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SJPD Captain Johnson Fong lends perspective on city's police force



By Lorraine Gabbert
Senior Staff Writer

Captain Johnson Fong, Southern Division Commander of the San Jose Police Department (SJPD) and Councilmember Johnny Khamis recently addressed the Almaden Valley Community Association.

Fong, a police officer for 28 years, has worked as a training officer, robbery detective and Swat team member. "I had a great career," he says. "I love the San Jose Police Department."

"This is a romantic job. Where else can you put on a uniform and be a super hero and literally save the day?" If you go into a house and a father is beating up a mother, you can arrest him and say to their kid, 'What your dad did isn't right. She didn't deserve it and it's not your fault son. Your father is beating up your mom.

He's responsible for this and it's why we're taking him to jail.' You save that kid's life. He probably thought he was responsible by misbehaving. Every day we have these moments."

Fong lent some perspective on today's police force, noting that San Jose boasted more than 1,200 officers five years ago, but after a political movement, about 400 officers resigned, retired or went to another police department. "Imagine 30 percent of your organization," he says, "the best and the brightest...young, motivated bucks...the next leadership group of sergeants and lieutenants are no longer there. We were in a bad place."

Although they tried to recruit new officers, half of the academy would go elsewhere due to the pay and benefit cuts. Over time, the Academy class sizes dwindled down to 7 to 15 candidates

while surrounding cities had 30 to 50.

"We saw what happened during the last couple of years when there was a lack of police officers," says Fong. "Thanks to the current political administration, they came up with a new ballot to rebuild SJPD. Now we have 50 in an Academy and I'm jumping for joy."

Fong says that things are improving with the SJPD and many of the officers who went elsewhere are coming back. "They left for economic reasons," he says, "but in their heart, they love this place and they're coming home." However, he cautions that the police department isn't totally rebuilt yet. "It takes time. We do have some challenges," he says. "We have to do more mentoring than ever before to assist the new police officers. We explain to them what it means to serve, why I'm so passionate about working for the City of San Jose and the honor of wearing this uniform. It's a calling and a career."

The SJPD has made some recent headway in curtailing burglaries and property crimes. Police officers are constantly rotated to stay sharp and learn new skills. When a training officer was moved to the financial crime unit, says Fong, he brought a new approach to solving burglaries. He believed that one burglar was responsible for 10 burglaries and two working together made 40. He put together a crack team of officers and targeted burglars, matching finger prints and modus operandi. He picked up a print in a car and started checking videos and determined that a 15-year-old female (driving a white jeep) and her crew was responsible for various burglaries and other crimes. In three days alone, she car-jacked someone

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San Jose Museum of Art seeks volunteers for 'Let's Look at Art' program

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

Nearly 25 Willow Glenn residents are currently involved in the San Jose Museum of Art (SJMA) volunteer program to bring art into the schools.

Every year, volunteer docents in SJMA's "Let's Look at Art" program introduce more than 30,000 students to artwork by Leonardo Da Vinci, Keith Haring, Jacob Lawrence, Pablo Picasso, Diego Rivera, and Andy Warhol, to name just a few. For many students, the presentations are their first exposure to the visual arts.

Docents find it very rewarding to see children's eyes light up as they actively engage with pieces of art through the teaching techniques the docents learn in SJMA's training.

SJMA is now accepting applications for its next training session. No previous art knowledge is required.

Training begins on January 16, 2018, with classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for seven weeks. The training includes instruction in the basics of art appreciation and visual thinking techniques, group discussions, lectures, reading assignments, writing activities, demonstrations, and practice presentations. Docents also learn how to apply public-speaking skills to classroom presentations.

Docents are asked to make a minimum of 15 to 20 presentations each school year. More than one can be given on the same day at the same school. Docents are responsible for their own transportation to and from the schools.

For more information on becoming a docent in SJMA's "Let's Look at Art" program, email vol4llaa@sjmusart.org or call 408.291.5393, or go to sjmusart.org/lets-look-art

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Times Feature

Fong

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stole a gun, committed four burglaries and two auto thefts, committing 11 different crimes. The police tracked her to a hotel in San Jose and arrested seven people. "That's a sample of old-school police work, diligence and the commitment of SJPD," says Fong. In April, May, June 2017, compared with that time period a year ago, burglaries went down 52 percent, he says.

Police officers work closely

together on cases; sometimes night and day until they're solved. Fong says that a third of the department worked on overdrive to catch the person who kidnapped a Vietnamese woman. "It was an emotional high when we did," he says, "and you can fall in love with this job. But sometimes, you can fall in love with it too much. You fall out of love with your wife or your son." Fong warns the new recruits to watch out for this and to make sure that at the end of the day, they're not only a great cop, but a good husband, wife, father, broth-

er, sister, son, and friend. "We have a lot of great cops who are living by themselves because they worked a little too hard," he says. "I learned that from someone who pulled me aside and said I was taking the job a little more seriously than I should."

Emergency prep

As the police liaison, Fong worked with the Office of Emergency Services following the Coyote Creek flood and realized the scope of assistance residents required following a disaster. "More than 500 people were displaced," he says. "They had no

place to live and only the clothes on their backs." Fong says that the immediate rescuing and responding part was difficult, but just the tip of the iceberg as for the next 20 to 40 days people were truly in the wilderness. "They didn't have a home to go to, they didn't know what food they were going to eat or what their future was going to be like," he says. "The Office of Emergency Services worked non-stop, coordinating with the Red Cross and communicating with the Department of Transportation Code Enforcement." They housed and fed residents, provided them

with showers, found temporary homes for their pets and transported kids to school until it was safe for them to return home. "It was a tremendous deal," says Fong. "I was very impressed with the City. The City Manager worked the midnight shift and 14 hours a day until the crisis was over. I'm happy the city council invested time and resources into emergency services."

Technology in action

More than ever before, technology is playing a role in policing and home security. Utilizing statistics and demographics, police departments can do predictive policing to determine where and when a traffic accident or a robbery might occur and deploy resources to those areas in advance.

Fong recommends residents set up security cameras inside and outside homes and alarms that make a lot of noise. There are even cameras that operate when someone rings a doorbell. "Technology's fantastic for security and safety and it's not that expensive," he says. "You want to deter crime and have sufficient evidence to capture a criminal if a crime occurs." Regarding package theft, he recommends sending an expensive item to a business, signing for it or making sure you're home at the time of delivery.

The homeless

"Homelessness is not a crime. Mental illness is not a crime," says Fong. "These people have the same due process and first amendment rights as anyone else. But just because you're homeless or mentally ill, you cannot commit a crime." Fong believes that the amount of homeless on our streets is a reflection of our society today and notes that if a mentally ill person is talking to himself, the police have no authority to address it. "However, if a homeless person steals your property or breaks into your house or a mentally ill person attacks you," he says, "you have the same due process and the police will help and will protect you."

A homeless person lived in a car across from Fong's house for three months. During the third month, he called a police officer. As the vehicle had not been moved for the last 72 hours, they had legal authority to ask him to leave. "If you contact the police, we can have a liaison provide care for a homeless person," says Fong. "They do their best to help them." Regarding the homeless, you can call 3-1-1 or 9-1-1 depending on the severity of the situation for a welfare check if you have concerns for their well-being. Residents can also contact: www.homelessconcernsca.gov regarding homeless issues.

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Times **Feature**



Handwork for Others presented November 18

The Handwork for Others class is having its Annual Holiday Boutique event at the Almaden Community Center on Saturday, November 18 and Saturday, December 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Many new items will be for sale, including crocheted jewelry, fancy scarves, headbands, quilted decorations, women's shrugs, vests, sweaters and lots more, so come early for the best selection.

The Handwork for Others class provides handmade items to local charities and monetary donations to the Almaden Senior Association and the Almaden Community Center for youth activities non-profit groups.

San Jose Clean Energy Advisory Commission deadline is Nov. 10

If you would like to serve your community by joining the City's new Clean Community Advisory Commission (CECAC), the deadline for applicants is November 10, 2017.

The CECAC will provide essential advice to the Mayor and City Council, City Manager, and the Director about all aspects of San Jose Clean Energy (SJCE) start-up and operations.

The City Council will be the final decision-making body. The CECAC acts as expert advisors to the City Council.

For more information, contact Elaine Trinh, Deputy City Clerk, at 408-535-1260 or email commissions@sanjoseca.gov

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"We do need to do more to solve the housing issue," says Khamis. Although he voted against Bridge Housing, the motion passed. Khamis has recommended sites like the Innovation Center's parking lot as locations to house the homeless in tiny homes. A final decision on Bridge Housing locations has not been reached by the City Council yet but the Almaden Expressway at Coleman site is still under consideration. "I'll fight against that for environmental and parking reasons," says Khamis, "but I can't win without people showing up for the City Council meetings."

Police officers take Crisis Intervention training in mental illness to assist with the homeless. Police will check on a mentally ill person to make sure he doesn't want to hurt himself or anyone else. If he says he's fine and appears to be healthy, the police will let him be. However, if someone is greatly disabled or says they want to hurt someone, the police will intervene, transporting them for an evaluation and counseling.

Captain Johnson Fong can be contacted by email at: 2710@sanjoseca.gov.

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Median island cleanup is part of SJ Mayor's #BeautifySJ initiative

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

New funding for the landscape cleanup program is a part of the #BeautifySJ initiative which was announced during the budget process.

Mayor Liccardo allocated \$2,000,000 over two years in his June Budget Message to the cleanup and beautification of City-maintained landscape.

San Jose residents identified the appearance of the City's public landscape as an area of concern. Maintenance on median islands was being done every 18 months, which was not frequent enough to keep the islands in good shape.

With this funding, the Department of Transportation (DOT) will utilize contracted services to provide regular landscape maintenance to approximately half of its landscape inventory.

By supplementing its in-house crews with contractual staff, DOT can maintain a median island every four months in addition to other beautification efforts across the city.

Valley Currents

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Preserving Pat Dando's huge legacy

On July 16 of this year our entire community lost a true "Light-house" person when Pat Dando died.

If you knew Pat you know that she did a lot of great things to make life in Almaden a better place to live. The Almaden Times detailed a number of her accomplishments in the Aug. 25-Sept. 7, 2017 edition which is available online at: timesmedia.pageflip.site/editions/AT90720. I ask you to please review the article to see the amazing thing Dando did for our community.

When Pat passed away several of us felt that there should be some sort of permanent memorial to her positive contributions. Since she was a moving force in rebuilding both the old Almaden Library and small Community Center, we felt that renaming the combined facility in her honor would not only recognize her contributions to Almaden, but would also keep her Horatio Alger (female version) story in the minds of future generations as a true inspiration to hard work and persistence.

We will be asking the San Jose City Council to rename the Almaden Library/Community Center as the "Pat Dando Almaden Library/Community Center" sometime in the first quarter of 2018. If you think this is a good idea, you can help us show that the Almaden Community agrees with making this change by signing our online petition at: <http://www.AlmadenHomes.com/DandoPetition>

If you're not sure about signing the petition, please read on...

Pat served Almaden from the time she arrived here in the early 1970s, but her story starts in a small town in Texas where she was raised by a single mother who instilled the love of family and basic values in her daughter. She graduated from college there and moved with husband Bob to New York State where she taught school and started raising a family.

On their move to San Jose Pat focused on raising her three children and being active in their education

through PTA and community activities. Even then she did much more than just watch things happen. Whenever she saw a problem that needed solving she stepped up; brought together a group of likeminded folks; and, pursued the best solution possible. Getting the smoking policy at Leland changed, adding back the six period day in all high schools, and co-founding the Almaden Valley Youth Counseling Service, AVYCS (currently AVCS) to deal with local teen suicide issues to name just a few. In later years she went on to be one of the co-founders of the Almaden Art & Wine Festival through her membership in the Almaden Valley Women's Club.

As the kids grew up and with the agreement of her family she took on bigger projects that would benefit Almaden and the entire city including the Measure A campaign – to fund the completion of highways 85/87; the Shark Tank construction campaign; and later an executive position in the Redevelopment Agency. Eventually, she decided to run for City Council and spent 10 productive years there including becoming Vice Mayor before terming out at the end of 2004. A few months after leaving office she was asked to be the CEO of the San Jose/Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce where she served admirably until her retirement in 2011.

One thing Pat did well was to listen to people's views on issues whether she agreed with their position or not. This skill held her in good stead even with her political opponents. She also never forgot that it takes more than one person to get things done. She was a master at getting others involved and equipping them to be successful in whatever the endeavor they were pursued. As friend and co-worker in many Almaden projects, Rocki Kramer put it this way, "You could always be sure that Pat had the best interest of Almaden and the entire city at heart."

Please sign our petition at: www.AlmadenHomes.com/DandoPetition

Thank you!
Rich Crowley
Almaden Valley

Editor's note: Rich Crowley has been a positive Almaden community activist since 1970 and a local Realtor there since 1975. He leads the effort to rename the facility in Pat Dando's honor.



Sam Sisakhti, founder of Believe in Yourself Project is pictured with recipients of new homecoming dresses.

Homecoming dresses distributed for lower-income families in need

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

Homecoming dresses are being distributed to deserving girls around the country by the Believe in Yourself Project.

Each homecoming dance season there is a lot of pressure on young girls to stay in style. The reality is that many girls from low-income families cannot afford the high cost of the latest fashions.

Believe in Yourself is a foundation launched in January 2017 that provides brand-new, never-worn dresses to low-income girls around the country, while at the same time works to promote positive body image, to reduce cyber bullying, and to inspire girls to believe in themselves and their dreams.

Dress donations are tied to the girls' progress in

achieving goals. Each girl who wants to receive a dress is entered into a system where they are then tracked to see their progress, whether towards improving their academics or pursuing an extracurricular interest such as music, dance, or sports, and Believe in Yourself provides the girls dresses for any upcoming events they have during the school year.

Believe in Yourself is part of a broader initiative. The charity brings in mentors and speakers to motivate the girls to believe in themselves. These mentors also provide tips if the girls are experiencing a negative body image or bullying of any kind, and they counsel the girls to help them achieve their dreams and goals.

For more information, visit www.believeinyourself.org.

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Dont miss the 2017 Veterans Day Parade

By Dave Cortese
County Supervisor

Saturday, November 11, 2017, marks the 99th anniversary of Armistice Day, or the end of World War I.

Now known as Veterans Day, we honor the men and women who have served in the military and those who are serving now.

Please join me and the United Veterans of Santa Clara County at the annual Veterans Day Parade in San Jose. A ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. on Market Street near the San Jose Tech Museum, and will be followed by a parade at 11 a.m., from the Highway 87 overpass at Santa Clara Street and along Santa Clara Street to San Carlos Street.

The parade's Grand Marshall is retired Rear

Admiral William W. Copeland Jr., United States Navy, and president of Topgun Consulting. He has flown over 300 combat missions with more than 1,300 carrier arrested landings, and more than 5,000 flight hours in 30 different types of aircraft.

After the parade, historic military vehicles will be on display and veteran organization booths will provide information from 2 to 6 p.m. at Honor on The Row in Santana Row on Stevens Creek Boulevard in San Jose. Opera San



County Report
By Dave Cortese
Supervisor

Jose's Veterans Chorus will perform at 3:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please call my office at 408-299-5030 or email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org.

New payment program allows for property tax installments

By Mike Wasserman
County Supervisor

The County of Santa Clara now accepts partial payments of property taxes.

This new program, managed by the Department of Tax and Collections includes other new features including e-mail notifications and announcements related to tax bills.

Moving forward, only the unpaid amount on the first and second installment bills will be treated as delinquent tax on December 10th and April 10th of each year, in the same manner as any other delinquent or defaulted tax. Remember that paying your property taxes to the County is how you pay for your neighborhood schools, libraries and local services. Only 18 percent actually comes back to the County.

For more information, visit the Department of Tax and Collections website at sccgov.org/sites/dtac/Pages/default.aspx or call the Property Tax Information telephone line at (408) 808-7900.



County Report
Mike Wasserman,
County Supervisor

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Times Feature



YMCA transforming lives in Silicon Valley for 150 years

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

Since its early beginnings in San Jose in 1867, with 12 initial members, the Y has been a force for good, improving the quality of life in Silicon Valley.

Today, YMCA of Silicon Valley serves nearly 250,000 people, with a focus on nurturing the potential of every child and teen, improving the health and well-being of all community members, and providing opportunities to give back.

The Y has a long history of innovations, most notable the invention of basketball and group swim lessons. In 1910, the Y created Father's Day, and in 1939 helped found the United Service Organization (USO) to provide morale and recreation to overseas troops. Locally, the Y initiated the first overnight camping programs in the Santa Cruz Mountains. During World War II, San Jose YMCA housed 500 military men nightly. When women began joining the workforce, the Y helped support families by providing quality child care.

From its early focus, the Y rapidly expanded to become an all-inclusive organization, welcoming people of all ages, capabilities, backgrounds, incomes, beliefs and orientations. As a leading community organization, the Y is committed to bringing about lasting personal and social change. Guided by volunteer governance, and through generous donations, the Y provides over \$5 million in financial assistance and program subsidies to enable those in need to benefit from much-needed Y programs and services.

The term "body building" was coined in 1881 by Y staffer, Robert Roberts who developed

exercise programs that anticipated today's fitness workouts. Now, in addition to a wide-range of exercise options, the Y provides life-changing resources and support through healthy living programs like Diabetes Prevention, Enhanced Fitness for seniors, Living Strong Living Well for cancer survivors, Health Transitions for cardiac patients, and Parkinson's Program to improve mobility and function.

"Since I started the Diabetes Prevention Program I have been able to reach and maintain my weight goal and have increased my weekly physical activities and endurance," shares Jeanette. "I ran the Bay-To-Breakers race to prove I was healthy enough to compete. I can truly say that I am much healthier now because I learned to live a better lifestyle—all South Valley Family YMCA serves more than 7,500 people in the San Jose community. With its local presence, this Y combines the experience and expertise of the broader movement and is uniquely positioned to make a positive difference by focusing on critical community needs."

For 150 years, the Y has been responding to the communities' most crucial social needs in Silicon Valley. Whether developing skills and emotional well-being through education and training, welcoming and connecting diverse demographic populations through community services, or building healthier communities through collaborations with community leaders, the Y ensures opportunities for all ages.

Editor's Note: YMCA locations offer a free day visitor pass so that you can learn more about each location. Here is the website for the South Valley YMCA <http://www.ymcasv.org/southvalley/>

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Times Local News



Thanksgiving morning is a good time to run

Thanksgiving morning 14 years ago, my wife Leslee and I woke up to a broadcast on KCBS Radio announcing "20,000 people walking and running downtown, to help feed the hungry."

To our embarrassment, the announcer wasn't talking about wealthy Silicon Valley, but the much smaller community of Sacramento and its annual "Race to Feed the Hungry."

We turned to each other and said, "Someone ought to do that here." We decided that "someone" was us.

This Thanksgiving morning, November 23, our Silicon Valley Leadership Group Foundation will host and direct our 13th Annual Applied Materials "Silicon Valley Turkey Trot." From our humble beginnings in 2005 with 1,900 paid participants and \$132,000 donated to local charities, our ambitious goal this year is to donate at least \$900,000 to five local non-profits helping local families in need.

We have always had three

goals for our Silicon Valley Turkey Trot - Build Community, Help the Needy, and Start our Holidays in a Fun & Healthy Way. Please join us on Thanksgiving morning - either in person or as a "Remote Runner" - by registering today. Our five local non-profits help tens of thousands of people in need through each year's Turkey Trot - The Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara & San Mateo Counties, the Food Bank of Santa Cruz County, Housing Trust Silicon Valley, Healthier Kids Foundation and the Health Trust.

In just our first 13 years, if we achieve our financial goal this year, our Turkey Trot will have contributed more than \$8 million to our non-profit partners, plus an additional 200,000 pounds of canned goods to Second Harvest.

Please join us. Please register: www.runsignup.com/Race/CA/SanJose/SiliconValleyTurkeyTrot

Carl Guardino
Silicon Valley

Luxury home sales in Silicon Valley rise in September

The Silicon Valley luxury home market saw a gain in total sales in September year-over-year, according to a new report by Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage.

A total of 59 residential properties priced \$3 million and higher were sold last month, a 40 percent increase from 42 sales in September 2016. The median price for luxury properties sold in September dipped to \$3.5 million from \$3,875,000 in September of 2016, a slip of 9.7 percent. The data is based on

sales transactions recorded in Santa Clara County by the Multiple Listing Service.

"The luxury market in Silicon Valley is seeing a slight cooling in home prices," said Mike James, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, San Francisco Bay Area "The slight dip in sales price year-over-year contributed to an increase in total sales throughout the month. Not only did sales spike, but homes also sold at a much faster pace."

Sales in the upper end of the market remained steady. Of the luxury home sales in September, 19 were of homes priced \$4 million and higher, the same as in the prior year.

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FIAT CA NON-PRIME RETAIL BONUS CASH**	-\$1,500
FIAT CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH***	-\$3,000

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

\$15,988

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SALE PRICE	\$23,238
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Times News

It's now easy and free to get rid of junk

By Kevin Larsen
Times Staff Writer

If you're living in a residential home or in a condo in the City of San Jose most bulky items can now be picked up free of charge.

This is made possible by the vision of Mayor Liccardo and the city council members. They want to make our city clean, pristine and beautiful and they want all of us to help out too.

The free junk pickup component is part of the far reaching Beautify San Jose initiative created by the mayor. There are many components to the BeautifySj program and you can learn more by web search.

Here are some specifics for you to consid-

er taking advantage of with regard to getting rid of your bulk items.

First, schedule your free junk pick up and ensure the items are approved for pick up.

Remember you must gain an appointment and place the agreed upon items in the street the night before. If you are having a refrigerator picked up, you must remove the doors.

For example, I had a refrigerator picked up and to get the doors off I just used a screwdriver and some hammer hitting and they came off. It was a bit tough but with a little muscle the hinges on the doors came off and one must not worry about damaging the doors for they are being taken away for recycling.

Having personally used the program it is my belief that it is top notch. All items were picked up cleanly from the street and the people I spoke with were very professional and emailed me the information with accuracy.

Here are some specifics about how you can have bulk items picked up free at your curb as stated on the city website;

Residents in single-family homes can have large items (such as mattresses, sofas, refrigerators, tires, and more) picked up curbside by their recycling collection company. Each pickup includes up to three large items.

Schedule a free junk pickup appointment

Call your recycling company to get a date for your pickup.

■ Downtown and north, east, and south San Jose: California Waste Solutions (408) 213-7800

■ West San Jose: GreenTeam of San Jose (408) 282-4400

You will need to call and speak to either of the two companies listed above to set up and confirm pick up of items. When you call, you have to be exact regarding what the items are and how many items. They will only pick up exactly what you have called to request be picked up and so you cannot add on. Here is an example of the e mail you will receive once you make an appointment for pick up. It is precise.

Bulky item set out instructions

On the scheduled day of pick up, place items curbside in the street the night before or before 6:00 a.m. on the day of pick up. The pick-up time will occur between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on the scheduled day of pick up. **DO NOT PLACE ITEMS IN DRIVEWAY.** Do not lean items on fences, private property or cars.

If you live in a condo complex set out items next to garbage and recycle carts.

The service is item specific. The driver will only pick up the items that have been listed for pick up. If you want to add, change or cancel your order you must call and speak to a live representative by 3:00 p.m. the business day before the pick-up. If you have a Monday pick up, you must call by 3:00 p.m. the Friday prior.

All items need to be free of liquids, other items and/or debris. This includes, but is not limited to, washers, barbeques, toilets, dressers and lawn mowers. If there is a question about an item being set out on the curb, please call us.

Wood: Needs to be bundled securely in bundles of 5 x 2 x 2 FT under 60lbs. All nails and screws must be removed. Each bundle counts as 1 item.

Carpet: WET- 4 ft. x 2 ft.
DRY - 6 ft. x 2 ft. rolls

The carpet needs to be rolled and tied at both ends. No larger than the above description, carpet and padding must be separate. Each roll counts as 1 item.

Refrigerator: Must be empty of all food items. We do not accept commercial refrigerators or ones that have locking doors. On refrigerators all doors must be removed, otherwise item will be left at curbside. All glass shelves need to be removed; we do not take the glass shelves. Please do not place the glass shelves inside of your recycle bin.

Editor's Note: To learn more, web search: San Jose official website junk pick up, or visit <http://sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=3649>

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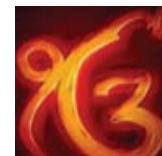
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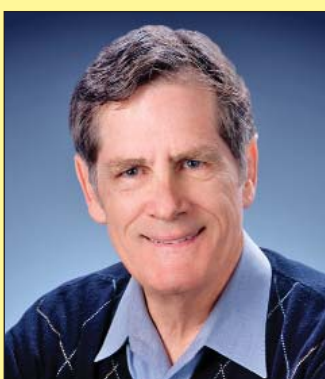
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