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San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo and Councilmember Rose Herrera enjoy the festivities before she is sworn in as vice mayor. Photo by Mary Anne Groen

SPEEDING TRAGEDY Memorial service held in Evergreen for Kiran Pabla

Family calls for change after fatal crash on Yerba Buena

By William Bellou
Publisher

Family and friends of Kiran Pabla gathered in Evergreen Friday evening on Jan. 30 to pay their respects to the young woman who was killed by two speeding cars on Yerba Buena Rd.

The Sikh Gurdwara temple was the gathering place for Pabla's memorial service attended by approximately 130 people who paid their respects to the 24-year-old woman. Earlier in the day, many of them also attended her funeral service in Hayward.

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Rose Herrera sworn in as next vice mayor of San Jose

By Jeanne C. Carbone
Managing Editor

City Hall's Rotunda was brimming with supporters as Rose Herrera was sworn in by her son David Herrera as the next vice mayor of San Jose on Jan. 29.

"I'm honored to be named the vice mayor of San Jose," said Herrera who is in her second term as District 8 councilmember which covers Evergreen and East San Jose. "As someone who grew up in East San Jose on Carl Street off Story Road, attended Overfelt High School... I am proud of my deep San Jose roots."

The event was a celebration of the city as the San Jose native shared her memories.

"I remember the orchards... my mom worked in the canneries and I remember the smell of peaches when she came home," said Herrera of the times when San Jose was called the Valley of Heart's Delight.

Herrera witnessed San Jose's growth through the years. And her own as well as she received both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Santa Clara University. She enlisted and served her country in the U.S. Air Force in the Security and Intelligence Service from 1972 to 1975. While in the Air Force, she was assigned to a select group, as a Race Relations Education Instructor providing instruction

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State of the County: Year of opportunity declared

Upbeat address highlights accomplishments and goals

By Jeanne C. Carbone
Managing Editor

“The state of the county is good and getting better,” said Board of Supervisors President Dave Cortese at the annual State of the County address at the Montgomery Theater in downtown San Jose on Jan. 27.

Cortese announced that the county has come through the recession after cuts totaling \$1.8 million were made. He thanked the 15,000 county employees who agreed to cuts in wages and benefits during those years. With a balanced budget with a small surplus, Cortese expects the 2016 budget to hold steady.

“Our economy is strong and Silicon Valley is booming,” he said. “As home to the largest companies that change the world on a daily basis, Santa Clara County captures the heart of Silicon Valley—the epicenter of this daily innovation revolution; A new Valley of Heart’s Delight.”

Though his speech was upbeat, Cortese recognizes that many still struggle to make a better life for themselves and their families and that is what the county is focused on—to create opportunity and quality of life for the residents. He declared 2015 to be the Year of Opportunity by working together to improve the community.

“That’s not too much to ask of the community that boasts to being among the highest per capita productivity in the world,” Cortese said. “... [the] county must ensure we take every opportunity to support businesses so they can thrive, grow and succeed.”

He also stressed the need to avoid political posturing of rejecting ideas or solutions based on where or who the ideas are presented. “Too often, we choose sides instead of choosing solutions,” Cortese said. He challenged the county and community partners to be open to ideas and solutions no matter from where they are suggested that will improve services to residents.

In a show of solidarity, San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo and councilmembers, and other noted officials attended the address that was well received by attendees who



Board of Supervisors President **Dave Cortese** presented the State of the County address at the Montgomery Theater on Jan. 27. Photos by Jeanne Carbone

applauded throughout the address.

Cortese laid out a plan for the toughest problems that are faced—homelessness, affordable housing, public safety and access to quality health care.

Homelessness

On any given day, 7,600 homeless reside on the streets of Santa Clara County with more than 5,000 in San Jose alone. “Stunningly, nearly 1,000 are veterans and another 25 percent are children,” said Cortese.

A Task Force will be organized with a report due to the Board Supervisors in 10 months and addressing affordable housing and homelessness in the short term. The Task Force will be co-chaired by San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Matt Mahood, South Bay Labor Council Chief Officer Ben Field (who were also emcees at the address) as well as Supervisors Mike Wasserman and Cindy Chavez, a City of San Jose representative chosen by Mayor Liccardo, and others.

Public safety

“... every family deserves a safe

neighborhood,” said Cortese. their lives through education, job training and a resolution to the pain and damage they caused their victims.

Public health

Cortese wants to reverse the growth of Type 2 Diabetes in Santa Clara County by ensuring that the county’s 1.8 million residents have access to screening to prevent Type 2 from occurring. Supervisor Ken Yeager will lead the effort that no metro area in the county has undertaken. A similar assessment of the health of children in the county is also planned that Yeager will head.

With funding increased for the Senior Nutrition Program that began this month to insure meals were cooked onsite at their community centers, Cortese wants to move toward the goal of becoming a World Health Organization Age Friendly Community.

Immigration

The Board of Supervisors is exploring creating a County Office of Immigrant Relations to better serve these populations. They are also looking to form partnerships with the City of San Jose and community foundations to research the impact of changes in our area and coordinate services such as an education campaign to stop fraudulent notarios from preying on immigrants who are navigating though complex legal matters.

Economic development

Create a County Economic Development Office that will seek out opportunities in each city within the county to use the land and provide incentives to builders and businesses such as for affordable housing for the homeless. An economic summit is also planned for this year as was organized in 2012.

Plans are being made to create a pilot tourism program that will offer boating field trips around the Don Edwards Wildlife Refuge at the Alviso Marina.

To read the entire transcript of the State of the City visit <http://www.scc.gov/sites/scc/Pages/State-of-county-address-dave-cortese.aspx>.

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Times **Local News****Pabla***Continued from page 1*

Bob Dhillon, the general secretary of Sikh Gurdwara, said “the service is a healing process for the family and also for the community that has been greatly affected by the tragic event.”

Earlier in the week on Jan 28, the community held a vigil that drew more than 125 concerned citizens to remember Pabla, a Silver Creek High graduate. It was difficult for people to attend due to heavy traffic and limited parking. More than 75 lit candles were placed at the scene of the accident along with dozens of flower bouquets.

After the vigil, San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo and Vice Mayor Rose Herrera representing Evergreen District 8 met with the family and they said they were deeply touched by the outpouring of sympathy and comfort given to them by the community.

The day following the vigil, mourners brought additional flowers and local resident Andrew Cantana arrived at 2:30 p.m. to light candles that had gone out during the night. “I am coming here every afternoon to make sure every candle is lit,” he said. “I didn’t know Kiran or the family but this is something I just have to do,” he said.

While the Cantana interview was taking place, several residents came by with more flowers and many signed a poster with dozens of messages for Kiran and her family.

“She touched me like no one has every touched me before,” said a tearful Nilda Enriquez. “I did not know her, but I feel I am closer to her now even though she is gone.

She was so beautiful. She was such a caring person according to people I have talked to here at the memorial site,” she said.

“I plan to come several times per week and bring flowers and pray for her and I plan to spread the word to get everyone to slow down on Yerba Buena,” said Enriquez.

The incident happened at noon Monday Jan 26 on Yerba Buena Road near Edenwood Drive when two speeding cars involved in an alleged street race crashed at high speed into a guard rail and careened into Pabla jogging on the sidewalk pinning her to a tree.

Pabla’s family explained that any action now wouldn’t bring Kiran back but they’re vowing not to let this happen to another family.

The family of Kiran Pabla who was fatally struck less than a mile from her home is demanding a fix on Yerba Buena. Pabla’s family explained that any action now wouldn’t bring Kiran back but they’re vowing not to let this happen to another family.

Kiran Pabla’s loved ones call her the star of the family and everyone’s best friend, and right after the accident, they pleaded with city officials to do something to slow traffic



Kiran Pabla, 24, of Evergreen, died Jan. 26 while jogging on Yerba Buena Road near Silver Creek Road when she was hit and pinned against a tree by two cars engaged in a suspected street race. (Family photo)

on the busy thoroughfare.

The accident occurred on a one-mile stretch at the bottom of the hill west bound on Yerba Buena Road that neighbors say they’ve complained about for several years. However, city officials report that the accident rate on the road is about average with other comparable roadways in San Jose.

Pabla’s family was planning Kiran’s 25th birthday party scheduled for this month but instead attended her funeral. Kiran was currently a California State University East Bay business student.

When friends were asked to describe Kiran

they said she was like a ray of sunshine, caring and charismatic.

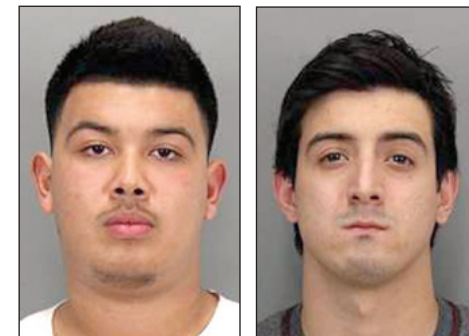
The accident is devastating to Pabla’s family. Her dad died a decade ago and her mother is battling breast cancer. The Pabla family said Kiran kept up the household duties alongside her two older brothers, while maintaining her studies as a business major.

“She’s a really good person,” said the victim’s brother Kunal Singh. “She didn’t deserve this.”

Singh said his sister went out for a jog every other day. “She always dreamed of someday running 50 miles per week, he said. “She was our star.”

“For those two guys who did this,” said Kiran’s other brother Aman Singh outside the courtroom. “I hope you guys [Exparza and Maldonad-Avoalos] go to sleep at night knowing you killed an innocent person, but we will still pray for your family as well.”

San Jose city leaders said they’re working
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Left to right: 18-year-old **Gabriel Esparza** and 23-year-old **Maldonado-Avalos**.

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with the city's Department of Transportation and police on proactive measures to slow traffic.

"Any straw is the last straw," said San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo. "Losing one 24-year-old young person to a tragedy like this is one too many."

Herrera said she has been working closely with San Jose Director of Transportation, Hans Larsen, to enact short-term, near-term, and long-term mitigation efforts for this stretch of Yerba Buena Road.

Herrera called for radar feedback signs to be put up right away. The radar was quickly activated on Jan 29 resulting in more than nine tickets for speeding being issued in the first hour of operation in the morning.

A photographer for the *Evergreen Times* noticed that more than half of the drivers exceeded the speed limit while taking photos for approximately 10 minutes of the sign, some speeds recorded at nearly 60 m.p.h.

Herrera also sent an urgent request for a permanent radar feedback sign. "Director Larsen informed me that because of my request for urgency in putting mitigation measures in place, the Department of Transportation was able to expedite the order of a permanent radar feedback sign. Instead of waiting until March, it was installed last Saturday."

The mobile radar feedback sign has been moved into the downhill portion (Westbound) of Yerba Buena and will remain along with the permanent sign.

The speed limit along the downhill portion of Yerba Buena is 40 miles per hour. The permanent radar feedback sign will give a digital



Nilda Enriquez places flowers at the Kiran Pabla memorial site on Yerba Buena Rd. "She touched me like no one has every touched me before," said a tearful Nilda Enriquez. "I did not know her, but I feel I am closer to her now even though she is gone". Above right: **Andrew Cantana** lights candles blown out after the vigil held for Pabla. Cantana vows to be back every afternoon to re-light candles before night fall.

display of speed as cars approach up to 49 miles per hour.

"Once a speed is recorded above 49 miles per hour, the digital display will then flash a message 'Slow Down', giving a driver immediate feedback in order to change driving behavior and encourage compliance," said Herrera.

Herrera explained that drivers may not realize how fast they are going and the sign will remind them to maintain a legal speed. In addition, the city is installing all oversized speed limit signs between Nieman Boulevard and

Silver Creek Road within two weeks. The radar feedback signs and the oversized speed limit signs are things that we can do immediately.

The two drivers were arrested and identified by police as Gabriel Bacerra Esparza, 18, and Manual Maldonado-Avalos, 23 both of San Jose. Esparza worked at a local restaurant in Evergreen. San Jose police have charged both drivers with felony vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence.

Police suspect Maldonado-Avalos, driving the BMW, had been racing against Esparza's Nissan Altima at speeds between 70-80 m.p.h. when they both sped out of control at the curve in the road near Edenwood Drive and crashed through a guard rail striking Pabla. Both men are scheduled to appear in court on March 9.

Mayor Sam Liccardo said he planned to survey the crash scene to see if any changes in the road could be constructed to make it safer. "There's more we can do to combat street racing. We know it will take more police officers," he said.

The city's safety engineering team is evaluating what might be able to be done based on funding and overall city priorities, including using technology for automated enforcement.

"We also must do everything we can to discourage racing cars on our city streets," said Liccardo. "There seems to be an increase in this type of behavior. Other cities have enacted

penalties associated with car racing that include the destruction of the racer's car. We will be working with our Police Department and Department of Transportation to look at various strategies. I will be holding outreach meetings to include the communities input on speed mitigation as well as other safety measures as we move forward."

Herrera has asked the Department of Transportation to begin focusing on the 1 mile stretch of road on Yerba Buena and evaluate it for possible mitigation measures.

The Department of Transportation will be conducting the following activities:

- A review of traffic safety issues along Yerba Buena Road to make sure safety elements are clear and in place.
- A site review of crash scene and street corridor.
- The repair of the damaged guardrail and other infrastructure damaged by crash.
- Ongoing coordination with the Police Department on traffic enforcement and past response to racing concerns.
- Adding two more permanent radar feedback signs along Yerba Buena Road.

Anyone with information about the collision is asked to contact the SJPD traffic investigations unit at 408-277-4654 or leave a tip with Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers at 408-947-STOP (7867) or withsvcrimestoppers.org. © Copyright 2015 TMI



A portable radar sign near the crash site displays 55 as drivers clock speeds over the posted 40 m.p.h speed limit.

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Times **Your Community**

Slowing down drivers to protect pedestrians

By Vice Mayor Rose Herrera
Special to the Times

Tragedy befell our community last Monday when Kiran Pabla, was struck and killed by two cars driven by two young men that were allegedly racing on the downhill side of Yerba Buena Road near Edenwood Drive. Kiran grew up in Evergreen and had worked as a page for the city's library service. Mayor Liccardo and I met with the family and they were deeply touched by the outpouring of sympathy and comfort given to them by the community.



District 8 Report
By Rose Herrera
Vice Mayor

Many of you have contacted my office offering your condolences and support for increased speed mitigation measures. I appreciate your support for the family and advocacy for doing something. Upon learning about the accident, I took immediate action the same day asking for Radar Feedback signs to be installed along Yerba Buena Road to slow down drivers. The fact that the San Jose Police Department Traffic Unit has given out over 400 speeding tickets along Yerba Buena last year, combined with the history of fatal accidents on this road, supports the need to take more action to slow down drivers.

I have been working closely with our Director of Transportation (DOT), Hans Larsen, to enact short term, near term, and long mitigation efforts for this stretch of Yerba Buena Road as well as looking at other streets across our district and city with similar statistics to prioritize for mitigation measures. As an immediate response, SJPD and DOT took the following actions last week; they deployed SJPD traffic enforcement for speeding, mobilized a Police Department radar speed feedback mobile trailer, repaired a damaged guardrail, and installed a permanent radar speed feedback sign. Regarding the permanent radar feedback sign, we initially reported that DOT was projecting installation in March; a 2 month lead time. Thanks to the rapid response from DOT, two months was reduced to two days. The sign was special ordered from Washington State on Wednesday, shipped by plane to San Jose on Thursday, and installed by a DOT electrician and maintenance workers last Friday. The cost of the sign was \$10,000.

Our city safety engineering team is evaluating other things that might be able to be done including signal lights and other measures. This tragic incident raises the question of whether we need to implement additional safety programs ranging from discouraging street racing to general safety education (particularly at the high school and college level – both of the speeding drivers were students at Evergreen Valley College).

Automated speed enforcement cameras are used in over 40 U. S. communities to remotely ticket speeding drivers. In an independent review of speed cameras for the prevention of road traffic injuries and deaths found the effect of speed cameras to be a reduction in all crashes, injury crashes, and death or severe injury crashes. In this review, 28 studies measured the effect on crashes. All 28 studies found a lower number of crashes in the speed camera areas after implementation of the program. In the vicinity of camera sites, the reductions ranged from 8 percent to 49 percent for all crashes, with reductions for most studies in the 14 percent to 25 percent range. For injury crashes the decrease ranged between 8 percent to 50 percent and for crashes resulting in fatalities or serious injuries the reductions were in the range of 11 percent to 44 percent. Effects over

wider areas showed reductions for all crashes ranging from 9 percent to 35 percent, with most studies reporting reductions in the 11 percent to 27 percent range. For crashes resulting in death or serious injury reductions ranged from 17 percent to 58 percent, with most studies reporting this result in the 30 percent to 40 percent reduction range. The studies of longer duration showed that these positive trends were either maintained or improved with time.

These remote cameras are not currently legal in California for issuing moving violations. However, San Jose and other municipalities have had discussions about the issue and are interested in changing this. Cities feel with budget priorities and limited Police Department bandwidth that automated enforcement could be a significant tool to address egregious speeding and improve traffic safety. Technological advances (like driver assist and crash avoidance systems for vehicles) that can overcome the human limitation of reaction time are where the future of vehicle safety is headed but are not going to be standard equipment for years. In the meantime we must focus on educating drivers to slow down in as many ways as possible.

While one fatality is one too many. According to our Director of Transportation, San Jose continues to be among the safest big cities in the U.S. for injury crashes. The national average is 5.0 injuries annually per 1,000 residents and San Jose is at 2.7. Among the 10 largest U.S. cities, San Jose ranks second (behind NYC). Nevertheless we have seen the number of pedestrian fatalities climb over the past few years. In 2014, there were 21 pedestrian deaths and we have had four pedestrian fatalities this year (2015) in San Jose. Key areas of concern are on major streets (4 and 6-lane arterials) where 91 percent of pedestrian fatalities occur, elderly pedestrians, and night-time crashes (particularly between 9 p.m. and 2 a.m.). It is time to prioritize pedestrian safety in San Jose and take action to make our streets safer for people to walk. Especially as we promote San Jose as a walkable bikeable city, safety must be a top priority.

As a councilmember I have advocated for pedestrian safety measures supporting additional funding for traffic radar signs city wide during last year's budget as well as advocated for stream lining the process for neighborhoods to implement traffic calming measures such as speed bumps. I supported an ordinance prohibiting bicycles on downtown sidewalks to protect pedestrians and encourage bicyclists to utilize bike lanes.

As a member of the Transportation & Environment Committee I have voiced my concern that pedestrian safety should be addressed and requested that pedestrian safety be included in an upcoming annual traffic safety report in May.

My office will be holding a community meeting in the next few weeks to provide an update on the traffic mitigations on Yerba Buena as well as solicit public input on ideas for additional measures. The location date and time will be announced.

I will continue to work with the community, the Department of Transportation, and our Police Department and I ask for your help in encouraging everyone to slow down. Let's ensure that we are all doing what we can to prevent another tragedy from happening.

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Times Feature

OFF THE SHELF: Lunar New Year celebrated

By Amanda Choi
Special to the Times

The Lunar New Year will be celebrated on Feb. 19 this year. The San Jose Public Library and Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Department, Ethnic & Cultural Community Advisory Committee will host its Annual Lunar New Year Cultural Event on Saturday, Feb. 7 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Seven Trees Community Center and Branch Library (3590 Cas Drive).

This free fun-filled event is an annual cultural outreach program focusing on Vietnamese and Chinese New Year traditions. Last year, more than 700 participants visited the Seven Trees Branch Library to help us welcome the Year of the Horse. This year, we would like to once again invite you and your family to celebrate the Year of the Goat with us.

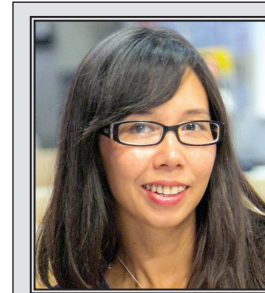
Free admission and activities for all ages! The celebration will include lion dances, traditional Chinese and Vietnamese music performances and folk dances, arts and crafts, traditional food, giveaways and resource fair. No registration required.

There will be additional Lunar New Year programs at the Evergreen Branch Library itself. On Thursday, Feb. 19 at 11:30 a.m., we will have a Lunar New Year Storytime and Craft. Children can enjoy a storytime about the Lunar New Year, create a special craft and have fun with their friends! Then join us on Saturday, Feb. 21 at 2 p.m. for an exciting Lion Dance Performance by the Vinh Son Liem Group, a non-profit volunteer group made up of local students.

We have many other wonderful programs coming up at the Evergreen Branch Library. In honor of Valentine's Day, we have two fun programs planned for children. The first is a Valentine's Day Storytime and Craft on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 11:30 a.m. Children are invited to celebrate Valentine's Day by making sweet gifts for family and friends. We will also be hosting a Valentine's Storytime and Paper Weaving Craft on Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m. In honor of Valentine's Day, children will create woven paper hearts and valentines.

Practice your English conversation skills and meet new friends at our weekly ESL Conversation Club,

which meets every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. This volunteer-led club helps English language learners gain confidence in their speaking abilities through group discussions on current events, cultural traditions and other topics of interest to new Americans.



Off the Shelf
Amanda Choi
Librarian

On Monday, Feb. 16 at 2 p.m. representatives from Cal MediConnect will have a resource table at the library to answer your questions about this new program. Cal MediConnect is an initiative developed by the state Medi-Cal program in partnership with the federal Medicare program to promote coordinated health care delivery to seniors and people with disabilities who are dually eligible for both public health insurance programs.

Teens, join us on Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 5:30 p.m. for Teen Project: Make a Stencil from a Photo. You will learn how to create a stencil image from a photo. We'll have a digital cutting machine on hand so that you can cut your stencil out to take home and use however you wish!



On Thursday, Feb. 19 at 4 p.m., children ages six and up can learn about the weather conditions that cause wind and make a whimsical wind vane at STEAMstacks: Make a Whimsical Wind Vane.

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.

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Times **Feature**

Participants at an Art of Living program in San Jose doing yoga practices involving special breath work. *Photo courtesy Art of Living*

Art of Living presents 'Happiness Program' for self-development

By Akanksha Bhalla
Special to the Times

The Art of Living Foundation, an international, nonprofit, educational and humanitarian organization, will be conducting a self-developmental program called the 'Happiness Program' from Feb. 6 - 9 at Evergreen Elementary School.

The new program will be taught by the award-winning author of "Stumbling into Infinity," Michael Fischman.

The Art of Living Foundation has been teaching the yoga of breath along with meditation and practical knowledge to combat stress and increase overall well-being for more than 30 years to people in more than 150 countries.

"We have taught our programs to a cross-section of the society including corporations, schools, general public and even correctional facilities such as drug rehabilitation centers and prisons," says Sunanda Gadagottu, an Art of Living (AOL) instructor when asked about the foundation's work in San Jose.

According to the founder of the Art of Living, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, the secret is in the breath. The breath connects the body and mind. Just as emotions affect our patterns of breathing, we can bring about changes in our mental and behavioral patterns by altering the rhythms of our breath. This is achieved by a rhythmic breathing technique called *Sudarshan Kriya* that forms the centerpiece of their programs and harmonizes the rhythms of the body and emotions and brings them in tune with the rhythms of nature to release stress at the deepest level, and opening up channels of subtle life force energy.

Various medical studies on AOL's core life-enhancing technique of *Sudarshan Kriya* have been published in international peer-reviewed journals such as the Harvard Health Publications.

"I am surprised how deep of an experience *Sahaj Samadhi* has turned into. The feeling of peace is incomparable. It is really what the world needs," says Abir, a 35-year-old engineer in Silicon Valley, about the

meditation practice taught by AOL.

Yet another feature of AOL programs is that they are taught solely by volunteers who had once taken this same program and were then inspired to become contributing members of the society by teaching its practices and taking its message further.

Priya Mayureshwar, who gave up her full-time job as a software engineer to teach these breathing practices to high school students, says they have taught self-awareness practices to more than 10,000 students in the Bay Area; Overfelt and Yerba Buena high schools in San Jose being some of the schools where students have been taught under the Youth Empowerment Seminar or commonly known as YES! for schools. Among various feedbacks to the program, these schools have reported decreased disciplinary action on kids, fewer fights on campus, and an increase in attendance.

On yoga and ancient wisdom's relevance in the modern age, says Sunanda, "The wisdom is ancient but the practices are current and designed to fit into a regular person's lifestyle, for example the practice of *Sudarshan Kriya* takes merely 20 minutes but has deep impact on the physiology and psychology of the person." In that sense the Art of Living has globalized wisdom instead of it being the prerogative of only a particular set of people in a certain part of the world, she says.

"Besides, what a person is looking for in terms of happiness, relaxation and peace has never changed over the ages."

Fischman who has taught this program to people as diverse as Muslim women in the Middle East to high profile executives in U.S. corporations and even prominent public figures concurs, "Everyone is looking for a higher purpose and a higher value in life no matter where they live. There are different expressions of it in the West and East. Besides organized religion, in the U.S. there has been a tremendous and growing interest in yoga."

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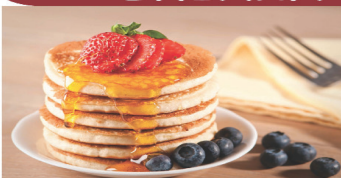


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Pattie Cortese chosen for East Side school board

With Magdalena Carrasco voted in as councilmember for District 5, the East Side Union High School District has appointed Pattie Cortese out of five finalists to fill out the remaining two years of the term of the board left vacant after the resignation.

Cortese is a former East Side trustee. She has worked in volunteer recruitment, volunteered with the Santa Clara Youth Foundation, now known as Bright Futures. She also worked with first-time offenders with a Santa Clara County program. She is the wife of Santa Clara County Supervisor Dave Cortese.



Senior Appreciation Breakfast a success

The Evergreen Community Center hosted nearly 150 seniors at its 15th annual Senior Appreciation Breakfast on Jan. 24. Guests sat at their favorite tables and enjoyed a delicious hot breakfast of French toast, sausage, and fruit. The event also provided both a community-building and a team-building opportunity for members and staff who made the event possible. Vice Mayor Rose Herrera attended and enjoyed a dance to the sounds of the Peninsula Banjo Band. *Photo by Dan Block*

Music Institute led by high school musicians opens at Grace Church

The Grace Music Institute officially begins Saturday, Feb. 7 and provides children and adults the opportunity to develop musical ability and appreciation. Individual sessions led by competent musicians introduce the aspiring musician to the instrument of their choice.

The instructors are members and friends of the Evergreen Ensemble: Accomplished youthful musicians from local high schools teaching children, youth and adults. The Evergreen Ensemble was the winner of 2013 junior Bach Festival.

The individual instruction is available to children and adults for beginning and advanced learning in the following areas: Introduction to musical instruments; beginning to advanced instruction; establishing good practice techniques and habits; practice sessions and coaching for recitals; music theory. Instruments taught are violin, piano, cello, flute, viola and Chinese Gourd Flute.

Leaders of the Ensemble approached Pastor John and suggested the 'Music Institute' offering to volunteer their services. "We were moved by their sincerity and desire to contribute to growing healthy attitudes and activities in Evergreen," said Pastor John.

Sessions will be from 30 to 60 minutes depending on experience. Advance registration required. Saturday sessions are from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Other sessions are available by appointment. A donation of \$15 per 30 minute session is requested. Scholarship assistance is available.

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Times **Your Community****'Cash for College' workshops offered**By **Jim Beall***Special to the Times*

Education has the power to transform lives and I believe every student who is qualified to attend college should have that opportunity. But too many times, cost is a barrier.

This year, I have made it my mission to inform students and families about the resources available to them to pay for college.

I am sponsoring a series of "Cash for College" workshops in February to help students and their parents complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form – commonly referred to as FAFSA, a form that determines how much federal, state, and other college financial they can receive.

The workshops will also furnish essential information about applying for Cal Grants, the Middle Class Scholarship, and more.

It has become clear to me that many students, especially those who are the first members of their family going to college, do not know what free financial aid is available to them

or understand how to apply for it. What they don't know can hurt them.

Two years ago as tuition fees rose, over \$396 million in Pell Grants, free federal money earmarked for college-bound students from California's working families, went untouched. About 108,000 students eligible for the grants simply did not apply for the money, leaving on the table grants that were worth on average about \$3,640 each.

Many officials believe this mistake was largely the result of parents and students being unaware of the requirement to fill out the FAFSA. The mistake can cost a student the chance to attend college or severely delay entrance. That's why I am holding the "Cash for College" workshops throughout my Senate District.

This month, I've scheduled four workshops: Thursday, Feb. 5, 4 p.m.

**Senate Report****Jim Beall**
15th District

to 7 p.m., Pioneer High School; Thursday, Feb. 5, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Homestead High School; Tuesday, Feb. 10, 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Leland High School; and Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., Willow Glen High School. The workshops are open to all students and their families throughout Silicon Valley.

Recently, I held an evening workshop at James Lick High School that drew nearly 90 people. Representatives from the California Student Opportunity and Access Program and the Cash for College program spoke to families about their options for scholarships, grants, and loans.

Madeline Villa, who accompanied her 18-year-old daughter, Jecelyn, a James Lick senior, told my staff that the workshop provided her with solid information on new alternatives for

paying for college.

"We basically thought we'd have to pay for college ourselves," Villa said. "Now I see a lot of programs out there to help our kids get the education they need for a great future. This is something new to us."

Ensuring every eligible student can get into college and graduate without burdensome loans is a priority. Studies show that students who carry heavy college loans are less likely to purchase a home or open their own business. Their career choices are also affected.

Sponsoring local workshops is just one way I'm trying to help. Taking action on a larger scale, I am co-authoring legislation, Senate Bill 15, to expand college access and affordability. The bill would eliminate University of California regents' plans to hike tuition by 5 percent.

SB 15 provides \$50 million each to the UC and California State University systems to expand support services, such as counseling, to help students complete their degrees and augments the UC and CSU budgets by another \$25 million to increase course offerings. The bill also adds 10,500 more enrollments slots at CSU campuses and creates an

additional 7,500 competitive Cal Grants.

The plan will be financed through three sources: increasing UC non-resident student fees; transitioning the Middle Class Scholarship program; and a \$150 million general fund investments that declines to \$66 million by the 2017-18 fiscal year.

Government must take the leadership role in seeing that our colleges are open to all. Perhaps the best example is the original G.I. Bill of Rights, passed by Congress in 1944. The bill covered the college tuition for 2.2 million World War II vets, many of whom could not have afforded it. The bill had another effect: It opened the doors of higher education for those groups – such as minorities – who had been customarily denied entry. The sudden influx of these new college-educated students would fuel America's post-war prosperity.

Investing in education makes sense because it is about investing in California's greatest resource – its people.

Jim Beall is the elected representative for the 15th District of the California State Senate. The district is comprised on San Jose, Cupertino, Los Gatos, Saratoga, Campbell and Monte Sereno.

**EVERGREEN AREA
CRIME REPORT****Assault with a
deadly weapon****Jan. 27 at 1:02 p.m.**

King Road and Ocala Avenue

Two male suspects confronted three victims and challenged them to fight. One suspect pulled out a knife and stabbed one of the victims at least one time. Victim number 2 was punched by another suspect. All the victims were able to run away from the suspects and the scene. Victim number 1 was transported to a local area hospital and treated for non-life threatening injuries. The two suspects fled the scene in a vehicle and are still outstanding.

Robbery**Jan. 27 at 1:10 p.m.**

100 block of S. King Road

The unknown suspect entered the business armed with a gun and demanded property from the victim. The suspect fled the scene with property and an undisclosed amount of cash. The victim did not report any injuries. The unidentified suspect was not located and remains at large. The investigation is ongoing.

**Assault with a
deadly weapon****Jan. 28 at 10:10 a.m.**

Quimby and White roads

Officers observed several subjects in a physical fight from a distance. All subjects fled the scene and were not located. Moments later officers received information regarding a stabbing victim nearby. The officers arrived and located one victim suf-

fering from at least one stab wound and second victim suffering from injuries as a result of being struck by a blunt object. The unidentified suspects fled the scene and have not been located. The stabbing victim was transported to a local area hospital and treated for non-life threatening injuries. The investigation is ongoing.

**Suspect arrested in
connection with
New Year's homicide**

The San Jose Police Department in collaboration with the US Marshals Service, San Francisco PD, and the US Customs and Border Protection located and arrested Suspect Nam Huynh, 18, on Jan. 19 at SFO Airport after he exited a flight originating from Vietnam. The Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office has formally charged suspect Nam with murder.

Suspect #1 Sai Le, 19, is still outstanding and his whereabouts are unknown.

On January 1, 2015 at approximately 12:30 a.m., officers responded to a call of a person who was shot at the Reign Bar located at 1071 E. Capitol Expressway. Officers located two victims suffering from gunshot wounds. Both victims were transported to a local area hospital. One victim, later identified as Alexander Thach Nguyen, subsequently died at the hospital from his injuries. The second victim survived and was released. The motive is unknown and the suspects, identified as Sai Le and Nam Huynh, are outstanding. Both suspects are considered armed and dangerous.

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Times **Your Community**

Rose Herrera is sworn in as San Jose Vice Mayor by her son, **David Herrera**.
Photos by Jeanne Carbone

Vice Mayor

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and counseling on racial prejudice and stereotypes for all military personnel. She was even named "Veteran of the Year" in 2011 by the San Jose Veteran's Center.

"I grew up during the greatest civil rights movement," said Herrera mentioning the impact that Martin Luther King, Jr. and Gloria Steinem had on her growing up.

As the founder and CEO of Cinnamon Software, Herrera oversaw the growth and development of a software manufacturing company with more than \$10 million in annual sales and more than 150 employees. She also worked in world-wide software sales and as a consultant to a start-up company developing products utilizing wireless area broadband.

In 2008, Herrera was elected to San Jose City Council and was reelected in 2012. An advocate for women's issues, she is a founding member of the Bay Area Military Women's Collaborative, and founding president of the League of California Cities Women's Caucus. She was honored as one of the the *San Jose Business Journal's* 100 "Women of Influence for 2012."

"Rose's leadership is exactly what we need in the city," said Mayor Sam Liccardo who had named Herrera as



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Talented dancers kept the audience spellbound.

his choice for vice mayor on Jan. 6 and voted in by city council on Jan. 13. "She has a vision... she has taken time to understand both sides... in the best interest of the city. She has the heart of a leader. You are all here because you've been touched by her."

As the District 8 council member Herrera helped save funding for Lightrail to Eastridge, secured funding for the 101/Tully Road highway project and the 101/Capitol Expressway/Yerba Buena interchange. She prevented Municipal Water from being privatized and kept Lake Cunningham Regional Skate Park from closing.

Most recently when a street racing crash caused the death of Kiran Pabla, 24, on Yerba Buena Road on Jan. 26, Herrera was instrumental in obtaining a permanent radar feedback sign before the planned March install (see story, page 1).

San Jose's deep cultural roots were also honored as performers from Kriyaa Dance Academy, McKon Kathak Dance, Evergreen Studio of Music and the Arts and El Grito de la Cultura students performed. The Boys and Girls Club of Silicon Valley's Christopher Step Team also performed and the club's president and CEO Dana Fraticelli spoke representing all nonprofits. A unique interfaith invocation was given by about 12 clerics.

"I am honored to have been named vice mayor of San Jose," said Vice Mayor Herrera whose term will run 2014-15. "It is important to me to continue to work toward making San Jose the best city it can be, and to do that, we all need to work together. We are one San Jose."

Silver Creek Academy hosts first speech contest

What is the greatest gift that you have ever received? Evergreen students were answering this very question at Silver Creek Academy's Speech Contest held at JFS School on Jan. 20.

"The students were phenomenal and the speeches far exceeded my expectations," said Judge Annette Mezzina after the completion of the event.

Earning the top prize in each grade level were Shreya Vemulapalli (first-grade), Sidak Kaur (second-grade), Angelina Chou (third-grade), Zachary Tran (fourth-grade), Hannah Thomas (fifth-grade), and Karan Chahal (sixth-grade).

"The speech contest was a huge success! We wanted to offer the students an opportunity to challenge themselves, step outside of their comfort zone, and practice their public speaking skills in a positive environment," said Silver Creek Academy owner and teacher Shelley Swircek.

Voted the Bay Area's Best Learning Center by *Bay Area Parent Magazine* for five years, the Academy proudly offers its students alternative approaches to learning in a supportive and motivating environment with credentialed instructors. The academy offers courses in many subjects including writing, reading comprehension, math, logic, foreign languages and individual tutoring.

For more information about Silver Creek Academy, call (408) 839-5905 or visit SCAASanJose.com.



Top pix: **Sritha Kavuir, Zuhair Rao, Karan Chahal, Ashley Chou and Kevin Ong** display their certificates from Silver Creek Academy. Bottom pix: **Simon Zhou, Hannah Thomas, Yasmin Husain and Kaaya Sharma** are all smiles after the speech contest at Silver Creek Academy. Photos courtesy Silver Creek Academy



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Community Calendar



February and March

Silicon Valley Reads 2015 kicks off 140 free public events in February & March for all ages. The program includes dozens of events in Santa Clara County for NoViolet Bulawayo, author of *We Need New Names*, Cristina Henriquez, author of *The Book of Unknown Americans*, and Bich Minh Nguyen, author of *Stealing Buddha's Dinner*. Each will appear at public libraries, schools and community centers between now and the closing event on Saturday, March 28, at 1 p.m. at Cupertino Community Hall. Silicon Valley Reads will offer 140 free public events in 12 cities throughout Santa Clara County in February and March, including films, panel discussions, book groups and activities for children and families. The complete schedule of events is listed on the website SiliconValleyReads.org. The authors of the four books for children and teens selected for Silicon Valley Reads 2015 will also visit schools, public libraries and bookstores in February and March. Maria Testa, author of *Something About America*, a book written in free verse for ages 12 and up, will be in town Feb. 19-22. Alma Flor Ada and Gabriel Zubizarreta, the co-authors of *Dancing Home*, a novel for ages 8-12, and Helen Recorvits, author of *My Name Is Yoon*, a beautifully-illustrated picture book for ages 4-8, are also scheduled for multiple appearances. Todd Parr, author of *The Peace Book* for preschoolers, will be at public libraries Feb. 21-22 and March 21-22, and the first 40 families at each location will receive free copies of his book, compliments of FIRST 5 Santa Clara County. For further information, visit the website SiliconValleyReads.org or email SVReads@aol.com.

February 7

Lam Research is hosting the second annual "Heart & Soles 5K" for families to enjoy in Hellyer County Park. This timed "fun run" is designed for everyone. Get a little exercise and help us to raise money for this incredibly worthy cause. Lam Research "Heart and Soles 5K" supports "Salad Bars for Santa Clara County Schools," an initiative of state schools Superintendent Tom Torlakson's "Team California for Healthy Kids Initiative." Here in Silicon Valley, title sponsor Lam Research is supporting Heart & Soles 5K to help provide additional salad bars to schools in the Santa Clara County. Over the next three years, the Heart & Soles 5K wants to raise funds to place 100 salad bars in Santa Clara County K-8 schools. Register for \$38 at <http://bit.ly/1uuxc5n>

Packet Pick Up will be held at Sports Basement in Campbell on Friday, February 6. Contact svlgflogistics@gmail.com for more information.

Upcoming New Leaf Events

Fri, Feb 6, 5-7pm, Complementary Wine Tasting & Food Pairing featuring Limited Lot Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay & Pinot Noir, Nightfall Barbera, and Scotto Cabernet. Educate and delight your palette!

Sat, Feb 7, 1-3pm: For the Love of Chocolate Tasting & Gourmet Valentines Gift Basket Raffle. Bring a friend or family, explore the

store and indulge in a chocolate dish from every department. Our store teams will compete for your votes. With Port & Sparkling Wine tastings. Enter to win a gift basket valued at \$100, including a 50-minute massage by ClubSport Silver Creek. Free.

Tues, Feb 10, 7-9pm, Singles Mingles Night. Lively jazz, food, wine tastings and great company are everything you need for a fun Tuesday night! Stop by, mingle and make new friends. \$10 includes tasting and hors d'oeuvres.

Fri, Feb 13, 5-7pm, Complementary Wine Tasting & Food Pairing. Darlene de la Cerna of Classic Aristan Wines will be pouring a selection of fine wines by Boëté Winery, known for the quality of their grapes, and old world wine-making techniques that utilize French Oak barrels.

Ongoing: 2015 Group Store Tours & Nutrition Education: Free, educational tour & 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 [facebook.com/NewLeafSilverCreek](https://www.facebook.com/NewLeafSilverCreek).

Get listed! To submit an item for consideration in the calendar, call (408) 494-7000 or email



Feb. 14 and 15

The weekend of love, Symphony Silicon Valley will be performing live on stage the classic music from the original 1940 Walt Disney film and Disney's *Fantasia 2000* update while the movie is projected in high definition on a huge screen. Disney shares one of its crown jewels of feature animation with Symphony Silicon Valley, accompanying scenes from both the 1940 original version by Walt Disney, as well as *Disney Fantasia 2000*, highlighting selections from each, including Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker Suite*. Other iconic moments include Mickey Mouse as he dabbles in magic in Paul Dukas' *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* and the mythical unicorns and winged horses that accompany Beethoven's *Pastoral Symphony*. The screening and concert of *Fantasia* will be on Saturday, February 14 at 8 PM and Sunday, February 15 at 2:30 PM at the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts, located at 255 S. Almaden Blvd, San Jose, CA 95113. Advance tickets are from \$44 to \$80 and available by calling the box office Monday – Friday 10 AM to 5 PM at 408 286 2600 or visit www.fantasia-ssv.org. Photo ©Disney



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Local Clinic Continues Innovative Approach

Dr. Richard Adrouny and After Hours Healthcare Discuss Their Mission to Provide High Quality Medical Care

By S. Richard

When Dr. Richard Adrouny and his son, Greg, founded the After Hours Healthcare clinic in 2010, neither of them could have anticipated what their idea would turn into. After realizing his patients had no simple and inexpensive place to go if they needed a doctor at night or on weekends, Dr. Adrouny decided, "there had to be another way."

Their first clinic, originally in Los Gatos – and now in Campbell at 2998 S. Bascom Ave #200 at Foxworthy – was an immediate success because it offered efficient, walk-in medical care. Furthermore, it gave people an option to move away from the sometimes impersonal, snail-paced and expensive visits to the ER or large clinics. The Campbell clinic can be reached at 408-356-9300.

Since then, the Adrouny's have become innovators in an industry that is rapidly changing. Yet, despite increased competition, the "old-school" feel of their two clinics - in Campbell and Evergreen - has been a hit with their patients. Don't believe us? A simple search online shows how positively people have responded to their unique approach to medicine. Unlike many other clinics that are owned by investors - many of whom have little-to-no medical experience - After Hours Healthcare is family-owned and provides an experience very similar to that of a "normal" doctor's office.

"I think people react so well to our approach because we don't make any outrageous claims about the experience you'll have. We don't promise 5 minute wait-times, but we do promise to spend much longer than 5 minutes taking care of you," says Dr. Adrouny.

In October, Dr. Adrouny joined forces with another highly respected San Jose



Dr. Richard Adrouny

physician, Dr. Joseph Walters. Like Adrouny, Dr. Walters has enjoyed a lengthy career as a family practice and primary care physician. Together, they provide services ranging from immediate & primary care to immunizations, physicals (including INS and DOT) and much more. In fact, for some ailments, you can even visit their "virtual clinic" via webcam.

"I like to say 'we hope we never have to see you,'" Adrouny jokingly says. "But if you need us, we're here."

After Hours Healthcare's secondary, Silver Creek / Evergreen

clinic is located at 2060 Aborn Road #125, San Jose, CA 95121 and can be reached at (408) 531-1200. Both clinics are open 365 days a year and accept many forms of insurance and cash/credit for those without health insurance. Book your appointment online and learn more at www.afterhourshealth.com, or email: info@afterhourshealth.com.

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Evergreen Area Meetings

Adlibmasters Toastmasters Club

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District 8 Community Roundtable (D8CRT)

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

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

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

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

Intended to allow business owners and leaders in the Evergreen community to meet, connect, and network with each other in this fast growing part of San Jose. We believe that doing business with local business serves everyone in the community. The group held its first meeting in October and will meet each month on the third Thursday. The group invites owners and leaders of B2B and B2C businesses in the Evergreen area. There is no cost for membership. For more information please refer to our Meetup page here: <http://www.meetup.com/Evergreen-Business-Association>

Evergreen-East Valley Realtors Marketing Meeting

Meets each Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The EEVRMM invites realtors, brokers, lenders and related affiliates to its breakfast meeting. Market your listings, match buyers with sellers and share real estate success stories. Meetings are held at MegaByte Pizza Co., 5623 Silver Creek

Valley Rd., San Jose, CA 95138. \$3 admission, coffee and pastries included. For more information, call David Castillo at 238-2000.

Evergreen School District Board of Trustees

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

Evergreen School District Parent Advisory Committee

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

The Evergreen Senior Advisory Council

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

Evergreen Valley Garden Club

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

Evergreen Valley High School Athletic Booster Club

Meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the school's administration office.

Evergreen Valley High School Site Council

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

Evergreen Valley Service Organization

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

Falls Creek Neighborhood Association

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

The Evergreen Community Center

offers a variety of classes and special events, for kids, adults, and seniors. For more information on our activities visit: www.sanjoseca.gov/prns. The Senior Nutrition pro-

gram serves a delicious and well balanced meal to seniors 60 and over every Monday - Friday at noon. The suggested donation is \$3 per person. Please make reservations at least one day in advance by calling (408) 270-1244. The center is located at 4860 San Felipe Road.

Friends of Evergreen Library

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of February, April, June, August, October and December from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in Group Study Room A at the Evergreen Branch Library, 2635 Aborn Road, San Jose. Visit their website at friendsofvergreen-library.org or call 408-808-3060 for more information.

Hidden Glen Community

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

Lions Club - San Jose East Valley

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

McLaughlin Corridor

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

Meadowfair Neighborhood Association

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

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

Reid—Hillview Airport Assn

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

Rotary Club of San Jose East/Evergreen

Meets every

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

Story Road Business Association

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

San Jose/Evergreen Community College District Board

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

San Pedro Squares Toastmasters Club

Meets every Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at Jimmy's Restaurant, 222 W. Capitol Expressway in San Jose. Contact Barbara at 373-2815, or email barbaramcchesney@sbcglobal.net for further information, or check out the website at <http://www.sanpedrosquares.freetoasthost.org>.

Silver Creek (PTSA) Parent, Teacher, Student Association

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

Silver Oak Educational Partnership

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

SIR Branch 114 at the Villages

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

West Evergreen Neighborhood Association

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

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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

Republican Club outgoing president honored

Burt Lancaster, outgoing president of the Republican Club at the Villages, receives a commemorative plaque highlighting 2014's events from incoming President **Carla Evans** at the January 22 monthly meeting of the Club. *Photo by Teres Ryan*



Super Bowl Putting Contest held

The second annual Super Bowl Putting Contest benefiting the Villages Medical Auxiliary was held Sunday on The Villages putting green.



Funds donated to the Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA) provide a full-time professional service coordinator who assists Villagers in obtaining services they need through government and community-based organizations. The coordinator counsels Villagers in the office and makes home visits and arranges mental and physical health programs for all Villagers. Funds are also used to purchase medical equipment for loan to Villagers and to maintain an office at Cribari Center. All the VMA services are provided free to Villagers. *Photo courtesy Lou Alexander*

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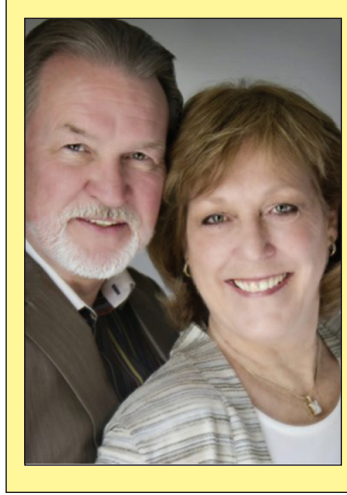


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