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The San Jose Youth Ballet production of the Nutcracker has three scheduled performances this weekend: Saturday (12/12), 1 p.m. & 6 p.m. and Sunday (12/13) at 1 p.m. Theater at the School of Arts and Culture, The Mexican Heritage Plaza 1700 Alum Rock Ave, San Jose. Tickets: [www.sjyb.org](http://www.sjyb.org), or email: [tickets@sjyb.org](mailto:tickets@sjyb.org).

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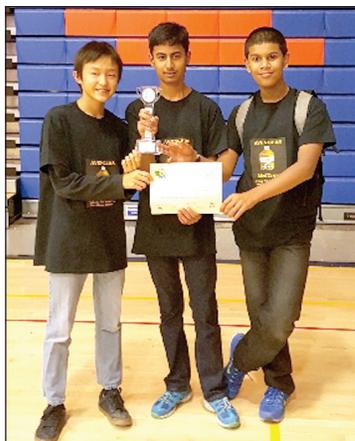
## Avengers wins first place robot design award at FLL

The Avengers have won first place in the FLL Qualifying Tournament held at Santa Teresa High School on Nov. 22.

This year they won the First Place Robot Design Award. This is the third award for the Avengers. Team members include: Anish Parmar, Allen Chen, and Siddharth Das from Chaboya Middle School.

The team made a simple robot which had simple contraption changes, accuracy, and consistency; the best qualities of a robot design.

The Avengers will now advance with three other teams to the Championship Event held in January, 2016.



Avengers (l to r) Allen Chen, Anish Parmar, and Siddharth Das.

## The Nutcracker ballet remains quintessential holiday family fun

By William Bellou  
Publisher

Thanksgiving is over and we now look forward to the holidays. Anticipating the holidays means looking forward to wonderful things — family and friends, giving gifts, food, festivity, and a ballet we love to see over and over again, The Nutcracker!

The Nutcracker is so fascinating, the quintessential holiday ballet; synonymous with the season. The plot revolves around Christmas, sure, but that alone doesn't explain its immense popularity.

The Nutcracker draws on a story called "The Nutcracker and

the Mouse King" written in 1816 by ETA Hoffman. The story revolves around a man named Drosselmeyer, an inventor and tinkerer, arrives at a holiday party bearing gifts. While the other children play with the fancier presents, Clara, the daughter of the house and Drosselmeyer's goddaughter, takes an interest in a simple wooden nutcracker. That nutcracker, we come to learn, is a prince on whom the Mouse Queen has laid a curse.

That night, as Clara sneaks downstairs to tend to her beloved Nutcracker, he comes to life, and alongside all the other toys, fights

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# Valley Currents

*cur·rent (adj.) Present, topical, timely, newsworthy. (n.) Movement in a definite direction, a flow.*

## Silver Creek High School students compete in STEM Challenge

Last month, more than 128 Silver Creek High School students participated in the STEM Innovation Challenge with 100 Cisco employees.

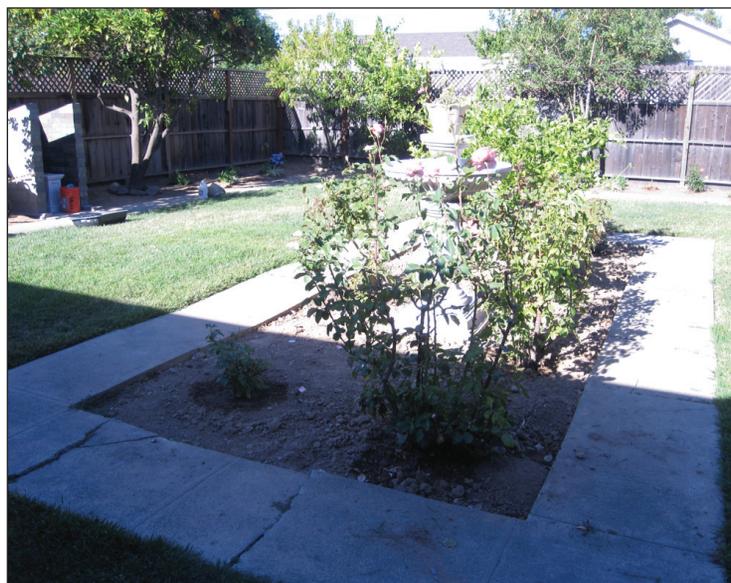
The objective of the event was to give students the exposure to Cisco innovations and to inspire new ideas, solutions and career choices.

Silver Creek High School is a Cisco Networking Academy and has had a successful partnership with Cisco for the past seven years.

Cisco Systems CEO Chuck Robbins delivered the keynote address at the event. He spoke about the future of technology and STEM education in relation to career opportunities in Silicon Valley.

There was a Working Session where mentors guided students in building products and putting together marketing strategies. A total of 16 students won iPads during the STEM Innovation Challenge.

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Karlie Anderson restored this rose garden: before (left) and after (right). Inset below: Karlie Anderson (center) with helpers Maddie Manriquez (left) and Emily Nickolas (right).

## Renovation project earns Girl Scout Gold Award for Karlie Anderson

Karlie Anderson, a senior at Presentation High School, recently completed her Girl Scout Gold Award. The Gold Award is the Girl Scout equivalent of the Boy Scout Eagle Award.

Karlie chose to renovate the St. Frances Cabrini Parish Rose Garden and the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The project included removing and replacing many dead and overgrown plants with drought tolerant plants, pruning fruit trees, adding wood chips, removing and rebuilding the shrine that housed the statue of Mary, and restoring

and repainting the statue.

Before submitting her project proposal, Karlie completed the prerequisites outlined by Girl Scouts USA. The project itself required at least 80 hours and included identifying an issue, writing up a proposal for approval from the Girl Scout council, putting together a team, and carrying out the project. Karlie and her project advisor, Joan Schenck, worked with Fr. Michael Hendrickson, Pastor at St. Frances Cabrini Church, from project proposal to completion.

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Times Local News



Captain Tony Mata with Crime Stopper representatives.

## How criminals use technology to commit crimes addressed at safety meeting

By Diane Blum  
Staff Writer

Vice Mayor Rose Herrera sponsored a District 8 Public Safety Fair and Crime Prevention Meeting at the Evergreen Community Center on Nov. 23.

More than a dozen fair participants in attendance including several security systems vendors, Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers, the US Postal Inspection Service, Pacific Gas and Electric, as well as the Santa Clara County District Attorney's office.

The fair and follow-on presentations were all focused on the key theme of technology and crime: How are *criminals using technology* to scam people; how can *residents use technology* to beat the criminals, and how can the *police use technology* to do more with the limited resources they currently have.

Herrera said her office will sponsor another safety fair in the future, as she believed it was a great way for residents to gain direct access to the latest and greatest technology that is available to increase their safety at home. Additionally, the fair allowed residents the chance to learn about many community resources that are available to help their family and community stay safe.

Herrera kicked off the meeting reviewing crime in District 8, which she said had the highest burglary rate in San Jose although the activity levels have been decreasing since summer. She referenced the many programs that help in deterring such crime:

The Truancy Abatement/Burglary Suppression (TABS) program was restored this year. This program focuses on addressing juvenile truants who may be involved in criminal activity.

Community Service Officers are being doubled to better offload police from administrative duties. This program is working!

Traffic calming measures are underway. \$1.5 million was allocated to Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force (although gangs are not a big issue in District 8), a large prevention and intervention strategy to deter crime in at-risk youths.

Many community services focused on safety (Neighborhood Watch, Crime Stoppers, etc.). Herrera said that there were 54 Neighborhood Watch meetings this year in District 8. She'd like to see many more.

Herrera and Captain Mata held 4 community-wide coffee chats this year, and she is planning on continuing those.

The first of the 5 guest speakers was Captain Tony Mata, the SJPD Foothill Commander. The Foothill division spans from Milpitas to Southern Evergreen (Heartland/San Felipe); and from 101 to the foothills. It extends about 19.4 square miles. There are 4 districts within the Foothill division, and Evergreen is considered district "P" (Paul).

A few statistics he shared (also available on the [sjpgd.org](http://sjpgd.org) site):

Violent crimes, citywide, comparing 2015 to 2014 (Jan – Oct) are up 7 percent

Property crimes, citywide, comparing 2015 to 2014 (Jan-Oct) are up about 3 ½ percent

Violent crimes in district "P" in the same period are down

Burglaries in district "P" have been trending down over last 3 months (88 in Aug; 55 in Sept, 36 in Oct)

Gang crimes, citywide, 6 (3 of those are in Foothill, with 1 in district "P"), which was a Halloween night/party event and suspect was caught)

Mata's enforcement strategies are dependent on data. People need to call 3-1-1, 9-1-1 and crime stoppers so that their issue is captured (please don't just talk about it on Nextdoor!). The SJPD uses this data, along with a variety of new technology, as a means to do more with less. A few of these technology examples are the surveillance camera registry, upgrades to the Omega Dashboard and body worn cameras for officers.

### Surveillance camera registry

Surveillance camera registry is going to be upgraded such that patrol cars have access. This program allows residents and business owners to register their video surveillance systems with SJPD. When a crime occurs, police will then know about nearby video cameras and will enlist the assistance of those camera owners to help offices collect video evidence. The video info is not automatically available or accessed by SJPD; they still need to request permission to physically access the information. The link for registration is: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/securitycamera> or you can contact the Crime Prevention Unit

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**Emilie Wu** is a winner in the New Seasons photo contest with her entry "Miranda likes to fuel her fun by eating freshly picked apples from Gizdich Ranch in Watsonville." Emily, with daughter **Miranda**, receives a \$150 New Seasons gift certificate from Conly. "What a two-fold prize I won," said Emilie. "Not only did New Seasons give us a generous gift card for groceries, but this gave me such a great opportunity to veer from my usual shopping routine. With such an impressive selection and friendly employees, I'll be shopping much more often at New Seasons from now on."

## December's Theme: "Better Together"

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## Times Local News

### Crime

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at 408-277-4133 for additional information.

#### Omega Dashboard

Omega Dashboard is a tool that assimilates data from multiple sources (311 calls, 911 calls, Crime Stopper reports, etc.) and provides an assessment of "hot spots" on a visual interface. This is being upgraded to include access for patrol cars to this timely and powerful information. It allows more effective resource allocation and also provides predictive analysis, to help police get in front of issues

#### Police body worn cameras

Body worn cameras for officers are coming in the April-June timeframe. This helps with transparency and trust as well as providing documentation of criminal activity.

The second presenter was Lt. Paul Messier, who talked about priorities within the **SJPD Financial Crime Unit**, which handles burglary, theft and fraud. Their website contains great information relating to credit card theft, identity theft, burglary, elder abuse prevention tips and more, at <http://www.sjpd.org/BOI/FinancialCrimesBurglary.html>.

Other speakers included: Sandra Garcia from the **SJPD Crime Prevention Unit**, discussing Neighborhood Watch (for more information or to set up a meeting, call 408-277-4133 or [www.sjpd.org/BFO/Community/Crimeprev/neighborhoodwatch.html](http://www.sjpd.org/BFO/Community/Crimeprev/neighborhoodwatch.html)); Johnny Gogo representing the SCC Office of the District Attorney; and Daniel Castillo, owner of **OnView Security**.

Some highlights of the Public Safety Fair, along with a complete list of attendees, are below.

#### United States Postal Inspection Services

Jeffrey Fitch, the Public Information Officer for the US Postal Inspector, was distributing information on fraud. The US Postal Inspector handles mail fraud, mail theft (which has been prevalent in some areas of Evergreen), identity theft as well as a variety of other services. If you go to their website, there is information on all types of mail, telephone and email scams, including sweepstakes and lotteries, scams targeted to the elderly, and all of the most common International scams. 877-876-2455. <https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov/>

#### PG and E

Pacific Gas and Electric was there focused on a wide range of safety topics relating to gas leaks, earthquake preparation and safe digging (don't hit underground utilities!). They were demonstrating how to turn-off your gas line in case of a leak or natural disaster, an important thing for everyone to know. Check out how to turn your gas off, as well as all of the other great safety information at, <http://www.pge.com/en/safety/gas-electricsafety/turngasoff/index.page>.



**Jeffrey Fitch**, US Postal Inspector, Public Information Officer

#### Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers

You can report anonymous tips of serious crimes to Crime Stoppers, one example being drug dealing. You can get cash rewards of up to \$1,000 if a crime report results in arrest. DO NOT use Crime Stoppers to report crime that is in progress (use 9-1-1!). The Crime Stoppers phone number is 408-947-7867 or submit your information online at [www.tipsubmit.com](http://www.tipsubmit.com). More info at [www.svcrimestoppers.org](http://www.svcrimestoppers.org).

#### SCC Office of the District Attorney

The SCC Deputy District Attorney, Johnny Gogo, was working his table as well as his being a

guest speaker. His office gets involved on both ends of the crime spectrum, with prevention programs, as well after a crime has been committed, at which time the DA handles the prosecution through the entire criminal proceedings, as well as providing assistance and services to victims.

One of their key preventative projects is known as the Parent Project. The Parent Project focuses on adolescents and was created by parents, a psychologist, an educator and a police officer. The 12 week course focuses on high-risk behaviors (drug use, gangs, teen pressures, crime) and is one of the largest mandated juvenile diversion programs in the country. It is offered at affordable rates to any interested parent in English, Spanish and Vietnamese; and since 2008, thousands of parents in SCC have participated in the highly effective program. Learn more about upcoming classes at 408-808-3794, or email [parentproject@da.sccgov.org](mailto:parentproject@da.sccgov.org).

#### Adopt-A-Park

With a focus on preserving clean and safe parks for community members, the Adopt-A-Park table was providing information on various volunteer opportunities (Adopt-A-Park program, anti-graffiti and litter removal, etc.). Go to [AdoptAPark@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:AdoptAPark@sanjoseca.gov) to learn how you can help in a park or trail near your home. Report park concerns to [Park.Concerns@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Park.Concerns@sanjoseca.gov) (and please report any water leaks during business hours to 408-535-3570, or after hours to 408-277-8956).

Go to <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/antigrffiti/> to learn how you can help with San Jose's anti-graffiti efforts. Graffiti encourages criminal activity. You can report graffiti to the hotline at 866-249-0543. San Jose has a mobile phone app to help you keep the city clean and safe. It is called San Jose Clean and is available for download to iPhone or Android from their website.

#### Fair participants:

Fair participants included: Adopt a Park, AEC Alarms, Comcast Xfinity, MP Security Installation, OnView Security, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Pratt Security Systems, San Jose Police Department Neighborhood Watch, Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers, Sure Lock Homes Burglar Alarms, Surveillance Grid, and the US Postal Inspection Service.



The statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary before renovation (left), and after (right).

### Scout

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Karlie worked on the project for

more than 125 hours and led her team over several workdays totaling 160 volunteer hours. Her team consisted of Presentation High

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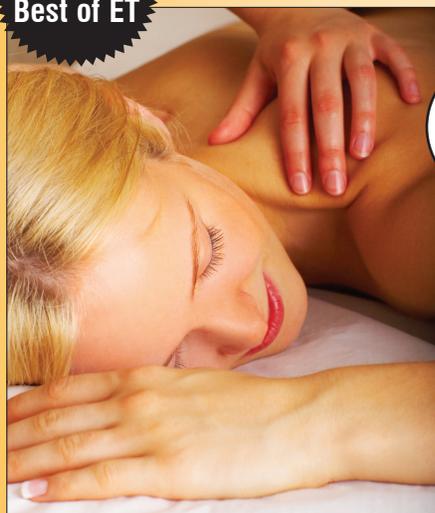
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## TALENT SHOW SHOWCASES ACTS FROM 1955-2015

# Evergreen Elementary School celebrates 60-year anniversary

Evergreen Elementary PTA presented its *Flash Back Talent Show* in the school's multipurpose room to packed audiences on Dec. 3.

This year's theme was in keeping with the school's 60th anniversary celebration, showcasing acts from each decade starting with 1955, when the school was began, and

today's acts. Students auditioned to perform during the first week of November and continued perfecting their acts right up to the day of the show.

The entire school community including PTA officers, school administration and staff, and parent and student volunteers helped make this event a success.

"The Evergreen Elementary School's Talent Show is an annual event students, teachers and family members look forward to each year," said Stephen E. Sweeney, Principal, Evergreen Elementary School.

"This year's talent show took on special meaning as the students were asked to incorporate the flashback theme into their acts to celebrate Evergreen School's 60th anniversary. It was amazing to watch the students intertwine their special talent with an influence of the 50's, 60's, 70's or 80's."



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# Preparing for winter - be storm ready!

By Vice Mayor Rose Herrera  
*Special to the Times*

Now is the time to prepare for winter rains. We're very fortunate to not have to dig ourselves out of snow banks, but meteorologists are warning us that heavy rains are coming our way. I recently met with the Santa Clara Valley Water District to see what the residents of Evergreen can do to prepare for potential flooding this winter. With most of the heavy rains expected to occur between December and March, now is the time to begin preparing.

Don't wait until rain or flooding begins. Heavy rains can cause flooding to occur in minutes so preparing ahead of time includes picking up sandbags if you know that your property or business has a history or potential for flooding. The Santa Clara Valley Water District offers residents free sandbags at local sandbag stations. Filled sandbags closest to Evergreen can be picked up at the San Jose Central Service Yard at 1661 Senter Road at Phelan Avenue. At certain times, sites may be stocked with sand and empty bags. Unfilled sandbags can also be obtained at the City South Yard at 4420 Monterey Road at

Skyway Drive – (408) 354-8600. Bring your own shovel and consider bringing along a friend or family member to help fill and load the bags. Proof of residency may be required at some sites.

Residents are advised that sandbags are most effective when used to prevent flooding from one foot or less of water from entering a home or business through doorways and garage door openings; and are cautioned to take only 20 to 30 bags per vehicle. Please take only what you need.

If you're interested, you can also prepare to receive text flood alerts on your phone by signing up at <http://www.valleywater.org/Services/SMSAlert.aspx>.

The Wet Weather checklist provided by the water district is a helpful tool to use for you and your family.

■ **Flood Insurance** - Renters, homeowners and business owners can purchase flood insurance from the National Flood Insurance Program. (Normal coverage does not cover flooding.) It can take 30 to 60 days. 1-800-427-4661.

■ **Flood-Prone** - Check the map on the Santa Clara Valley Water District website: [http://www.valleywater.org/uploadedFiles/Services/FloodProtection/2015%20flood-safe%20sandbag%20flier\\_FINAL.pdf?n=7226](http://www.valleywater.org/uploadedFiles/Services/FloodProtection/2015%20flood-safe%20sandbag%20flier_FINAL.pdf?n=7226) to see if your home or workplace is subject to flooding. Also talk to neighbors and insurance carrier. Practice evacuating to higher ground.

■ **Elderly/Disabled** - Alert neighbors to any special needs that family members have due to age or disability, in case they're home alone during a flood. Provide a list with family contact numbers, doctor's name and any special medications.

■ **Family** - Contact Post family emergency numbers by each phone and see that all family members carry a card with these numbers in their wallet or backpack. Pick a "check-in contact" for family to phone, preferably outside the Bay Area or out of state.

■ **Inventory** - Update your list of personal belongings. Store all vital documents in a safe deposit box or on a second floor.

■ **Meeting Place** - Pick a safe location near your home where family members can meet if they

become separated and a second location on high ground outside your neighborhood in case it floods.

■ **Pets** - Put identification tags on all pets in case gates blow open or fences blow down. Even taping your phone and address to their collar will last for weeks. Wet fur increases the chill factor, so do not leave pets outside or tied up during a storm—prepare a place inside.

■ **Radio** - Keep extra batteries and a battery-operated radio on hand. Tape a list of local news radio stations to it that report Santa Clara County road and weather conditions.

■ **Roofs/Gutters** - Make sure your roof, windows, rain gutters and drainage system can handle heavy rain. Tarp or seed unplant-

ed slopes.

■ **Sandbags** - Visit the Santa Clara Valley Water District's sandbag website at [www.valleywater.org/sandbags/](http://www.valleywater.org/sandbags/) to find out about free sandbags and how to use them.

■ **Storage** - Prepare to store valuables on higher shelves or on a second story. Move stored furniture as high as possible, as well as garden and pool supplies.

■ **Storm Drains** - Keep the top of the storm drains near your home free of leaves and other debris.

■ **Vehicles/RVs** - Prepare to move vehicles, RVs and boats to higher ground.

Although we're discussing flood preparations, the water district has warned us that we are far from the end of the drought, even with this predicted El Niño year. According to the water district, we would need to have three successive El Niño years to be out of the current drought situation. The concern is for recharging our groundwater supplies that have been depleted during the drought. It takes five years to percolate water back down to well depths. Ground water storage is predicted to be within Stage 3 (Severe) by the end of the month. So water conservation is still a high priority for all of us. We've done very well this last year to come close to the 30% water conservation level set by the county so let's keep it up!

If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to email my office at [district8@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district8@sanjoseca.gov).

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



**District 8 Report**  
By Rose Herrera  
City Councilmember

# EL NIÑO

has had disastrous effects on our county before.

## Are you flood-safe?

El Niño conditions don't always guarantee heavy rain storms, but our county has been affected by heavy storms during past El Niño winters.

As the county's flood protection authority, the Santa Clara Valley Water District has invested approximately \$900 million in flood protection programs and protected almost 100,000 parcels from flooding in the past few decades. There are an additional 18 flood protection projects underway in our county.

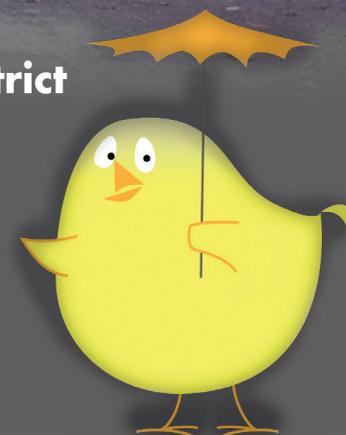
You too can take action to protect your family and property from the risk of flooding.



Coyote Creek, San Jose | January 1997

## Tips from the Santa Clara Valley Water District

- Don't drive through flooded areas. Just one foot of water will float away most cars.
- Examine your house and seal any cracks in the foundation, exterior walls and small openings around pipes.
- Know the locations of your neighborhood streams and drainage channels.
- Keep rain gutters and drainage channels free of debris.



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Times **Local News****Silver Creek High student competes in Citi National Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge**By **William Bellou**  
*Publisher*

Silver Creek High School Junior Cristina Lawson was among those participating in this year's National Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge. The competition is presented by Citi Foundation. Lawson placed second regionally.

Young entrepreneurs throughout the United States competed where the winner receives a prize package valued at \$25,000 in direct funding, scholarships and business support services.

Cristina's business, Kinetic, offers a revolutionary clean power source that can be used when no other power source is available. By harnessing the power we create from performing physical activities her product offers a cheap and sus-

**Cristina Lawson**

tainable charge – and that is just what the aptly-named Kinetic does.

"I plan to help people who can't afford any other power source," said Cristina.

Cristina said she initially pitched the Kinetic idea in an attempt to earn a Girl Scouts Entrepreneur

Badge; but her teammates turned down her idea, implying it would be impossible to make. She eventually persevered and brought her idea into the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship's classroom which resulted in her idea becoming reality.

Before taking the NFTE class Cristina didn't know how to build a real business out of an idea. But with NFTE to challenge her, she solved the logistical problems she initially faced and has since turned her idea into a successful reality.

Citi Foundation works to pro-

mote economic progress and improve the lives of people in low-income communities around the world. We invest in efforts that increase financial inclusion, catalyze job opportunities for youth, and reimagine approaches to building economically vibrant cities.

**Pianist Sandra Wright Shen to perform Bach, Beethoven and Debussy Jan. 10 at Le Petit Trianon Theatre**

Internationally acclaimed concert pianist Sandra Wright Shen will perform Sunday, January 10 at 2 p.m. at Le Petit Trianon Concert Hall (Beijing), and Taiwan's National Concert Hall.

Shen has thrilled audiences at prestigious concert halls such as Washington's Kennedy Center, the

Chicago Cultural Center, Monte Carlo Opera House, Frankfurt Cultural Center, Forbidden City Concert Hall (Beijing), and Taiwan's National Concert Hall.

In 2012, she won First Prize at the International Piano Competition of France, and earlier at the

**Sandra Wright Shen**

Hilton Head International Piano Competition, the Mieczyslaw Munz Piano Competition, and the Taiwan National Piano Competition.

Ms. Shen was graduated from the Peabody Conservatory, where she studied under Ann Schein. She is a Distinguished Visiting Professor at Furman University and a piano faculty member at the Brevard Music Festival and Masterworks Festival. Her discography includes Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3.

Program: Chaconne in D Minor, BWV 1004, Bach/Busoni; Sonata No. 32 in C Minor, Op. 111, Beethoven; Los Requiémbros, from Goyescas, Granados; Quejas, ó La Maja y El Ruiseñor, from Goyescas, Granados; El Pelele, from Goyescas, Granados; "Pi Huang," Moments of Peking Opera, Zhao Zhang; Préludes: Debussy.

**About Steinway Society**

Steinway Society The Bay Area is a non-profit organization, based in Silicon Valley. Now in its 21st season, this dedicated group of area musicians, pianists, teachers and arts lovers promote excellence in piano performance and music education. Each season the group presents a series of classical music piano concerts featuring international, award-winning classical pianists, and works with students and school leaders to bring musical performances to the schools.

*Editor's note: Le Petit Trianon Theatre is located at 72 North 5th Street in San Jose. Tickets: \$35-\$60, students \$10 at the door. www.steinwaysociety.com or call: (408) 295-6500.*



2500 Mega Cab (left) and RAM Laramie (right)

**2500 Mega Cab and RAM Laramie review**By **Sean Eastwood**  
*Times Staff Writer*

The new 2016 RAM trucks are on their way to dealers, so here is the rundown on two popular models, the 1500 Laramie and the 2500 Mega Cab. The new limited trim level brings a new, sophisticated luxury look to the Ram Truck lineup.

**Laramie luxury limited 1500 truck**

The luxury truck market is growing and that is especially true on first your first encounter with the 2016 Laramie 1500 Limited trim level. The new shimmering grille is impressive and takes after the new Ram Rebel truck that debuted at the North American International Auto Show.

The new trim level includes chrome accents along the rocker panels on the doors, the side steps, mirror caps, door handles, and 20-inch wheels. The Dodge Brothers also embedded a massive R-A-M badge along the tailgate.

Inside the bling continues with high quality stitching and piping on real leather seats, real wood accents, and a long list of standard equipment like the 8.4-inch Uconnect infotainment system.

The gauge cluster has been updated with a black background with liquid graphite-faced gauges accented by liquid chrome rings, similar to a mod watch.

Interior LED accent lighting brings an upscale ambiance at night, in the door handles, foot wells, and lower map pockets that add to a luxury car feel.

The Laramie Limited, has all three engines available as options available including the 5.7-liter HEMI V-8, the larger 6.4-liter HEMI V-8, and the impressive 6.7-liter Cummins inline six-cylinder turbodiesel.

**RAM 2500 Mega Cab**

When you need serious towing and payload, it's the heavy-duty 3/4- and 1-ton models customers want to buy. With a class-leading tow rating and best-in-class payload and gross combined weight rating, the Ram 2500 Mega Cab is the perfect blend of brawn and beauty.

Exclusive to the Ram brand is a multi-link rear suspension that vastly improves on-road comfort, while an available diesel engine with a manual or automatic transmission gives customers a wide range of choices.

The standard 5.7 liter Hemi V8 offers plenty of power, enough to tow up to nearly 14,000 pounds, but the larger 6.4-liter Hemi gas engine gives you 16,900 pounds of towing capacity. The 6.7-liter Cummins turbodiesel can dispatch loads up to 15 tons.

In addition to an upgraded high-output Cummins turbodiesel, the 2016 Ram 2500 get a new switchable rear camera and front park assist to help maneuver in parking lots. There's also a new center console design, and Bluetooth connectivity on entry-level radio systems.

The Mega Cab offers the nicest, most comfortable cabins ever to grace a work truck, especially with the optional airbag suspension with automatic load leveling. The Uconnect infotainment system makes the complex seem easy as it features a big 8.4-inch touch screen, conversational voice-recognition software and simple, easy-to-read apps and menus. Many reviewers believe it is the most intuitive full-featured touch screen system available on any vehicle.

*Editor's note: Special RAM Truck fleet pricing is available for Times Newspaper readers, call Adam at: (510) 290-2329, or Email: AdamSouthCounty@gmail.com*



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**Socks for seniors celebrates 15 years of giving back**

Socks for Seniors is celebrating its 15th year as a service project collecting and distributing new socks for seniors throughout the country.

Each year, thousands of lonely and financially challenged seniors struggle with the holiday blues. They dread facing the holiday season alone - some being without family or friends, some with the isolation of being a widow or widower.

Some seniors just being away from children and grandchildren produces extreme loneliness that's exaggerated by festivities of the season.

Socks for Seniors and its volunteers have one priority this Holiday Season and that is to bring holiday cheer along with a pair of new socks to warm the hearts and cover the cold feet of our elderly seniors.

The Socks for Seniors program benefits those living alone and in nursing homes and yes even those seniors that are homeless.

For more information, visit [socksfor seniors.com](http://socksfor seniors.com).

Times **Community News**

# Nutcracker

*Continued from page 1*

a battle against the Mouse King and his mice. At the decisive moment, Clara sacrifices her shoe to distract the Mouse King, saving the Nutcracker's life, who then kills the mouse. The Nutcracker is transformed back into a Prince, and he and Clara fly off to the land of sweets, where we see the dances of the Sugar Plum Fairy and all the candies, and where Clara and the Prince become King and Queen forever.

In some versions Clara is a child — the Prince's Queen is the Sugar Plum Fairy. In others, Clara becomes an adult when the fantasy world begins; in still others both she and the Nutcracker/Prince are just coming-of-age. This is what makes The Nutcracker so compelling, and unlike other stories, the ballet has very few words; allowing the mind's imaginative powers to interpret what is unfolding.

### Evergreen Valley connection

Which brings us to the reason we want to see The Nutcracker this year? The San Jose Youth Ballet production team members **Cristina McClelland**, choreography, and the Evergreen Valley husband and wife team of **Xavier Ferla**, and **Maggie Parungao-Ferla** (co-founders and artistic directors), offers a cherished memory for every viewer whether they're continuing a holiday tradition or making the Sugar Plum Fairy Party their first journey.

The Nutcracker tells a universal story that teaches us how we can be at our best.

It is a must-see visual experience and part of our holiday culture, from which cherished memories will that last a lifetime.

There are three scheduled performances this month to see the San Jose Youth Ballet production of the Nutcracker. This weekend's performances are Saturday (12/12), 1 p.m. & 6 p.m. and Sunday (12/13) at 1 p.m. Theater at the School of Arts and Culture, The Mexican Heritage Plaza 1700 Alum Rock Ave, San Jose. Tickets: [www.sjyb.org](http://www.sjyb.org), or email: [tickets@sjyb.org](mailto:tickets@sjyb.org).

### About the ballet

#### Xavier Ferla, Co-Founder and Co-Artistic Director

During his eighteen years as a professional dancer, Mr. Ferla was invited to teach with the Royal Swedish Ballet, Royal New Zealand Ballet, Lines Ballet, Tokyo Ballet, Prima Ballerina Sylvie Guillem's tour company, and Ballet Philippines. He taught students who received scholarships and acceptances to San Francisco Ballet, American Ballet Theatre, School of American Ballet, and Boston Ballet. Mr. Ferla studied at the Ecole de l'Opera de Hamburg under Truman Finney. In 1985, he won the prestigious Prix de Lausanne Internationale Ballet Competitions and was invited to be a jury member in 2000. He was a principal dancer with Ballet Bejart Lausanne, Deutsche Oper Berlin, Skanes Danceteater I Malmo, Ballet ART, and the Royal New Zealand Ballet. World premier ballets have been created for him by Maurice Bejart. He



The story revolves around a man named Drosselmeyer, an inventor and tinkerer, arrives at a holiday party bearing gifts. While the other children play with the fancier presents, Clara, the daughter of the house and Drosselmeyer's goddaughter, takes an interest in a simple wooden nutcracker.

has also worked with John Neumeier, Christopher Bruce, George Balanchine, and Stephen Petronio. He teaches a specialized Pre Professional Course as well as the intermediate and advanced levels at Dance Theatre International. He coached the Snow Queen, Snow King, Rose, Arabian Coffee Pas de Deux and the Grand Pas de Deux. Resident: Evergreen Valley.

#### Maggie Parungao – Ferla, Co-Founder and Director

Maggie Parungao-Ferla was a professional ballerina with the San Francisco Ballet, Bejart Ballet in Switzerland and the Hamburg Ballet. She performed at the Paris Opera, Kennedy Center, Herodes Atticus Amphitheater in Athens, Spoleto Festival in Italy, Olympics 1984, Salzburg's Mozart Festival, and the Pyramids in Egypt. She performed soloist, principal, and corps de ballet roles in world premieres of acclaimed choreographers such as Maurice Bejart, John Neumeier, Helgi Tomasson, William Forsythe, David Bintley, and Mats Ek, and Lars Lubovitch. She produced the "Sleeping Beauty", "Midsummer Night's Dream", "Les Sylphides" and "A Carnival of Animals". She choreographed the Party Scene, Ballerina Doll, Harlequin, Growing Tree Scene, Spanish Cocos, Arabian Coffee, the pantomime for the Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier, Marzipan Shepherdess, and Lead Lamb. She is proud to share her Lew Christensen inspired Winter Wonderland, Waltz of the Flowers, and Kingdom of Sweets Finale. She mentored and coached students who are now professional dancers, university graduates, and an Olympic athlete. She founded Dance Theatre International in 1994. She proudly presents SJYB's 12th Nutcracker with her long time friend, Cristina McClelland, her loving husband Xavier and their wonderful daughter Zoe, who dances as Clara Stahlbaum, Christmas Light, and a Flower. Resident: Evergreen Valley.

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**'Tis the season to avoid these holiday scams**

**S**anta isn't the only one keeping track of who is naughty and who is nice! Better Business Bureau is warning consumers to beware of these common holiday scams:

**Look-alike websites:** When shopping online, make sure to use only legitimate websites. Watch out for URLs that use the names of well-known brands along with extra words.

**Fake shipping notifications:** These can have attachments or links to sites that will download malware on your computer to steal your identity and your passwords. Don't be fooled by a holiday phishing scam.

**E-cards:** Electronic cards can be great fun, but be careful. Two red flags to watch out for are: the sender's name is not apparent; you are required to share additional information to get the card.

**Letters from Santa:** Several trusted companies offer charming and personalized letters from Santa, but scammers mimic them to get personal information from unsuspecting parents. Check with bbb.org to find out which ones are legitimate.

**Grandparents scam:** Seniors should be cautious if they get a call from a grandchild claiming to be in an accident, arrested or hospitalized while traveling in another country. Never send money unless you confirm with another family member that it's true.

**Phony charities:** Everyone is in a gener-

ous mood at the holidays, so scammers take advantage of that with fake charity solicitations in email, on social media sites, and even by text. Check out charities at give.org before donating.

**Temporary holiday jobs:** Retailers and delivery services need extra help at the holidays, but beware of solicitations that require you to share personal information online or pay for a job lead. Apply in person or go to retailers' main websites to find out who is hiring.

**Unusual forms of payment:** Be wary of anyone who asks you to pay for holiday purchases using prepaid debit cards, gift cards, wire transfers, third parties, etc. These payments cannot be traced and cannot be undone. Use a credit card on a secure website; look for https in the address (the extra "s" is for "secure") and the lock symbol.

**Free gift cards:** Pop-up ads or email offering free gift cards are often just a ploy to get your personal information that can later be used for identity theft.

**Social media gift exchange:** It sounds like a great deal; buy one gift and get 36 in return. But it's just a variation on a pyramid scheme and it's illegal.

*Check out bbb.org to look up a business, file a complaint, write a customer review, report a scam, read tips, follow us on social media, and more.*



**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Winter storm preparation**

With climate scientists forecasting an El Niño that is among the strongest on record, the City of San José is taking action now to prepare for a wet winter. Residents and businesses can also take steps now to prepare for the rains, especially in light of the drought conditions that California has experienced over the last several years.

**Air Canada announces nonstop service to Vancouver**

Mayor Liccardo announced new non-stop service on Air Canada between Vancouver International Airport (YVR) and Mineta San José International Airport (SJC). Joining the news conference at San José City Hall was Air Canada's Manager of Western Region Sales, Ginger Miller, who also announced the service will begin May 9, 2016, and tickets can be purchased at [www.aircanada.com](http://www.aircanada.com).

**Rain barrels - collect and conserve water during the rainy season**

Rain barrels are used to collect rainwater from hard surfaces, such as rooftops.

When you install a rain barrel and use the water for your garden you are helping reduce the demand on dwindling water supplies. A roof of only 1,000 square feet can capture 625 gallons of water for every 1 inch of rain that falls. A \$50.00 rebate is available to customers of the City of San José's Municipal Water Service. Rain barrels can be purchased at your local hardware store.

**San Jose Clean app**

Want to do your part in keeping San Jose clean and graffiti free? Then download the San Jose Clean Mobile Phone App to get started! You can use it to report graffiti and will get feedback once it has been removed. The app is available for both iPhone and Android.

**Security camera can help fight crime**

The San Jose Police Department wants your help in fighting crime by taking part in the Camera Registry Program (CRP). The CRP allows residents and business owners to register the locations of their video surveillance systems with SJPD. When a crime occurs, police will be able to identify the locations of nearby video cameras and enlist the assistance of the community to help officers collect video evidence and follow up on leads. If you have any questions, contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 408-277-4133.

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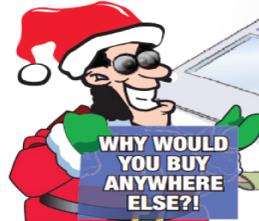
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SALE PRICE.....	\$25,488
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# CommunityCalendar

## New Seasons Market Evergreen Events

**Fri, Dec 11, 5-7pm: Mocktail Happy Hour Demonstration.** Stop by and sample festive, non-alcoholic mocktails, and take home recipes. Discover appetizer ideas from the Solutions Counter and stop by the holiday gift table for holiday hostess gift ideas. Free.

**Fri, Dec 11, 5-7pm: Wine Tasting & Cheese Pairing** featuring Chacewater Winery wines. Small lots of wine are produced using only the finest natural ingredients. Complimentary.

**Sat, Dec 12, 2-4pm: Wine Tasting & Cheese Pairing** featuring Scott Family Estate, producers of ultra-premium Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from family farmed Dijon clonal selections in the prestigious Arroyo Seco

appellation in Monterey County. Complimentary.

**Wed, Dec 16, 6-7:30pm: Mason Jar Cookie Mix Class** for Adults and Kids. Learn how to put together Mason Jar Cookie mixes—a creative and fun gift idea. Sample 4 different mixes then select one to assemble. Jar and all of the ingredients you need will be supplied. \$10. Preregister at the Solutions Counter in the store.

**Fri, Dec 18, 5-7pm: Wine Tastings & Cheese Pairing** featuring Pat Paulsen Vineyards. Each wine is a unique and limited blend that is made to compete with the best wines in the world. Complimentary.

**Sat, Dec 19, 12-3pm: Cookie Decorating and Marshmallow Snowmen Making for Kids:** New Seasons and UrbanSitter are teaming up to offer kids a fun activity. Appropriate for kids ages 4-12. Drop-in for some afternoon fun. Free.

**Sat, Dec 19, 2-4pm: Tastings & Cheese Pairing** featuring Anthony & Dominic Napa Valley Pinot Noir, Vermeil Red Blend, Regio Rose, Scotto Cellars Cabernet, Madonna Estate Chardonnay. Complimentary.

*New Seasons Market is located at: 5667 Silver Creek Valley Rd, San Jose. 408-513-8200. [www.newseasonsmarket.com/our-stores/evergreen](http://www.newseasonsmarket.com/our-stores/evergreen)*

## FREE Notary to Senior Citizens

Every first Saturday of the month, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Location: Evergreen Library.

## Evergreen Farmers' Market

Open every Wednesday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., year-round, in the Evergreen Village Square. Spend the morning in the Village and enjoy the park while shopping for the best California-grown produce available. (Stay up to date on special market events at [www.facebook.com/EvergreenFarmersMarket](http://www.facebook.com/EvergreenFarmersMarket).)

## Children's Discovery Museum opens holiday workshop

The Children's Discovery Museum is offering *Adventures in Light: A Holiday Workshop* which runs Dec. 19 - Jan. 4

This year's spectacular offering encourages children and adults to engage with light in all its brilliant forms. Admission to *Adventures in Light: A Holiday Workshop* is included in the price of a museum ticket.

The Workshop was created by a nationally recognized theatre artist, two local visual artists, the Santa Clara University Art Club, and museum staff, this immersive exhibition throughout the museum is being partially built by employees from high-tech firms including VMware, LinkedIn, PwC, Adobe Systems and Samsung whom are eager to give back during the holidays.

"Children's Discovery Museum has always excelled at addressing the changing needs of children and families," said Marilee Jennings, the museum's executive director. "As formal arts education has diminished from public schools, we've increased our arts programming."



### About Children's Discovery Museum

With over 150 interactive exhibits and programs, Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose (CDM) is one of the largest museums of its kind in the nation. Since opening its doors in 1990, CDM has welcomed over 7 million visitors and has offered new exhibits each year that respond to children's diverse educational needs. The striking 52,000 square foot purple building was designed by Mexico City-based architect Ricardo Legorreta and is a beacon of discovery. Encompassing the broad themes of community, connections and creativity, hands-on exhibits invite self-directed, open-ended explorations. For more information about the Museum, visit [www.cdm.org](http://www.cdm.org).

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Times **Local Community**

# First snow of the season on Mt. Hamilton

Like a steady drumbeat, a much needed rain fell upon the roofs and hillsides of Evergreen on Tuesday night November 24. Suddenly, everything became as quiet as a mouse in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

This meant that the first snow of the season was creeping its way in, blanketing Mt. Hamilton. Snow also fell upon some of the nearer foothills of Evergreen. When snow falls upon Mt. Hamilton, there is usually a light blanket of snow on the nearby hills.

This storm produced enough water to cause Thompson Creek to show a steady flow. This will be a blessing to all the deer, foxes, bobcats, rabbits, squirrels, coyotes, turkeys, and even mountain lions that depend upon Thompson Creek's water. Also, a few feeder streams are flowing at this time.

The storm could be a precursor of the rains promised by El Nino. Most of the citizens of Evergreen are hoping that this is the case as the three year drought has caused devastation to lawns, plants and even larger trees.

Roofing businesses are using the threat of El Nino to drum up business. Several signs showing the same have appeared in



recent weeks along Yerba Buena and San Felipe roads.

It is hoped that the city of San Jose will insure that all the drains along our streets will be unclogged before the onset of the promised winter storms. We certainly do not need the backups of traffic caused by backed up drains.

**Sanni**

There is one person, simply named, Sanni, who does not seem to care if the weather is hot or cold.

He is on a spiritual mission for his "Creator" to keep walking, with his ever-present shopping cart, until he is given a

more important mission to accomplish.

He may be seen at all hours of the day or night along Silver Creek Road just pushing his cart. Passerbys honk and children wave as they have become accustomed to Sanni's presence. He never fails to wave in return.

When asked if heavy rain or really cold weather would stop him, Sanni replied,

"If I hear the Master calling, no matter the weather or the time of night or day, I must heed the call to keep pushing."

-By Frank Shortt

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## Driver hits tree and dies instantly

There are many ecliptic trees on the downhill stretch of Silver Creek Valley Road. Unfortunately a driver of a two-door Honda lost control and hit one of them Monday morning at 9:15 am on Dec. 7.

The driver was speeding, according to San Jose Police spokesman Officer Albert Morales. He was traveling at a "high rate of speed" when he lost control and hit a large tree.

The Honda sustained extensive damage, and the driver, described only as a male adult, was pronounced dead at the scene, Morales said.

The victim's identity is expected to be released later in the week.

No other vehicles or people were involved.

The incident marked the city's 49th traffic fatality of the year.

## Wood stove smoke enters home

**Q:** After I start a fire and have been burning awhile, I open the door for heat or to put wood in, it starts to smoke from the top of the door. Any help on this matter on what to do will be grateful. - Ken M.

**A:** An airtight stove will have a different pressure in the stove than your room and if you open the door too fast, your unit will back draft and hit you in the face. When you have an established fire you will need to equalize the pres-



ures before you open the stove door fully. First, open damper controls/air control, second, open the door a crack - about 1/4-1/2 inch - to allow room air in and once you see the smoke drift out and then drift back, open the door. - Chimney Pros

## VTA January 2016 Fare Program Modifications

### When will Day Passes change?

Effective 1/1/2016, Day Passes will generally only be available for customers using Clipper®; riders will no longer be able to purchase a Day Pass from bus fareboxes or at light rail ticket vending machines.

Paper Day Passes will continue to be issued only for riders using Day Pass Tokens distributed through public agencies and social services.

### What is Clipper®?

Clipper is the all-in-one transit card for the Bay Area. Besides VTA, transit agencies accepting Clipper cards include BART, Caltrain, AC Transit, Muni and others. For a complete listing go to [www.ClipperCard.com](http://www.ClipperCard.com).

### Where can I obtain a Clipper Card?

During a limited period of time and while supplies lasts, a limited number of Clipper cards will be distributed without charge during VTA Community Outreach activities at various cities and at the VTA Downtown Customer Service Center and River Oaks Administrative Office Lobby.

Riders may also purchase a Clipper card from:

- VTA River Oaks Administrative Office – 3331 N. First St., San Jose 95134
- VTA Downtown Customer Service Center – 55-A W. Santa Clara St., San Jose 95113
- Most Walgreens – call your local Bay AreaWalgreens to confirm
- Other Retailers – visit [www.ClipperCard.com](http://www.ClipperCard.com) for a full listing

### How does the Clipper Card Accumulator Feature work?

A Clipper user's fares will accumulate for that day up to the Day Pass amount, then once reached the Clipper user may continue to ride with no additional fare charges for the remainder of the day.

By having a daily fare cap, there is no longer a need to stop at a ticket vending machine or feed cash into a bus farebox. Just tap the Clipper card once for every ride.

### Where can I find out more information?

Visit [www.VTA.org/Clipper](http://www.VTA.org/Clipper).

## NEWS BRIEFS

### San Jose PACE

#### (Property Assessed Clean Energy) program

Are you interested in energy and water efficiency upgrades but lack the funds to do so? The financing method, PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy), is now available to San José homeowners and commercial building owners to help lower energy and water use. PACE is a special financing option which is paid off over time on your property tax bill. The upgrade possibilities include: drought tolerant landscaping, solar installations, attic insulations, energy efficient windows, water-on-demand water heaters, grey water systems, and much more!

### PRNS Winter Leisure Class registration now open

Make the most of the chilly holidays with the Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services and register for a leisure class at your favorite community center. PRNS offers more than 800 classes and programs that include dance, music, health and fitness, gymnastics, theater and many more! Stop by your local community center today and pick up a Winter 2016 Community Center Brochure. Payment plans are available for some classes. You can register online or at a community center during business hours. For more information, please contact the PRNS customer service helpline at 408-793-5565.

### PRNS accepting 2016 citywide scholarship applications

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services is currently accepting 2016 citywide scholarship applications for the upcoming 2016 leisure class season. PRNS offers hundreds of classes and programs like sports, dance, music, health and fitness, gymnastics, theater, and many more. Scholarship applications and submission directions can be picked up at any PRNS community center or online.

### Habitat for Humanity home repair program

Habitat Silicon Valley's Home Repair Program restores and maintains homeownership while stabilizing and reviving neighborhoods. Aiming to alleviate health and safety issues, their repairs improve the quality of a homeowner's life through home preservation.

All home repairs are led by trained construction crew leaders and completed by volunteers. This program relies on volunteer and homeowner participation in order to preserve homeownership throughout Santa Clara County.

### Evergreen Business Association

Interested in joining a network of business owners and leaders? Connect and partner with others doing business in and around San José's Evergreen area. Please attend their monthly meetings on the third

Thursday of each month to connect, learn, and grow your network in San Jose's fastest growing areas. For more information visit their website at: [www.meetup.com/Evergreen-Business-Association](http://www.meetup.com/Evergreen-Business-Association)

### Feeding Silicon Valley

In October, Mayor Sam Liccardo joined Silicon Valley Talent Partnership and Waste No Food to announce a new public/private partnership, Feeding Silicon Valley. This new venture uses a mobile app called Waste No Food to link food donors such as Levi's Stadium and Team San José with nonprofits such as Martha's Kitchen and Salvation Army who can serve the food to our most vulnerable communities.

Waste No Food was founded by 17-year old Kiran Sridhar after he learned that 40% of all food produced is wasted. To join as a food donor, nonprofit recipient or volunteer food runner, visit <http://svtpca.org/FeedingSV>. To download the Waste No Food app, you can find it in the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.

### Poetry Center San Jose Veterans Write project

Poetry Center San José is offering monthly writing groups to veterans of any age, any military experience, and to family members of veterans.

All levels of writing experience is welcome. Emphasis on poetry including prose poems. Format includes examples, prompts and guidance given by facilitators, time provided to write individually, and for participants to read to group and receive group feedback if desired. The goal is to give voice to the experiences of veterans and family members. Subject matter is unrestricted.

Meetings are held every 4th Sunday of the month, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., at Edwin Markham House at History Park, located at 1650 Senter Road. The next meeting is Sunday, December 27.

### CreaTV San Jose announces 'The Creatives'

The CreaTIVE Awards is evolving to The Creatives, an interactive event celebrating the people and programs of CreaTV. The Creatives honors videomakers who produce content for CreaTV's channels. For details on entry eligibility and instructions and to learn more about programs offered, visit [www.creatvsj.org](http://www.creatvsj.org).

The Creatives deadline for entries is December 31. Entry is free and winners in each category will receive an award and \$1,000 cash prize. Get your creative juices flowing and enter for the chance to showcase your talent!

### Holiday Rent-A-Tree

Are you ready to Go Green this Holiday season? Our City Forest urges you to do so by renting a tree for the month of December. Adopt-the-Tree after 30 days or return after the holidays to see it live on in our schools, parks, and neighborhoods! Prices range from \$25 - \$95 and delivery and pick-up services are available.

You can reserve a tree online or at the community nursery. Our City Forest Community Nursery, located at 1000 Spring Street, is open Thursday - Saturday, 9 p.m. - 12 p.m. For more information, visit: [www.ourcityforest.com](http://www.ourcityforest.com)



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**Times News Brief**

**Gas price is expected to drop to a six year low**

Average retail gasoline prices in San Jose have fallen 1.7 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.63/g yesterday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 427 gas outlets in San Jose.

Including the change in gas prices in San Jose during the past week, prices yesterday were 34.1 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 14.5 cents per gallon lower than a month ago.

The national average has decreased 18.5 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 63.2 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

The U.S. average needs to fall just seven-tenths of a penny from its current \$2.032 per gallon (to \$2.025/gal.) to be the lowest since March 25, 2009," said Patrick DeHaan, GasBuddy senior petroleum analyst.

For a complete listing of current averages and other fuel price data, visit <http://media.gasbuddy.com>.

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**Great American Litter Pick Up 2016**

Save the date for the annual Great American Litter Pick up on Saturday, April 23, 2016. Celebrate Earth Day by doing your part in keeping San José clean and green. Look out for more information as the date draws closer.

**Events at Evergreen Branch Library**

Your local Evergreen Library has regular events for book-lovers of all ages! Between individualized math tutoring, classes on coding, and special holiday events like Turkey Day crafts, there is something for everyone. Check out the library website for details.

**Annual Holiday Book Drive**

Now - January 1st, 2016, see store hours for times. Barnes & Noble at Eastridge Mall, 2200 Eastridge Mall, Suite #1420.

Unsure what to give this holiday season? Give the gift of reading by donating a book from Barnes & Noble at Eastridge Mall to the new Village Square Library Branch. City National Bank's Reading is the Way Up program will be matching the number of books collected. So make a difference in your community by helping fulfill their goal of collecting 2,000 books! Donations can be made during store hours: Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Contact Community Business Development Manager, Michael Koller, at 408-270-9477 or crm2247@bn.com for details.

**Christmas in the Park**

Christmas in the Park, a family oriented tradition with Christmas lights, trees and

exhibits, marks its 37th year of being open in downtown San José for the holiday season. Admission is free!

**Nutcracker 2015**

Watch as Dance Theater International and the San Jose Youth Ballet bring a holiday tradition, the Nutcracker, to life! Show times are on Saturday, December 12th at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 13th at 1 p.m. Afterwards, join the cast of the San Jose Youth Ballet for light refreshments and photos at the Sugar Plum Fairy Party! Location: School of Arts & Culture at the Mexican Heritage Plaza, 1700 Alum Rock Ave.

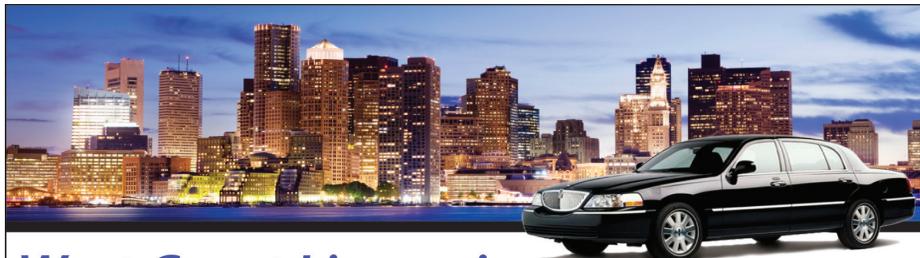
**On track to 2040: General Plan 4-year review**

Wednesday, December 16th, 6:30 p.m.  
San Jose City Hall Wing Rooms 118 - 120, 200 E. Santa Clara St.

San Jose General Plan, Envision 2040, was finalized in 2011 and is now due for a check-up. Built into the plan is a four-year review cycle that allows for evaluation of goals and the setting of mid-course adjustments, using current data for anticipated growth in population and jobs. This work will be done through a series of six public meetings of the Envision San José 2040 Task Force, and then concluded by City Council.

**City Council meetings**

- December**
- December 1st - 1:30 p.m.
- December 8th - 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- December 15th - 1:30 p.m.
- December 22nd - Cancelled due to End of the Year Holidays
- December 29th - Cancelled due to New Year's Holiday



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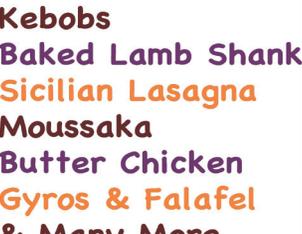
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# EvergreenAreaMeetings

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**District 8 Community Roundtable**  
1st Thursday of every month from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Location: Evergreen Library. (For information, visit [d8crt.org](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 ESUHS Education Center, 830 N. Capitol Ave. 347-5000. Check the web site for agendas and updates: [www.esuhdsd.org](http://www.esuhdsd.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 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 EEVR-MM 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 [chhaprahiya@yahoo.com](mailto:chhaprahiya@yahoo.com)  
**Evergreen Valley High School Athletic Booster Club** meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the school's adminis-

tration 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.campus-grid.net/home> and clicking on school site council in the left hand toolbar or calling the school at (408) 347-7000.

**Evergreen Valley Service Organization** For more information, call (408) 274-6756.

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

**The Evergreen Community Center** offers a variety of classes and special events, for kids, adults, and seniors. For more information on our activities visit: [www.sanjose-ca.gov/prns](http://www.sanjose-ca.gov/prns). The Senior Nutrition program serves a delicious and well bal-

anced 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 [friendsofvergreenlibrary.org](http://friendsofvergreenlibrary.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 bound-off by Barberry Lane and Monrovia Drive, Capitol Expressway, Aborn Road, and South King Road. For meeting time and location, please contact the association at (408) 795-5855.

**Lions Club - San**

**Jose East Valley**  
This group meets Tuesday evenings from 6 pm to 8 pm for a dinner meeting at Carrow's Restaurant, 1696 Tully Rd. near the corner of Tully Rd/King Road. For more information, contact Lions Club member Bill Evans at (408) 274-4728.

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

**Meadowfair Neighborhood Association** Meets the second Wednesday of odd-numbered months at

7 p.m. at Meadowfair Center, 2696 King Rd. For more information, call 539-2308.

**Reid - Hillview Airport Association** 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Location: Hillview Airport Terminal. (For information, call (408) 251-4939 or visit [rhvaa.org](http://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.

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## CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ALMADEN VALLEY, UCC

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www.AlmadenCongregational.org  
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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

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

5351 Carter Ave., San Jose 95118  
408.265.5837  
www.bibleroad.org  
We strive to be a group of Christians that love and honor God and Jesus Christ in our daily lives. We assemble each Sunday to encourage each other through singing, studying, praying and sharing in the Lord's supper. Simple—just like what one reads about in the New Testament. Bible class at 9:30 AM  
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Located in south San Jose near Kooser Rd. and Camden Ave. (behind the Almaden Valley Athletic Club). Come make new Christian friends!

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Café 9:15am, Worship 9:45am, Sunday School for all ages 11:15am  
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Community-Life Pastor (Youth/College & Career) – Pastor Patrick Boyd,  
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

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6581 Camden Ave. San Jose, CA 95120. The Rev. Shelley Booth Denney, Rector  
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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 con-

temporary and traditional music, a message that is relevant to real life, based in the Bible, and meaningful to people of all ages and backgrounds. We work in our community to provide real assistance and long-term, life-saving solutions: food, housing, counseling, and spiritual direction. Our children's & families' ministries include Sunday classes, outdoor family activities such as bike rides and fishing trips. Come, Make a Difference and feel the difference God can make in your life!

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## THE POINT CHURCH

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

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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.churchstanthony.com. Fr. Larry Hendel, Pastor.

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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 (Cibari 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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**San Jose/Evergreen Community College District Board**  
Normally meets second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Meetings in the District Office, Board Room, 40 S. Market St., San Jose, CA 95113.

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

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

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

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

**SIR Branch 114 at the Villages**  
Sons in Retirement (SIR) Branch 114

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

**Tully Ocala Capitol King Neighborhood Association**  
1st Monday of every other month from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Location: Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley - Smythe Clubhouse

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



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