the amenities of a luxurious resort hotel. The greeting was very cordial and helpful: The staff make sure that one's stay was both comfortable and enjoyable. They said to make sure that no water, food, or hand cleaner was left in automobiles

overnight as bears, usually in hibernation at this time of year, could possibly do damage to vehicles as they meandered around at night. Another hazard of this unusual warm weather there.

The staff also said that between 4 and 5 p.m. there would be tea and sweets at the first floor lobby. This was made more enjoy-



able as strains of classical and big band songs permeated the entire area by means of piano. Later, at dinner in the huge dining area and the piano maestro happened to play, "Moon River," harkening another past time.

If one wants to know anything about the area of Yosemite, just go to the gift shop. On asking the girl there why the animals and birds, usually not present at this time of year, were still around, she said: "Due to the unusually high temperatures, lack of snow, and complete climatic changes, the birds have not migrated, the bears have not hibernated, and the other animals are a little confused as to what they should be doing." This explained the presence of the coyote in daylight hours just standing idly in the parking lot.

Leaving the park, the devastation left by the Yosemite fire is seen. Such waste of huge conifers. Animals habitats are no longer in existence. Surely, man has speeded his own demise as evidenced by his lack of care for nature. When will mankind wake up from this awful disdain of his own environment?

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Times **Feature**



Pictured is the 2015 Dodge Challenger SRT Hellcat with the 392 model.

## Manual or Automatic? 2015 Dodge Challenger SRT Hellcat

By Sean Eastwood  
*Special to the Times*

You may have noticed there is a war going on in the auto industry; horsepower wars.

According to auto enthusiasts, the 2015 Dodge Challenger and Dodge Charger are currently the cars with the greatest bang for the buck. The Dodge Brothers are offering muscular metal and with some seriously awesome engines.

The 6.4-liter Hemi V-8 makes 485 hp and 475 lb-ft; choose either a six-speed manual or eight-speed automatic. The aptly named Hellcat has a supercharged 6.2-liter V-8 good for 707 hp and 650 lb-ft, with either a six-speed manual or eight-speed automatic. The automatic is faster, hitting 60 mph in 3.6 seconds, while

the manual is more fun and still quick doing 0–60 in 3.9.

If you are considering purchasing the Hellcat engine option for the Challenger or the Charger, should you opt for the automatic? The consensus is that the Challenger should be ordered with a manual and the Charger with the automatic. However, a number of auto publications are emphasizing the advantages of ordering the eight-speed automatic in both cars.

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By **Amanda Choi**  
*Special to the Times*

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All of the eResources listed above are available to anyone with a SJPL library card. Find them at: <http://sjpl.org/elearning>.

As always, we have many exciting programs coming up at the Evergreen Branch Library. Join us on Wednesday, March 11 at 5 p.m. for **Yoga and Healthy Habits**. The Evergreen High School Yoga Club will introduce you to the benefits of yoga and healthy living with a gentle program that all ages can enjoy.

For college-bound teens, we have a free **Kaplan ACT Practice Test** scheduled for Saturday, March 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Teens will have a chance to take a full length practice ACT test, proctored by KAPLAN. The test lasts just over four hours and is open to teens currently in high school. Results will be sent by e-mail with a free consultation. Pre-Registration is required. To register, visit [www.kaptest.com/act](http://www.kaptest.com/act) and search for the

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On Saturday, March 14 at 4 p.m., come and learn how to become a U.S. Citizen! An Immigration Specialist from Center for Employment Training's *Immigration and Citizenship Program* will be here for a **Citizenship Question and Answer Session**.

The specialist will present general information about becoming a citizen but there will be plenty of time available for you to ask all your immigration questions.

On Wednesday, March 18 at 4 p.m. children ages five and up can come to the library for **Chess Club** where they will learn to play chess with the Evergreen Valley High School Chess Team. Registration is required. Please email [evchess1@gmail.com](mailto:evchess1@gmail.com) to sign your child up. Also on Wednesday, March 18 at 5:30 p.m. teens are invited to celebrate **Teen Tech Week** at the library. Teens will have hands-on time to create their own apps and build their own websites using Treehouse Learning.

Do you love children? If so, we have the perfect volunteer opportunity for you! The Evergreen Branch Library is looking for an enthusiastic, committed volunteer to help with our **Library Playdate** program. This free play program for children ages 0-4 meets every Monday morning from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Duties would involve setting up and cleaning up the toys before and after the

program, and also monitoring the room for safety during the program. If you're interested in volunteering, please email Amanda Choi at [amanda.choi@sjplibrary.org](mailto:amanda.choi@sjplibrary.org).

**Additional events**

You can view Evergreen Branch Library's complete event listings and information on activities at other library locations at [events.sjpl.org](http://events.sjpl.org). Updates on library events are also available via our RSS feeds ([sjpl.org/updates](http://sjpl.org/updates)) and our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/sanjoselibrary>)

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. The Evergreen Library is located at 2635 Aborn Road, between Capitol Expressway and White Road. The library phone number is (408) 808-3060. The Berryessa Branch Library is located at 3355 Noble Ave., San José 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](http://sjpl.org).*

**Off the Shelf**

By **Joy Kim**  
Evergreen Branch Librarian



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Times **Your Community**

## Restricted watering hours change March 8

Despite a few impressive rain storms this winter, California's multi-year drought is still far from over, and the need to save water remains critically important.

As spring approaches and daylight hours lengthen, the allowable hours for outdoor watering will change with the start of Daylight Saving Time. Watering will be allowed only before 8 a.m. and after 8 p.m., effective Sunday, March 8. Outdoor water use is the easiest place to reduce and accounts for roughly half of the average residential water bill.

To meet the state's voluntary water conservation target of a 20 percent reduction, San Jose water regulations remain in effect and apply to everyone in San José, regardless of which water utility is providing service.

According to the Santa Clara Valley Water District, statewide and local precipitation has remained low. In the Sierras, where San José imports half of its water, the snow pack measurement in February was only 19 percent of normal levels. Locally, groundwater level in San Jose is about 45 feet lower than the five-year average.

The California State Water Resources Control Board declared

an emergency water shortage last year and asked all Californians to reduce water use by 20 percent. The San Jose City Council also declared a water shortage emergency last year. San José's water rules only apply to drinking water, not gray or recycled water.

Here are some water rules and conservation tips to keep in mind:

1. Be cool - water when it's coolest. After Daylight Saving Time begins on March 8, outdoor watering hours are restricted to before 8 a.m. and after 8 p.m.

2. Be quick - fix leaks as soon as possible

3. Be in control - don't let water flow into gutters or streets

4. Be a sharp shooter - with automatic shut-off nozzles. Hoses are required to have a nozzle that shuts off when the handle is released

5. Be a sweeper - sweep hard surfaces. Use a broom instead of a hose to clean patios, sidewalks, parking lots, or other hard surfaces

View the full list of water use rules now in effect at [www.sjenvironment.org/waterconservation](http://www.sjenvironment.org/waterconservation). Report water waste to the Santa Clara Valley Water District at [drought@valleywater.org](mailto:drought@valleywater.org) or go online to <http://www.valleywater.org/drought2014>.

## SPORTS BRIEFS



### Mt. Hamilton YSL League Wide Competitive Team Tryouts

U9-U17 Boys & Girls Teams.  
Sat. March 7th 2015, 9 am - 3

pm at Silver Creek HS Turf Field. Full Details Online at [www.mhysl.org](http://www.mhysl.org)

## 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 Basketball @ [easyhoopsbasketball@yahoo.com](mailto:easyhoopsbasketball@yahoo.com) to obtain a registration form.

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Times Local News

CRIME REPORT

Hit and run

On Feb. 21, at approximately 1:46 p.m., a vehicle collided with another vehicle and then veered off the road striking at least two pedestrians in the area of Mount Vista Drive and White Road.

The suspect attempted to flee but was apprehended by police and taken into custody. Two adult victims were transported to a local area hospital. One victim was suffering from life threatening injuries.

The Traffic Investigations Unit responded to the scene to conduct the collision investigation. Alcohol is suspected as a factor in the collision.

Protecting your mail

With reports of thieves stealing mail from mailboxes in Evergreen, here are suggestions from the U.S. Postal Inspection Service on how to thwart these federal offence criminals.

Postal Inspectors across the country work hard to protect your mail. But with deliveries to more than 100 million addresses, the Postal Inspection Service can't do the job alone.

Here's what you can do to protect your

mail from thieves:

Use the letter slots inside your Post Office for your mail, or hand it to a letter carrier.

Pick up your mail promptly after delivery. Don't leave it in your mailbox overnight. If you're expecting checks, credit cards, or other negotiable items, ask a trusted friend or neighbor to pick up your mail.

If you don't receive a check or other valuable mail you're expecting, contact the issuing agency immediately.

If you change your address, immediately notify your Post Office and anyone with whom you do business via the mail.

Don't send cash in the mail.

Tell your Post Office when you'll be out of town, so they can hold your mail until you return.

Report all suspected mail theft to a Postal Inspector.

Consider starting a neighborhood watch program. By exchanging work and vacation schedules with trusted friends and neighbors, you can watch each other's mailboxes (as well as homes).

Consult with your local Postmaster for the most up-to-date regulations on mailboxes, including the availability of locked centralized or curbside mailboxes.

If you see a mail thief at work, or if you believe your mail was stolen, call police immediately, then call Postal Inspectors at (877) 876-2455 (press 3).

New Leaf Evergreen becomes New Seasons: Shared values, same friendly faces, more choice

On March 14, the New Leaf Evergreen grocery store, located at 5667 Silver Creek Valley Road., will become New Seasons Market Evergreen.

Customers will continue to enjoy all of the natural and organic products New Leaf offered, plus an additional 2,500 popular, brand name classics. Following their mission to be the ultimate neighborhood grocery store, New Seasons Evergreen will offer more choice—everything from air-chilled chicken to JIF Peanut Butter in one convenient stop. While the product mix will expand, the same friendly faces will continue to provide extraordinary customer service.

"I'm proud to introduce New Seasons Market to the Evergreen Community, and welcome familiar and new faces into our store," said Eric Conly, New Seasons Market Evergreen's store manager. "We're here to give customers more choice and to help customers find a favorite product, offer a taste of that fruit you've never heard of, suggest ideas for the evening's dinner menu, or even share a favorite family recipe! This store is a reflection of the neighbors we serve and their needs, and we're very excited to continue contributing to this wonderful community."

New Seasons Market opened its doors in 2000 after three families and 50 friends were inspired to open the ultimate neighborhood grocery store and provide customers with the best shopping experience possible. New Seasons carries everything from local and organic to classic favorites such as Coca Cola; is filled with friendly, fun and knowledgeable staff; creates a market for local and regional products and supports family farms, ranchers and producers; and is committed to supporting and giving back to the community.

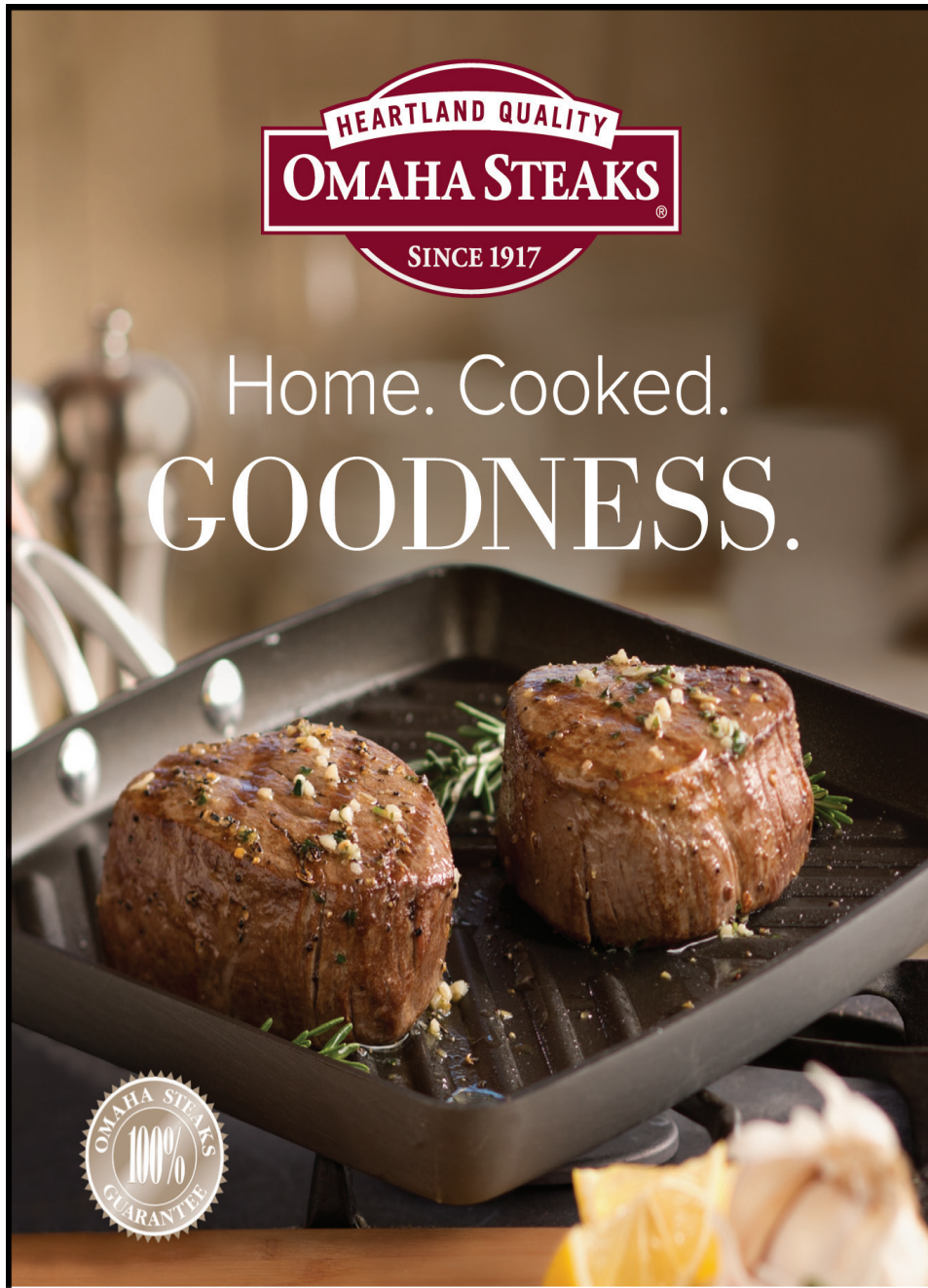
"We are thrilled to bring the neighborhood grocery experience to the Evergreen community," said Wendy Collie, president and CEO of New Seasons Market. "We are so excited to offer our customers in Evergreen a variety of product choices, provide them with the friendliest service, discover new local food producers in the area, and collaborate with community partners to increase their positive impact and build lasting relationships."

New Seasons and New Leaf were the first two grocers in the world to become certified B Corporations, which recognize businesses that meet the highest standards of social and environmental responsibility. New Seasons Market has been a pioneer in supporting regional food economies since opening its doors in 2000 by building strong and long lasting relationships with local growers, farmers, ranchers and producers and helping bring unique artisan products to market. Both New Seasons and New Leaf share a passion for supporting their regional food economy and investing in dozens of local nonprofits, donating 10 percent of profits back to the communities they serve. Continuing New Season's and New Leaf's dedication to supporting education and hunger relief organizations, the Evergreen store will partner with, and provide financial support to, the Evergreen School District and Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo counties.

Grand Opening Celebration March 14

The public is invited to a week of fun events, prizes, and sampling starting with a Grand Opening Celebration on Saturday, March 14. One percent of sales from March 14 – 20 will be donated to the Evergreen School District.

Learn more at [newseasonsmarket.com](http://newseasonsmarket.com).



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Times **Feature**

# Tax solutions for Baby Boomers

The Baby Boom generation, the children born in the post-World War II years between 1946 and 1964, includes about 76 million people. Now that generation is heading into retirement, with roughly 10,000 Boomers expected to retire every day between now and 2030.

If you or a family member are part of this group, do you know what tax and other financial issues should you be considering? The California Society of CPAs (CalCPA.org) provides some timely tips.

## Be aware of the RMD deadline

Required minimum distributions (RMDs) can create a potentially expensive pitfall for those who aren't aware of the important rules surrounding them. The RMD rules apply to traditional individual retirement accounts (IRAs) and IRA-based plans such as SEPs, SARSEPs, and SIMPLE IRAs.

If you have an IRA, you must take your first required minimum distribution for the year in which you turn age 70½. However, the first payment can be delayed until April 1 of the year following the year in which you turn 70½.

So, if you turned 70 on, say, May 15, 2014, you hit 70½ six months later, on Nov. 15, 2014, and you would need to start taking IRA distributions by April 1, 2015. For all subsequent years, including the year in which you were paid the first RMD by April 1, you must take the RMD by Dec. 31 of the year.

The amount of the RMD is generally calculated by dividing the prior Dec. 31 balance of your account by a life expectancy factor, published in Internal Revenue Service tables.

Any withdrawals you take will be included in your taxable income (unless they have already been taxed, as would be the case with a Roth IRA, for example). If you miss the RMD deadline, fail to withdraw a RMD, or fail to withdraw the full amount of the RMD, the amount not withdrawn is taxed at 50 percent. It's important to note that the RMD rules do not apply to Roth IRAs while the owner is alive.

## Don't confuse IRAs and 401(k)s

The RMD rules apply to all employer sponsored retirement plans as well, including profit-sharing plans, 401(k) plans, 403(b) plans, and 457(b) plans. While RMDs are required

beginning at age 70½ for IRAs, with an employer sponsored retirement plan, distributions begin at 70½ years of age or, if later, the year in which you retire, as long as your employer's plan allows it.

You should also be able to continue to contribute to the plan as long as you work, unless you own 5 percent or more of the business. If you are a 5 percent owner of the business sponsoring the retirement plan, the RMDs must begin once you are 70½. It's very important, then, to understand the different rules for each type of retirement account. You could face a penalty if you don't take RMDs as required, but you could miss out on some tax benefits if you take them before it's necessary.

Sound a little confusing? It can be. That's why it's a good idea to consult your CPA about how the RMD rules affect your specific situation.

## Taxes on Social Security income

Want to minimize taxes on Social Security income? Your tax rate on Social Security varies depending on your total taxable income, including distributions from retirement accounts. There are a number of steps you can consider to reduce that rate. For example, you could take distributions from a Roth IRA rather than from a traditional IRA, since a qualified Roth IRA withdrawal should generally not be taxable.

Keep in mind, too, that you can delay collecting Social Security. If you do, the amount you receive will increase until you reach age 70. If you plan to work into your 60s or 70s, you might consider putting off taking Social Security benefits, even if you've reached full retirement age, until you've stopped working. The result: You'll get higher benefits and the tax you pay on them may be reduced.

## Your CPA can help

As the Boomers approach retirement, it's clear that advance planning and smart decision making can help them reduce their tax concerns and ensure sufficient retirement income. Your local CPA can help you address the many tax and related issues involved in retirement. Be sure to turn to him or her for sound financial advice.

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# Supes approve \$1.8 million to fund immigrants' legal services

In an effort to meet the needs of more than 50,000 Santa Clara County residents potentially eligible to apply for administrative relief, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a plan to allocate \$1.8 million in one-time funding for information and legal services to help them through the process.

The funding, which will be available for 20 months starting in April, will be distributed by the Silicon Valley Community Foundation to nonprofits who provide services to immigrants.

"This outreach isn't being done now and *notarios* are preying on those who are eligible for DACA or DAPA, promising them a path to citizenship, taking their money and then nothing happens," said Board President Dave Cortese.

"The unanimous support from the Board is a distinct message that we are a family of

immigrants in Santa Clara County," said Supervisor Cindy Chavez, "I am grateful for the support from my colleagues, the community, City of San Jose, and all our partners to address this pressing issue."

Proposed by Cortese and Chavez, the Immigrant Family Relations Implementation Plan would also:

- Launch an outreach and education campaign about the President's Executive Order enacting Deferred Action for Parental Accountability (DAPA) and expanding Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

- Establish a partnership with the City of San Jose for shared funding and coordination.

- Require reports from the Silicon Valley Community Foundation on how the money is being spent.

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For more information, please contact Sara Wright at (408) 535-4908  
To request an accommodation or alternative format for Library-sponsored meetings, events, or printed materials, please call (408) 808-2154 or (408) 808-2130 (TTY) as soon as possible, but at least three business days before the event.



Times **Cover Story**

Photo by Brian Hom



Kathy Hom inspects the neighborhood coated with hail in her Evergreen neighborhood. Photo by Brian Hom



## Weather

*Continued from page 1*

dissipate around noon. To the south were a few stubborn ones that refused to leave. These formations were some of the greatest sculptures one would ever hope to see. Great castles in the sky, riding on the backs of turtles towered over Evergreen to let us know that we are only a small portion of the universe.

Second, as these clouds came from the southwest, they were met by clouds that were coming over the east foothills. Static responses to this produced a lightning storm.

Third, this produced the amazing crashes of thunder that was heard over the Evergreen foothills. Lightning through the clouds is what produces thunder.

Fourth, and very suddenly, large drops of rain began to pelt the ground. Some of these drops, when hitting the sidewalk, produced spots as much as two inches across. It was

as if they had been hulking around in the clouds just to put on this great display of nature and saying “These people wanted rain, so we will just give them some drops to remember!”

Fifth, louder sounds began to sound on the roofs of Evergreen homes. Hail, not huge balls, but hail indeed. They accumulated in the Villages area causing one to think it had snowed. After the hail subsided, there was a wonderful picture of pseudo-snow, enough to last into the evening. Then,

Sixth, snow had fallen on the east foothills, hiding behind the existing storm, but becoming visible as the clouds lifted.

As the sun arose on Sunday, there was very little evidence that we had experienced such a wonderful display of nature. There was only the crisp air brought on by a high pressure coming down from Alaska. An added bonus was that Thompson Creek was running and we had healthy air to breathe.



Evergreen was coated in what appeared to be snow but in actuality was an accumulation of hail. Photo by Loretta Parker

Times **Cover Story**

Photos by Lou Alexander



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# Community Calendar



## March 28

The Green Heroes Environmental Club at Carolyn Clark School has organized an **E-Waste Recycling event** on Saturday, March 28, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the school parking lot. At the event you can recycle your TVs, Monitors, Computers, Cell Phones, Cables, Wires, Microwaves, CD'S, Printers, and more. 50% of the proceeds will go to the Green Heroes Club at Clark School. For more information, visit Carolyn Clark on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/carolynclarkelementary>

## Upcoming New Seasons Events

(formerly New Leaf)

**Sat, Mar 14, 10am-5pm, Grand Store Opening Celebration** for conversion of New Leaf to New Seasons Market Evergreen: Enjoy the same values, same friendly faces, and more product choices. With Joseph George Middle School drum line, Bread Breaking Ceremony with New Seasons Market CEO Wendy Collie and community partners. Tasting Fair 10:30am-5pm featuring 15 vendor partners. Kids Community Mural Project 10:30am-5pm: kids are invited to paint a mosaic tile to be permanently installed in the store café area, drawing for a year of free groceries, goodie bags for first 100 customers following the Bread Breaking Ceremony. 1% of sales from March 14 - 20 will be donated to the Evergreen School District.

**Sun, Mar 15, 10:30am-5pm, Tasting Fair** featuring many vendor partners. 1% of sales all week will be donated to the Evergreen School District., Free

**Mon, Mar 16, 2-3pm, Gluten Free Store Tour** highlighting customer favorites (RSVP: [www.newseasonsmarket.com/our-stores/evergreen](http://www.newseasonsmarket.com/our-stores/evergreen)). Free

**Tues, Mar 17, 11am-3pm, Complimentary healthy green drinks** at pop-up green smoothie bar in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Traditional Irish fare such as corned



beef and cabbage will be served at the Hot Bar for \$7.99/lb.

**Wed, Mar 18: New Seasons Market Store Tour:** who we are and what we're about. Free samples and goodie bags included, 11am-12pm. (RSVP: [www.newseasonsmarket.com/our-stores/evergreen](http://www.newseasonsmarket.com/our-stores/evergreen)), Free

**Thursday, March 19, Kid's Craft Corner** in the Community Classroom: drop your kids off for a fun activity while you shop, 2:30pm - 4:30pm, Free

**Fri, Mar 20, 5-7pm, Wine Tasting** of Award-Winning Spanish Wines & Food Pairing, Complimentary.

**Sat & Sun, Mar 21 & 22, Wellness Sale:** free samples, Q&A with nutrition experts, 20 & off all vitamins, supplements, body care products.

**New Seasons Market** is located at 5667 Silver Creek Valley Rd. San Jose.



## March 15

**RealOptions' upcoming Walk for Life & 5K Run** will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at Bellarmine College Prep. The event raises funds to support RealOptions' Pregnancy Medical Clinics. Proceeds will allow us continue to offer FREE professional medical services including: pregnancy testing, ultrasound imaging, prenatal care, adoption support, maternity clothing, baby clothing, as well as prevention services of our abstinence education program, and redemptive services of our abortion recovery programs. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/1z8QOU3> or call (408) 229-9836.



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# EvergreenAreaMeetings

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## 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>

## CalRTA-Area V-Div. 70 Retired Teachers Organization.

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

## East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees

Meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the ESUHSD Education Center, 830 N. Capitol Ave. 347-5000. Check the web site for agendas and updates: [www.esuhd.org](http://www.esuhd.org)

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

## The Evergreen Business Association

is 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 [chhprahiya@yahoo.com](mailto:chhprahiya@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/falls\\_creek\\_neighbors](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/falls_creek_neighbors) 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](http://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](http://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 Barbary 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

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## 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](http://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](mailto: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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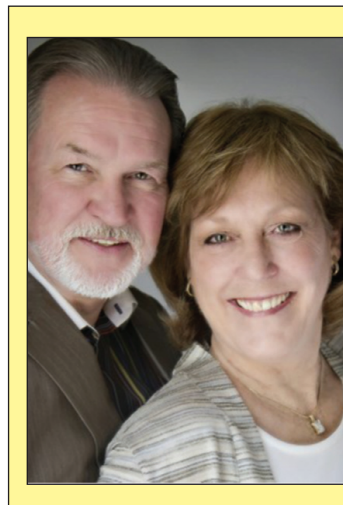


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