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## ON THE RIGHT TRACK?



"Trying to construct a large infrastructure system like high-speed rail in an already built up urban community is a real challenge," said **Ben Tripousis**, Northern Regional Director of the California High-Speed Rail Authority. *Photos by Lorraine Gabbert*

## Lively high-speed rail meeting airs city residents' concerns

By **Lorraine Gabbert**  
*Senior Staff Writer*

**A**t a lively community meeting held at Southside Community Center, San Jose residents voiced their concerns regarding high-speed rail.

Although Mayor Sam Liccardo left no doubt that high-speed rail is coming to San Jose, he provided an opportunity for residents to weigh in. "Forgive me for being blunt," he said, "but if you're here to kill the high-speed rail project, that meeting is over. We are here to figure out how this project can happen in San Jose in a way that is collaborative and supportive of the community."

Ben Tripousis, Northern Regional Director of the California High-Speed Rail Authority views the community meetings as an attempt to re-engage people and move forward in a positive way.

"I hope it resets the conversation," he says. "Things have become rancorous and rightfully so. Some people don't want it to happen at all, but I don't think that's part of the conversation. It's a state project that's happening. It's not an if proposition, it's a when."

Liccardo says he wants the California High-Speed Rail Authority and Department of Transportation to hear from the experts—the residents—about impacts high-speed rail could have on their neighborhoods. "We have to make sure we mitigate whatever impacts there are," says Liccardo. "We're pushing hard that the Department of Transportation studies all the alternatives. We want to get a project we're proud of."

In addition to alignment and keeping neighborhoods whole, residents are concerned about how the project will affect their quality of life from noise and vibration to safety, air pollution and traffic congestion during construction, as well as the visual impact of raised viaducts for elevated tracks.

"We're trying to get to the heart of the noise, air and aesthetic impacts," says Tripousis, "so we can pull this project together."



"If you're here to kill the high-speed rail project, that meeting is over," said Mayor **Sam Liccardo**.

Many find the elevated viaduct proposal unacceptable. "It will be an eyesore and definitely decrease our property values," says a resident. "If they're going to do that, they owe us some money." Additional concerns of elevated tracks are homeless people living beneath them and graffiti.

Suggestions of having high-speed rail run in tunnels or underground near neighborhoods drew heavy applause. "I don't want an environmental process if the aerial option is our only alternative," says Jim Ortbal, Director of the Department of Transportation, echoing residents' concerns, "but it will take a lot of work and cooperation to make alternatives happen."

Tripousis says that trains running at grade level parallel with the existing Union Pacific Railroad corridor is one of the alignments they're looking at. "As part of the environmental impact process, vibration has to be mitigated," he says. "Construction options have to fit within our resources and technical specifications. Around 20 miles of tunnels would cost \$5 billion dollars and trains won't reach high-

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## Milpitas City Council votes to discontinue Guadalupe landfill dump site in Almaden

By **Sean Eastwood**  
*Times staff writer*

**T**he Milpitas City Council unanimously voted to amend their agreement with Waste Management to use Kirby Canyon Landfill disposal site instead of the Guadalupe Recycling facility in Almaden Valley at their March 21 council meeting.

The City of Milpitas contract with Republic Services and Newby Landfill will extend through the end of this calendar year and it expected that Waste Management's Kirby Canyon Landfill will begin taking Milpitas garbage beginning January 2018 with a 15 year contract.

Almaden residents, whose homes are near the

Guadalupe landfill, are thrilled with the decision of not having garbage coming into their neighborhood.

"This has been a big concern for District 10 residents for almost a year and thanks to the efforts of Mayor Liccardo, our City Attorney, our Planning Director, Environmental Services staff and many of you who have worked on this with me and my staff, we found a win-win solution for all involved," said San Jose Councilmember, Johnny Khamis, representing Almaden Valley. "Kirby Canyon is a better choice because it is not located near residences or businesses that might be affected by the landfill."

The Milpitas City Council decided to switch from the Guadalupe landfill to the Kirby Canyon location to avoid litigation with the City of San Jose.

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# Valley Currents

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

## THINK Together honors San Jose Mayor Liccardo at 20th Anniversary celebration

By Sean Eastwood  
*Times staff writer*

**T**HINK Together, a partner of 43 California school districts, hosted a 20th Anniversary Celebration on March 16, 2017 at the Corinthian Event Center in San Jose.

The event recognized 20 years of after-school excellence in the Bay Area, and honored San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo and friends and financial supporters who have helped the organization along the way.

Mayor Liccardo was honored for his ongoing commitment to closing the achievement gap through San Jose Learns and extended learning programs. The opportunity gap stems from the lack of enhanced learning opportunities for underserved children when school lets out for the day or for the summer. San Jose Learns, under Mayor Liccardo's leadership, provides opportunities for children to use technology, play games, and learn new skills that will enhance their classroom experience and academic success.

THINK Together is California's largest non-profit provider of extended learning programs with academically aligned programs that focus on college and career readiness for all students. In the Bay Area, 5,600 students are served daily across twelve school districts and 41 schools.

THINK Together works to close both the achievement gap and the opportunity gap by partnering with schools to help kids who lack opportunities to participate in after school enrichment programs like the arts, athletics and scientific discovery to enjoy those experiences in the safe environment of their neighborhood school.

For more information, call (888) 485-THINK or visit them online at [www.THINKtogether.org](http://www.THINKtogether.org).



Tracy Carmichael, Ph.D., chief engagement officer at THINK Together, Lily, age 6, Joshua Felix, director of operations at THINK Together, and Randy Barth, CEO and founder of THINK Together, during THINK Together's 20th Anniversary Celebration on March 16 to honor San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo and recognize after-school excellence in the Bay Area. Below: San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo, Board Chair for Bay Area THINK Together Marti Rimmell, and CEO and Founder of THINK Together Randy Barth during THINK Together's 20th Anniversary Celebration on March 16 to honor Mayor Sam Liccardo and recognize after-school excellence in the Bay Area.



### Friends of Almaden Library Book Sale April 8

Don't miss the Almaden Library Book Sale on April 8th from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the Almaden Library located at 6445 Camden Avenue.

A huge variety of gently used books and media with the majority are priced at \$1 or less. Bring your own bags for convenience while shopping

and browsing.

Proceeds from the book sale help the Friends of Almaden Library support our local library programs and additions to the library collection, which benefits the whole community.

### Almaden Women's Club monthly meeting April 11

The Almaden Valley Women's Club will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 11 at the Fish Market.

The April meeting is open to current and new members. Current and new members are welcome to join. The group will meet at 6:15 pm for dinner and cocktails (no host). The Fish Market restaurant is located at 1007 Blossom Hill Rd.

The club will be welcoming a speaker from the Almaden Valley Neighborhood Watch Group who will present information on their Radio Net communication program. In addition the speaker will address AVERT (Almaden Valley Emergency Response Team) which will prepare the community for responses to local disasters, such as earthquakes.

The Almaden Valley Women's Club produces the annual Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival - San Jose's longest running festival. This annual fundraiser helps the group give back to the community in the form of grants to community organizations, schools and other area non-profits. New members are welcome to attend.

For more information, contact Rebecca at [Membership@Almadenwomen.org](mailto:Membership@Almadenwomen.org)

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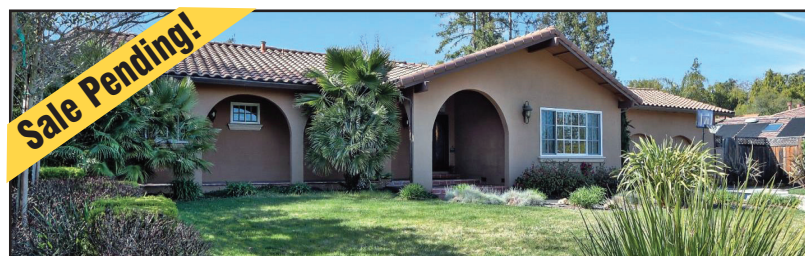
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Cesar Chavez family and friends visited the downtown library. Caesar Chavez sister Rita Chavez Medina is pictured, second from the right.

## Labor leader Cesar Chavez celebrated at San Jose library

By Kevin Larsen  
*Times staff writer*

Clap..., clap..., clap..., clap..., clap..., clap..., clap..., clap..., clap..., clap... This is the ritual of clapping in unison that is a trademark of all United Farm Worker meeting and rallies.

On Friday, March 17, 2017 for the first time in history, this non-verbal pattern of many hands being put together at Martin Luther King Jr. Library in downtown San Jose was once again revived from history and some believed Cesar was looking on.

With bright vibrant weaved Mexican design, two authentic serapes were laid over top of the podium. To the right a one of a kind display was seen which contained historical photos and artifacts from the history of the United Farm Workers movement.

“When he looked at you with those eyes and that smile... you just had to go along with what he wanted you to do,” said Cesar Chavez’ sister, Rita Chavez Medina, who is now in her nineties, shared so much during the evening about personal stories of her and her brother and the United Farm Worker movement.

“I get very emotional when talking about my brother Cesar, he made me do a lot of things I never thought I could do,” said Medina. She said for the past sixty four years she has been working in elections and registering people to vote. It was Cesar that nudged her to begin this and she continued throughout the years ahead. Cesar said to her, “I have found a person to process Note of Republic, to which Rita responded, “who.” To which Cesar responded, “You.” To which Rita responded, “no, not me.” To which Cesar won out by saying, “you are going to do good!” From that day and for twenty four years after that she obtained authority to act as a Note of Republic.

Medina stated that one time Cesar asked her to set up a United Farm Workers meeting. He was not sure he would get there on time. As the meeting time came closer he called her. He said to her, “I can’t make the meeting, but I have just the right person to run it.” She replied, “Who?” He replied, “You.” She said back no! He said, “yes and you’re going to do good!” Later that evening Cesar called after the meeting was concluded and all went home. He asked, “How did the meeting go, how many came?” She responded, “I’m sorry but no one came,”

and then after silence (one can only imagine Cesar’s puzzled thoughts) she said, “no, many came... you got me so I got you back,” (one can envision the smile that discussion gave Cesar and this is an example of the playful banter that existed in how Cesar and those he touched worked together in the United Farm Worker movement.

### President of Chavez Family Vision Speaks

Barbara Median Aranda spoke about Cesar. “In 1980 I helped by working in the legal department of La Vos. I remember my uncle always carried a book in his hand.

Also, she stated, “If you wouldn’t do your job, he would call you on it.” He made you uplifted to do a job you thought you might not be able to do. It was hard work and he was a great teacher. He was very funny and would make jokes during down time. He was very lovable, supportive and always stressed the importance of education in wanting all to go to college. He was very willing to talk to you and would listen when you came to him with a problem.”

### United Auto Workers in Fremont helped United Farm Workers

“My father was Cesar’s friend.” “The U.A.W. was the first large union to put resources toward the U.F.W. and my dad, Eloy Campus made a connection with Cesar,” stated Xavier Campos (Vice President of Chavez Family Vision). He stated that his father grew up picking cotton and then sugar cane. He moved into a factory job at the Fremont auto plant (now home of TESLA).

“One of my memories is of my father bringing our whole family to La Vos meetings. I did not realize the magnitude of the history I was involved in. My parents explained to us the importance of this man Cesar Chavez and what he meant to our country.

### That is the spirit of Cesar Chavez

It was stated by many that Cesar always was reading and always carried a book in his hand. When he talked he made others realize they could do things they thought they could not. He would listed to others, find out what the person liked and could thrive at, then this brought the best out of folks because they got to do things they wanted to do.

### Picket signs go up at along Alum Rock at King Road and White Road

The Mexican Heritage Plaza was once a  
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*Jackie Jones presents...*

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**23rd annual Spring Garden Market  
by the Santa Clara County Master  
Gardeners to be held April 8****A**re you getting ready to plant some great veggies or flowers in your garden?

The 23rd annual Spring Garden Market by the Santa Clara County Master Gardeners will be held on Saturday, April 8, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at History Park San Jose, 635 Phelan Way.

The Santa Clara County Master Gardeners will include a premier plant sale, sustainable gardening showcase and vendor fair at beautiful History Park San Jose.

Delicious and unusual pepper seedlings from around the world - India, South America, Mexico, Africa, USA and more will be sold. Sweet and juicy or searing hot, you'll find many choices to please your palate.

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Herbs, ornamental flowers and succulents will be available in sampler packs and individual varieties, succulent arrangements, too.



Gardening Talks will be presented from experts about growing great tomatoes, what to do with pests in your garden, irrigation techniques, and more. Talks run 45 minutes each and start at 10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Arrive early and bring your totes! Children's activities, vendors and food trucks too.

We even have daycare for your precious plants so you can take advantage of everything. Service dogs only, please.

Get a list of available plants, talks and vendors and more from the MG website: [mgsantaclara.ucanr.edu/events](http://mgsantaclara.ucanr.edu/events)**2018 Dodge Durango SRT is fastest, most powerful SUV**By **Sean Eastwood**  
*Times staff writer***T**he fastest SUV on the planet will be arriving later this year and all 2018 Durango SRT buyers will receive one full-day session at the Bob Bondurant School of High Performance Driving.

The new Durango SRT SUV can haul in every way imaginable. It's powered by a 475 hp 6.4-liter Hemi V8 shared with the Dodge Challenger. The all-wheel-drive SRT can accelerate from 0-60 mph in 4.4 sec. and run the quarter-mile in 12.9 sec.

"The new 2018 Dodge Durango SRT is America's fastest, most powerful and most capable three-row SUV," said Tim Kuniskis, Head of Passenger Dodge, SRT, Chrysler and FIAT. "This is what you get, when you take everything great about the Durango and combine it with the performance of the Charger SRT: a 12-second quarter mile, toy-hauling, three-row muscle car."

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**Performance at its core**

For the first time ever, SRT power is now available in the Dodge Durango. The 2018 Dodge Durango SRT is powered by the potent 392-

cubic-inch HEMI V-8 engine with Fuel Saver Technology that delivers 475 horsepower at 6,000 rpm and 470 lb.-ft. of torque at 4,300 rpm – providing America's best horsepower and torque ratings and making the new Dodge Durango SRT the fastest, most powerful and most capable three-row SUV. Its new exhaust system tuned to offer an unmistakably deep, high-performance Dodge SRT exhaust note modeled after the Dodge Charger SRT.

**Stopping power**

The Durango SRT gets a set of high performance Brembo brakes, a stiffer suspension with computer-controlled adaptive dampers to better blend ride comfort and handling, deep bucket seats (even in the back rows) to hold you in place in the turns, and a beefy T-bar shifter for its 8-speed automatic transmission because it just feels right.

**Ride and handling**

The Dodge Durango SRT rides on a short- and long-arm (SLA) independent front suspension with coil springs, specially tuned Bilstein adaptive damping suspension (ADS), upper- and lower-control arms ("A" arms) and a stabilizer bar. Additional changes include three percent stiffer front springs, 16 percent stiffer rear springs and an 18 percent stiffer rear sway bar to provide Durango SRT drivers with outstanding high-speed cornering capability.



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**New Durango interior**

New interior appointments, including a hand-wrapped instrument panel with live silver accent stitch, SRT flat-bottom performance steering wheel with SRT paddle shifters, heated and ventilated front and heated second-row captain's chairs with embossed SRT logos. A new digital instrument cluster includes a 180 mph speedometer, although Dodge has not yet confirmed the Durango SRT's top speed.

**Exterior appointments excite**

With its wide body style, and a vented hood similar to the one used by the 707 hp Dodge Charger Hellcat which provides cold-air duct and heat extractors to cool the engine and improve overall perform-

ance. New exterior performance features include wide body exterior design and functional SRT hood with center air inlet duct flanked by heat extractors, as well as a new front fascia and lower valence to house new cold-air duct and LED fog lamps. Standard leather and suede, available high-performance Red Laguna leather seating and new carbon-fiber trim distinguish Durango SRT's performance interior. Tires available include the new Pirelli 295/45ZR20 Scorpion Verde all-season tires or available Pirelli P Zero three-season tires

Standard TorqueFlite eight-speed automatic transmission specifically calibrated for the Dodge Durango SRT to optimize shift points and deliver maximum torque to all four

wheels. New driver-oriented electronic T-shifter, standard on all 2018 Durango models, provides the driver with intuitive gear selection and offers an Auto Stick selector gate for added control.

The SRT seven-mode drive system gives the driver the ability to precisely adjust drive settings to maximize performance or comfort. New Sport Mode reduces shift times by up to 50 percent versus Auto Mode and delivers up to 65 percent of the 392 HEMI engine's torque to the rear wheels. The new Track Mode delivers maximum performance track driving with 160-millisecond shifts and up to 70 percent of engine torque to the rear wheels for the most pronounced rear-wheel-drive experience

The 2018 Dodge Durango SRT is built at the 3-million-square-foot Jefferson North Assembly Plant in Detroit, which has been the site of Durango production since its introduction in the 2011 model year.

The price of the new Durango hasn't been announced, either, but is expected to be priced at \$68,000. South County Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep is expected to offer pricing incentives for qualified buyers.

For more information, contact Scott DePeralta or Adam Warduck at South County Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep; 455 Automall Drive, Gilroy, CA 95020; (888) 470-4578.





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Times Local News



The Chavez Family Vision Project participated in a march on April 2 in solidarity with the UFW RESIST Marches which were held throughout the state of California. Pictured above: Cesar Chavez participating in a historical march supporting farm workers. Courtesy Chavez Family Vision Project.

## Chavez

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Safeway and picketing against purchase of grapes happened there. Campos recalled that when he was six years old he walked with many on the corner of White Road and Alum Rock. Chavez said he recalled a pickup truck pass by and the people in it yelling out negative things about the picket signs and people. This was his first experience of racism.

### San Jose only city to hoist United Farm Worker Flag in America

Campos and others went through the process of gaining approval by the San Jose City Council and Mayor in years past to get the United Farm Workers flag to be flown at city hall once a year.

"The flag represents and honors this historical and peaceful movement in America," said Campos. "Our city has also established the Cesar Chavez Memorial Walkway which has seven important landmarks." On the display at the

event was seen actual United Farm Worker flags and some commented that their condition is excellent. The newness of the flags represented that the United Farm Worker movement is still very close to current history.

### Chavez Family Vision non-profit project

A plaque was presented by library representatives Elizabeth Castaneda and Nancy Macias (both initiated the event) to the Chavez family. The audience were shown an informative film and got the opportunity to ask many questions of each family member.

It was explained that when Cesar died he was buried in a coffin made by his brother. What he started and believed in is still alive. The Chavez Family Vision organization, the public library and all others help our world by honoring Cesar and the United Farm Worker Movement. The movement lives on!

For more information on the Chavez Family Vision go to: <http://chavezfamilyvision.org/>



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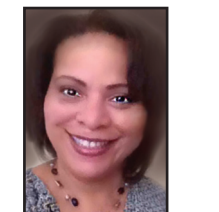
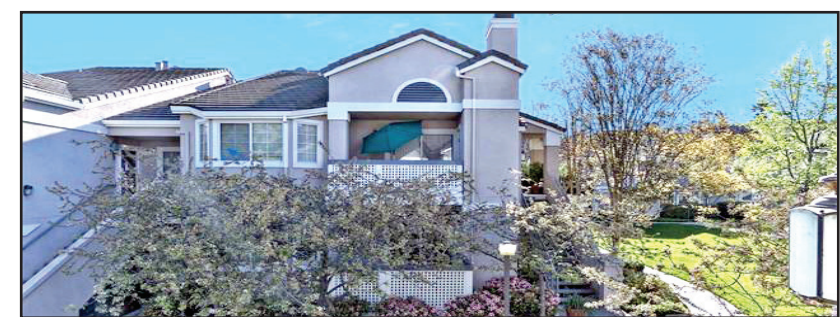
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**What is your applicable statute of limitations?  
Don't lose your claim by waiting too long**

By **Steven R. Roeser, Esq.**  
*Special to the Times*

This Week's Question:  
I loaned a good friend \$25,000 several years ago and now he says he cannot pay me back right now but will get to it. We have nothing in writing other than emails acknowledging I loaned her the money and that she will pay it back. I have emailed him several times and he gives me the same excuse—I cannot pay now but will pay you back. How long do I have to file a lawsuit? Is there a deadline?

—**Jack M.**  
*Almaden Valley*

Dear Jack:  
In the course of your simply wanting money owed to you, you raise a very pertinent question: if you have a civil claim against someone, is there a deadline to file a lawsuit before you lose all rights? The simple answer is YES.

Virtually every possible dispute will reach a point in time where the lawsuit becomes stale and is the claim or relief sought is no longer available. The legal term for the deadline to file a lawsuit applicable to a particular claim is referred to as the “statute of limitations”. If a lawsuit is filed and the statute of limitations has passed for the claim, the defendant will raise the statute of limitations as a defense to the enforcement of the claim, and the claim will be dismissed.

It is very difficult, and risky, to state with any degree of certainty what the deadlines are, since every case is different and there are so many exceptions to the rules. One must determine at what point the statute of limitations starts running from. For example, the statute of limitations for breach of an oral contract may be two years, and the statute of limitations for breach of a written contract may be four years. However, that may not be the end of the story since we must look at the date that the statute of limitations runs from. In other words, when does the clock start ticking on the deadline to file suit?

As another example, when does the statute of limitations on a breach of contract action

start? It starts from when the injured party reasonably should have known of the breach of contract. Therefore, diligence is important as ignorance without diligence will not stop the statute of limitations from running.

Our California Civil Code contains many of the statutes of limitations, starting at §312 and following. You can bring these up on your computer monitor and read many of them. There are different statutes of limitations for many different “causes of action” (grounds for lawsuits). While a personal injury action must be brought within two years of the injury, some statutes are one year, or even less (particularly where a government entity is a defendant).

No good lawyer will use a simple number to determine your statute of limitations. Any good lawyer needs to know much more about what happened and when the critical events transpired to accurately calculate the statute of limitations deadline. Consult counsel if you are serious about bringing a lawsuit. As lawsuits are expensive, cost benefit of filing suit must always be analyzed as well.

We are always happy to chat with our Almaden Valley residents, so give us a call if you have legal questions. Our new office location at 445 Leigh Ave, Los Gatos, CA 95032 (directly across the street from Leigh High School, cross street Los Gatos-Almaden Blvd) is now open! Please call or email in advance to schedule an appointment.

Until next time ... and have a great day!  
Kindest Regards,  
Steven R. Roeser, Esq.

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By **Sean Eastwood**  
*Times staff writer*

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For more information, email Patricia Cohen-Hadria at: [patchadria@sbcglobal.net](mailto:patchadria@sbcglobal.net).



Times News Briefs

**County's largest reservoir opens for water sports**

Santa Clara County Park's largest lake is opened this week for the 2017 water sports season.

Anderson reservoir is a seven mile long and 953 acre foot lake and home to power and non-power boating, jet skiing, as well as float tube, boat and shore fishing. Picnic facilities are also open, including Woodchopper's picnic area that can be accessed by boat or by vehicle at the south end of the lake. There are additional picnic areas available below the dam along Coyote Creek on a first come, first served basis.

Anderson County Park is open year-round from 8 a.m. until sunset. The lake is also open at 8 a.m. but closes 30-minutes before sunset.

Other Santa Clara County Parks' lakes and reservoirs will also open 7 days a week on Saturday, April 15th. Those include Calero, Coyote Lake and Lexington and Stevens Creek reservoirs.

Vessel launch reservations (\$8 per reservation) are strongly encouraged on Anderson and Calero reservoirs starting weekends and holidays from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day Weekend.

To make a reservation, call 408.355.2201 Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., or visit [goutsideandplay.org](http://goutsideandplay.org).

**Grant opportunity for community 4th of July fireworks events available to non-profits**

Nonprofit organizations planning to hold 2017 Fourth of July fireworks events in Santa Clara County may benefit from a County grant program established to fund safe and legal fireworks displays.

The County is allocating a total of \$25,000 to sponsor up to two fireworks events in each of the five supervisorial districts (\$5,000 per district).

"The County supports professional displays to help deter the illegal use of fireworks in our community," said President Dave Cortese, County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors. "The grant program offers funding for up to 10 events throughout the county."

Nonprofit organizations that have held Fourth of July events involving fireworks displays and meet the criteria to receive a grant are encouraged to submit their applications before the 5 p.m., April 7, 2017, deadline.

Interested organizations must complete an application. Events must include public/fire safety educational elements, be open to any resident in Santa Clara County, and be family-friendly.

A panel that includes representatives from Santa Clara County Fire Department, the Sheriff's Office, the County Executive's Office, and Parks and Recreation Department, will review and evaluate submissions. The

Board of Supervisors will review panel recommendations in May. Sponsorship recipients will be notified and receive funds following Board approval.

Selection Qualifications/Criteria for Fireworks Events:

1. Must be held in Santa Clara County
2. Must be proven, at least, in its second year.
3. Must have Public/Fire safety Education element(s).
4. Must be open to any resident in Santa Clara County and be Family-Friendly.
5. Must be able to specify how County of Santa Clara grant award will be used.

Completed applications must be received, via e-mail, no later than 5 p.m., on April 7, 2017, and should be e-mailed to Andrea Contreras, [andrea.contreras@ceo.sccgov.org](mailto:andrea.contreras@ceo.sccgov.org) and Fran Palacio, [fran.palacio@ceo.sccgov.org](mailto:fran.palacio@ceo.sccgov.org), Office of the County Executive.

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Times **Community News**

# Exemptions for new property taxes

By Councilmember  
**Johnny Khamis**  
*Special to the Times*

Later this year, when we receive our new property tax bills, we will all see a significant increase from several new tax and bond measures that were approved by the voters last year. If you're a senior, or meet other criteria, you may be eligible for an exemption from some of these new taxes. Two approved tax measures that were approved contained exemption language, and a third, older tax measure, also has an exemption available (see chart below.)

Each exemption has different qualifications and must be applied for separately. Neither the Santa Clara County Assessor nor the Santa Clara County Tax Collector administers the application process for exemptions. This is done by the respective school district.

Several people have asked us how one goes about obtaining the exemption, so we are providing the following helpful information:

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• **People who are qualified to receive an exemption:**

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**Johnny Khamis,**  
City Councilmember

you will need to return to them in order to qualify for the exemption.

**Measure HH**

• **People who are qualified to receive an exemption**

Pursuant to CA Government Code Section 50079 (b), any owners of a Parcel used solely for owner-occupied, single family residential purposes and who are 65 years of age or older, may obtain an exemption from the education parcel tax by annually submitting an application, by June 15 of each year, to the Board of Trustees of the

Franklin-McKinley School District in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Board

Parcels which are (i) contiguous; (ii) used solely for owner-occupied, single family residential purposes; and (iii) held under identical ownership may upon annual application be treated as a single parcel for purposes of the levy.

• **Exemption Procedure**

Seniors - Exemption from the FMSD Parcel Tax is available to all senior citizens 65 years or older who live in the Franklin-McKinley School District and reside in their home. Visit <http://bit.ly/2oXXj2I> for the 2017-2018 Senior Exemption Form. Senior homeowners may be exempted on an annual basis upon application to the District. To qualify, a homeowner must be 65 years of age or older and be the owner-occupant of the property.

A senior applying for an exemption needs to bring proof of residence to the Business Services Department at the District Service Center and fill out the Senior Citizen Exemption Form every year (available in March each new year). You can refer to the Senior Citizen Information Sheet at <http://bit.ly/2oA3yOk> to answer many of your questions.

Contiguous Exemption - The contiguous parcel exemption allows a property

See **TAXES**, next page

2017 Tax Measure	District	Type of tax	Cost	Length
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HH	McKinley School District	Parcel tax	\$72/parcel	9 years

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# After the floods: The Water District continues its flood reduction efforts

By Linda J. LeZotte, Director  
Santa Clara Valley Water District

Our hearts go out to all of those impacted by the recent flooding in San Jose and elsewhere in our community. The Water District is committed to reducing flood risks in those affected areas, as well as, throughout San Jose and Santa Clara County.

In the last four decades, the Santa Clara Valley Water District has invested more than a billion dollars in reducing flood risks, protecting more than 93,000 properties in previously flood-prone areas. As the flood protection agency for the county, the water district works to protect as many parcels as possible through strategically designed flood protection projects and annual stream maintenance which includes sediment removal, bank repair and vegetation management.

However, flood risks still exist in our county, with more than 66,000 parcels in flood-prone areas. The water district currently has 18 projects underway to minimize this risk. Flood protection projects are a large and multi-faceted undertaking that include planning, design and construction phases, and oftentimes a permitting phase after design. In the initial stages of each project, it is essential to gather support and evaluate existing risks, potential benefits, environmental impacts and costs. Support from the community and agencies at local, state and even federal levels are crucial for a successful project.

As seen with the successful improvements to the lower and downtown portions of the Guadalupe River, flood protection projects improve a creek's capacity to withstand strong storm events and protect homes and businesses. Previously downtown San Jose and Alviso experienced historical flooding on multiple occasions in the 1980s and 90s. Both regions, addressed by flood protection projects completed by 2009, were in

partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. When the upper reaches of the Guadalupe River are completed, the entire project will protect more than 7,500 parcels from a 100-year flood event.

The devastating impacts of the recent flood event along Coyote Creek on President's Day are a reminder that flood risks persist. During the wettest winter in over 20 years, our watersheds were saturated and increased run-off filled our reservoirs and raised creek levels. For example, Anderson Reservoir, our county's largest reservoir, was less than half full on January 1, 2017.

After the first series of storms in January, we began releasing water from the reservoir on January 9, as it became likely that winter storms would fill the reservoir exceeding the seismic safety

restrictions. Heavy rainfall from January and February storms caused more water to flow into the reservoir than we could physically release. The reservoir reached its capacity and began to spill on Feb. 18. The subsequent storms resulted in the largest flow of water ever recorded over Anderson's spillway.

Since the President's Day storm event we have reached out to our federal and state legislators for support in seeking assistance and funding to prevent future flooding. We are also working closely with the City of San Jose to update creek capacity thresholds and develop a joint Emergency Action Plan. At the request of Mayor Liccardo our board of directors approved repurposing up to \$450,000 in an existing contract between the water

district and the San Jose Conservation Corps to help the city in flood response efforts.

In early April, we will also host a series of post-flood community meetings to analyze the event and discuss how we can reduce flood risks in the future. We will need continued community and agency support in reducing future flood risks in our region.

Please sign up for our newsletter to receive the latest information on upcoming community meetings, project updates and more, at [www.valleywater.org](http://www.valleywater.org).

I am available for questions or comments as your District 4 representative for the City of Campbell, portions of Willow Glen and the Cambrian, North Almaden and Blossom Hill neighborhoods of San Jose. Feel free to contact me at (408)265-2600.

## Taxes

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owner to combine adjacent parcels (parcels that share a common border) into one taxable unit. These combined parcels must also have the same primary purpose (i.e., a residence, a business, vacant land, etc.). Property owners need to complete the Application for Contiguous Parcel Exemption and bring the form to the Business Services Department.

□ Questions or Comments? If you have any questions please contact Sandy Guevara, Executive Assistant to Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, at (408) 283-6020 or email her at [sandy.guevara@fmsd.org](mailto:sandy.guevara@fmsd.org).

### Measure CC

• No exemption is listed in the documentation for Measure CC, specifically (this is a correction to the information provided previously). There is, however, an exemption available for seniors and other qualified individuals from the 2015 Measure B parcel tax.

• **People who are qualified to receive an exemption:**

□ Property-owners age 65 and older, or those who receive S.S.I. benefits

### • Exemption Procedure:

□ Obtain exemption forms at local library branches (Campbell, Saratoga, Bascom, Willow Glen, Los Gatos), request by phone 408-341-7043, or at the District Office 155 N. 3rd St., Campbell, or obtain forms online: <https://www.campbellusd.org/files/seniorexempt.pdf>.

□ Mail or deliver the signed, completed form with copies of the three (3) proof of eligibility documents noted above (age, residence and ownership) to: Campbell Union School District - Parcel Tax Exemption 155 N. Third Street, Campbell, CA 95008.

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**Rail**

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speed specifications.”

Residents are concerned with how loud trains running at 125 or 150 miles per hour will be and how often they’ll run. To mitigate the impact of high-speed rail at grade level, they suggested sound barriers, trees and landscaping. To increase safety, they suggested fencing and improved lighting.

“We will be impacted whatever decisions are made,” says a resident. “We’re going to lose regardless.”

“As a San Jose resident, I understand the community’s concerns,” says Tripousis, “and I want to make sure we’re exhausting all possibilities.”

Liccardo believes that San Jose’s fortunes are tied to high-speed rail. “If you look at cities around the world, those which flourish are on a river or rail line,” he says. “The cities not connected by peak transportation systems wither and die. If this is a system connecting California, it is critically important San Jose be on it. We’re bringing BART to San Jose and funding Caltrain because transportation is crucial to the future of the city. However critical you might be about this system, know it’s much better to be on it than off it.”

The California High-Speed Rail Authority is expecting environmental clearance to be complete in 2018. The San Francisco-to-San Jose 51-mile section is part of the first phase. In 2025, Silicon Valley passenger service to the Central Valley will begin. From San Jose to Fresno will be a 45-minute ride. By 2029, the California High-Speed Rail Authority envisions running trains from San Francisco to Los



“We’re pushing hard that the Department of Transportation studies all the alternatives,” says Mayor **Sam Liccardo** addressing concerned residents about high-speed rail. Photo by Lorraine Gabbert

Angeles in under three hours at speeds ranging beyond 200 miles per hour. They also plan to extend the project to Sacramento and San Diego, totaling 800 miles with up to 24 stations.

“In working with the Mayor, councilmembers and Department of Transportation, we’re sensitive that 20.9 miles of the San Francisco-to-Merced line runs through San Jose,” says Tripousis. “We are organizing community meetings throughout the city to whittle down specific concerns and arrive at solutions for this project with a level of consensus.”

Councilmember Sergio Jimenez feels that San Jose should leverage its standing as a large city in the Bay Area and the third largest in California with the California High-Speed Rail Authority. “We want this project to develop in such a way that it really brings together

the views of the residents,” he says, “and all of their ideas.”

“We want to have conversations with local

communities, get their perspectives and have them help us develop a better project which reflects their needs and interests,” says Tripousis. “As a San Jose resident, I take a personal ownership of ensuring we do this the right way. Trying to construct a large infrastructure system like high-speed rail in an already built up urban community is a real challenge. We have to meet particular standards while finding the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative at a reasonable budget and ensure we’re not creating long-term impacts on the community. It’s a small needle to thread.”

“I think we should spend time developing and designing high-speed rail to lessen its impact on communities and neighborhoods,” says Ortbal, “and to have a safe, well-designed, efficient system to get people quickly through the state. Each alternative should be fully developed to determine the best path for San Jose and high-speed rail to make it the least impactful on neighborhoods and most beneficial for the city.”

**Symphony Silicon Valley to feature Bach and Mahler May 6-7**

By **William Bellou**  
Publisher

**S**ymphony Silicon Valley will present performances of Bach and Mahler May 6-7 at the California Theater.

Mahler’s Fifth is an epic journey that begins with a funeral march, endures turmoil, dances with abandon, confesses deep love, and ends finally in glory. It is a great testament to adversity surmounted, expressed in luxuriant orchestral colors and unforgettable melodies.

The stage is set with an orchestral version of Bach’s Chaconne (originally for solo violin), in which a brief musical idea undergoes a series of transformations to become a statement of monumental proportion.

Tatsuya Shimono will conduct the orchestra. He has guest conducted major orchestras in Japan and abroad. He received great acclaim for his debuts in subscription concerts with the Orchestra dell’Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia and the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra in 2009, and then in March 2010, made his debut with the



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The California Theater is located at 345 So. First Street in downtown San Jose

**About Symphony Silicon Valley**

Founded in 2002, *Symphony Silicon Valley* has progressed from daring idea to exciting reality, rapidly becoming the greater South Bay’s premiere orchestra and a notable community success story. The Symphony’s artists, nationally recruited, locally resident, with an average performance tenure in San Jose of over 20 years, are recognized as among the best in the greater Bay Area. Led by an exciting roster of distinguished guest conductors on the European model, the Symphony is an anchor tenant of San Jose’s magnificently restored downtown California Theatre, one of Northern California’s most outstanding music halls. There, audiences and critics alike greet its concerts with enthusiasm.

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**YMCA Silicon Valley awarded grant from National Inclusion Project**

YMCA of Silicon Valley has received a grant from National Inclusion Project. The grant allows the Y to deepen their impact and inclusion efforts with Camp, After School and Youth Sports programs. Diversity and inclusion continue to be an incredibly relevant topic in today's climate. Creating an inclusive environment where children with and without disabilities can play, learn and thrive together has brought the YMCA of Silicon Valley and the National Inclusion Project

together once again in 2017. At YMCA Camp Campbell, the Y's resident camp in Santa Cruz, children of all abilities come together through recreational activities such as swimming, arts and crafts, physical fitness and more. "These inclusive experiences help children with disabilities improve self-esteem, social skills and confidence; while children without disabilities improve their leadership, problem solving skills and empathy," said Shiel Brockbank, Director of Program and Community Development at the YMCA of Silicon Valley. "These programs help children feel a sense of belonging, preparing them for a rewarding future, as they advance in school and eventually the workplace becoming valued members of their community."

**BVAL-MH Softball Standings**

TEAM	DIV	PF	PA	OVERALL	PF	PA
Santa Teresa	4-0-0	29	22	8-5-0	73	84
Leland	2-1-0	27	17	8-7-0	112	65
Live Oak	2-1-0	17	7	7-3-0	54	28
Pioneer	2-1-0	19	17	5-5-0	42	54
Oak Grove	2-1-0	18	8	4-6-0	49	38
Sobrato	1-3-0	23	16	10-6-0	110	51
Leigh	0-3-0	3	25	5-7-0	74	75
Westmont	0-3-0	7	31	2-10-0	38	116

**BVAL-South Boys Basketball Standings**

TEAM	DIV	PF	PA	OVERALL	PF	PA
Sobrato	11-3	805	629	19-7	1482	1200
Leland	10-4	867	687	17-10	1567	1375
Santa Teresa	10-4	925	743	16-10	1543	1427
Gunderson	10-4	858	678	15-12	1623	1484
Pioneer	8-6	795	744	12-13	1461	1412
Live Oak	3-9	534	637	6-16	957	1167
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### Home Depot hiring more than 800 in San Jose

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From sales and cashiers to operations and online order fulfillment, opportunities include both permanent part-time and seasonal positions in the company's stores and distribution facilities. College students, retirees and veterans are encouraged to apply.

For more information, visit [careers.homedepot.com](http://careers.homedepot.com).

### Audubon Society announces 'Birdathon'

The Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society has announced its spring Birdathon, its largest fundraiser of the year scheduled from now through April 30.

"Birdathon" is a great way to learn about local wildlife and support the community. Donations from this fun event support SCVAS conservation and education programs all across the Bay Area.

To get involved, pick a date and register for a team (either one of our pre-organized teams or your own private one), raise at least \$50, then grab your binoculars and get ready to bird.

All birding skill levels are welcome. The Santa Clara Audubon Society will also be giving away prizes to the teams who raise the most money, including a timeshare in Spain, a birding adventure in Hawaii and a boat trip in Monterey Bay.

Registration is open now. To register and for more information, visit the organization's website at [scvas.org/birdathon](http://scvas.org/birdathon). For questions and comments, contact [scvasbirdathon@gmail.com](mailto:scvasbirdathon@gmail.com)

### New state-of-the-art bookmobile enters service

After travelling more than 2,000 miles across the country, Santa Clara County Library District's latest addition- a new Bookmobile, has finally arrived and is bringing library resources to a variety of diverse locations.

Built by the specialty vehicle company LDV, Inc. of Burlington, Wisconsin, SCCLD's new Bookmobile is very distinctive from other trucks on the road in both looks and offerings.

Residents who are already familiar with SCCLD's Bookmobile services

## San Jose's Hom family celebrates the grand opening of Vitality Bowls in South San Jose

By William Bellou  
*Publisher*

The Hom family, residents of Evergreen Valley, celebrated the recent opening of their 5660 Cottle Rd. location.

The Hom family advocates safe eating for people with food allergies, the main reason they decided to open the new restaurant which is food allergy free. The Homs lost their son BJ to a food allergy in 2008.

"We are so thrilled to open my first Vitality Bowls location," said Brian. "My wife and I have been wanting to provide people with a healthy fast casual food alternative as well as a safe place for people with food allergies. This will be a haven where people can feel good about eating out."

The restaurant menu features a variety of options, such as the Energy Bowl (with organic acai, goji berries and bee pollen), the Dragon Bowl (featuring organic pitaya, coconut milk and bananas) and the signature Vitality Bowl (with organic acai, strawberries and honey). Additionally, the brand recently announced exclusive additions to its kids menu. Fresh juices, organic soups, panini and salads are also available.



The Hom family celebrates the grand opening of Vitality Bowls with a ribbon cutting event. Pictured (l to right) are: San Jose City Councilman **Sergio Jimenez**, Former San Jose Vice Mayor **Rose Herrera**, **Kathy Hom**, **Brian Hom**, **Steven Hom** and **Brandon Hom**.

will continue to have access to a full load of free materials from DVDs to books and video games and the library on wheels will maintain its scheduled stops at 45 different locations twice a month throughout Santa Clara County. But, that is where the similarities end. What is different about the new vehicle are the many unique features including:

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- Approximately 30 percent larger than the previous truck, providing enough extra space to carry over 300 additional items on each run.

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SCCLD library, the two bookmobiles visit schools, senior facilities, remote locations, neighborhoods and companies throughout Santa Clara County and is stocked with books, audio books, music CDs, DVDs, console games, and magazines for check out. For more information on SCCLD Bookmobile services visit: [sccl.org/Locations/Bookmobile/About](http://sccl.org/Locations/Bookmobile/About)

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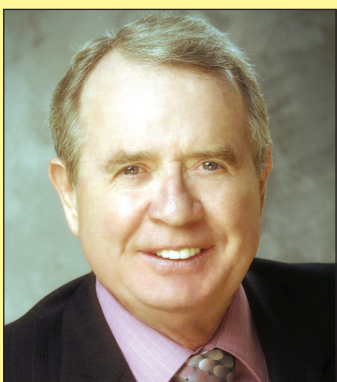
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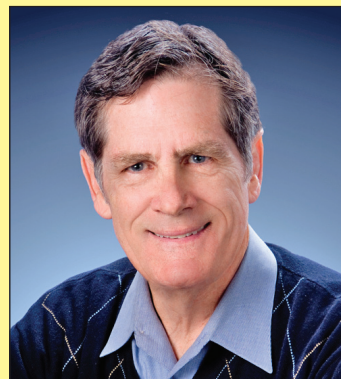
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