



NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

E-BLAST

February 2010 Mid-Month



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

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

Please note that the Neighborhood Development center website has moved. Visit us at
<http://www.strongneighborhoods.org/neighborhooddevelopmentcenter.htm>

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**CENSUS
2010**

APRIL 1, 2010
IT'S IN OUR HANDS



Census Day is April 1, 2010. Be Counted!

Fill out your census form and mail it back.

It's confidential, easy, & important for our community!

www.sanjoseca.gov/census2010.asp

THE ELIZABETH ANABO BRICC AWARDS
(BUILDING RESOURCEFUL INSPIRATIONAL CREATIVE COMMUNITY)

This April, Silicon Valley Community Foundation will recognize creative, resourceful and inspirational neighborhood groups in Santa Clara County with the Elizabeth Anabo BRICC Awards. Since 2001, **The Elizabeth Anabo BRICC Awards** commemorate the late Elizabeth Anabo, former senior program officer at Community Foundation Silicon Valley, one of our parent foundations. Elizabeth was extremely dedicated to and passionate about neighborhood groups and made tremendous contributions to them over the four years she worked at the community foundation.

BRICC awards of \$1,000 are given to one or two neighborhood groups in Santa Clara County that have made outstanding contributions to their community. The two categories for the award are seasoned groups and new/emerging groups. Previous BRICC Award recipients may apply two years after receiving the award. Neighborhood groups may nominate themselves. A review panel composed of community representatives will select this year's BRICC award honorees. The awards will be presented as part of the United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County Spring Conference on Saturday, April 17, 2010.

Criteria: The review panel will use the following criteria to select award recipients. Group efforts will be recognized rather than individual efforts. Nominees should demonstrate the ability to:

- **Mobilize broad citizen participation**
- **Address significant issues in their community**
- **Make creative use of available resources**
- **Provide opportunities for neighbors to take greater control of and responsibility for what goes on in their neighborhood**
- **Inspire neighbors and others to take action**

Nomination Process: To nominate your neighborhood association, please complete the Nomination Form available at http://www.siliconvalleycf.org/grants_bricc_awards.html. Nominations must be received by **5 p.m. on Monday, March 1, 2010** at the address listed below (please send or email only one form per group). Email submission is preferred. Send nomination form as a Word document attachment. Within three weeks of the nomination deadline, eligible nominees will be contacted by the review committee.

Please send or email forms to:

dburnce@siliconvalleycf.org

Silicon Valley Community Foundation – BRICC Nomination

Attn: David Burnce

2440 West El Camino Real, Suite 300

Mountain View, California 94040-1498

Boards and Commissions Vacancies

ATTENTION RESIDENTS OF SAN JOSE: YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Applications are being accepted for City of San José Boards and Commissions for upcoming and future vacancies. **YOU** can make a difference in your community on a number of issues being considered by the:

- Advisory Commission on Rents (1 Tenant, 1 Landlord)
- Airport Commission (3 Seats)
- Disability Advisory Commission (5 Seats)
- Early Care and Education Commission (6 Seats)
- Historic Landmarks Commission (3 Seats)
- Housing and Community Development Advisory Commission (1 Low-income Rep from District 7)
- Human Rights Commission (3 Seats)
- Library Commission (3 Seats)
- Parks and Recreation Commission (3 Seats)
- Senior Citizens Commission (3 Seats)
- Small Business Development (2 Seats)
- Traffic Appeals (2 Seats)

Qualifications: You must live in the City of San José and have a commitment to being active in the community.

Application Process: To take advantage of this unique opportunity, please call the Office of the City Clerk at (408) 535-1272. Applications will be accepted through 5:00 p.m., **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2010**. Applications will remain active and on file for one year from the date received.

Log onto [/www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/Vacancy.asp](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/Vacancy.asp) for more details.

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Envision San Jose 2040

Choose a Plan for your Community's Future

***Attend the upcoming Envision San José 2040
General Plan Update Community Workshop***

Saturday, February 27, 2010

9:00 a.m. to Noon

**San José City Hall Wing Rooms
200 E. Santa Clara Street**

Your input will help select a preferred plan for future jobs and housing growth to recommend to the City Council

An opportunity to provide input through an on-line forum will also be made available

For more information visit: www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/gp_update

Please RVSP, particularly if you require Spanish or Vietnamese language translation, or to request an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act by calling (408) 535-7811 / (408) 294-9337 (TTY) or emailing Dawn.Lehman@sanjoseca.gov

To receive periodic updates and future workshop invitations for the Envision San José 2040 General Plan Update, please sign-up at:

www.sanjoseca.gov/development/subscription/email_updates.asp

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Great American Litter Pick Up

Save the Date

Don't let LITTER trash your community!
Volunteer with other concerned citizens to pick up litter in your community.

Great American Litter PICK UP

Saturday, March 20, 2010

Clean-up: 8:30 – 11:30 AM

There will be multiple locations in each council district.

For more information or to sign up call: **(408) 277-3208**

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Public Streetlight Demo

San Jose Seeks Resident Input Prior to Selection of New Streetlights

**Wednesday, March 3 & Thursday, March 4
7 PM – 9 PM**

- Do you walk, bike, drive or jog around San Jose after dark?
- Are you concerned by the inability to discern colors under San Jose's yellow streetlights?
- Would you like to see the stars at night when you step out your back door?
- Are you eager to see your community reduce greenhouse gas emissions?

Then participate in a streetlight demonstration organized by the City of San Jose. Come give us your opinion about a variety of more energy –efficient lights the City is considering that could improve the quality of lights on our streets while protecting the night sky.

RSVP to streetlightdemo@sanjoseca.gov or 408-535-3850 to reserve your spot. Use "Public Streetlight Demo" in the subject line. Please note which night you would like to attend. City staff will provide you with additional logistical information when you register.

You must be a San Jose resident to participate in the study. To ensure that the survey is unbiased, those who work for a lighting or component company or design or install lights will be unable to participate.

For more information, visit www.sanjoseca.gov/transportation/streetlightdemo.asp. Feel free to send any questions you might have about the study to streetlightdemo@sanjoseca.gov

To request an accommodation or alternative format for City-sponsored meetings events or printed materials, please call 408-535-3500 or 800-735-2929 (CRS) as soon as possible, but at least three business days before the meeting/event.

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United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County Annual Conference

Save the Date!

UNSCC Spring Conference
Date: Saturday, April 17, 2010
Location: San Jose City College

The Neighborhood Development Center is partnering with United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County on this event and many of the classes offered will be eligible for CAP Grant training credit. More information will be provided in future E-blasts.

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