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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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**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

Boards and Commissions

Arts Commission

Cultural Vision Plan: Community Study Session

Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2010

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Location: Roosevelt Community Center - Community Room
901 East Santa Clara Street at S.19th Street, San Jose

(NOTE: Roosevelt Community Center is just .9 mile east of City Hall, at S. 19th Street.

Parking is in the rear; please note that the entrance to the parking lot is on S. 21st Street.)

The Arts Commission invites public participation in a Community Study Session for discussion and input on the draft Cultural Vision Plan.

The City of San Jose is preparing a Cultural Vision Plan to guide the community's cultural development in the coming decade. This plan will inform Envision San Jose 2040, the update to the City's general plan, and will also function as a stand alone plan for the Office of Cultural Affairs, City government and our partners in the community. It is a noteworthy milestone that, for the first time in San Jose's history, the City's general plan will include an arts and culture element that will serve as a blueprint for cultural development for the next 10-15 years.

The Cultural+Planning Group consultants David Plettner and Victoria Saunders have completed work on the draft Cultural Vision Plan. At this study session they will present the key elements of the draft Cultural Vision Plan.

Arts Commissioners Walter Soellner, Jessica Zenk and Lisa Gonzales, all members of the Cultural Vision Plan Local Plan Advancement Team, and Arts Commissioner Charles Lauer, a member of the Envision 2040 General Plan Task Force, will invite discussion and input.

Community input has been invaluable in the development of the Cultural Vision Plan. To date there have been hundreds of people involved in the development of the draft Cultural Vision Plan. Community participation in this Study Session is important to finalizing the Cultural Vision Plan.

Please RSVP to rsvp-culturalaffairs@sanjoseca.gov or by calling 408.277.5144 ext. 31

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Citywide Aquatics Program Update

Registration for the City of San Jose Citywide Aquatics program, previously scheduled to begin Saturday, March 13, will be delayed until Saturday, April 3. City staff will discuss the City's financial situation and the impact of the recently revised General Fund Deficit figures on City programs with the Mayor and Council in the coming weeks. These conversations will include a discussion about the Council's comfort with providing an aquatics program this summer. As a result, the Aquatics program registration will be delayed three weeks and is scheduled to begin on Saturday, April 3.

We apologize for any inconvenience and we will keep you abreast of information related to the Aquatics program throughout the Budget Process. For questions please contact Dan Wax, Division Manager, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services at (408) 535-3576.

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Community Action and Pride Grant Program

CAP Cycle 24 Appeals Session

The CAP Review Committee will hear appeals to CAP Grant awards on April 10, 2010 from 10 AM – 1 PM at the Neighborhood Development Center-Room 4, 1601 Foxworthy Ave. San Jose CA 95118

This is a public meeting and members of the public are welcome to attend and observe the process.

Background:

After receiving notification of award or declination for the CAP Grant, applicants are given the opportunity to appeal the award amount/declination. In order to appeal this decision, applicants must declare their concerns in writing within 10 business days of receiving the award/declination letter. The CAP Review Committee reviews appeals and gives appealing associations an opportunity to speak on behalf of their application.

After the appeals hearing, the CAP Review Committee will forward a recommendation to the City Manager's Office. The decision of the City Manager's Office is final and will be communicated in writing to the applicants.

If you have any questions, please contact Alex Ruvalcaba, Analyst at (408) 723-4114.

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Fire Department

City recruiting new Fire Chief: Public input welcome

The City of San José is recruiting for a new Fire Chief and is seeking community input regarding important qualities the City Manager and City Council should consider in evaluating candidates for this position.

San Jose's Fire Chief oversees the operations of 700 firefighters and 34 fire stations providing paramedic, hazmat, and fire fighting services for our community of more than 1 million residents.

Community meetings will be held on:

<p>Tuesday, March 9, 2010 6:30-8:30 PM Vineland Library, Community Room 1450 Blossom Hill Road</p>	<p>Thursday, March 18, 2010 6:30-8:30 PM Tully Library, Community Room 880 Tully Road</p>
<p>Thursday, March 11, 2010 6:30-8:30 PM Dr. Roberto Cruz Alum Rock Library 3090 Alum Rock Avenue</p>	<p>Monday, March 22, 2010 6:30-8:30 PM Berryessa Library, Community Room 3355 Noble Avenue</p>
<p>Monday, March 15, 2010 6:30-8:30 PM San Jose City Hall, Wing Rooms 118-119 200 E. Santa Clara Street</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 24, 2010 6:30-8:30 PM Willow Glen Community & Senior Center, Community Room 2175 Lincoln Avenue</p>

Informational flyers are available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese on the City's Web site: www.sanjoseca.gov. To request copies, or for other questions, please contact Heather Ruiz, Deputy Director of Human Resources at 975-1439. Residents may also provide feedback on the Fire Chief Candidate profile by sending an email to info@tbcrecruiting.com.

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## San Jose Fire Department is now on Twitter

San Jose residents can now find the Fire Department on Twitter. Sign up to follow San Jose Fire and receive timely alerts about significant Fire calls and emergency incidents. The Fire Department's Public Information Office "tweets" about significant events as they happen in the community.

Anyone may sign up to follow the San Jose Fire Department (<http://twitter.com/SJFire>). Just go to Twitter.com and search for San Jose Fire.

Residents also can find general information and department updates on the Fire Department Blog <http://sjfd.blogspot.com/> or by visiting the Fire Department's Web site at [www.sjfd.org](http://www.sjfd.org).

### About San Jose Fire Department

The San Jose Fire Department was Founded in 1777 and Incorporated in 1850. With 34 Fire stations, 752 sworn personnel and covering over 175 square miles including approximately 40,000 acres of urban/interface, we serve over one million residents. San Jose Firefighters responded to over 54,000 emergency calls in 2009. The Fire Department responds to fires and hazardous materials calls, as well as medical-related emergencies.

The San Jose Fire Department encourages everyone to  
PREPARE, PRACTICE AND PREVENT.  
For fire and life safety tips go to [www.sjfd.org/PubEd](http://www.sjfd.org/PubEd).

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## *Get Wired Up, San Jose!*



Google is looking for communities to test ultra-high speed broadband networks across the country. And, San José wants to be one of them! The network would deliver Internet speeds more than 100 times faster than what most Americans have access to today, over 1 gigabit per second.

As you can imagine, it would present fantastic opportunities for residents and businesses alike—by attracting businesses and jobs to our community, enhancing the quality of life for our citizens and improving our schools, health care system and government agencies. To make sure San José is a top contender, we need your help. For more information, visit [www.sanjoseca.gov/getwiredup.asp](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/getwiredup.asp).

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## ***GREENLIGHT Earth Day Film Festival***

The City of San Jose is proudly sponsoring the 5th Annual GREENLIGHT Earth Day Film Festival. This festival is the celebration of Earth Day featuring film projects that explore environmental citizenship and show how individual actions can reduce our environmental impact. Films featured will be produced by local artists, with an emphasis on student-produced films. Show your support and attend on April 15, 2010 at the Cubberley Theater, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA. For more information please visit [www.cityofpaloalto.org/greenlight](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/greenlight)

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## ***Keep San Jose Beautiful***

The mission of Keep San Jose Beautiful is to make San Jose more beautiful through community advocacy, education and empowerment.

### **Community Improvement Awards**

Keep San Jose Beautiful is currently accepting nominations for the Community Improvement Awards. Nominations close on Tuesday, March 30, 2010. Anyone may nominate a group or individual who has volunteered time to beautify a property in San Jose. The program was established in 2004 to encourage citizen involvement in adding to the beauty of San Jose. Categories include landscape, residential, historic structure, neighborhood, commercial, and conservation/"green" improvements. The winners will be given a plaque and presented with a commendation at a City Council meeting.

To download forms or for more information about Keep San Jose Beautiful programs, call (408) 723-1574 or visit us online at <http://www.sibeautiful.org>

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**United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County**  
*Linking and Developing Healthy Neighborhoods*

## **UNSCC 2010 Conference**

**Saturday, April 17, 2010**  
**8:00 AM to 3:30 PM**  
**San Jose City College**  
**2100 Moorpark Ave, San Jose, CA 95128**

- Registration - 8:00 AM
- Welcoming - 8:45 AM
- Start of Educational Training/Workshops & Forums - 9:10 AM
- Resource Fair / Lunch - 11:20 AM
- BRICC Awards & Networking – 12:45 PM
- End of Educational Training / Workshops & Forums – 3:30 PM

Registration Form, Descriptions of Educational Training/ Workshops & Forums,  
and Conference Map are available at: [www.UNSCC.org](http://www.UNSCC.org)

*Conference is offered without charge to attendees*

**For more information about the conference, contact Michael LaRocca**  
**at (408) 564-2374 or [mlroo1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mlroo1@sbcglobal.net)**

Event in partnership with the City of San Jose, Neighborhood Development Center

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