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Solar viewing event eclipses previous Evergreen programs

**1000 people eager to
catch a glimpse**

By Edith Sutterlin
Special to the Times

More than 1,000 people flocked to the Evergreen Library on Aborn Road Monday morning, August 21, eager to catch a safe glimpse of the first total solar eclipse in the continental U.S. in 38 years.

We knew excitement was building when in the week before our event, phone inquiries about the eclipse jumped from about five per hour to more than twenty per hour. Monday, while assessing how far our supplies would stretch, we stopped counting when we had reached over 600 people in a line that continued further past the playground into the neighborhood behind the playground and park. Several people had been waiting since 6 a.m.

We started distributing glasses just after 9 a.m. Marketing thrilled us by arriving with a sur-



prise package of about 300 additional pairs for us to add to our small pile of fewer than 100 pairs we could distribute! Even so, we encouraged limits of 1 pair per adult in each family/friends grouping, and when we got down to about 25 pairs to go, we asked people to form voluntary "teams" of 5 to 12 people to share, with one adult agreeing to be a team captain during our Viewing Meetup which was scheduled to last until 11 a.m. People kept arriving and joined existing groups. Some people, satisfied with a brief viewing before their work day, turned in their glasses

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TO THE MOON AND BACK



Liora Keller (left), was one of the first people waiting in line at 6:30 a.m. to receive a free pair of solar eclipse viewing glasses at the Evergreen Library. Handing out the glasses is Edith Sutterlin, Evergreen librarian. More than 1000 people attended the viewing event at the library. Photo by Rosemary Van Lare. Inset, left: The eclipse as photographed by Shigu Tu, a member of the library's ESL class, taken at 10:20 a.m. on Monday, August 21.



Smokey conditions in Evergreen from Thompson Creek 'chip' fire

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

A fire broke out on Thompson Creek Monday afternoon on San Felipe Rd. causing smoky conditions from burning wood chips on August 28.

Two fire engines and several trucks were dispatched to stop the fire from spreading on San Felipe Rd. directly across the street from McDonald's restaurant.

The fire spread to the open space area behind both the Sunrise Villa and Regency senior home care facilities. No other structures were impacted by the fire. However, Yerba Buena Villas' homeowners were concerned the fire would spread to their neighborhood.

According to an informed source at the

San Jose Fire Department, the owner of a vacant property on San Felipe Rd. was ordered by San Jose City officials to remove a very large wood pile and wood chips. Instead of hauling the logs and wood chips away, the combustible materials were allegedly pushed into the creek and subsequently caught on fire.

Residents could smell penetrating smoke as far away as Metcalf Rd. to the south and Lake Cunningham to the north. Thomson Creek was still smoldering as the Evergreen Times went to press.

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Shots fired on Hounds Estates Ct.

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

Shots were reported on Hounds Estates Court in Evergreen at approximately 3:30 a.m. Monday, August 28.

The suspect vehicle, possibly a Toyota hybrid-Prius, drove down the street several times honking their horn non-stop from the time they entered to the back of the court three times.

A neighbor responded to see if the car's occupants were in trouble or needed help, but when they saw the neighbor they left the court, and



the neighbor returned to their home.

At approximately 5 a.m., the suspect vehicle returned and proceeded to shoot at a car parked on the street, shooting out the rear passenger side window. When police arrived, the suspect vehicle could not be

located.

The police took video footage from several surveillance cameras installed by more than 50 percent of the neighborhood. The incident is under investigation.

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Times **Local News**

The Antique Auto show features stock antique autos, fire equipment, bicycles and motorcycles of all makes from 1900 to 1945.

Antique Autos in History Park on September 9

The 17th Annual Antique Autos in History Park, presented by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club and History San Jose, will take place on Saturday, September 9, 2017 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The featured vehicles this year are "Trucks, the Workhorse of the 20th Century." The event also features stock antique autos, fire equipment, bicycles and motorcycles of all makes from 1900 to 1945.

Various activities will be available for visitors, including the Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association displays, antique crafts demonstrations, antique collectibles displays, barbershop quartet, blacksmith shop demonstrations, trolley

rides, open historical buildings, kids activities, food by Peggy Sue's Restaurant, and Ice cream by O'Briens.

Scheduled events:

11:30 Swing Cats Dance Performance

12:00 Music by Toot Sweet Jazz Band

2:00 Presentation on "Trucks, the Workhorse of the 20th Century"

3:00 Costume Recognition

3:30 Drawing for Door Prizes

Admission to the event is \$5, and free for participants and HSJ members. For more information, contact Peder Jorgensen at pederjorgensen51@gmail.com or 408.358.3398. (The History Park is located near Kelly Park and Happy Hollow Park on Senter Road).

City's illegal fireworks pilot program fizzles

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

The City of San Jose's illegal fireworks reporting program has fizzled.

San Jose City manager Norberto Dueñas has announced that the online pilot program unfairly issued citations and those who received a citation will be pardoned.

What brought down the pilot program was a major flaw in that the appeal process required fines to be paid up front. Citations are now being converted to warnings and those who already paid fines will soon be reimbursed.

Duenas admitted that the criteria for fireworks use citations had not been evenly applied to all of the citations. "The fairest action was to replace the citations and associated fines with a warning letter."

More than a thousand online complaints were filed about illegal fireworks between late May and July 12, resulting

in 45 citations based on video or photographic evidence.

City staff will continue to review and refine the pilot program and will share future proposed changes to the City's fireworks enforcement efforts in the weeks and months ahead.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Chaboya time change baffling

Editor,

Who came up with changing Chaboya Middle School's start time from 7:40 a.m. to 8:20 a.m.? This change is causing a traffic gridlock with other similar drop off times. Matsumoto starting time is 7:50 a.m.; Evergreen elementary starting at 8:20 a.m.; and Evergreen Valley High School starting at 8:15 a.m.

Traffic is a nightmare with parents dropping kids in the middle of the road and having them walk along stopped cars, causing kids to be late for class.

Why didn't school administrators contact parents and students to get their input about the possible change?

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Ida Jew Academy students 'Rocked the Ravine' at Tech Challenge '17

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

Ida Jew Academy in Evergreen Valley entered six teams at the recently held “Rocked the Ravine” 30th annual Tech Challenge 2017 at the Tech Museum of Innovation in downtown San Jose.

The student teams competed with thousands of students from across Northern California. “Rock the Ravine,” teams designed and built devices to help explorers cross an ice field with multiple ravines.

Ida Jew Academy entered two 4th – 5th grade teams, two 6th grade teams, and two 7th – 8th grade teams. This annual engineering design competition invites teams of students in Grades 4-12 to solve a real-world problem.

The Ida Jew Academy teams put their projects to the test in front of cheering crowds at The Tech Museum of Innovation, driving their contraptions over ravines and making it to the end safely.

“All of our Ida Jew teams demonstrated their dedication, maturity, and resilience during the competition,” said Neharika Bandaru, volunteer. “They worked in teams for months to design and build machines to cross two ravines and deliver a payload.”

The 4th – 5th grade teams, “Don’t Panic” and “Leaping Lemurs” competed first. “Don’t Panic” group members were: Ketzia Andrade, Charlotte Miles, and Olivia Sousa. They were led by Charlotte’s mom, Ms. Miles. This was her first year as an advisor.

“Leaping Lemurs” group members were: Max Esquivel, Xitlali Palencia, Elisa Robledo Reyes, and Brandon Xavier. They were led by Brandon’s dad, Mr. Xavier. This was his first year as an advisor.

The 6th grade teams, “Polar Party Express” and “Diamond Miners” competed on Saturday afternoon. “Polar Party Express” group members were: Ixayana Chacon, Hadden Do, Sydney Esquivel, Ezekiel Gallegos, Isabella Perez, and Jakob



“We’ll Cross That Ravine When We Get There” group members included **Karla Andrade, Adnan and Saleh Chatila, Connor Corona, Nathaniel Esquivel, and Tony Perez.**

“All of our Ida Jew teams demonstrated their dedication, maturity, and resilience during the competition,” said Neharika Bandaru, volunteer.

Ramirez. They were led by Jakob’s dad, Mr. Ramirez. This was his first year as an advisor.

The “Polar Party Express” team was selected by the Tech Challenge to be followed by a camera crew. This crew documented their complete Tech Challenge Event experience; from the time they unloaded their equipment to the time they went up to receive their “Best Safety Overall” Award.

“Diamond Miners” group members were: Mia de la Rosa, Vanessa Gomes, Leslie Mejia, Marano Ortega, and Aly Rock. They were led by Vanessa’s dad,

Mr. Gomes. This marks his third year as an advisor.

The 7th – 8th grade teams were: “We’ll Cross That Ravine When We Get There” and “Angry Birds.”

“We’ll Cross That Ravine When We Get There” group members were: Karla Andrade, Adnan & Saleh Chatila, Connor Corona, Nathaniel Esquivel, and Tony Perez. They were led by Connor’s mom, Ms. Corona. This was her second year as an advisor. This team received the “Best Costume” Award as well as placing 3rd in a new category for us to participate in: Video.

“Angry Birds” group members were: Tatum Flinn, Cristian Maciel, Makayla Marquez, Izel Murillo, and Joshua Robledo Reyes. They were led by Makayla’s dad, Mr. Marquez. This was his second year as an advisor.

Ida Jew Academy designation

Ida Jew Academy is also on its second year as a designated Tech Academy of Innovation. This is a partnership with schools in underserved communities to build model programs for teaching STEM (science, technology, engineering and math).

Teams of four to eight educators, comprised of teacher leaders in grades 4-8 and at least one after-school provider, enjoy three years of cross-curricular professional development that will help educators to bring engineering design into their classrooms in ways that support learning.

“We are so very proud of our Ida Jew Academy and all of the students who have given their best every year to compete in the Tech Challenge,” said Bandaru. “We are also very proud of the parents, advisors and administrators who collaborate to make it all happen.”

The students are now looking forward to participating in next year’s Tech Challenge 2018 event: No batteries allowed!

Editor’s Note: The Tech Challenge is made possible through grants from the sponsor Dell, and additional support from Cisco Systems Inc., SAP, Intel, Bank of America, Genentech and Cadence.



“Leaping Lemurs” group members included **Max Esquivel, Xitlali Palencia, Elisa Robledo Reyes, and Brandon Xavier.**

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In November 2000, Santa Clara County voters approved Measure A, a 30-year half-cent sales tax devoted to specific public transit capital improvement projects and operations. Most of the ballot-defined projects are massive and complex, requiring years to plan, design and construct. Although in just the 10th year of a 30 year program (tax collection started mid-2006), VTA has achieved significant results toward meeting Measure A goals.

A few key Fiscal Year 2016 accomplishments are:

- **Extending BART to the Silicon Valley** cities of Milpitas, San Jose and Santa Clara, which will provide increased transportation options and reduce congestion. Phase I extension to the Berryessa area of San Jose is ahead of schedule and under budget. Construction is mostly complete (over 90%), system testing is underway, and passenger service is currently projected to start the first half of 2018.
- **Extending and improving light rail service** with projects such as the Mountain View Double-Track project completed in December 2015 that allows enhanced service to Mountain View, Sunnyvale and Santa Clara. This project, combined with other improvements, allows VTA to establish a new light rail corridor from Mountain View to Alum Rock to accommodate the projected dramatic increase in public transit ridership into our County when BART service begins.
- **Implementing fast and convenient Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)** with construction of the Alum Rock-Santa Clara corridor (service implementation in mid 2017) and design underway of the Stevens Creek Rapid 523.

Santa Clara County voters entrusted the Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC), comprised of fellow community members, with overseeing Measure A expenditures to ensure your sales tax dollars are spent as intended by the ballot. After thorough and careful consideration:

**It is the conclusion of the CWC that, for the period of FY 2016,
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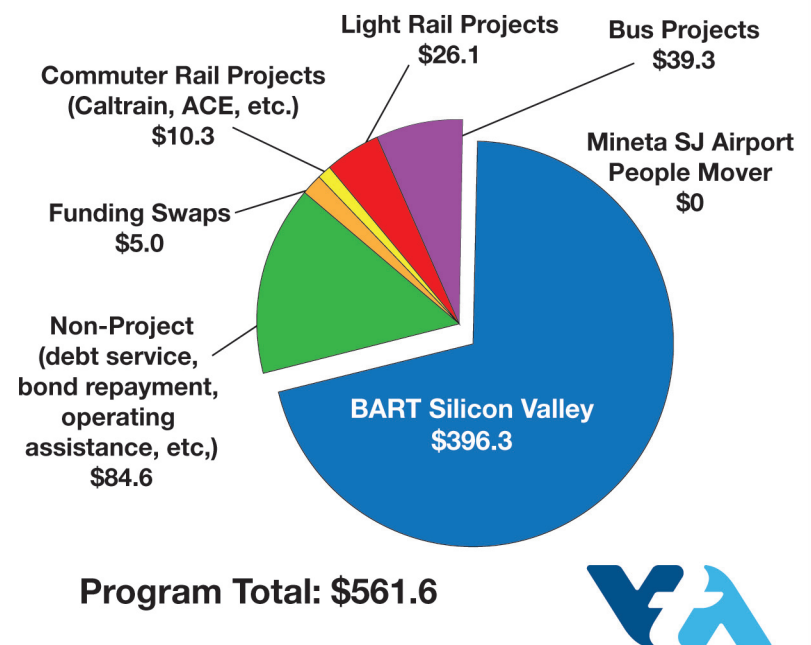
Additional Measure A information is available on VTA's website

(www.vta.org/projects-and-programs/Programs/2000-Measure-A-Citizens-Watchdog-Committee) including:

- **CWC Measure A FY 2016 Benefits & Key Achievements Report.**
- **CWC Comprehensive Annual Report on FY 2016**, which provides a detailed description and status on all Measure A projects and the CWC's responsibilities.

Printed copies of select Measure A and CWC reports are available at libraries and other public buildings throughout the county, and at the VTA offices at 3331 North First Street, San Jose, CA, in the Building B Lobby.

2000 Measure A Program Expenditures - FY16 (in millions)



[Expenditures grouped by category. Individual project detail shown in CWC Comprehensive Annual Report; see below for link.]



Times Dining

Local efforts support disaster relief in Houston

By Dave Cortese
Special to the Times

It began on Thursday of last week when more than 30 inches of rain fell over Houston, Texas – the fourth largest city in the United States.

By Friday night, Hurricane Harvey made landfall. Since that time, more than 5,500 residents have been displaced as a result of severe flooding with an additional 93,000 residents being left without electricity.

Unfortunately, the worst is yet to come. Forecasters predict more rain is on its way and federal officials are estimating that 30,000 individuals will ultimately need shelter and approximately 450,000 residents will need some sort of disaster assistance. According to officials, even when the rain stops, the “flooding will be very slow to recede.”

Houston's resources are overburdened, which is why cities and counties like ours are being called on to provide assistance.

The City of San Jose has deployed some of its Fire Department personnel as part of the California Urban Search and Rescue Task Force to provide search and rescue assistance. They will be joined by fire per-



County Report

By Dave Cortese
Supervisor

sonnel from San Mateo County, Menlo Park, Palo Alto, and South San Francisco. Our very own County Fire Department is part of the Urban Search and Rescue Task Force and may be called upon as resources are requested and needed.

To assist in relief efforts, local residents are encouraged to make contributions directly to the Greater Houston Community Foundation by using one of the following contribution methods:

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I hope you will join me in making a contribution to support these efforts.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to call my office at 408-299-5030, or email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org.

Sharing a pair of solar eclipse glasses brings happiness

By Frank Shortt
Times staff writer

It is amazing how one small item can bring joy to a neighborhood and cement friendships.

John, the custodian at Laurelwood School in the Evergreen School District, shared a pair of solar eclipse glasses with a local journalist. He did not realize what a stir he would make in the adjacent neighborhood.

The journalist was walking back to his home when he saw a family trying to view the eclipse through a homemade device made from a cereal box. He allowed the three ladies, who are originally from India, to view the eclipse through John's glasses. They seemed overjoyed to be able to view the eclipse more clearly.

The second couple the journalist encountered were John and Victoria, owners of the now famous, Cyrus the Great, neighborhood cat. They were attempting to get a view of the eclipse through some homemade device and were all too happy to view it through John's glasses.

Another neighbor, who is a college professor, stated, “We are fortunate we are not in the middle-ages, someone would be shouting, the world is coming to an end!” The journalist concurred and moved on to share John's treasure with

whomever he came across.

The next person to enjoy the glasses was the journalist's wife. She was very emotional and shed a tear as she saw an eclipse for the first time in her life.

The neighbor's wife Emily, a native of China, became very excited to see an eclipse for the first time!

Another young lad was
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Evergreen School District

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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:

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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.

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Celebration Parade at the Gurdwara Sunday Sept 3

By Kevin Larsen

Times staff writer

No matter what religion or culture you come from, you are heartily invited to the parade held at the Gurdwara on the hill on Sunday, Sept. 3 at 12 noon.

The Gurdwara, a place of joy and worship, has invited the Evergreen community to view their parade and have a meal and ice cream. The reason for the parade is to give thanks to the Holy Book and to rejoice in its creation and power to help all people in our world.

After the parade, everyone can walk the beautiful grounds and visit the kitchen. Ice cream will be served for people of all ages, children too. The Gurdwara is inviting the community to visit the history room.

The Sikh religion does not proselytize meaning they do not ask people to join

their religion, beliefs, or opinions. They welcome people from all faiths and cultures to visit the Gurdwara and 365 days of the year they offer food in their kitchen called "The Langar." They simply wish to join with all people with regard to helping world we live in.

The Sikh's have a Holy Book in which their beliefs are woven.

This Holy Book acts as a guidepost. It is through this holy book that they believe a road map can be followed for one to live a fulfilled and meaningful life. The parade is being held to honor this Holy Book.

The Garanth (Holy Book is referred to as Guru Granth Sahib) was written over many centuries by many leaders of their faith. These leaders are known as the "Gurus" and the word "Guru" translated into English means "teacher." Many learned people have gleaned ideas from their Holy



Sikh Gurdwara parades are open to all for the community to enjoy.

Book and praise it as an intellectual body of work that can be insightful and useful to all.

Here are some views from scholars outside of the Sikh faith who praise the knowledge contained in the Garanth (the Holy Book).

Scholarly Views of the Sikh religious beliefs

In 1914, Lady Dorothy Field in her book 'Religion of Sikhs', wrote, "The pragmatic folks of the west must fully appreciate the Sikh religion because in this religion, apart from good things, a lot of emphasis is laid on the practical way of life..."

Amrinder Singh Ghangas writes, "Sikh faith is the fifth largest in the world with more than 30 million followers spread over 165 countries. It includes belief in one God and that the goal of life is to lead an exemplary existence. The Sikh faith originated in North India, about 500 years ago.

According to a code of honor in service of all humanity, Sikh ethics advocate equality for men and women of every race and religion. Sikhs have a history of being the defenders of the defenseless... Many Sikhs throughout history are respected for having sacrificed their own lives, so that people of other religions may have freedom to worship in the manner of their choice."

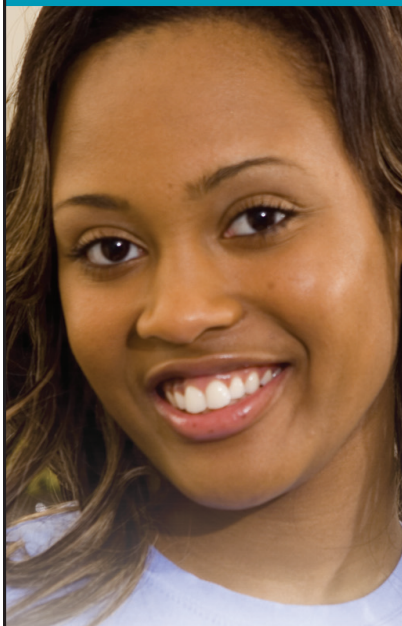
In the 1840's, Sir Alexander Burns, a British traveler and army officer in India in stated, "The coolness and courage of the Sikhs surpass beliefs and measure...The Sikh nation is very large hearted...they coexist with other cultures and remain kind hearted..."

Nobel laureate, Pearl S. Buck stated, "Many authors and philosophers have given their comments about the contents of the Guru Granth Sahib. All have noted the concept of Universality preached

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also happy to view the eclipse through John's glasses as he and his father had been trying to view it through a makeshift item. He exclaimed, "Wow, that's awesome!"

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Dead body found on Capitol Expwy.

San Jose Police Officers responded to westbound Capitol Expressway between Senter Rd. and McLaughlin Ave. on a possible dead body on the side of the road On Wednesday, August 30, 2017, at 6:29 a.m. San Jose Fire Department personnel arrived on scene and pronounced the adult male victim deceased. Homicide and Traffic investigators are responding to the scene to take over the investigation. The identity of the victim will not be released until the Santa Clara County Coroner's Office has confirmed the victim's identity and notified next of kin. West bound Capitol Expressway was closed between Senter Rd. and McLaughlin Ave. until the investigation was completed at about 10 a.m.



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Enjoy free food and ice cream at Gurdwara after the parade.

Parade

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Historian Arnold Toynbee who has done much in comparing many cultures stated, "Mankind's religious future may be obscure; yet one thing can be foreseen. The living higher religions are going to influence each other more than ever before, in the days of increasing communications between all parts of the world and branches of human race. In this coming religious debate, the Sikh religion and its scriptures, the Guru Granth, will have something special of value to say to the rest of the world."

In his book, The Sikh Religion, author Macauliffe offers his view of the Sikh Holy Book in this way, "They contain sublime truths, the study of which cannot but elevate the reader spiritually, morally, and socially. There is not the least tinge of sectarianism in them. They teach the purest principles

that serve to bind man to man and inspire the believer with an ambition to serve his fellow men, to sacrifice all and die for their sake."

In this article we reviewed just a small part of the beliefs of those who go to the Gurdwara. Many cultures of India and beyond also visit the Gurdwara on a regular basis; many believe it is a community asset to Evergreen Valley.

Many authors and philosophers have given their comments about the contents of the Guru Granth Sahib. There is much to learn by reading it. All have noted the concept of Universality preached by the Gurus and others. It is believed by many that the reader gets a logical and practical approach to the religion and "realization" of God.

Some state that the Sikhs should get the word out more about what they do and who they are. In the opinion of many scholars and holy people their faith is valuable to the world.

For more information on the parade, search for "The Gurdwara of San Jose" on the internet or visit www.sanjosegurdwara.org.

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.

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InFUSE inclusive program for students of special education

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My name is Brenden Pragasam and I am a freshman in college and an aspiring journalist. I am also sibling to my brother with special

needs.

For the past few months I have been passionately involved in a program called InFUSE (In Friends United for Special kids Empowerment). The program is an Inclusive program designed for students in Special Education and for students of regular Education.



The InFUSE team presented a check raised from our InFUSE Fundraiser to the Fire Fighters Burn Foundation at Fire Station 11, located on the Villages Parkway on August 27. (From left to right): **Vaibhav Gopal**, junior at Summit High School; Captain **Edward Leglu**; Fire Engineer **Louis Fong**, **Scott Coscarelli** with check; **Marco Cornelio**; **Aidan Pragasam**; and **Brenden Pragasam**, attending St. Mary's College and Evergreen Valley College.

In the public schools of Silicon Valley, educational outcome for a student with disabilities can vary from student to student as well as district to district. Some parents speak about outstanding teachers who take time to understand each student; others speak about teachers who treat public school like a daycare service. In the words of a parent: "When talking about any student (disabled or not), the educational experience can dictate the course a child will have to take for the rest of their life. In the case of a disabled student, a year with improper educa-

tion could be the factor between a phonics class and a college degree"

Educating people with disabilities has always been sidelined due to the lack of resources and the choice of allocating these resources between high achieving students in the community and children with disabilities. While special education schools are trying their best to try to educate these children with limited resources, there is a huge scarcity for programs outside the school like quality summer camps and afterschool programs. Programs

which attempted to incorporate children with disabilities are not successful mainly due to lack of expertise in teaching these children and the cost involved.

InFUSE was founded by special education teachers and parents of special need children in an attempt to aid the quality education of students with varied abilities and address above issues. The program is unique in going beyond the four walls of a classroom.

InFUSE identifies individual potential and trains them to have success in the real world. Any parent who is looking for a quality after school program for their child where the child is taught not only care about themselves and excel, but also to care about others should look into this program.

InFUSE had its pilot Summer Camp, from July 17th to 30th. Each child's strengths and challenges were analyzed from their IEPs (Individualized Education Plan), from talking to their parents and by observation. Since the program is designed and created by special educators and parents of special need children, it addresses issues that are important to both sides. The students were involved in every project presented according to their strengths thereby making them more confident and successful. They were happy to do tasks in a positive environment where there were peers who were accepting, encouraging and helpful and they felt strong and confident. They made friends and socialized. Even students, who were nonverbal, made an attempt to communicate how happy they were and wanted to keep coming back.

The peers were all screened to make sure they were a good match to the students.

Archisha Nangia, an eighth grader said this in her blog: "Volunteering has taught me that when helping others achieve a
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Eclipse

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as they left so that others could still have a chance to see. Eager children shared homemade cereal box “pinhole” viewers; the library had one colander to share so people could project multiple eclipse images onto a white cardboard on the ground. The Moon moved to peak coverage position from 10:15-10:16 a.m. Although our view of the eclipse in this area was only partial, at just over 75 percent of the Sun blocked by the Moon, it was still an awesome sight to behold.

My fear of running out of glasses soon dissipated as I observed an overwhelming enthusiasm and generosity as Evergreen community members met each other and shared freely. No one was turned away without a chance to view this amazing phenomenon—our goal for the day! Meanwhile, two adult volunteers staffed the library’s Community Room, welcoming over 255 people to view the NASA.gov streaming coverage of the totality as experienced in several locations across the U.S., projected onto the library’s large screen.

All summer long, San José Public Library



The Villages Astronomy Club eclipse viewing

More than 200 people gathered at Foothill Center at the Villages Golf and Country Club to observe the August 21, 2017 solar eclipse. There was a line of 100 people waiting to look through the telescope plus others taking pictures and viewing a projected image of the eclipse. *Photo by Lou Alexander*

had delivered special programs teaching safe ways to view the Solar Eclipse and distributing Solar Eclipse viewing glasses to

attendees. Evergreen, Joyce Ellington, and Bascom branches each received 1000 pairs of glasses as a grant from the Space Science Institute, an organization which enables scientists to advance our understanding of Earth and the Universe; increasing science and technology literacy for people of all ages and backgrounds. A Starnet grant also brought 200 pairs of glasses to the King Library Children’s Room, courtesy of the MakerSpace team.

Joyce Ellington and Bascom branches presented workshops with viewing through solar telescopes, thanks to the San José Astronomical Association. Evergreen hopes to also host future astronomy at the library programs. Evergreen presented English vocabulary lessons about our solar system, Space, NASA & astronauts, and eclipse-specific terms in two English as a Second Language Conversation classes with Outer Space Bingo games. Children at preschool and Family storytimes in July and August learned about the Sun, planets, and our moon. Children at Evergreen’s Viewing Meetup received a Solar eclipse/Moon craft kit, with two take-home

activities that extended their learning about the Moon’s orbit around the earth and the difference between solar and lunar eclipses. When we ran out of prepared kits (having already distributed 97 in the week before and on eclipse day), the library took orders and made over 75 additional free craft kits for children to pick up later in the week.

What next? Leftover glasses will deteriorate by the next American eclipse in 2024. So, used glasses in good condition may be dropped off at Evergreen Branch to be donated to Astronomers without Borders, to be used in future eclipses viewable in other countries, such as 2019 in Africa.

How will you and your family follow through with lifelong learning following this inspiring event? Come browse our library’s nonfiction collection: see 523.7 for more books about the Sun; 523.2 to learn more about the solar system; or 520 for a subject of universal interest—Astronomy! Of course, using your free library card, SJPL’s electronic resources can also provide you with a wealth of information. You can search encyclopedias such as Explora for high school students or World Book as well as specialized databases such as PowerKnowledge Earth & Space Science. Teens who are interested in delving more into Astronomy look forward to an upcoming Astronomy series to be led by two high school volunteers. Upcoming Moon Festival programs this fall will include both traditional cultural stories and science learning opportunities. If you are interested in being on a mailing list for future astronomy-related programs at Evergreen, please email ev.sjpl@sjlibrary.org and put Astronomy in the subject line. Our Space Science Institute sponsor also has links to games and apps at <http://www.scigames.org/apps.php> that can help you learn more about our Sun in particular and keep your excitement alive!

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Evergreen Senior Librarian, Evergreen Branch manager Kim **Nhung Nguyen** and Librarian **Edith Sutterlin** distributing glasses early Monday morning at Evergreen’s Solar Eclipse viewing meetup.

Now you see it, now you don’t

By **Kevin Larsen**
Times Staff Writer

Who was the performer in the sky, was it the sun or the moon?

With great zeal and enthusiasm as each car turned into the Evergreen library, drivers marveled at the already 100 people standing in line waiting which eventually grew to 1000.

As the line grew, the curtain of fog did not deter the determination of each person who waited patiently for free solar eclipse viewing glasses. It seems the

grand turnout was due to our internet age of the bombardment of electronic messages and unlimited phone time talk, not unlike the basking sun’s rays.

Perhaps just as we inhale air and drink easily from water fountains, we take things for granted such as how our star in the sky gives us warmth and illuminates our day. It happens with such clockwork that perhaps we don’t think too much about it and take it all for granted.

On Monday, August 21 that all changed. The eclipse began at 9:10 and ended at 11:38 (duration 2hrs. 36 min.) People thought for days about the sun and how the moon would dance in front of it. The muted soft sullen sunrays were buffeted by the soft pillow-like fog and some conversations in line turned to the foreboding forecast of possible overcast beyond the event itself.

Some pointed to the top of the



A large crowd gathered at Evergreen Library to view the eclipse.

soft Evergreen tumbling hillsides as they gave up the secret that the fog layer was burning off. A line was seen not unlike a child’s use of a white crayon over grey paper, from just behind the hillsides. This gave hope to all that the eclipse viewing would not be

fiendishly clouded out.

Early in the day one resident in line at Starbucks commented, “who cares,” but nearby, congregating at the Evergreen library were the scholarly and scientific citizens who have a deep connection with Mother Earth and her

son above.

“I am here because I am curious to see it and I heard the moon will cover 75 percent of the sun... that doesn’t happen that often,” said one man in line.

Another resident exclaimed to all, “Even if there are clouds, it will still work (referring to the special glasses) because we can see the sun pop through the clouds.”

One resident came up with a new scientific and fair viewing idea for the entire community when he said, “We need to have one big giant lens so all can step behind it and view the sun, like a big screen... that way if a person doesn’t get glasses they can still see the eclipse.” Others elaborated that maybe that idea could be done inside of a tent of sorts.

A grandfather commented, “I don’t get it. How come we only see the moon when it only gets in

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Eclipse

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front of the sun? Why is it that we can't see it when it goes real close to the sun? Do the rays of light wrap around it to hide it?"

As the sun-gazer line formed there was a concern that not enough solar viewing glasses would be available for all but there was. Here are some comments heard as the moon slid over the path of the sun.

Adults stated,

- "cool"
- "look, a chunk of the sun is cut off"

- "everything is black except for the sun"

- "it looks like the same color as a sunset"

- "it's a blessing or an omen"

Children stated,

- "it's like a volcano because it is orange and it looks like it is glowing"

- "the moon is going in front of the sun"

- "the moon is smaller"

One gentleman in the crowd shared that he had decided to rent an "Airbnb" house for the day in Oregon to see the total eclipse. However he wanted to get a hotel the day before and found that all the \$30 dollar a night hotels raised their rates to \$300 a night so he decided to cancel his trip and join everyone at the Evergreen library. He was very jovial and happy to be a part of the crowd.

Cereal boxes

Some came with cereal boxes that were prepped to be used as projection viewers. However, they admitted the safety glasses were deemed to be a far superior experience.

As the special viewing glasses were about to run out careful planning and swift thinking by the San Jose Library leadership allowed for an extra 300 pair to be shuttled to the Evergreen library location.

Star librarian, Edith Sutterlin, and volunteers saved the day by ensuring that all visitors got to view the eclipse. They did this with such attentiveness and dignity that it was a true honor to witness and know that they care so deeply about the community.

As the glasses dwindled to about 20-30, Edith ensured that groups of ten banded together could still witness the important event. She handed the one pair of special view glasses to the newly crowned leader of each group.

All were smiling and happy to be included so the fear of walking away empty handed never occurred. Edith repeated this process to all of the remaining groups, "Ok, next group, I need a volunteer team captain...please let everyone see the eclipse as best as possible... Ok this group,



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you are the team leader... also there are kid fun packs, so please come back to the library to get more if we run out, we will be giving them out to the children tomorrow too."

Eclipse classes

Edith displayed such selfless dedication in her teaching classes

about the eclipse weeks before, creating educational materials used by all, and pulling off the event with the entire Evergreen library team so successfully. She let all children and parents sign up for educational hands on packets and an additional 75 were set for pick up the day after



to all the families. Some commented that she deserves "a gold star!" The glasses too were part of a grant that Edith applied for. Those who supplied the grant could not be more happy with how the materials were used to educate and ignite the joy of science to all.

Every year has about two partial eclipses, but a total eclipse in the U.S.A. will return in seven years and one would need to drive to a different state to view the event. Glasses are only given to adults and care is taken to let all know, never look directly at the sun with the naked eye.

The management of the Evergreen Library wished to thank those who made the event a joyful community experience; the Evergreen library staff, the Village Square library staff, the Friends of the Evergreen Library, Martin Luther King Jr. Library staff, the Space Science Institute (awarded grant for viewing glasses) and of course the community for coming out and supporting the event.

Edith stated that, in addition to helping teach the children about science, "for me the most wonderful thing was the community spirit I saw and experienced by seeing all the people sharing."

OFF THE SHELF

Public Library Fall Programs starting soon

By Edith Sutterlin

Special to the Times

Girls Who Code is starting at Evergreen Branch Library, Tuesday, September 5, 5:15 p.m. Pre-registration is required, and open only to girls in 7th through 12th grades who commit to weekly participation through December.

Village Square will be offering coding opportunities in shorter series for younger children: An Intro to Java programming series for children ages 8-13 starts Saturday, September 2, 1:00 p.m., while An Appetite for Apps series designed for children in grades 3-6 who are interested in creating applications for mobile android devices begins the next week, September 9, 10:30 a.m.

Homework Clubs are starting at both branches. Evergreen's will be on Mondays, 4 – 5:30 p.m.; Village Square will offer Homework Club sessions Monday & Tuesdays, 3:30 – 5:30, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Evergreen's Teen Tech Mentor times resume on September 11, 4:00 p.m. Do you want to learn how to create an email account, search the internet, apply for jobs online or learn other computer basic skills? Sign up for an appointment for one-on-one computer help.

Special Events on Saturday, September 9

Evergreen Valley Garden Club will present Joanne Williams to share about Native plants gardening on Saturday, September 9, 10:30 a.m., at Evergreen Branch. Fall is a good time for planting and for redesign of your garden especially to take advantage of drought-resistant California native plants.

Over at Village Square, preschoolers will meet one of our favored picture book characters at a dance party: Getting Groovy with Pete the Cat, 11:00 a.m. Meet one of your favorite picture book characters as you celebrate your 1000 Books before



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Kindergarten program and the love of reading together. Sign up your child for 1000 Books before Kindergarten before you come, and bring your booklet with you to receive updated stickers to show your child's progress as they complete each 100 books.

That same day, Village Square has an afternoon entertainment show for all. Michael Stroud's World of Magic brings you a world-traveling magician who will even teach you some tricks of your own from his best-selling Klutz Book of Magic.

Vietnamese/English Bilingual Storytime

Jenny Mai leads an ongoing Vietnamese and English Bilingual Family Storytime at 6 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Enjoy stories and to learn songs in both English and Vietnamese. This is a unique opportunity in the City of San Jose! At both branches you can find Vietnamese language books for children and adults, movie DVDs, music CDs to borrow for free, as well as materials in Chinese, Spanish,

Hindi, and a number of other Indian languages. If you don't find your preferred language on our shelves, ask at the information desk for help in requesting items from other locations.

Additional Events

View all library event listings online at events.sjpl.org. You can view all that is going on across the city, or limit to a particular branch location, such as "Evergreen" or "Village Square."

Updates on library events are also available via our RSS feeds (sjpl.org/updates) and our Facebook page: [facebook.com/sanjoselibrary](https://www.facebook.com/sanjoselibrary)

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

Put your time and effort to make a change in your community

By Bob Gill

Special to the Times

There are many kinds of volunteering. I am discussing in this column, donated volunteerism and service learning volunteering (sometimes with pay).

Investing in your community is important. Both types of volunteering are similar. Service learning however involves training and working over a long period of time while focusing on learning something new in depth.

Here are some reasons why it is good for you to consider volunteering;

- Generosity is giving more than you can, and pride is taking less than you need. Kahlil Gibran

- We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we

give. Winston Churchill

- For it is in giving that we receive. St. Francis of Assisi

- There is no happiness in having or getting, but only in giving. Henry Drummond

- Reaching out to serve and uplift all of humanity is an expression or devotion to the Creator. Principals of Sarbat de bhalla (which means "blessings for everyone" or literally "may everyone prosper") in the Indian Language of Punjabi).

Thousands of volunteer opportunities await you

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Bob Gill Cares
By Bob Gill
Community Liaison

tronic technology, I just typed into the web search bar 'volunteering opportunities in San Jose.' Then I jumped and clicked on one of many search engines that listed all kinds of volunteer opportunities in San Jose and it is called Volunteer Match .org. It has thousands of volunteering opportunities in and near San Jose, Santa Clara

County, and the State of California. There are so many opportunities around us for all to pitch in and help.

For example, this opportunity popped up; Our City Forest is a

nonprofit corporation. They want you to think of the city as an "urban forest." They perform all kinds of services with volunteers from, planting trees, to developing volunteer corps, to building a sense of community by facilitating grassroots environmental efforts. This is a great opportunity to make a difference in your community.

Also, by using the internet it is seen there are volunteering opportunities to help our parks sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?nid=589. This site states, "The City of San Jose, Parks Recreation and Neighborhood Services have Volunteer Opportunities are available throughout the city."

Anti-Litter volunteer opportunity

The City of San Jose has the Anti-Litter Program that offers assistance to the residents of San José. This program states, "Our vision is to create a litter free and cleaner San Jose. Our mission is to assist the City of San Jose's Environmental Services Department (ESD) in improving the health of the City's environment by preventing and removing trash through Community, Education and Engagement. The community involvement component offers volunteers and local businesses with opportunities to learn more about the issues and the opportunity to engage in eradication of litter."

TEAM anti-litter opportunities

If I see something on the street, I pick it up. I always keep a bag in my car and I pick it up. Even broken glass can be picked up with gloves before children or seniors might get hurt, because, when people walk they focus on their mental, physical, mind body soul, not looking at the ground.

There is also a "Shed Program" and it is a place that offers large service groups volunteer opportunities to assist in "litter abatement." Litter pick up materials (gloves pick up sticks, bags and more) are offered to the entire group to pitch in and make San Jose beautiful. The staff also provides training and can identify appropriate clean up areas for your service group. Why not create a TEAM from your company to help volunteer and pitch in for it is a good use of your time. If you have questions and would like to sign up for the Shed Program you can call the Anti-Litter Program Main Office at (408) 975-7233.

Free materials for you to combat graffiti

The Anti-Graffiti Program recruits new volunteers to assist with graffiti abatement. They

provide possible clean up locations or you can adopt your own neighborhood. The Anti-Graffiti Kit contains safety gear, chemical gloves, safety glasses, and 8 oz. bottle of solvent, sponge, and rags. Also, they provide brushes and paint for you to cover up graffiti in approved areas. If you need to learn more information regarding the Program please call the Anti-Graffiti Program Office at (same phone number as above)

Perhaps we can push to make more paid service learning jobs for all. The city does pay students and adults to learn. Over the summer there are many opportunities.

Service Learning

Service learning combines some instruction with helping. It is like doing a job but also learning while you are doing it. We might wish to do more of this in San Jose and pay more people of all ages to offer service learning certificates. When one retires they could choose to earn a certificate to master learning in some service field. The youth could work hand in hand and learn from their elders while earning stipends.

Perhaps more corporations could fund such opportunities in our beautiful San Jose to employ the youth who need jobs as well as

those of other ages. Also too, perhaps wills, grants, living trusts and other non-profit organizations could direct monies to support service learning opportunities offering pay for those who volunteer and learn a particular skill certificate.

Team up with your community to work together to make a difference. When you keep your children involved in volunteer activities it is healthy for them and keeps them out of trouble. Grandparents, parents and children can all the help the community to make the future for the children better!

Our Mayor Liccardo is working hard to make San Jose cleaner and a more beautiful city. He launched a Beautify San Jose campaign. Our city has rapid response team for illegal dumping. We all are working together to support his vision.

Our community, mayor, city council, and all others wish to commend you for pitching in with the Beautify San Jose campaign. You will be recognized and honored too at future city council meetings. Check out beautifysj.org to report, volunteer, organize and recognize, for a more beautiful San Jose.

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Donate blood and get a free haircut

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

The American Red Cross is offering free haircut coupons for anyone donating blood platelets during the month of September.

Those who come out to give blood or platelets Sept. 1-30 will receive a coupon for a free haircut via email several days after their donation.

The coupon is valid through Nov. 11, 2017, at participating Sport Clips locations. Donors must have a valid email address on record to receive the coupon.

"We are excited to continue the *Saving Lives Never Looked So Good* campaign and partnership with Sport Clips this September," said Donna M. Morrissey, director of national partnerships, Red Cross Biomedical Services. "We are grateful for Sport Clips showing its support of the Red Cross and saying 'thank you' to those helping save lives through blood donations."

Donors are urged to make an appointment to donate using the free Blood Donor App, online at redcross-blood.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). The Red

Cross and Sport Clips encourage donors to post online use the hashtag #SavingLivesLooksGood to share their new looks and invite others to give.

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood donors can now save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, prior to arriving at the blood drive. To get started and learn more, visit www.redcross-blood.org/RapidPass and follow the instructions on the site.

Editor's note: Sports Clips is located at 874-D Blossom Hill Rd, San Jose, CA 95123; Open: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Phone: 408.227.4897.

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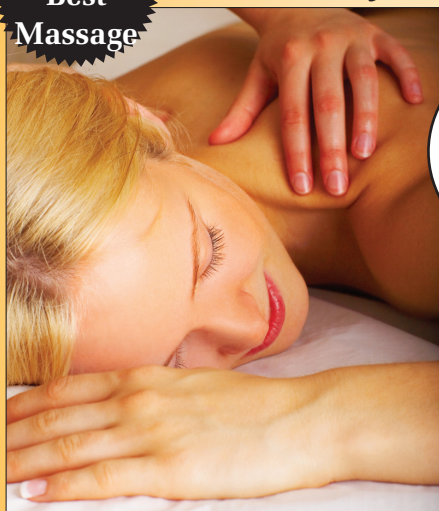
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goal or even helping someone finish a task, is one of the best feelings in the world. My memories and learnings from this camp will always stay with me forever, and I cannot wait for where InFuse will lead us to. The uniqueness of InFuse is to reach out to Special Need children and include everyone. While working in it made me realize that each of these children have a special, unique, and a very strong capability, just like any other child they need the same that is LOVE and CARE.”

During the two weeks, the students planted succulents and learned how to care for them. They created Fish tanks and learned about Betta fish, their mannerisms, learned about fire safety and created safety magnets. They created beautiful jewelry scarves. They went as groups to the grocery store each with their own list of items to buy. They price compared and learned to read labels and bought items within the budget given. They then used the ingredients to make quesadillas and cheese nachos. The students were left to experiment with different recipes and they all came out yummy.

Here is what Shriya a Seventh grader had to say “These past two weeks have been one of the best experiences of my life. I’ve made valuable friendships that could last a lifetime. This team has almost become like a family. Working and spending time with the special-ed kids has taught me patience, kindness, determination, and so much more.”

All items created were to raise funds for the SJ FireFighters. The fundraiser was on July 30th in the Evergreen Farmers market. The students did the planning, marketing and sales for the fundraiser. The community came together to support the cause and we were all sold out of the items. We fundraised \$1,398 within a matter of four hours.

The founders are approaching the school districts to make the program known so that more kids can benefit from it. InFUSE’s non-traditional way of teaching will benefit kids with special needs as well as students in the regular ed. The program will be accepting students of Ages eight and above and will be starting its after school second week of September.

InFUSE is to empower our future generation for this world to be a better place in accepting differences and building strength through those differences.

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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)

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

East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees

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

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

The Evergreen Business Association 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

susiehenderson@sbcglobal.net

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

Evergreen Valley High School

Site Council

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

Evergreen Valley Service Organization

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

Falls Creek Neighborhood Association

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

The Evergreen Community Center offers a variety of classes and special events, for kids, adults, and seniors. For more information on our activities visit: www.sanjoseca.gov/prns. The Senior Nutrition 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 friendsofevergreenlibrary.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 Barberrry Lane and Monrovia Drive, Capitol Expressway, Aborn Road, and South

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

Lions Club - San Jose East Valley

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

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

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

Reid - Hillview Airport Association

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

Rotary Club

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

Story Road Business Association

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

San Jose/Evergreen Community College District Board

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

San Pedro Squares Toastmasters Club

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

Silver Creek (PTSA) Parent, Teacher, Student Association

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

Silver Oak Educational Partnership

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

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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