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## Audience wowed Evergreen Valley High School String Orchestra and Wind Ensemble perform at Carnegie Hall

By William Bellou  
Publisher

The Evergreen Valley High School (EVHS) Advanced String Orchestra and Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Steven A. Barnhill, wowed the audience at Carnegie Hall with a spectacular



Carnegie Hall

performance and received a standing ovation.

More than 100 talented EVHS musicians made the trip to New York on a flight from San Francisco and had the experience of a lifetime, not only performing at the famous Carnegie Hall, on April 24, but also performing a special concert in Central Park on April 23.

“Our very talented musicians really stepped up with their rehearsing and preparing all year long for the amazing honor of playing for the New York International Music Festival at Carnegie Hall,” said Steven Barnhill, EVHS Music Director. “I especially enjoyed our fine musicians’ performance in Central Park.”

The Advanced String Orchestra performed: Allegro in C Major by Gaetano Donizetti, Blossoms of Spring by Michael Hopkins, and Overture to the Wind by Kirt Mosier.

The Wind Ensemble performed Immovable Do by Percy Grainger, October by Eric Whitacre, Gravity Waves by Brian Balmages, and Hounds of Spring by Alfred Reed.

### Gold Award

The EVHS Orchestra received the Music Festival’s Gold Award in the adjudicated  
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Evergreen Valley High School’s Wind Ensemble and String Orchestra performed at Central Park on April 23, before receiving a standing ovation the next evening, April 24, at Carnegie Hall. Pictured is the Wind Ensemble just before the Carnegie Hall performance began in New York City. (Videos are not allowed during the performance.)



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## Cindy Hendrickson receives Honoree Unsung Hero Award

Evergreen resident and Assistant District Attorney Cindy Hendrickson has received the Honoree Unsung Hero award in Santa Clara County.

The award was presented to Hendrickson in conjunction with National Crime Victims’ Rights Week. She was honored last week at the annual luncheon for the 2018 Unsung Hero Awards.

The annual awards are intended to shine a deserving light on people who often work in obscurity to help and heal the county’s victims of crime. There were a total of 12 honorees in all of Santa Clara County.

Pictured: **Cindy Hendrickson** receives the Honoree Unsung Hero Award from **Roy Lave**, Chairperson, Women of Silicon Valley (Women SV). Cindy was nominated by Women SV and Mother’s Against Murders (MAM).



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Above: the Boys and Girls Volleyball teams from Chaboya are Section Champions. Inset below: Chaboya Boys Volleyball Team Coach **Chris Connolly** (left), and Chaboya Girls Volleyball Team Coach **Matt Henry** are all smiles after both boys and girls undefeated teams won their respective Section Championships.

## Chaboya Boys and Girls Volleyball teams are both undefeated Section Champions

The Chaboya Boys and Girls Volleyball teams have both won their Section Championships held on April 12.

Both squads completed undefeated seasons.

The Boys team, under Head Coach Chris Connolly, captured their sixth straight volleyball crown.

Captains Brandon Ignacio, Nathan Adaniya, and Niko Chiotellis, along with 8th Grade power hitters Zach Lerner and Dan Vu, lead their team in the title game vs. archrival Leyva Middle School.

The Girls team, under Head Coach Matt Henry, brought home their third straight title. Team Captain Maleina Aguinaldo had eleven assists, eight aces, and six kills to go along with 7th Graders Melody Pho's superior defense and Teya Nguyen's accurate spikes in their victory over Valley Christian.



## Earthquakes to celebrate 'Evergreen Night' at Avaya Stadium: May 5

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# Valley Currents

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## LeyVa students raise funds for school in Nicaragua

By Annie Williams-Conrad  
Special to the Times

Many Evergreen students have been enduring the harsh effects of continuous district budget cuts, and coping as class sizes go up and programs and staffing goes down.

Despite feeling the strain on their own education, students at LeyVa Middle School have been able to hold on to perspective and recognize that far beyond Evergreen there are students who are experiencing severely dire circumstances.

Knowing that in other parts of the world students are learning in poor conditions has moved a group LeyVa Middle School students to take the advice of Mahatma Gandhi by being the change they would like to see in the world. Through their science classes, the students have teamed up with One Dollar for Life (ODFL) to raise money for El Paraiso School in Matagalpa, Nicaragua.

El Paraiso School serves a fast



Pictured is the school at El Paraiso School in Matagalpa, Nicaragua that is the beneficiary of funds raised by students from LeyVa Middle School in Evergreen.

growing community, and educates seventy students in six grades using two classrooms. The students are forced to come to school in shifts, placing added stress on families. The school's kitchen had to be converted into a preschool classroom, which means lunches can no longer be made on-site.

To help with these growing problems, LeyVa Middle School

students raised more than \$1000 for the Nicaragua school. The money raised by students is used to pay for improvements on the school grounds to make it safe, hygienic, and will result to accommodate an increased enrollment. The funds raised will also help pay for a new play structure on the site.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Young Ranch plan withdrawn

Dear Editor,

It's certainly very good news that the inappropriate plan on the 3,200 acre Young Ranch has been withdrawn.

Some of us had heard that the Young Ranch development would be re-submitted for development and appreciate your newspaper's interest in keeping all of us informed.

Now we must work on defeating the developer of 200 acres on upper Yerba Road from avoiding San Jose Council public hearings. A Yes on Measure C would help stop urban sprawl in the Evergreen and Silver Creek Valleys.

Brian Sanders

## Evergreen teachers pen a letter to the Evergreen community

As members of the Evergreen Teachers Association, we have struggled with how to respond to proposed class size increases, the elimination of enrichment classes, and cuts to school funding. The District and School Board's refusal to consider revenue solutions has harmed our classrooms and placed unfair burdens on parents and educators. Students have already sacrificed too much, but we now face additional budget cuts that directly impact your child's education in the Evergreen School District.

We care deeply about our schools and feel compelled to act to ensure that all Evergreen students receive the high quality education they deserve. As a result, teachers will be participating in 'work-to-rule'. Work-to-rule is an action in which we do only what is required by our contract.

Teachers are only required to be at school through student dismissal. As you know, many of us are here long before and after those times, along with working additional time over weekends and evenings at home.



Activities which often happen outside of school hours include:

- Before and after school student academic support
- Meeting and communicating with parents
- Organizing and facilitating special events such as Literacy Night, Math Night, and Talent Show
- Chaperoning special field trips and other special events such as science camp
- Writing lesson plans and creating instructional materials
- Grading student work and entering grades online

It is not a plan to harm students: Work-to-Rule shows we are taking a stand for stu-

dents by taking a stand for our profession.

Teachers and parents have volunteered countless hours and made growing financial sacrifices to protect students from budget cuts. To bring attention to the needs of our schools, ETA members are working to rule. We will be prepared to fully engage our students, but will not be able to do many activities we typically take on before and after school or during our lunch breaks.

We appreciate your support.

In solidarity,

The teachers of the  
Evergreen School District

What you can do:

- Talk to your child's teacher about the current situation and ways to support your school.
- Attend School Board meetings: Next meeting Thursday, May 10 2018
- Email the Superintendent and members of the School Board and tell them that these cuts are unacceptable.

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## LeyVa

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The teacher running this project, Martin McKeown, is a long time LeyVa science teacher. “I like the One Dollar for Life program, because it engages the students with the world around them,” said McKeown. The students can see the project from conception to completion, and 100 percent of the funds go directly to the project they are supporting.

The organization provides a detailed budget, down to the cost of the nails. “It is really a way to empower our children to make the world a better place,” explained McKeown.

“With just one dollar, we can make a difference, said student participant, Christine Ha. “Someone can treat them-

selves to a candy bar that costs a dollar. Another can use a dollar to help out a homeless person. I chose to spend my dollar to help the current generation live a better life. That’s a dollar well spent.”

Another LeyVa student, Joshua Carcamo, mentioned a special connection to the project when he stated, “I liked donating to the children of Nicaragua because that is where my Dad’s family came from.”

It is also clear that most, if not all, the LeyVa students who participated in this project felt a special connection to the students they were helping. “I am highly inspired by and appreciate the ODFL program owing to the fact that my school got the opportunity to be part of this life changing organization and help the well-deserved,” said LeyVa ASB President, Moiza Naiyar.



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# Anika Kumar presented with 'Crystal Ball Award'

By William Bellou  
Publisher

**A**nika Kumar (inset) has been recognized for the great things her non-profit, *Forget Me Not*, that she founded at the age of 15, is doing for the community.



In recognition of Kumar's work with seniors through *Forget Me Not*, she was presented with the Crystal Ball award from the Junior League on April 17 at the 49th Annual Recognition Luncheon.

The Junior League award is given to only 10 individuals in the Bay Area that demonstrate exemplary community service in making their community a better place. She is the youngest recipient of this award for this year.

The Volunteer Recognition Luncheon brings together more than 500 community members to celebrate voluntarism while recognizing individuals who generously give their time, energy, and skills to improve the lives of others.

*Forget Me Not* serves to partner high school students with isolated seniors who suffer from social isolation in a social companionship phone call program. Social isolation is the absence of social relationships, which is prevalent among adults over the age of 65 who are living alone and who are unable to participate in many activities. Isolation can lead to increased risks of depression, cardiovascular diseases, and feelings of denial, guilt, and self-loathing. Tackling the problem, Kumar designed the *Forget Me Not* companionship program.

**How it works**

Seniors sign up for the phone call program by filling out a simple registration and interests form. High school students volunteer and are carefully paired with registered

adults once they complete a mandatory training program. Student volunteers are trained by Britt Bassoni of the Episcopal Senior Communities, who also supervises the call sessions. Once a week, at a predetermined time, high school volunteers make social companionship phone calls of about 20-30 minutes in length to their respective older adults.

**Panelist**

Kumar was recently contacted by South by Southwest organizers to serve as a panelist to discuss ways to combat loneliness which can lead to increased incidences of depression, suicide, isolation and even complications from chronic conditions such as diabetes and hypertension. Anika was featured prominently at the conference where she spoke of the effects of loneliness and isolation in the elder population and how to combat this prevalent issue.

The session was such a success that another session was added to accommodate all those that wanted to attend. Her conversation garnered many accolades and she was the youngest person speaking at this very prominent and well attended conference. For this session, she was also featured in Forbes Magazine.

**Jefferson Award**

Last year, Kumar won the Jefferson Award and was featured on CBS news. The Jefferson Awards Foundation was created in 1972 by the American Institute for Public Service. Local winners are ordinary people who do extraordinary things without expectation of recognition.

**Commencement address**

At her Notre Dame High School commencement address, Kumar reminded her fellow students that, "We are the next generation of thinkers, leaders, and achievers. May we never shy away from bold ideas, courageous decisions, and unflinching perseverance. May we never miss an opportunity to step up and take the plunge to change the world around us"

Kumar would like to expand *Forget Me Not* so it can have a positive impact with seniors living in other cities.

Kumar is currently studying molecular and cell biology and public health at UC Berkley. "I chose Cal because of the breadth of diverse opportunities and experiences the school offers," said Kumar.

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# Apoorva advances to semifinals on Genius Junior

By William Bellou  
Publisher

Evergreen Valley's Apoorva Panidapu, along with her team advanced to the semifinals on the new NBC hit show, Genius Junior.

The semifinals will be telecast on May 13th, at 7 p.m. (Episode – 109: Big Problems, Bigger Brains). If Apoorva's team makes it to the finals, they will appear in the finals the same day at 8 p.m. May 13th.

Here's how Apoorva felt during the last moments of the episode Genius Junior: Braniums and Craniums: "We couldn't believe we had actually conquered the Cortex. My heart was beating really quickly, I could feel adrenaline rushing through me up till that very last second when I answered the final question with only one second left on the clock. Everything felt like it was moving in slow motion. My family was cheering in the crowd and my team ran down the stairs to hug the host, Neil Patrick Harris."

Apoorva said she is thrilled about how well her team competed during the live broadcast. "I'm so grateful that we get to return for the semifinals. All the kids on the show were incredible and had their own set of skills and talents. I had a great time meeting all of them. Like one of the kids on the show said, "It's not about winning or losing," but a celebration of great minds."

Apoorva made her Genius Junior TV debut on April 22, a new kid's quiz show that celebrates bright kids in America, with

only 36 chosen from across the nation to participate. Apoorva's team is called The Fast and the Curious, and she is joined by Treasure, a 9-year-old from Jupiter, Florida; and Sebastian, a 12-year-old from New Hyde Park, New York.

Apoorva is known to many of her friends as the "Human Calculator" because she can solve any math problem in her head faster than a calculator.

Apoorva was the "Super Brain" for math; this means that she takes on the Number Cruncher round as an individual on the center stage, and has to answer all the math equations in 90 secs. She calculated and correctly answered every question, within seconds. Neil Patrick Harris, the team, and the crowd cheered for her as she completed her round and answered the 7th question when the timer was done. After the show, friends and family sent in tons of messages congratulating her performance.

If you missed the episode, all the recordings are available at [nbc.com/genius-junior?nbc=1](http://nbc.com/genius-junior?nbc=1)

### Invited to Prestigious Mathcamp

It was just announced that Apoorva has been invited to attend the international 5-week Mathcamp (Canada/USA) this summer where she will be working with accomplished mathematicians on undergrad and graduate level topics while building problem-solving skills that will help in any field one chooses to study. Only around 60 new students are selected worldwide for the camp. The camp invites talented high school students who are

advanced in mathematics, and Apoorva was selected as a 7th grader.

As a 12 year old, Apoorva scored a perfect 800 in SAT Math and a close to perfect score in English. She was selected for study of exceptional talent with John Hopkins University.

At right: Apoorva Panidapu celebrates advancing to the Genius Junior semifinals with her teammates.



## PHOTO OP

# Hawk up high

"By the time I got the right lens on, this red-shouldered hawk was higher up and further away over the Villages Golf and Country Club," said Frank Langben. As you can see by Frank's photo, the hawk has an amazing wing pattern! Frank used a camera setting of 1/2000, f/13, ISO 1000, 850mm.

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Aytch holds a Master of Arts in English from California State University, Sacramento; a Bachelor of Arts in English, also from CSU Sacramento; and a K-12 administrative credential from National University. He is a regular presenter at statewide and national conferences and was recently inducted into the Silicon Valley Black Legends Hall of Fame, in recognition of his decades of service in education.

"I am thrilled to have been chosen as Evergreen Valley College's next president and thankful to the board of trustees and Chancellor Budd for their confidence in me," Aytch said. "It will be an honor and a privilege to continue to serve in this capacity alongside my colleagues on the faculty and staff as we move the College forward in service of our students and community."

"Centered on student success and equity, President Aytch has been a catalyst for change," said SJECCD Board of Trustees President Mayra Cruz. "Aytch also has been greatly involved in local events such as helping to host EVC Faith Leader Panels at the college, speaking at community outreach meetings, reaching out to students to provide opportunities to assist with support services, and more."

Chancellor Dr. Debbie Budd said, "President Aytch has been committed to Evergreen Valley College and the community we serve since he was hired as an instructor at the College 25 years ago.



Keith Aytch

EVC has a strong history and a bright future that will only be made brighter through Keith's visionary leadership, expertise, and experience."

## 'Take a Taste of the Valley of Hearts Delight' presented at Martial Cottle Park: May 5

"Spring Celebration, Take a Taste of the Valley of Hearts Delight" is the theme of this year's annual event at Martial Cottle Park on Saturday, May 5 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Santa Clara Valley's agricultural past and present will be presented. Eventgoers will learn how the Cottle family farmed for more than 150 years at the park location. The event is free; parking \$6.

Attractions include local arts and crafts, farm animals up-close, urban forest demonstration, antique autos and vintage farm equipment, gardening demonstrations, spring planting activities, kids activities, fresh organic produce, garden workshops, Jacobs Farm tours, live music and more!

Cottle Martial Cottle Park is located at: 5283 Snell Ave, San Jose.

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## Carnegie Hall

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 afternoon concert that included several other bands and orchestras for the fifth

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time, quite an honor for both students and EVHS.

All of the ensembles in the EVHS Band and Orchestra program, which includes the Wind Ensemble, Advanced String Orchestra, Concert Band, Conservatory Ensemble, and Symphonic Band, have a lot to be proud of this year.

The Chamber Strings performed for the second time with the Mission Chamber Orchestra. In addition, EVHS both hosted and participated in the annual California Music Educators Association (CMEA) South Bay section Area 'D' South Band and Orchestra Festival. All of the groups performed five amazing concerts for friends and family.

"Four out of five ensembles at Evergreen Valley High School received either Superior or Unanimous Superior ratings in the CMCA Festival, while at the same time volunteering their time to help make the festival a success for the many other local ensembles participating in the event," said Barnhill.

Editor's note: If you are interested in donating to the EVHS music program, visit the Band Boosters page on the EVHS music website. For more information, visit: [www.evhsband.org](http://www.evhsband.org)



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## South Bay Philharmonic to perform at Foothill Presbyterian Church

The Foothill Community Concert Series will present the South Bay Philharmonic Orchestra (SBPO) at Foothill Presbyterian Church on Friday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m.

The South Bay Philharmonic Orchestra includes both professional and amateur musicians, giving young musicians a much needed entry point into the world of orchestral music, and it's a thrill to see them rise to the occasion.

The May 11 event features the Philharmonic's Spring Concert which closes their ninth season with Dvorak's Ninth Symphony along with the Telemann Viola Concerto in G Major, with Karen Allendoerfer as soloist. You can find more information on their website: [www.southbayphilharmonic.org](http://www.southbayphilharmonic.org)

### History of the SBPO

Hewlett-Packard Symphony Orchestra offered a friendly environment for musicians of various skill levels to rehearse and perform for more than 15 years. Though the group started within HP, community members were always welcome to participate. The HPSO no longer exists, but a few of its members now play in the South Bay Philharmonic. The South Bay Philharmonic Orchestra performs three concerts per year. Each concert involves six or seven full-orchestra rehearsals on Monday evenings, preceded by a couple weeks of strings-only rehearsals.

"It really has been a thrill to rehearse and perform with you all, and proves that the connection of music players is a world-wide community."

— Visiting musician from Portland, OR

Tickets are available at the door, or online at [www.foothillpc.org/fccs](http://www.foothillpc.org/fccs).

Foothill Presbyterian Church is located at 5301 McKee Road, San Jose. Admission: \$10 Adult, children 12 and under are admitted free. Admission includes a post-concert reception with a chance to meet the artists.

## Silver Creek High School Tennis Team members receive scholarships

By Sean Eastwood  
Times staff writer

Once again The Villages Tennis Club Scholarship Committee is presenting annual scholarships to the Silver Creek High School tennis team

members.

The Villages Tennis Club Scholarship Committee is the largest donor of scholarships at Silver Creek High School.

Since 2004, the Villages Tennis Club has provided scholarships to members of the Boys and Girls Tennis Teams.

This year four deserving students are each receiving \$3,000, bringing the grand total of scholarships to \$12,000.

The students and their parents will be introduced at the Scholarship Fund Raising BBQ Dinner at The Villages on Sunday, April 29.

The Scholarship Dinner, the major source of funds to provide the scholarships, will feature a silent auction. Items for the auction are provided through the generosity of local merchants and the Villages Golf Shop and Restaurant.

Funding for the scholarships is a result of the commitment of The Villages Tennis Club members and their dedication to higher education. Funds are raised through a variety of efforts such as the May Scholarship Tournament, BBQ dinner, silent auctions, raffles, local merchant support and private donations.



## Leyva middle school is tops at last

By Frank Shortt  
Times staff writer

This season it happened!

The Leyva Middle School Girls Soccer Team has won the League Championship. They finished the season with 12 wins and only one loss and the team also made it to the Section Championships. For many years the Leyva Middle

School in Evergreen has struggled to reach the greatness they were always capable of achieving. This is a feat no other Leyva Girls Soccer Team has ever accomplished.

The excellent coaching staff and team spirit displayed by each player ultimately provided the winning edge that brought the team to victory.



Silver Creek Valley High School students sharing \$12,000 in scholarships are (left to right): Prachi Bhagavatha, Zuhayr Baqar, Catlin Nguyen, and Steven Bui.



### Measure H Citizens' Oversight Committee

The Evergreen School District is accepting applications from parents/community members interested in filling vacant positions on the Measure H Citizens' Oversight Committee. This committee will oversee the expenditure of Measure H Parcel Tax funds, ensuring they are spent as approved by the voters. It is expected that the committee will meet twice a year.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please submit a **letter of interest** to:

Evergreen School District  
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ATTN: Dan Deguara

Your letter should include a brief introduction of yourself, your contact information, and an overview as to why you are interested in serving on the committee. **All letters must be received at the District Office by 4:00 p.m. on June 1, 2018.** Applicants will be contacted for follow-up interviews.

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As Mayor Sam Liccardo walked over to get on his bike to run the course peddling through the ribbon he said, "Where's my horsey?," which got a laugh from the crowd.

# Largest 'World Class' bike and skate park opens in Evergreen

*Bring your pedal power and glide like a bird*

By Kevin Larsen  
Times staff writer

Thousands flocked to the grand opening of the new Lake Cunningham Action Sports Park on a super blue sunny sky Saturday morning.

A blue satin ribbon was cut to open the park on April 14 and invite the whole city to begin using the largest bike and skate park in the U.S.A.

One spectator said, "This is pure joy to watch!"

The sound system and bike demo was like that of watching professional skiers in

Squaw Valley going over moguls and it accentuated the excitement of the grand opening.

Peter Brandt of Robert Castillo's BMX Freestyle Bike Team began the show with a breathless announcer voice delivery describing the spectacular stunts of top flight BMX riders who put on a world class show.

At the end of the early morning demo, one person said, "I feel exhausted just watching that." It's true; the audience becomes one with the rider because each onlooker pulls for the incredible execution of the jump and stunt. Castillo's group has performed in more than 6,000 shows, including Las Vegas.

The show stopping BMX riders ran down the dirt track and went up and over many undulated hills performing unbelievable flying acrobatics. They would spin their handlebars and entire bikes in air, and after executing numerous combined stunts, graceful as a bobcat, would regain their proper positions just prior to smoothly landing without a hitch.

Announcer, Brandt would draw the crowd into participation pushing for involvement with applause by impassioned saying over the sounds of jagged music, "let's put it together for ..." or "a little voice from the audience..." It was like a Rock and Roll sermon of sorts.

Brandt wound up the crowd and drew everyone in with his expert tone and enunciation of words which contained savvy statements such as, "this guy demands the best out of himself each and every time," (during the run).

Then there was a crash, but quick as he fell and dragged across the dirt, the rider got right back up and the announcer with measured composure and a low kick back voice droned, "Wow, goin' for it, not afraid to take a crash especially for entertainment, try again and never give up!" to which indeed the rider got right back in the hunt investing in many other runs. This kind of talk was inspirational to young and old alike.

After a successful emotional run, some of the racers would hold their arm up high in the air and give a sign of having their thumb and little finger up with the 2,3 and 4th finger clinched down into the palm of their hand. This communication surely traveled over here from Hawaii.

### Girl power awaits

But wait a moment, something was missing. There were no girls riding over the mounds and doing stunts. For sure, the new Cunningham Bike Park will change all that and San Jose will lead the way with you go girl BMX championship winners too! It's just a matter of time.

### History in the making

The announcer with his motorboat voice then asked the swarm of people over the entrancing sounds of invigorating laid down song selections "Do you guys want to see some back flips," to which the crowd began to cheer. The riders had it all planned out and ran in order in what is referred to in the BMX realm as a "train." One right after another did a different variation of a flip or personal trick innovation



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Chalked in many locations on the dirt riding course was an informational sign and logo of the new park.

move maneuver. The announcer said, “No way, throwing in a variation and that’s what it’s all about, feeling the love at Cunningham Bike Park and it’s an honor to be here.” This marked the first time the words “Cunningham Bike Park” were officially broadcast during an event. It was history in the making! The audience just knew that in the years that lie ahead many professional races and ecstatic competitions would be put on at this Cunningham Park location for it’s a new generation of bike parks for other cities to duplicate and revere throughout the world. Once again, San Jose has become the leader and innovator in building a world class park. Park management also has put together summer concerts in the past and has offered “Free College Student Fridays,” too, so keep an eye on their website and stay tuned for upcoming information on exciting events and special days to ride!

#### Everyone gets their bike on

After the exhibition was concluded speakers came to the podium. Witnessing the thrills of pure bike riding triggered childhood memories.

#### Ash Kalra

“I grew up in south San Jose,” said Ash Kalra, California State Assembly member. “We lived in a small cul-de-sac and I remember back when my older brother and some of his friends set up a kind of ramp for bikes to jump out on the street and I thought, gee, that doesn’t look too safe.” Kalra went on to say that sure enough someone got hurt; so it’s wonderful that today in San Jose, instead of kids building ramps at home in the streets, they now can come to a safe place to ride and jump their bikes. “This is what the city is able to do when the community comes together,” said Kalra. “Creative and forward thinking ideas were used to plan such a place and that there are no other places like this in California. We need places like this that are accessible to everyone!”

#### Dave Cortese

“I want everyone to know that I am the first person to show up at this BMX Park with a suit on, I hold the record now,” said a jovial Dave Cortese as he spoke to the crowd (always dedicated and devoted to the county, he also was on his way that day to another very important event honoring Veterans).

Cortese said: “It took many years but now it is a reality! People of all ages are to play in this city. In 2008, I cut the ribbon for the opening of the skate board part of Cunningham Park and former Vice Mayor

Rose Herrera and San Jose City Councilwoman Sylvia Arenas have carried the torch to keep it all going. It is important to let your representatives know what you want. Your investment is to let your representatives know and it may take years but eventually it can be done! This new bike park as an actual example that citizens work hand and hand with those in city government to make things happen in ways the general public want and need.”

#### Nova

Sitting on her bike and awaiting the start of the event, Nova traveled more than 50 miles to attend as spectator and rider. She said, “I was heavy when I first started to ride dirt bikes at different tracks. Through riding I met my best friends; it gives me so much joy in my life to ride. It gives me a real sense of freedom and I don’t know how to properly say it, but mountain bike and trail riding keeps my stress down at home and work. I think this Cunningham Bike Park is awesome!” When asked how she felt she said, “I feel like I am not even in San Jose.” This was a true statement when one sees all these people on pedal powered bikes, it makes one think that they are in the outback of Yosemite. It’s a kind of dirt, sky and tree thing.

#### Cindy Chavez

“Wear your helmet, especially the little ones,” said County Supervisor Chavez. She said that the City of San Jose shows such respect “complete respect for all of us which live, work and play in our community,” in building and opening up a new large bike and skate park of this size. Chavez said that the park shows that the city loves and appreciates all and that “we value children in our community.” She concluded by saying: “To the city of San Jose, well done!”

#### Lars Thomsen

Thomsen who is a leader in the bike movement in San Jose and owner of Trail Head Cyclery in San Jose said, “Holy Smokes, you guys ready for the park to open!” Thomsen said that the park involved lots of planning and over the past eight years. He and others were pleased that City leaders listened to the things they wished to include in the bike park to make it the best it could possibly be. He said, “What you want is almost as important as what you don’t want. Then he exuberantly said, “Dirt jump line, pretty sweet!, slalom run great, dual slalom run even better, and I am so pumped that we have a dual slalom track.” He was pleased that

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Energy in the park is never boring for feats of courage are always taking place.

## Park

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the bike park was completed and those in Parks and Rec really listened to what he came to them with as he heard from the biking community that surrounds him and gave him input on the construction. Thomsen reflected that when people use bikes they create family time and health and fitness. Bikes he said reduce congestion and there is no better way to see a new place than on a bike. “Sylvia Arenas took the reins from Rose Herrera and kept it all going. Justin Beck (bike park manager) was the glue that kept the project all going forward over many years, massive props to them, I’m done talking, let’s go ride bikes!”

### Mayor Liccardo

The Mayor said, “Well Good Morning on this momentous occasion! I want to thank everyone at this history marking day as we celebrate the evolution of Lake Cunningham into a 10-acre Action Sports Park as California’s greatest bike park meets California’s largest skate park.” He shared a memory of his early childhood when he recalled hearing his mother say when he took his bike out for rides, “don’t do wheelies Sam!” Then Liccardo thanked the entire Parks and Recreation Team saying, “it takes a lot of people pushing together to get these projects done.” He gave praise to all and said every kid whether big or small can enjoy this park.”

### Sylvia Arenas

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Councilwoman Arenas was not able to make the event. However, she delivered this important quote to the community at press time, “Lake Cunningham Action Sports Park combines the existing largest skate park in California with a brand new bike park that has the most riding features of any bike park in America. Teenagers are sometimes the residents most in need of our support, and at the same time, the hardest to reach. This park creates an amazing place for teens to

congregate, learn from mentors, and develop perseverance.”

### Angel Rios Jr.

“I know we are all ready to put our helmets on and ride. This park was created for everyone. The Parks and recreation mantra is, ‘We Build Community Through Fun!’,” said Rios Jr. who is Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood services. “We manage public spaces that allow people to connect to people and places. We are in the business of providing such parks. It takes a team. We believe that the quality of parks lead to quality time, quality play, all improving our quality of life,” said Rios Jr.

### Aaron Jones

“It’s good that the skate and bike park is there for the inner city kids for something to do,” said Jones who is owner of San Jose Bikes and the Skate Virus skateboarder shop. “More activities within the city for people to do and experience is really a good thing. If you are going to ride the dirt park consider getting a special bike for that style of riding. Our shop sells some BMX bikes and dirt jumpers that are more specific for riding in this kind of park. We welcome all ages to look at bikes and to enjoy this awesome new park. You can always come visit us and will show you and let you try out specific top notch models for dirt riding.”

### Parker and Spencer

Two riders “Parker” and “Spencer” said the new bike park was great because the tracks are already in place (meaning that often dirt bikers have to take lots of time to



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make and prepare slalom tracks to run). They also gave approval to the main jump line (this is a carefully designed run of hills and ramps).

### Scoters and skateboards can squabble

In our world often one group of people can steer away from hanging out with another for within the Venn diagram of friendship, exclusivity of the groups in the outer circles can sometimes be separated by rides of choice. At the event, an old school skateboarder with young daughter earnestly said that they wanted the bikes and trikes to stay clear of the bowls in the classic skateboard cement zone areas. Though the bike and skate park is monitored by earnest city workers they suggested, "if anyone is under 18 years old it might be good to have a parent near to watch over what they are doing," (meaning sometimes a young person might not recognize the swift danger if skating down into a bowl that has a fast rider entering behind them). It was thought that large kids might run down some of the smaller tikes unless everyone is careful. These are some of the rough edges that will be figured out over time in the combination world's largest skateboard and Bike Park in the U.S.A. Some riders push it to the max and that means the energy in the park is never boring for feats of courage are always taking place.

### Liccardo rides the trails

As the Mayor walked over to get on his bike to run the course he said, "Where's my horsey?," which got a laugh from the crowd. A little while later, Steve Bennette, a 40-plus year resident of San Jose said face to face to the mayor, "thank you for being the face of San Jose, I think you're the best Mayor we've ever had."

A little girl named Abby was rolling her bike with her dad and said, "I've been watching the jumps and they look really cool. I want to come back and try it all. Good Job San Jose!" It's also a healthy place for teenagers to go and get away from it all. To unplug and visit a safe place with a vibe they like; a kind of 21st century hangout.

One mom said, "I am so happy they built this park for I come here and watch my son ride." She said that the workers at the Skate Park are so nice that she regards them as "family" and her son is absolutely thrilled about this new bike park opening up and joining with the skate park. "He just loves coming to ride here!" she said.

### Never a dull moment

The bike park has many features which manufacture lots of excitement for the biker, skater and onlooker. The 8.5 acre bike park is designed well, with trails that zig zag to gradually take people up to the top where comfortable benches allow all to rest and view both the jump bike runs and the 68,000 square foot skateboard park. As you walk the trail you get exercise and inspiration in watching particular ramps which are used in unique ways of expertise by riders one right after another. There is never a dull moment by the onlookers who place themselves in strategic points of on-looking interest along the trail.

### Free to watch

The only fees are for riders. Visitors get a thrill just by watching. All San Jose parks can be entered at no charge by walking, jogging, skateboarding or bike riding. It is a philosophy of the city to welcome

all! Anyone can walk the trail of the bike park. It's a great place for a family destination; just to watch top flight bike riders and skaters is invigorating. Viewing others get in shape at such destinations is contagious and builds community which perhaps subliminally allows all to realize we are all part of the same family of man and womankind (a new inclusive term coined where else but here in Silicon Valley).

At the conclusion of the event hundreds of riders lined up on trails to take the plunge with many moms, dads, girlfriends and boyfriends waiting at a point on the trail to cheer on their loved one on. Bike enthusiast Thompson's words rang true when he said, "Sam Liccardo and Sylvia Arenas are the finest folks and Parks and Rec have gone above and beyond to build the greatest bike park in California. Ride on San Jose!" Wow, could this be the new coining of a catch phrase that is reminiscent of the 60's counter culture. Will the words "Ride On!" catch fire and take over in lieu of the phrase "Right On" and perhaps spread across the country. Ya, "Ride On," meaning look forward and never get hung up on the past. Well, we'll just have to wait and see but remember, you read it here first in the Evergreen Times! "Ride On!"

Editor's note: The bike park includes these features and riding areas:

- Dual Slalom Track
- Beginner Pump Track
- Advanced Pump Park
- Dirt Jump Park
- Freeride Park
- Skills trails
- Drop trails
- 47 wood riding features
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All are encouraged to learn more by following Lake Cunningham Action Sports Park on Facebook and Instagram. The website for the park is [www.sjaction-sports.com/facilities/lake-cunningham-regional-bike-park](http://www.sjaction-sports.com/facilities/lake-cunningham-regional-bike-park)



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OFF THE SHELF

# Volunteers are critical to libraries' success

By Edith Sutterlin  
Special to the Times

Every year, the San Jose Public Library system picks a Volunteer of the Year from all nominees submitted by each of our locations. The 2018 winner, Kathy Boyd, was nominated by both the Tully Community Branch and the Youth Services unit at the King Library.

Evergreen Branch's Volunteers of the Year is a shared award to two Friends of the Evergreen Library, Thom and Carol Chivers. Carol Chivers has logged almost 600 hours! She splits her time now as the Friends of the Library treasurer and active in quarterly book sales. Beloved by Evergreen families for her popular Wednesday 11:30 a.m. Reading to Children sessions, Carol often dresses to celebrate the holidays, such as red striped hat and rhyming tee shirt for Dr. Seuss' birthday. Children and parents alike sing along as Carol leads them in the alphabet song or "Skinnamarink" with motions. Carol is cheerful and enthusiastic, often adding an extra touch, such as playing her flute in last June's "Make Music" day. Carol invites adults to join her at the monthly Evergreen book discussion group led by volunteer Angela McCarren, a former Evergreen librarian. Although Thom only has 279 lifetime hours logged, he admits he was late to embracing online recording of his time, so undoubtedly helped us more than that before he began to systematically record his generous time.

Thom's time is a Friend of the Library, contributing to meetings and working behind the scenes between book sales to sort, organize, box, and label donations. In fact, meet many Friends in action, Saturday, April 18, at the Evergreen Book Sale starting at 10 a.m., and ask how you, too, can become an adult volunteer! Thom helped all morning at Evergreen's Solar Eclipse Viewing event last August, assisting with the NASA streaming program indoors and inviting people who came late to take a turn using special eclipse viewing glasses for safety. Thom and Carol Chivers each contribute their unique individual skills and talents and large chunks of what could otherwise be their "free" time. Staff members appreciate their cheerful greetings and their positive connections with other volunteers.

Village Square Branch honored

their English as a Second Language volunteer team as their 2018 Volunteers of the Year--Ann Yu and Cindy Luger. Ann is responsible for planning, preparing, and implementing 'ESL for Beginners' on Wednesday mornings at 10:20 a.m. She trains facilitators, suggested additional curriculum, and increases the community's awareness about library's services, programs, and resources. Ann demonstrates her commitment through her preparation and organizational skills, even coming in a day before class to prepare and to print out practice sheets. She has excellent leadership and communication skills in assisting many SJPL customers to learn and to practice their verbal communication skills. Ann's students once wrote an article in a local Chinese newspaper about how Ann's teaching style helped them in their learning process. Cindy assists in facilitating these English Language Learners' practice to improve their verbal skills needed in daily life. Cindy also leads this branch's Reading to Children on both Wednesdays and Friday evenings, reading aloud to small groups of children. Having started as a member of the Friends, this versatile volunteer can also be found regularly helping out at Village Square book sales, and occasionally substituting as the branch Homework Club Coordinator. Even if Cindy weren't volunteering, she confesses she would still be at the library frequently, since she could spend the whole day doing one of her favorite leisure activities—Reading!

**Additional Events**

View all library event listings, including our special events such as Comic Day and Cinco de Mayo and Mother's Day crafts programs online at events.sjpl.org. You can view all that is going on across the city, or limit to a particular branch location, such as "Evergreen" or "Village Square." Updates on library events are also available via our RSS feeds (sjpl.org/updates) and our Facebook page. (facebook.com/sanjoselibrary)

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

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Times **Notebook**

**Summertime fun for Lions**

By **Gayle Kludt**  
*San Jose Host-East Valley Lions Club Club President*

Summertime and the livin' is easy, according to the song, and fun filled too.

With the warmer weather approaching, outdoor activities take over the slate of local Lions activities, but that doesn't stop our commitment to the community.

We continue to gather eyeglasses, cell phones and hearing aids for distribution to local agencies. The club is also doing workshops, cabinet meetings and working with our nearby Lions friends with fundraising activities to support our two major projects, Backpack for Kids and vision screening.

We had a Women's Symposium on April 14th and a pancake breakfast with the Campbell Lions on April 15th.

**Bike Tour**

May will bring a Bike Tour sponsored by the Almaden Super Lions on May 12 and after our district convention from May 16 - 20. The outdoor pace speeds up with a work weekend from May 31 - June 2 at Teresita Pines, the Lions Camp designed for the needs of the disabled in Los Angeles County.

**Alum Rock Jazz Festival**

The SJHEV Lions will help sponsor the annual Alum Rock Jazz Festival on June 2.



**The Lions' Lair**  
 By **Gayle Kludt**  
 Club President

**San Jose Giants**  
 The outdoor activities will be in full swing in June 16 with Lions Day at the San Jose Giants when the boys in orange and black take on the visitors from Visalia. The day includes private field level seating in the Futures club area which opens one hour before game time at 4:00 p.m. Game time starts at 5:00 p.m. as does the all you can eat buffet which runs for 90 minutes. The buffet features both tri-tip and chicken sandwiches, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans and fruit cups. Beverage service will be available. Children under 12 get free access to the family fun zone and the whole family receives a 15 percent discount in the SJ Giants Dugout Store. All attendees are automatically entered in the drawing for Giants prizes with the Grand Prize being club level seats for two at ATT park in San Francisco. Cost is \$49.00 per person and is open to the Evergreen Valley community.

For tickets contact Gayle Kludt at kludt-gayle70@gmail.com or Carla Evans at evans4u@comcast.net.

**Diabetes Luncheon**

The month concludes with the district's annual Diabetes Luncheon on June 23 which raises funds to combat this increasingly widespread disease.

Until next month, we'll be breaking out the sunscreen and hats and gloves too. Batter Up!

The San Jose Host-East Valley Lions Club, established in 1920, meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Red Lobster Restaurant, Capitol Expressway at Aborn Rd. Guests are always welcome. To arrange a visit, contact Gayle or visit our website at [www.e-use.org/sites/sanjosehost](http://www.e-use.org/sites/sanjosehost).

**OBITUARY**

**Wayne A. Hokanson**  
**Aug 16, 1954 - Mar 23, 2018**

Wayne Hokanson, 63, passed away at his home on March 23, 2018 in Evergreen. Wayne graduated from Silver Creek High School in 1972 and from SJ City College in 1976 with an A.A. degree in Fire Science.

Wayne spent 40 years in Fire Service, starting as a Volunteer Firefighter with Santa Clara County Fire in 1972, Lockheed Fire Dept. 1984-1990 and later working in Fire Prevention as a Deputy Fire Marshal at Santa Clara County Fire. After retiring in



2014, Wayne kept busy with part-time work at the County Fire Department, volunteering at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and Lick Observatory, as well as participating in The Villages Golf and Country Club's Bocce Club.

Wayne is survived by his loving wife, Karen of 40 years; daughters, Kathryn (Michael) Brazil & Karina Hokanson; and siblings, Janis Hokanson, Bill Hokanson & Jean (Hokanson) Rinerson. Wayne is preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Marian Hokanson. Wayne's memorial service was held April 7 at Family Community Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lord's Pantry, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and Lick Observatory.

**U2 retuning to San Jose**

Rock legends Bono, The Edge, Adam Clayton, and Larry Mullen, Jr. come to SAP Center in Downtown San Jose for U2s Songs of Experience Tour. Songs of Experience complements and serves as a sequel to their previous tour, Songs of Innocence. Due to Brexit and global politics, the group revisited the tone of the tour and the new album, rewriting lyrics, rearranging and remixing songs. U2 is one of the world's best-selling music artists in history, selling more than 175 million records worldwide, and winning 22 Grammy Awards. Throughout their career, as a band and as individuals, they have campaigned for human rights and philanthropic causes.

U2 is appearing at SAP Center on May 7 - 8 2018. Tickets are \$41-\$325+. Call 800-745-3000 or visit [sapcenter.com/events/detail/u2](http://sapcenter.com/events/detail/u2). SAP Center is located at 525 West Santa Clara Street, San Jose, CA 95113





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Times Feature

# We lost our 'Meatball' but gained a 'Milan'

By Frank Shortt  
Times staff writer

There's no denying that running a restaurant can be a daunting task! Case in point, House of Meatball restaurant, located at the corner of San Felipe and Yerba Buena Roads has called it quits and closed their doors after less than a year in business.

House of Meatball was plagued with staffing problems from the very start and there were reviews written throughout their tenure, some favorable, and others that were unfavorable. There were many patrons who posted on social media that the House of Meatball breakfasts were very tasty. Other comments were not complimentary. One patron posted, "My husband and I went there one afternoon and there was only one other attendee, who sat in the patio. The two people working there kept directing all their attention to that one person. We finally got, what we thought was the waiter's, attention and he took our order. When the food came it was barely edible and the service was terrible!"

This just about sizes up the situation! As the old song used to go: "On top of Spaghetti, all covered with cheese, I lost my poor meatball when somebody sneezed." But with allergy season upon us, who knows?

**A sign of change**

A sign on the window, about a week ago, stated that the restaurant would be closed until at least the following Friday, or until the place was properly cleaned up and everything set shipshape. Management told the Evergreen Times that a consultant was going to be hired and a new menu was in the works. But, there has been no activity around the restaurant until last week when several folks from the Villages Golf and Country Club said that they looked forward to someone taking over the location after seeing a sandwich board sign on the sidewalk in front of the restaurant stating that House of Meatballs was permanently closed and that another owner would be opening a fine Italian restaurant soon. By happenstance, the new General Manager, was on the premises guiding the remodel effort.

**Welcome to Milan**

The new restaurant taking over House of Meatball's location is called Milan. The new restaurant will offer Italian Cuisine, full bar with crafted drinks, and an extensive wine selection. The scheduled opening is sometime in early May.

"We will offer special discounts for senior citizens," said General Manager, Christine Schoonover. Christine is a very energetic and enthusiastic restaurateur, already managing Cucina Venti Italian Restaurant, and the Voya (South American cuisine restaurant) both located in Mountain View. Voya earned the Michelin guide in 2016.



A sign is placed by House of Meatball management stating that their restaurant is officially closed and a new restaurant (Milan) will open.

Christine said Milan will offer fine Italian dining at comparable prices, which is good news for patrons coming to the shopping center where Milan is located, who are on fixed incomes or students attending Evergreen College.

The new owner, Bella Adwisha, assures the Evergreen community that "our new restaurant is being propelled forward by our uncompromising refusal to sacrifice quality. It is imperative to prepare food with fresh ingredients and it is also important to respect the quality of each dish prepared."

Pasta Pomodoro made a stab at trying to serve the Evergreen community, before the location was taken over by House of Meatball. Some believe that Pasta Pomodoro failed due to a decline in food quality during 2016. Others state that staffing problems brought down House of Meatball.

Quite a number of comments on the website Nextdoor.com have been encouraging. The consensus of the community believes the next venture, Milan, will work out providing the prices are reasonable, a good chef can be procured, and the staff is properly trained.

Adwisha further stated, "Executive Chef, Antonio Marco, is trained in classic Italian and Mediterranean cuisine. "He incorporates Italian, French, and Spanish influences into his dishes and believes that cooking is a craft. His simple dishes, prepared using the freshest, seasonal ingredients found locally, are flavorful, allowing the ingredients to take center stage!"

Adwisha continued, "It is my hope the Milan Restaurant will impact our lives. It will be a fine dining experience for special occasions: anniversaries, graduations, promotions and other celebrations; how about the first date spot or a perfect place to 'meet the parents?' Perhaps our new establishment will be

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**Bella Adwisho**, new owner of Milan Restaurant.

## Milan

Continued from previous page where a doting millennial takes grandpa for a drink or where a regular finds comfort. Someday, someone may propose at Milan. We will give back to the community and make sure to welcome all guests by simply providing a place where people's lives are lived out to their fullest."

*Editor's note: House of Meatball continues to operate three locations located in San Jose, Campbell and Gilroy.*



Above: **Antonio Zomaro**, Milan's Head Chef. Right: **Christine Schoonover Ramirez**, Milan's General Manager.



## Join the 2018 bus trip to Sacramento: Speak up for Education in the county

By Supervisor **Dave Cortese**  
*Special to the Times*

In 2013, the California Legislature approved the biggest changes to education funding in 40 years by establishing the Local Control Funding Formula that gave counties and school districts more control over how they spend state funds.

During our 2014 Sacramento Bus Trip for Education, participants learned a lot about how the formula would work and its goal of distributing funds according to the level of student need, with more spending flexibility at the local level.

Four years later, you have the opportunity to tell the State Legislators who represent Santa Clara County if you think the new formula is working, how it could be changed and if you

think students and your communities are better off.

Our 16th Bus Trip for Education, which is free to participants, will be on Tuesday, May 15, with the goal of connecting educators, students, parents and residents with legislators and state officials who can hear your concerns and suggestions and answer your questions.

The issues have changed over the 15 years of bus trips, and our participation has grown to include more students. But our goals to bring you closer to the decisions-makers and provide you with information have remained the same.

The proposed state budget for 2018-19 includes \$3 billion in funding for the Local Control Funding Formula, which means it would be fully implemented two years ahead of schedule. The budget also proposes requiring school districts to create a link between their local accountability plans and their budgets to show how this increased funding is being spent.

You will be able to receive an update on what's next for this revolutionary change. Other issues of interest have been support for students who want to attend college and the

California Common Core Standards of education adopted by the State Board of Education in 2010. Attendees are welcome to bring up other issues, as well.

The Bus Trip for Education is sponsored by my office and the Silicon Valley Education Foundation. Participants receive updates on current legislative proposals, a status update on school funding and other key public education efforts. Our Legislators also tell us about other non-education bills they are working on. There will also be guided tours of the Capitol.

To register, visit [sccgov.org/sites/d3](http://sccgov.org/sites/d3), and click on the Events menu at the top of the page. Click on Sacramento Bus Trip and you will be directed to the registration page.

We'll gather at 6 a.m., and the buses will leave at 6:30 a.m. from the VTA Transit Center at Eastridge Mall, 2200 Eastridge Loop, San Jose, and return to the same location around 5 p.m. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

For more information and questions, contact my office at 408-299-5030 or email me at [dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org](mailto:dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org).

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**Saturday, May 12, 12pm-3pm: Mother's Day Brunch Tasting Event.** Stop by our Solutions Counter to sample some recipes and ideas that you can take home and recreate for your mom. Free.

*New Seasons Market is located at 5667 Silver Creek Valley Rd, San Jose. 408-513-8200.*



# EvergreenAreaMeetings

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

**District 8 Community Roundtable**  
1st Thursday of every month from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Location: Village Square" library (For information, visit [d8crt.org](http://d8crt.org))

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

**East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees**  
Meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the ESUHS Education Center, 830 N. Capitol Ave. 347-5000. Check the web site for agendas and updates: [www.esuhds.org](http://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 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 every month at 7:30 am at the Evergreen Village Square Library, 4035 Evergreen Village Square, San Jose. We also meet at Evergreen Coffee Company on the 4th Friday of the month for a more informal session at noon. Evergreen Coffee Company is also located at Evergreen Village Square. For more information, please refer to our website at [www.ebagroup.org](http://www.ebagroup.org).

**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.

**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](mailto: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.sanjoseca.gov/prns](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/prns). The Senior Nutrition program serves a delicious and well balanced meal to seniors 60 and over every Monday – Friday at noon. The suggested donation is \$3 per person. Please make reservations at least one day in advance by calling (408) 270-1244. The center is located at 4860 San Felipe Road.

**Friends of Evergreen Library Meetings** are held on the second Tuesday of February, April, June,

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

**Hidden Glen Community**  
To join a neighborhood discussion 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

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

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

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

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

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

**Story Road Business Association**  
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**San Jose/Evergreen Community College District Board**  
Normally meets second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Meetings in the District Office, Board Room, 40 S. Market St., San Jose, CA 95113.  
**San Pedro Squares Toastmasters Club** meets every Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at Jimmy's Restaurant, 222 W. Capitol Expressway in San Jose. Contact Barbara at 373-2815, or email [barbaramcchesney@sbcglobal.net](mailto:barbaramcchesney@sbcglobal.net) for further information, or check out the website at <http://www.sanpedrosquares.freetoasthost.org>.

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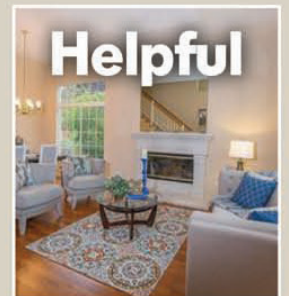
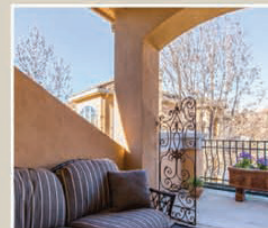
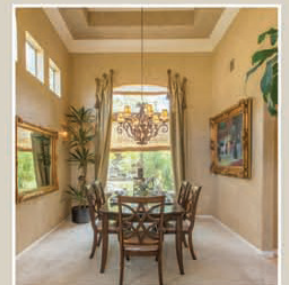
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