



NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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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.

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Boards and Commissions

Neighborhoods Commission

The Neighborhoods Commission will be holding a Special Meeting on Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 6:30 PM.

Please note that the meeting will be held at the Neighborhood Development Center, 1601 Foxworthy Ave, San Jose, CA 95118. [Click here for a map](#)

For more information about the Neighborhoods Commission, visit
<http://www.strongneighborhoods.org/neighborhooddevelopmentcenter.htm>

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City Manager's Proposed Budget

City Manager's Proposed Budget includes deep reduction across all City departments

City Manager Debra Figone on May 3rd released the 2010-2011 Proposed Operating Budget for the City of San José that closes a \$118.5 million shortfall (including Development Fees) through significant reductions in City staffing and important City services including public safety, transportation, parks, libraries, and community centers. The 2010-2011 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets total \$2.5 billion and represent the City Manager's proposed financial plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1st.

"Unfortunately, deep service reductions across the organization are required to close this year's budget gap," said Figone. "I'm still hopeful that we will achieve a 10 percent reduction in total compensation from our employees. Those discussions are ongoing, and if we are successful, we could avoid the great majority of these reductions."

The Proposed Budget, which includes numerous reduction proposals that cut across all city departments, may be found online by visiting the City's website (www.sanjoseca.gov/budgetinfo.asp). Some of the more significant proposals include:

- In the Police Department, the elimination of 162 sworn positions would include positions in Patrol, Investigations and special units.
- In the Fire Department, the elimination of 92 sworn positions would include the elimination of five Engine Companies, one Truck Company, and the dedicated Hazardous Incident Team.
- In the Library Department, a significant reduction would cut branch library hours to three days per week. Total Library reductions would eliminate approximately 112 positions.
- In the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department, the closure of 16 satellite and neighborhood community centers and the reduction of many community services would result in the elimination of 99 positions.
- In the Transportation Department, cuts would be spread across many services including the Capital Program, traffic calming, and street maintenance resulting in the elimination of 45 positions.

70% of the City's General Fund is tied directly to personnel costs. The Proposed Budget has 967 fewer positions than last year's Adopted Budget, bringing total City staffing to 5,656 positions, a level not seen since 1989 when San José's population was about 780,000. The City anticipates that as many as 450 full-time and 200 part-time employees would be subject to layoff.

The Proposed Budget does not take into account potential cost savings from employee concessions that would preserve City services and reduce the number of positions eliminated. If the City can achieve 10% concessions from all employees in the next few weeks, which is the timeframe necessary to be included in the final budget, close to 500 positions could be restored.

The City Council will begin considering the proposed budget through a series of budget study sessions beginning on May 10. Public hearings on the budget are scheduled for May 18 and June 14, and adoption of the new budget on June 22nd.

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Neighborhood Development Center Trainings

CAP Cycle 23 Final Grant Workshop

Wednesday May 26 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM
1601 Foxworthy Avenue-Room 4, San José, CA 95118

Presented by Ken Podgorsek, Executive Director of United Neighborhood of Santa Clara County

Bring your questions, bring your receipts, and bring your reports. This class is an opportunity to ask any question regarding the final preparation of your final report for Cycle 23. Every question that you have regarding completing your final report will be answered at this Community Cafe. This class is eligible for the CAP Grant Cycle 23 training requirement.

Space is limited, so please register early for this FREE class. Call (408) 723-4114 or email: ndc@sanjoseca.gov

To request an accommodation or alternative format for City-sponsored meetings, events or printed materials, please call (408) 723-4114 or (408) 294-9337 (TTY) as soon as possible, but at least three business days before the meeting/event.

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Our City Forest

Adopt-an-Oak Seedling from Our City Forest

Young Coast Live Oak trees - free to a good home!

Nonprofit Our City Forest (OCF) has more than 600 oak seedling available for adoption! The trees will be given away for free to those with room to plant this large, drought tolerant native.

Recipients simply complete a Care Agreement stating that they will plant the tree and care for it for 3 years, until established.

Oaks will be available for adoption at OCF's GREEN FAIR

Capitol Flea Market: May 22nd from 10 am - 3 pm

Interested in a tree but can't attend the GREEN FAIR? Contact info@ourcityforest.org for additional adoption dates.

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Green Fair 2010

Join us to celebrate 50,000 trees planted!

CAPITOL FLEA MARKET

May 22nd,
[3630 Hillcap Avenue](https://www.google.com/maps/place/3630+Hillcap+Avenue,+San+Jose,+CA+95128/@37.3333333,-122.1833333,15z)

Everyone is invited to enjoy our free and fun family events in San José. Both will feature tree-themed activities:

- Pruning Workshops (12:30 & 2:30 PM)
- Photos with "O2" the Tree Mascot
- Adopt-an-Oak seedling giveaway
- Kid's Area - button-making, face painting & crafts
- Ask the Arborist tree advice booth
- FREE EcoMetro Guide Raffle (*Drawings at 12:45, 1:45, 2:45 & 3:45 PM*)
- Native Tree and Plant Market
- Music and light refreshments

For more information and event details, visit www.ourcityforest.org/greenfair/ or contact Amanda at agrebner@ourcityforest.org or (408) 99-TREES x105.

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Volunteers and Tree Amigos needed!

May is a busy time for planting, and we are still in need of volunteers for this weekend and the rest of the month.

Please check out our list of upcoming events and call (408) 998-7337 x123 or email volunteer@ourcityforest.org to register for upcoming events.

This Weekend

May 15 9am-12pm or 1pm-3pm: Tree Bank Workday at Kelley Park

May 15 9am-10am: Trees for All Planting Demonstration
1-2 Tree Amigos needed. No additional volunteers needed.

May 15 9am-12pm: Planting at Rubino Park
Help plant 16 trees! 3-4 Tree Amigos and 80 general volunteers needed.

May 15 9am-12pm: Planting at Rubino Park
Help plant 8 trees! 3-4 Tree Amigos and 25-30 general volunteers needed.

Next Week : May 16 - May 22, 2010

May 18 9am-10am: Planting at Kirk Park
Help plant 4 trees! 4-5 Tree Amigos needed. 10-15 additional volunteers needed.

May 22 10am-3pm: Green Fair at Capitol Flea Market
Join Our City Forest in celebrating trees with a kid's area, ask-the-arborist booth, pruning workshops, tree tours and oak tree giveaway. 4-5 Tree Amigos and 10-15 general volunteers needed.

May 22 9am-10am: Trees for All Planting Demonstration
1-2 Tree Amigos needed. No additional volunteers needed.

May 22 9am-12pm: Planting at Sierramont Middle School
Help plant 20 trees! 4-5 Tree Amigos and 20-30 general volunteers needed.

And Beyond...

May 29 9am-12pm: Planting at Northwood Neighborhood (location TBD)
Help plant 11 trees! 2-3 Tree Amigos and 30 general volunteers needed.

May 29 9am-12pm or 1pm-3pm: Tree Bank Workday at Kelley Park

May 29 9am-10am: Trees for All Planting Demonstration
1-2 Tree Amigos needed. No additional volunteers needed.

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San Jose Public Library

Comprehensive Access to Health Information

Healthcare and its rising cost has been the subject of much debate surrounding health care reform. How do you control cost while getting the best care for your family? Part of the answer is access to reliable information that will help in making treatment choices, or better still, prevent disease altogether. San José Public Library now offers free access to **Consumer Health Complete** (CHC) in multiple languages: **Chinese, English, Farsi, Hindi, Russian, Tagalog** and **Vietnamese**.* The database represents the single most comprehensive resource for consumer-oriented health content. It is designed to support the information needs of patients, and to foster an overall understanding of health-related topics. CHC covers all aspects of health and wellness, from mainstream medicine to the many perspectives of complementary, holistic and integrated medicine. Complete articles may be obtained on topics such as:



- Aging
- Cancer
- Diabetes
- Drugs & alcohol
- Fitness
- Nutrition & dietetics
- Children's health
- Men & women's health, etc.

To begin your search:

- Go to the library's home page (www.sjlibrary.org)
- Click on **SJPL Articles & Databases**
- Select **Databases A-Z**
- Select **Consumer Health Complete** (or one of the language versions)

Remote access will require use of an active San Jose library card ID and PIN.

*Comparable information is available in Spanish using **Salud en Español**. For assistance, contact your neighborhood library or King Library Reference Help at (408) 808-2100.

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### Discount Admission for San Jose Library Card Holders

A couple of community organizations are reaching out to ease the crunch on household budgets by offering discount admission to San Jose library card holders. All you have to do to obtain these discounts is to display your active San Jose library card at the box office. Some restrictions apply.

### The Tech Museum of Innovation (Ongoing)

Gain admission to gallery exhibits at \$5 each for up to 9 people in your party. Offer applies to box office sales only; not valid for telephone, online sales or group reservations.. There are no age restrictions. The special ticket price does not include IMAX or special exhibitions. (Note: This also is also valid for those who display library cards from Santa Clara Public Library and Santa Clara County Library.)



## Camera Cinemas (Through June 30, 2010)

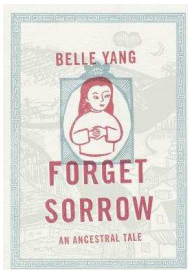
Encouraging the shared enjoyment of movies and the books that often inspire them, Camera Cinemas is currently offering a \$3 movie ticket discount (on general admission only) to San José Public Library card holders. The offer excludes 3-D films.

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## Graphic Novelist Belle Yang

Join Author / Illustrator Belle Yang for an evening of art and story, presenting her latest book, a graphic novel:  
*Forget Sorrow: an Ancestral Tale.*



Wednesday, May 26, 2010  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Suites 225 & 229, 2nd Floor  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library  
150 E. San Fernando St., San Jose

FREE ADMISSION



Co-sponsored by Friends of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library

To request an accommodation for Library-sponsored meetings or events, please call 408-808-2183 or 408-808-2130(TTY) at least three business days before the meeting/event.

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## Summer Reading Celebration

### ***Water Your Mind This Summer – READ!***



Summer is just around the corner, and whether it's the heat that keeps you indoors or summer vacation that brings more free time, there's nothing like a good book to pass the time. San José Public Library's *Summer Reading Celebration* kicks off on June 12. All participants in the eight-week program will register online. Kids who enroll in the children's program—"Make a Splash, READ!"—will receive a print log to track their progress. Participants in the teen and adult programs ("Make Waves at your Library" and "Water Your Mind, READ," respectively) will log their experiences online. For further news and developments, check the library website ([www.sjlibrary.org](http://www.sjlibrary.org)), contact your neighborhood library or call King Library Youth Services at (408) 808-2183.

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