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CRIME WAVE

Recent spike in burglaries prompt public meeting

By Kevin Larsen
Times Staff Writer

Councilwoman Sylvia Arenas' held a meeting at the Evergreen Community Center to discuss a spike in burglary in the area and discuss how to proactively combat it on Monday, Jan. 22.

In attendance were representatives from the city who reached out with information and got an opportunity to hear from residents.

Arenas set a positive tone for the meeting by stating, "We want to give you an opportunity to ask questions. I would love for you to see me as a partner and a voice at City Hall."

Arenas stated that her office welcomes all calls and stated "we will do everything we can to help one feel safe in their home." She also stated, "A community that is well organized is less likely to be vandalized."

It was explained that it is
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ACCIDENTS LEAVE 'A HOLE IN OUR LIVES'



Police Captain **Randy Schriefer** (above) and Department of Transportation Deputy Director **Laura Wells** (inset below) discussed the need for keeping Evergreen's streets safe.

Traffic safety meeting held to discuss recent accidents

By Kevin Larsen
Times Staff Writer

A traffic safety meeting was held to discuss recent accidents on Yerba Buena and Silver Creek Valley Roads at the New Season's Market on Monday Jan. 29.

In attendance were Councilwoman Sylvia Arenas, her staff members, Police Captain Randy Schriefer and Department of Transportation Deputy Director Laura Wells who explores traffic studies and data.

Keeping streets safe

Arenas asked all in attendance for a moment of silence for the community resident who lost her life in a car accident. She was a vibrant lady going to law school with her whole life ahead of her and her passing personally affected and continues to impact many.

"Whenever there is a fatality in our streets caused by human error or speeding, it leaves a hole in our lives from people we have lost through those incidents," Stated Arenas.

This meeting was arranged for the neighborhood to discuss the recent fatality of a person in a car and to review ways to help the City with improved methods of curbing traffic violations.

San Jose Police Captain Randy Schriefer explained that he lost three family members in fatal car collisions and thus the issue is close to his heart and he is very passionate about it. He stated to the group of residents that motor officers use analytics and locate the top 15 crash locations to do the bulk of enforcement. He expressed that a captain once instilled in him the value of education for the drivers the police interact with saying, "for every ticket you write, you should give five verbal warnings."

Cars traveling down Silver Creek Road as well as the entrance in going north on highway 101 and exiting on Yerba Buena road were discussed as hot spots for speed and running red lights as given by input from residents. Captain Schriefer

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27 acre college land development meeting to be held Saturday, Feb. 3

By Kevin Larsen
Times Staff Writer

The Evergreen community is invited to provide input at a planning meeting on how 27 acres located at Evergreen Valley College are to be used.

The meeting will be held at the Evergreen Valley College – Gullo II, 3095 Yerba Buena Road, San Jose on Saturday, Feb. 3, from 1 – 3 p.m. (Parking is free in the college lots).

Plans have already been submitted for a nine-acre parcel to the City of San Jose Planning department.

This means that the remaining 18 acres are also to be discussed with regard to the "vision and long term goals" of what is termed the "Evergreen Valley College surplus land site."

"The Evergreen Valley College charrette will allow Evergreen residents to learn more about the future of the college's land and share their vision for the site," said Sylvia Arenas, San Jose City Councilwoman – District 8. "Based on community feedback, I have requested this open and collaborative process event. I want this to be a reflection of what matters most to our community – so I hope you will join us on February 3."

Community input

The proposed planned development also reviews the rezoning to allow for mixed use development "comprised of medical offices, assisted living, educational facilities and other neighborhood-oriented commercial amenities and services."

San Jose Public Information Manager for Planning, Genevieve Sing states: "The meeting on Feb. 3 is an opportunity for the community to get involved with the project. It is an example of how

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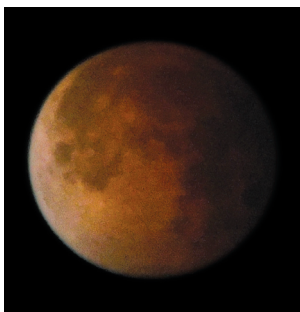
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Times **Local News****SUPER BLUE BLOOD MOON**

The last minutes of the Blue Moon - Blood Moon eclipse on Jan. 31. The photo was taken in the early morning from the Villages Golf and Country Club in Evergreen. The rare Super Blue Blood Moon, Super Moon and total lunar eclipse all at the same time. It's the first total lunar eclipse since 2015 and the first Blue Moon Blood Moon visible from the U.S. since 1866!

Above photo by Lou Alexander; inset by Jeff Baham.

**Traffic**

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also explained that perhaps drivers training programs are changing in that some high schools may not offer the kind of deep depth driver learning programs once offered in the past.

90 percent of accidents related to speed

Like veins in a human body, maps were displayed and arteries of intersections and roads highlighted to show the spiked areas of car crashes and other accidents.

It was explained by San Jose Transportation Deputy Director Laura Wells that each year there are about 2,500 traffic collisions in San Jose and that is one third the national average. She explained that they are working hard to combat traffic collisions and have a "Vision Zero" program and approach to help curb accidents. Many traffic accidents are caused by the increasing use of cell phones.

In approximately 17 roadway areas in San Jose a clustering of many collisions are recorded each year. In the 2,400 miles of roadway in San Jose, the hot spot collision areas amount to three percent of the entire road areas and Wells stated, "We are tackling those areas."

Also of interest was the advent of the cell phone and how that distracts drivers like never before. In addition it was stated that increased traffic though not a good thing has a positive effect on cutting down on accidents due to the lowering of speed.

Ingenious ideas create less traffic accidents

There are many concepts and trials that occur on an ongoing basis to help reach a vision of zero auto collisions. When lanes are narrowed from 13' to 11' the speeds

slow down.

Another implemented idea was to put in rumble carved road lines. This made too much noise near homes, so instead of putting them across the road they are cut parallel along roads so if a driver veers off the pavement they are warned with noise and a rumble. Installing plastic pylons also help influence driver behavior and create more safety resulting in fewer accidents. Wells explained they try to use proven measures that have worked in other cities too. Often the radar speed counter trailers are effective in slowing down drivers and they are being used more.

Smile you are on camera

The imaging automatic photo auto ticketing camera was discussed. It was explained that countries in Europe use this approach to slow drivers down. While being embraced by many the legislation of California has yet to pass its use for San Jose.

It was thought that it may be valuable for San

Jose to implement such a camera ticket program on a pilot basis in the future however some are against it due to privacy concerns.

The meeting allowed everyone to have a question and answer session and was proactive in helping this community work to give its voice on how things can be changed to make the roads even safer in the future.

"Thank you to the Silver Creek Valley and Evergreen community for your questions and input about how to make our streets even safer," said Councilwoman Arenas. "I share the commitment of the Department of Transportation and the San Jose Police Department Project Zero to eliminate traffic fatalities because even one loss of life is too many."

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Sylvia Arenas**



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MUSA to perform 'Smorgasbord Baroque' Feb. 17

By William Bellou
Publisher

The MUSA Chamber Ensemble will perform Smorgasbord Baroque at the Foothill Concert Series on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Smorgasbord Baroque features Baroque and Classical music from unexpected places. From the imperial Chinese court to the cathedrals of Guatemala, composers drew from European and indigenous sources to create music that dynamically captured the first wave of globalization from the 16th through 18th centuries.

MUSA was founded to present historically informed performances of Baroque and Classical repertoire, as well as new music for period instruments, and showcases the talents of younger professionals based primarily



in the Bay Area.

From trio sonatas to orchestral works, MUSA has presented programs on numerous concert series throughout the Bay Area. MUSA is a fiscal affiliate of the San Francisco Friends of Chamber Music.

Foothill Community Concert Series features a variety of music from bluegrass to classical, jazz to baroque. The family friendly concerts conveniently located for Evergreen Valley residents.

"Smorgasbord Baroque," Saturday Feb 17th 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15. Children 12 and under are admitted free. Foothill Concert Series is presented at Foothill Community Presbyterian Church, 5301 McKee Rd, San Jose, CA 95127.

Pictured: MUSA Chamber Ensemble. Photo by Matthew Washburn

OP ED

Evergreen School District Communications Director speaks out

There's never a time when we wouldn't rather be talking about learning instead of money. We're in the learning business. We're in the business of educating kids and preparing them for their future, full stop. But in order to focus on that teaching and learning, we also have to contend with the fact that it costs money – a fair bit of it – to do so.

How much do you know about school or District budgets? Likely not that much. There are a lot of numbers floating around covering a lot of categories and it can be overwhelming. In the following paragraphs we'll attempt to break down District funding and how it relates to all that learning. We'll also share information about our current financial picture and what it means to all of our stakeholders.

First off, it's important to note that every dollar the District receives goes toward something important – teacher salaries, cleaner classrooms, lunch programs, libraries, textbooks and other materials – all things that contribute to our key underlying mission of providing a world class education and learning experience for our kids.

Where does that money come

from? While some of it comes from parcel tax revenue and a little more from revenue-generating projects within the District, mostly it comes from the state government – more than \$94 million from around \$114 million in total revenue this year. The good news this year is The Governor's January Proposed Budget for 2018/2019 calls for full funding of the Local Control Funding Formula (the new funding structure the state brought in during the 2013/14 school year that changed how local Districts are funded) and an additional \$295 in per-pupil one time funding. This is a terrific development that provides more stability and more dollars.

But the news isn't all good. The key thing to know is our funding is in direct relation to the number of students we have in our schools. And it's no secret that we've seen the numbers of those students drop. A lot. More than 2000 over a six-year period. The bottom line is families with school-aged kids aren't moving into the community. With the cost of housing so high families are increasingly choosing to live in areas that are more affordable. And as Evergreen students grow up and move through their

school years, ultimately moving on to high school and beyond, there aren't enough kids coming along behind them to keep the numbers up. It means we're getting a lot less money from the state, but costs keep going up. Operational costs are going up, special education costs are going up, required funding of pension plans keeps going way up – everything costs more, but we have to make do with less. When you calculate budget expectations over the next few years we are looking at around \$109 million in revenue against \$127 million in expenses by 2020/21. Now, those numbers could change somewhat but we know a few things – again, costs are going up and there aren't 2000 kids about to enter schools in the District.

There are a few things we can do, but most of them aren't easy. We are looking at ways to attract students to the District or prevent some from leaving for charter or private schools through programming or more targeted marketing. However, the number of students who leave for those options number only a couple of hundred and we have about as many kids transferring in from outside the District already. It's

important work that needs doing but it's just the tip of the iceberg. We're also looking at ways to better realize revenues from some of our underused property. We've just struck a Joint Use Committee charged with looking at ways we can use empty classrooms or other property in the District to raise money through options ranging from community kitchens to childcare.

But even if we find ways to raise more revenue, we're still looking at a sizable deficit and unfortunately that means looking for things we can cut. In October the Board used one-time funds and made a round of recommended cuts to things like professional development, travel and a senior administrator position that saw \$660,484 in ongoing savings. We knew then there would be more needed and that in January the Board would need to take another look at ways to save. As noted above, we're now looking at an \$18 million deficit and a \$20.6 million shortfall to meet our 3 percent state-required reserve, and these realities need to be addressed. On January 25th the Board discussed the possibility of consolidating some schools and reviewed a larger number of

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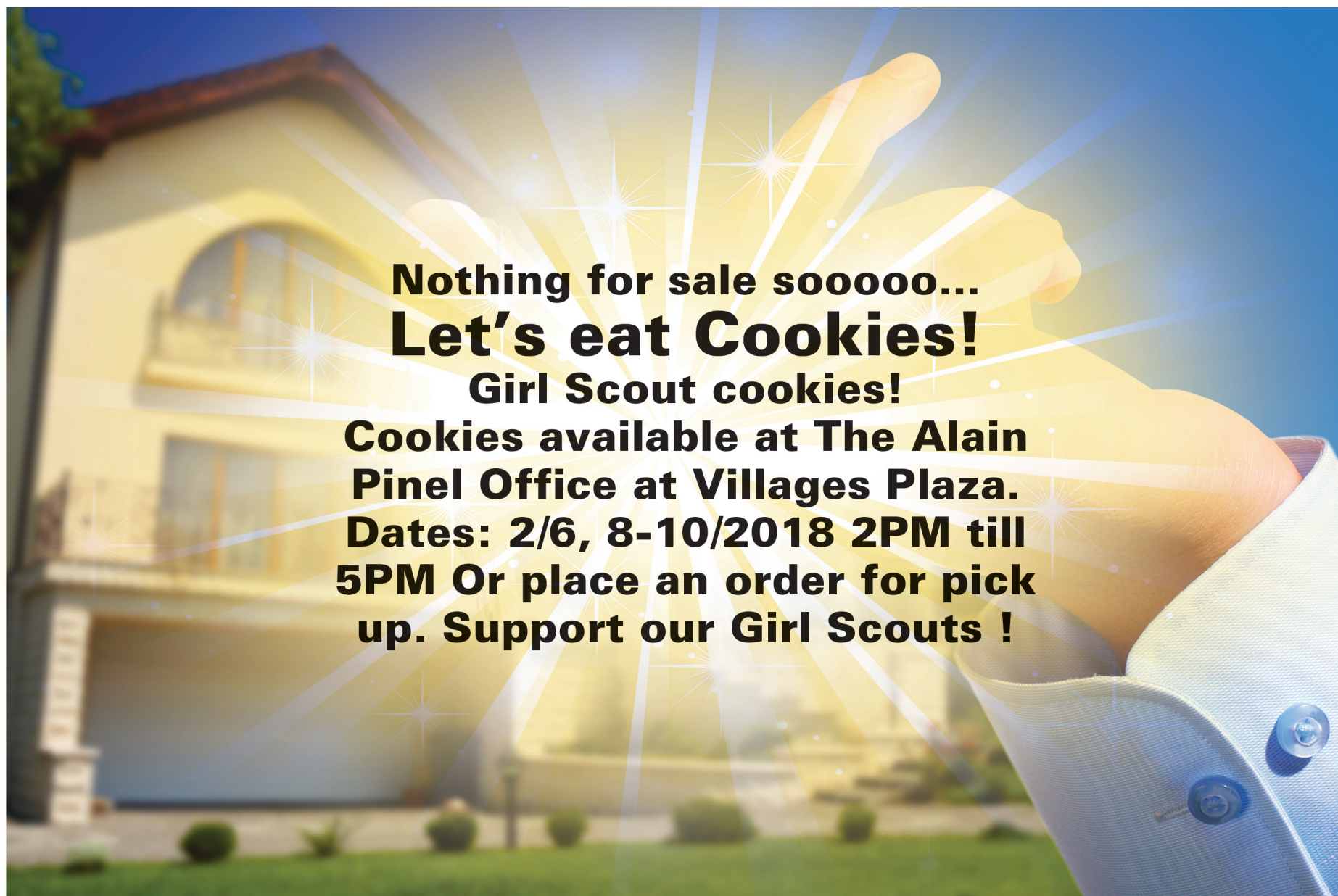
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Reid-Hillview Airport meeting to be held on Feb. 15

The County of Santa Clara Roads and Airports Department is hosting public meetings to discuss the process for updating the business plans for Reid-Hillview Airport, and to seek feedback from airport users, surrounding neighbors and the public.

The reason for the meeting is to discuss current airport business plans, which were published in 2007. Since that time, many changes have occurred including the divestiture of Palo Alto Airport.

The business plans will be updated to assist in making long-term funding decisions. Once the process begins, it will take approximately four to six months to finalize the plans, which would then be presented to the County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors for approval.

The meeting is scheduled on Feb. 15 from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. at the Hank Lopez Community Center, 1694 Adrian Way, San Jose, CA 95122.

For more information, visit www.countyairports.org or view the current business plans in chapter 5 of the master plans: http://www.countyairports.org/docs/MasterPlan/RHV_Masterplan-complete.pdf



Humming around town

A friendly, colorful hummingbird is here to brighten everyone's day. The photo was taken at Village Highland on the paved walkway going uphill from Portree Drive at the Villages Golf and Country Club. *Photo by Lou Alexander*

Classes offered for coding flying cars

Udacity, the online education startup founded by self-driving car veteran Sebastian Thrun, is opening its digital doors to potential flying car engineers.

The company has announced that it has begun accepting applications for its newest class: a two-term course on engineering a flying car.

The eight-month program will begin in late February, helping engineers develop skills for jobs at large aeronautics companies or the latest wave of flying car startups.

For more information, visit udacity.com.

Tate Tran named to Dean's List at Ithaca College

Tate Tran of Evergreen Valley has been named to the Dean's List at Ithaca College, New York.

Tran, who is majoring in acting at the college's School of Humanities, is a graduate of Evergreen Valley High School.

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Local opportunities help usher in the New Year

By Dave Cortese
Special to the Times

If you live in Santa Clara County, you know that we have many opportunities to usher in the New Year.

The Lunar New Year 2018, or the Year of the Dog, will be celebrated by many Asian communities, including our Vietnamese and Chinese residents in Santa Clara County.

Santa Clara County and the Hsinchu Sister County Taiwan Commission invite you to the Lunar New Year Appreciation Banquet to celebrate the Year of the Dog, from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3, at China Stix Restaurant, 2110 El Camino Real, Santa Clara.

The celebration will include traditional live music and dance performances, Chinese New Year dishes, activities and giveaways. About 300 guests are expected to attend, including county and local elected officials, community leaders, friends and families. For information or to register, visit www.sccgov.org/lunarnewyear.

Two organizations and my office will sponsor two flag-raising ceremonies and celebrations in the James McEntee Plaza at the County Government Center, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose. The event sponsored by the Vietnamese American Community Coalition of Northern California and my office will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 17. The Vietnamese American Community of Northern California and my office will host an event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 18.

The Hoi Xuan San Jose Festival will be from 3 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 16, and from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, February 17, and Sunday, February 18, at Eastridge Mall, 2200 Eastridge Loop, San Jose.

State of the County February 6

Join me, my colleagues on the Board and Board President Joe Simitian at the 2018 State of the County event from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6, in the Board Chambers, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose, following the Board of Supervisors meeting. Refreshments will be served after the speech. To register for the free event, visit www.eventbrite.com

New Agricultural Preservation Task Force Seeking Applicants

If you are interested in the future of agriculture in Santa Clara County, consider applying for a seat on the new Agricultural Preservation Task Force, which was created by the Board of Supervisors to guide the Santa Clara Valley Agricultural Plan. The eleven-member task force will meet for six months, and I and Supervisor Mike Wasserman will serve as co-chairs. We will each appoint four members, and the County Executive will select the ninth member. For more information, call our office at 408-299-5030.

Meetings Planned on County Airport Updates

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County Report

By Dave Cortese
County Supervisor

Martin Airports, and to seek feedback from airport users, surrounding neighbors and the public. The meeting concerning the Reid-Hillview Airport meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 15, 7 to 9 p.m. at Hank Lopez Community Center, 1694 Adrian Way, San Jose. For more information, visit <http://www.countyairports.org>. To view the Reid-Hillview Airport Master Plan visit: countyairports.org/docs/MasterPlan/

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Vacancies on Boards and Commissions

Santa Clara County would like you to consider applying for a seat on one of our Boards or Commissions. For residents of District 3, there are vacancies on the Health Advisory Commission; the Moscow Sister-County Commission; the Hsinchu County, Taiwan, Republic of China Sister-County Commission; Parks and Recreation Commission; and Senior Care Commission.

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CHASE RESULTS IN ARRESTS

San Jose police officers went door to door in the Evergreen community in search of four suspects who stole a car then crashed it after the cops gave chase on Jan. 25. All entrances to the Estates neighborhood on San Felipe Rd. were blocked by police while they searched door to door. All four suspects (ages 14-16) were arrested. San Jose police Chief Eddie Garcia said juveniles face very limited consequences, serving little to no time in juvenile hall for these types of crimes.

Times Local News

OFF THE SHELF Lunar New Year around the corner

By Edith Sutterlin

Special to the Times

Celebrated officially on Friday, February 16, in many Asian countries, the Lunar New Year will be the focus of Village Square Branch's *Around the World* celebration on Friday, February 16, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., with food, crafts, and activities.

Begin your preparations with two special children's Lunar New Year events at Evergreen Branch. Oliver Chin, author of *The Year of the Dog*, will read his story at Evergreen as we learn more about Chinese celebrations of the Lunar New Year, on Tuesday, Feb. 6, 11 a.m. The Friends of the Evergreen Library will receive a portion of the sale if you'd like to buy a copy of this book and have it autographed while you enjoy doing some related coloring sheets. On Saturday, February 10, 10:30 a.m., Edith will share more Lunar New Year stories and a holiday craft at Evergreen's family storytime.

World Read Aloud Day -

Thursday, February 8

On Thursday, February 8, San Jose Public library branches throughout the system will be participating in World Read Aloud Day, so Evergreen will open our usual Baby/Toddler Storytime to ALL ages, and Village Square will add a story time, both at 11 a.m. Can't make it then? Stop by Tully branch at 12 noon or Alum Rock at 1 p.m.—they will also be Reading Aloud! Check at the information desk before any of these reading programs to ask if RAYF (Read Away Your Fines) is available for your children under age 18 if they have late fees on their own library cards. We encourage parents to get each child their own library cards to develop responsibility and so they can participate in this opportunity if needed.

Silicon Valley Reads & Book Clubs

Silicon Valley Reads kicked off their 2018 season last night at De Anza College. Silicon Valley Reads is an annual community program that selects books focused on a contemporary theme and offers free events throughout Santa Clara County to engage our diverse community in reading, thinking and discussing the topic. The 2018 theme is "No Matter what: Caring, Coping, Compassion."

Evergreen and Village Square both will present storytimes and a craft for the children's selection *Mango, Abuela and me*, Saturday, February 13, 11 a.m. This sensitive story focuses on the relationship between a young girl and her immigrant grandmother, and a pet parrot named Mango.

Start reading now, for Wednesday, March 7, the



Village Square's previous *Around the World* Day was a hit with young and old alike.

Evergreen Branch Library Book Club will discuss both of the *My lovely wife in the psych ward*: a memoir, by Mark Lukach, a 2017 new nonfiction book, or *Goodbye, vitamin*: a novel, by Rachel Khong. Participants may read either or both of the featured titles.

Meanwhile, coming up very soon, on the first Wednesday, February 7, Evergreen's book club will discuss *Anne of Green Gables*. On Saturday, February 3, Village Square's book club will discuss *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead. Newcomers are invited to drop in to visit either group if you are interested, even if you have not yet been able to read the latest selection.

Community Conversation

Thursday, February 15, 5 p.m. – Community Conversation will take place at Evergreen Branch. Meet some of your neighbors as Evergreen facilitates a conversation where we invite you to share some of your aspirations, hopes, and dreams for this community and for your family in the coming year. We invite community members to think and to interact in sharing ideas about how you might make a difference in strengthening the Evergreen community in 2018?

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 (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 José Public Library System. For more information, visit the library website, sjpl.org.

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The Guadalupe River Park Conservancy will kick off Super Bowl Sunday with the Super Guadalupe River Run on Sunday, February 4, 2018, at 9 a.m.

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Super Guadalupe River Run

Earn your game-time guacamole on the Guadalupe! In partnership with San Jose Water Company, the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy will kick off Super Bowl Sunday with the Super Guadalupe River Run on Sunday, February 4, 2018, at 9 a.m. The event features a 10K and 5K walk/run and a Kids' Fun Run for children 12 and under. Proceeds will benefit Guadalupe River Park Conservancy's programs. For more information and to register, visit www.grpg.org or contact Leslee Hamilton at 408-298-7657.

Applications Sought for New Americans Fellowship Program

The County Office of Immigrant Relations invites current DACA recipients to apply for a 10-week paid internship with the New Americans Fellowship program during the summer of 2018. Fellows work on a research

or community engagement project focused on immigrant integration. They are placed at a County agency, department, Board office, or participating non-profit organization. Applicants must have a currently valid DACA and Employment Authorization Card, and be an undergraduate, graduate student or recent graduate. The deadline to apply is March 1. Click here for more details and to download and application.

Save the Date for Hop 'N Vine

Tickets are on sale for the Hop 'N Vine festival, which will be from 2 to 7 p.m. on March 10 at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, featuring Santa Clara Valley wineries and breweries and celebrating the County's agricultural heritage. (In the mid-1800s, there were more vineyard acres in Santa Clara Valley than anywhere else in California.) Tickets allow you to enjoy 12 tastes, nibble on lite bites and hear notable speakers within the wine and beer making community. Visit hopenvinesj.com for more information and tickets.

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potential cuts with a goal toward making around \$7 million in ongoing reductions. These could include:

- \$1.5 million (approx.) in Supplemental spending (this would mean things like losing instructional coaches, site technology support, instructional assistants, and staff development)
- \$1.5 million (approx.) in General Fund spending (this would mean things like losing a middle school assistant principal, two principals as a result of consolidating two small schools under one principal and another being run by a member of cabinet, a social worker, two custodians, and other administrative positions)
- \$3.8 million (approx.) in negotiated items

Proposing such reductions is the last thing we want to have to do but we also know we need to find savings somewhere. The goal is always to find ways to save money while causing the least amount of impact in the classroom. At the beginning of this article we mentioned that we

were in the learning business. That hasn't changed a bit. The kids are still our top priority and when looking at changes that need to be made, we're looking for those things that will be least likely to touch their learning experience. We deliver a top quality education – one we'd happily compare to any others on offer and know we'd come out strong – and that's a commitment that remains rock solid. Even as we streamline, there will still be no better place to learn than Evergreen.

The months and years ahead won't always be easy ones. The proposed cuts are tough. But with some of these proposed cuts and revenue generating opportunities we're hopeful we can finally restore some stability to what sometimes feels like an overwhelming cycle.

During that time we'll keep things clear and transparent. We'll make sure you're in the loop and that there are no surprises. We'll answer your questions and share what we know when we know it. And through it all we'll come out stronger and still be able to offer the best educational experience around.

Charles Crosby

*Communications Director
Evergreen School District*



Please join the City of San Jose, Republic Evergreen LLC, and San Jose Evergreen Community College District to participate in a community workshop to share your vision for the planned development rezoning at the Evergreen Valley College surplus site located near San Felipe Road and Yerba Buena Road.

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Caspian Village introduces new multi cuisine dining experience

By William Bellou
Publisher

Caspian Village has announced it is introducing a multi cuisine menu for a unique dining experience in Evergreen Valley.

Caspian Village Restaurant now offers American, Greek, Mexican, and Indian cuisine all under one roof. The restaurant is located at the Villages Shopping Center, 2881 Villages Parkway.

"We are the first restaurant in Evergreen to offer such an expansive multi cuisine experience representing several countries," said restaurateurs Vini and Kej, long-time Evergreen Valley residents.

"We are dedicated to providing a unique dining experience offering hearty recipes passed on for generations representing many countries."

Caspian will continue to offer the most popular Mediterranean dishes as well as our other new specialties, including New York steak.

Kej was previously head chef for a restaurant in El Paso, TX, and both Vini and Kej successfully ran an Indian Mexican fusion cuisine catering company for years. They have both always dreamed of opening a multi cuisine restaurant.

Breakfast is served!

Another surprise is that Caspian Village is now serving breakfast from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily with a menu consisting of all American breakfast specialties: Pancakes, French Toast, Eggs Benedict, Huevos Rancheros, and several other favorites.

Caspian Village has a new head chef who brings more than 30 years of Greek fine dining experience. "He has created some delicious new daily specials, such as Turkish Meatloaf, Pasticcio, Steak Au Poivre, Greek Broiled Chicken, and a few other surprises," said Vini and Kej.

Vini said Caspian is flexible in providing custom dishes. "If someone has a favorite dish or recipe, we will do our best to include the item on our menu or as a hidden treasure in our kitchen available for our loyal, frequent guests."

Caspian Village Restaurant is an enchanting place to take your family or hold a business meeting. Catering is also available. And don't forget to make your

reservations for Valentine's Day!

Caspian Village Restaurant is located at: 2881 The Villages Pkwy., San Jose, CA 95135 (408) 528-8500. Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Wednesday – Monday; Closed Tuesdays.



Above: Caspian Village's famous lamb shank dinner. Below: More breakfast offerings.



Times Local News

2017: A year in review

By John L. Varela
Special to the Times

2017 will be a memorable year for Santa Clara County, especially for water resources management. It was the year that broke our state's longest dry streak with record-setting precipitation. A year of transition between extremes – from drought to floods. A year for big decisions on the future of our water supply. And it was a year to redouble our commitment to preparing for wet and dry years to ensure safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment and economy for the Silicon Valley. As Board Chair of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, I am proud to reflect on some of the year's highlights.

A historic flood along Coyote Creek was a vivid reminder that flood risks persist in our county, and our hearts go out to those affected. Despite our investments of close to \$1 billion in flood protection projects over several decades protecting nearly 100,000 parcels, our work is far from completed. The Coyote Creek flood has ignited a new urgency in our fight to reduce flood risks and help keep communities safe.

This year, we completed the Lower Silver Creek Flood Protection Project in east San José. The project extends approximately 4.4 miles from its connection at Coyote Creek to Cunningham Avenue. When the Lake Cunningham detention basin is completed it will protect approximately 3,800 homes and businesses. Flood protection projects are large, complex undertakings, requiring intense coordination with local, state, federal and regulatory agencies.

After the Coyote Creek flood in February, my colleagues and I led advocacy efforts in Washington D.C. to seek federal funding and support changes to the regulatory permitting process which has delayed many important flood protection projects. At home, we took immediate action to build short-term flood barriers at the Rock Springs neighborhood, remove invasive vegetation along Coyote Creek, remove downed trees and potential creek blockages, and partnered with the City of San José to approve a Joint Emergency Action Plan which outlines a detailed strategy for preparing and responding to potential flood threats in San José waterways. The board also approved new operating parameters at Anderson and Coyote reservoirs to create more storage space, further reducing the chance of flooding.

In one of the most critical decisions of the year, the water district board voted to conditionally participate in the California WaterFix project to improve the infrastructure that carries water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Our board developed a list of seven guiding principles to work with state and water agency partners to examine a less costly, scaled-down and staged project that would serve Silicon Valley's needs, as well as our partner agencies'.

To further improve reliability of our

imported water supply sources, we applied for \$484.5 million in state funding for the potential expansion of the Pacheco Reservoir. Located about 13 miles southwest of San Luis Reservoir near Highway 152, this project offers emergency and drought-year supply, fish habitat enhancement, flood protection and other benefits.

Another way we are preparing for the future is through expanding use of recycled water. This year we celebrated the completion of 2.5 mile recycled water pipeline along Wolfe Road in Sunnyvale. The project will allow us to conserve our drinking water and preserve our groundwater. The project was also a shining example of how Silicon Valley businesses and local governments can successfully invest in our region's water infrastructure, paving the way for future collaborations.

In a landmark decision, the water district board voted to pursue a public-private partnership (P3) for our purified water program in which one entity would finance, build and operate a new facility to produce highly purified water. In December 2017, the board voted to expand the list of qualified P3 entities by issuing a new Request for Qualifications and ultimately selecting a P3 entity through a Request for Proposals by the end of 2018, which will set us up for a busy year working to ensure we meet our water supply needs.

No doubt about it, 2017 was a forward-moving year. I wouldn't expect anything less for the Silicon Valley and I am humbled to have led the efforts this year. Follow more of what we accomplished throughout the year in our 2017 annual report available on www.valleywater.org.

As always, I am available for questions or comments as your District 1 representative for the Cities of Morgan Hill, San Martin, Gilroy and hills east of San Jose and Milpitas. For further information, contact your elected district representative, John L. Varela at jvarela@valleywater.org.

Jannik Haas named to Springfield College Dean's List

Springfield College has named Jannik Haas of Evergreen Valley to the dean's list for academic excellence.

Haas, who is studying Mathematics, is a member of the Ocean State Club. He is a graduate of Evergreen Valley High School.

Hass qualified for the NCAA Championships on parallel bars during his first season with the Springfield College men's gymnastics program. He was named ECAC Men's Gymnastics Rookie of the Week was also named a CGA All-America Scholar Athlete.

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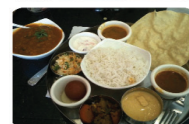
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Rotary tries out new location

By Charlie Wasser
Special to the Times

Well we may have found a new home.

On February 1, San Jose East/Evergreen Rotary will be meeting at the San Jose Country Club.

This will be a trial week. At the meeting we will vote on whether we want to stay there as our permanent meeting location.

If you are considering joining the club or want to assist in the process of choosing our next location for when you visit and bring guests still deciding about joining, come Thursday and join the discussion. It will be a members' only vote.

Here's the schedule of speakers and events for the club during February.

February 1, Laura Tran Phan, Chief Business Officer and member of SJEE will give an overview of California K-12 public education finance, including the impact of the new Local Control Funding Formula and fiscal challenges for local school districts.

February 8, Madhav Karhade will discuss 'Rungmunch, theater with a cause.' 'Rungmunch, theater with a cause' holds plays in conjunction with nonprofits to assist the nonprofits in fund raising.



Rotary Report

Charlie Wasser,
SJ East/Evergreen

February 15, Nathan Ganeshan will discuss Community Seva which is based in Evergreen. They are dedicated volunteers, who donate their time to offer their skills, knowledge, and abilities and work as a team to provide assistance and support to the homeless.

February 22, Arpita Sikka, SJEE member, will run the club level Richard King Speech contest.

If you have not yet bought your crab feed tickets (I totally understand procrastination

but not when it comes to getting your seat at the San Jose East/Evergreen Crab Feed) buy tickets for the crab feed at:

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SUPER BOWL MANIA

It's February, time for Super Bowl Sunday!

By **Sunay Sanghani**
Times Staff Writer

February has arrived and most football fans will be closely following Super Bowl 52.

The buzz and hype surrounds mostly around the too-good New England Patriots and the underdog Philadelphia Eagles.

The New England Patriots opened as favorites, the biggest in Super Bowl history ever recorded, but do not feel sorry for these Philadelphia Eagles. All playoffs long, these Eagles have been doubted all playoff long. Being underdogs in every single game, the Eagles have found a new identity with being the "underdogs."

Both of teams are extremely talented, with good defenses and strong offenses. Tom Brady, the Patriots will try to solidify himself as the G.O.A.T. (greatest of all time). The other QB, Nick Foles, a backup replacement, is the sole reason why the Eagles are underdogs, but he has turned some heads around and played well recently.

Matchup

The fair part about this matchup is that both teams are shorthanded. The Eagles are without their star QB Carson Wentz and the Patriots are without Julian Edelman; yet the Eagles do have more injuries in their injury report. However, the main focus of this year's Super Bowl is on the Patriots as fans all over the world except in the greater Boston area frowned when they made the

Super Bowl again. Most fans wonder if there really is an answer for these mighty Patriots, and all odds are with them. At 40 years old, Brady showed no signs of slowing down and his team really did not let him. They bombarded him with great free agent acquisitions and draft picks.

As this Super Bowl is upon us, it is important to remember how the great Patriot dynasty started. It started against the Eagles in 2005, when people really started to recognize them as dominant and started to think of them as a dynasty. The Eagles, meanwhile have struggled after that 2005 Super Bowl appearance, going through multiple coaches, quarterbackbacks after finally finding a dominant quarterback-coach duo. The Carson Wentz-Doug Pederson era started off rough but this season was extremely promising this season. Unfortunately for Wentz, he injured his MCL and LCL in a regular season game. This made everyone doubt them, making the Eagles the biggest underdog 1st seed in history.

As their journey comes in full circle, both teams have a lot to offer but a lot to go against. And that is why Super Bowl LII could be the most unpredictable Super Bowl yet. Both teams have shown that they can be beaten; the Jaguars looked solid against the Patriots for 3 quarters in the AFC Championship. With Nick Foles, the Eagles can go from looking like the best team in the NFL to the most head-scratching team. We could see a blowout from the Patriots, a two score lead from the Eagles, or a low scoring defensive battle.

Anything is possible for Super Bowl LII. So sit back, relax and enjoy a Super Bowl themed roller coaster ride.

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Times News

Council votes to remove statue of Christopher Columbus from City Hall

By William Bellou
Publisher

Following several hours of debate the San Jose City Council voted to remove a controversial Christopher Columbus statue standing in the City Hall lobby.

More than 60 residents voiced their opinions; some wanting the statue removed while others wanted it to stay. Many people from both sides cheered and booed while addressing the council members.

The statue, created by a student, was vandalized when someone poured red and black paint on it, and in 2001, a man a man smashed the statue's face with a sledgehammer.

"He belongs in history books," said Sylvia Arenas, Councilwoman, District 8. "I don't believe he belongs in our City Hall."



The Italian American community will have six weeks to find a location for the statue — a symbol that has ignited a storm of controversy — or the city will place it into storage.

"It's a complex issue," said San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo. "People honor presidents who owned slaves. 'I'm not a fan of simply burying history.'"

"Columbus was a very brave navigator," said Tony Zerbo, who sits on the board of directors of the Italian American Heritage Foundation and wanted the statue to stay in City Hall. He acknowledged the controversy around Columbus but

said his actions weren't out of character for his time.

"No matter what, I think that we're going to insult somebody," said Councilman Johnny Khamis.

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Clockwise, from top: Kindergartner **Abigail** and her grandmother helped clean up the streets.; Two K. Smith School students came out to help clean up Welch Park; **Officer Mendoza** makes some delicious scrambled eggs.



A COMMUNITY TAKING ACTION

'Coffee with a Cop' Breakfast and Clean Up at Welch Park

By **Aaron Brengard**
Special to the Times

The San Jose Police Department has a new community outreach effort called Coffee with a Cop.

These community meetings make local connections with the SJPD officers. For Sgt. Donohue, coffee was not enough.

"Policing is not just about handcuffs and jail. It's about the relationships we build and foster in our communities. We chose to hold the Community Cleanup and Breakfast because there are few better ways to share time with people than breaking bread," said Sgt. Donohue.

Sgt. Donohue approached Ms. Trowbridge with the idea to clean up the Welch Park and neighborhood and serve every one of the volunteers breakfast. And, excuse the police officer cliché, but he didn't just want doughnuts – it was going to be a pancake, egg, and bacon breakfast made by SJPD officers. Ambitious, but the idea took off.

On the day of the event, Jan. 20, officers and school staff began to arrive at 6:30 in the morning to prepare. An outdoor kitchen was set up. Tables and chairs for volunteers were organized by SJPD junior cadets. And the San Jose Anti-litter and Anti-graffiti department prepared for volunteers by having a full stock of florescent vests, gloves, and "trash picker-uppers."

Just before 8:00 am, nearly 50 San Jose Police Officers, some community organizations, and about a dozen K. Smith Staff gathered in a big circle for the morning briefing. Sgt. Donohue shared a few inspirational words and divided the officers into different teams. And we waited for the volunteers. And they came – in all four hundred and two!

Then began the work; Teams of volunteers led by San Jose Police Officers headed off throughout the neighborhood cleaning every piece of litter from our school all

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SJPD Sargent **Steve Donohue** and K. Smith School Assistant Principal **Rachel Trowbridge**

Times **Feature**

Above: **Officer Krauss** was a master chef in the outdoor kitchen. Below: Community members joined by SJPD **Captain Schriefer** and **Councilmember Arenas**.



the way to King Rd. In all, three truckloads of garbage and illegally dumped items were hauled away by the city parks department.

A few teams took on some special beautification projects as well that included painting some walls along the back side of the strip mall on Clarice and filling all the flower beds on the school campus with fresh cedar wood chips.

Throughout the event, teams were called back to the park and were treated to the hot breakfast and great conversation. Officers and community members ate together and shared stories. Ana Heredia, a K. Smith parent, shared that her children want to be police officers now. "It was great to have everyone connect - parents, police, and children" she said.

District 8 Councilmember Sylvia Arenas and Evergreen School district Superintendent Kathy Gomez came to thank volunteers for the effort. "It was wonderful to see such a large outpouring of support from the community and K. Smith families," said Superintendent Gomez.

The highlight of the day was saved for the Chief of Police Eddie Garcia when he flew over the neighborhood in the San Jose Police helicopter and thanked volunteers over the

loud speaker.

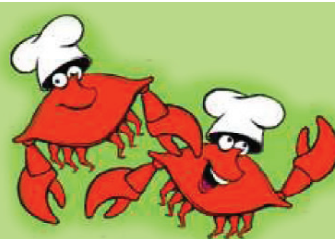
"We look forward to using this event as a model for others, elsewhere in our city," said Sgt. Donohue.

Thank you to all of the volunteers, community organizations, San Jose Police Department, the K. Smith staff especially Ms. Ramos and Ms. Trowbridge, and Sgt. Donohue for creating such a special day. It's incredible what we can do when we all come together.

Now, it's in our hands to keep it up.



Second grader **Giovanni** and his mother enjoyed pancakes, bacon, and eggs.



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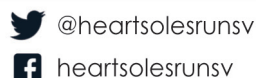
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the City of San Jose is collaborating with partners to ensure we are building a balanced community for us all to live, work and play in. We encourage community members to attend the meeting, ask questions and provide feedback."

Project location

The project is to be located in the 27 acres located at 4750 San Felipe Road. This area is adjacent to the shopping center with the McDonalds next to the Evergreen Valley College. To get an idea of the size of the project area, it looks to be about four times larger than the current retail shop location that includes McDonalds, CVS Store and other retail establishments. Thus the entire 27 acres is very large and this can be discerned as one views the map of the entire area and proposed projects. The plans are extensive and mock up drawings help convey the actual look of the proposed medical offices as well as the assisted living facilities."

Statement from the developer

The following information was sent to the Evergreen Times from the developer who will be working on the project.

"Republic Urban Properties is a full service real estate investment, management, and development team located in San Jose and on the east coast. Our vision is to create neighborhood-defining projects that provide quality spaces where residents can access and enjoy everything their community has to offer. As project leads, Konstantin Voronin and Susan Mineta will be the points of contact for any questions and comments.

We submitted a competitive proposal to work with the San Jose Evergreen Community College District to create a thoughtful, sustainable, long-term source of funding that will generate revenue every year from ground rent to the District.

The 27 acres of surplus land will complement EVC's campus both in look and feel, and in purpose, as plans for the campus continue to evolve. Working with EVC, the District, and community members, we will build a new community resource that Evergreen residents, students, and faculty will be proud to call home. We look forward to collaborating with everyone and we look forward to gathering input from the community in our workshop on February 3rd."

The following additional information was taken from the "applicants" meeting overview. The site plans state that it is a "Mixed Use Development by Republic Evergreen LLC."

"Republic Urban Properties has been chosen as a trusted and experienced local developer to present a vision for the future of the SJEVCC District's underutilized 27 acres of land. Working with Evergreen Valley College (EVC), the SJEVCC District, and community members, we will build a new community resource that Evergreen residents, students, and faculty will be proud to have in District 8.

In its earliest phases, the surplus land was envisioned as an opportunity to meet the region's housing shortage and was imagined as a mixed-use residential project that could support the campus community's wish list of an Olympic-sized swimming pool, athletic field, and student services. However, the

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Burglaries

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good for all to call in suspicious cars or people in the neighborhood and those calls make a big difference for the police.

Police Captain Randy Schriefer was reassuring in how he and the police are involved in helping prevent more burglaries.

Police Captain Schriefer strategies

Hot spots of crime change and the police use data to plan and cover areas in San Jose. Captain Schriefer explained that the police department has been focusing on breaking up some burglary rings where the thieves break in usually when residents are at work.

"The best information we can go on is the formation we get from you," said Schriefer.

The police successfully caught two burglars and extra units were deployed along with more visibility of officers to beef up the needs in push back of such crimes.

"By August 2018 we will have an additional 150 officers on the street," said Schriefer. This increase in police officers graduating out of training was due to Mayor Liccardo and the councilmembers such as Arenas in creating and pushing for the passage of Measure F to put more monies into the police force to help begin to change the low numbers of officers in San Jose.

Evergreen Valley College assists

San Jose-Evergreen Community College District Police Chief, Tom Morales stated, "If we can organize a group we can establish more power to prevent burglaries. We are on your side. I am here tonight to help support you."

Morales explained that some burglaries occur with groups or teams of people and they can make it their business in how they operate. He encouraged people to be good witnesses and call in suspicious information but the police are trained and have the resources so call the police for help.

A crime prevention specialist that covers Neighborhood Watch programs presented a PowerPoint and encouraged the neighbors to form a group and start Neighborhood Watch programs where they live. Tips were given such as, if you know you are going to come back after work in the dark to put on a light before you go to work so that the house is not dark upon your return.

The meeting was helpful in educating all and it was stated by the speakers that "you are not alone in this and everyone should be proud in coming out and participating. The police solve crimes due to the public providing a piece of the puzzle in what they need so if you see something suspicious, report it and as data is collected, it can solve a crime by fitting into a part of a puzzle."

Captain Schriefer and the increased police presence in the area succeeded in apprehending four more members of a burglary group just days after the meeting was held. Thus such meetings are important and succeed in helping improve situations.

The meeting was constructive and allowed for the 200 in attendance to find out some critical information and come together to collaborate with knowledge.

Arenas and her team set up the meeting in response to calls to her office, thus she is acting and reaching out to residents by holding meetings to make a difference on key areas of need.

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proposal was re-configured to de-emphasize housing in favor of more neighborhood-serving programs and amenities.

The 27 acres of unused land will complement EVC's Facilities Master Plan in look and feel, and purpose. The proposal will include community and EVC input, and be reviewed and approved by the City of San Jose. Proposed uses on the 27 acres will be thoughtfully vetted to serve all stakeholders. In concert with EVC, Republic will develop approximately half of the 27-acre surplus land and will seek input from residents and the campus community to envision a longer-term master plan for the site. Following the February 2018 community workshop, we will share a proposed design for City consideration."

Capacity & NCC allowance

"This General Plan designation supports a broad range of program and activities. This would include commercial uses that serve the communities in neighboring areas, such as neighborhood-serving retail and services and commercial/professional office development. Uses within the Neighborhood / Community Commercial designation have a strong connection to providing services and amenities for the nearby community and will be designed with an appropriate urban form that supports walking, bicycling, transit use, and public interaction. General office uses, hospitals, and private community gathering facilities are also allowed in this designation."

Project benefits to the college district

"In 2004, the San Jose Evergreen Community College District Board of Trustees determined the 27-acre surplus land had greater potential to serve the needs of the SJEVCC District and took actions to activate the land.

In 2015, the SJEVCC District moved forward with a plan to seek a local, established, high-quality developer to lease the surplus land, with the vision of creating a sustainable, long-term source of much needed funding and Republic entered into an agreement following a competitive proposal process.

By leasing the land to Republic, the SJEVCC District will benefit from long-term, predictable revenue enabling it to:

- fund programs
- support students
- compete with other community colleges through new amenities
- hire more professors/instructors

Meeting expectations

"The uses selected for development on the 27 acres must comply with zoning requirements of the City and must bring sufficient value to the SJEVCC District in terms of lease income to best serve the students. The project team welcomes input during this session to most effectively address the vision and needs of the community as well.

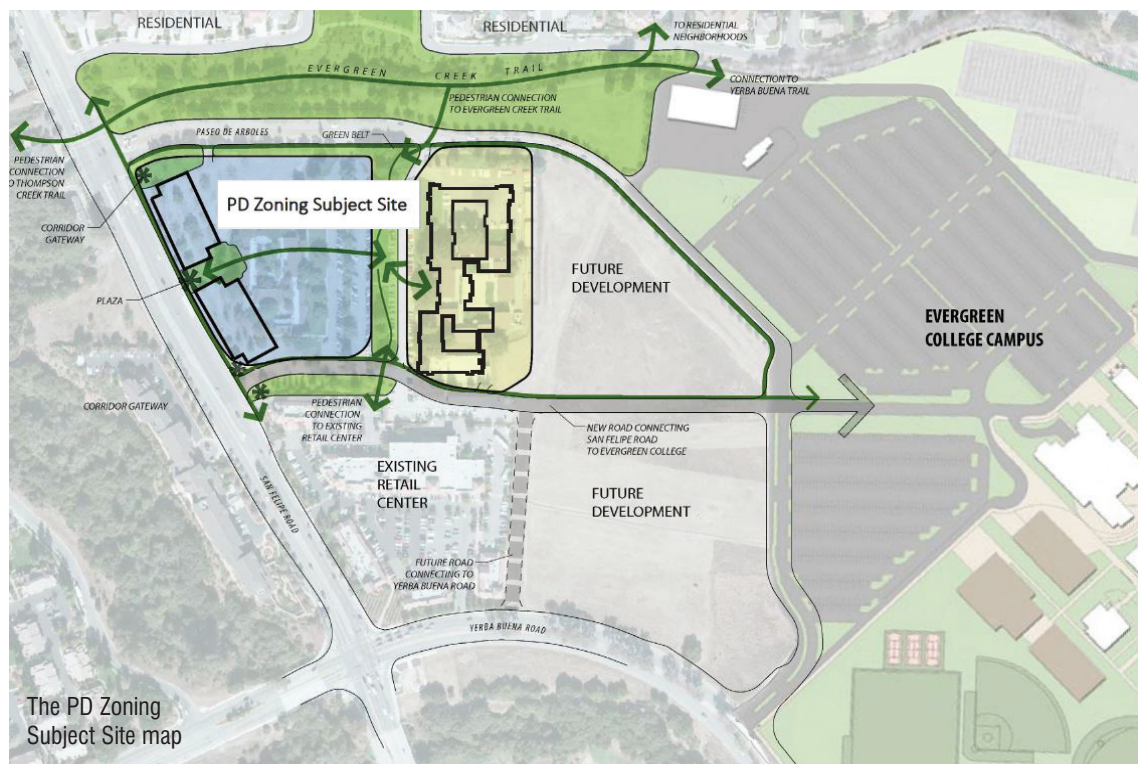
This community meeting is an opportunity for community mem-

bers to share ideas, vision, and questions in a collaborative and constructive session.

Your input is needed

"Project partners are currently contemplating optimal uses to serve the community and specific uses have not been finalized. Join the discussion and participate in shaping our Evergreen community!"

Editor's Note: For more details regarding the Community Outreach/Charrette Meeting, visit the project's information page at: sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=5928. If you have comments or questions about the 27 acre project, contact: City of San Jose Planning Division, Cassandra van der Zweep, Project Manager. Phone: (408) 535-7659, email: Cassandra.vanderZweep@sanjoseca.gov. For the Project Applicant, contact Konstantin Voronin, Project Manager, at (408) 292-1601 or email: kvoronin@republic-urban.com.



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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.esuhds.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 New Seasons 5667 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
Meeting at the SUNRISE SENIOR LIVING CENTER, 4855 San Felipe Road (across from McDonalds). Meetings will be on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, from 7-8 PM. EVGC membership is \$20/year or \$30 for couples. During this time of transition, any membership fees paid now will be extended to cover all of 2018 as well. For further information, please feel free to contact Susie Henderson: susiehenderson@sbcglobal.net or 408-532-6602

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.sanjose-ca.gov/prns. The Senior Nutrition program serves a delicious and

well balanced meal to seniors 60 and over every Monday – Friday at noon. The suggested donation is \$3 per person. Please make reservations at least one day in advance by calling (408) 270-1244. The center is located at 4860 San Felipe Road.

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

Hidden Glen Community
To join a neighborhood discussion group, 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

San Pedro Squares Toastmasters Club meets every Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at Jimmy's Restaurant, 222 W. Capitol Expressway in San Jose. Contact Barbara at 373-2815, or email baramcchesney@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). New meeting schedule will be posted soon.

Tully Ocala Capitol King Neighborhood Association
1st Monday of every other month

from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Location: Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley - Smythe Clubhouse

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



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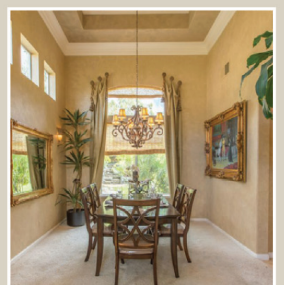
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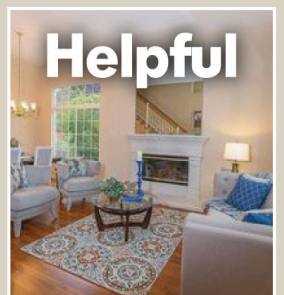
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