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## New commercial building proposed for Canyon Creek

The City of San Jose Planning Division will hold a community meeting regarding a proposed development and rezoning for the construction of a commercial office and retail building. The meeting will be held at the Evergreen Community Center located at 4860 San Felipe Road on Sept 14, 2015 starting at 7 p.m.

The planned development rezoning (File No. PDC15-022) consists of constructing a building (approximately 8,413 sq. ft.) at the Canyon Creek Shopping Center located on the south side of Silver Creek Valley Road. The site is approximately 320 feet southwest of Beaumont Canyon Drive.

The City of San Jose planning staff will be facilitating the meeting, providing an opportunity for residents to learn about the proposal and receive answers to their questions. The planning staff will consider all comments during our evaluation of the proposal. Participation in the planning process will help us analyze the request and consider the community's input.

Those seeking questions before the meeting or during the process can contact: City of San Jose: John Tu: (408) 535-7909; Email: john.tu@sanjoseca.gov, or the applicant representative: Erick Schoennauer: (408) 947-7774; Email: es@standfordalumni.org.

## SAFETY ADDRESSED



Pictured, from left: Speakers at the Fowler Creek Park Public Safety Forum included Assistant Police Chief **Eddie Garcia**, Foothill Commander Captain **Tony Mata**, Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services **Angel Rios, Jr.**, and Vice Mayor **Rose Herrera**.



## SPOTLIGHT ON GANG RELATED DEATH Community meeting well-attended for Fowler Creek Park Public Safety Forum

By Diane Blum  
Times Staff Writer

A well-attended community meeting to address safety at Fowler Creek Park was held on August 24 at Tom Matsumoto Elementary School to discuss the recent gang related shooting death at Fowler Creek Park.

The meeting was sponsored by Vice Mayor Rose Herrera and Councilmember District 8. Speakers included Assistant Police Chief Eddie Garcia,

Foothill Commander Captain Tony Mata, Crime Prevention Specialist Sandra Garcia, and the Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Angel Rios, Jr.

Vice Mayor Herrera kicked off the meeting thanking the neighborhood for its input and suggestions on ways to improve on the safety of Fowler Park. She acknowledged the severity of the recent gang related shooting, but

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## West Nile virus found in areas of Evergreen Valley

Vector spraying schedules activated

The Santa Clara County Vector Control District (SCCVCD) and has confirmed that adult mosquitoes have tested positive for West Nile virus in and in the surrounding areas of Evergreen Valley.

Neighborhoods in zip codes 95122, 95148, 95135, 95111, 95121 received fogging treatment late Wednesday night Sept 2 in an effort to prevent the outbreak of human cases of the disease.



Additional ground fogging will most likely be scheduled.

The Santa Clara County Vector Control District is a County public health program that controls and monitors disease-carrying insects such as mosquitoes and ticks, and other harmful pests such as yellow jackets and rats.

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**Chris Wilder**, Executive Director of Valley Medical Center Foundation (center) is presented with a check by **Mike Hennessy**, Marketing Director of Hot San Jose Nights (right), and **Dean McCully**, Coordinator, Take Flight for Kids.

# Hot San Jose Nights donates \$500 to Valley Medical Center

Thanks to this year's successful Hot San Jose Nights S.T.E.A.M Festival held at Reid Hillview Airport in July, the organizers have presented The Valley Medical Center Foundation a check for \$500. Valley Medical is a major sponsor of the event.

"We are very pleased to give a donation back to Valley Medical Center on behalf of

all of the entries for this year's Hot San Jose Nights, said Mike Hennessy, Marketing Director, Hot San Jose Nights.

Hennessy said that 500 pounds of food has been donated to Second Harvest Food Bank through the generosity of donations of canned food collected at the gate on behalf of Hot San Jose Nights presents S.T.E.A.M. Festival.

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# Valley Currents

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## Gurdwara attracting visitors of many faiths

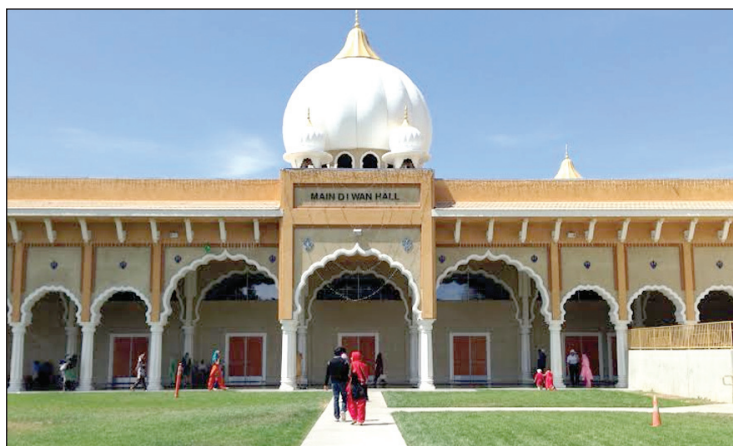
By Nirban Singh  
Times Staff Writer

The San Jose Sikh Gurdwara has drawn interest due to its growth in size over the years, and now Gurdwara is seeing an increasing number of visitors from all religious faiths as the sanctuary is now ranked 24th out of 142 things to do in San Jose according to TripAdvisor.

Perched on the hills of Evergreen Valley, the San Jose Sikh Gurdwara looks over the Bay Area. The Gurdwara or “the gateway to the guru” is a place of worship for people of the Sikh religion.

Sikhism is a religion founded in northern India by Guru Nanak Dev Ji in 1469 and has progressed through ten gurus. All ten of these gurus compiled their teachings in the holy book for Sikhs, the Guru Granth Sahib.

The San Jose Sikh Gurdwara was founded in 1984 due to an increased amount of Sikhs moving into the Bay Area. It was initially a



Volunteers prepare food, including roti (indian bread) in the free community kitchen.



small building, but after receiving substantial donations, the Sikh Gurdwara was finally fully built in 2011 at a cost of \$32,000,000.

Along with being ranked as an attraction, the San Jose Gurdwara has received endorsement from California Governor Jerry Brown and San Jose Vice Mayor Rose Herrera and former San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed. In fact, on the day the new main hall was inaugurated, Jerry Brown addressed the Sikh community: “It is an honor to be in this magnificent temple... you in the Sikh Community are very important to our country, to

California.”

The Gurdwara is open to all no matter what religion. It has two main buildings, the main prayer hall and the langar hall. In the main prayer hall, there are religious hymns sung and prayers are recited using the tabla and harmonium. The tabla is a percussion instrument which is similar to a drum and the harmonium is more commonly known as a *pump organ* or a *reed organ*. In the center of the main hall, there is a palanquin holding the sacred Guru Granth Sahib. The temple holds prayers everyday although the majority of

the worshippers attend on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

While prayers continue in the main hall, hundreds of worshippers and visitors enjoy delicious food in the langar hall which is a free community kitchen (langar) that serves North Indian cuisine. The meal is vegetarian and consists of lentils, vegetables, yogurt, and roti (Indian bread). Along with this meal, there is always tea and some sort of Indian dessert.

Volunteers are responsible for the preparation of the food, the maintenance of the kitchen, and cleaning all the dishes. At all gurdwaras, langar is active 24 hours a day. The Golden Temple, the largest gurdwara in the world serves food to an average of 80,000 people a day as part of the community kitchen.

The premise for the tradition of langar is to unite all humanity, regardless of their faith or background. Not only does the San Jose Gurdwara provide and maintain a free kitchen, but it also promotes education through its Sunday school. The Sunday school, better known as *Khalsa School*, enrolls hundreds of kids who learn the Punjabi language from volunteer teachers.

Through support from government leaders and the Bay Area Sikh community, the Gurdwara has expanded and will continue to grow in different ways to help the community.

The San Jose Gurdwara is a place Evergreen residents can visit and experience at least once in their lifetime.



Khalsa School foundation greeting stone.

## OP ED: Parents await new student test results to arrive by mail

By Kevin Larsen  
Special to the Times

The SmarterBalance/California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (C.A.A.S.P.P.) report is arriving soon to inform parents how their son or daughter is doing in math and language arts.

This test is different than the old Standardized Testing and Reporting (S.T.A.R.) test which was discontinued. The new test uses computer-adaptively for each child (the test individually adapts for each child at unique and varying degrees of aptitudes).

The new test includes unique test performance

tasks to better hone in and show what each student knows and what they can answer or accomplish on their own.

Some States are using other test measures. Our state needed to roll out this new test because of the adoption of new standards called Common Core and the decision to use less reliance on multiple choice pencil to paper test booklet methods of assessment.

The results of the new test in this parent's opinion are sort of a work in progress in that the teachers and school districts are trying to explore how to teach Common Core.

The scores will not be perfect. Some school

districts have not had new Common Core math textbook/workbook adoptions, while some have. Some schools have had more computer access than others, allowing for more student practice in how to take the new test. Many factors have been in play so that this year the use of the SmarterBalance/CAASPP will not be used to measure the effectiveness of how schools operate.

It is a possibility that the scores of the children may not be accurate if they had trouble taking the new test and if the teachers had trouble presenting all the new standards in ways that work for children of different ability so that all can

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Times Local News

**SPORTS BRIEFS**

**Youth basketball league begins September 11th at Chaboya Middle School**

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Teen Basketball at Chaboya Middle School begins Friday, September 11th thru November 20th for all interested boys and girls in grades 5th thru 8th regardless of the school they are attending. Sign-ups will continue until the 120 available slots are full (60 players in 2 divisions).

There will be two co-ed divisions of 6 teams and no more than ten players on each team. In this “funpetitive,” league everyone plays equally for four quarters.

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 \$165 which includes a game jersey, 8 or more games, personal basketball, participation medal, 1st and 2nd place trophies, facility rental and officials.

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

Be a part of this exciting league every Friday afternoon and prepare yourself for your upcoming school and recreational leagues.

**Fowler**

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reiterated that the event was atypical of the Evergreen area. Her comments, as well as many others, focused on the overall safety aspects of the park, which has become a magnet for late night partying, drinking, pot use and noise.

Herrera indicated that a few of the suggestions made by Fowler Park neighbors would be implemented immediately, including:

\* Rotating sprinklers would be rescheduled to turn on during the peak hours when loitering has been occurring to discourage people from lingering after park hours.

\* Signage indicating park hours and park rules (such as no loitering), will be implemented.

\* LED lighting is being prioritized for the park (currently, the city is converting all city lighting to LEDs based on a “hot spot” priority list; Fowler Park was not on this list, but Herrera’s staff is working to get it prioritized).

\* Surveillance cameras are being discussed for a possible trial at Fowler Park. There was an earlier city trial in another park that showed cameras didn’t work well, having very poor resolution. In conjunction with the new lighting, the cameras might be workable at Fowler Park.

The San Jose Police Department’s website (<http://www.sjpd.org/forms/CameraRegistrationFAQs.asp>) has a homeowner surveillance camera registration portal where homeowners can register their video cameras. Should police have a need to access video cameras in a given homeowner’s vicinity, they’ll have the contact information in order to contact that homeowner to request to see recent footage.

Herrera also said that with the recent settlement relating to Measure B, it appeared the city was well on its way to resolving a major issue with police retention and recruitment. Adequate resourcing has been a tremendous issue, but now she is hopeful that if the settlement is approved that as many as 40-60 officers who left might consider returning.

Foothill Commander Captain Tony Mata gave an overview on the current crime levels within the Foothill division. The Foothill division spans from Milpitas to Southern Evergreen (Heartland/San Felipe); and from 101 to the foothills. It is a large territory covering 19.4 square miles and (based on 2010 census) more than 58,890 people. At current staffing levels, an average of 4-5 officers is available on each shift.

There are 4 districts within the Foothill division, and Evergreen is considered district “P.”

**A few statistics he shared (which he also indicated are available on the [sjpd.org](http://www.sjpd.org) site):**

\* Crimes, citywide from 2014-2015 (same Jan-July timeframes) were up around 4.7 percent overall

\* Break-ins for July 2015: 139 incidents in all of Foothill Division, 54 were in district “P”

\* Violent crime for July 2015: 9 in all of

Foothill Division, 2 were in district “P”

Mata discussed how resources are deployed. Priorities are customer service, gang violence and burglaries. Based on 911 and 311 calls resources can get moved around to cover “hot spots” or areas where there are concerns (speeding, suspected drug use). He asked the community not just to post their observations on Nextdoor, but to call them in to 311 (if non-active situation) so they are added to available crime data.

Current 911 response time throughout San Jose is an average of six minutes, but they do not currently have enough resources to always get to 311 calls. They realize quality of life issues and traffic enforcement has been very low priority due to resources.

“Community Service Officers” are being deployed for low priority follow-up such as burglaries, thefts, stolen vehicles and non-injury accidents. They are only used in non-active situations. This program is working out well to help reduce administrative overhead on police officers, and the program is going to be expanded to include weekend coverage.

Angel Rios, the Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services spoke about the two ways his organization is addressing the Fowler Park concerns. First, the shooting activated a ‘strike team’ within the Mayor’s Gang Prevention Task Force (MGPTF) which activates a variety of activities to ensure there are no gang retaliations or other gang activity in the park’s vicinity (Vice Mayor Herrera is also a part of this task force). Second, his organization is working to step up the priority for LED lighting in the park, add signage and look into the other points that Vice Mayor Herrera spoke about.

Rios also requested that community members sign up as part of the “Adopt-A-Park” program. “In other neighborhoods this has helped deter criminal and nuisance activity, said Rios. “We hope that some renewed funding will help with hiring park rangers to help with park enforcement in the future,” he said.

Assistant Police Chief Garcia reiterated that extra patrols are currently assigned to check the Fowler Park area during every shift.

Sandra Garcia, representing the SJ Police Department Crime Prevention Unit, spoke about the importance of people holding a local Neighborhood Watch meeting to get to know their neighbors. It is a major preventative measure against crime.

Vice Mayor Herrera ended the meeting encouraging people to attend her, “Coffee with the Captain” meeting. The next one is scheduled at the New Season’s Market, on October 8, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Herrera encouraged residents to drop by for an informal chat.

*Editor’s note: To schedule a Neighborhood Watch meeting, 10 neighbors are required to sign up to attend the meeting. To schedule a meeting, call (408)277-4133.*



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Times **Local News****Flying the POW/MIA flag at City Hall year round would honor local veterans**By **Vice Mayor Rose Herrera***Special to the Times*

San Jose is the home to thousands of military veterans, many of them living in East San Jose and Evergreen. I'm very proud that as a city we remember and honor the sacrifices of our veterans and offer the community many ways to participate. You can visit the veteran's memorial of San Jose in downtown. Located adjacent to the Center for Performing Arts on Park Avenue, this unique memorial is designed to be something of a sanctuary. Opening in 1997, it is dedicated to all the men and women from all branches of the military who have served our country. There are 76 unmarked white flags on stainless steel poles integrated with large glass panes that have sepia tone photographs and text of actual letters from servicemen on duty sent to friends and families. Everyone should stop by for a visit.

By contrast, the Vietnam War Memorial, opened in 2013 and located on Santa Clara Street adjacent to Arena Green, specifically honors Vietnam War soldiers from San Jose who died. It is similar to the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington D.C., which is a black slate wall with the names of the fallen service members etched in white. We owe a debt of gratitude to Dennis Fernandez for his leadership in raising the funds and his perseverance in seeing it through to its opening in March to welcome home those who gave their lives over 40 years ago.

As a Vietnam era veteran, I am reminded of those who served and those who did not

return and made the ultimate sacrifice. And this is the purpose of such memorials—to have us remember and honor what others did for us.

Thanks to the continued work of the United Veterans Council and many veterans organizations who have kept this event going, San Jose will host the 97th annual Veterans parade on November 11, one of the largest veterans parades in Northern California. Everyone is invited.

In previous wars, a larger percentage of the population was in the military or connected to the military. Today, our all-volunteer military depends on a small percentage (less than 1%) of the U.S. population to defend the country. These men and women have been called on to serve in Iraq and Afghanistan and will likely be called to serve our country in the future. Even though many of us no longer know anyone in the military, the importance of acknowledging and honoring their service remains just as important as ever and includes honoring those who become prisoners of war or those who go missing in action.

As the San Jose City Council Veteran's Liaison and as an Air Force Veteran - the only Veteran on the 11 member City Council - I understand the importance of remember-

ing and honoring those soldiers who never came home from war or conflict. The principle of leaving no one behind — no matter the cost — is deeply embedded in the U.S. military, and for our Veterans who did come home and the families who still grieve over POW/MIA victims, flying the POW/MIA flag provides some amount of consolation. This past month of May, the United Veteran's Council of Santa Clara County requested that the City of San José display the Prisoners of War/ Missing in Action flag permanently at City Hall. Soon after, several Veterans groups, including Veteran Voices of Santa Clara County, Vietnam Veterans of America, and Veterans Supportive Services Agency came together and requested that San Jose become the first city in Santa Clara County to display the POW/MIA flag all year round at City Hall.

The creation of the POW/MIA flag began in 1971 when Mrs. Michael Hoff, the wife of a U.S. military officer listed as missing in action during the Vietnam War, developed the idea of a national flag to remind every American of the U.S. service members whose fates were never accounted for during the war.

Today, the POW/MIA flag is a symbol of our nation's concern and commitment to resolving as fully as possible the fates of

Americans from all American wars who are still prisoners, missing, or who are unaccounted.

When the issue was presented at the City Council meeting in June, I authored a memo in support of the Veteran's request and we won approval to fly the flag in addition to the days designated by Congress: Independence week, POW/MIA Day, and Welcome Home Vietnam Veteran's Day. We also won approval to convene local Veteran's groups in the month of July to come back in August to offer additional policy alternatives looking at flying the POW/MIA flag at City Hall 365 days a year.

During the month of July I worked closely with Veteran groups to discuss policy alternatives to fly the POW/MIA flag all year round and it became evident that the POW/MIA flag was only one of the many issues that had not yet been addressed in the Veteran community. Our Veterans, like many other residents, are facing serious issues around homelessness, unemployment, and mental illness. While flying the POW/MIA flag is a major step in the right direction, it is not enough.

In light of this, I have convened a group called, *Veterans Empowering Veterans (VEV)*, with the goal of helping address some of the issues affecting the Veteran community. Through advocacy work and outreach to the Veterans themselves, *VEV* hopes to serve as a channel of change in the Veteran community. All the Veterans part of *VEV*, including myself, are conscious of the complexity of

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Times **Your Community**

# Remembering the hole in Walt's fence

By Terry Denevan

Special to the Times

One of the most exciting things to happen in California in the 1950s was the building and opening of Disneyland. On opening day my brother Dave and I (ages 14 and 16) bicycled from Long Beach. The excitement! Only my brother had the \$11.50 to enter. I watched from outside. The next Saturday, penniless, my friend Henry and I parked our bikes at the employment trailers on the west side of the Park. Employment? No luck! Biking to the south entrance, we saw a large hole in the chain link fence. With big grins of wonderment, we entered. Cautiously we made our way past bushes, over the berm, across the tracks, into the train station and Disneyland. No "E" tickets? No rides! But we were IN! The hole must have been Walt's idea. Thanks, Walt.

As printed in the San Jose Mercury News, 2005. A copy was sent to the Disney Corporation. I received a "Thank you" phone call regarding my story.



## A FANCIFUL FUTURE

Disneyland has changed significantly since the 1950s and '60s. Here, Celia Baham poses in front of Monsanto's "House of the Future," a fiberglass home which featured a look far into the future of 1986, featuring inventions such as microwave ovens and other automated household appliances. The attraction appeared in Disneyland from 1957 through 1967. Photo courtesy Mousetalgia.com.

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the issues we want to address including and of the challenges that lay ahead but remain hopeful that with the support of Veterans, the community, and the City we will reach our goal.

Our first victory as a newly formed group occurred during the August 25th City Council meeting where policy alternatives for flying the POW/MIA flag 365 days a year were presented to the Council by city staff. The Mayor and council joined me and voted to support an

amendment to the flag display policy passing it unanimously and making San Jose one of the few cities in the Bay Area to display the flag permanently at City Hall.

The official flag raising ceremony for the POW/MIA flag will be on the third Friday of September, September 18th, the National POW/MIA day and will mark the first day the POW/MIA flag will begin flying permanently at City Hall. Please look for an email invitation from me soon with details. I hope you come out to support our Veteran Community!

If you are interested in becoming

involved with *Veterans Empowering Veterans* please contact my office by email at [district8@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district8@sanjoseca.gov) or call 408-535-4908. I look forward to seeing you out in the community.

I want to keep you informed! Sign up for the District 8 newsletter - go to [www.sanjoseca.gov/district8](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district8).

### SAVE-THE-DATE

Please join me at District 8's Annual Day in the Park Festival as we celebrate our rich and culturally diverse community at Lake Cunningham Regional Park on Saturday, October 3, 2015. This event is FREE and open to everyone! Stay tuned for more details.

## Test results

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grasp concepts deeply.

You may be asking, why parents can't just rely on school district report cards to know how their son or daughter is doing in math or language arts?

The SmarterBalance/C.A.S.P.P. in the opinion of this parent, is a measure of how all children should be doing across the U.S.A. and beyond in our global world of competition. This means that if one state has lower expectations than another, that, it will show up in the score mastery of the SmarterBalance/C.A.A.S.P.P.

The Smarter Balance test can act as one of many tools, for parents to measure areas where their son or daughter may need help, to keep step and perhaps be lifted up to keep pace, with learning at the same expected levels of children in different countries in our global world around us. If a child needs help in an area parents can join in more to help the child grow.

Perhaps too, if no schools are to be judged by the State of California in performance with an assessment tools this year and perhaps next, then there should be a moratorium too on teacher reviews by any school district until California gets the education check for understanding rubrics, figured out.

Our California Department of Education has just created a new task force to help recommend how schools will be assessed in years to come. Some believe that testing should be only one part of any rubric of how schools are performing. Some believe other measures instead of testing should be used.

It is important for parents to know you can look up the Common Core standards by doing a google search and you can help in assisting your child to master them. The standards are items to teach but they do not tell people how to teach.

Maybe teachers just need more independent time to present all the yearly standards in the unique ways each teacher wishes to do it, for it seems that vast training is imposed upon them. Perhaps there is too much of a push to tell teachers how to teach. We as parents must honor the teachers and understand that they have a new system of education that they are grappling with.

Let us allow teachers lead in their own unique ways and use the SmarterBalance/C.A.A.S.P.P. test as a transparency parent tool to help us know what areas our children need to grow in as they progress from one school year to the next. Parents must be vigilant as to the growth of their children in both academics and other equally important things that ensure child well-being.

The SmarterBalance/CAASPP test is currently an evolving work in progress. The test is exciting! Let us honor it while knowing too that it is in its infancy. To learn more, visit the California Department of Education (C.D.E.) website, Parent Teacher Association website (P.T.A.), teachers, school district websites, and you can explore you tube and or google searches.

Kevin Larsen is a resident of Evergreen Valley.

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Times **Feature****SET YOURSELF UP FOR SUCCESS WITH FITNESS****Sustainable lifestyle changes start with a comprehensive fitness program**By **Toni Julian***Special to the Times*

Every person is beautifully unique. We may share values, social norms and ethics. Our children may attend the same schools, and as a community we collectively look out for another. One commonality I think about often is

that we all want to be healthy.

When it comes to fitness our physical abilities differ, our behaviors, our mindsets, our goals. How do we accomplish our goal becoming fit and healthy while making it work for us as individuals as well?

It comes down to starting comprehensive approach of making sustainable lifestyle changes to your fitness regimen as a foundation and gradually adding nutrition and other lifestyle choices to set yourself up for success. Research has shown that people are 75 percent more likely to maintain new behaviors if changes are incorporated incrementally.

**Here's a formula for success:**

Incremental Changes in Diet + Exercise + Time = Sustainable Lifestyle Changes (SLC)

What a Sustainable Lifestyle Change means specifically is a better quality of life, healthier relationships, improved sleep quality, confidence, ability to handle stress, and the list is endless. The challenge is that most people are unsuccessful taking on too many aspects at once. If they can't adhere to a strict program they feel they've failed and can become frustrated, doubting their ability to succeed. Even their self-esteem can erode. It becomes a self-fulfilling downward cycle.

**Step One:**

Make one change at a time and start with stepping up your fitness. I usually suggest that people allow themselves to become acclimated to a new routine and the good feeling they get from being consistent and feeling their body change.

Fitness programs have as many shapes as there are shapes of people. It can be as simple as daily walking, joining groups, gyms or recreational teams. Small group fitness programs are ideal because the routine can be customized to each individual. For people of all activity levels, be certain to incorporate balance and stability training which is needed at any age, and especially important as we approach our golden years.

I have been teaching a personalized group fitness program for nearly nine years. It cultivates mutual accountability, nurtures peer support, and instills confidence. A variety of different workouts, including balance and stability, core training, upper body strength conditioning and switching up the workout prevents stagnation and plateauing.

"A single behavioral change becomes habit, habit evolves into a healthy lifestyle, which eventually will be come your preference."

**Step Two:**

Once a fitness program is underway, it's time to turn to making incremental nutrition changes. From an emotional standpoint, it's more inspiring to consider eating well because people don't want to "undo" or undermine all the efforts they put forth during their fitness regimen. They have a reason and purpose to start eating better quality foods.

Modify the portion control and target a daily deficit of 500 calories (this will result in a one pound weight loss each week), jumpstarting momentum toward weight loss goals, toning, improving body composition and overall feelings of strength and accomplishment. The idea is to lose fat and build muscle, which in turn builds metabolism.

Build metabolism through building muscle. For every pound of muscle on your frame, you'll burn between 30-50 calories per day. Each pound of fat only burns only two calories, so you can see that building muscle works to your benefit.

Scale weight isn't nearly as important as body composition. Most people of average weight can be around 30 percent body fat or more. The ideal is between 20-24 percent to be considered fit. This is very different from BMI which is based on height and weight only, and does not take body composition, or the amount of lean muscle into consideration.

"It's fascinating to watch people hit their stride; getting their nutrition dialed in and the empowerment they feel after just a few months."



Here are three ways you can make incremental lifestyle changes so you are set up for success:

**At the Office:** Ask your employer if they offer internal lifestyle, nutrition and fitness programs for the employees. Many companies have cafeterias, or at a minimum a break room or micro-kitchen. If they provide food services, voice your preferences for healthy food options and reducing the amount of low quality snack foods and sugary beverages. If it's not there to tempt you, you'll be more successful at improving your food quality and reducing unnecessary calories.

If you are eating to maintain your weight, but you fall victim to an extra daily snack—even something as seemingly innocuous as a plain bagel—that alone will provide a surplus of 300 calories every day, and can result in nearly 15 pounds of added weight gain in only six months.

If fitness programs aren't offered, start your own walking group. Thanks to a plethora of apps, you can download one that tracks your steps as long as you have your phone with you.

**Home Hacks:**

Build your meals to build your metabolism. Always start with a lean protein and combine complex carbohydrates and healthy fats into each meal. This combination will keep you fuller, longer and can aid in weight loss. Protein is critical for your immune system and we all need about 50% more after age 65.

Keep your portions small and balanced. To learn portion control weigh and measure you food for about a week so you get a good sense to ballpark later. Check out BITE ME! Change Your Life One Bite at Time to learn how to design your meals to build metabolism.

**Eating Out and About:**

In general people are less successful in their attempts to eat healthy in social situations, and the more people, the more challenging it is. According to the National Institutes of Health, compared with eating alone, individuals eat 35 percent more when eating with another person, 75 percent more with three other persons, and 96 percent more with a group of seven or more. Environments with harsh lighting, hard seats and fast-paced music affect our behaviors by eating more quickly.

Being mindful of this scenario will make you more effective if you plan ahead. Bring a healthful side dish or snack to social gatherings so you are sure to have something you can eat without guilt.

Plan on bringing "emergency food" with you such as high-protein muffins (found in the BITE ME! book) so you don't have to make nutritional compromises if you're caught hungry without good options.

Lifestyle changes that start with a supportive fitness program and gradually incorporate incremental nutrition changes over time will provide lasting, sustainable results!

*Toni Julian is a corporate lifestyle and nutrition advisor, fitness expert and author of BITE ME! Change Your Life One Bite at a Time. She is the owner of {revive} fitness programs for women and the creator of Toni's OatMEAL, a completely balanced, high-protein meal solution. Visit ToniJulian.com.*



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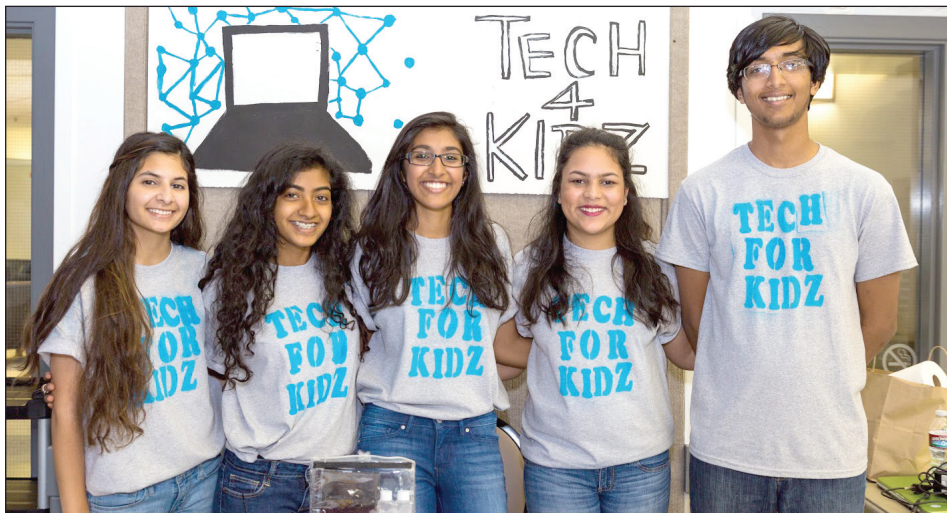
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## 'Tech for Kidz' receives cash and laptops

By **William Bellou**  
Publisher

**T**ech for Kidz hosted a successful fundraiser at the Evergreen Community Center on August 2 that raised \$900 and computer equipment for underprivileged schools.

Tech for Kidz is dedicated to donating technology items such as laptops for underprivileged schools. The fundraiser featured dances, singing, and a silent auction.

The organization was founded by Sravya Voleti, a junior at Evergreen Valley High School. "With the money raised from the fundraiser and the money earned from selling donated laptop computers, the organization will purchase new Chrome Books," said Voleti.

Catherine's Kids is one of the organizations that Tech for Kidz donates its funds and computers. Catherine's Kids is a home for special needs kids without a home. These kids are given mental rehabilitation and medical therapy, along with education.

Los Angelitos, an orphanage, is another recipient of the generosity of Tech for Kidz. Los Angelitos was established to provide a secure home environment where disadvantaged children can have a healthy upbringing and a good education.

*Tech for Kidz invites you to participate in its next fundraiser with by donating a laptop computer or cash donation. For more information, visit [www.donatetechforkids.org](http://www.donatetechforkids.org).*

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"We're glad that people have really taken this to heart and are doing their part to save water," said water district Board Chair Gary Kremen. "We thank everybody for their hard work and ask them to keep it up so we can really make a difference by the end of the year."

In March, the water district board called for a 30 percent reduction in water use over 2013 levels based on local conditions: how much groundwater we are project-

ed to have by the end of 2015, and how much imported and local water in reservoirs we have available.

The board also called for a two-day-a-week limit on watering landscapes, a call that local water providers echoed. Countywide, local water providers adopted a watering schedule allowing those with odd-numbered addresses to water on Mondays and Thursdays and those on the even-numbered side of the street to water Tuesdays and Fridays.

Despite indications of a strong El Niño this winter, it is unknown whether Northern California's precipitation will benefit. Even if there is heavy rain and Sierra Nevada snow, it is unlikely that the state's largest reservoirs and our local groundwater basins will fully recover from four years of drought.

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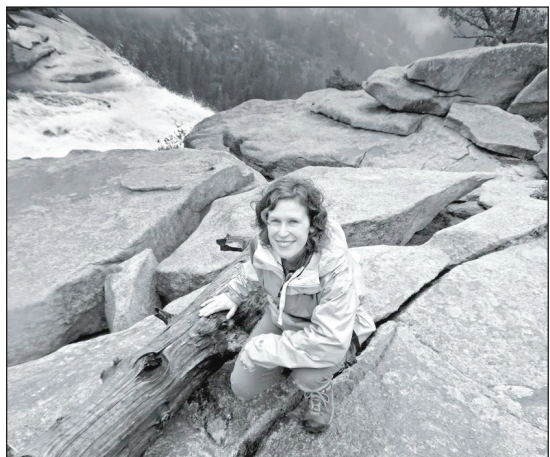
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## Times Features

**OFF THE SHELF: Photo, video project classes featured in September at the branch library**

By **Amelia Vander Heide**  
*Special to the Times*

Are you passionate about storytelling? Would you like to learn how to develop digital storytelling skills? If you answered yes, then please join the San Jose Public Library and CreaTV San Jose for the new program: **I Am San Jose / Yo Soy San Jose**. This special limited series event is a bilingual digital storytelling program for adults held at the Dr. Roberto Cruz Alum Rock Branch Library. This San Jose Library branch is located at 3090 Alum Rock Ave.

Participants are invited to create a photo montage using their own pictures, learn how to add music to their slideshows, and learn the basics of making videos. Participants will also have access to check out video equipment to practice what they learn. This special partnership will be presented in a series of four classes.

The **Photo Project Class** will be held on Thursday September 17 and 24 from 6-8 p.m.

Followed with the **Video Project Class** on Saturday October 17 and 24 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Participants must attend all sessions. Space is limited and registration is required in order to participate. To register, please call (408) 808-3090.

Did you know September is Hispanic Cultural Heritage Month? Celebrate with the Evergreen Branch Library on Saturday September 5 at 11 a.m. with a **Family Storytime and Folk Art Mirror Craft**. We are also happy to announce the return of our monthly partnership program with the Children's Discovery Museum. Young children and their caregivers are invited to attend the **Children's Discovery Museum Storytime and Craft** on Thursday September 10 at 11:30 a.m. As always all Evergreen Branch Library programs are presented in the Community Room on a first come first serve basis, unless otherwise noted, and space is limited.

For teens and older children there will be

two new programs this Fall. **Evergreen ECSS** will begin on Wednesday September 9 at 4:30 p.m., and will be held every second and fourth Wednesday through the month of December. Designed for 7-12 grade students this program will focus on learning the programming language Python and building electrical gadgets. Space is limited to the first 25 students and a laptop is required. Please e-mail [evergreen.ecss@gmail.com](mailto:evergreen.ecss@gmail.com) to register. Evergreen Branch Library is proud to host the new robotics program, **HelloBots** for students in 4-7 grade. This robotics program will be held on Saturdays from September 12-October 17 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Interested parents are encouraged to visit <http://www.hellobots.com> to register their children. The very popular CodeUCan program will also be returning for a four week engagement starting Thursday September 10 from 4-5 p.m. Students must provide their own laptop and commit to all four sessions. Please register online by visiting

<http://www.codeucan.com>.

**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.

*Amelia Vander Heide is a librarian at the Evergreen Branch Library. Evergreen Library is located at 2635 Aborn Road, between Capitol Expressway and White Road. The library phone number is (408) 808-3060. Evergreen Branch Library is part of the San José Public Library System. For more information, visit the library website, [sjpl.org](http://sjpl.org).*

**Laurelwood students excited with appointment of new principal**

By **Frank Shortt**  
*Times Staff Writer*

Laurelwood Elementary School is humming with excitement with the appointment of new principal, Dr. Hong Nguyen, whose enthusiasm is very infectious. Students, parents and staff alike have commented favorably to Dr. Nguyen's aspirations.

"My goal at Laurelwood is to provide quality education so that students can be successful in life. I plan to collaborate with the teaching staff, students, parents and community members," said Nguyen. "I want a safe and nurturing environment where students are prepared with 21st century knowledge and skills."

This young, energetic, daughter of Vietnam War immigrants whose motto is dream, believe, and achieve, seems to have all the qualifications to produce all her goals at Laurelwood.

"Laurelwood is a great school with a strong staff and support network. I do not see any problems here only opportunities for growth and improvement," said the enthusiastic

Nguyen. "I would like to see more community involvement, and more funding towards student essentials, such as technology, PE equipment, and classroom budgets," she exclaims assertively.

Dr. Nguyen's parents escaped from Vietnam in 1981 with Hong's older sister. She was the first child born on American soil in Hillsdale, Michigan. Later, as a young child, the family moved to Salinas, California.

"My parents escape was fraught with many uncertainties," explained Nguyen. "After a couple of weeks at sea, they landed in Hong Kong remaining in refugee camps for nine months. The Hillsdale United Methodist Church sponsored my parents and older sister to come to Hillsdale, Michigan. After their arrival, due to language barriers, they had a hard time adjusting to the American lifestyle. Eventually, adjustments were made and by blending Vietnamese and American cultures their life was made more comfortable in the United States."

After completing elementary and secondary educational facilities, Dr. Nguyen graduated from the University of California at Berkeley. She also attended U.C. Davis, as well as Santa Clara University and Fielding Graduate University. She holds four degrees and two credentials. She obtained an



**Dr. Hong Nguyen**

undergraduate degree in American Studies, with a minor in Education. She has dual Masters in Education and Educational Administration. She also has a multiple-subject teaching credential and an administrative services credential.

Dr. Nguyen continues, "I have been privileged to serve the past eleven years in the Evergreen community. I began my career as a classroom teacher at Silver Oak Elementary, then Katherine Smith Elementary. Thereafter I accepted the position as Instructional Coach at Cedar Grove Elementary. Last year I served as Assistant Principal and Instructional Coach at Leyva Middle School. I taught for nine years and was an assistant principal for one year before accepting my role as Principal at Laurelwood Elementary."

Dr. Nguyen's Doctorate Dissertation explains the problems that new immigrants face when coming to America. Because of older customs that remain, second generation immigrants face additional challenges as they try to fit into American pat-

terns as well as try to please the older generation by adhering to their customs. To quote from Dr. Nguyen's Dissertation: "Different generations of Vietnamese Americans experience culture clash within their own family. This intergenerational strain often stems from the discrepancies in values and lifestyles that occur between immigrant parents and their children as they acculturate to life in the United States." (Tsai-Chae & Nagata, 2008, p. 205). In other words, children grow up struggling between two cultures. They are often faced with the dilemma to follow their parents' traditional culture and values, while also acculturating to the American culture. Zhou and Bankston (1998) explained, "often they feel the urge to rebel against their parents in order to fit into their adolescent world as 'Americans,' but they also experience a strong tug pulling them back to their own families and to their culture of origin" (p. 161).

Dr. Nguyen is quick to praise her office and custodial staff. "At Laurelwood we have a fantastic day custodian, John Martinez, and office manager, Leonie Hollenkamp, who really care for the well-being of students, parents, teachers, and community," said Nguyen. "They are very helpful in keeping our campus safe and providing us with the tools needed to run the school smoothly."

**Santa Clara County begins postage-paid vote by mail ballots beginning Nov 3**

Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters has announced that Vote by Mail ballots will feature prepaid postage beginning with the November 3, 2015 Consolidated Election.

Under direction from the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, the Registrar of Voters will include a new postage-paid return envelope with every Vote by Mail ballot. Previously, voters had to pay the cost of return postage, frequently exceeding a single first-class stamp.

Bushey said that prepaid postage may be particularly beneficial to Santa Clara County voters because 70 percent of the county's voters have chosen to vote by mail. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by Election Day and received within three days of the election in order to count. Ballots returned at drop-off sites and polls must be received by 8 pm.

The last day to register to vote in the November 3, 2015 Consolidated Election is October 19. Registration can be done online at [www.sccvote.org](http://www.sccvote.org) or by using the free SCCVOTE mobile app, which is available for download on Android and Apple devices. Voters can also request a Vote by Mail ballot at [www.sccvote.org](http://www.sccvote.org) or by using the SCCVOTE mobile app.

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Times Feature

# Math Companions helps those in need

By William Bellou  
Publisher

For those who were not given education opportunities that many of us take for granted, there is a help available from Math Companions.

Math Companions accomplished their goal of helping hundreds in the Evergreen Valley matching volunteer tutors from local high schools with needy students this summer.

Math Companions founders, Martin Lee and Ashwinne Panda, set up the infrastructure to allow volunteer tutors to be easily matched with their tutees and supervised every session. Tutors helped hundreds of people at the Evergreen and Tully Branch Libraries.

"We strive to help underprivileged students in the area by hosting multiple sessions each week to create an amazing learning environment," said Math Companions founder Martin Lee.

"We had a team of logistical officers who handled parental interactions, bilingual tutors who aided overseas students in making the transition to the American education system, and local TeensReach volunteers who made significant contributions for the communities," said Panda.

Math Companions offer something that traditional schools often cannot offer – a low tutor-to-student ratio. "Unfortunately, traditional classrooms tend to have around 1:20 to 1:30 tutor-to-student ratio, thus not giving enough attention to each student," said Lee. "Fortunately, with a number of dedicated and passionate tutors, we were able to keep the tutor-to-student as close to 1:1 as possible, therefore providing individualized education for our students. By establishing such environment, students were able to learn at an incredible pace, even faster than even expensive prep classes."

Student achievement was celebrated throughout the year with various small rewards such as pencils and certificates. By the end of the summer, the standard for each grade level was immense.

Match Companions has not only built foundations for mathematics by instructing different levels of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, the organization took a further step by preparing student for the upcoming 2015-16 school year.

"We encouraged our students to develop creative and intellectual minds with AMC 8/10 questions and other word problems, thus preparing them for national-level mathematics competitions, such as American Mathematics Contest 8/10/12 and MATHCOUNTS," said Panda.

Parents were overjoyed with the progress their students made, and

by not assigning homework or making their learning experience stressful with tests we managed to get hundreds of students to look forward to learning math for hours a week during their summer vacation. "We thank the community for its support, and look forward to continuing and expanding the program throughout the 2015-2016 school year," said Lee.

Match Companion sessions are currently being held at the Evergreen Branch Library and the Tully Branch Library from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Plans to expand to other locations, such as Quimby Oak Middle School, Seven Trees Branch Library, and Smythe Clubhouse are under consideration.

If you would like to join our cause or become one of our students, send email: [mathcompanions@gmail.com](mailto:mathcompanions@gmail.com)



Math Companions volunteers are ready to help.

# Silicon Valley luxury home sales climb 23 percent

Luxury home sales in Silicon Valley climbed more than 23 percent in July from a year ago while the median sale priced edged lower, according to a new report by Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage.

The figures are based on Multiple Listing Service data of all homes sold for more than \$1.5 million last month in Santa Clara County. A total of 260 luxury homes sold in July, up 23.2 percent from 211 high-end sales in July 2014. Luxury home sales last month did fall short of the 322 sales in June, although a seasonal decline from June to July isn't unusual.

Meanwhile, the median sale price of a luxury home in Silicon Valley last month was \$1,944,000, down 2.8 percent from the median a year ago when it stood at \$2 mil-

lion. Last month's median was also off from June's level of \$2,011,000. Looking at the various segments of the market, the strongest by far last month was the \$3 million-plus segment, with sales soaring 65 percent to 38 units, up from 23 a year ago. \$2 million-plus sales were also up solidly, reaching 122 units from 107 last July.

"The luxury segment of Silicon Valley's housing market - much like the overall market - continues to be very strong with a solid increase in sales year over year, especially in the upper end," said Mike James, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. "Inventory is gradually picking up, and that's finally giving buyers a little more to choose from as we move toward the end of the summer season."



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# Evergreen Area Meetings

**Adlibmasters Toastmasters Club**  
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](http://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>

**CalRTA-Area V-Div. 70 Retired Teachers Organization.** Meets bi-monthly at various east-side 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 AI-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 will meet each month on the third Thursday at the Evergreen Branch Library. 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 2015-16 will meet on the first Wednesday of the months of October, December, January, February, March and May. The meeting is held in the Evergreen School District boardroom, 3188 Quimby Road at 9:30 a.m.

**The Evergreen Senior Advisory Council**  
meets the third Thursday of every month at 9:30 a.m. Get involved in helping plan events for seniors, volunteering for a good cause, and getting 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 [chhprahya@yahoo.com](mailto:chhprahya@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**  
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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](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/prns). The Senior Nutrition program serves a delicious and well balanced meal to the 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 [friendsofevergreenlibrary.org](http://friendsofevergreenlibrary.org) or call 408-808-3060 for more information.

**Hidden Glen Community**  
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**LeyVa Community Action Team Association**  
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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**  
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**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.

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Meets third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Reid Hillview airport terminal, 2350 Cunningham Ave.

251-4939. For more information visit [www.rhva.org](http://www.rhva.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.free-toasthost.org>.

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

**Silver Oak Educational**

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

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

**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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1675 Winchester Boulevard (near Hamilton), Campbell, 95008. Church Office: 378-3472. www.campbell-umc.org. E-mail us at: campbell\_umc@earthlink.net. SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Handicapped, hearing-impaired friendly facility. (Nursery Care available). SUNDAY SCHOOL for every age at 9:00 a.m. WHAT YOU WILL FIND: Youth/Young Adult programs, Choirs for all ages, Active Senior Fellowship, a dynamic and diverse congregation of seekers motivated to explore the questions of faith and life; opportunities for fellowship, study, spiritual growth and outreach. Campbell UMC is a Reconciling Congregation ~ ALL ARE WELCOME! Campbell UMC sponsors Bright Days preschool, offering a play-based, developmentally appropriate curriculum. Call 378-8422 for information.

## CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ALMADEN VALLEY, UCC

6581 Camden Ave., San Jose, CA 95120  
Pastor, Rev. Dr. Michele Rogers Brigham  
408 268-0243  
www.AlmadenCongregational.org  
We are a welcoming Church engaged in progressive approach to faith, worship and giving to our local community. We are proud to be UCC, Open and affirming (O&A) and welcome members of the LGBT community. We support local Invision Shelter Feedings once a month, San Francisco Night Ministry, Second Harvest Food Bank, Church World Service, and Communities Responding to End Poverty. Worship 9:00AM, Sunday School 10:00 AM Sundays. 1st Sundays in Worship: Holy Communion  
2nd Sunday in Worship: Folk Choir  
3rd Sundays at Coffee Hour: Round Table Disc.  
4th Sundays in Worship: Blessing of Birthdays/Anniversaries/other "joy" Occasions  
Tuesday, AA Meetings, 8:15-9:15 PM.  
Wednesdays, 9:30 AM., Women's Study Group

## CARTER AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST

5351 Carter Avenue, San Jose, CA 95118  
408.265.5837, Web: www.bibleand.org  
You are invited to a new testament worship service to fellowship with neighborhood Christians. Experience traditional singing, study of the Bible, praying with believers who acknowledge Jesus Christ as their Savior, preaching of the Gospel message, and communion every Sunday. Sunday morning Bible class at 9:30 AM, and worship service at 10:30 AM. Conveniently located in south San Jose off Kooser/Camden Avenue near Highway 85 (behind the Almaden Valley Athletic Club). Come make new friends in Christ!

## EAST VALLEY CHURCH

We are a Multicultural Christian Community committed to making Christ known to our Neighbors, Community and World. Sunday Schedule: Worship

10am, Sunday School for all ages 8:30am, Coffee and Conversation 9:30am Childcare is provided for all our Sunday Services Uplifting music, Biblical teaching, ministries for Children, Youth, College & Career, Small Groups for all adults, Ministries to Men, Women, Seniors, Celebrate Recovery (Please see website for details and meeting times www.eastvalleychurch.com ) VBS: June 22nd - 26th (5:45-8:30pm) & Sports Camp: July 20th - 26th (9am -12:30pm) For more details or to register please visit our website Community-Life Pastor (Youth/College & Career) - Pastor Patrick Boyd, Children's Ministry Director - Julie Garcia, Celebrate Recovery Leader - Anne Friend

We are located at 2827 Flint Ave (Between Tully & Norwood) San Jose, CA 95148, Phone 408-238-0231, e-mail info@eastvalleychurch.com We are associated with Converge Worldwide www.convergeworldwide.org

## THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ALMADEN

6581 Camden Ave. San Jose, CA 95120. The Rev. Shelley Booth Denney, Rector Phone:408-268-0243 Web:www.eca-sj.org At the Episcopal Church in Almaden (ECA), we are joyful followers of Jesus Christ. Through worship, study, fellowship and outreach, we strive to nurture and grow a strong faith community of believers, a family of all ages, where each member feels welcomed, loved, valued and empowered to serve. Children are especially welcomed and cherished as an important part of God's family. All junior high and senior high students are welcome to participate in our Youth Groups. During the school year we have joint Sunday School with our sister church, the Congregational Church of Almaden Valley, UCC. The Episcopal Church in Almaden offers the following regular opportunities for worship: Sunday at 7:30AM and 10:30AM, Holy Communion service. Each Sunday service is followed by a coffee hour for friendship and conversation.

## EVERGREEN VALLEY CHURCH

Visit our Web Site at www.evcsj.com 2750 Yerba Buena Rd. San Jose, CA 95121. Phone: 408-274-7422. Saturday worship is at 5 pm. Sunday worship services at 9 am and 11 am.. Excellent contemporary Christian music and Bible-based teaching. Nursery care and Children's Sunday School programs at 9 am and 10:45 am. Junior High students meet Sunday's at 9 am. Junior High and High School students meet on Tuesday's at 6:30 pm. College/Young adults meet on Sunday's at 6 pm. Casa de Oración: Servicio en Español: Domingos 4 pm.

## FIRST CHURCH DOWNTOWN

Worshipping at 55 N. 7th Street, in downtown San Jose. (Horace Mann school) www.firstchurchdowntown.com Telephone: (408) 294-7254

x310. We are a community serving the Christ from the heart of the City, working to know Jesus and make Jesus known by serving, worshipping, and learning together. Worship services are at 10:00 AM at the Horace Mann Community Center (7th and Santa Clara Streets). Worship includes both contemporary and traditional music, a message that is relevant to real life, based in the Bible, and meaningful to people of all ages and backgrounds. We work in our community to provide real assistance and long-term, life-saving solutions: food, housing, counseling, and spiritual direction. Our children's & families' ministries include Sunday classes, outdoor family activities such as bike rides and fishing trips. Come, Make a Difference and feel the difference God can make in your life!

## HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Faith.Knowledge.Community - this is our promise to our members. If you are looking for an active Christian faith community, we invite you to experience Holy Spirit Parish Community. All are welcome! We are located at 1200 Redmond Avenue, San Jose, CA 95120. Mass is celebrated at 8:30 a.m. Monday - Friday. Our weekend Mass schedule is Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Rite of Reconciliation is every Saturday at 4 p.m. or by appointment. Our Parish Office is open Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Call 408-997-5100 for recorded information or 408-997-5101 to speak with someone in our parish office. Information on Faith Formation for children and adults can be obtained by calling our Catechetical Office at 408-997-5115. Get in the loop with our 3sixty High School Youth Ministry by calling 408-997-5106. Holy Spirit School serves grades Pre-K through 8th, and is located at 1198 Redmond Avenue. You can reach the school office at 408-268-0794.

## THE POINT CHURCH

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

## SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

We invite you to become a part of our hospitable, intimate Catholic parish. We are a caring community, promoting spiritual growth, reaching

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

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

5111 San Felipe Rd., San Jose, CA 95135 408-223-1562. www.stfrancisofassisi.com www.stfrancisofassisipreschool.org We invite you to join our community of faith located in the Evergreen area of San Jose. We are an inclusive diverse community striving to serve as Disciples of Jesus Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis, offering prayerful and joyful liturgies; evangelization, fellowship, and service opportunities to the community. We offer spiritual opportunities for all ages, including children's liturgy, dynamic E.C.H.O. - Jr. High, IGNITE - High School and North Star - Young Adult Ministries, along with small faith communities and opportunities to help the poor and marginalized of San Jose. Our Preschool is the only Catholic Preschool offering quality family oriented service in the Evergreen and Silver Creek areas. Our Chapel, Gathering Hall, Parish Office, Mission Center, Parish Gift Shop, Memorial Garden and Preschool are all located at 5111 San Felipe Rd. Please come join us to worship at one of the following times and locations: St. Francis of Assisi Chapel Saturday 5:00PM, Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 4:00 PM (Mass in Vietnamese), 6:00 PM Youth Mass St. Francis of Assisi Gathering Hall Sunday 9:00 AM, Sunday 11:00AM, Igbo Mass - Second Sunday of the month 12:30 PM Mt. Hamilton Grange - 2840 Aborn Road Sunday 9:30 AM The Villages Gated Community (Cribari Auditorium) Sunday 8:15 AM For more information, please call or visit us at the Parish Mission Center open M-F 9:00 AM -12:00 PM; 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Come join us and share your presence with us so that together we may grow and share our gifts to help build God's Kingdom!

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