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## 'Gurdwara Avenue' celebrates diversity

By Bob Dhillon  
General Secretary  
of the Gurdwara  
Special to the Times

On Sunday August 13 a quaint community celebration was held at the corner of Quimby Road and Gurdwara Avenue to celebrate the street name change.

Many dignitaries came to honor the importance of the street name change to Gurdwara Avenue for the city of San Jose.

Sikh spokesperson Jasvir Singh Powar stated, "I flew in from India this morning just to be at this historic ceremony. It is historical for the City of San Jose, the State of California and the entire United States.

Former Vice Mayor Rose Herrera, praised by Mayor Liccardo for helping begin the process of the road change said, "There is no better way to celebrate diversity, the true meaning of diversity, then when we symbolically acknowledge a community as we are doing here today by changing a



"There is no better way to celebrate the true meaning of diversity, than when we symbolically acknowledge a community as we are doing here today by changing a street name," said former Vice Mayor **Rose Herrera** at the renaming celebration (bottom, right).

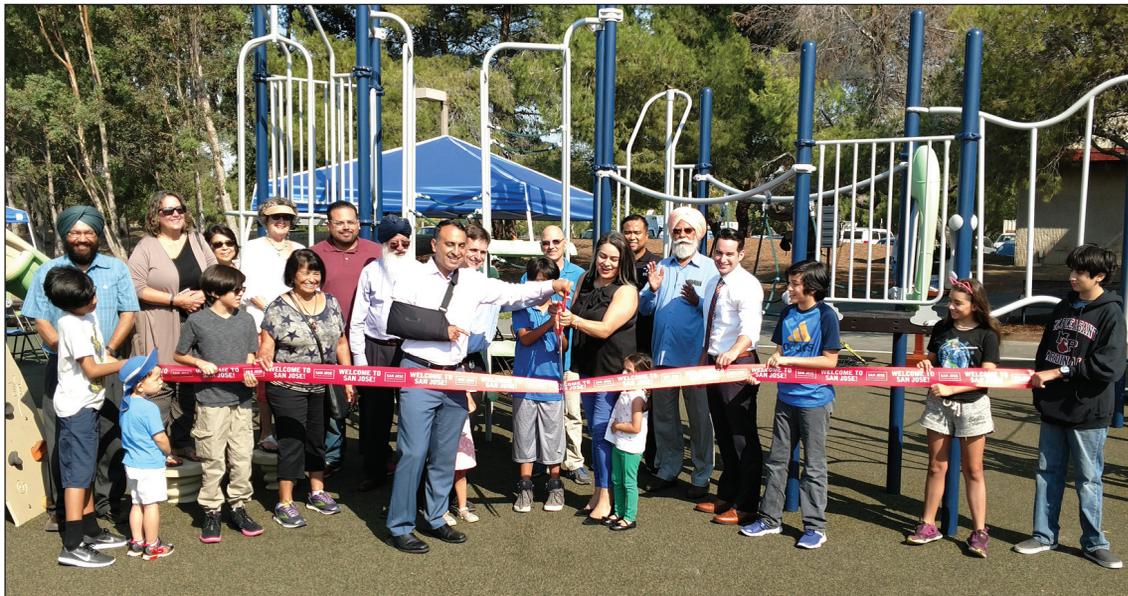
street name. It is a simple thing and an easy way to acknowledge the Sikh community and their contribution to the entire community."

Sikh volunteer, Satinder Singh said, "It is historic for the city of San Jose and Gurdwara to have this new road name for whomever visits San Jose from outside the city (in the whole world).

Children said, "it is very exciting because I have been coming to the Gurdwara since I was little and the change of the road name to Gurdwara Avenue will help a lot of people to know what and where the Gurdwara is and it will create more interest in it too."

Vice Mayor Magdalena Carrasco said, referring to the San Jose City Council, "It was a unanimous vote and that represents our entire community." She also said in referring to each city council member, "they understood

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"When we meet and socialize in playgrounds, our children become friends, and then they become lifelong friends," said San Jose City Councilmember **Silvia Arenas**, representing District 8.

## Ribbon cutting ceremony opens largest innovative children's playground at Lake Cunningham Park

By Kevin Larsen  
Times staff writer

A ribbon cutting ceremony attended by community leaders officially opened the largest children's playground at Lake Cunningham Park on August 2.

There is currently a big focus in

San Jose to ensure city parks are serving everyone, especially children. The huge new playground is located near the Meadows BBQ area and is surrounded by 50 football fields of grass with 75 BBQ pits and benches.

"Every park needs a playground," said Matt Cano,

Assistant Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services. "The City of San Jose established our own in-house construction team and this allowed us to design and build this project. San Jose City Councilwoman Silvia Arenas  
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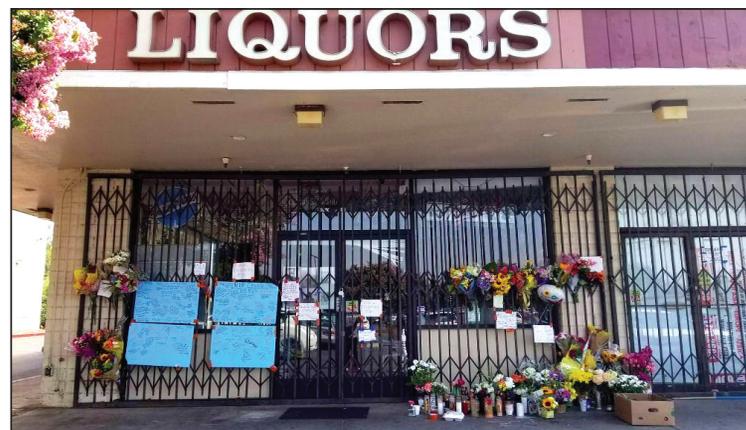
### Evergreen business owner 'Charlie Ly' shot and killed after refusing to open his cash register

By William Bellou  
Publisher

A suspect, Muniunmee Hendrix, has been arrested in the shooting death of popular Evergreen business owner Hao "Charlie" Ly, owner of Jim's Liquor Mart on Quimby Rd.

The 911 call came in at 10:53 p.m. When police arrived, they found Ly, 57, on the floor with a gunshot wound. He was pronounced dead a short time later.

Hendrix, 21, demanded money from Ly's wife Lilly, but she refused. During the altercation, Ly  
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"My father was an incredibly honest and hard-working man," said Jason Ly. Other community members expressed their feelings with notes and flowers at Ly's shop.

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**Pattie Cortese** (above center to left of Mayor **Sam Liccardo**), school board member for the East Side Union High School District, spoke about the process to make the street name change and how it brings people together.

## Avenue

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the magnitude of what the Gurdwara means to the city of San Jose.” Carrasco then stated with regard to the Sikh Community and the Gurdwara, “you have been the part of growth and beauty of our city of San Jose and you gave us ‘today’ (referring to the road name change ceremony) she then said, “thank you so much.”

District 8 Councilwoman Silvia Arenas said, “I want to thank the transportation department, the clerk, the county and members of the Gurdwara who never gave up (referring to getting to the finish line of the completion of the installation of the new road signs). Her office played an important role in ensuring things got done etc. Arenas then stated, “It is not enough for us (referring to government agencies) to say we welcome people of different faiths, refugees and immigrants. She went on to say, “This is actual proof that we are proud to stand behind refugees, people of different faiths and immigrants. This reflects the beauty and diversity of all of San Jose.”

Santa Clara County Supervisor Dave Cortese congratulated all. He said, “this would not have happened without good leadership...the mayor is taking a stand on inclusiveness. Cortese complemented Mayor Liccardo and also said, “What a wonderful dream... I am sure all of you have dreamt this and your dream has come true.”

State Assemblyman Ash Kalra said, “I am grateful for this community...this is something all of us should be proud of. This is a landmark for the City of San Jose...the Sikh Americans are some of the most patriotic citizens I know and when I am in Sacramento I rave about the Gurdwara.”

Roopi Atwal, volunteer for the Gurdwara, stated, “Naming the street ‘Gurdwara Avenue’ helps to establish and celebrate our Sikh religion within the local community. This is a proud moment for me, a Sikh, and long-time resident of the Evergreen community. Going forward, my wish is that the street naming will help raise more awareness and help educate the world about our beautiful religion.”

Harbir K. Bhatia a volunteer for the Gurdwara said, “The way to love unity is to respect diversity.

A San Jose citizen who came for the celebration said, “This is appropriate to make

the name change for the street because in California many major street names are changed...the Sikhs are good neighbors who are peaceful...and I like talking with them.”

Others stated that the Gurdwara has many innovative plans to continue to enhance and help the community such as offering “gifts” with regard to community events and participation for everyone and all age groups. “We need to be joyful and thankful of the Gurdwara for now our San Jose has an International Airport and people from all over the world come here to visit this largest Gurdwara in the United States,” stated another community member.

Pattie Cortese also said, “Those from the Point Church opened their hearts and allowed this to happen. Also, now the wedding invitations (many weddings take place at the Gurdwara on a weekly basis) can now put ‘Gurdwara Avenue’ on each wedding invitation and this will mean a lot to the bride and groom.”

I am so pleased on the approval of the name change because we not only got the name change out of this campaign, we got the surrounding community to work with us on this and other community issues, which includes helping the homeless, keeping San Jose clean and more.

We are working with the community to beautify the city which involves all of Evergreen. We thank the Point Church and the Light of the World Church for working with us on community issues.

Here are some nice comments heard at the ribbon cutting.

Surjit S. Bains, project coordinator stated, “I had the opportunity to meet the kind neighbors by walking door to door to explain how important this project is to the Sikh community and also to promote the importance of diversity in our area.” I was treated nicely by all residents and neighboring churches.”

Hardev S. Takhar, President of the Gurdwara stated, “This is a historical project and the generation to come will remember this historical day.”

“This street name is important for our children. It represents the process we went through to change it with our proactive community. It builds relationships, brings people together and that is the American way,” stated Patty Cortese, school board member for the East Side Union High School District.

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## Family Justice Center: A good start to escaping domestic violence

"No one wants abuse to continue; everyone wants to feel safe in their homes," says Cindy Hendrickson, Assistant District Attorney of Santa Clara County. "It's not easy to escape domestic violence, but visiting a Family Justice Center is a good way to start."

Survivors of domestic violence can receive free support and legal consultations from a multi-disciplinary team of professionals at the county's three Family Justice Centers. Clients will speak with a confidential advocate. They can also speak with a district attorney, a victim services advocate, and a family law or immigration attorney. These attorneys provide legal advice to help clients with restraining orders, VAWA, U-Visas, divorce, and child custody issues. Survivors may also make a police report if they so choose but are not required to do so to receive services from the FJCs.

Family Justice Center (FJC) staff can also arrange for clients to meet with representatives from probation, the Departments of Family & Children Services and Child Support Services, Second Harvest Food Bank, Dress for Success, and a host of other organizations. They may also



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visit the FJCs as many times as needed. What Hendrickson loves most about the FJCs is, "the opportunity to connect with victims in a comfortable, quiet setting where many resources are available all at once. It affords us the ability to meet them where they are (in terms of their journey), and to provide them with empowering information."

Locally, Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI) hosts an FJC in East San Jose at 749 Story Road, Suite 50. The San Jose FJC is open to all sur-

vivors on a walk-in basis every Thursday from 9am – 5pm. AACI is a prime location for the FJC because the organization already serves survivors through their domestic violence program Asian Women's Home (AWH). AWH services are free, confidential and provided in 13 languages and dialects including a 24-hour hotline, emergency shelter, safety planning, Safe Chat Silicon Valley (online chat), legal and social services advocacy and accompaniment as well as peer counseling and individual thera-

py. Other locations include North County at the YWCA Silicon Valley and South County at Community Solutions.

One Chinese-speaking survivor who received services through the Asian Women's Home was in dire need of legal services. She shared that she was "feeling helpless and hopeless" before she was introduced to the San Jose Family Justice Center. The FJC provided her with the legal information she needed in order to better understand her case and what to expect. Translated from Chinese, she said, "I am very thankful to have FJC resources. It helped me to build up my confidence to handle my own legal case. I feel this is the most important for people experiencing domestic violence like me. And I was very fortunate to meet my own lawyer there, who later handled my case the best she could. That saved me!"

For more information about the Family Justice Centers in Santa Clara County, please visit [sccgov.org/sites/da/VictimServices/FamilyJusticeCenter/Pages/FamilyJusticeCenter.aspx](http://sccgov.org/sites/da/VictimServices/FamilyJusticeCenter/Pages/FamilyJusticeCenter.aspx).

For more information about  
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## Mailbox

### Lead in water is harmful

Dear editor,

Recently, an op-ed article appeared in the San Jose Mercury News (8/1/17) regarding testing of drinking water in schools for lead.

The article is "Opinion: Unsafe levels of lead in drinking water at San Jose schools?" by Jason Pfeifle.

The following is an excerpt from this article: "...the [San Jose Unified School District] regularly tests water from its school drinking fountains for lead. In fact, they do so twice per year ... We all know that lead is highly toxic, particularly to children. But what is less widely known, perhaps, is just how harmful even low levels of lead exposure can be to kids' overall growth and development. Recent research shows that even at blood levels

below 5 micrograms per deciliter (a level once thought to be safe), lead can still cause diminished intellectual and academic abilities, higher rates of neurobehavioral disorders like ADHD, and poor growth in children. This is why pediatricians across the country stress that there is no safe level of lead for kids. And the American Academy of Pediatrics now recommends a safety standard of 1 part per billion for lead in school drinking water."

Los Angeles Unified School District also regularly tests drinking water in all of its schools for lead. They include newer buildings in their testing protocol because, until 2013, some amount of lead was permitted in plumbing products. The following is an excerpt from a New York Times article titled "Schools Nationwide Still Grapple 'With Lead in Water'" dated March 27, 2016:

"But even newer buildings can face a threat. Under industry pressure, Congress defined 'lead-free' in the amendment as no more than 8 percent lead. Plumbing hardware like faucets and connectors often contained that

much lead until 2013, when the permissible level fell to near zero. Los Angeles school officials learned of the 8-percent rule the hard way. In the 131 schools built over the last decade, the district installed thousands of water fountains with long-lasting brass fittings to reduce maintenance costs. They later discovered that the leaded brass fittings tainted the water in some fountains beyond the E.P.A.'s lead standard."

Lead is very harmful to human health, especially for children. The Evergreen School District has an obligation to provide a safe and healthy environment for its students. I urge the Evergreen School District to emulate the San Jose and Los Angeles Unified School Districts, and test drinking water in all ESD schools for lead on a regular basis, rotating the sources so that, over a cycle, all sources are tested. I also urge the ESD to adopt the safety standard of 1 part per billion for lead as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Sunil Sharma  
Evergreen Valley

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## Times Dining

# New Italian eatery 'House of Meatball' offers 'scrumptious' variety of specialty offerings

By William and Sandy Bellou  
Publishers

There's a new Italian restaurant in Evergreen Valley called House of Meatball.

This new restaurant offers a variety of delicious dishes for breakfast, lunch and dinner using organic and range fed meat, as well as gluten free options.

The customer is in control at House of Meatball, because the variations are endless. "Once you're explained how the menu system works, you will be back again and again," said managing partner, John "Johnny" McQuaide.

At House of Meatball, you have the ability to create your own specialty dish by mixing and matching sauces, meatballs, and pastas.

"We pride ourselves on serving free-range chicken, Harris Ranch pasture-raised beef and organic veggies, as well as making our prime dishes and ingredients in-house, including our bread," said McQuaide.

McQuaide, a third generation of San Jose, is passionate about serving the highest quality food items and decided to spend additional money to bring in organic grass fed Harris Ranch angus beef and free range chicken to create what he calls "the most



Range fed Harris Ranch Beef Meatballs with Arugula Pesto and Penne Pasta.

scrumptious highest quality meatballs you have ever tasted."

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Not only is the food of the highest quality, but there are generous offerings, with more than a half pound of meatballs per serving. You can also go vegetarian with organic veggie meatballs. Guests are welcome to share and split items at no additional charge depending on your appetite. This is a great way for a family group to sample several different meatball combinations at one sitting.

House of Meatball got its start in Morgan Hill, and the chain has been making its way north since opening late last year. With the success of the Morgan Hill restaurant, McQuaide wanted to open three more locations in the Bay Area, including the brand new one in Evergreen Valley.

The Evergreen location on San Felipe Rd. is a sit down diner while the Morgan Hill location is generally used for quickly picking up lunch. The Morgan Hill menu only consists of meatballs, while the Evergreen menu includes appetizers and other dishes, such as Eggplant and Shrimp Scampi. You can eat in or out on the patio.

"I was not completely pleased with our soft opening," said Johnny. "We have made a number of positive changes and improvements and I'm now very proud and happy with our presentation and the overall spirit of the restaurant. Our Yelp ratings are improving weekly.

### Look ma, no freezer...

"We took out the freezer," said McQuaide. "There's no need to store frozen food items because everything we serve is made fresh daily!" He said House of Meatball does not reheat food here and we don't serve frozen foods, period! We only serve fresh!"

### "Come over to my 'a' house"

"Come in and pick your favorite meatballs and pick your favorite sauce," said Johnny. That's just what we did. We found the classic Marinara sauce offered a fantastic fresh clean taste which matched well with the grass fed Harris Ranch Angus beef meatballs.

Another favorite was the organic arugula pesto while younger restaurant guests (children) may gravitate toward the Romano sauce with its tasty cheese flavor. There is something for everyone here and staff will help you if you need any direction. All of the sauces are made fresh daily from scratch.

We also shared a delicious Apple Salad, a meal in itself, including apples, walnuts, cherry tomatoes, dried cranberries; crumbled gorgonzola cheese topped with homemade Vidalia dressing. Johnny says there is no extra charge for splitting orders, so sampling items is a great way to start. You can also add fresh fish or chicken at a nominal charge. Johnny suggested a glass of Meiomi Pinot wine which complimented the entrée's beautifully along with the homemade bread served with a popular oregano herb cream cheese spread, unlimited. We also ordered the peach iced tea which also features free refills.

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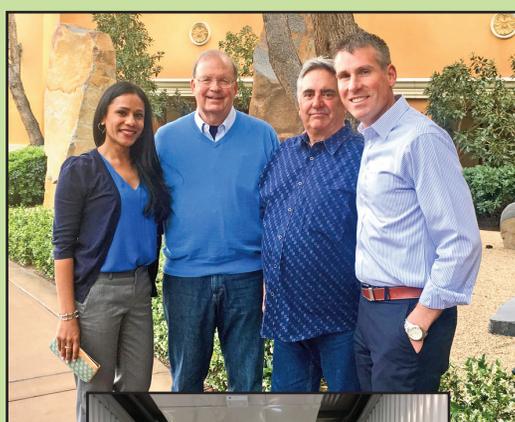
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**Charming outside patio**

Looking out the back window one sees the grape vines cultivated by the Zorro family surrounding a beautiful patio area. The outside patio was designed to offer a comfortable private surrounding with a bit of romance in a charming garden setting surrounded by views of the Evergreen hills. Johnny says private groups may use the patio for special occasions, such as birthdays, anniversary parties, christenings and small weddings at a reasonable rate.

The staff at House of Meatball is definitely going to be another highlight of your dining experience. On our visit, the food was brought out in a timely manner; and whenever I asked the servers a question or commented on my meal, they replied with positive energy and kept the conversation alive making us feel as if we were sitting at home with a loving family or group of friends.

**Not just meatballs**

Several entrees deserve a shout out here. The Shrimp Scampi (\$18.99) is a patron favorite cooked to perfection, not soggy but firm and flavorful. Eggplant (\$13.99) is delicious here. There are also five delicious appetizers that are sure to please!

**Save room for desert**

By the time you finish your meal you may be too full for desert. If you are, why not take one home with you. The deserts are incredibly appetizing, with options such as tiramisu, cheesecake, chocolate lava cake, rocky road brownie with a caramel drizzle (\$6.99), and fresh cookies are also available.

**Breakfast is served**

There has been an outcry in Evergreen Valley for more breakfast locations. The House of Meatball responded with an impressive menu including numerous egg creations as well as pancakes, Benedicts, (four offerings) and Scrambles (three offerings) are among the most popular breakfast entrees sold. What a great way to meet a friend or a business associate to get the morning started.

**Partnership**

The House of Meatball partnership includes John McQuaide, Reid Rokiitta, and Jeffrey Current all native to the

Bay Area. The three partners grew up as childhood friends with a deep passion for food, friendship and family; each taking their own distinct and inventive path that gave them the unique insight to developing the House of Meatball.

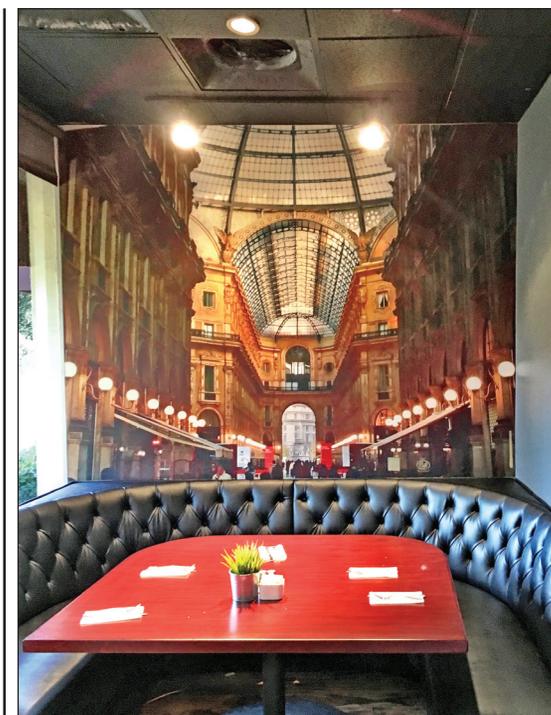
**John McQuaide, San Jose native**

John McQuaide grew up in Willow Glen, attended San Jose State University, and later lived in New York where he discovered the east coast love for the Italian meatball. As a Bay Area entrepreneur real estate investor and builder, he was able to use his experience to create and design The House of Meatball. Believing in keeping things local to the community John's creative design features local reclaimed wood and materials from the community which brings the warmth and ambiance back to your dining experience.

**House of Meatball**

Location: 4898 San Felipe Rd, San Jose (Evergreen College Shopping Center)  
 Parking: Large lot  
 Hours: Mon-Thu: 11 a.m.-8 p.m.  
 Fri-Sat: 11 a.m.-10 p.m.  
 Sun: 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

House of Meatball offerings range from the traditional beefy Italian, below, to Thai pork, chicken Marsala, steakhouse-style and mix-and-match options. The Apple Salad (left) features apples, walnuts, cherry tomatoes, dried cranberries; crumbled gorgonzola cheese topped with homemade Vidalia dressing. A fun 3D backdrop (right) compliments booth seating at House of Meatball.



*Believing in keeping things local to the community, John's creative design for House of Meatball features local reclaimed wood and materials from the community which brings the warmth and ambiance back to your dining experience.*



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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 two to three times a year, with the first meeting on Monday, September 25, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

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 September 15, 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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**Arrest**

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woke up from a nap behind the counter and was ordered to open the cash drawer. When he refused, Hendrix allegedly shot Ly in the chest.



Ly

While trying to save her husband's life, Lilly Ly was ordered by Hendrix not to call police or "I will kill you." She defied his order and began calling 911, according to family members. They said the gunman knocked the phone out of Lilly's hand. Hendrix tried to open the cash register, but failed, and ran off empty handed.

While exiting the store, Hendrix lowered his mask and threw it in the parking lot as to not cause suspicion. His face was caught on a newly upgraded security camera as he was leaving the store.

**Investigation moves quickly**

"Unbelievable investigative work," is how San Jose Police Chief Eddie Garcia described the investigation.

A fast thinking veteran gang detective identified Hendrix after reviewing the store's surveillance tape from the attempted robbery. The detective matched Hendrix's image and description from an earlier burglary.

Detectives learned the suspect was on probation for a previous weapons charge in



Hendrix

the shooting of his unarmed neighbor in the leg with a stolen gun. Hendrix' beat the attempted-murder charge by claiming self-defense. Hendrix's probation officer helped confirm the suspects identify.

Burglary detectives were tipped off that Hendrix was reportedly trying to sell merchandise potentially important to the investigation, according to Garcia.

"An arrest warrant was issued and Hendrix was picked up without incident in Merced, CA. Clothing and the silver semi-automatic handgun used in the armed robbery was found with the suspect," said Garcia.

Hendrix, 21, was taken into custody August 10 after San Jose police detectives tracked him to the Central Valley. He was booked into the Santa Clara County Main Jail the next morning and is being held without bail.

Hendrix grew up in Evergreen and attended Millbrook Elementary, Quimby Oak, and Chaboya Middle schools. He also allegedly spent time in juvenile hall. "It seemed that he was always mad at the world," according to a school official.

**Vigil service held for Ly**

A vigil service, organized by local resident Lulu Gomez-Montez, was held in the parking lot of the business on Friday, August 11 for family, friends and store customers.

At the vigil, family members expressed their appreciation for the fast work of the San Jose police department. We are extremely grateful to SJPD and the community for all the support," said Ly's son, Jason Ly. Jason said his dad was an "incredibly

honest and hardworking man, and a great father."

Business owners in the Quimby Rd. strip-mall said it was a senseless tragedy and they were saddened by the loss to the community. "Our hearts go out to Ly's family.

A funeral service was held for Ly on Wednesday, August 16.

**In shock**

Ly's family said they are in absolute shock and grief about the killing of "Charlie" – especially Ly's wife who is still

traumatized. "He was an incredibly humble, hardworking, kind, loving man and his life did not deserve to end this way. We are trying as hard as we can to process and cope with this loss. We appreciate everyone's support and love."

The family has established a Go Fund me page to help take care of the day-to-day living expenses of Lilly Ly. To make a donation, visit [gofundme.com/hieulyfamily](http://gofundme.com/hieulyfamily) (All contributions will go to Kevin Ly, the oldest son, to help take care of Lilly's day-to-day living expenses.)

**Justice**

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AACI Asian Women's Home, please visit [dv.aaci.org](http://dv.aaci.org), chat with us online at [safechatsv.org](http://safechatsv.org), or call our 24-hour hotline (408) 975-2739. Website available in English, Chinese, and Vietnamese.

**About Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI)**

AACI was founded in 1973 to meet the health and cultural needs of the incoming immigrants and refugees during the time. Through advocacy and direct services, AACI was able to meet the needs and serve the community. Forty-four years later, AACI now has two clinic sites serving the Silicon Valley and is the largest direct service provider for the Asian American community. Additionally, it has been a leading voice on AAPI issues in the Valley. AACI provides primary care, behavioral health,



and wellness services to the community regardless of ethnic background, ability to pay, and immigration status. AACI also has a Center for Survivors of Torture that serves torture victims and refugees, and an Asian Women's Home that serves survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking. AACI is committed to improving the health, mental health, and well-being of individuals, families and the greater community. For more information, visit [www.aaci.org](http://www.aaci.org).

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Times Events

# Symphony Silicon Valley opens new season with Beethoven's 7th

By William Bellou  
Publisher

Get ready for Symphony Silicon Valley's dramatic 2017-18 season opening program on Sept. 30 and Sunday Oct. 1.

The orchestra conjures up two dark operatic heroes: a Dutchman under a terrible curse, and an Englishman fighting demons: Richard Wagner: The Flying Dutchman Overture.

The third character is the sea, capturing all the ocean's power and ferocity: Benjamin Britten: Four Sea Interludes and Passacaglia, from "Peter Grimes."

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Conductor Paul Polivnick

Conductor Paul Polivnick has been one of the most consistent guests on the SSV podium due, in large part, to the wide range of materials at which he excels.

He has brought four world premieres to SSV audiences. Polivnick maintains an active international conducting schedule. His appearances abroad have included the London Symphony Orchestra, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, Vienna Radio Orchestra, National Orchestra of Lille, Orchestral Ensemble of Paris, National Orchestra of Barcelona, and has guest conducted more than 40 orchestras and opera companies in the United States.

When: Sept. 30th at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 1st at 2:30 p.m.



Conductor Paul Polivnick

Where: California Theatre, 345 South First Street, San Jose, CA 95113

Tickets: Call 408.286.2600 or symphonysiliconvalley.org. Single Tickets: \$45 - \$90 Discounts available for seniors and students. Season Subscriptions: Full Series of Seven Programs: \$287 - \$602; Four Programs: \$164 - \$344

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, residing locally, 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.

## SPORTS BRIEF

### Teen basketball sign-ups at Chaboya Middle School begins August 14

Teen Basketball at Chaboya Middle School begins Friday, September 8th for all interested Evergreen-area boys and girls in the 5th thru 8th grade regardless of the school they are attending. Sign-ups will continue until the two divisions of 60 players are filled.

The league will consist of two co-ed divisions of six teams and no more than 10 players on each team. In this "funpetitive," league, everyone plays equal minutes for the first four quarters.

Practices are usually no more than once a week and we are looking for coaches (most coaches practice right before their game).

Cost for the league is \$175 which includes a game jersey, games, personal lanyard, participation medal, 1st and 2nd place trophies, facility use and officials.

Be a part of this exciting league every Friday afternoon and prepare yourself for your upcoming school and recreational leagues.

For more information or to register, phone John at (408) 605-1513 or Al at (408) 410-3570 or e-mail E.A.S.Y. Hoops at easyhoopsbasketball@yahoo.com to obtain a registration form. You may also pick up and drop off your registration at Chaboya Middle School beginning August 14.

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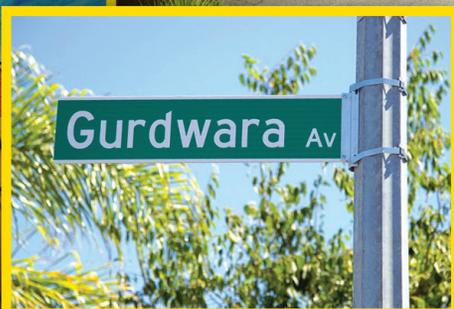
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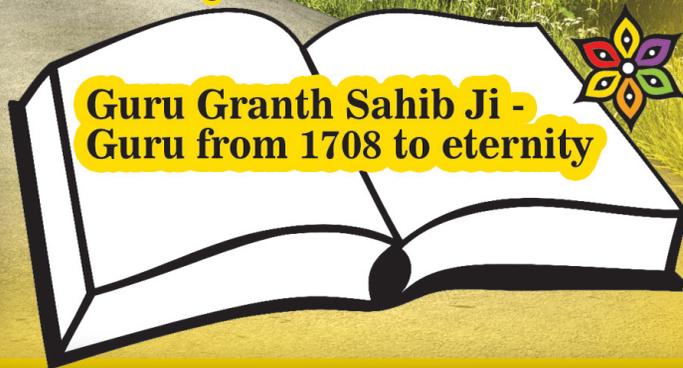
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Gurdwara Avenue is a beautiful and important name for the road leading to our place of worship (The Gurdwara). We love Evergreen and are so proud to be a part of the community. The name 'Gurdwara' is a word used in all cities to honor our belief to the path to the building for the name 'Gurdwara' translated from our language means, "door to God." Please visit our Gurdwara and know it is here for everyone in the community 365 days of the year and we serve complementary food to all. Many express, the Gurdwara speaks as a community asset for our neighborhood. We thank the community.

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WHEREAS: The Gurdwara Avenue Street Renaming Project Team has been led by Surjit Bains, Bhupinder Dhillon, Amrinder Jhaji, and Sukhdev Bainiwal, who have effectively worked to ensure the success of the street renaming;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Liccardo, Mayor of the City of San José, together with Councilmember Arenas and the members of the San José City Council, on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2017, do hereby recognize

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Times Features

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# Fire prevention 'fee' finally suspended

By George Runner  
Vice Chair, Board of  
Equalization

For six years, ruling Democrats have extorted money in the form of a fire tax from hundreds of thousands of rural Californians, including many seniors on fixed incomes.

After blocking repeal efforts for years, state leaders finally acted this month to suspend this unjust tax, but only because they needed to win votes for a costly climate change measure.

In other words, they did the right thing for the wrong reasons.

This seeming victory for California taxpayers is bitter-sweet. The suspension starts with the next round of bills, which would have mailed in spring 2018, but it fails to provide refunds to homeowners who were forced to pay this illegal tax.

Thankfully the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association continues to move forward with its class action lawsuit.

Please direct questions about any outstanding bills to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration by calling 1-800-400-7115.



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Work began July 24th and will take approximately four weeks to complete. Work hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Should delays occur, work hours may include Saturday.

A five- to ten-person crew is working at the project site using an excavator, a loader, dump trucks, water trucks and street sweepers. A generator, designed to operate quietly, is pumping water as needed around the project site and back into the creek farther downstream. Expect typical construction noise during work hours from operating heavy equipment.

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Times Feature

# The 'big camp out' at San Jose Gurdwara in Evergreen Valley

By Arun Singh

Special to the Times

More than 400 Sikh children came from all over Northern California to attend a free week long Gurnat Camp at San Jose Gurdwara in Evergreen Valley July 31-August 4.

"This was the best ever campout I have ever been on," said one youngster.

It was a special experience for children 5-18 years old, because of the extensive volunteer planning that went into the event. Children were kind and eager to work in their groups. They made new friends while participating in various activities which included horseback riding, organic gardening, Gatka (Sikh martial arts), and more.

At the Gurdwara all visited the history room and this too is open to the public 365 days of the year. Keertan (religious music) was taught with invited educators and teachers from the United Kingdom. They also helped children understand important historical events.

Many important lessons children were presented including the three golden rules of Sikhism.

- Kirt Karro; Earn an honest living
- Baand Shakoo; Share your earning with those who are less fortunate
- Naam Japoo; meditate on the lord's name

Everyone involved in the Camp will always remember how hundreds of youth made new friends and expanded their knowledge while working together.

The children learned about the importance of selfless devotion, volunteerism, and history came alive when real heroes in history past were talked about and explored by the teachers and children.

The event was not just about learning religion, it was also about instilling in the children the importance of giving back to society.

Each day was met with excitement for the children. They embarked on team project educational videos where they succeeded in making, editing and showing their educational masterpieces to everyone. Hands on layout and gluing of tri-fold-presentation boards also taught the children the importance of how to communicate their ideas to audiences.

All volunteers were rewarded with community credits which are used to enter college. All who participated in the camp learned great knowledge.

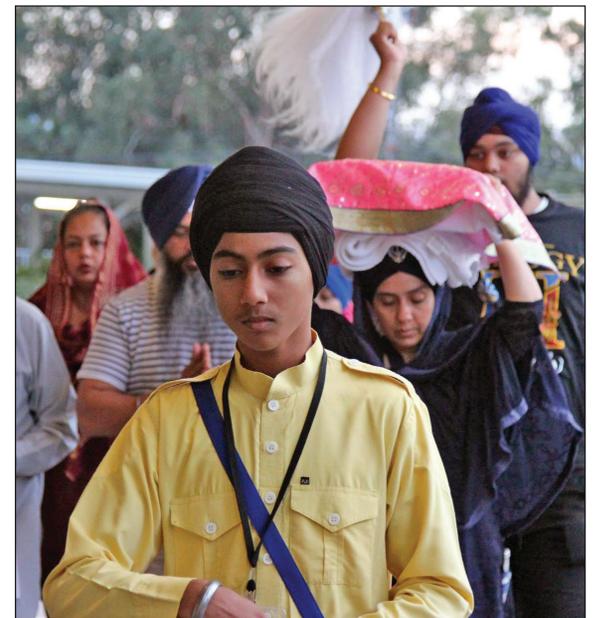
Because the founders of the Gurdwara in San Jose had the vision to build a large Gurdwara on the hill, it allows for hundreds of youth to visit and "Camp Out." Such visionary thinking helps our entire society.

The event made such a positive impact for everyone involved, the next "Camp Out" will certainly grow as the years unfold.

"Recognize the whole human race as one." – Guru Gobind Singh



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# 'My San Jose' app service allows residents to report problems

By Sean Eastwood  
Times staff writer

There's a new smartphone app in town that will allow Almaden residents to make Almaden Valley cleaner, safer, and more vibrant by making it easier to report problems.

The new "My San Jose" app was officially launched on Monday, July 31. The new service allows residents to communicate with a few clicks to report cases of graffiti, potholes, illegal dumping, abandoned cars or streetlight outages to the city.

"With the launch of the My San Jose app, it's now even easier for San Jose residents to serve as our eyes on the streets and help us build a cleaner and more vibrant city," said San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo. "The new app not only provides the kind of on-demand, seamless customer experience that our residents have come to expect, it will help us deliver services more cost-effectively and serve as a building block for a more robust and sophisticated tool in the years to come."

Residents can create a regular account, or create an anonymous account, and begin submitting specific requests. Having a regular account, not anonymous, allows for broader features and personalized service. Service requests can be logged with or without photos; either way, your request will be categorized and mapped for you to see. You can see other mapped requests and follow them if you want updates on those.

When a request is made, as an example, illegal dumping, it becomes visible on a map for everyone registered on the app

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to see and keep track of. Set as an option on a smartphone, when a request is completed by city workers, they indicate the problem has been resolved and a notification alert is sent out.

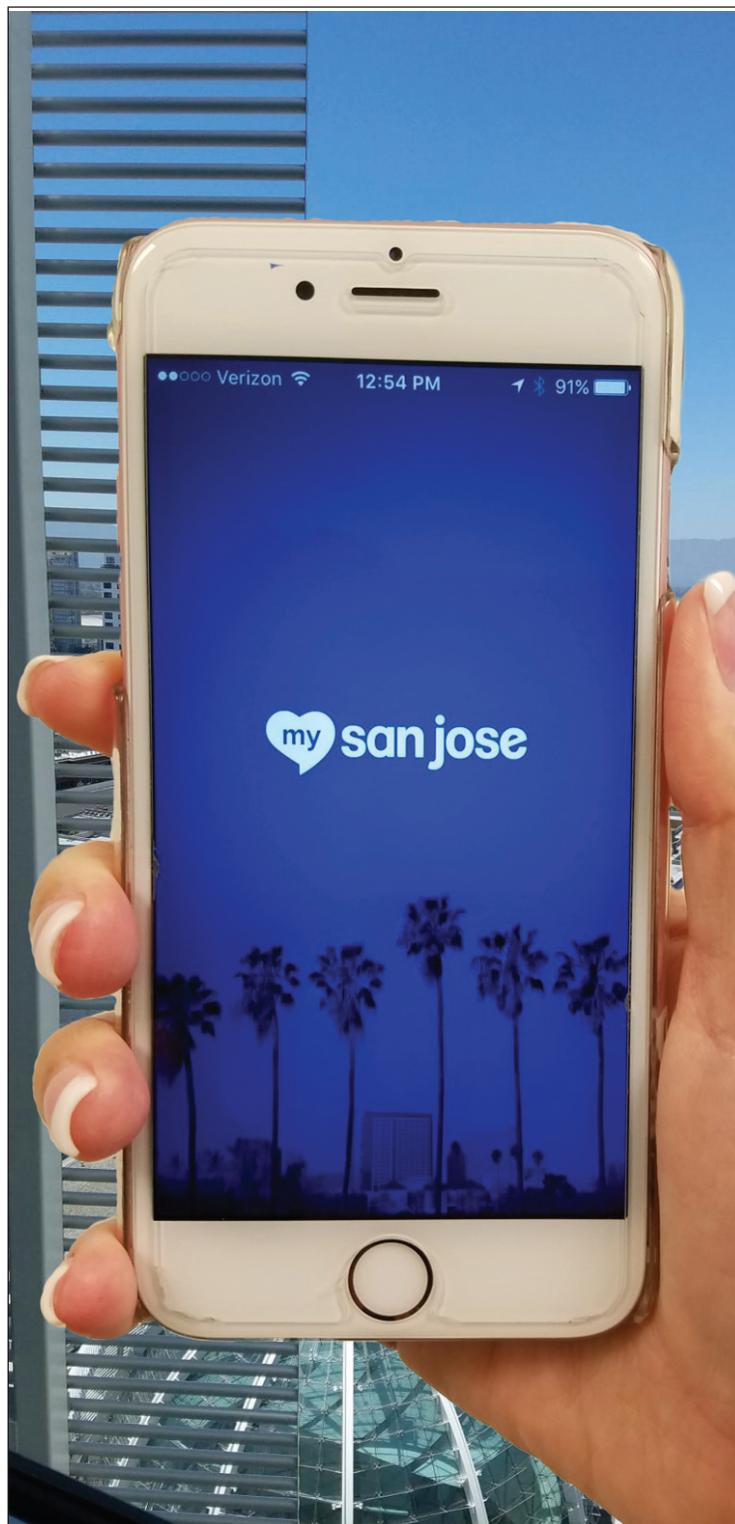
It is expected that the number of illegal dumping reports coming in from the "My San Jose" app could double or triple. Mayor Liccardo said hiring is currently underway to double the number of crews assigned to illegal dumping. It has been reported that during the last six-months, the city has picked up more than 2,000 mattresses, 906 shopping carts, 680 tons of mixed debris, 498 gallons of motor oil, 189 gallons of paint, 308 gallons of human biological waste, and more than 1,200 sofas.

**Here's how My San Jose works:**

Create and sign in with an account (You have the option to submit requests anonymously. However, an account tied to your name provides enhanced features and more personalized service.)

- Service requests can be logged with or without photos.
- Your request is categorized and mapped for you to see.
- You can see other mapped requests and follow them if you want updates on those.
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) button can be used to search or scroll for various City services.
- Using the My Home Services button will bring up various service providers for street sweeping, waste collection, water service and dumpster days.

*With the new 'My San Jose' app or online form, it's now quick and easy to file and track a City service request or to reach a city customer representative rapidly. You can access 'My San Jose' on the web [sanjose.cus-thelp.com](http://sanjose.cus-thelp.com) or download from the Apple Store or Android Store.*



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Times News

## Scammers tempt local homeowners with promise of lower energy bills

It's the middle of summer and much of the US is running their air conditioners to beat the heat, translating to higher energy bills.

Scammers use this opportunity to tempt consumers with the promise of lower energy payments.

### How the Scam Works

You get a call from someone claiming to represent a local energy company or government agency. This "representative" says that they are part of a program to help homeowners lower their energy bills. The details vary; this "program" may involve registering for tax credits, enrolling in an alternative energy program, or signing up with a competitive energy supplier.

Be sure to do your homework before accidentally falling for a scam! In some cases, con artists want to enroll you in a non-existent program or sign up for tax credits, which requires you sharing personal information,

such as your Social Security or Social Insurance number. This opens you up to the risk of identity theft. In other versions, the "program" involves paying upfront for future energy savings that never materialize.

### Tips to avoid an energy bill scam

Here are some tips for spotting scams that claim to help you lower your energy bills:

- Verify the program before enrolling. Before you sign up, confirm that you are dealing with a representative of a real program. Call your energy company or government agency using the number on their website or your energy bill.

- Understand your energy options: Some municipalities in the US now allow "competitive energy suppliers," alternatives to traditional utility companies that may be able to offer a better rate on your energy bills. But like any opportunity, be sure you understand the terms of the new contract and how it differs from your existing one.

To learn more about scams, go to Better Business Bureau Scam Tips [bbb.org/scamtips](http://bbb.org/scamtips)

## San Jose-Sunnyvale - Santa Clara ranked 3rd in survey of brainiest areas in the U.S.A.

With the fall semester drawing near, the personal-finance website WalletHub conducted an in-depth analysis of 2017's Most & Least Educated Cities in America.

While not always holding true it is believed that education is a measure of success for one's future.

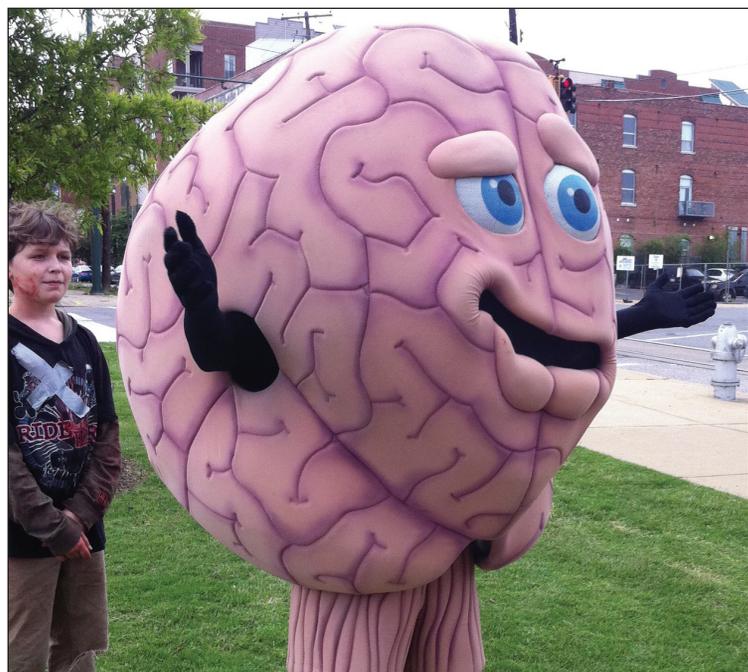
To determine where the most educated Americans are choosing to settle, WalletHub's analysts compared the 150 largest U.S. metropolitan statistical areas, or MSAs, across nine key metrics.

The data set ranges from share of adults aged 25 and older with a bachelor's degree or higher and other components regarding the public school system.

Educational Characteristics of people living in San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara

1 = Most Educated; 75 = Average

3rd - % of Bachelor's Degree



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7th - % of Associate's Degree Holders	19th - Gender Education Gap (Women vs. Men)
4th - % of Graduate or Professional Degree Holders	The brainiest city which ranked #1 was Ann Arbor, Michigan followed by the combined areas of Washington, Arlington, Alexandria DC-VA-MD-WV city areas.
4th - Quality of Public School System	For the full report visit: <a href="http://www.wallethub.com/education/most-and-least-educated-cities/6656">http://www.wallethub.com/education/most-and-least-educated-cities/6656</a>
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(District 8) has been “super supportive” of our department and others and we are so happy to have her as part of our team.”

The playground is composed of many new innovative kid-fun components such as drop zone (a jump on ride like a periscope where children take the drop from the upper level of the structure to the bottom), whirly merry go round, climb rock (the size of a car), spiny cup chairs, five slides, diving board bounce, eight tiny tot slides with traction, spring rocker space ship, and twirly hanging bars.

“It is more than just physical play, this playground is good because it offers challenges for kids and forces them out of their comfort zone, helping them to take on thinking challenges,” said an Evergreen parent.

“When we meet and socialize in playgrounds, our children become friends, and then they become lifelong friends,” said San Jose City Councilmember Silvia Arenas, representing District 8.

“This huge playground required a quality construction process and demonstrates how very important playgrounds are for children and families,” said Arenas. “The playground is representative of building relationships and having a place where children can socialize more together. We honor all that have been involved in making the new playground possible.”

“When you design a playground you think it will be utilized in a certain way, but once you watch kids play on it they show you a another way to play on it,” stated

Tache Ludewig, Facilities Supervisor of the San Jose Park Capital Infrastructure Team. “I enjoy building playgrounds with our team because playgrounds create memories. I like the fact that every day our project is utilized and makes smiles.”

Lupe Ruvalcava, Executive director of the East Valley YMCA stated, “to live in your community is to love our parks. The city is following through on its new initiative called ‘Vives Parks,’ which means ‘To Live,’ said Ruvalcava.

California State Assembly member Ash Kalra stated, “Our councilmember Arenas did a great job,” “Our city workers worked hard to create projects that thousands of kids will enjoy. Our local, state and federal leaders all work together in seamless communication and with leaders like Arenas at the helm you will continue to see more and more projects to help our community!”

*Editor’s note: The entrance to Cunningham Park costs \$10 for parking. However, walking or riding bicycles requires no entrance fee.*

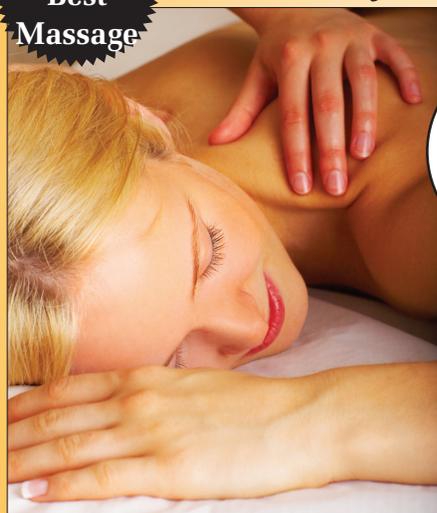
**Evergreen Job Fair Sept. 9 at Islamic Center**

The Evergreen Islamic Center is sponsoring a job fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 9, at the center, 2486 Ruby Avenue, San Jose. Employers will include the County of Santa Clara, the City of San Jose, law enforcement agencies and the East Side Union High School District. The fair is open to all, from those just starting out to workers re-entering employment. For information, call Faisal Yazadi at 408-420-5354.

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Times **Feature**

# Solar eclipse viewing area at Hogue Park

By **Dave Cortese**  
President, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors

Even though Santa Clara County won't be in the path of a total solar eclipse on Monday, August 21, we will get to view a partial eclipse, with about 75 percent of the sun being covered.

This is a rare and exciting event that you won't want to miss. But please make sure you have the proper glasses. Looking directly at the sun will injure your eyes. If you're looking through a telescope or camera, you will need a special filter.

There will be many areas for viewing in Santa Clara County, including San Jose's Hogue Park. The San Jose Astronomical Association is hosting a free viewing event from 9 a.m. to noon on Monday, August 21, at Hogue Park in West San Jose. RSVP at: [sjaa.net/events/solar-eclipse-2017](http://sjaa.net/events/solar-eclipse-2017)

To prepare for the solar eclipse, several local libraries are providing special presentations:

Dr. Andrew Fraknoi, astronomy professor at Foothill College, will lead a discussion from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 12, at the Milpitas Library, 160 North Main Street, Milpitas.

The San Jose Astronomical Association will share information about the solar eclipse from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 5, at Joyce Ellington Branch Library, 491 East Empire Street, San Jose. SJAA Solar Astronomers will have densely filtered solar telescopes in front of the library.

SJAA will also conduct a solar eclipse viewing workshop from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 12, at the Bascom Branch Library, 1000 Bascom Avenue, San Jose.

And here's something you might not have thought about. In California, the eclipse will reduce solar energy supplies that help power the grid for more than two hours while the moon blocks the sun. The California Public Utilities Commission is asking all of us to conserve energy during the time the eclipse is expected to occur in California, from 9:02 to 11:54 a.m.

### Seniors Network Summit

The Seniors' Agenda Network Summit will be 1 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, August 30, at the Campbell Community Center, 1 West Campbell Avenue, Campbell. The topic will be "Reframing Aging," and the featured speaker will be Moira O'Neil, senior researcher and director of research interpretation and application at the Frameworks Institute.

The Seniors' Agenda is a project of the County Department of Aging and Adult Services.

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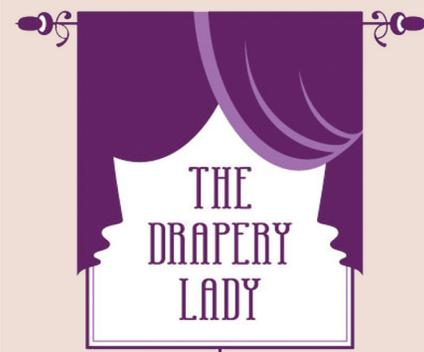


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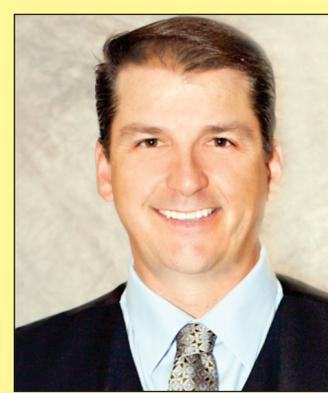
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# Evergreen Area Meetings

## Adlibmasters Toastmasters Club

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

## District 8 Community Roundtable

1st Thursday of every month from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Location: Village Square\* library (For information, visit [d8crt.org](http://d8crt.org))

**CalRTA-Area V-Div. 70 Retired Teachers Organization.** Meets bi-monthly at various eastside cafes also conducts a variety of holiday socials/activities and scholarship fundraisers. Established in 1983! All teaching levels and others welcome. This organization supports the goals and purposes of the California Teachers' Retirement System. For more information call E. Paros at (408) 274-1609 or email [parosej@sbcglobal.net](mailto:parosej@sbcglobal.net).

## East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees

Meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the ESUHS Education Center, 830 N. Capitol Ave. 347-5000. Check the web site for agendas and updates: [www.esuhsd.org](http://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 2015-16 will meet on the first Wednesday of the months of October, December, January, February, March and May. The meeting is held in the Evergreen School District boardroom, 3188 Quimby Road at 9:30 a.m.

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

## Evergreen Valley Garden Club

meets the second Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

at the Evergreen Library on Aborn Road, San Jose. Featuring a FREE monthly

gardening class to the public.

Further information Susie Henderson @408/532-6602

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

## Evergreen Valley High School Site Council

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

## Evergreen Valley Service Organization

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

## Falls Creek Neighborhood Association

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

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

## Friends of Evergreen Library

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

## Hidden Glen Community

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

**The Kiwanis** meet regularly every 4th Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster (12:00 noon). For more information, 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 Barbary Lane and Monrovia Drive, Capitol Expressway, Aborn Road, and South

King Road. For meeting time and location, please contact the association at (408) 795-5855.

## Lions Club - San Jose East Valley

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

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

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

## Reid - Hillview Airport Association

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

## Rotary Club

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

## Story Road Business Association

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

## San Jose/Evergreen Community College District Board

Normally meets second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Meetings in the District Office, Board Room, 40 S. Market St., San Jose, CA 95113.

## San Pedro Squares Toastmasters Club

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

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

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

## Silver Oak Educational Partnership

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

## Tully Ocala Capitol King Neighborhood Association

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

## West Evergreen Neighborhood Association

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

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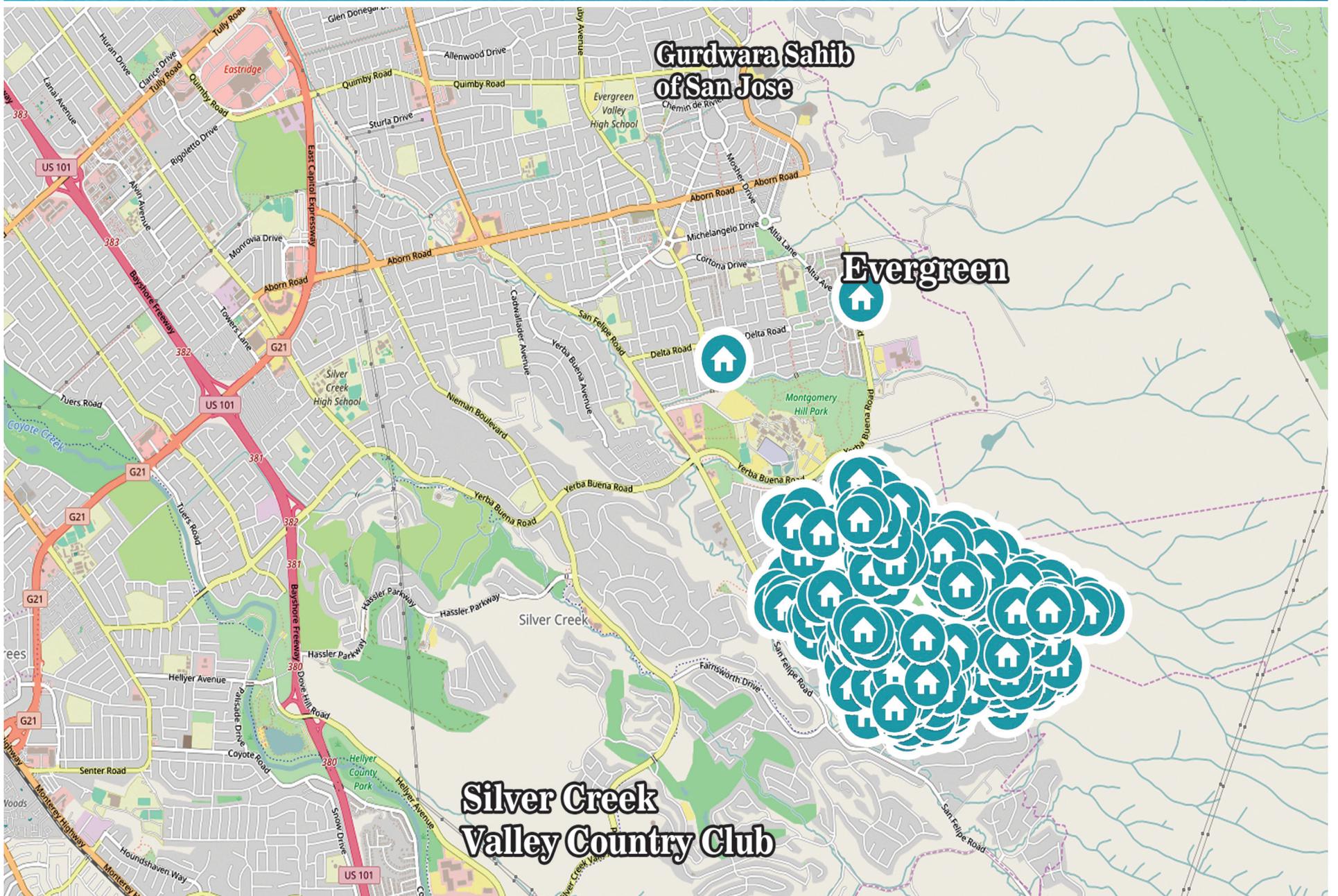
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