

# Councilmember Pete Constant's District 1 Community Newsletter

## ONE Community Inspiring our City

May 11, 2007



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#### MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMEMBER PETE CONSTANT

Every year, the San José City Council is required to adopt a balanced budget for the following fiscal year. The budget process begins when the Mayor presents the March Budget Message, which sets the tone for the Proposed Budget released by the City Manager in May.

The Proposed Budget is broken up into smaller sections and then discussed by the Council during the Budget Study Sessions that take place in early May. The Council began holding budget study sessions on May 7<sup>th</sup> and will continue to review the Proposed Budget until May 18<sup>th</sup>. Both the Proposed Budget and the schedule of Budget Study Sessions are available online at [www.sanjoseca.gov](http://www.sanjoseca.gov). After the Budget Study Sessions are completed, the City Manager will present a final budget that will be adopted by the City Council on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

Much of the Proposed Budget has been shaped by input given during a neighborhood priority setting session held in January 2007. I would like to encourage you to further participate in this budget process by sharing your suggestions for enhancing services or saving money. You can do so by sending me an email, calling the District 1 Office, or visiting me during my next Community Office Hours on May 11, 2007 at Cypress Senior Center from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Please be sure to share your suggestions by Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**. Your insights and advice will be a great help as I and the rest of the Council review the Proposed Budget, offer strategies for balancing the budget, and finally adopt the 2007-2008 Budget on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

I would also like to invite you to attend a **Budget Community Meeting on Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the West Valley Library Community Room**. This is your chance to learn more about the City's budget process and budget items related to West San José, to get a feel for what the final FY 2007-2008 Budget will look like, and to ask questions about the City's budget and how it will affect our community. If you have questions about this meeting, please call my office at (408) 535-4901.

Your neighbor,

#### DISTRICT 1 NEWS

##### **POSTPONED- Grand Opening of Calabazas BMX Park**

The Calabazas BMX Park Grand Opening Celebration has been delayed. Due to the complexity and uniqueness of this type of facility, the construction will take longer. The BMX course is a state of the art facility and the first of its kind in San José. The course will cover 1.5 acres and include exciting elements for all levels of riders. The majority of construction has been completed and the final grading and

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course testing is underway. Completion of the project is expected by July 2007.

**Save the Date! June 16<sup>th</sup>, Starbird Youth Center Grand Opening**

Mark your calendars for the grand opening of the Starbird Youth Center on Saturday, June 16, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. The new center, located at 1050 Boynton Avenue in the Blackford Strong Neighborhoods Initiative Area, will be over 3,840 square feet and will feature a game room, lounge, kitchen, computer lab, and multi-purpose room for classes and community meetings.

**Wildfire Awareness Week**

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has proclaimed May 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> as Wildfire Awareness Week to remind Californians to keep fire safety in mind at all times. Residents living within a Wildland Urban Interface need to be particularly careful and are accordingly required by State law to create a 100 foot clearance from their property lines. This clearance or Defensible Space increases the chance of your house surviving a wildfire and makes it safer for firefighters to protect your home during a wildland fire. To learn more about protecting your home and neighborhood from wildfires, please call the Santa Clara County FireSafe Council at (408) 975-9591.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS****Councilmember Constant's Community Office Hours**

**Friday, May 11, 2007**

**10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**Cypress Senior Center- 403 S. Cypress Avenue, San José**

Join Councilmember Pete Constant to for his Community Office Hours to discuss your concerns and get neighborhood and citywide updates. For more information, call the District 1 (408) 535-4901.

**Winchester NAC Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 16, 2007**

**6:00 p.m. Dinner; 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Meeting**

**International Christian Center-3275 Williams Road, San José**

Join the Winchester NAC for their monthly meeting and get updates on your neighborhood! For more information, call (408) 554-6391.

**Lynhaven Neighborhood Association Ice Cream Social**

**Thursday, May 17, 2007**

**7:00 p.m.**

**International Christian Center- 3275 Williams Road**

Join the Lynhaven Neighborhood Association for ice cream and guest speakers Councilmember Pete Constant and one of your San José Police Department Beat Officers. This association includes the neighborhood between Moorpark, San Tomas Expressway, Williams, and Winchester. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by calling (408) 535-4901.

**Great American Litter Pick Up**

**Saturday, May 19, 2007**

**8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Clean-up**

**Moreland West Community Center- 1850 Fallbrook Ave., San José**

Help keep San José beautiful and join volunteers from all over the City to pick up litter. For more information, pick-up locations outside of District 1, or to register, please call (408) 277-3208.

**San Tomas West Neighborhood Community Garage Sale**

**Saturday, May 19, 2007**

**8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

The San Tomas West Neighborhood, between Payne Avenue, Campbell Avenue, San Tomas Expressway, and San Tomas Aquino, invite you to shop! Don't miss the

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bargains and a chance to meet some of your neighbors at this communitywide garage sale. For more information, visit <http://www.santomaswest.com/>.

**Friends of the Calabazas Branch Library Book Sale**

**Saturday, May 19, 2007**

**10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Calabazas Branch Library- 1230 Blaney Avenue, San José**

Help the Friends of Calabazas Branch Library raise money and find a good read. For more information, please call (408) 996-1536.

**Rainbow West Neighborhood Association Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 23, 2007**

**7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**Lynbrook High School Choir Room**

**1280 Johnson Avenue, San José**

Join the Rainbow West neighbors for their first meeting and meet Councilmember Pete Constant and your beat officer. This new group includes the households between Rainbow Drive, Calabazas Creek and U.S. 85, Prospect Road, and Johnson and Saratoga Creek. For more information, please call the District 1 Office at (408) 535-4901.

**Gang Awareness Training**

**Wednesday, May 30, 2007**

**7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**Moreland Middle School Multi-Use Room- 4600 Student Lane, San José**

Join Councilmember Pete Constant and the Moreland School District to learn more about how you can protect your community from gangs. For more information, please call the Council District 1 Office at (408) 535-4901.

**District 1 Budget Community Meeting**

**Monday, June 4, 2007**

**6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**West Valley Library Community Room- 1243 San Tomas Aquino Road, San José**

Join Councilmember Pete Constant for a presentation on the City's 2007-2008 Budget to learn more about San José's budget process. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and get budget information related specifically to West San José. For more information, please call the District 1 Office at (408) 535-4901.

**CITYWIDE EVENTS****Free E-Waste Collection**

**Saturday, May 12, 2007**

**9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**San José Elk's Lodge- 444 W. Alma Street, San José**

Get rid of your electronic waste and help the Elk's raise money! Just drive up and drop off your electronic waste.

**Wonders of our Water Works Tour**

**Saturday, May 12, 2007**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Morning Tour**

**1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Afternoon Tour**

**San José/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant**

Take a free tour of the San José/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant and the wetlands of the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Refuge. Learn firsthand how our everyday activities impact the Bay and its wetlands. To register, visit <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/esd/plantmasterplan/tour-reservations.asp>.

**Mercury Fever Thermometer Exchange**

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**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Willows Senior Center- 2175 Lincoln Avenue, San José**

Turn in your glass mercury fever thermometer in exchange for a digital thermometer! Please bring thermometers in plastic bags to prevent spills. Electronic thermometers are limited to 1 per household.

**Health Care Town Hall Meeting**

**Thursday, May 17, 2007**

**6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Camden Community Center Multi-Purpose Room**

**3369 Union Avenue, San José**

Assemblymember Jim Beall Jr. invites everyone to a town hall meeting on health care to learn more about health care reform proposals being considered in Sacramento. Please RSVP by calling (408) 282-8920

**Child Safety Program**

**Saturday, May 19, 2007**

**10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Westfield Valley Fair (at Playtown Area near Build-a-Bear)**

**2855 Stevens Creek Boulevard, Santa Clara**

Learn more about the DNA LifePrint Child Safety Program, which promotes child safety awareness and provides important tools that can help protect children from violence. Parents will receive a number of free tools for protecting children. For more information, call (408) 710-4139.

**GRANTS AND TRAININGS.**

**Raising a Multilingual & Multicultural Child**

**Tuesday, May 22, 2007**

**6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**West San José Community Center- 3707 Williams Road, San José**

Join instructor Gloria Moskowitz-Sweet, from Parents Place, to learn more about how you can raise a multilingual and multicultural child. To register, please call Cupertino Community Services at (408) 366-6090.

**Program/Services Inventory and Facility Needs Assessment**

**Wednesday, May 23, 2007**

**6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**Kirk Community Center, Room 4- 1601 Foxworthy Ave., San José**

This workshop will provide you with the fundamental tools for completing a program/services inventory and facility needs assessment to identify who is providing services to whom in your community and how well those services match the needs of your community. To register or for more information, call the Neighborhood Development Center at (408) 723-4114.

**Action Plan, Handling the Money- Financial Management**

**Wednesday, May 30, 2007**

**6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**Kirk Community Center, Room 4- 1601 Foxworthy Ave., San José**

Learn how to create an effective Action Plan and efficiently administer grants—including tracking and reporting grants. To register or for more information, call the Neighborhood Development Center at (408) 723-4114.

**QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS?**

If you have any questions about the District 1 Community Newsletter or would like to suggest topics or announcements for future issues, then please contact Crystal Morrow at [Crystal.Morrow@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Crystal.Morrow@sanjoseca.gov) or call her at (408) 535-4918.

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and the Moreland School District

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Multi-Use Room  
4600 Student Lane, San José

*Don't miss this opportunity to  
learn more about how you can keep your  
schools and neighborhood gang-free.*



For more information, please call (408) 535-4901  
or email [crystal.morrow@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:crystal.morrow@sanjoseca.gov).



Office of  
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District 1



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# Budget Community Meeting

Monday, June 4, 2007

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

West Valley Branch Library Community Room  
1243 San Tomas Aquino Road, San José

Learn more about the City of San José's annual budget process.

*Presentation to include:*

Overview of the City's Budget Process  
Summary of the FY 2007-2008 Proposed Budget  
Potential impacts on West San José

For more information, please call (408) 535-4901

**2007-2008**  
**CITY OF SAN JOSÉ**  
**BUDGET STUDY SESSIONS\***

<b>ITEM**</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<b>City and Redevelopment Agency 2007-2008 Operating Budgets</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Overview	Monday, May 7, 2007	1:00pm – 2:00pm
<b>CSA Business Plans, Core Services, and Performance Measures</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Community & Economic Development (including Redevelopment Agency)	Monday, May 7, 2007	2:00pm – 5:00pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Services	Thursday, May 10, 2007	9:00am – 11:00am
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety	Thursday, May 10, 2007	11:00am – 12:00pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation & Aviation Services	Friday, May 11, 2007	9:00am – 10:00am
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental & Utility Services	Friday, May 11, 2007	10:00am – 12:00pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Support (including Council Appointees)	Monday, May 14, 2007	1:00pm – 3:00pm
<input type="checkbox"/> City Auditor Recommendations	Monday, May 14, 2007	3:00pm – 4:00pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Fees and Charges	Monday, May 14, 2007	4:00pm – 4:15pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	Monday, May 14, 2007	4:15pm – 5:00pm
<b>City 2007-2008 Capital Budget and 2008-2012 Capital Improvement Program</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Overview	Wednesday, May 16, 2007	9:00am – 9:30am
<input type="checkbox"/> Community & Economic Development	Wednesday, May 16, 2007	9:30am – 10:00am
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental & Utility Services	Wednesday, May 16, 2007	10:00am – 11:00am
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety	Wednesday, May 16, 2007	11:00am – 12:00pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Services	Thursday, May 17, 2007	10:00am – 11:00am
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation & Aviation Services	Thursday, May 17, 2007	11:00am – 11:45am
<input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Support	Thursday, May 17, 2007	11:45am – 12:00pm
<b>HOLD for Discussions if Needed</b>	Friday, May 18, 2007	9:00am – 12:00pm
<b>HOLD for Discussions if Needed</b>	Friday, May 18, 2007	1:00pm – 5:00pm

\* Budget Study Sessions will be held in the City Council Chambers.

\*\*Items may be taken out of order or in advance of the scheduled time if the City Council completes its discussion of the item scheduled prior to the next item. For information, call Nadine Nader at 535-8104.