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YMCA Board Member Pat Wolfe, EVYMCA Director Lupe Ruvalcaba and C.E.O. of C.E.T. Hermelinda Sapien (left to right) at the Unity and Diversity Breakfast.

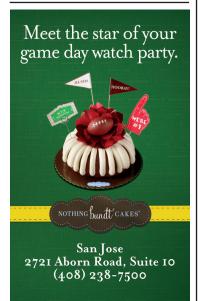
# **Kiwanis of East San Jose host Unity and Diversity Breakfast** held to strengthen community

By Kevin Larsen

Times staff writer he Kiwanis of East San Jose decided to start off the year with the Unity and Diversity breakfast on Jan. 26.

When the Kiwanis have meetings they do so without political, ethnic, or personal agendas in mind so that all are welcome to express themselves in an environment of love and fellowship.

"We must start our year off right," said Ruben Garcia (Chair of Spiritual Arms) of the Kiwanis Club of East San Jose. "We wish to



hold an open invitation to invite all pastors from churches and other religious organizations and we also want to be inclusive and invite all See UNITY, page 7



#### **Community inauguration** ceremony held for SJ City **Council member Arenas**

By Kevin Larsen Times staff writer

he standing room only community inauguration for Sylvia Arenas, San Jose City Councilmember-District 8 took place on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017 in the Evergreen Community Center.

Addressing the audience, Arenas said: "I am the first See ARENAS, page 12



Carolyn Clark helped shape the culture of Evergreen, and was the longest-serving trustee in Santa Clara County.

# **Carolyn Clark, the face of Evergreen** Valley, passes away at age 75

By William Bellou Publisher

arolyn Clark, who served as a trustee on the Evergreen School Board for 35 years, passed away peacefully on Jan. 23, surrounded by her family and friends.

Carolyn was known for saying, "To handle yourself, use your head. To handle others, use your heart." Her heart had a tremendous impact on her family, friends and the Evergreen community.

Clark helped shape the culture of Evergreen, and was the longestserving trustee in Santa Clara County. "Clark was the face of Evergreen for many years, said Kathy Gomez, Superintendent, Evergreen School District. "She had a big heart for our community and made such a positive difference for so many. We are grateful for her work and better off for it."

Upon her retirement from the Board in 2011, Clark said "I have A celebration of life will be held March 25, 2017 beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the school named in her honor, Carolyn A. **Clark Elementary School.** 



Clark's high school portrait

served on the board for half my life, but I am just getting tired.' She continued: "I love the work, I love the children. I thought it was time maybe somebody else got involved.'

In 2004, the school district honored Carolyn's exemplary contributions by opening Carolyn A. Clark Elementary School. Carolyn was very involved in the vibrant school community - riding her scooter down the halls to socialize with students and teachers, attending numerous events and shows, and even bringing donuts to the students and teachers who decorated trees at Christmas in the Park.

"Carolyn was an amazing woman so dedicated to her family, community and the Evergreen School District," said Gina Juarez, Principal at Carolyn A. Clark Elementary School. "Carolyn was a passionate person, who always had the best interests of the

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#### **ROTARY REPORT**

# **Upcoming slate of speakers offers many opportunities**

Rotary

Report

By Charlie Wasser
Special to the Times

ell, we have sold all
the tickets for our
Annual Crab Feed.

Hopefully, those of you that
had wanted tickets, were able
to purchase them. Since it is a
fund raiser, we will be having
a silent and live auction. We
are still collecting donations
for the auctions.

Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Remember the funds we generate will be used for the club's humanitarian projects on the East Side of San Jose. I would be remiss if I did not thank William Bellou, the publisher of the *Evergreen Times*. If you

wonder about the value of writing for or advertising in the *Evergreen Times*, our ticket selling results were assisted quite a bit by being in the newspaper.

#### **Upcoming Speakers**

The quality of our program speakers at our Thursday club lunch meeting is getting great reviews. The following will show you what I mean and should consider visiting us

January 26, the Parks and Recreation Commission in San Jose was be represented by Rudy Flores who is the Chair of the Commission. The commission oversees the large number of parks in San Jose. Rudy discussed the way the commission works and how residents can volunteer at the parks. Volunteering outdoors in San Jose weather is not the hardest thing to do.

February 9, Karen Scherrer, founder of Vets for Healthy Pets - Vet clinic for the homeless, will introduce her program to us. Karen travels around the Bay Area going to areas where homeless people are. Some of them, like us, have pets they adore. The difference is, most of us reading this have or can find the resources needed to help our pets. Karen will explain the dilemma faced by homeless people. The people live on the street because they do not have sufficient resources to find permanent shelter. What choice can they make when their beloved pet needs medical attention? Karen's organization offers a possible solution.

Feb. 16, Jim Zito, the President of the Evergreen Elementary School District board of Trustees will be speaking. Jim will give an overview of EESD and how they assist the children in the district.

Feb 23, we will be hosting the club level competition of the Richard B. King Speech Contest. The competition, named after one of Rotary International's worldwide presidents, brings together six high school students from the local high school districts. The oratory of these remarkable students will keep you involved in the competition. One of the fun parts, at least for the meeting attendees, is to see how close you come to choosing the winner among the 6 students that our judges choose. The winner will go on to an area contest, a regional contest, and then the Rotary District 5170

finals winning cash prizes along the way.

March 9, Santa Clara County Supervisor

Mike Wasserman, will be speaking about the coding program for kids he helped to get into the county libraries. This is an appropriate program for the middle of Silicon Valley. It is also the type of program we can expect from a Supervisor the caliber of Mike.

Mike currently sits on 29 committees, including chairing or co-chairing the Public Safety and Justice Committee, the Habitat Conservation Authority, and a youth task force. He coined the phrase "Real. Life. Help." to describe the services Santa Clara

County provides and he reaches 25,000 residents with this information in his monthly electronic newsletter.

Got you interested in attending a meeting and finding out more about the Rotary Club of San Jose East/Evergreen? Please visit us on any Thursday starting at noon and the meeting starting at 12:15 pm. We meet at the Ranch Golf Club, 4601 Hill Top View Ln, San Jose, CA. (We will not be meeting on Feb. 2 since the Crab Feed is later that week on Feb 4.)

# Measure E 'Opportunity to Work' takes effect in March

oter approved Measure E, "Opportunity to Work" initiative takes effect March 13, 2017.

The new law requires businesses and nonprofits with more than 35 employees to offer additional work hours to existing part-time employees before hiring new employees or contractors.

The new law imposes new regulatory and record-keeping burdens on employers. Employers are required to retain the following records for four years: those related to any new hires; documentation showing the offer of additional hours of work to existing employees prior to completing the hire; employee work schedules; and any other records the City requires the employer to maintain to demonstrate compliance. Another feature of the law allows for anyone to bring an employer to court if they feel that the employer is not in compliance.

The City's Office of Equality Assurance is responsible for administration and enforcement of the new ordinance. Enforcement of the ordinance will be exclusively complaint-driven, just like the City's Minimum Wage Ordinance.

The Office of Equality Assurance is currently working on Frequently Asked Questions and developing proposed regulations to bring to the City Council for adoption. Once the FAQs and proposed regulations are available, they will be posted on the City's website — www.sanjoseca.gov. Until then, questions can be directed to the Office of Equality Assurance at 408-535-9430.





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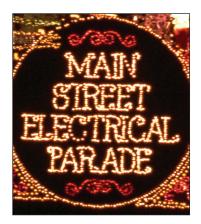
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# Valley Currents

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

# 'HomeFirst' hits home run in helping less fortunate

believe in ending homelessness so it is referred as a temporary situation," says Stephanie Demos, Chief Development Officer of Home First a nonprofit organization.

HomeFirst is a leading provider of services, shelter, and housing opportunities to those at risk of temporary homeless situations in Santa Clara County.

"It is suggested that word 'homeless' not be used with the word "the" in front of it because that term is considered pejorative (dissapproved) by many," said Demos.

Thus, when the word "homeless" is used, it is considered better to use the word in front of the meaning that describes the group or person and it is thus considered a temporary situation. For example it is considered appropriate to say these descriptions: "a homeless family, a homeless veteran, a homeless adult, or a homeless teen

However it is not considered kind or polite to say "the homeless," for that describes an entire mass of people and can be interpreted as meaning that is how they live their lives day in and day out.

Some are now using the word "houseless" instead of the word "homeless," for the word "houseless" seems not be negatively charged and again, seems to point out that the situation is just temporary. Always however, in organizations and government the word homeless is used in a universal manner in literature and communication.

#### How it all began

In 1980 there was an effort to house nine families that were without a place to stay. Originally known as the Emergency Housing Consortium, this grass roots organization became a 501-c non profit and began to expand services to those in need. Today, HomeFirst organization serves more than 4,000 adults, veterans, families, and youth each year at seven



Mike, Gordon, Jose R, Jose V and Robert are on their way to the 49ers v Patriots game.

locations. This is a 365 day a year effort for some of the centers are open every day of the year. There are three main "buckets" of services that are focused upon by this important organization.

#### **Emergency Shelters**

The arc or continuum of services works so that a person can get out of the cold and be safe. Then, efforts are made to find a program that will provide supportive services so that the individuals can work on a concrete plan to get housed.

#### **Supportive Services**

This organization is highly connected to help enlighten individuals about agencies that are there to support all. Sometimes a person may need intensive care with therapy and case managers are there to begin to help out the situation with planning and care.

#### Transition to permanent housing services

This is a goal of the HomeFirst organization. Many locations are used to allow both individuals and families to get established so that, "they can build a support network and stay housed in the future."

The T.A.Y. (transitional age youth) program also focuses on a specific group which includes those who come out of the foster care system. These young adults may be somewhat self-sufficient yet need additional support services to build skills.

#### Warming Centers

These centers open up during cold snaps or inclement weather episodes. When activated, the centers open up at about 9pm and all exit at about 8am in the morning. The City of San Jose calls the days (episodes) that a warming See HOME FIRST, page 6

# Mailbox

# Year of the woman for V Magdalena C city council is

Editor

This year was supposed to be the year of the woman. I was disappointed at the national level but pleased that Council District 8 and 6 women contestants won the seat.

San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo and the San Jose City Council made the right choice to select a fine woman for Vice Mayor. Her name is Magdalena Carrasco and she is the city council member for District 5.

Like the Sikh community and me she is a minority in our community. I support this selection and it makes me happy to have her as the Vice Mayor for it is second time a Hispanic woman has been invited to be the Vice mayor of our city.

She will represent all the communities and cultures well and with equality. I wish newly elected Council Members the very best in their newly elected position and Magdalena Carrasco is the very best in new role as Vice Mayor of San Jose!

Bob Dhillon

Evergreen Valley

# Protest betrays administration position

Editor

I am sorry to hear about the protest that occurred recently at Evergreen Valley High School after the presidential election. I think allowing it during school hours is

nonproductive. I know some schools where it occurred were given unexcused absences. And the fact that the administration sent messages to parents to acknowledge they were allowing the right to protest just validates who the administration supports. I think it would be more productive if the students were asked to write an essay about the election and then send the essays to the White House. Or if the students want to protest, do it after school. I would bet neither of those would go over with the students. It's too bad that the administration's position is so thinly veiled.

Kimberly McGiverin-Shiel Evergreen Valley

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#### **Times Community News**

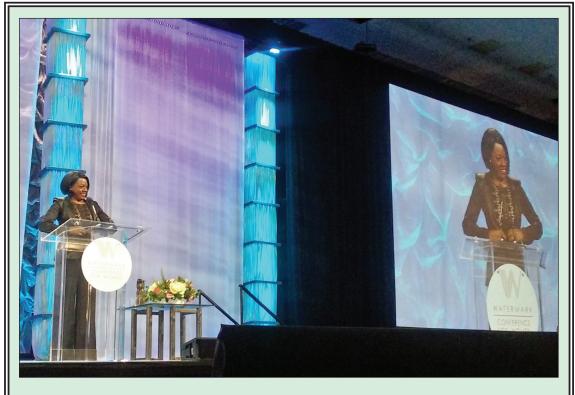
#### **Home First**

Continued from page 4 center will open and clean mats and blankets are provided along with safe places to sleep with warm beverages and snacks.

#### Ten speeds, caps and hoodies

The Baccardo Shelter is open 365 days a year. It is located past the Santa Clara fairgrounds, over Monterey Road and on a street just before the highway 85 overpass.

There is always a door open to answer questions to any person who needs help. Issues of possible downtrodden-ness are met with expert staff which have exuberant personalities. Some staff also are measured in how they speak and this too is wel-



# Viola Davis shares her story at Watermark conference

Three-time Academy Award-nominated actress Viola Davis (above) shared stories from her life's journey when she came to San Jose Feb. 1 to deliver a keynote speech for the 3rd Annual Watermark Conference for Women Silicon Valley at the San Jose Convention Center.

Davis, who has won Golden Globe and Emmy Awards, says that she comes from "the absolute epitome of poverty." Falling in love with theater early in high school as a form of escape, Davis went on to perfect her craft and become the important screen actor that she is today. Named one of the "most influential" people of 2012 by TIME Magazine, Davis is also dedicated to raising the profile and stories of young women of color.

The Watermark Conference for Women Silicon Valley is a presentation of Watermark, a community of executive women in the San Francisco Bay

Area, whose mission is to increase the representation of women at executive levels to drive innovation, human development and economic growth. The Watermark vision is to ensure women are able to make their mark in and for their companies, their careers and their communities by providing programs focused on connection, development and advocacy. The women of Watermark have created and led the most innovative and successful enterprises, contributing to all aspects of business, nonprofits, technology, media, education, healthcare, law, government, and society. Founded in 1993 as the Forum for Women Entrepreneurs (FWE), Watermark has since expanded to include women leaders in all disciplines and industries.

For more information about future Watermark conferences and activities, visit watermarkconferenceforwomen.org. Photos by Brigitte Jones





Lines of people show up at Boccardo Regional Reception Center to make use of their resources and services. Photo credit Andrew Avitt/The Health Trust

comed by those who have faced many challenges and communicate in simple straightforward ways. Here is some general information to give to those in need.

#### Boccardo Regional Reception Center

2011 Little Orchard Street San Jose, CA 95125 408-539-2170

Class of Housing: Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Veteran Drop In Services

#### General Information:

Office hours: 8:30-4:30 Mon, Tues. Thurs. Fri. and 8:30 - 1 Wed

#### Provides the following resources: Emergency Shelter

Adult men and women who are homeless and unaccompanied by minor children may obtain nightly shelter. Upon arrival, clients are provided with a bed or mat, a locker in which to store their belongings, and basic necessities such as meals, clothes, toiletries and showers. First time clients are guaranteed to receive shelter services and encouraged to attend an orientation

#### **Transitional Housing**

The Transitional Housing Program for single homeless adults offers housing in 35 semi-private cubicle spaces. Participants work with case managers to develop goals to improve their job, personal and group skills which are necessary to finding and maintaining stable housing. All participants have access to an array of workshops and assistance in locating permanent housing. The transitional program enables clients to reside at the facility for up to 90 days.

Many Transitional Housing programs are subsidized and are income based. Income based transitional housing generally charges 30 percent of your income for rent when you do have income. Contact the transitional housing facility to see if this applies.

Services provided at transitional housing facilities vary from substance abuse treatment, to psychological assistance, job training, domestic violence assistance, etc. The assistance provided varies, but it is generally affordable and low cost housing. Read the descriptions of each of the transitional living locations for more detailed information. Transitional housing facilities also may or may not assist with alcohol

and/or drug substance abuse treatment.

#### The Veteran Drop-In Service Center

The Veteran Drop-In Service Center provides a safe place for veterans to receive the services and support they need to obtain economic and social well-being. The center offers a variety of services, including case management, workshops, medical and clinical services referrals, as well as assistance to obtain permanent housing. Employment training and placement is available onsite through a partnership with Goodwill Industries of Silicon Valley.

The process is for all looking for a place to sleep is to line up at 3 p.m. in front of the Boccardo Center (these are those people who are not in a program that guarantees them a daily bed to stay). They sign in and hope to gain a bed that evening. If not, they are helped with suggestions on where to go etc. There are blocks of beds that are reserved for groups such as veterans, job skill program clients (which offer a continuity of a bed for a length of time) and a section called "open beds."

Each person is given a plastic bag to place their belongings in and there is the security of a metal detector wand. Showers and laundry services are offered too.

Outside a clinic operates to assist those who need help. There exists a routine that is in place where those in need come and are served the best that HomeFirst can provide.

It is good that our city of San Jose has such services for those in need and that HomeFirst "confronts homelessness by cultivating people's potential to get housed and stay housed." We are all part of the family referred to as humanity.

Donations are accepted by HomeFirst and you can access their website. This year the Sobrato Family Foundation is matching all donations. Visit the website at https://www.homefirstscc.org/abou thomefirst/

You can make your contribution count twice as much this year thanks to the generosity of the Sobrato Family Foundation. For every new or increased cash gift you make this season, the Foundation will match it dollar-for-dollar, doubling your gift through a company match.

#### **Times Community News**

## **Unity**

Continued from page 1 others too," he said. "Our organization demonstrates unity, community service and reflects our diverse community we live in."

America the Beautiful was sung by Carmen Montano and it was read by Pat Wolfe Board Chair of East Valley Family YMCA. Wolfe said "we have more than eighty of you come here today and many of your leaders in our community shows what a great future we have as a community because we all work together."

President Bud LoMonaco spoke and said it was so nice to have a variety of folks attending to represent the area. "The Kiwanis ensure our community is well informed and that working to oversee the East Side Union High School bond monies," said LoMonaco. "We can be assured that the oversight is being done in professional ways. The bond monies are well spent, well allocated and well watched."

"Kiwanis clubs, located in 80 nations, help their communities in countless ways. Each community's needs are different—so each Kiwanis club is different. By working together, members achieve what one person cannot accomplish alone.

The Kiwanis philosophy: "When you give a child the chance to learn experience, dream, grow, succeed and thrive, great things happen. Service for others is at the heart of every Kiwanis club, no matter where in the world it's located. Members stage nearly 150,000 service projects and raise nearly \$100 million every year for communities, families and projects.

#### New San Jose Vice Mayor Carrasco speaks

"I will have to get used to speaking in impromptu ways at special engagements as Vice Mayor of San Jose and it is a pleasure to be here at this Kiwanis breakfast. We have much work to do," said Carrasco. "These are uncertain times and we are seeing fear and anxiety today. I spoke at a middle school recently and the faces of the children showed this." She said that safety and stability of our communities is very important and the positive experience at the Kiwanis breakfast needs to be extended to ensure our most vulnerable and fearful in our communities receive it too.

#### Think of YMCA as home

Innovator Lupe Ruvalcaba is the newest member of the Kiwanis of East San Jose. "It is an honor to invite the community to such an event," said Ruvalcaba." It is the first of its kind held at the East Valley YMCA."

The tables were set up and a buffet breakfast spread was nicely placed for all to serve themselves from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The layout of the podium and tables in the room was conducive for all to interact and get the community more engaged in helping others. Numerous business cards, emails and phone numbers were exchanged to generate good things in working together to help the community.

The keynote speaker, Hermelinda Sapien, was informative in her talk about ensuring society of all ages get the jobs they need through effective training. Sapien is CEO of C.E.T., a nonprofit that provides help in job transitions.

C.E.T. (Center for Employment Training) nonprofit has been around for over 50 years and in that time more than 200,000 people have been trained. Sapien and her team have used successful advocacy with meetings in



C.E.T. CEO **Hermelinda Sapien** was the keynote speaker at the Kiwanis Unity Breakfast. She spoke about training for jobs.

Sacramento and Washington to speak, influence and inform those who designate how monies are spent to provide proper training and retraining for those entering or reentering the job force. C.E.T. originally focused with helping farm workers in transition from agriculture to other types of job training opportunities. Over time the needs for the public workforce have increased.

In year 2002 there was a move to eliminate the National Farm Worker Program. Fiftyfive organizations came together in unity and Hermelinda flew to Washington to meet with a presidential aide. More than fifty various organizations also went to Washington to speak their views on the cancellation of the job training services. At the last moment the meeting was cancelled, but the organizations stuck with their mission and purpose and the National Jobs Program was established.

Hermelinda Sapien and the C.E.T. team have helped in the past forty years to ensure congress does not de-fund training programs for the military and has had many programs restored. Her job is one of vigilance in that her work is never done. "I will take another person to Washington, because soon I need to retire for the job is really a 24/7 kind of job...especially in that certain hurdles will need to be overcome today." "I hope that I have contributed to making the world a better place," said Sapien.

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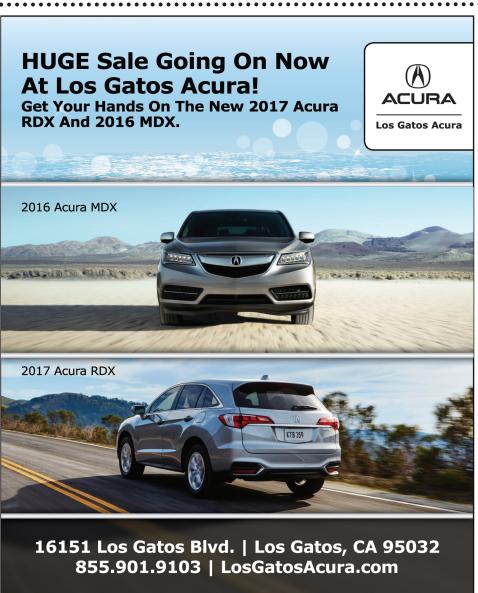
Kiwanis of East San Jose: You can join this group and they meet the 4th Thursday at the Red Lobster. For more information call President Bud Lomonaco at (408) 903-7526.



Bud LoMonaco and other Kiwainis members.



Vice Mayor Magdalena Carrasco poses with Lupe Ruvalcaba of East Valley Y.





Times School News



Winning third place was Aasha Dave who is in sixth-grade, second place winner was Derek Luu, who is in fourth grade, and the first place winner was Jay Uon-Nguyen, a fifth grader.

# **Edge-of-seat experience at Laurelwood Elementary Spelling Bee competition**

By Frank Shortt

Times staff writer

hat began as a routine spelling bee turned out to be an edge-ofseat experience for parents and children of Laurelwood Elementary School in the Evergreen School District.

The spelling bee was held at the Laurelwood multi-purpose room under the guidance of Principal Dr. Hong Nguyen, Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 6 p.m.

The pronouncer for the event was. Lucy Hsu, who admitted she had to do some review of the words before she came to the event. The two judges were; Special Ed. Teacher, Penny Brown and Frank Shortt, staff writer for the Evergreen Times.

As each child was given words, everincreasing in difficulty to spell, the ranks did not seem they would ever decrease. The children hung in there spelling words that even

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adults would have had a problem spelling. Children, as well as their parents, could be seen agonizing over some of the more challenging words.

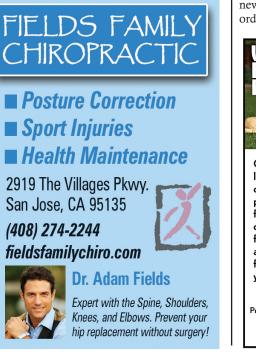
What was estimated to be an hour-long event, turned out to be an hour and a half as the children kept coming through with correct spelling. The final four went doggedly onward and it seemed there would never be a winner.

Indefatigably, and other multi-syllable words began to wear on the students. The final three kept on as if they would use up all the words in Merriam-Webster. Finally, some letters were placed in the wrong place.

#### Spelling Bee winners

The outcome was: third place winner, Aasha Dave who is in sixth-grade, second place winner was Derek Luu, who is in fourth grade, and the First place winner was Jay Uon-Nguyen, a fifth grader.

A fun time was had by all attendees and there was talk of the next annual Bee when new words and new horizons would be the order of the day.





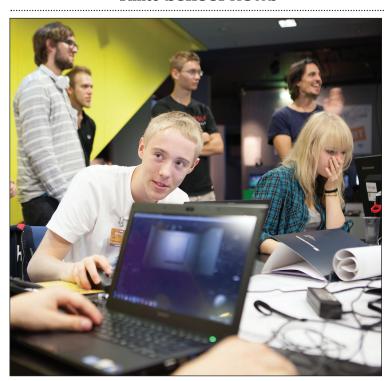
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#### **Times School News**



# **Coding classes for teens offered in February**

he Santa Clara County Library District continues with its coding program for teens called "The Hour of Code."

Anticipating the current and future job market needs, parents, schools and libraries are joining a worldwide effort to increase the availability of computer science coursework and coding classes to millions of students.

Due to Silicon Valley's growing need for skilled tech workers, libraries are providing free coding classes in a safe learning environment.

The global movement that has introduced tens of millions of students in over 180 countries to computer science and computer programming continues.

Upcoming coding classes and hour of code scheduled events:

#### **Cupertino Library:**

Code: meets weekly. Requires pre-registration. Every Thursday evening through February 2017

■ Introduction to Arduinos:

Presented by the Cupertinker Space on February 5, 2017 and February 12, 2017 in the Library Story Room from 2-5 p.m.

■ Teen Hackathon/CU Hacks (once a year): Cupertino Library's FREE hack-a-thon event for teenagers ages 14 – 19. A collaborative community event fostering STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) learning skills while providing teen coders first-hand experience in joining together in an engaging, interactive environment as they create beneficial applications.

#### Los Altos Library:

■ JAVA in March 2017: (a general-purpose computer programming language): – March 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 4 p.m.

For additional information on SCCLD Coding Classes or Computer Science related events, visit http://bit.ly/2beCAlG Visit the Library District website for more information about Library services at www.sccl.org.





#### **Times Local News**

# Mayor Liccardo names Carrasco as Vice Mayor

ayor Sam Liccardo has named Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco as his choice to serve as San Jose's next Vice Mayor.

"Magdalena brings a strong voice, real-world experience, and an unwavering commitment to expanding opportunities for the many residents in our community who struggle to survive and make a better life for their children." said Mayor Liccardo. "As the Councilmember representing East San Jose, Magdalena has also been an important partner in our collective work to broaden prosperity and educational opportunity in our city."

"I am honored that Mayor Liccardo has nominated me as the new Vice Mayor of the great City of San Jose," said Councilmember Carrasco. "The Mayor and I have a shared vision for San Jose, one that believes it is our goal as leaders to ensure the rising tide lifts all boats. As the daughter of hardworking immigrants who found the American dream, I'm honored to have an opportunity to serve this incredible city and to bring this dream to all San Jose residents."

Councilmember Carrasco was first elected to the City Council in 2014. Prior to joining the City Council, she spent a 10-year career as an advocate and spokesperson for the Santa Clara County Department of Family



Magdalena Carrasco

and Children Services' foster care and adoption program, as well as roles with First 5 Santa Clara County and the Gardner Family Health Network. She also served for two years on the Eastside Union High School District Board of Trustees and has been an active parent volunteer at her children's Alum Rock Union Elementary School District schools. A child of immigrant parents, Councilmember Carrasco was the first in her family to finish high school, graduating from San Jose's Independence High School and later earning a degree in Chicano Studies from U.C. Santa Barbara.

Councilmember Carrasco currently serves as the Chair of the Council's Transportation and Environment Committee, and also sits on the Rules Committee and Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee. Councilmember Carrasco also co-chaired the working group who helped lead development of Mayor Liccardo's SJ Learns after-school educational program.



Saturday, February 17th at 7:00 pm

Foothill Presbyterian Church, 5301 McKee Road, San Jose
Admission: \$20 adults, children 12 and under free
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Tickets available at the door or online at www.foothillpc.org/tickets

# **Special events at Evergreen Community Center**

By Frank Shortt

Times staff writer

he New Year is in full swing at Evergreen Community Center at 4860 San Felipe Road in Evergreen.

Ms. Marla's 'World of Watercolor, is running from January 11 –March 1, 2017. In this inspiring art class the student will be exploring the broad world of watercolor as they learn about the rich paints involved. They will also learn about brushes to use, and the endless watercolor techniques. Projects will vary at each session. These classes are being conducted at the Community Center. The classes run from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. each Wednesday. This is for ages 5-12 allowing 8 students at each meeting. Residents are \$99, Non Residents are \$103.

On Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 10 a.m., the **Member's Breakfast** will occur. Current members may take advantage of this delicious breakfast. Not a member yet? Do not worry! Sign up now before the breakfast and you can take advantage of this opportunity! The 2017 Active 50+ Membership is on sale now! The Active Adult 50+ Membership gives you access to events, trips, classes, and programs. In addition, enjoy free blood pressure testing, presentations, and resources! The cost is \$10.00 for the calendar year.

Don't forget these other special events:

On Friday, February 10, 2017, **Chinese New Year** will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. with a special luncheon being prepared. Our very own Chinese Choir will provide great entertainment. Call (408) 270-1244 with at least 24 hours' notice to reserve your meal. There is a suggested contribution of \$3 for those 60+. All others under 60 will be charged \$8.

On Tuesday, February 14, 2017, There will be a **Valentine's Day Lunch Celebration** at 11:30 a.m. Call (408) 270-1244 with at least 24 hours' notice to reserve your meal. There is a suggested contribution

of \$3 for those who are 60+. All others under 60 will be charged \$8. This is the day to bring your special 'other' and enjoy a delicious hot meal.

On Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. the Center will celebrate **Black History Month** with a special luncheon. There will be great information about Black History and all those who made amazing contributions. Call (408) 270-1244 with at least 24 hours' notice to reserve your meal. There is a suggested contribution of \$3 for those who are 60+. All others under 60 will be charged \$8. Come celebrate this important day with a hot meal!

## Millbrook Community Center: President's Week Camp

Come and join our departmental staff for a fun-filled week of exciting games, challenging sports, and creative art projects beginning Feb. 21, 22 and 24 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Campers will be required to provide their own lunch and water each day.

A calendar listing the week's activities and trip information will be distributed the first day of camp. This camp will be enjoyable for you as well as your child so let us know any accommodations or requests you may have by contacting (408) 270-2220. All individuals registering for camp must be in grades 1-6. If a session reaches capacity, your child will be placed on a waiting list. You will be notified by telephone if an opening becomes available. The cost: Res. \$160 N. Res. \$164.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Evergreen Community Center is available for all your rental needs: Birthday Party, Wedding and Wedding Reception, Anniversary Party, Baby Shower, Baptism, or Community Meetings and Events! The Saturday and Sunday Rental Hours are 1 p.m. – 12 a.m. For more information please call Evergreen Community Center at (408) 270-2220 and ask for Rental Coordinator Maria Cropper to make your appointment to tour the facility and fill out a facility reservation application.

# New law eases the way for second housing units

By Bob Hunt

Special to the Times

alifornians now find it easier to obtain local permission to construct a second unit, mother-in-law quarter, granny flat, or whatever you choose to call it.

This change that allows secondary units is a result of Assembly Bill 2299 (Bloom) which was signed by the Governor. It amends Section 56852.2 of the California Government Code.

The bill provides one small, but real step in the attempts to deal with California's chronic shortage of housing stock, especially affordable housing stock. According to supporting arguments supplied by the California Apartment Association (the bill's sponsor), "California is struggling to meet the needs of its citizens when it comes to housing, especially housing that is affordable near job centers and public transportation.

By promoting the developments of second units, AB 2299 will help alleviate our housing shortage, while capitalizing on limited resources. While second units can serve as much needed rental housing, they can also provide homes for college students, elderly parents, or individuals with disabilities, who

need to live close to their families or teachers who can provide them support. By providing for the efficient approval of second units, you will bring units to the housing market sooner and will make them more affordable."

AB 2299, which lumps all affected units under the label "accessory dwelling units" (ADUs) sets standards for local jurisdiction ordinances governing ADUs. It defines ADUs as, "... an attached or a detached residential dwelling unit which provides complete independent living facilities for one or more persons. It shall include permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation on the same parcel as the single-family dwelling is situated."

No local ordinance may be more stringent than the requirements of AB 2299. Moreover, if a local jurisdiction has no ordinance, or one that differs from the provisions of AB 2299, it is the terms of the latter that shall prevail.

An ordinance adopted pursuant to the terms of AB 2299 shall require that ADUs comply with the following:

• The unit is not intended for sale separate from the primary residence and may be rented. The lot is zoned for single-family or multifamily use.

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From the

Mayor

Sam Liccardo

Times Local News

# San Jose launches into 2017 at full speed

By Mayor Sam Liccardo
Special to the Times

espite the pitched battles on the national political landscape, San José has launched into 2017 with the wind at our back.

Recent rains have provided a reprieve from a seemingly chronic drought. Local job growth continues at a pace that the rest of the nation envies.

Last year's passage of several ballot measures has enabled us to

restore some key city services, such as road paving and filling "browned out" fire stations with crews. Construction for major infrastructure projects like BART and Bus Rapid Transit will finish this year, with more to come.

For cities throughout California, however, budgetary clouds are gathering on the horizon. In particular, stories about the growing specter of unfunded pension and retirement burdens further pinching tight budgets will re-emerge in news outlets throughout California. The hundreds of cities and other local governments that participate in CalPERS and CalSTRS face rapidly rising contribution rates-and the state's own contribution to those funds will climb to \$8.1 billion this year. Larger cities with self-funded pension plans, such as San Jose, will similarly dig deeper into their pockets, diluting other budgetary priorities.

This begs the question: after all the political battles and litigation over pension reform over the last decade, why do pensions-and their equally costly cousin, retiree healthcare benefits--still haunt us?

To be sure, Measure F's passage in November will secure billions in savings for San Jose's taxpayers -- including \$42 million this year alone -- and will remove from city taxpayers' shoulders the burden and risk of funding retiree healthcare for new employees.

But independent of that success, larger forces will continue to conspire against us fiscally. Here in San José, these larger forces will cost our General Fund approximately \$20 to \$25 million more in retirement contributions than initially projected next year. There are four reasons for these looming cost pressures:

First, the large accrued debts haven't gone anywhere. Al-though our pension reforms will reduce future costs, particularly for new hires, state constitutional law largely prevents public employers from doing anything that will reduce liabilities that have already accrued (i.e., benefits of current retirees or employees). In San José, that unfunded liability amounts to

about \$3.7 billion a debt that must be paid down over time like any mortgage. To worsen the pinch, our Police & Fire Retirement Board recently decided to shorten the amortization period -which will reduce the aggregate, longterm costs but require higher payments from our General Fund in the next several years.

Second, as more Baby Boomer retire, more retirees are receiving benefits while fewer employees are paying into the system than a decade ago. As a result, our actuaries tell us that our Retirement Plans have become much more volatile: any downturn in investment returns will have a far greater impact on contribution rates. This forces our retirement boards to make more conservative investments, shifting their asset allocation away from high-return options, such as equities and real estate, to reduce risk.

Third, like many other retirement funds across the country, market returns have sagged over the prior two years, well below the expected investment returns of these funds. As a result, both the State of California, and cities with independent retirement funds like San José, will be forced to contribute more to cover the gap between projections and reality.

This raises a final issue of greater long-term consequence: for decades, bloated assumptions

about the rates of return of the funds' investments have masked the true cost and size of liabilities in plans like CalPERS and CalSTRS. By simply making optimistic projections for earnings plan assets, employees and taxpayers could avoid having to contribute as much up-front to cover retiree pensions

in the future. That's a short-run strategy, of course, and reality has a way of catching up with rosy projections -- which ultimately costs the taxpayers even more in the log-run.

To their credit, San Jose's retirement boards have moved aggressively to correct the mistakes of the past, reining in the assumed investment return from 8.25% a half-decade ago to 6.85% today, and they may go lower still in future years. While San Jose will continue to lead the way to inject needed transparency in this process, this will come at a cost of additional General Fund contributions. Yes, we'll pay more now, but the alternative is to pay much, much more later

In contrast, the state's retirement fund boards only recently moved to reduce their rate of return assumptions (and, far too slowly, in the view of many experts). Nonetheless, now that the state funds adopt lower return assumptions, many more California cities and school districts will see their retirement contributions rise much more steeply in the years ahead.



# **Increase in the minimum** wage schedule explained

n Nov. 15, 2016, the San Jose City Council voted unanimously for an accelerated timeline to implement a higher minimum wage in San Jose.

This puts the City on a faster pace than the implementation timeline for California's new \$15 minimum wage, raising it to \$15/hour in San Jose by 2019.

The State Legislature phased the statewide minimum wage increase to achieve \$15/hour by 2022 for large businesses, and 2023 for small businesses.

The three-year implementation timeline for employers within San Jose is as follows:

Jan. 1, 2017 - minimum wage went up to \$10.50/hour from \$10.30/hour

July 1, 2017 - minimum wage goes up to \$12.00/hour from \$10.50/hour

Jan. 1, 2018 – minimum wage goes up to \$13.50/hour from \$12.00/hour

Jan. 1, 2019 - minimum wage goes up to \$15.00/hour from \$13.50/hour

Beginning Jan. 1, 2020, all further minimum wage increases are tied to the Bay Area Consumer Price Index, with increases capped at a maximum of 5 percent in any one year.

Similar to the State's model, there are off-ramp procedures in place to allow a pause to the minimum wage increase should there be a recession during the initial three-year ramp up period. Additionally, the City of San Jose has a minimum wage exemption in place for youth and the disadvantaged in job training programs, with the lower wage lasting no more than 120 days.





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Above: Mayor Sam Liccardo, Assemblymember Ash Kalra, Senate President Pro Term Kevin De Leon, Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, Councilmember Chappie Jones, Daisy Chu, Assemblymember Kansen Chu, San José Evergreen Community College District Trustee Craig Mann, Vice Mayor Magdalena Carrasco. Below:  $\mbox{ Arenas, Jones, De Leon,}$  and Supervisor  $\mbox{ Dave Cortese.}$ 



#### **Arenas**

Latina in District 8. My family emigrated to the U.S.A. for a better life; they made sacrifices. My father was a bracero and came here to legally work in the fields. She explained that he wanted to provide better opportunities for my mom and our family. I am one of six girls and one boy. My mom and older siblings worked in the fields. This is what they did to achieve the American dream. My mom prepared me to be a strong woman."

The event began with songs by Kalista Brand, P.J. Gabat and Francis Salamanca from the Evergreen School for the Music



The event began with songs by Kalista Brand, P.J. Gabat and Francis Salamanca from the Evergreen School for the Music Arts.

Arts. The crowd cheered after each perform-

#### The "Voice of San Jose" sings

The "Voice of San Jose," singer Angela Borricua Tirado sang an endearing rendition of God Bless America to which all stood and honored their flag and country.

#### Vice Mayor Carrasco

#### Master of Ceremonies

Vice Mayor Magdalena Carrasco commented on "how wonderful it was that so many from the Evergreen community came to honor this occasion in a standing room only event." She called on Faisal Yazadi, the president of the Evergreen Islamic Center to lead all in prayer. Mr. Yazadi shared a prayer that was inclusive for all.

After the prayer, the Vice Mayor said: "We come from all walks of life and this is a testament of the campaign Silvia ran. She took time to thank all the leaders of government, schools (board trustee members), police, labor unions and more who were present, including San Jose Mayor, San Liccardo. There were leaders of governance as well as leaders of religious groups that took the time to honor Silvia Arenas' swearing in and to wish her the very best in her endeavors of serving District 8 as the new city council member.

#### Mayor Liccardo:

#### What San Jose is all about

"I am so honored to be here," said Liccardo. "To share in a moment of celebration is nice;



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and San Jose is nice because we are not divisive. No divisiveness is what we cherish... and this is what San Jose embodies; we cherish and value service and service is the connective tissue of our nation. We also cherish our children and family and future and our ability to provide a better future for them."

The mayor complemented Silvia Arenas on her leadership abilities and how she served as a school board member of Evergreen School District. He thanked her and welcomed her as the new Evergreen District 8 city council position.

Next the Carrasco took time to introduce Kevin de Leon, California State Senate Pro Tempore. Vice Mayor Magdalina Carrasco took time to say very touching and caring things about Leon. Many in the audience were moved by her introduction and there was a joyful interaction between her and Leon. He is the first Hispanic person in 130 years to serve in a leadership position in the California State Senate as "Pro Tempore."

#### Kevin de Leon speaks

#### eloquently on leadership

"Leadership is the challenge of the State of California, said Leon. "The wellbeing and future of California rests on what we do locally and at the state level. Mayor Liccardo is working incredibly hard in these very extraordinary times."

He commented on the vast numbers of elected officials who came to the event to take the time to honor the important event for Silvia Arenas. He expressed that he sees right now, "a lot of pain, fear and confusion in young and old...of all walks and talks and ages..."

Leon continued: "California will defend its

people and process and we will not allow one election to change our values as a state and people and we must come together to improve the human condition for all individuals."

#### Community swearing

#### in of Silvia Arenas

Senator De Leon told the audience it was an incredible honor and he was humbled to be asked to do the community swearing in of Silvia. He said how she fought and worked hard and what she did was very impressive. The oath was given and Silvia Arenas stated the oath as the senator led.

#### Silvia Arenas takes the podium

Mrs. Arenas began and included kind comments to all different cultures of people in the room. She thanked her husband and her extended family for helping her so much. For many months they often had to create special schedules to take care of her children as she campaigned to win the District 8 city council office.

Though her mom and dad have passed away she tearfully thanked them and said that "My family planted the seed of social responsibility." In this sense it was felt that her parents were there too. She explained that it all began by her choices to work for the city in her earlier years, then she worked to assist low income families at First Five nonprofit, then she worked for the Gardner Family Center and then on to become a school board member.

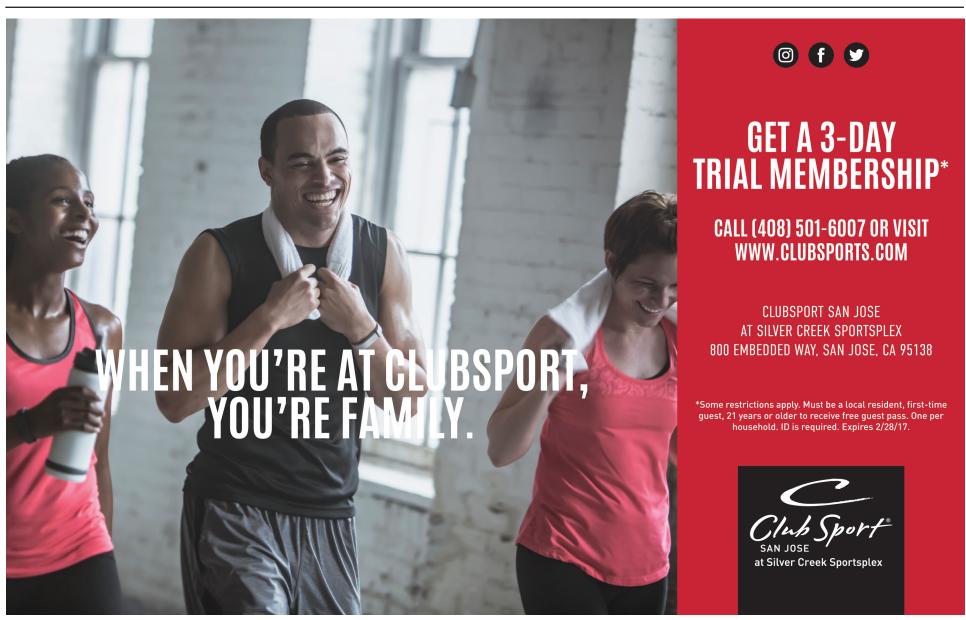
"I have a special place in my heart for all of you and those who reached out to help me,"Arenas said.

As the evening continued many took photos with Silvia Arenas and many different cultural groups danced for the enjoyment of all in attendance.



Above: Surjit Bains, Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, Bob Dhillon. Below: performances brought cheers from the assembled crowd.





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Times Features



# **The Main Street Electrical Parade shines bright again at Disneyland**

he Main Street Electrical Parade has returned to Disneyland after a 20-year absence. The parade runs nightly at the park through June 18.

The Electrical Parade has not changed since it appeared 45-years ago. Visitors will be treated to the signature theme song, "Baroque Hoedown" which will bring back many great memories from earlier visits to the park.

All of the hundreds of thousands of light bulbs will shine from its nearly two dozen floats and 80 costumed performers.

Recent storms have threatened the Electrical Parade as the parade cannot run in the rain because water can cause damage to the floats and costumes.

The Electrical Parade began at Disneyland in 1972 and ran on and off at Disneyland until 1996. It returned to the Disneyland Resort as Disney's Electrical Parade, bringing magical Disney stories to Disney California Adventure park from 2001 until 2010, when it crossed the country to begin its most recent run at Walt Disney World Resort.

## **Cortese invites community to State of the County**

By Supervisor Dave Cortese

Special to the Times

am honored to be serving a third consecutive term as the President of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and would like to invite you to the State of the County Event to celebrate our accomplishments and commit to the challenges we face in 2017.

Please join me and the rest of the Board

as well as officials, special guests, community leaders and members at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7,



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By Dave Cortese
Supervisor

2017, in the Board Chambers at the County Government Center, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose.

The doors will open at 5:00 p.m. and the ceremony will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. A reception with refreshments will follow the State of the County speech in the lower level of the building.

For more information or if you have questions, please call

my office at 408-299-5030 or email dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org if you would like to attend.

## **Housing**

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- The accessory dwelling unit is either attached to the existing dwelling or located with the living area of the existing dwelling or detached from the existing dwelling and located on the same lot as the existing dwelling.
- The increased floor area of an attached accessory dwelling unit shall not exceed 50 percent of the existing living area. The total area of floor space for a detached accessory dwelling unit shall not exceed 1,200 square feet.
- No setback shall be required for an existing garage that is converted to an accessory dwelling unit, and a setback of no more than five feet from the side and rear lot lines shall be required for an accessory

dwelling unit that is constructed above a garage.

- Parking requirements for accessory dwelling units shall not exceed one parking space per unit or per bedroom. These spaces may be provided as tandem parking on an existing driveway.
- No additional standards, other than those provided in this subdivision [Code Section], shall be utilized or imposed, except that a local agency may require an applicant for a permit issued pursuant to this subdivision to be an owner-occupant.

The adoption of AB 2299 won't solve the housing shortage; but it will help.

Bob Hunt is a director of the California Association of Realtors®. He is the author of Real Estate the Ethical Way. His email address is sch-hunt@aol.com.

# **Off The Shelf: Library Samba Feb. 4**

By Edith Sutterlin
Special to the Times

amba on over to Evergreen Branch on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 3:00 p.m. when James Henry will lead us to dance, sing, and travel around the world to the rhythm of drums and percussion!

#### More music

Moving to Music is so much fun that Evergreen will offer weekly songs and movement activities to build preschoolers' motor and social skills and to increase their independence and language ability beginning Feb. 18, 1:30 p.m. We will use scarves, shakers, ribbons, and other props as we move to the music and keep the beat!

#### Celebrate Valentine's Day!

Take heart and celebrate Valentine's Day at both branches! Blind Date with a book is already underway for adults, teens, and older children at Evergreen. Children in 3rd-6th grades may sign up for Evergreen's Blind Date with a Book Party, Saturday, February 11, 3 p.m. Kids will enjoy speed "dating" as they "meet" books; STEAM activities (science and arts, Valentine related); and decorating and eating heart-shaped cookies for refreshments. Registration at Evergreen's Information desk is required.

#### Valentine's Zip Line

Create a Valentine's zip line at Village Square branch on Saturday, February 11, 1:00 p.m., or at Evergreen on Tuesday, February 14, 3:30 p.m. Children 6 and up will work together to make sure their Valentines are delivered on time in this fun STEAM activity.

#### Tech Challenge Feb. 18

Tech Challenge -San Jose Public Library partners with the Tech Museum of Innovation and RAFT (Resource Area for Teaching) to offer workshops to engage children six and up in the design process. Children will design and build a model for safely crossing an icy crevasse! Sign up with Village Square for Feb. 18, 1 p.m.

#### BikeMobile Feb. 18

The Bay Area BikeMobile comes to Evergreen Branch on Saturday, Feb. 18, starting at 1 p.m. for at least two hours, helping people on a first-come, first-served basis. Do you have flat tires, worn down parts, or faulty brakes? Has your bike been making strange sounds? The BikeMobile will help you with fixing your bike and replacing parts like chains, seats, and tires. While open to all ages, this is a great chance for teens and children to learn more about your bike!

#### Writer's Congregation

Village Square Branch Library is offering an exciting new teen opportunity known as Writer's Congregation for Teens. Twelve to Eighteen-year-olds will gather weekly on Saturdays from 2-3 p.m. Share your own stories, drafts, poems, and ideas about writing, enjoy others' writing, and grow as a writer through conversation and sharing. Pre-registration not required.

#### **Additional Events**

All branch library locations' events are listed online at events.sjpl.org. Updates on library events are also available via our RSS feeds (sjpl.org/updates) and our Facebook page (facebook.com/sanjoselibrary)

Edith Sutterlin is a librarian at the Evergreen Branch Library, 2635 Aborn Road, between Capitol Expressway and White Road. (408) 808-3060. Village Square Branch Library is located at 4001 Evergreen Village Square. (408) 808-3093. Both are part of the San José Public Library System. For more information, visit the library website, sjpl.org.

# New weekend reservations policy at Uvas Canyon County Park

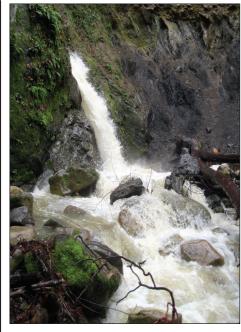
his season's heavy storms have created a visual spectacle at Santa Clara County's Uvas Canyon County Park. The heavy rainfall has brought the waterfalls within the park to peak flow drawing the interest of hundreds of spectators exceeding the parking capacity of the park and creating traffic congestion along Uvas and Croy Roads and through the community of Sveadal.

To help ease the parking and traffic situation, the Parks Department will be implementing a weekend and holiday parking reservation system.

Visitors will now have to book a parking spot in advance for a six-dollar vehicle entry fee. Visitors who have purchased annual passes can call in and have the six-dollar parking fee waived after their pass has been verified.

The park is scheduled to reopen on Friday, Feb. 3. The new reservation process will be effective now through June or as long as visitation remains high.

Visitors may begin booking parking reservations on February 3rd for weekend dates starting Saturday, February 4th. This new process will not impact park campers or their vehicles included with their campsite reserva-



tion.

There will be two parking time slots to choose from; 70 spaces will be available from 8 a.m. 12 p.m. There will be 55 spaces available for the second window from 1 p.m. to closing time.

All parking requests must be completed before 8 p.m. on the evening prior to the visit. Fees are non-refundable and non-transferrable.

Editor's note: Parking reservations will be available for booking online at www.gooutsideand-play.org or by calling the reservation line during business hours at 408.355.2201.







#### **CAMPBELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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bell-umc.org. E-mail us campbell\_umc@earthlink.net. SUNDAY WOR-SHIP: 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Handicapped. hearing-impaired friendly facility. (Nursery Care available). SUNDAY SCHOOL for every age at 9:00 a.m. WHAT YOU WILL FIND: Youth/Young Adult programs. Choirs for all ages. Active Senior Fellowship, a dynamic and diverse congregation of seekers motivated to explore the questions of faith and life: opportunities for fellowship, study, spiritual growth and outreach. Campbell UMC is a Reconciling Congregation ~ ALL ARE WELCOME! Campbell UMC sponsors Bright Days preschool, offering a playbased, developmentally appropriate curriculum.

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#### **EVERGREEN VALLEY**

conversation.

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#### **FIRST CHURCH DOWNTOWN**

Worshipping at 55 N. 7th Street, in downtown San Jose. (Horace Mann school) firstchurchdowntown.c

Telephone: (408) 294-7254 x310. We are a community serving the Christ from the heart of the City, working to know Jesus and make Jesus known by serving, worshipping, and learning together.

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

#### **HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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3:00 p.m. Call 408-997-5100 for recorded information or 408-997-5101 to speak with someone in our parish office. . Information on Faith Formation for children and adults can be obtained by calling our Catechetical Office at 408-997-5115. Get in the loop with our 3sixty High School Youth Ministry by calling 408-997-5106. Holy Spirit School serves grades Pre-K through 8th, and is located at 1198 Redmond Avenue. You can reach the school office at 408-268-

#### THE POINT CHURCH

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

Mandarin, Cantonese

and Cambodian. Spanish at 1:00 PM.

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

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San Jose. Our Preschool is the only Catholic Preschool offering quality family oriented service in the Evergreen and Silver Creek areas. Our Chapel, Gathering Hall, Parish Office. Mission Center, Parish Gift Shop, Memorial Garden and Preschool are all located at 5111 San Felipe Rd. Please come join us to worship at one of the following times and locations: St. Francis of Assisi Chapel Saturday 5:00PM, Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 4:00 PM (Mass in Vietnamese), 6:00 PM Youth Mass St. Francis of Assisi Gathering Hall Sunday 9:00 AM, Sunday11:00AM, Igbo Mass - Second Sunday of the month 12:30 PM Mt. Hamilton Grange -2840 Aborn Road Sunday 9:30 AM The Villages Gated Community (Cribari Auditorium) Sunday 8:15 AM For more information, please call or visit us at the Parish Mission Center open M-F 9:00 AM -12:00 PM: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Come ioin us and share your presence with us so that together we may grow and share our gifts to help build

Worship listing advertisements are \$495 annually. (408) 898-7534.

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# Community Calendar

#### **Events at New Seasons Market Evergreen**

Sat, February 11, 1:30-3pm: Valentine's Crafts for Kids. Join us in the community classroom, all ages welcome. \$5.

Sat, February 11, 3-5pm: Wine and **Chocolate Tasting.** Get ready for Valentine's Day! Complimentary.

Sat, February 18, 12–1pm: Sugar Seminar: How Sweet It ISN'T! Join Nutrition Consultant Katie Leadbetter. Learn about the negative impact sugar has on the immune system and body. Find out where sugar is hiding on labels and foods. Get inspired and kick the sugar habit. Free. Register at the Solutions Counter at: www. newseasonsmarketevergreen.eventbrite.com

Weekends, 12-3pm: Tasting of Flavors

from Around the World. Stop by the Solutions Counter for samples of recipes made with authentic ingredients. Feb 4 & 5: Asia, Feb 11 & 12: Europe, Feb 18 & 19: Africa, Feb 25 & 26: Latin America. Free.

Weekday Tastings and Product Sampling at the Solutions Counter. Meatless Mondays: 12-6pm. Wellness Wednesdays: 8am-9pm. Paleo Thursdays: 12-6pm. Free.

Fridays, Friday Wine Tasting and Cheese Pairing, 5-7pm: Feb. 3: DeRose Vineyards, Feb. 10: Henry Wine Group, Feb. 17: Epic Wines, Feb 24: Veronica Wines. Complimentary

Wed, February 10, 5-7pm: Wine Tasting with Live Music by Perrine Duo. Acoustic guitar and vocals; ballads, blues, Bossa Nova and more. Complimentary.

New Seasons Market is located at 5667 Silver Creek Valley Rd, San Jose.



'Tree Amigo' class participants celebrate the opportunity to learn about trees.

# 'Tree Amigo' class begins Feb. 11

ur next Tree Amigo class will begin February 11 and run through March 18, with a one-week break for President's Day weekend.

If you are interested in attending, attend an information session. Information sessions will be offered on the following days:

- Friday, January 27: 5-6pm at 1590 Las Plumas Ave, San Jose
- Saturday, January 28: 2-3pm at 1000 Spring St, San Jose

If you are interested, RSVP online or email catherine@ourcityfor-

est.org. To apply for the class please ourcityforest.org/tree-amigo

Volunteering in 2017 brings new opportunities to cultivate a green and healthy Silicon Valley. Here are some of Our City Forests' upcoming events.

#### Nursery Workdays - Thursday, Friday & Saturday 9 a.m. 12 noon

Help out at the Community Nursery during open hours. Assist with propagation and other various nursery tasks. Email nurseryvolunteers@ourcityforest.org if interest-

#### LawnBusters - Wednesday, Thursday & Fridays 9am-12 p.m.

Help convert a huge lawn into a drought tolerant landscape saving 31 gallons of

water per square foot. Projects take 1-2 days to complete, depending on the size of the lawn, and provide an invaluable opportunity to learn more about our program. If interested, please email lbvolunteers@ourcityforest.org.

#### Additional Opportunities - Flexible Schedule

Office work is available if you would prefer to stay indoors. Tasks include: contacting tree stewards, providing tech support, filing, data basing, and providing administrative

support. We also have opportunities to assist with ongoing GIS projects and database improvements. Your help is always welcome! If interested, email volunteer@ourcityforest.org.

#### Martial Cottle Workdays Friday, 9 a.m. 12 noon

Help us develop our new

site at Martial Cottle Park! There are many opportunities to care for our newly planted trees and shrubs and assist with ongoing educational projects.

Help is always needed for maintenance and tree care. Email treecare@ourcityforest.org if interested.

#### Planet Tree - Flexible Schedule

Share your love of the urban forest with elementary and middle school students as a volunteer with Planet Tree, our environmental education program. If interested, email volunteer@ourcityforest.org.



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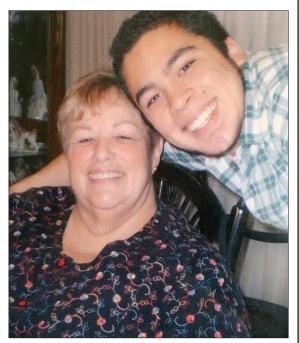
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Celebrating the new year with members of the family.





Above left: Granddaughters Katie and Lauren, with Carolyn. Above right: Grandson Joseph Dallas with Carolyn in 2007.



Carolyn and Dallas in their sheet metal garage shop.

# **Clark**

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children in Evergreen at heart. She was a huge supporter of the performing arts at our school and would attend as many school performances as possible. I will never forget the love and support she gave me as the Principal of Carolyn A. Clark Elementary School. I am honored to be the Principal at the school named after her; she will always hold a special place in my heart."

#### Advocate for children

Clark was a steadfast, behind-thescenes advocate for schoolchildren since she began volunteering when her older daughter started at the district's Cadwallader Elementary School. She won her first school board seat in 1976.

During her tenure, Clark was instrumental in the successful growth of schools as Evergreen Valley exploded with new home developments. Evergreen grew from eight to 18 elementary and middle schools while serving on the Evergreen School Board.

Clark and other members of the Board of Trustees cemented a reputation for promoting excellence in academics. Clark was also an advocate of preserving art, music, physical education, libraries and a 180-day school year, while other districts considered these curriculum "extras" that could be reduced in scope or eliminated.

Brian Wheatley, head of the teachers union, said: "Clark's leadership is valuing employees." When she announced her retirement from the school board in 2011, he said: "Even though the district has almost the lowest per-pupil state revenue in the county, Evergreen spends one of the highest percentages of any district on its employees."

Clark stated on several occasions that she was proudest that Evergreen acts like family, a place where people respect other opinions and come together in tough times.

#### ${\bf A}\;{\bf run}\;{\bf for}\;{\bf Evergreen}\;{\bf School}\;{\bf Board}$

After volunteering in the classroom and rising through the PTA and other school groups, Clark ran for Evergreen School Board.

"I ran, then I ran again, and again, for a total service of 35 years," she said. She decided early on not to run for city council or any other elected offices. "We make children and community the priority," she said.

Clark said: "The board has had its disagreements, but when I lost, I accepted the majority vote and we moved on"

#### The Early Years

Carolyn Ann Clark was born to Lester and Marie Fonseca in San Jose on July 31, 1941. She grew up as an only child in a house full of delicious home-cooked meals and rich Italian traditions. Her father was a Sheriff, then, became a Borden's Dairy milkman, and her mother was a housewife.

Carolyn attended Ann Darling Elementary, Pala Middle School, and James Lick High School, where she met her high school sweetheart and the love of her life, Dallas Clark. They married in 1962.

### Serendipity – Dallas Clark shares how he met Carolyn

"In 1956, as a freshman, I attended James Lick High School," said Dallas Clark. "During that time, I met a girl named Dixie, and we became casual friends. In 1957, as a sophomore, James Lick High School split into three schools on one campus: James Lick, Andrew Hill, and Samuel Ayer. I became a student of Andrew Hill High School, on the James Lick campus.

In 1959, as a senior, we were now on the Andrew Hill campus, and I went to watch a wrestling match between Andrew Hill and James Lick. Coincidentally, Dixie and another cheerleader (Carolyn) were there, cheering for James Lick. I went over to say hello. Dixie introduced us, and I went and sat down on Andrew Hill's side.

After the match, Dixie came over and asked if I would give them a ride home. (Hmmm, let me think, two beautiful cheerleaders need a ride home – Heck Yes!) I dropped Dixie off first, then Carolyn. We sat a few minutes in my car, on her driveway, talking, then, her porch light started blinking on and off. That was a signal from her mom to come in, so we said goodnight.

The next day, my best friend Joe Langdon and I decided to go to the California Theater. We had debated whether to go to the California Theater for .25 cents, or the Jose Theater for .09 cents. After we got our tickets, I saw Dixie and Carolyn in line and ready to go in.

We rushed over and waited in line with them. When we went inside, we all stopped at the candy counter and bought candy, then went in to sit. Carolyn sat on the aisle seat, Dixie sat in the next seat, then me next to Dixie, and then Joe next to me. During the show, Dixie and I began sharing candy. After a few minutes, I noticed that Carolyn had better candy. I asked Dixie if we could change places so I could share Carolyn's candy.

We switched seats. Not only was the candy better, now I was sitting between two beautiful cheerleaders. A teenage boy's dream! After the movie was over, the four of us went to a pizza place on Santa Clara Street, next to Crystal Creamery.

As the evening came to an end, Joe and I followed Carolyn home. Carolyn parked her car in the garage and left the garage door open. Joe waited in my car, while I walked over to Carolyn's car to talk to her. Soon, the garage light began blinking on and off; I knew that it was her parent's signal to come in the house. I quickly asked her for her phone number, and the rest is history; we spent 57 years together!"

#### Carolyn in her twenties

Carolyn attended San Jose City College and worked in the District Attorney's office until she and Dallas welcomed their first child, Stacey, in 1964. The family continued to grow with the arrival of Lori in 1966 and Michael in 1967. They moved into the Creekside community of Evergreen in March of 1966. From there, they embarked on a new adventure by opening a sheet metal manufacturing company in their garage that flourished into a booming business in Santa Clara for 42 years.

#### Mover and a shaker

As soon as Stacey entered Kindergarten, Carolyn got involved in PTA and school site council. Her involvement quickly expanded to numerous committees including, Cadwallader's home and school club, the parents advisory committee, the citizens advisory committee, and the superintendent, administrative, and principal selection committees.

In 1976, Carolyn ran for public office for the first time and was elected to the Evergreen School District Board. She continued to serve on the board for 35 years where she advocated for special education, strong curriculum, and support of teachers. When asked what makes a good board member, Carolyn responded, "It's a person who provides educational programs where all children are respected and all children succeed."

## Carolyn Clark's living legacy her beloved grandchildren

She cared deeply about all Evergreen students, but the children dearest to her heart were her nine grandchildren, Lauren, Joseph, Katie, Justin, Jordan, Ethan, Joshua, Rilee, and Myles, many attending Evergreen schools.

# Our family remembers Carolyn A. Clark

"My mother was always there for me, and for our entire family. She was everything to me – my teacher, my counselor, my cheerleader, and my caretaker. Not a moment goes by that she is not in my thoughts, and she'll forever be in my heart."

"A mother is the truest friend we have, when trials heavy and sudden, fall upon us; when adversity takes the place of prosperity; when friends who rejoice with us in our sunshine desert us; when trouble thickens around us, still will she cling to us, and endeavor by her kind precepts and counsels to dissipate the clouds of darkness, and cause peace to return to our hearts." ~ Washington Irving

#### - Stacey Harris, daughter

"My mom, she was more than just a mom. She was a wife, an aunt, a cousin, a friend, a business owner, a board member, a community member, an activist, a confidant, a supporter, a believer, and most of all, a mover and a shaker. She was something different to each one of us, and we all had our unique relationship with her. I ask you to take a moment to reflect upon what she was to you, and how she made your life better.

As I embark upon my own reflection, I find myself grateful for her passion for family, her strength as a powerful woman, and her heart to always give to others. These are just three of her wonderful characteristics that I embrace. As I walk through the rest of my life without her, I will be comforted by the many lessons she taught me through her actions. Thank you mom, for always protecting me, guiding me and loving me unconditionally. Forever in my heart."

#### -Lori Clark-Gaspar, daughter

"One ideal that I most admired about my mother was her ability to stand up for what was right, and not

always conform to what was easy. She would at times, be the only voice that was opposing cuts in education or the arts. She believed that no matter what. she was the protector of all kids in Evergreen. It was not always easy for my mother. No matter what the decision she faced, there would always be someone affected by it. Many times, I would come home to find my mother studying board packets trying to figure out where she could find the money necessary to save a job or a student program. It was because of her tireless dedication to the Evergreen School District that they bestowed upon her the greatest honor they could, a school named after her.'

#### -Michael D. Clark, son

"It was always a great honor to spend time with Carolyn. She always made me feel welcome in her home and within her and Dallas' tight-knit family. Even though there can so often be an inherent struggle between a son's mother and her daughter-in-law, Carolyn never let me feel like an outsider. She just wanted a positive addition to her family and someone to be a good partner to her son. Carolyn and Dallas taught their kids, and importantly to me - taught my husband, everything he needed to know about the value of family, and how to be a great partner. In my eyes, this is her greatest legacy, and everyone who knew her felt the same way - once you were in her family - you were family

- Meredith Clark, daughter-in-

# The Evergreen community remembers Carolyn A. Clark

"There is so much to say about Carolyn. She was one of the strongest, most caring, inspiring person I've know! I was Carolyn's next door neighbor for about 10 years. She treated my family as her family. I'm really glad that I got to know her and her husband Dallas. We shared so many memories together. She was always there when I needed help with something and she would lecture me if I didn't listen. You will be truly missed Carolyn! Thank you for all you have done for me and my family! We love you! Rest in Paradise!"

#### - Mel Tan, Neighbor and Friend

"Much of the recognition for excellence in the Evergreen School District can be attributed to the leadership of Carolyn Clark on the Governing Board of Trustees. She left an indelible mark on the District. I will always be grateful to her for her support and friendship during my tenure in the Evergreen School District."

## Jim Smith, former Superintendent, Evergreen School District

"Through my years working for Carolyn we became very close friends. I will always cherish our friendship and the memories we made together. We shared many good times and lots of laughs. She was very special!"

#### Sue Smith, former Administrative Services, Governing Board, Evergreen School District

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Carolyn and Dallas toast each other on their wedding day.





Grandson Ethan with Carolyn and Dallas, 2016. Above right: Carolyn and Dallas dress to impress for a special event.



Carolyn and Mary enjoy time together at a party.



#### Clark

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"Carolyn Clark made sure that Kindergarten didn't get slighted when the school was set up. She even donated money to add extra equipment to the playground and asked the kindergarten teachers for their input to make sure it would be appropriate for the students."

#### - Sue Gresch, Teacher at Carolyn Clark Elementary School

The **C** is for Courage
The **A** is for Amicable
The **R** is for Resourceful
The **O** is for Outstanding Service
The **L** is for Loving
The **Y** is for Young at Heart
The **N** is for Nurturing

"This is how I remember Mrs. Carolyn Clark. She always showered parents, staff, students, and community with her gift of time, knowledge, and guidance. She took pride in the success of all children, teachers, and parents. The Evergreen School District and community was very fortunate to experience and understand that it took one dedicated person,

Carolyn A. Clark, with a growth mindset to have a vision for success and to ensure that the vision is an empowering reality of a successful foundation.

The memory of Carolyn Clark will continue to be cherished in our hearts forever."

#### - Zabin Alibhai, Parent at Carolyn Clark Elementary School

I worked with Carolyn Clark for more than 25 years as an administrator in the Evergreen School District. She had one of those dynamic personalities. She was compassionate about caring for kids and the quality of education we gave them every day. She was an advocate for kids; she stood up for kids' rights. Her spirit will be greatly missed in Evergreen!

## Wil Ector, Superintendent, Berryessa School District

Funeral services will be held on February 4, 2017, 2 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 5111 San Felipe Road, San Jose, CA 95135.

In lieu of flowers and gifts, contributions to Carolyn A. Clark Memorial Fund will be accepted for Evergreen youth in need.

# Flu spreading throughout Santa Clara County

idespread flu is reported in California and more cases are being reported in Santa Clara County.

Health officials say that means you can expect more people to get sick in the next few weeks.

Physicians at American Family Care have identified the top five places where germs can spreads and how to protect you from them.

# Top 5 Germiest Places to Avoid During Flu Season:

**Debit card machine.** Get into the habit of punching in your debit card pin with a knuckle instead of a fingertip. This way if you rub your eye or mouth with your fingertip, you're not transferring germs.

**Community pens.** Whether at work or signing a credit card receipt at a store, never pick up a public pen because they're covered with other people's germs. Keep a pen handy for any situation that could pop up.

**Shaking hands.** People are more germ-conscious these days so avoiding a handshake is not as rude as once thought, especially during flu season. If you must do it, wash or sanitize your hands immediately.

Cell phones, tablets. We are constantly using our phones or computer tablets to show friends and coworkers pictures or videos. This means other people are putting their germs on something you are constantly touching. Get into the habit of wiping your phone down with a disinfecting wipe to cut down on spreading germs.

**Gas pump.** Drivers must get gas no matter what, sick or not. Protect yourself at the pump, grab a paper towel by the pump before picking up the gas nozzle. You can also use the paper towel as a barrier when punching



in your debit/credit card info.

American Family Care urgent care clinics invite you to call them so they can explain the best ways to protect your family as flu continues to spread across the country. AFC docs are also available to come to you to answer your questions about flu symptoms and the flu vaccine.

#### FAST FLU FACTS:

Children under the age of 6, pregnant women and adults 65 or older are at high risk for serious flu complications like inflammation of the heart, brain or muscle tissues or multi-organ failure.

Most experts think flu viruses spread mainly by droplets made when someone with flu coughs, sneezes or talks. They can infect you from six feet away.

People can carry the virus and risk exposing others when they show little symptoms.

Frequently touched surfaces at work or school should be cleaned and disinfected especially if someone is ill.

Flu activity monitored by CDC, check this link for cases in your area: http://cdc.gov/flu/week-ly/index.htm#ILIMap

# County to sue President Trump over order on Immigration

Santa Clara County is mounting a legal challenge to President Donald Trump's executive order stripping so-called sanctuary jurisdictions of federal funding.

Santa Clara County is among 400 jurisdictions across the counties that have a policy regarding how they deal with people in the country illegally, according to the Los Angeles Times

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors has authorized County Counsel James Williams to file the lawsuit.

The unanimous decision was made during a special closed session held immediately before a County Hearing on Hate Crimes, which began at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 31, in the Board Chambers at the County Government Center.

Williams made this statement after the Board reconvened in open session:

"At the January 31, 2017 closed session, by a unanimous vote with all members present, the Board authorized County Counsel to file a lawsuit against President Donald Trump and members of his administration challenging his January 25 Executive Order No. 13768, which attempts to withhold virtually all federal funding from local jurisdictions that do not assist with his aggressive immigration enforcement plan."

The County receives more than \$1 billion in federal funding, largely to support critical health and human services for the most vulnerable members of our community.



**Times Local Sports** 

#### **BVAL-East Boys Basketball standings TEAM** DIV PF PA **OVERALL** PF PA **Piedmont Hills** 7-0 11-6 961 718 441 221 **Evergreen Valley** 6-1 380 350 6-10 798 879 Independence 5-2 377 313 11-5 860 784 Silver Creek 4-3 380 368 8-9 843 906 Mt. Pleasant 334 312 8-9 756 776 3-4 Overfelt 1-5 271 367 4-9 653 747 Yerba Buena 1-16 653 1001 1-6 317 444 James Lick 984 0-6 281 406 2-13 761

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#### **Public Meetings:**

#### **Mountain View**

Monday, February 6, 6–8 pm Adobe Building 157 Moffett Blvd, Mountain View

#### **East San Jose**

Monday, February 13, 6–8 pm Dr. Roberto Cruz Alum Rock Branch Library 3090 Alum Rock Ave, San Jose

#### **Gilroy**

Wednesday, February 15, 6–8 pm Gilroy Library - 350 W Sixth St, Gilroy

#### **South San Jose**

Thursday, February 16, 6–8pm Southside Community and Senior Center 5585 Cottle Rd, San Jose

# Online Webinars: nextnetwork.vta.org

February 7, 2–3 pm (focuses on Palo Alto)

February 15, 12–1 pm (focuses on Milpitas)

Individuals who require language translation are requested to contact VTA Community Outreach at (408) 321-7575 / TTY (408) 321-2330 at least five (5) business days before the public meeting.





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#### Adlibmasters Toastmasters Club

A group dedicated to helping develop communication and leadership skills. The group meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 5:15 - 7 p.m. at HGST, a Western Digital Co. and the second and fourth Tuesdays from 12 - 1 p.m. at IBM. For more information, go to www.adlibmasters.org or call Lorraine Myers at 1(408) 717-5552 weekdays or 1(408) 238-4580 weekends.

## District 8 Community Roundtable

1st Thursday of every month from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Location: Evergreen Library. (For information, visit 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.

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#### East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees

Meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the ESUHSD Education Center, 830 N. Capitol Ave. 347-5000. Check the web site for agendas and updates: www.esuhsd.org

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

The Evergreen Business

Association is a free networking group for business owners who live and work in the Evergreen and nearby areas. The purpose of the Evergreen Business Association is to develop and foster connections and to provide a forum for members to share knowledge, promote growth opportunities, and encourage referrals. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 a.m. at the Village Square Branch Library, 4035 Evergreen Village Square, San Jose. The group invites business owners and leaders. 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 201516 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

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

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

Evergreen Valley High School Site Council Meets the first Wednesday of every month on the EVHS campus in the administration building D, 3300 Quimby Rd., San Jose. Confirm meetings by visiting the school's web site.

http://ev.ca.campusgrid.net/home and clicking on school site council in the left hand toolbar or calling the school at (408) 347-7000.

## **Evergreen Valley Service Organization**

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

#### Falls Creek Neighborhood Association

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

The Evergreen Community

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

#### Friends of Evergreen Library

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of February, April, June, August, October and December from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in Group Study Room A at the Evergreen Branch Library, 2635 Aborn Road, San Jose. Visit their website at friend-sofevergreenlibrary. 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/

**The Kiwanis** meet regularly every 4th Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster (12:00 noon). For more infor-

mation, please contact: President of Kiwanis East San Jose Mr. Bud Lomonaco, Phone: (408) 903-7526

#### LeyVa Community Action Team Association

This group is bounded by Barberry Lane and Monrovia Drive, Capitol Expressway, Aborn Road, and South King Road. For meeting time and location, please contact the association at (408) 795-5855.

#### Lions Club - San Jose East Valley

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

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

#### Meadowfair Neighborhood

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

#### 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)

#### 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 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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#### Measure H Citizens' Oversight Committee

The Evergreen School District is accepting applications from parents/community members interested in filling a vacancy position on the Measure H Citizens' Oversight Committee. This committee will oversee the expenditure of Measure H Parcel Tax funds, ensuring they are spent as approved by the voters. It is expected that the committee will meet twice a year.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please submit a **letter of interest** to:

Evergreen School District 3188 Quimby Road San Jose, CA 95148 ATTN: Dan Deguara

Your letter should include a brief introduction of yourself, your contact information, and an overview as to why you are interested in serving on the committee. All letters must be received at the District Office by 4:00 p.m. on March 10, 2017. Applicants will be contacted for follow-up interviews.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Karen Wevers at 408-270-6827.



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