



NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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An information-sharing service of the
Neighborhood Development Center (NDC)

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The mission of the Neighborhood Development Center is to build strong neighborhoods by connecting individuals to information, technology, and opportunities for civic engagement.

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Community Events

2nd Annual Rose, White and Blue Parade

The 2nd Annual Rose, White & Blue Parade continues to honor the history of the Fiesta de las Rosas Parade, a San Jose tradition that began in 1896. Join us in celebrating the founding of our country on the 4th of July and in remembering our San Jose neighborhood rose history.

Saturday, July 4, 2009 • 10 a.m.

Parade goes from

West San Carlos at Shasta Ave. to The Alameda

Festival after the Parade

11 a.m - 3 p.m.

Corner of Hanchett Ave & The Alameda



Jump House!
Food & Drinks!
Rock n' Roll Music!
Games!
Historical Photos!



Be in the Parade

- Participate in the Parade
- Ride in the Parade
- Sponsor the Parade
- Be a Part of the Festival
- Host a Food Booth (non-profits)
- Host a Vendor & Craft Booth
- Host a Game & Kids Corner Booth

How to Participate or to Get more Details

Fill out an application form available online at www.the-alameda.com. If you are not ready to fill out the application form but want to let us know you're interested, we'd appreciate hearing from you. Email us: rwbparade@gmail.com with questions or to let us know you'd like to volunteer, sponsor, or participate! You can also get more details by visiting our web site at: www.the-alameda.com and going to the parade press room.

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Free Thermometer Exchange Program

Mercury Fever Thermometer Exchange

Mercury is toxic and can cause damage to the nervous system, brain, kidneys, liver, and immune systems in humans and animals.

Bring us your glass mercury fever thermometer and exchange it for a digital thermometer.*

Become Mercury-Wise!

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Camden Community Center

3369 Union Ave., San José, CA 95124

Please double-bag thermometers using two sealed plastic bags to prevent spills.

For more information, please call (408) 945-3000 or visit: www.baywise.org

***Limit one free digital thermometer per household.**

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Household Hazardous Waste

What to do with your household hazardous waste?

Attend a community meeting to:

- Learn how to properly dispose of Household Hazardous Waste
- Hear about the development of a new Household Hazardous Waste drop-off facility in San José.

WHEN:

Wednesday, July 15, 2009
5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

OR

Saturday, July 18, 2009
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

WHERE:

Center for Training and Careers, Inc. (CTC)
1600 Las Plumas Avenue
San José, CA 95133

CONTACT:

Walter Lin, (408) 975-2513

To request Spanish, Vietnamese or Portuguese-language services for either of these meetings, or to request accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act for City-sponsored events or printed materials, please call 408.975.2561 no later than three business days before the event.

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Our City Forest – Positions Available

Paid Environmental Service Positions Available

Receive green job training as an AmeriCorps member at Our City Forest!

Our City Forest is currently accepting applications for 22 full-time AmeriCorps positions specializing in Urban Forestry and Education and Outreach.

- Serve 1,700 hours over 10.5 months
- September 2009 - August 2010
- Receive a \$15,000 stipend and health benefits
- \$4,725 education award following completion

Members will learn valuable skills while helping San Jose area neighborhoods and schools with tree plantings, tree care projects and environmental education training!

Requirements:

- 18 years or older (all ages encouraged to apply!)
- US citizen or permanent resident
- High School diploma or equivalent
- Available 40 hours per week, Tuesday - Saturday

APPLY NOW! E-mail americorps@ourcityforest.org:

- 1) resume
- 2) cover letter
- 3) three references
- 4) completed online questionnaire (available at www.ourcityforest.org)

*Applications must be complete for consideration.

Visit www.ourcityforest.org for more information and to view complete position descriptions OR call 408.99.TREES EXT.105.

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Sign Code Update

You are invited to attend the fourth and final round of community meetings for the City of San José Sign Code Update. In the third series of meetings in June, we received feedback in response to visual preference materials regarding billboards and supergraphics at specific locations in the Downtown, the appropriate amount of signage in the Downtown and freestanding electronic (LED) signs citywide. We are now seeking your input on alternative strategies for allowing or prohibiting billboards, supergraphics, and electronic (LED) signs and for addressing other important signage issues. You will have an opportunity to express your preferences and to voice any ideas, questions or concerns you may have regarding signs in San Jose. Please join us for one of the following meetings:

Wednesday, July 8, 2009 6:30 pm
Roosevelt Community Center
901 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose

OR

Thursday, July 9, 2009 6:30pm
Camden Community Center, Room 118
3369 Union Avenue, San Jose

Please contact Carol Hamilton at 408-535-7837 or carol.hamilton@sanjoseca.gov if you have any further questions

Library Events

Open Worlds of Opportunity – Volunteer to Teach an Adult to Read

Imagine that you could not read this newsletter; at least not well enough to be able to act on its information or share it with others. Yet of Santa Clara County residents, **16% or 277,000** do not have sufficient literacy skills to perform basic daily tasks that require reading, writing or the completion of forms. Another estimated **29%** just get by. Low self-confidence and a sense of isolation—the side effects of low-level literacy—place many otherwise capable adults on the sidelines. Unable to fully engage with community life, their children (and likely their children’s children) will suffer loss of opportunity. **You can make a difference.** Consider the possibility of becoming a volunteer tutor for Partners in Reading. The opportunity is both exciting and rewarding as you help your adult learner to develop a personal study plan and achieve each milestone. You’ll receive free training and materials, as well as staff support. To learn more, visit the program website: www.partnersinreading.org. The next **Tutor Orientation** will be on **Wednesday, July 8, 2009, 6 – 8 p.m.** at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library. **Tutor Training** will take place on **Saturday, July 11** and **Saturday, July 18**. Participants must attend all sessions. **Pre-registration is required.** For information or to register, please call **(408) 808-2361**. Not sure? Read the stories past learners have written about their experience in the program.

Explore the Wit and Whimsy of Mel Chin's "Recoleciones"

Where in one place can you see a revolving secret door, a low-rider table complete with hydraulic lifts, or a set of tables shaped like the seven continents? These and more comprise 30+ individual public art installations placed throughout the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library designed to pay homage to the Library's collections. These artworks are designed to provoke your interest and curiosity, encouraging exploration and circulation throughout the library. Enhance your enjoyment of the collection by reserving a 1.5 hours tour for up to 20 people. Or pick up a copy of the collection brochure the next time you are in and take a self-guided tour. General tours covering the building's design, collections and art are also available. Drop-in tours are conducted Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.; first come, first serve. Sign up at the Welcome Desk at the center of the ground floor. You can also book a general group tour for 10-60 people. Access the reservation form online at www.sjlibrary.org/about/locations/king/tours.htm. For more information on tours call (408) 808-2181 or email volunteer.sjpl@sjlibrary.org.

Library Activities Galore

Looking for activities to do this summer that won't strain your budget? Check out the extensive range of **free** programs and activities at San Jose Public Library. With nineteen locations, there's bound to be one within easy traveling distance and all are served by public transit within a few blocks. Visit our Events page and bookmark it for future use. Get help with freshening your resume, enter a contest, take in an exhibit (only one month remains for 'Schulz's Beethoven: Schroeder's Muse'), make crafts from recycled materials and more. Library programs offer a great opportunity to learn something new, while meeting others with similar interests. And of course, there's still plenty of time to participate in the annual Summer Reading Celebration. For more information, visit the Library's website, contact your neighborhood library, or call one of the following numbers: (408) 808-2183 Youth Services or (408) 808-2397 General Collections (adult services).

[What's new at the Neighborhood Development Center \(NDC\)?](#)

NDC has merged its website with the Strong Neighborhoods Initiative (SNI) website. Please visit us at www.strongneighborhoods.org/neighborhooddevelopmentcenter.htm. The website is constantly being updated so we encourage you to check back periodically for any new updates. The community will soon be able to access this newsletter on our new website. The SNI website also has information for the Community Action and Pride (CAP) grant, along with links to websites for Keep San Jose Beautiful, Volunteer San Jose, etc.

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Building Strong Neighborhoods Pilot Projects

Through the Strong Neighborhoods Initiative, the City of San José has demonstrated its commitment to promote active community engagement in underserved areas, to create partnerships with city staff and to align resources with neighborhood priorities. Building Strong Neighborhoods Pilot Project Areas is enabling this work to continue in neighborhoods throughout the City.

There are currently three pilot project areas in the City of San José:
Seven Trees Area (City Council District 7)
Silver Leaf Area (City Council District 2)
Hillsdale/Camden Area (City Council District 9)

Building Strong Neighborhoods is based on several concepts:
Develop neighborhood leadership
Organize neighborhoods by working collaboratively with residents
Build on neighborhood strengths and assets
Develop clear priorities and connect them to established resources
Help achieve the delivery of city services and neighborhood priorities

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Community Leadership Academy – CAP approved trainings

No scheduled trainings for the month of July.

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Neighborhoods Commission

The San Jose City Council appointed the Neighborhoods Commission nominees to serve as Neighborhoods Commissioners for the two-year duration of the pilot at their City Council meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2009.

The first meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 8, 2009, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., at City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara St. in the Wing Rooms 118 - 119.

<http://www.strongneighborhoods.org/neighborhooddevelopmentcenter.htm>

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Volunteer San Jose

City Hall Tour Guides Needed!

We are looking for volunteers who want to help showcase City Hall to students, seniors and community groups. Guided tours include showing the building from top to bottom, showing the art exhibits, and the council chamber.

The tours consist of:

- Flexible days/hours
(10 AM – 2 PM, Monday through Friday)
- 1.5 hours of walking around facility

Volunteers will receive:

- Training material
- Free Parking
- Polo Shirt

This position is very flexible and can be either short term or long term. Great opportunity for College Students or Seniors! If you are interested, please call (408) 535-1244

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Resources Available for Neighborhood Associations

The Neighborhood Development Center (NDC) continues to have the following resources available for neighborhood associations and individual residents that are interested in or are currently working on improving their neighborhood.

High-Speed Gestetner copy machine (Free use - just bring the paper! Great for copying flyers and newsletters). Library with resource books on grants, organizing, volunteers, leadership, etc. Meeting rooms at Kirk Community Center.

Please be aware that NDC staff is frequently in the field. If you need services provided by the NDC, please call to ensure that someone will be available at the office to assist you. Please contact NDC staff at (408) 723-4114 for more information or to make an appointment for the use of these resources.

CONTACT US:

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Strong Neighborhoods Initiative
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San José, CA 95118

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Website: www.strongneighborhoods.org/neighborhooddevelopmentcenter.htm

The NDC E-Blast is published on a monthly basis. If you would like to submit an article of citywide interest or if you would like to provide any feedback, please send an email to ndc@sanjoseca.gov. Articles are subject to editorial decision to publish or edit for publication. Please feel free to forward this newsletter to others in your organization.

If you wish to add an email address, are receiving duplicate emails, or no longer wish to receive emails from the Neighborhood Development Center, please send us a reply to ndc@sanjoseca.gov. Feel free to forward to others in your organization.

Community Action and Pride (CAP) Grants:

Neighborhoods Commission

<http://www.strongneighborhoods.org/NeighborhoodsCommission.asp>

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Keep San Jose Beautiful

Making San Jose more beautiful through community advocacy, education and empowerment

Community Improvement Awards

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Daffodil and Native Bulb Give-Away

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Fall 2008 Beautification Grant

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Volunteer San Jose