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## City Council vote on controversial 27 acre land use change deferred to December 13

By William D. Bellou  
Publisher

Just five hours before the City Council meeting was to start its meeting on Nov. 15, the vote on the controversial 27-acre land general plan amendment land use change for Evergreen Valley College was deferred with a continuation to the Council's Dec. 13 meeting creating frustration and confusion among many residents.

More than a hundred Evergreen residents were expected to voice their opinions, many of them students at the Nov. 15 meeting, where the City Council members and the Mayor were ready to vote their positions on approving, denying, or to delay their decision on the general plan amendment.

Evergreen Valley College declared the 27 acres surplus back in 2004. That issue is not in front of the council, but rather the college is asking for a change in the general plan designation on the 27 acres to allow them maximum flexibility to create a master plan for the land that will best generate revenue for the college.

The use general plan amendment would change 27 acres of Evergreen Valley College property from Public Quasi Public to NCC (Neighborhood Community Commercial - commercial and retail). The land is located on the Northeast corner of Yerba Buena Rd. and San Felipe Rd. The bond funds

(Measure X) passed by voters on Nov. 8 will not be used for the proposed development.

### Memo requests to defer agenda item

A supplemental memo requesting to defer

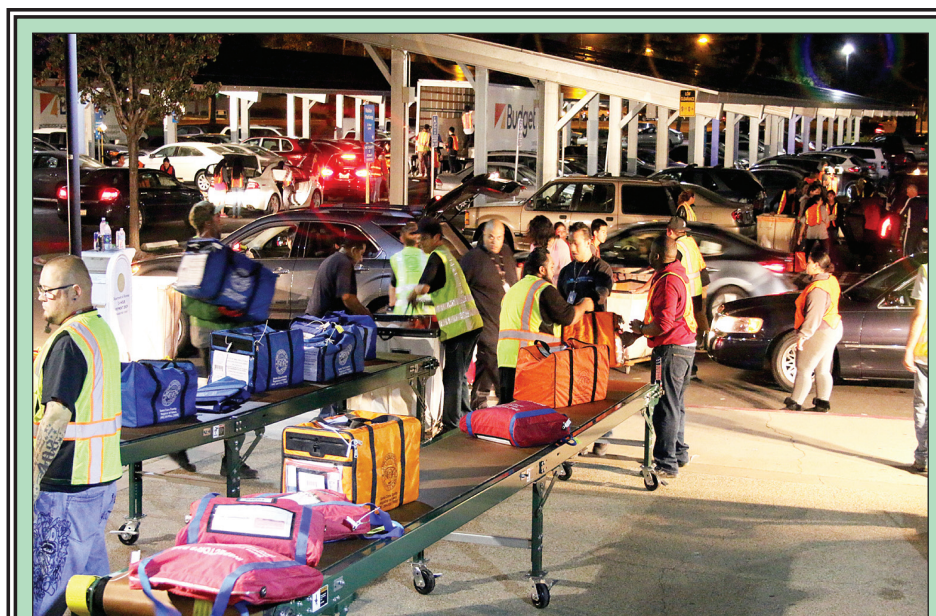
the land use change agenda item was sent to Councilmembers from Harry Freitas, Director of Planning Building and Code enforcement for the City of San Jose.

*In his memo to the Council, Freitas' states: "Reason for Supplemental: To defer Item 10.3, GP16-007, to the Dec. 13, 2016, Council meeting to allow for additional staff analysis related to the CEQA Draft Negative Declaration. Recommendation: Defer Item 10.3, Amendment to the Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan Land Use/Transportation Diagram from Public/Quasi-Public to neighborhood/Community Commercial on an approximately 27 gross acre site, to the Dec. 13, 2016, Council meeting."*

San Jose Vice-Mayor Rose Herrera, Council Person for District 8, sent a letter on Nov. 10 recommending to Mayor Liccardo and the San Jose City Council approve all 27 acres for the land use change to NCC. In her letter, Herrera said: "The 27 acres will give the local community college needed revenue to build and expand educational opportunities; create additional jobs for Eastside residents; and supply Evergreen with needed medical, commercial and retail services."

According to Herrera, the planning department admitted they had made a mistake in their process of calculating job and traffic counts. The mistake was made shortly after the planning commission meeting, but not announced until after Herrera issued her memo on Nov. 10 recommending the land use change.

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### Election Day in Santa Clara County

Thousands of ballots arrive at Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters on election day 2016. A razor-thin margin in the District 8 race means voters are likely headed for a recount.

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## Recount likely for San Jose City Council District 8 race

By William D. Bellou  
Publisher

The tight, intense and fluctuating race for the winning seat for the San Jose City Council District 8 continues with a likely recount to be announced later this month with only 88 votes separating the two candidates.

Silvia Arenas and Jimmy Nguyen have both seen their vote lead vanish and then suddenly reappear as election officials counted provisional and mail-in ballots received on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Nguyen and Arenas have been seen at the county elections office

| San Jose City Councilmember, District 8 (8 p.m. Nov. 21) |        |         |
|--|--------|---------|
| Choice   | Votes  | Percent |
| SYLVIA ARENAS  | 17,154 | 50.13%  |
| JIMMY NGUYEN   | 17,066 | 49.87%  |
| <b>TOTAL: 34,220</b>                                     |        |         |

watching workers count the district's vote-by-mail ballots. Both candidates can challenge signatures - but only on certain ballots.

Elections officials ultimately decide which ballots will be counted. Questionable ballots aren't counted until a supervisor decides

whether a ballot signature matches the one on file.

A spokeswoman at the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters' office said it's not uncommon for candidates or observers to challenge ballot signatures during the vote canvassing process.

### Ballot count

On Tuesday, Nov. 8, Nguyen emerged ahead of Arenas by more than 500 votes, but by Thursday, Arenas was leading by 56 votes. Then on Saturday, Nov. 12, Nguyen moved ahead in the race by a razor thin 42 votes. On Sunday, the lead changed again with Arenas leading with 80 votes on the afternoon of Monday, Oct. 14. Then a reversal was released at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 15, when the Register of Voters website revealed that Nguyen was leading by 75 votes. The next day, Nguyen's lead fell to 56, and on

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Times **Local News**



Evergreen resident **Jim Zito** receives a commendation from the San Jose City Council. Pictured (l to r) are San Jose City Councilmember **Johnny Khamis**, San Jose Mayor **Sam Liccardo**, **Anthony Zito**, and Vice Mayor **Rose Herrera**.

## Jim Zito receives commendation for community service, leadership from San Jose City Council

The San Jose City Council presented a commendation to Evergreen resident Jim Zito for his outstanding leadership and community service on Nov. 15.

Zito, who currently serves as President Pro-Tem and Trustee of the Board at Evergreen Elementary School District, has received numerous awards for his tireless community service.

"Jim has been one of our volunteer enthusiasts in many important events my office has hosted in our district," said Vice Mayor Rose Herrera, representing District 8. "Every year, he tirelessly dedicates his time and effort to Day in the Park as Volunteer and Parking Coordinator, and the Music & Movie Night Summer Series, to name a few.

Herrera continued: "I am honored to have such a dedicated individual as a leader in our community and to have the opportunity to recognize all of his hard work and tireless efforts to bettering both the District 8 and San Jose community at large."

"I am humbled in receiving this award,

not because I am a humble guy, but because what I do for our community, I do out of love for all the people who make up this diverse melting pot of ideas, efforts and experiences," said Zito.

"I do not see what I do as extraordinary... no more than any family member would in contributing to their family. I'm sure you agree that it is only through its people... by giving back and working together for the betterment of the entire community that a desirable, vibrant and inclusive community can truly exist.

Zito continued: "While I am receiving this commendation tonight, I share it with the hundreds of colleagues who have also worked for and accomplished so much in making our District and City a great place to live and thrive. I thank you and the entire District 8 community for this honor."

Zito received a BS in Computer Science from State University of New York at Stony Brook and earned an MBA, University of Phoenix.

**"I do not see what I do as extraordinary... no more than any family member would in contributing to their family."**

—**Jim Zito**

## Body found near Aborn Rd.

Detectives are investigating a homicide after a body was found near Aborn Rd. in Evergreen on Thursday afternoon Nov. 17 according to San Jose Police.

Officers were called about 1 p.m. to the 2100 block of Turnhouse Lane, near

Brigadoon Way and a block south of Aborn Road, for reports of a possible dead body. When they arrived, they found an adult male victim outside, who was pronounced dead at the scene. Police summoned the SJPD homicide unit.

The man's death is under investigation and his identity was withheld pending notification of his next of kin.

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The Evergreen Valley High School (EVHS) Marching Band has earned first place awards for the fourth straight year.

## Evergreen Valley High School Marching Band receives four first place awards

By William Bellou  
Publisher

The Evergreen High School (EVHS) Marching Band has earned first place awards for the fourth straight year at recently held Western Band Association competitions.

The band competed in five 2016 WBA Class 2A competitions winning four first place awards and one second place award at events held in Oct. 8 thru Nov. 12

WBA events include more than 12,000 students participating in weekend competitions.

The EVHS Marching Band's show is called "780! Make Each Second Count!" 780 is the number of seconds the band performs from start to finish, which totals 13 minutes.

The first WBA competition of the season is the Valley Christian Quest Classic held on Oct. 8. The EVHS Marching Band scored second place with a score of 64.00. The band finished third place for Overall Effect, first place for Overall Music, and first place for Overall Visual.

The Quest Classic was followed

by four first place awards.

At the next competition, The Garlic City Classic Band Tournament, held on Oct. 15, the marching band was awarded first place with a greatly improved score of 71.60. The band also received first place for General Effect, Overall Music and Overall Visual.

At the Dublin HS Irish Guard Tournament, held on Oct. 29, the EVHS Marching Band improved its score again (73.65) and won a first place award, and also won

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## Earthquake-like shake reported by Evergreen residents

By Sean Eastwood  
Times staff writer

Evergreen residents reported a "mysterious earthquake-like shake" on Nov. 15, but it wasn't a quake, but more like a rumble.

The rumbling sound was also heard in nearly every city in the Bay Area, and some reported the same rumbling sound as far away as Denver, Co.

The US Geological Survey says it didn't record an earthquake and the agency did not know the source of the rumbling. "Our duty seismologist did an extensive search and we did not see any seismic activity in the South Bay," Susan Garcia, a spokeswoman with the U.S. Geological Survey.

On Nov. 16, the U.S. military denied the rumbling was a sonic boom. However, there was a report that the rumbling was a sound wave technology test being conducted by U.S. Navy submarines off the coast of California. The sound wave technology is capable of collapsing underground bunkers.

## San Jose City Council approves minimum wage increase

The San Jose City Council voted to raise the minimum wage to \$15 by January 2019 - but decided to exclude youth in job training programs from the higher wage on Nov 15.

The unanimous vote will raise the city's minimum wage to \$12 on July 1, 2017, \$13.50 on Jan. 1, 2018, and the final increase to \$15 goes into effect January 1, 2019. San Jose's current minimum wage is \$10.30 minimum.

A city-sponsored study found more than 100,000 San Jose workers would benefit from the wage increase, adding \$3,000 a year to their salaries.

## Mailbox



### Engaging events bring people together

Editor,

Mr. Yeager's article last month on VivaCalle is spot on.

I believe that by San Jose hosting such a community-engaging event, it really helps bring everyone together on a beautiful day with the sole purpose of having fun and enjoying each other's company.

Working at Mikes Bikes in Downtown Willow Glen I was able

to experience this event first hand. Although not being able to actually explore the festivities, I did have the pleasure of being able to talk to dozens of people who came by the shop about their day, which was nothing short of enjoyable.

With dogs, kids, food and bikes everywhere, VivaCalle allows everyone to have a great time. Something spectacular stood out among all the multitude of great events that occurred during the day. At the time VivaCalle was hosted,

the presidential election was at a close tie and tensions were high around the country. Not once during the day did I see an argument over candidates. Not once did I see a protest and not once did I see a political debate in an environment that is hardly appropriate. It brings so much beauty to humanity when something as simple as a beautiful day with friends and family can nearly eliminate such deep anger some people have towards others. I was reminded in that moment I realized this how badly people just want to be happy and how well VivaCalle had done at doing just that.

Connor Walsh  
San Jose State University

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Times **Community News**

# Randstad accepting applications for 900 manufacturing, warehouse jobs

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Randstad will accept applications from job seekers during on-site hiring events taking place at their San Jose location. Randstad will be hosting additional events throughout November and December: November 21st - 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; November 29th - 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; December 6th - 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and December 13th - 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the company's branch location: Zazzle, 1185 Campbell Ave., San Jose, CA 95126.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, submit

to a background check and drug screen and be able to lift up to 50 pounds. Candidates are encouraged to bring documentation with them to complete the I9 verification form, in case they are offered a position. Qualified candidates will receive tentative start dates for their onboarding orientation before leaving the event.

Job seekers interested in learning more about the open positions should register for an appointment by visiting: <https://interview.harqen.com/interviewnow/41974/9387>. Candidates unable to attend the hiring events are encouraged to apply online or contact one of our offices above to speak with a recruiter.

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EVHS Marching Band at Logan.

## Band

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first place for Overall General Effect, Overall Music, and Overall Visual.

The following weekend, the band participated at the Independence 76th Cavalry Band Tournament, held Nov. 5. The band improved its score again (76.80) and received its third first place finish as well as being awarded first place for Overall General Effect, Overall Music, and Overall Visual.

The final competition of the season was the prestigious James Logan Invitational Tournament held on Nov. 12. The EVHS scored 76.60 and won its fourth first place award, and also received first place again for Overall General Effect, Overall Music, and Overall Visual.

"I'm very proud of our EVHS Marching Band and I know the residents, especially family members, are so very proud as well," said Steven Barnhill, EVHS Band Director. "Achieving four straight first place awards is quite an amazing accomplishment."

Barnhill commented he is very appreciative of the effort given by these dedicated students and our marvelous marching band staff. "We are so appreciative of our

amazing volunteers, Band Moms, Pit Dads, and the families that have contributed their time and continue to be so supportive."

*Editor's note: EVHS Marching Band videos and photos can be viewed through Facebook at Evergreen Valley Marching Band, or EVHS Marching Band.*

**About Western Band Association**

In January 1979 a group of band directors met to change the face of Marching Bands in Northern and Central California. These leaders were Mike Rubino (Live Oak HS), Ramiro Barrera (Lincoln HS), Dan Smith (Independence HS), Gary Runsten (Modesto HS) & Mel Stratton (Clovis HS). The goal was to create an educationally based competitive performance opportunity. Standardized rules and score sheets were designed to assure the bands the competitive experience envisioned.

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## Evergreen Valley High School Marching Band

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**Assistant Director:** Rick Pina  
**Design Staff Music:** Tim Bacon  
**Design Staff Visual:** Rick Pina  
**Design Staff Percussion:** Conner The  
**Design Staff Auxiliary:** Sabrina Plata  
**Instructional Staff:** Tim Bacon - Winds, Conner The & Kristian Llanes - Drums, Peter Nguyen - Front Ensemble, Justin Cunha, Elad Zohar & Malik Campbell - Visual, Sabrina Plata & Ailan Nguyen - Guard  
**Drum Major:** Jonathan Ling  
**Captains:** Dawn Dao  
**Number of Performers:** 60  
**Name of 2016 Program:** 780! Making Every Second Count!  
**Website:** [www.evhsband.org](http://www.evhsband.org)

| Event                                    | Date     | Score |
|--|----------|-------|
| Valley Christian Quest Classic           | 10-08-16 | 64.00 |
| Garlic City Classic Band Tournament      | 10-15-16 | 71.60 |
| Dublin HS Irish Guard Band Tournament    | 10-29-16 | 73.65 |
| Independence HS Band Tournament          | 11-05-16 | 76.80 |
| James Logan Invitational Band Tournament | 11-12-16 | 76.60 |

Times **Community News**

# First Diwali Masti Indian Festival Of Lights community celebration at Evergreen Square

By **Kevin Larsen**  
Times staff writer

On a spectacular brightly lit blue sky Nov. 12, the Evergreen Cultural Association set in motion the Festival of Lights Festival with great planning and beauty for everyone to enjoy.

The blue fountain in the center of the Evergreen Plaza made for a central place for all to meet. There were lots of children and parents with shared smiles of getting together to enjoy the music, conversations, and food.

An organizer expressed that the Evergreen area is growing with more and more people from India so it was only natural to bring everyone together.

Since many are spread out over the valley this festival and future ones allow for a common platform to present the rich culture for everyone of all cultures to experience and embrace.

The event educates all and brings people closer together! It is all about celebrating and marks the beginning in the Evergreen area of a long journey of togetherness and the joy of all knowing each other more in the Evergreen Valley. The word that defines the atmosphere is "Namaskar," and it means welcome.

Others who the reporter spoke to expressed that it is very healthy and good for the Diwali Masti to take place in Evergreen for in India it is celebrated country wide too! It is a time where all come together as a community and this is nice for often it was expressed that many spend long hours in front of some kind of electronic device so the importance of getting to know neighbors face to face brings reward of caring and love for all.

The author is not from this culture and noticed that some of the music and dancing was very nice to hear. One could not help but want to watch the expert dancing by many. Some songs came from very famous movies and the dancing on stage was done by young people with beautiful sequenced movements combined with outfits of sequins glittering in bright vibrant colors which communicated in strong powerful culturally representative ways. New dancing moves were also being taught to groups of visitors who were very successful in moving in unison to the song beats. Something very touching happened and the author noticed it and it is to be commended by all in attendance.

On some occasions the sound system of the song would stop in the middle of the song and the professional dancers and the crowd would cheer. A loud roar of applause was heard by all combined with smiles and laughter. This happened more than once and if the music shut off the crowd cheered and gave celebration to the "now!" of things. The crowd was very kind and caring and celebrated all things so if a music interruption did occur, it was still met with a cheer to reinforce to all that we must be content and happy for all the little things in our lives that go well! We must keep positive on things! The crowd had an award winning attitude and it was fun to walk the festival and witness and feel the positive energy.

At one of the booths at the Festival, signatures were given to change a road name to fit the community. This event was exhibiting democracy first hand and the community was working together to address a new cause.

Another booth had paintings displayed with actual fish in three dimension (this means real looking fish) stuck on the art itself swimming on the paper (not moving but on the page). This is called mixed medium. Artist Vaide Hiparekh is successful in teaching children from five years up and also young adults and all others to use recycle things in the work too. An example was shown where pencil shavings were used to create a beautiful three dimensional art piece. She expressed that it is good to show children value and respect in what they have by using what things they have in art creations.

Upon walking out of the festival area the author felt a bit more a part of the family of those who came to our America from India. This is a new home for many and this festival welcomed all people to come and visit with open arms. Often while walking the festival many of the organizers walked with food trays and offered the traditional treats of India. This action made the author realize that when one says "Diwali Masti," Festival of Light and Fun, the light is not just what our eyes see but the glow of warmth we feel in our hearts when we come together as neighbors, friends and community.

*Editor's note: It was announced that the next celebration will take place on Jan. 13, 2017. It is scheduled to take place at the Evergreen Community on San Felipe Rd. As one organizer expressed, it truly is "the beginning of a long journey together where all are Namaskar (welcome)!"*

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# Pastor's letter to the Mayor re: 27 acre General Plan Amendment

Dear Mayor Liccardo,

You recently sent a message to a sector of the Community saying that you 'have their back'. This is quite commendable. Do you have our back also?

There is a proposal before the Council to amend the General Plan to allow commercial development on 27 acres of prime educational land of Evergreen Community College. This is a misconceived idea. It will hurt the very people whose back you want to protect. It will restrict educational program development. The financial gain will be minimal. Prime educational land will be lost forever. The Evergreen resident and taxpayer is stabbed in the back - once again.

The Trustees followed the minimalist requirement to notify residents within 1,000 feet of the proposed development to fulfill their legally required mandate. This may make sense for developments with minimal impact beyond the surrounding area. But their decision to develop the land as proposed impacts the entire community of Evergreen, East San Jose and even San Jose in general. We have not been allowed to participate in the vision for the development of this land. The Faculty and Students share similar sentiments.

We have no voice. We want a voice. It is our land. This request for re designation is not the same as a private landowner asking the city to reclassify land for personal development reasons. This is land owned by the Taxpayer purchased from tax funds for an educational purpose being asked to transform this land into a commercial use. The proposal merits extensive input from the landowners, the community. That is, the taxpayer. This plan is ill conceived because of the lack of input from the stakeholders. Let us have a voice.

The Vice Mayor recommended in writing that there needs to be extensive community outreach. So why would the Council make a general plan amendment before the people have the opportunity to have input and support the project they helped create? The Developer has made no development plan public. What he has conjectured as possible development options (excluding housing) can be accomplished within its current designation as 'Public Quasi Public'. Making the General Plan Amendment before giving the people full voice in how their tax investment should be handled only serves special interests and is a betrayal of the people.

Proponents like to tout that the College has more land than any other college in the District. They do not state that the Earthquake fault line that runs through the campus requires the demolition of two major educational structures and the land is unusable. There are also steep grades that lead up the mountainside into a Park.

This College campus at most at my calculation has 94 acres of USABLE, developable land subtracting the 27 acres. This makes the usable campus smaller than DeAnza and Foothill Colleges. Giving up 27 acres leaves no space for such things as the minimum five acres required for sports

fields. This includes track and field, basketball, tennis, baseball, football. Perhaps a stadium? A four year degree Nursing program would require upper division space too. It appears that the plan also contravenes the California State Constitution guaranteeing access to basic quality education. This general plan amendment offers no promise to those whom you seek to address in the San Jose Promise.

No College in America has excess land. There is no more public lands available for Community College development in San Jose. EVC should become an educational jewel on the Eastside to build out with greater rapidity what the Mayor labeled the San Jose Promise.

The Council is told that the land designation is required as this is the only development option available. It is not the only option. It is the only option for this Developer. There was no open bid process. Colleges across the country have found ways to use their undeveloped lands to grow their educational program whilst building fiscal relationship with other entities that help build community, expand educational opportunities and positive interactions and relationships with the communities that they serve. This can only happen when the community has ownership of the bigger picture where education is first and foremost. Why would the Council want to make this change without a specific plan from the Developer supported by the people?

Evergreen East San Jose requires the development of an educational institution within reach of its constituents. The current College system organization requires thousands of students to cross town everyday to attend College outside their District because programs and courses are not available nor planned in sufficient number in East San Jose. Limited human resources are wasted on this needless movement of peoples, lost man hours in non productive travel adding costs and reducing the effectiveness of your 'San Jose Promise' project. Social change requires major participation in educational opportunity at the least cost with the most effective implementation. Using the 27 acres to spearhead education will move the Promise from a token idea to a major force in reshaping opportunity in the community.

I am asking you and the Council to have our back and give us the right to contribute to the development plan before it comes to Council vote. I also encourage you to suggest that the College Board create a "blue ribbon" committee made up of a representative cross-section of the community to create a development plan within the PQP designation. This way, the College Board and the Community will retain greater control of the development, create jobs, enhance education and receive a larger cash flow from the development and the educational use.

Please prevent this General Plan Amendment from going ahead without transparent community input.

**John S Goldstein**

Pastor, Grace Church of Evergreen



Times **Local News****Op Ed****Community asks Mayor to 'have our back'**

By **Sandra Randles**  
*Special to the Times*

This December 13th there is a San Jose City Council meeting where the city council members and mayor can vote their positions on approving, denying, or to delay their decision on the city's general plan amendment change of 27 acres of Evergreen College property from Public Quasi Public to Neighborhood Community Commercial (commercial/retail).

On November 10, a letter from San Jose Vice-Mayor Rose Herrera Council Person for District 8 recommended to Mayor Liccardo and the San Jose City Council approve all 27 acres for the land use change to Neighborhood Community Commercial.

Five days later, on November 15th, Santa Clara County Supervisor Dave Cortese wrote a letter to Mayor Liccardo recommending that the mayor and the council delay their decision on the 27 acres and land use designation change. County Supervisor Dave Cortese included the following reasons:

As of the recent election, District 8 has chosen a new leader and city council member for the district. Due to the ongoing controversy, it is this new leader who should be working with the community and other stakeholders to lead the strategies they want to represent.

County Supervisor Cortese cited

that the community outreach for this land use issue left much to be desired and suggested that there would be litigation due California guidelines not being followed by the SJECCD and developer.

County Supervisor Cortese also requested the city require the applicant(s) provide a more detailed development plan that is concurrent with the requested General Plan Amendment so the community can fully understand the impact the development will have on the community.

Two days later this was followed by a letter to Mayor Liccardo from Pastor John Goldstein of Grace Church on Aborn Road. Pastor Goldstein requested that the mayor provide for the community to have a voice in the land paid for by the community's taxes and intended for educational use. Pastor Goldstein cited that the city's decision was broader than just the Evergreen Community, and that this was a City of San Jose issue about education and its ability to meet the educational needs of its citizens.

Mayor Liccardo's position and recommendation on this commercial development on college land will be telling in the light of his recent book which he cited in his election campaign and in his recent letter to the city "We've got your back." In his book, "Safer City, Smarter Government, A Plan for San Jose's Future" Mayor Liccardo

writes that "if we share concerns about a Valley with a widening income gap and opportunity gap, then our schools need our engagement." He further writes that "Our residents' future prosperity hinges on our collective focus on college attainment. Inaction condemns another generation to low-skill jobs, widening San Jose' already-yawning gap between rich and poor, and much of that gap remains color-coded by race."

In his book Mayor Liccardo cites that "City Hall can also ease the biggest obstacle for expanding innovative, high-performing schools." In his letter to the city, "We've got your back," Mayor Liccardo addresses the number of residents in our communities who are in fear of immigration rules; fear of deportation, or in fear of being of another faith. Mayor Liccardo directs "Student 'dreamers' born in a foreign country" to a website and concludes his letter with the statement, "We've got much work to do to take care of each other, and to transform San José's corner of the world. We've got your back."

The residents and students of Evergreen and East San Jose want to know if Mayor Liccardo has "Our back," especially when it comes to education for San Jose and our community.

To stay informed see: [tinyurl.com/save-ecv-petition](http://tinyurl.com/save-ecv-petition).



**SANTA'S HELPERS** – The Silver Creek Women's Club Holiday was a great success thanks to the hard work by Club members. Helping on the day of the event are (l to r): **Hema Master, Kathy Talley, Kim Strassner, and Shula Kori**. Not pictured: **Gergana Angelova and JoAnn Sabo**.

## 2016 Silver Creek Women's Club Holiday Market a record breaker

More than 400 visitors turned out for the 2016 Silver Creek Women's Club Holiday Market event at the Silver Creek Valley Country Club on Sunday, Nov. 20.

On display for purchase were exquisite jewelry, handmade painted silk scarves, organic spices, photographs, miniature trees, dresses, and more. Tasty lunch creations were offered along with live piano music bringing in the holiday spirit.

The event was open to the public, attracting many shoppers from the Villages Golf and Country Club and surrounding neighborhoods, and of course great support from the Silver Creek Country Club.

The organizing committee for the event included Gergana Angelova, Shula Kori, Hema Master, JoAnn Sabo, Kim Strassner, and Kathy Talley.

**Land use**

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"The planning assumed the job and traffic counts were the same for Public Quasi Public (PQP) the current GP designation and NCC the new proposed designation," explained Herrera.

"Planning is now in the process of modeling the jobs and traffic count for the proposed new GP designation Neighborhood community commercial," said Herrera. "The results a said we won't know the results in the next week or so. The revision could potential change my recommendation," she said.

### Herrera calls for prohibiting housing

Herrera explained that her memo includes a requirement that the college agree not to build housing on the 27 acres.

"I specifically asked for a development agreement that prohibits housing as a condition of the approval," she said. "This is important because converting the land to housing could open the door to other requests to convert job land in Evergreen to housing. There will also be extensive community outreach with the Evergreen community during that process. The project will also come under the Evergreen Development policy limits, which has severely limited allocations for development including commercial.

Proponents proclaim that Evergreen residents lack access to services like medical and retail which forces them to leave the area for other areas. The lack of services and retail in Evergreen creates more crowded roads leading in and out of Evergreen and on to the freeways. Local services would not likely generate trips from more people coming from out of the area but instead would be local residents traveling within the community.

### Cortese gets involved

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### Grace Church voices opinion

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### Chancellor sends letter to Liccardo

Dr. Debbie Budd, Chancellor, San Jose Evergreen Valley College sent a letter to Mayor Liccardo on Nov. 10. In her letter, Budd stated: "The District desires to ground lease the land for the purpose of generating substantial rental revenue which will be used to support the educational needs of the students of the District. With our Values of Opportunity, Social Justice and Equity, supporting our students is of paramount importance to the District. By approving the NCC designation for the entire 27 acres, the City will be

providing the District with the flexibility to consider a variety of job producing proposals for the use of the land with any specific proposal being subject to future City zoning review and approval. This flexibility is critical to the District's long term utilization of the land. The NCC designation facilitates the use of the land for jobs related uses and will facilitate a ground lease that will bring in funds to support our students in programs such as the San Jose Promise. The NCC designation does not support residential housing. On behalf of the District, I respectfully request your approval of the Application for the entire 27 acres."

**The Evergreen community will present their concerns at the Dec. 13 San Jose City Council Meeting when they vote on the 27 acre general plan amendment change.**

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Times **Local News**

**Secondary units are a source of naturally affordable housing**

By Vice Mayor Rose Herrera

*Special to the Times*  
**A**ccessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), sometimes referred to as "in-law units" or "secondary units" are self-contained housing units that are secondary to the main residence. They are often located in backyards of single-family lots, but can also be attached to the main house. As such, these units unlock the opportunity for development within the existing fabric of our single family residential neighborhoods, adding hidden density and creating units that, by nature of their smaller size, are more affordable to build and rent. Especially in San Jose, where the primary land use is single family homes, ADUs can play a critical role in alleviating the affordability crisis by increasing the supply of housing while working within the confines of existing zoning policies. These units are financed by home owners not the tax payers. They are a potential source of naturally affordable housing.



**District 8 Report**

By Rose Herrera  
 City Councilmember

lower rates of car ownership.

Despite these benefits, the number of ADUs actually built each year in the county is small. According to Silicon Valley at Home (SV@Home) - an affordable and policy advocacy organization working across Santa Clara County - in recent years, fewer than 90 permits have been issued annually county wide-and San Jose averages only 13. We can make it easier for residents who wish to utilize their own property to create additional non- government subsidized, naturally affordable housing and reduce the number of illegally built units.

In September, Governor Jerry Brown signed into law Senate Bill 1069 (Wieckowski), a bill to encourage the development of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) throughout California. While this bill is an important first step, cities must now do their part by easing regulatory constraints to ADU development to address our housing crisis. SB 1069 encourages accessory dwelling unit construction, modernizes regulations, streamlines processes, and reduces fees.

On Tuesday, November 14th, San Jose became the first city in the County to comply with SB 1069 requirements. Additionally, the City Council unanimously agreed to further ease restrictions to ADUs, to study the development of a public information program, to implement an amnesty program to legalize illegal non-conforming units that are brought up to code, and to remove impediments to the conversion of detached garages or other accessory structures for residential use.

More secondary units alone are not going to solve the affordable housing crisis, but they are a piece of the puzzle. We need to be creative and utilize many different strategies to make a dent in the need for housing.

While they won't fix the housing crisis on their own, secondary units can make a meaningful difference in San Jose's efforts to solve the housing crisis.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

*As always, my office is open to input or questions by e-mailing [district8@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district8@sanjoseca.gov) or calling 408- 535-4908. I want to keep you informed! Sign up for the District 8 newsletter - go to [www.sanjoseca.gov/district8](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district8).*

Consider these numbers: if just 10 percent of the approximately 342,500 single family homeowners in Santa Clara County were to add ADUs to their properties, we could add over 34,000 units to our housing stock - 34,000 naturally affordable units that can reduce the gap of at least 67,000 homes that we need for low- and moderate-income households throughout the county and help prevent displacement of teachers, nurses, service workers and other key members of our community. Secondary units are a unique type of housing that is naturally affordable without the need for public subsidy. They can play an important role in alleviating San Jose's overcrowding issues and can help keep families together, often providing a way for retirees or returning college graduates to continue living near family, when they otherwise wouldn't be able to afford to stay. They can provide housing for seniors who want to stay in their home and age in place. Contrary to common fears that secondary units exacerbate parking problems, a study conducted by UC Berkeley shows that secondary unit residents have

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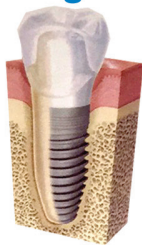
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Bagpipe performances were played by the Stewart Tartan Pipes and Drums.

## St. Andrew's Day Celebration at Evergreen Valley College

By Frank Shortt  
Times Staff Writer

The 41st Annual St. Andrew's Day Celebration and Parade, hosted by Sterling Warner, Professor of English at Evergreen Valley College on Nov. 15 was a huge success.

Andrew McFarlin, EVC Emeritus Engineering Professor, has hosted the annual St. Andrew's Celebration which had its beginnings at San Jose City College 41 years ago.

Ninety-year-old McFarlin, president of the South Bay Scottish Society, said he believes that this will be his last year of arranging for and participating in EVC's St. Andrew's Day festivities. He is deserving of a rest and turning the reins over to a younger successor.

The color guard portion of the program was provided by the Scottish American Military Society, Post 1921, consisting of Fran McVey, John Hassenplug, John McCarthy, John Ralls,



David Reynolds, and Sherry Oppenheim.

Scottish Ceilidh Dancing was performed by Kathy Allen and members of the San Jose School of Highland Dancing. One outstanding performer was Catherine MacDougall, nursing student at San Jose State University. She did a rendition of

a table top dance depicting a young housewife's anger at a husband who imbibed too freely.

Bagpipe performances were performed by the Stewart Tartan Pipes and Drums consisting of Sue Nissen, Phil Lenihan, Barry Scott, Jeff Gordon, and Wes Weber. Robert Burn's poems and odes were performed by Julius Agsaoa, Sherry Gilbertson, Samantha Martin, Axel Tenorio, Robert Covington, Jerry Green, Madison Mendez, and Aidiene Valenzuela. Traditional Scottish Ballads and Songs were performed by Ivan Colonna and Mike Masuda. Mr. Sterling Warner also treated the audience to some traditional Scottish poetry.

Tartan Merchandise was provided by the Celtic Shoppe. Scottish foods were provided by The Ministry of Food. Special thanks goes to Guillermo Serratos, EVC Grounds Supervisor and his crew for arranging all the seating, P.A. systems, etc.



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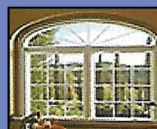
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## Arcadia groundbreaking

The Arcadia groundbreaking for the new ballpark was held on Saturday, Nov. 19. Those in attendance applauded and some cried with happiness. It was an emotional ceremony for the various groups that are in need of local recreational space. Check the next issue of the Evergreen Times for more photos and an update on the project scheduled to be completed in the Summer of 2018.

## District 8

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Friday his vote count rose to 64. On Saturday, Nov. 19, more than 1,800 provisional ballots were opened including 342 partial ballots. By Saturday evening, Nguyen was ahead of Arenas by 39 votes. On Sunday, Nov. 20 the afternoon update changed course with Arenas up by 51 votes ahead of Nguyen, and her lead extended to 88 votes on Monday, Nov. 21.

As the *Evergreen Times* went to press, there were still more ballots left to count or to be verified for the District 8 election race.

### Recount

If the margin of victory for either candidate, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors' automatic recount program requires a recount if the difference is less than half percent of the total votes cast. A candidate may request a recount.

By Dec. 8 the vote totals will be certified and the both candidates will be able to get off the emotional and stressful rollercoaster ride with a clear winner proclaimed by the Registrar of Voters.

### Ballots counted after Election Day

- "Last Minute" Vote by Mail Ballots: Vote by Mail ballots that arrive on Election Day are processed and counted starting the next day; these take longer to count than a precinct ballot because they have to be signature-verified; most of these are counted by the Friday after the election

- Postmarked Vote by Mail Ballots: Under California law, ballots may be counted even if they arrive after Election Day, as long as they are received by mail no later than three days after the election and are postmarked on or before Election Day

- Provisional Ballots: these are the usually the last ballots counted because they have to be researched and verified; it may take a few weeks, but every valid vote will be counted

- Damaged/Unreadable Ballots: some ballots are torn, damaged, or marked in such a way that the tallying machines can't read them and require additional processing

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Times **Feature****Red Cross issues safe cooking tips as Thanksgiving approaches**

Thanksgiving is almost here – a time when many people will travel home to visit loved ones and households will prepare the holiday feast. The American Red Cross has steps people can follow to have a safe holiday.

“Cooking is the number one cause of home fires,” said Trevor Riggen, Regional CEO, Bay Area Chapter. “And thousands of people will travel over the holiday. We want people to stay safe and offer steps they can take to avoid a kitchen fire and reach their destination safely.”

**TOP TEN COOKING SAFETY TIPS**

1. Don't wear loose clothing or sleeves that dangle while cooking.

2. If you are frying, grilling or broiling food, never leave it unattended – stay in the kitchen. If you just leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.

3. If you're simmering, baking, roasting or broiling food, check it regularly.

4. Use a timer to remind yourself that the stove or oven is on.

5. Keep kids and pets away from the cooking area. Make them stay at least three feet away from the stove.

6. Keep anything that can catch fire - pot holders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, food packaging, and towels or curtains—away from your stove, oven or any other appliance in the kitchen that generates heat.

7. Clean cooking surfaces on a regular basis to prevent grease buildup.

8. Consider purchasing a fire extinguisher to keep in your kitchen. Contact your local fire department to take training on the proper use of extinguishers.

9. Always check the kitchen before going to bed or leaving the home to make sure all stoves, ovens, and small appliances are turned off.

10. Install a smoke alarm near your kitchen, on each level of your home, near sleeping areas, and inside and outside bedrooms if you sleep with doors closed. Use the test button to check it each month. Replace all batteries at least once a year.

# Holiday Festivities

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# Community Calendar

## Events at New Seasons Market Evergreen

**Fridays, 5-6pm: Wine/Beer Tasting & Cheese Pairings.** 11/25: Orin Swift Locations Wines, 12/2: selection of craft beers, 12/9: DeRose Vineyards and acoustic music by Perrine Duo, 12/16: Duckhorn Vineyards, 12/23: Martin Ranch Winery, 12/30: Hahn

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**Wed, December 7, 5:30-7pm: Gluten Free Baking Class.** Certified Health Coach Kim Rice will demonstrate how to bake delicious, grain-free rolls and decadent double chocolate chip cookies for the holidays. Get tips for G-F baking and enjoy samples. Free.

**Sat, December 10: 2-3:30pm: Essential Oils 101.** Join Heidi Dagman and learn about the

fascinating world of fragrant essential oils—naturally occurring, aromatic compounds found in plants, and how you can use them to support your health. Free.

Register for classes at the Solutions Counter in the store or at: [www.newseasonsmarketevergreen.eventbrite.com](http://www.newseasonsmarketevergreen.eventbrite.com). New Seasons Market is located at 5667 Silver Creek Valley Rd, San Jose. 408-513-8200.



Cast members in rehearsal for The Tabard Theatre Company's production of **A Dickens of a Christmas Mashup**. The youthful twist on the holiday classic runs December 16 at Theatre on San Pedro Square in downtown San Jose. Photo by Edmond Kwong/ImageWurx

## 'A Dickens of a Christmas Mashup' starts

The Tabard Theatre Company at Theatre on San Pedro Square continues its 2016-2017 season, themed "Courage," with the World Premiere of *A Dickens of a Christmas Mashup*, a fun, funny, joyful, entertaining comedy-with-music featuring a youthful twist on the holiday classic that underscores in a contemporary way the courage to do what is right.

Working from a concept by Tabard Artistic Director Cathy Spielberger Cassetta, this modern re-telling of *A Christmas Carol* is told through the eyes, imagination, and references of 21st century youth. Recent SJSU graduate Amy Roberts led a team of young playwrights ages 9-16 to create the script. The young playwrights are Chloe Allen, Miles Bayer, Connor Chancey, Emily Anne Goes, Samantha Goes, and Claire Lentz.

*A Dickens of a Christmas Mashup* will delight audiences of all ages and may well prove to be a new holiday tradition. Providing background to the project, Cassetta comments, "The creative, inventive, and relevant interpretation these young playwrights have come up with exceeded my hopes and expectations. I am greatly impressed by their thoughtful and insightful version of the very familiar story. They have

found a way to give this classic story a contemporary spin that audiences will find engaging and entertaining. Who knows what or who will show up? It's a holiday adventure that promises to delight audiences of all ages."

The World Premiere production will run Dec. 2-16, at the intimate Theatre on San Pedro Square, 29 North San Pedro Street, in downtown San Jose. The show will perform Fridays Dec. 2, 9, and 16 at 8 p.m.; Saturdays, December 3 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Dec. 10 with special matinees at 12 p.m. and 4 p.m.; Sundays, Dec. 4 and 11 at 2 p.m. There will be one Thursday night performance, December 15 at 8:00pm. Additionally, a free hands-on presentation for those in the community who are blind or visually impaired will be held from 1:30-2:00 p.m., prior to the 3 p.m. performance on Saturday, December 3.

Tickets are available at [tabardtheatre.org](http://tabardtheatre.org), or by calling 408-679-2330. Cabaret Seating \$40. Reserved Tiered Seating: Adults \$30-\$32; Seniors \$28-30; Youth and Full-time Adult Students \$15. Advance purchase is strongly recommended.

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# Measure X bond measure passes by wide margin

With all precincts having reported, San Jose - Evergreen Community College District's (SJECCD) Measure X has passed by a margin of nearly 2:1.

As of Thursday afternoon, more than 64 percent of ballots counted had voted "yes" on Measure X while less than 36 percent voted "no." Many of the no votes cast on Election Day as protest to the proposed controversial 27 acre commercial development at Evergreen Valley College. The San Jose City College will vote on the proposal on Dec. 13.

"I am pleased to see such a high level of participation in the election by our community and grateful for the overwhelming support of Measure X," said Dr. Deborah Budd, SJECCD chancellor. "Measure X ensures that students for decades to come will be able to train and learn in state-of-the-art facilities so they will be well-equipped to transfer to universities and enter the workforce."

Measure X will provide \$748 million for SJECCD to build new educational facilities as well as upgrade and repair existing facilities on the campuses of Evergreen Valley College (EVC) and San José City College (SJCC), each of which is slated for approximately \$320 million in upgrades and new construction. The remainder of Measure X funds will be spent on District-wide projects,

**"With the cost of attending a four-year university on the rise and more and more local students, working families, and veterans relying on community colleges, the opportunities that will be created by Measure X are more important now than ever," Dr. Budd said.**

including major technology upgrades and enhanced campus safety and security.

"With the cost of attending a four-year university on the rise and more and more local students, working families, and veterans relying on community colleges, the opportunities that will be created by Measure X are more important now than ever," Dr. Budd said.

By law, no funds from Measure X can be spent on administrator salaries or benefits and an independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee and annual audits will ensure all funds are appropriately spent.



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### One Terrific Turkey

Centering your holiday meal around a turkey cooked to golden perfection is the ideal way to serve a feast. Without the right preparation and execution, however, your bird could fall short. To ensure your holiday dinner centerpiece lives up to expectations, follow these simple tips, from purchase to plate:

- 1. Buy the right bird.** Finding a turkey that's just the right size for your expected party is the start to a successful gathering. One common rule of thumb is to buy 1 pound of turkey per person – so for a 10-person meal, purchase a 10-pound turkey. Don't forget that nearly everyone loves leftovers, so you may consider buying a few pounds more than necessary.
- 2. Be patient.** If you opt for a frozen turkey, don't rush the thawing process. For larger turkeys, it can take days to defrost properly.
- 3. Timing is everything.** Finding the right amount of time for your turkey to spend in the oven is crucial but not always the easiest thing to do. For an 8-12-pound bird, aim for 2.5-3.5 hours; 12-16 pounds for 3.5-4 hours; 16-20 pounds for 4-4.5 hours, and so on. The key is bringing the turkey to a temperature reading of 170 F.
- 4. Let it rest.** Instead of pulling the turkey out of the oven and immediately carving it, give it a chance to rest for 20-30 minutes, which allows the juices to soak into the meat and moisten it up.

## Thanksgiving: Have an attitude of gratitude

By Bryan Golden  
*Special to the Times*

Thanksgiving is much more than a big meal with family and friends. It's a time to reflect on, and be thankful for, all of the good things you have.

It's important to be grateful, not just on Thanksgiving, but each and every day. Rather than lamenting what you feel is lacking in your life, begin each new day by developing an attitude of gratitude. Take inventory of your blessings and you will be surprised at just how much you have to be thankful for.

If you have enough to eat, a place to live, a way to get around, people who care about you, or people you care about, then you are wealthy. If you lack any of these elements, you must still be grateful for what you do have, while striving to obtain whatever is absent.

Focus on all positive aspects of your life. Take nothing for granted. Every morning, recharge your appreciation. Be happy for everything there is, not upset over what you feel is missing.

Dreams of the future shouldn't diminish appreciation for the present. If all you do is concentrate on what you want, you won't enjoy today. Don't be jealous of others; what they do or have has no bearing on you.

You can feel bitter or resentful for a variety of reasons. Perhaps you feel something is missing from your life, things aren't going your way, or you have been treated unfairly. You may wonder, "why do these things always happen to me?"

Life's problems tend to dominate your thoughts, turning your focus to what you feel is wrong. You may start to resent those who appear to be better off. You're apt to dwell on things you think would make your life better if you had them. If only you had more money, more time, a bigger house, a different car, a different job, a different boss, had picked a different career, etc.

Once your attitude becomes one of deficiency instead of abundance and appreciation, you can become overwhelmed by feelings of frustration and feel like a victim. As this happens, a consuming vicious cycle starts.

Being bitter or resentful blows situations out of proportion.

See *THANKS*, page 19

# A Full, Delightful Feast

Round out your holiday meal with mouthwatering courses

#### FAMILY FEATURES

While the turkey typically receives all the attention at holiday gatherings, rounding out your meal with the perfect snacks, sides and desserts is the key to a successful feast.

Start your guests off with NYC-Style Pita Chips with Herbed Ricotta and Arugula to keep big appetites at bay then serve Slow Cooker Mashed Sweet Potatoes with Marshmallows alongside the main course as the ideal complement to any meat. Finally, top off an evening of delicious food with Caramel Macchiato Ice Cream Pie to send everybody home happy.



### Simple, Chef-Worthy Holiday Snacks

Award-winning chef Hugh Acheson created these gourmet, fuss-free NYC-Style Pita Chips with Herbed Ricotta and Arugula – featuring Stacy's® Pita Chips. Perfect for any holiday gathering, and with three simple steps, this snack evokes the colors and flavors of the season in a matter of minutes. Visit [stacysnacks.com](http://stacysnacks.com) for more chef-worthy holiday recipes and pairings.

#### NYC-Style Pita Chips with Herbed Ricotta and Arugula

Servings: 6

- 1/4 pound fresh ricotta cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves, chopped
- 2 ounces baby arugula leaves
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 12 Stacy's Simply Naked Pita Chips

Scoop ricotta into small bowl, add chopped thyme, mix well.

On a platter, lay out 12 pita chips.

Top each chip with small dollop of ricotta mix and leaf of baby arugula; drizzle with olive oil and season with salt.



### Take It Slow

This holiday season, use your slow cooker to save time and open space without sacrificing flavor. Try this recipe for Slow Cooker Mashed Sweet Potatoes with Marshmallows and find more seasonal recipes at [McCormick.com](http://McCormick.com).

#### Slow Cooker Mashed Sweet Potatoes with Marshmallows

Prep time: 15 minutes  
Cook time: 4 hours, 10 minutes  
Servings: 8

- 5 pounds sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into cubes
- 1/2 cup Kitchen Basics Original Chicken Stock

- 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 4 tablespoons butter, cut into chunks
- 2 teaspoons McCormick Ground Cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon McCormick Ground Nutmeg
- 2 cups miniature marshmallows

Spray inside of 6-quart slow cooker with non-stick cooking spray. Add sweet potatoes, stock and brown sugar. Cover.

Cook 4 hours on high or until potatoes are tender, stirring after each hour. Stir in butter, cinnamon, salt and nutmeg. Cover. Let stand 5 minutes.

Beat potatoes with electric mixer on medium-high speed until smooth. Top with marshmallows. Cover. Cook 10 minutes on high or until marshmallows are slightly melted.



### Cool, Creamy Nightcap

There's only one way to properly end a holiday celebration: dessert. Send your guests home happy with one final course, a Caramel Macchiato Ice Cream Pie, to fill the remaining space in everyone's bellies. Find more dessert ideas at [nestleusa.com/nestle-kitchens](http://nestleusa.com/nestle-kitchens).

#### Caramel Macchiato Ice Cream Pie

Servings: 10  
Prep time: 20 minutes  
Total time: 4 hours, 55 minutes

#### Crust

- 9 graham crackers
- 1 cup finely chopped almonds
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 4 tablespoons butter, melted

#### Filling

- 1 container (1.5 quarts) Dreyer's or Edy's Grand Coffee Ice Cream, softened
- 1/2 cup Nestlé Toll House Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels, chopped, divided
- 1/2 cup Nestlé La Lechera Dulce de Leche

- 1 tub (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds, toasted

To make crust: Heat oven to 325 F.

In food processor, add graham crackers and pulse until crackers resemble fine crumbs. Add crumbs to bowl along with chopped almonds, sugar and butter; stir to combine. Press into bottom and up sides of 9-inch deep-dish pie plate.

Bake 5 minutes. Remove from oven and cool completely.

To make filling: Spread ice cream into cooled pie crust, smoothing out over bottom. Sprinkle with half of the chopped morsels.

Heat dulce de leche in microwave-safe bowl on high for a few seconds to soften; stir. Pour over chocolate morsels, spreading evenly.

Spoon whipped topping over dulce de leche, covering entire surface of pie. Sprinkle with remaining morsels and almonds.

Freeze 30 minutes. Remove pie from freezer and cover with foil. Place back in freezer for at least 4 hours, or until pie has set. Remove from freezer 10 minutes before serving.

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## Astronomy Public Talk by SETI scientist Dr. Rosalba Bonaccorsi

By Sean Eastwood  
*Times staff writer*

“Science Expeditions to Planetary-like environments and the search for life in the Solar System” will be presented by Dr. Rosalba Bonaccorsi at the Astronomy Public Talk on Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. at Evergreen Valley College.

In her talk Rosalba will present examples of expeditions to extreme and remote deserts in Chile (Atacama), Namibia, New Zealand, Australia, Antarctica, and the Himalayas. A summary of the latest 2016 SB India Expedition to the Leh-Ladakh region will be also presented.

The Astrobiology-driven search for Life in the Solar System and beyond begins here on Earth. In connection with this search, the NASA vision for Space Exploration involves robotic missions to prepare for humans living and working on the surface of Mars and also exploring the planet to find indicators of life.

Over the past 10 years we have been planning and conducting NASA Spaceward Bound field expeditions to terrestrial planetary analog environments where we can gain scientific knowledge; and test technologies and analytical protocols for life detection.

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**Dr. Rosalba Bonaccorsi**

objects.

**About the speaker:** Rosalba Bonaccorsi is an Astrobiologist of SETI Institute's Carl Sagan Center at NASA Ames Research Center. In 2001 Rosalba obtained her Ph.D. in Geological, Marine and Environmental Sciences from the University of Trieste (Italy). Since 2005 she has expanded her interest to the habitability of mineralogical Mars analogs, and very dry desert regions worldwide. For the past 10 years she has been a science team member and field instructor during NASA's Spaceward Bound expeditions to remote places including the Mojave Desert, Antarctica, Atacama (Chile), Australia, New Zealand, Israel, the Namib Desert.

The Astronomy Public Talk will be presented at the Performing Arts Theater, Evergreen Valley College, 3095 Yerba Buena Rd, San Jose, CA 95135. Free parking is available in lot 6 for the event. To join the free online Astronomy Meetup group visit: [edtech.meetup.com/834](http://edtech.meetup.com/834) For questions, contact Nargis Adham at: [montgomeryhillobservatory@gmail.com](mailto:montgomeryhillobservatory@gmail.com).

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Top row L to R : Lisa Soares, Cheryl Bautista, Alma Peralta. Bottom Row L to R: Dayani Ibarra, Valeria Rubelcava, Israel Alvarado, and Christopher Vazquez.

## Kathrine Smith Elementary School amazing contest winners

By Frank Shortt  
Times Staff Writer

A couple of area schools are winners in the Civic Education Video Contest as the first annual Civic Education Student Video Contest got underway.

This contest was suggested by the Santa Clara County Office of Education, and was introduced at Kathrine Smith by its principal, Aaron Brengard. He credited teachers, Cheryl Bautista, Alma Peralta, and Lisa Soares with the design of the project.

"We're very excited that our third grade won first and second place in a County Office video contest," said Brengard. "The ceremony is next week. I'll try to get the videos posted soon so you can enjoy them. It was part of one of the best projects we've ever done!

Lisa Soares, Alma Peralta, and Cheryl Bautista were the amazing designers."

Alma Peralta explains, "As part of the recent civic engagement initiative launched by the Santa Clara County Office of Education, students were being asked to submit a video to tell their story about how they are civic-minded and can get others involved." And 'get involved' they did!

Biling (Nelly) Yang, Chief Business Officer of the Evergreen School district also sent her heartiest congratulations. Jeff Schmidt of the County Office of Education also sent thanks saying, "Hello.

Ceremonies for the awards were held at the County Office of Education on November 2, and the outcome follow on the next page.

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## Thanks

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ion. People who are bitter frequently find that their situations deteriorate and their mental and physical health decays.

It's difficult, if not impossible, to achieve your goals while you are bitter or resentful. Regardless of what challenges might befall you, bitterness makes finding solutions much more elusive.

There is no point to feeling bitter since it accomplishes nothing, harms you and makes things worse. Filling yourself with gratitude on a daily basis makes you feel good, while driving out negative feelings.

Begin your practice of gratitude each morning as soon as you wake. Every day is a great day. If you have any doubts, try missing one. Take inventory of everything, no matter how small or seemingly

insignificant, that is good in your life.

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Keep things in perspective. Consider all the people who have overcome difficulties far worse than yours. Don't be consumed by your problems, there is always a solution. Maintaining an attitude of gratitude allows your mind to devise a resolution for your circumstances.

Make everyday a day of Thanksgiving and you will be amazed how much better your life will become.

Bryan is the author of "Dare to Live Without Limits." Contact Bryan at [Bryan@colummist.com](mailto:Bryan@colummist.com) or visit [www.DareToLiveWithoutLimits.com](http://www.DareToLiveWithoutLimits.com).

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| JEEP SF AUTO SHOW BONUS CASH*       | -\$500   |
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# Julie Page new principal at Matsumoto Elementary School

By Demi Khoury

Special to the Times

*“What drew me to work with Evergreen was the fact that there are many different schools with different requirements, served by a dedicated team of administrators and teachers.”*

— Julie Page

Julie Page has joined this dedicated team at Matsumoto Elementary as Principal.

Though new in her role, Page is thoroughly excited to settle in and learn about the Matsumoto community. She has great intention to continue the distinguished reputation of Matsumoto as one of Evergreen’s highest achieving schools.

Page’s unique background provides understanding to why she is a great addition to Matsumoto. Originally a Bay Area native,

Principal Page attended Willow Glen High School, claiming to be “a local gal.”

Julie is a graduate from San Jose State and Mills College where she majored in French and teaching English as a Second Language. Having spent a year in France, she became fairly fluent in French, but also speaks a little Spanish and aspires to learn Italian as well. Clearly, language and different cultures are a huge interest of Principal Page.

Surprisingly, education is Page’s second career. When her daughters, Kristen and Erica who are now 26 and 28 years old, respectively, began nursery school she became very interested in education and motivational learning environments. From that point forward, she became heavily



At left: **Julie Page** has joined this dedicated team at Matsumoto Elementary as Principal.

involved in their education, serving on the Board of Directors at their nursery school. Following this, she decided to go into teaching, in which she stayed for about 12 years in an elementary setting. She decided to take it one step further by attaining a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership. With this degree, Principal Page worked as assistant principal for two years and then took over as Principal at Murdock-Portal Elementary School in Cupertino. After spending five years there, she moved over to Saratoga Elementary School where she spent six years before officially settling at Matsumoto. With a plethora of experience in different roles and settings, Principal Page is ready to take on a new challenge at Matsumoto as lifelong learning has always been her greatest passion.

Page was particularly interested in working at Matsumoto because she wanted to work in a larger district that serves a diverse population of students. She found strength in the committed administrators in Evergreen, many of which believe in the idea of a shared leadership model.

Over the years, it has become clear to Page what keeps her inspired as an educator, which she explains is an “unspoken mandate to provide the best setting for students as possible.” At Matsumoto, she wants students to feel that school is a second home and a place where they feel safe, secure, and encouraged to learn and reach out.

In her new role as Principal, she is most excited to get to know everyone—students, parents and staff. “I love fostering school spirit and I have heard great things about the Matsumoto community,” she stated. Alongside community, Principal Page is also motivated by creativity. She has a deep background in 21st Century Learning with educational technology, collaborative learning, and inquiry based approaches. Page aspires to foster this model at Matsumoto with respect to the teachers and staff.

She wishes to work alongside the teachers and parents to provide a well-balanced yet rigorous program. With the understanding that learning is dynamic, Principal Page strongly values the student’s voice as well. Page hopes to foster a space at Matsumoto where students are able to articulate their interests so that learning is meaningful to all.

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# Winners

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**Grade Level: K-5**

1st Place Winner: "Voting Questions" from Katherine Smith Elementary School: Lead student: Israel Alvarado. Teacher: Cheryl Bautista

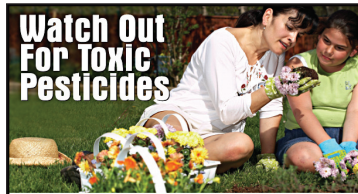
2nd Place Winner: "How to Vote" from Katherine Smith Elementary School. Lead Student: Valeria Ruvalcaba. Teacher: Cheryl Bautista

3rd Place Winner: "Say No to Exotic Pets" from Ruskin Elementary School: Lead Student: Anirudh Warriar. Teacher: Enrico Amutan

Alma Peralta, one of the participating teachers, reiterated, "Our principal, Aaron Brengard, heard of this contest and shared the details of it with us since he thought it may connect with the project that we, (3rd grade teachers) were working on. We looked it over, and it was a perfect fit for our project. The PBL project that we were working on was entitled "Every Voice Counts." Our Driving Question (which is the question that drives our projects) was: How can one vote impact my life and community? Through this project, the students learned about the importance of voting in a democracy and also about the

characteristics of a good citizen and how to appreciate how community service can benefit their community. One of the Deliverables (final project the children have to create) was to create a video that educated people on the importance of voting or on the voting process itself. Naturally, the contest was a good fit so we submitted the videos and two of our videos won 1st and 2nd place under the K-5 Grades category!"

Cheryl Bautista, Alma Peralta, and Lisa Soares should be congratulated for an excellent example of instilling student pride and for being a great example to all the other teachers in the Evergreen School District.



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## District 8 Community Roundtable

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The Parent Advisory Committee Meetings for 2015-16 will meet on the first Wednesday of the months of October, December, January, February, March and May. The meeting is held in the Evergreen School District boardroom, 3188 Quimby Road at 9:30 a.m.

## The Evergreen Senior Advisory Council

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

## Evergreen Valley Garden Club

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

715-7020 or email [chhbrahiya@yahoo.com](mailto:chhbrahiya@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](http://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 [friendsofvergreenlibrary.org](http://friendsofvergreenlibrary.org) or call 408-808-3060 for more information.

## Hidden Glen Community

To join a neighborhood discussion egroup, go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HiddenGlenSanJose/>

## LeyVa Community Action Team Association

This group is 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.

## Reid - Hillview Airport Association

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

## Rotary Club of San Jose East/Evergreen

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

## 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 Office, Board Room, 40 S. Market St., San Jose, CA 95113.

## San Pedro Squares Toastmasters Club

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

## Silver Creek (PTSA) Parent, Teacher, Student Association

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

## Silver Oak Educational Partnership

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

## SIR Branch 114 at the Villages

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

## Tully Ocala Capitol King Neighborhood Association

1st Monday of every other month from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Location: Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley - Smythe Clubhouse

## West Evergreen Neighborhood Association

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

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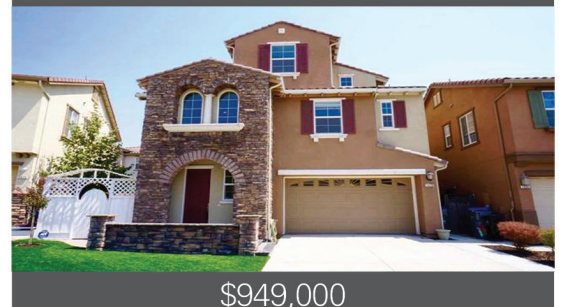


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