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A life-size Nutcracker escorts youthful models wearing Old Navy fashions down the runway at Christmas Tree Elegance on Dec. 4. Photo by Jeanne Carbone

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Community Tree reflects who we value and why we're grateful for them

By Dave Cortese
Special to the Times

What or who do you value in your community? We posed that question to Santa Clara County residents, from kindergartners to grandparents, and their answers became the theme for our 2014 Community Peace Tree in Christmas in the Park, San Jose's annual display of 60 animated or musical exhibits, thousands of lights and hundreds of decorated trees.

The dozens of ornaments on our tree, most of them hand-decorated by elementary school students, carry expressions of gratitude for

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First-class holiday event presented by Valle Monte League at annual Christmas Tree Elegance

By Jeanne C. Carbone
Managing Editor

Haute couture glamour married with the romance of the holidays were celebrated at the Valle Monte League's 47th annual Christmas Tree Elegance appropriately themed "Uptown Holiday" Christmas on 5th Avenue held at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Dec. 4 – 5.

The must attend two-day, four event extravaganza is welcomed yearly at the beginning of the holiday season and where attendees and Valle Monte League members come dressed to the nines. From the expertly decorated holiday trees laden with gifts—all to be raffled off—to the first-class fashion show produced by Red Haute and Co.'s Beverly Zeiss and sponsored by

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Models **Sydney Furuichi** of St. Francis High School and **Tate Moore** from Pioneer backstage before their turn on the runway at Christmas Tree Elegance. Photo courtesy Shana Moore

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JOYFUL HOLIDAY

Concert band, choral group and handbell ensemble perform at the Villages

By Bill Bellou
Publisher

A combined Christmas Holiday music extravaganza "Joyful Holiday" was performed for hundreds of concertgoers on Dec 4, 5 and 6 at the Villages Golf and Country Club.

The annual event presented the Villages Concert Band, under the direction of Dr. Hal Peterson, Handbell Ensemble, under the direction of Earl and Kathi Levin, and The Village Voices, under the direction of Ken Carter.

Among the many powerful musical arrangements were *Joy to the World*, *Light One Candle*, and the Irving Berlin favorite *White Christmas* by both the combined talents of the Village Voices and Villages Concert Band; *One Small Child* was performed beautifully by the Villages Handbell Ensemble.

About Village Concert Band

In October 1984, Marshall Dahneke, a retired high school and college music teacher, moved to The Villages Golf and Country Club. After 34 years of teaching he desired to remain active. In 1985 he invited musically talented residents to meet with him to form a Villages Orchestra. Eight musicians gathered on Feb. 8, 1985 in the Cribari Conference Room and decided to form an orchestra. In May 1985, the new 13-member orchestra presented their first concert to the retired teachers association. Fond memories of leading five different concert bands during his teaching career prompted Marshall to organize a band in late 1986. He reasoned that a band

would be more appropriate for July 4th, Veterans Day and other holidays.

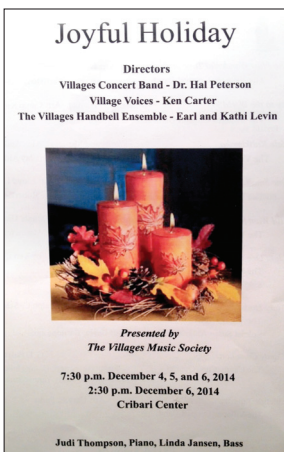
About The Village Voices

The Village Voices, a senior choral group, was founded in 1987 by Eloise Dahneke with 22 singers. Today the group size averages nearly 100 members. The singing group has been an important part of The Villages Golf and Country Club in Evergreen Valley providing many social and musical performances with the best of the best musicians and experienced directors.

The Village Voices performed locally from its beginning and nationally and internationally since 2002. There have been performances in the San Jose downtown area, in the Sacramento Valley, on the East Coast and Mid America and overseas, including Italy, Canada, Ireland, Switzerland, Germany and Holland.

About Handbell Ensemble

Earl and Kathi Levin formed a handbell ensemble in 1997. They even bought the first four octaves of handbells themselves. Some of the first members, as today, were members of the Village Voices. The Handbells perform regularly both in The Villages and at outside venues. English handbells came to the United States in the early 1800's, expanding from churches to schools to community groups. Now, there are nation-wide organizations devoted to the promotion of handbell ringing, providing regional instruction for directors and ringers and entertainment and joy for those who come to listen.



The Village Voices performed at "Joyful Holiday" under the direction of Ken Carter.

Roof collapse at local Safeway

By Bill Bellou
Publisher

Hours of non-stop rain of more than three inches overwhelmed the roof of the Safeway store located on Capitol Expressway near Silver Creek Road, causing a 50 square foot portion of the roof to collapse on Dec 11. An additional 45-square-foot roof collapse was reported on Friday afternoon Dec 12.

Firefighters received a call at 3:57 p.m. reporting that the ceiling had fallen at the Safeway supermarket located at 1771 E. Capitol Expwy.

When San Jose Fire Department crews arrived at the scene they found customers standing outside the store. Firefighters began searching the store for potential victims while power and gas to the building were shut off. One person inside the store's produce section suffered minor leg injuries and was treated at the scene. Fire Capt. Peter Caponio said a search of the store found that no one was still inside.

Store employees told fire officials that they heard creaking noises and

noticed a 75 inch crack in the ceiling. Employees that they had heard some creaking noises in the building and told people to get out of the building; minutes later the roof collapsed. The store has been red tagged as unsafe to occupy.

Caponio described damage to the building as extensive and said it was unclear when the store would be able to reopen.

Inspectors will determine if the building must be torn down.

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Times **Local News****Spread the holiday cheer this season**

By **Voltaire Mamaril**
Special to the Times

This holiday season, you'll shine brighter than the White House Christmas tree if you forgo the temptation to be lazy at home or at the office. Make the right move and decide to be productive even at work during the holidays. Here are some ideas to spread holiday cheer everywhere you go:

Spread good tidings

It's the perfect time of year to get noticed by the leaders at your company or your teachers, coaches, and mentors at your school. Even if you usually find yourself tongue-tied around the powers that be, it's easy to add a friendly, can't-go-wrong "happy holidays" to your usual nod when you pass them in hall. This creates positive energy and your holiday spirit will be more than appreciated.

'Tis the season to network

For that matter, consider the entire holiday season – and every party therein – a good networking opportunity. If you work in a big company, use your office party as a chance to meet folks in other departments whose paths you don't usually cross. If you're going to a soiree at a friend's, neighbor's or relative's, consider it a low-pressure networking opportunity.

Bring joy to the world

Think out of the box for a productive holiday season. Show you have organiza-

tional skills by getting your office involved in a charity project. Collect toys for underprivileged kids, or donate clothes, food, and other things that will benefit a local organization for the needy.

Make like an elf

It takes extra self-control to buckle down and finish a report or cold call a client when everything else is chatting over cookies in the lunchroom and leaving early to shop. But if you have some time off coming, think of the consequences of procrastination and give yourself a firm deadline for completing your work (just like Santa's elves).

Be wise

If you're lucky enough to have the type of job that allows for some December downtime, use it wisely. Empty your email. De-clutter your house. Read your piled-up journals and think about how to use the interesting ideas you find there. Set some personal, professional, and health goals for 2015. Or just work ahead of schedule. You'll be happy you were a productive holiday worker when January rush hits!

Be nice, not naughty

Sure, go ahead and shop 'til you drop, just don't do it from your computer at work. Save your online shopping for home. And whatever you do, never, ever slough off so much during the holidays that your colleagues have to pick up your slack.

So stay off the naughty list!

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Attention students!

You shouldn't stop writing just because you are on winter break. Here's a chance to show your creativity, practice your writing skills, and have the opportunity to earn some prizes. Silver Creek Academy is excited to announce that we will be conducting a **creative writing contest** for students in first grade through eighth grade. The original story may be about any topic of your choice, but the setting must include a winter theme. The sky's the limit when it comes to your creativity, but be sure to have a clear beginning, middle, and end in your narrative.

Student stories will be judged by grade level. The judges will be looking for original stories that come from your unique imagination. There are no restrictions regarding the length of the stories, and they may be typed or written by hand. Story illustrations are optional.

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• Third Place Wins: Award Certificate

When the story is ready, please bring it to Silver Creek Academy or email it to FunLearning@mac.com. All stories must be received by January 6th at 6:00 pm. Please include the student's full name, grade level, and phone number.

Silver Creek Academy will also be conducting a **speech contest** for students in first grade through sixth grade.

The contest will be taking place in the forum at JFS School at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 20th. The topic is as follows:

What is the greatest gift that you have ever received? Why is it so special to you?

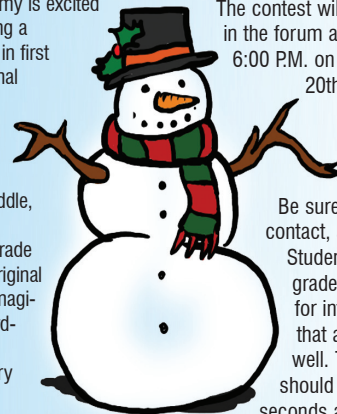
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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

Christmas Carol program hits all the right notes

By Gary Hill
Special to the Times

The Republican Club held its annual Christmas luncheon in the Villages Club House on Dec. 3. Attendees were treated to a beautiful Christmas Carol Program presented by a mixed quartet from the world renowned San Jose State Choraliers. Also at the meeting, the new officers for 2015 were installed and many Christmas gifts were collected for needy children throughout Santa Clara County. Pictured is the quartet with Club Secretary **Bill Eckert** (second from left) standing next to his grandson, **Craig Mason**. *Photo by Teres Ryan*

Happy Holidays to you and yours
from the staff of the Evergreen Times



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Grace Church celebrates 50th anniversary

A full house with an overflowing crowd celebrated the 50th anniversary celebration of Grace Church of Evergreen on Nov. 29.

Ivan Velazquez of Koios Insurance Brokerage served as the master of ceremonies and entertained the guests as the evening began. The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors sent a representative who presented a Commendation from the county and spoke of the contribution Grace Church has made and continues to make to the Evergreen San Jose community.

The event continued with a dinner provided by the Caspian Village Restaurant with musical serenade by students of the Russian Music School of Evergreen Village Square. The focal point of the evening was the performance of the Evergreen Ensemble and friends. The Ensemble made up of high school age students and younger provided a moving performance of excellence. Ryan and Andy Sheng were the pianists and Andy Sheng



served as conductor. Music Instructor Judith Cruces of Music Time Academy in Livermore and her student Andrea Larson also performed as guests of the Ensemble.

The Evergreen Ensemble melted everyone's heart with the quality of the music, rich sound, beautifully mastered. As one attendee commented, "Tears of joy came to my eyes at hearing them play. Such feeling in the music. So young. So accomplished. More than beautiful. I will never forget this performance."

The performance underlined the Grace Church commitment to excellence and the commitment to working with youth. Pastor John said, "At the heart of the mission of Grace Church is the commitment to encourage adults and youth alike to discover, develop and use God-given abilities to the service of neighbor and the glory of God."

Grace Church is located at 2650 Aborn Road at Kettmann. For more information call (408) 274 1200 or visit www.GraceChurchofEvergreen.org.

Photos courtesy of Grace Church



The 'Russian Music School' Students of Julian Toha provide music during dinner.

Times **Your Community**

Crime prevention and crime solving is working in Evergreen

By Councilmember Rose Herrera
Special to the Times

We've had some good news from the San Jose Police Department last week with the arrest on Dec. 10 of a 19 year-old serial burglary suspect, suspected of committing multiple residential burglaries in Evergreen and across San Jose.

Foothill Division Captain Knox said of the arrest, "This is an excellent example of the strong partnership between the San Jose Police Department and the community in combating these residential burglaries." <http://www.sjpd.org/iNews/viewPressRelease.asp?ID=1993>. The arrest was made thanks to the good work of the SJPD with assistance of residents. This arrest follows the September arrests of three burglary teams who contributed to the large spike in burglaries we saw in September. Continuing to get these bad guys off the streets is helping to solve crimes and reduce the number of burglaries in Evergreen. I am grateful to the good police work of the SJPD and the cooperation and assistance from the community in catching these criminals.

When the Evergreen area saw a spike in burglaries in September, with more than 90 occurring that month and with 11 reported on one day, I expressed my concern to Chief Esquivel and requested immediate action be taken by SJPD to bring down the number of burglaries in Evergreen. Our Foothill Division Captain, Capt. Knox, deployed additional burglary suppression units in Evergreen to focus on reducing residential burglaries. In



District 8 Report
By Rose Herrera
City Councilmember

October, because of the increased burglary suppression strategy and community involvement Evergreen had 45 burglaries, a 50 percent reduction from September. November's number of burglaries have seen another decline with a total of 34 burglaries (a -24.45 percent decrease from October), similar to the average occurring in other police districts throughout San Jose. Obviously, these successes are good news but we must continue to be vigilant.

Public safety is my top priority and that is why I will continue to work closely with the SJPD command staff and our community to support strong police-community working relationships. Capt. Knox supports and acknowledges the critical role the community plays in crime prevention and crime solving.

I realize that if you have been a victim of a burglary these numbers showing a decline may give you little comfort. I know, because I've been burglarized twice, 15 years ago, and it took time for me and my family to feel safe again. One of the ways I regained a sense of safety was to organize a neighborhood watch and work with my neighbors to ensure that we looked out for each other.

The fact that the burglary statistics are going in the right direction is important though, because they give us tangible evidence that the suppression strategy is working. I thank the SJPD for their great police work and encourage the continued vigilance of the community in observing and reporting

suspicious or criminal activity to the Police Department. The Police Department cannot be successful without the community's cooperation.

Finally, I encourage all neighborhoods to sign up for the Neighborhood Watch Program. This is a street by street safety program that encourages us all to get to know our neighbors and look out for them. My office has been involved with at least 43 Neighborhood Watch meetings, seven Public Safety Community Forums, four Crime Prevention Meetings, and two Coffee Chats with Police Captains. I attend as many Neighborhood Watch meetings as possible to hear directly from you. I look forward to meeting you personally at your neighborhood watch meeting.

In response to the burglary spike in September neighbors requested the deployment of a San Jose Police Mobile Command Unit in Evergreen. I forwarded the request to the city manager via email and on Nov. 5, I issued a public memo asking the city manager and the chief of police to research and respond to the feasibility of creating a Mobile Command Unit in Evergreen.

Police Chief Esquivel released an informational memo on Dec. 9 in response to my Memo regarding SJPD Mobile Command Units. Chief Esquivel's response described the appropriate use of Mobile Command Units during large gatherings and explained that the most appropriate response to burglaries is the use of Burglary Suppression Units which are being used in Evergreen.

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

I look forward to seeing you out in the community. Have a safe and festive holiday season!

Another investigation on SF 49er Ray McDonald

As the *Evergreen Times* goes to print, San Jose Police announced another investigation on San Francisco 49er Ray McDonald. On Dec. 16, at approximately 10:43 a.m., the Police Department received a call from a local area hospital regarding a possible sexual assault victim who was receiving treatment. Officers responded and made contact with the adult female victim. The victim alleged she was possibly sexually assaulted a day prior. The preliminary investigation revealed the alleged suspect was Ray McDonald of Evergreen.

The San Jose Police Department Sexual Assaults Investigations Unit was notified and responded to conduct follow-up investigation. Based on preliminary investigation, detectives secured a search warrant and served it at the alleged suspect's residence in San Jose. No arrests have been made. The investigation is active and on-going. No other information was released at this time.



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Times **Community News**

Cortese

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being able to live in a community of people who support each other.

Wrote Ellen Donlin of San Jose for her ornament, "I value the compassion of individuals, groups and nonprofits and organizations who serve less the fortunate with direct service or advocacy."

Closer to home, Deepti Mangal of Saratoga says, "I cherish the beautiful gift of friendship and family and the happiness galore in the company of these we love."

"We treasure the richness that our diverse cultures bring to San Jose, especially the Hispanic and Asian communities," wrote Bracey and Richard Tiede.

Kim Worrall of San Jose wrote, "I am grateful, and thankful for our Vietnam War veterans, for their service and sacrifice as we commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War."

When Corey Hernandez's fourth-grade class at Laneview Elementary School in the Berryessa area of San Jose was asked the question, the students chose people who serve the community. The most popular choice was police officer, followed by soldier and firefighter. The fourth-graders then turned their gingerbread cookie-shaped ornaments into artistic depictions of who they value and why.

Here are a few:
"Police officers protect the world from trouble. It is important so people don't get shot by a gun and die."

"Soldiers are important because they risk their lives to save us and our country."

"I chose a firefighter because firefighters help put out fires and help other people that are inside the fire."

But also:
"The astronaut is special to the

country so it sees what goes on in space for education for scientists to study."

"Safety Patrol is important to the community because they make sure the school crosses the road safety. They make sure the cars stop when they need to and have students cross."

"Doctors are important because they help people, like if they are sick of if they have Ebola. So now you know why doctors are important."

"A builder is important because he builds homes, schools and streets. Mostly he builds anything around you with stones and cement. Builders make buildings to keep people safe from anything dangerous."

When you visit Christmas in the Park, a 30-year-old tradition in Downtown San Jose, the District 3 Community Tree is near the Nativity Scene facing Market Street.

Oh, and who do I value?

First of all my immediate family and then my very large extended family — the residents of Santa Clara County who I am honored to represent on the board of supervisors.

Have a peaceful and joyful holiday season.

Photo courtesy Dave Cortese's office



Holiday Fun at Festival of Lights

About 100 beautiful children along with their families gathered at Evergreen Village Square for the annual Holiday and Festival of Lights event on Dec. 6. They were treated to a fabulous holiday entertainment from a local band dressed up as Christmas trees and elves. They were so excited to take photos with Santa and welcome the holidays as well as receive wonderful face paintings, despite the rainy weather. *Photo and caption by Voltaire Mamaril*



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Times **Features**

OFF THE SHELF

Discover & Go for low-cost attractions

By **Amanda Choi**
Special to the Times

With the Winter Holidays here, many of us are hosting out-of-town guests. If you're looking for fun new activities to entertain your guests with, check out our **Discover & Go** program available through the San José Public Library's website (tickets.sjpl.org).

Discover & Go is a nationally recognized partnership between California libraries and museums, offering library cardholders from every community, age group and economic background free or low-cost tickets to world-class museums, theatres, aquariums, zoos and science centers. San Jose Public Library cardholders can use **Discover & Go** to get tickets to Bay Area attractions like the California Academy of Sciences, the Exploratorium, the Lawrence Hall of Science, the San Jose Museum of Art, the Tech Museum of Innovation and much more.

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Looking for a good read? Ask our librarians what to read next. Fill out the 5forU form located at sjpl.org/5forU and a librarian will email you a list of five books, selected just for you!

Please remember that all San José Public Library branches will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 24 and Thursday, Dec. 25. We will also be closed Wednesday, Dec. 31 and Thursday, Jan. 1. But we are always open online at sjpl.org.

Happy Holidays!

Additional Events

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

Parking

When the library parking lot is full, customers may find additional parking available at Grace Church on the other side of Aborn Road. We thank Grace Church for this generous offer that allows the library to better serve the Evergreen community.

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



Off the Shelf
Amanda Choi
Librarian

EVHS Frosh/Soph Football team undefeated for season

By **Sean Eastwood**
Staff Writer

Evergreen Valley High School Frosh/Soph Football team has something to be proud of this year as they finished the season undefeated, 10-0.

Coached by head coach and defensive coordinator Gabe Delgado, offensive coordinator Aaron Noriega and Coach Eric Morales, they instilled confidence, family, teamwork, character and helping the team grow from a failing football program to an incredible winning season.

"Coming off of a 1 and 9 season, we thought it would be challenging to make them believe that they could be successful," said Coach Delgado.

Delgado said that it wasn't hard to bring out the true fight and competitor in each player, once they instilled the



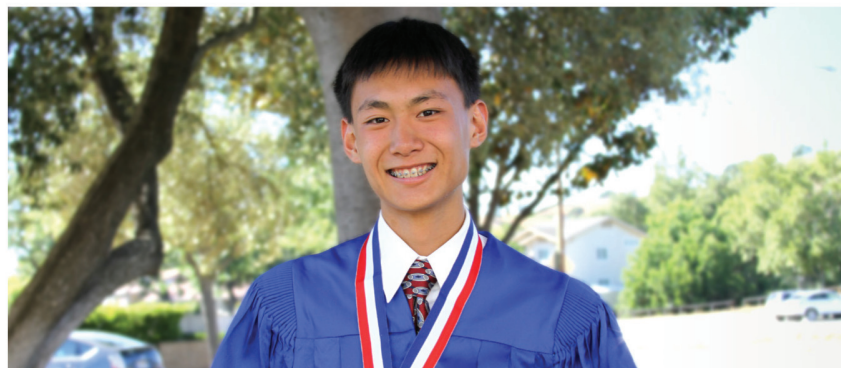
Stats for EVHS Frosh/Soph Football Team

Homestead 14 - 6 Win	Silver Creek 26 - 12 Win
Mountain View 28 - 7 Win	Gunderson 55 - 13 Win
Mt. Pleasant 25 - 6 Win	Lincoln 14 - 13 Win
Live Oak 14 - 7 Win	Sobrato 16 - 6 Win
Westmont 41 - 27 Win	San Jose 50 - 0 Win

idea of a fresh start. "Working with this group of kids was truly special," said Delgado.

"We set a goal before the season began to be undefeated and we worked together to accomplish that mission," said Coach Delgado. "This team is a true representation of what team work and effort can do. Great things can happen when someone just believes in you."

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Michelle Eberlie, Doreen Boulland, Dee Eberlie, Jill Eberlie and Meridith Eberlie made the Christmas Tree Elegance event a family affair to celebrate the holidays. Photos by Jeanne Carbone

Elegance

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Santana Row to the delicious luncheon complete with mimosas—the events raise donations for local mental health agencies.

“This year’s theme, Uptown Holiday Christmas on 5th Avenue, promises to be a lively and sophisticated, New York inspired celebration,” said Valle Monte League President Barbara Weingarten. “Through the support of our dedicated volunteer members, underwriters, sponsors, business partners, tree designers, our local business community and you, our guests, we have raised \$9 million for the following agencies: Family and Children Services, John XXIII Multi-Service Center, Centre for Living with Dying, Alzheimer’s Activity Center and Services for Brain Injury.”

The extravaganza was also a love letter to New York City. “Hey Big Spender” serenaded as Boutique Harajuku clothing was modeled down the runway; child models are escorted by a female nutcracker showcasing Old Navy, fashionistas strut to “Under the Boardwalk” in Chico’s separates, Ted Baker London fashions are displayed to the tune “Uptown Girl” and much more. Oohs and ahhs welcomed each model as they strut down the long runway.

The silent auction followed suit with a seven night luxurious midtown Manhattan apartment, carriage ride through Central Park, plus passes to top New York City attractions. But there were offerings for everyone’s taste—a South African Photo Safari, Mexican Villa for seven nights, Sands of Kahana in Hawaii and more.

And the trees this year were a decorator’s dream and apropos with the Uptown Holiday theme. Mission College Student Floristry Department’s tree celebrated King Kong and the Empire State Building, Bloomster’s featured Tinsel Town, Custom Interiors by Michelle presented Christmas on Broadway with the Phantom of the Opera, Passiflora Designs’ pink feathered Sex and the City tree and more all celebrating the season with awe-inspiring design. Amazingly the huge banquet room at Doubletree was empty the day before and now—a spectacular holiday dream—a testament to the creative talents of designers and Valle Monte League members.

Year after year, Christmas Tree Elegance continues to create a first-class event that welcomes the holidays and raises funds for mental health agencies. And this year was no exception. Well-deserved kudos to everyone involved.

For more information visit: www.vallemonte.org.



Valle Monte League member **Kathy Fox** welcomes guests to Christmas Tree Elegance at the Bloomster’s Design Team decorated tree themed Tinsel Town.

Times **Opinion**

Evergreen School District to spend \$3 million on two schools

By **Kevin Larsen**
Special to the Times

This year all schools in California embarked on a new way of involvement for parents with regard to how monies are to be spent in school district budgets.

It is called the L.C.A.P. (Local Control Accountability Plan). This plan must have eight state mandated priorities that all school districts must follow.

The California Department of Education mandated priority areas all school districts must follow need to be addressed at the district and school level. This means it is up to the school districts to get out and try hard to gain parent involvement in all areas. The priorities are:

1. Schools and districts shall provide students' access to fully credentialed teachers, instructional materials that align with state standards, and safe facilities.

2. Schools and districts shall ensure proper implementation of California's academic standards, including the Common Core State Standards in English language arts and math, Next Generation Science Standards, English language development, history social science, visual and performing arts, health education and physical education standards.

3. Schools and districts shall ensure parent involvement and participation, so the local community is engaged in the decision-making process and the educational programs of students.

4. Schools and districts shall improve student achievement and outcomes along multiple measures, including test scores, English proficiency and college and career preparedness.

5. Schools and districts shall support student engagement, including whether students attend school or are chronically absent.

6. Schools and districts shall highlight school climate and connectedness through a variety of factors, such as suspension and expulsion rates and other locally identified means.

7. Schools and districts shall ensure all students have access to classes that prepare them for college and careers, regardless of what school they attend or where they live.

8. Schools and districts shall measure other important student outcomes related to required areas of study, including physical education and the arts.

This school year 2014-15 a budget was passed for Evergreen School District which allots the spending of \$931,000 for two schools, Bulldog Tech Middle School and K. R. Smith Elementary School. The following year another \$931,000 is allotted to be spent on the same two schools, then on the third year in excess of a million dollars is targeted to be spent on the

two schools.

It is important for all Evergreen School District stakeholders, parents, teachers, administrators and all others to be aware of such expenditures. Such expenditures were presented at a budget meeting but were not widely discussed by the general public.

The question is, did the stakeholders of the Evergreen School District have proper understanding and a so called say in if the teachers and parents wish to spend so many dollars towards just two schools, when the district could have more equitably spent such vast sums of monies with equity across all the schools (with distribution to each school site council for spending down the funds as needed at each school site).

This question is answered and can be seen on the Evergreen School District website under "LCAP Questions and Superintendent Response," and is reprinted in verbatim:

"Why is Evergreen School District taking \$931,000 in LCAP monies and devoting that sum to only two schools (LeyVa and K.Smith)?

"LeyVa and Katherine Smith are the district's middle and elementary schools with the highest populations of low income and English learner students and the lowest API scores. The achievement gap is most evident at these two schools (when comparing middle to middle and elementary to elementary). Both schools have a STEM focus and project-based learning initiative in place and they are developing as models of innovation for other schools in the district."

It is the opinion of this parent that the Evergreen School District is exploring a charter type of school and expending vast amounts of monies in hiring new workers, new coordinators and spending vast sums on hard assets in a way that overly supports two schools. By supporting two schools with over a \$3 million expenditure every three years (and vast amounts of other monies for various costs of running the schools in a new way), it is this parent's opinion that it is harming the quality of all other 17 schools in the school district.

I ask all parents of the school district to write your views to the school board and school district leaders and to embrace #3 mandated state priority in now allowing parents to get more involved in how monies are spent at all school districts.

The reason this article was written is to better inform the general public and to try to sway the school districts to allow parent stakeholders more power in budget decisions and the startup of in my opinion "radical" schools.

Kevin Larsen is a parent in the Evergreen School District.



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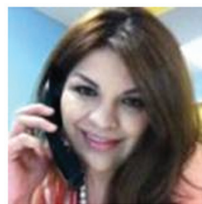
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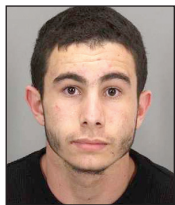
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EVERGREEN AREA CRIME REPORT

Burglary suspect believed to be responsible for up to 20 burglaries captured

The San Jose Police Department has arrested **Jacob Breschi**, 19, of San Jose, and booked him into Santa Clara County Jail on multiple counts of residential burglary.



Beginning in early November of 2014 to December 10, 2014, a rash of residential burglaries occurred in the Foothill which includes Evergreen Valley and Southern Divisions of San Jose.

Through a diligent and thorough investigative process, officers identified Breschi as a possible suspect. Further investigation determined he was responsible for at least 13 residential burglaries.

In two of these burglaries guns were stolen from the home and in at least two incidents the victim confronted the suspect during the crime which led to descriptions for investigators. Detectives believe Breschi might be responsible for up to seven additional burglaries.

On Dec. 10, Officer Ryan Chan took Breschi into custody and booked him into County Jail on multiple counts of burglary. Foothill Division Capt. Knox said, "This is an excellent example of the strong partnership between the San Jose Police Department and the community in combating these residential burglaries."

Persons with information regarding the above case are urged to contact Detective Enrique Marquez of the San Jose Police Department's Financial Crimes Unit at (408)277-4401.

Persons wishing to remain anonymous may either call the Crime Stoppers Tip Line, (408) 947-STOP (7867), or click the "Submit a Tip" link below. Persons providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspect may be eligible for a cash reward from the Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers.

PD identifies juvenile suspect in gang related attempted murder

On Nov. 17, 2014, at approximately 4:14 p.m., San Jose Police 911 Communications Center received information about a person stabbed in front of a residence located on the 2000 block of Terilyn Avenue in San Jose. When officers arrived they located a juvenile male victim suffering from at least one stab wound. The 17-year-old victim was transported to the hospital with life threatening injuries.

The San Jose Police Department's Gang Investigations Unit (GIU) responded to the scene and conducted an investigation. During the investigation GIU detectives determined the victim was confronted several streets away from the scene, and was followed by the suspect prior to the assault. Subsequently, the suspect assaulted the victim, stabbing him. GIU Detectives determined that the suspect, later identified as 14 year old **Christian Cotero**, of San Jose is a member of a rival gang.



On Nov. 25, 2014, the primary suspect Cotero was arrested by the Gang Investigations Unit at his residence. Suspect Cotero has been charged with attempted murder with a gang enhancement. The 14-year-old sus-

pect Cotero was charged as an adult.

Persons with information regarding the above case are urged to contact Detective J. DeOliveira of the San Jose Police Department's Gang Investigations Unit at (408) 277-3835. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may either call the Crime Stoppers Tip Line, (408) 947-STOP (7867), or click the "Submit a Tip" link below. Persons providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspect may be eligible for a cash reward from the Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers.

Man shot in Evergreen

On, Dec. 12, at approximately 9 p.m., San Jose Police received a call that someone had been shot on the 3100 block of Remington Way, near Quimby Road. The victim was taken to the hospital with life-threatening injuries. He was identified as an adult male and was conscious. No one was taken into custody and police have no information about any suspects or motive.

PD officer on administrative leave after Twitter messages

The San Jose Police Department has received numerous inquiries regarding the social media comments Officer Phillip White posted on his Twitter account.

"We want to first stress that we are taking the matter very seriously," said Sgt. Heather Randol in a press release. "Upon receiving the information, we immediately forwarded the matter up the chain of command for review."

Chief Esquivel also issued the following statement, "It is extremely important for the community to know the comments made on Officer

White's private social media account do not reflect the thoughts or feelings of the men and women here at the San Jose Police Department. Nor do we condone this type of behavior."

White had posted Twitter messages this past weekend saying, "Threaten me or my family and I will use my God given and law appointed right and duty to kill you. #CopsLivesMatter" and "By the way if anyone feels they can't breathe or their lives matter I'll be at the movies tonight, off duty, carrying my gun."

White's messages were left in response to protesters demonstrating after the deaths in the shootings of unarmed black men by law enforcement. The posts are no longer available for public view. Officer White has been placed on administrative leave pending the investigation.

Mayor-elect Sam Liccardo also issued a statement: "These statements understandably raise the concerns of many members of our San Jose community, and should be investigated thoroughly. I have full confidence they will be. The residents of San Jose need to know that these statements in no way reflects the fine character of our San Jose Police Department or its officers."

—Jeanne Carbone

Be careful with your holiday deliveries

Residents receiving holiday packages need to use the buddy system of a nearby neighbor.

An Evergreen resident who lives near Aborn and San Felipe Roads had a UPS delivery stolen from her front door on Dec. 13.

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Times **Your Schools**

Tom Matsumoto Spelling Bee School Championship

Excitement was in the air at the Spelling Bee School Championship at Tom Matsumoto Elementary School on Dec 4.

Silver Creek Academy was the proud sponsor of the Spelling Bee School Championship contest. Darren McDonald did a fantastic job as a pronouncer as well as judges Roshni Shah and Jim Sherman.

Hiba Shaikh, a sixth-grade student, won the school championship title. Her winning words were "Recidivist" and "Mercerize." She will be representing the school at the



Hiba Shaikh, winner of the Spelling Bee School Championship at Tom Matsumoto Elementary School is congratulated by **Shelley Swircek** of Silver Creek Academy on Dec 4. *Photo by Sameera Shaikh*

upcoming rounds in the Scripps National Spelling Bee Contest.

Shelley Swircek of Silver Creek Academy was the chief guest and did the honors of congratulating Hiba Shaikh with her winning trophy.

The runner up title was bagged up Chetna S.M., a fifth-grade student. Roshni Shah did the honors of congratulating her with the trophy.

Third place was taken by Anoohya.P. a sixth-grader and Apoorva.P., a fourth-grader.

The 27 semifinalists were Eshaani, Kushaan, Riya, Kriti, Anish, Adithya, Sanjith, Adya, Amaan, Saad, Riddhi, Justin, Vishal, Siddhi, Praneeth, Amogh, Japleen, Adharvana, Apoorva, Avani, Abhinav, Jessica, Chetna, Hiba, Kirin, Anoohya and Srihari competing for the title. They did a great job in spelling their words with confidence.

New Tech Network selects Katherine Smith School as national filming sites

New Tech Network announced that Katherine Smith Elementary was selected as a national filming site for instructional videos on Dec. 10.

The elementary school epitomized excellent instructional practices in PBL/PrBL (Project-Based Learning and Problem-Based Learning) classrooms.

A video library of best practices compiled by New Tech Network (NTN) will feature those schools that exemplify effective instructional practices in Project-Based and Problem-Based Learning. Examples of instructional videos to be showcased are those that generate a project idea and include outstanding

methods for helping students progress and gain greater independence in the learning process in large and small group workshops.

"We hear time and again from educators everywhere 'I want to see great examples of Project-Based Learning,' The schools we are featuring in these videos have teachers who excel in the design and delivery of powerful learning experiences for their students," said Lydia Dobyns, NTN President and CEO.

Katherine Smith Elementary will be featured in instructional practice videos that focus on relevant projects that model skills students will need in the real world. This process will highlight teacher led workshops, research protocols and assessment strategies and will be shared with more than 5,000 educators and leaders nationally.

New Tech Network recently released its 2014 Data Report

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The school, located in Evergreen is now in its second year as a New Tech Network school.

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(Left to right) Allie Stifel, Broadcom MASTERS Program Manager, Society for Science & the Public; Bonnie Weston, principal, Old Orchard School; Holly Jackson; and Paula Golden, president and executive director of Broadcom Foundation and Director of Broadcom Corporation Community Affairs at the celebration at Old Orchard School in Campbell on Dec. 5. Jackson was the top winner of the 2014 Broadcom MASTERS national middle school science competition winning the \$25,000 award and Old Orchard School will receive a \$1,000 award to use for STEM programming.

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CommunityCalendar

ARTS

Jan. 16-18

Friday performance added to Symphony Silicon Valley: **RAVEL, GERSHWIN & NAKAMATSU.** Friday, January 16, 2015 at 8:00pm (ADDED PERFORMANCE); Saturday, January 17, 2015 at 8:00pm; and Sunday, January 18, 2015 at 2:30pm. California Theater is located at 345 South First Street, San Jose, CA 95113. Box Office: (408) 286.2600 or www.symphonysiliconvalley.org. Tickets: \$42 to \$86. Conductor: Ward Stare and soloist: Jon Nakamatsu, piano.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Dec. 22, 23, 30

Backyard railroad Holiday open house. Train lovers welcome, young and old. The Hubbard Garden Railroad will be all dressed up for the holidays and open for public viewing. See electric and live steam engines. Travel through mountain, town, and trestle. December 22, 23, and 30. 6-8 pm. Free. 6175 Meridian Ave (near Redmond). Video preview: <http://bit.ly/1xhOZHI>

Dec. 24

Join us for a **Christmas Eve Celebration** at Grace Church of Evergreen at 7:00 p.m. on

Wednesday, Dec. 24. We will have special music, carols, candles - a sweet night. 2650 Aborn Road, San Jose. For more information, call (408) 274-1200 or visit GraceChurchofEvergreen.org.

Through Jan. 1

Christmas in the Park, a family oriented tradition with Christmas lights, trees and exhibits, marks its 35th year of being open in downtown San José for the holiday season. Enjoy the festively decorated, lit trees, visit with Santa Claus, and much more at the annual San Jose tradition held at Plaza de Cesar Chavez downtown. Free admission. For more information and a list of activities, please visit: <http://christmasinthepark.com/>.

Through Jan. 4

Winter Wonderland: Together with the Downtown Ice and Christmas in the Park, the Winter Wonderland offers a whole section of holiday attractions for the entire family. Everyone can enjoy amusement rides and an arcade of fun and entertainment at the event. The fun family event is located at Paseo de San Antonio 1, 2, Almaden Walkway and city streets: Park Ave. between Almaden and Market. For more information and amusement ride prices please visit: <http://www.winterwonderlandsj.com/index.html>.

Through Jan. 11

Downtown Ice: For the fifth consecutive year, the San José Downtown Association and their partners, Kristi Yamaguchi's Always Dream Foundation and Hawaiian Airlines, will be hosting the South Bay's largest outdoor skating rink through the holiday season. People of all ages are welcome to experience the outdoor skating rink at the Circle of Palms between the Fairmont Hotel and San José Museum of Art. For admission prices and hours, please visit: <http://sjdowntown.com/downtownice/>.

SPORTS

Ongoing

Girls softball signups: Ages 4 to 16. 2015 Almaden Valley Girls Recreational Softball Registration is OPEN! Everyone is welcome in our league! Sign-up today at WWW.AVGSL.ORG.

Evergreen Little League Spring 2015 Registration is open! Have your son or daughter play little league baseball or softball. There are teams for all levels. Have fun with their friends. And get great physical activity. Sign up before January 3rd and save \$30! Let's Play Ball! REGISTER ONLINE - Go to www.ell-baseball.com and you'll see all the information on boundaries, costs, and dates. REGISTER

IN PERSON - Sports Chalet at Eastridge Mall, San Jose: December 6th - 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. OR December 13th 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. OR January 3rd 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. For more information or to sign up: www.ell-baseball.com

EVENTS

Upcoming New Leaf Events

Fri, Dec 19, 5-7pm: Complementary **Holiday Wine Tasting and Food Pairing** featuring many memorable wines: Nightfall Barbera, Chateaufeuf du Pape, Regio Zinfandel, Casa de la Cruz Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, Prager Port (Petite Sirah and Chardonnay) and Dick Vermiel Red Blend. Delight yourself and guests.

Wed, Dec 24, 5-7 pm:

Complementary Holiday Wine Tasting and Food Pairing featuring Halter Ranch wines: 100% estate-grown Bordeaux and Rhône wines of the highest quality. Their grapes are sustainably farmed on west-side limestone soils in Paso Robles. Taste: Cabernet Sauvignon, Ancestor red blend, Cotes de Red, Cotes de White, Syrah, and Sauvignon Blanc.

Thurs, Jan 1, 9:30-11:30: **New Year's Day Bootcamp.** Start the year off with healthy habits to get energized and fit, inside and out! Mike Coleman of FIT Evergreen Boot Camp and his team are back

again to lead an exercise program of warmups, fun circuits and games. Refreshments, giveaways, and chair massage will be provided by New Leaf Community Market. Age 16 and up, and all fitness levels welcome. Meet at New Leaf parking lot. For more info, email and registration, email LanaS@newleaf.com.

Ongoing: **Group Store Tours & Nutrition Education:** Free, educational store tour and presentation/food demonstration on gluten-free, heart-health, low-sugar, weight-loss, or general wellness. Contact LanaS@newleaf.com or 408-513-8200 x102.

New Leaf Community Markets is located at 5667 Silver Creek Valley Rd. San Jose. 408-513-8200 ext 102. Connect at New Leaf Community Markets - Silver Creek

HAVE AN ITEM FOR OUR CALENDAR?

Community calendar submissions are area-specific and include all community-based organizations, clubs, groups and non-profit events. Email calendar items to graphics@timesmediainc.com. Photos should be sent digitally as jpegs, minimum 300 dpi, or mailed to Calendar, Times Newspapers, 1900 Camden Ave, San Jose, CA 95124. Photos will not be returned.



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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 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 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.

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.esuhd.org

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

The Evergreen Business Association is intended to allow business owners and leaders in the Evergreen community to meet, connect, and network with each other in this fast growing part of San Jose. We believe that doing business with local business serves everyone in the community. The group held its first meeting

in October and will meet each month on the third Thursday. The group invites owners and leaders of B2B and B2C businesses in the Evergreen area. There is no cost for membership. For more information please refer to our Meetup page here: <http://www.meetup.com/Evergreen-Business-Association>

Evergreen-East Valley Realtors Marketing Meeting
Meets each Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The EEVRMM invites realtors, brokers, lenders and related affiliates to its breakfast meeting. Market your listings, match buyers with sellers and share real estate success stories. Meetings are held at MegaByte Pizza Co., 5623 Silver Creek Valley Rd., San Jose, CA 95138. \$3 admission, coffee and pastries included. For more information, call David Castillo at 238-2000.

Evergreen School District Board of Trustees
Meetings are typically held on the second Thursday of every month, in the district boardroom at 3188 Quimby Road. For more information, call (408) 270-6800.

Evergreen School District Parent Advisory Committee
The Parent Advisory Committee Meetings for 2011-12 will meet on the first Wednesday of the months of October, December, January, February, March and May. The meeting is held in the Evergreen School District boardroom, 3188 Quimby Road at 9:30 a.m.

The Evergreen Senior Advisory Council meets the third Thursday of every month at 9:30 a.m. Get involved in helping plan events for seniors, volunteering for a good cause, and getting to know your fellow seniors. For more information, call the Evergreen Community Center at (408) 270-2220.

Evergreen Valley Garden Club
Meets at the Evergreen Library on Aborn Road, San Jose the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Each meeting will feature a monthly gardening class FREE to the public. For further information

contact Arvind Kumar at (408) 715-7020 or email chhaprahiya@yahoo.com

Evergreen Valley High School Athletic Booster Club meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the school's administration office.

Evergreen Valley High School Site Council
Meets the first Wednesday of every month on the EVHS campus in the administration building D, 3300 Quimby Rd., San Jose. Confirm meetings by visiting the school's web site, <http://ev.ca.campusgrid.net/home> and clicking on school site council in the left hand toolbar or calling the school at (408) 347-7000.

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

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

The Evergreen Community Center offers a variety of classes and special events, for kids, adults, and seniors. For more information on our activities visit: www.sanjoseca.gov/prns. The Senior Nutrition program serves a delicious and well balanced meal to seniors 60 and over every Monday - Friday at noon. The suggested donation is \$3 per person. Please make reservations at least one day in advance by calling (408) 270-1244. The center is located at 4860 San Felipe Road.

Friends of Evergreen Library
Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of February, April, June, August, October and December from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in Group Study Room A at the Evergreen Branch Library, 2635 Aborn

Road, San Jose. Visit their website at friendsofvegreenlibrary.org or call 408-808-3060 for more information.

Hidden Glen Community
To join a neighborhood discussion egroup, go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HiddenGlenSanJose/>
LeyVa Community Action Team Association
This group is bounded by Barberry Lane and Monrovia Drive, Capitol Expressway, Aborn Road, and South King Road. For meeting time and location, please contact the association at (408) 795-5855.

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

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

Meadowfair Neighborhood Association Meets the second Wednesday of odd-numbered months at 7 p.m. at Meadowfair Center, 2696 King Rd. For more information, call 539-2308.

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

Reid-Hillview Airport Assn
Meets third Wednesday at 7:30

p.m. in the Reid Hillview airport terminal, 2350 Cunningham Ave. 251-4939. For more information visit www.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 for further information, or check out the website at <http://www.sanpedrosquares.freetoasthost.org>.
Silver Creek (PTSA) Parent, Teacher, Student Association
Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday in the Silver Creek High School Principal's Conference Room, 3434 Silver Creek Road. For more information, call 347-5830. Silver Creek School Site Council Meetings: Second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in room V-1.

Silver Oak Educational Partnership
The Silver Oak Educational Partnership is now called the Silver Oak Elementary PTO (Parent Teacher Organization). SOEPTO will not be meeting over sum-

mer. 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 1 p.m. speaker open to all Villagers and friends. For more information, call Jim Brady, SIR 114 BIG SIR at 408-274-4850.

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

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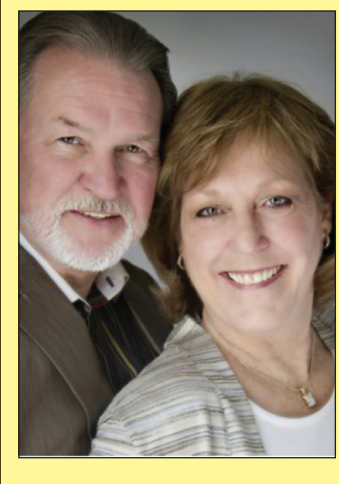


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