

Councilmember Pete Constant's District 1 Community Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMEMBER PETE CONSTANT

The City Council is nearing the end of our annual Budget Process and getting closer to our final Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-2008 Budget. The other Councilmembers and I have just completed our review of the Proposed Budget and held our last Budget Study Session last week. The City Manager develops the Proposed Budget based on anticipated changes to the economy, the City's spending needs, and direction provided by the Mayor and Council in the March Budget Message. This year, the Budget Message reflected public input that was gathered through outreach efforts that included a priority setting meeting of neighborhood leaders and a Citywide phone survey.

This week, we submitted suggested changes to the Mayor's Office for the FY 2007-2008 Budget. While our economy is recovering, we are still faced with deficits that will force us to prioritize important City services. In an effort to minimize cuts, I have suggested opportunities for generating revenue. One of the opportunities that I have identified includes a pilot shopping center improvement plan for District 1. If included in the final FY 2007-2008 Budget, I believe that this pilot program will help to beautify our neighborhoods and increase sales tax revenue.

Each year, the City Council has the opportunity to find inventive ways to maintain a high quality of life for San José residents while also working around changes in the economic climate. It is a rewarding challenge that I have enjoyed. If you have questions regarding the City's FY 2007-2008 Budget, I encourage you to join me at the upcoming **District 1 Budget Community Meeting on June 4th at 6:30 p.m. at West Valley Library (1243 San Tomas Aquino, San José).**

Your neighbor,

DISTRICT 1 NEWS

Keep your Community Safer Through Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch is a great way to inform members of the community how to discourage, deter, and prevent crimes such as burglary, auto theft, and car break-ins. Neighborhood Watch strengthens communities by providing residents with the tools to be proactive in keeping their neighborhood safe. You can host a Neighborhood Watch in your home at one of the local community Centers by calling the San José Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit. Meetings are held Monday through Thursday in the evening. In addition to pertinent safety tips, everyone in attendance will receive a Neighborhood Watch sign for their homes. If you would like to schedule a Neighborhood Watch Meeting or learn more about the San José Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit, please call Crime Prevention at (408) 277-4133.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS**Southwood Drive Traffic Calming Meeting**

Tuesday, May 29, 2007

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Holder's Country Inn- 1424 Saratoga Avenue, San José

Attention Southwood Drive Residents! Please join representatives from the Department of Transportation to discuss the proposed installation of centerlines and edgelines on Southwood Drive, between Atherton Avenue and Colombo Drive, to help calm traffic. Installation requires a petition signed by the Southwood Drive neighborhood. For more information, 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.

Councilmember Constant's Community Office Hours

Friday, June 1, 2007

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.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.

Snow in June!

Friday, June 1, 2007

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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

Enjoy a free snow cone and art projects for the family while you pick up the new Citywide Activity Guide and schedule of summer recreation classes. For more information, call the West San José Community Center at (408) 249-6580.

Neighborhood Clean-Up: Northlake/ Cypress/ Juno and Loma Linda

Saturday, June 2, 2007

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

The City of San José is holding a neighborhood clean-up for the residents living within the boundaries of Stevens Creek Boulevard, Winchester Boulevard, Interstate 280, and Lawrence Expressway. Flyers were mailed on May 18th. You must live within these boundaries and present a flyer to participate in the Neighborhood Clean-Up. If you live in this neighborhood and have not received a flyer, please call the 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.

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Westside Property and Homeowners' Association**Tuesday, June 5, 2007****7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.****West San José Community Center- 3707 Williams Road, San José**

Join your neighbors in the Westside area for their June meeting. For more information, visit <http://www.westsideassociation.org/>.

Councilmember Constant's Community Office Hours**Wednesday, June 6, 2007****7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.****West San José Community Center- 3707 Williams Road, 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.

Blackford NAC Meeting**Thursday, June 7, 2007****6:00 p.m. Dinner; 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Meeting****West San José Community Center- 3707 Williams Road, San José**

Join the Blackford NAC for the June meeting and stay up-to-date on neighborhood achievements. For more information, call (408) 554-6391.

Starbird Youth Center Grand Opening**Saturday, June 16, 2007****11:00 a.m.****Starbird Youth Center- 1050 Boynton Avenue, San José**

Join your neighbors to celebrate the highly anticipated grand opening of the Starbird Youth Center! The new center, located 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. The facility features a number of innovative design features that will save energy and money. For more information, call the District 1 Office at (408) 535-4901.

CITYWIDE EVENTS**Festivals and Farmers on The Alameda****Saturday, May 26, 2007****8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.****Corner of The Alameda & Hanchett Avenue, San José**

Starting May 26th and continuing to September 29th, Farmers Markets will be held on the corner of The Alameda and Hanchett Avenue on Saturday mornings. This Saturday's Farmer's Market will feature a celebration of the history of The Alameda.

Downtown Public Art Plan Artists' Focus Group**Tuesday, May 29, 2007****6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.****San José City Hall, Room W118- 200 E. Santa Clara Street, San José**

Attention artists! Provide input on public art in Downtown San José as the City develops a public art plan for Downtown. Please RSVP by sending an email to sj_public_art@yahoo.com.

2007 Story Road Tamale Festival**Saturday, June 2, 2007****10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.****Emma Prusch Farm Park- Story and King Roads, San José**

Enjoy tamales, contests, and live entertainment featuring Pete Escovedo and his son Juan playing with NuDay Band. Visit www.storyroadtamalefestival.org for

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Music in the Other Park

Thursday, June 7, 2007

5:30 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.

St. James Park- First and St. James Street, Downtown San José

Music in the Other Park starts its 10th season on June 7th with performances by Eek-A-Mouse and Monkey. The free concert series will be held Thursday evenings until June 28th. For details, visit www.sjdowntown.com.

San José/ Dublin Sister City Spirit of Ireland Golf Tournament

Monday, June 11, 2007

11:30 a.m. Registration, 12:00 p.m. Lunch, 1:00 Tournament

San Jose Country Club- 15571 Alum Rock Avenue, San José

\$175/ player; \$40/ non-players

Join the members of the San José/ Dublin Sister City Committee for a fun day of golf at the San Jose Country Club and help support the goals of the San José/ Dublin Sister City. To register, visit www.sanjosedublin.org.

GRANTS AND TRAININGS.

Spanish Workshop: Parents First Teachers

Saturday, May 26, 2007

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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

Learn how you can help your child increase their learning and reading skills. Child Care will be provided by request. To register, please call 429-6580 or email marissa.roberts@sanjoseca.gov. Workshop presented by Vision Literacy.

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 or call her at (408) 535-4918.

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and the Moreland School District

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Moreland Middle School
Multi-Use Room
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*Don't miss this opportunity to
learn more about how you can keep your
schools and neighborhood gang-free.*



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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