

NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER E-BLAST



An information-sharing service of the
Neighborhood Development Center (NDC)
October 2008



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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[What's new at the Neighborhood Development Center \(NDC\)?](#)

NDC has merged their website with the Strong Neighborhoods Initiative (SNI) website. Please visit us at www.strongneighborhoods.org/NDC.asp. The website is constantly being updated so we encourage you to check back periodically for any new updates. The community will soon be able to access this newsletter on our new website. The SNI website will also soon have the link to the website for the Community Action and Pride (CAP) grant, along with links to websites for San José Beautiful, Volunteer San José, etc.

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[Building Strong Neighborhoods Pilot Projects](#)

The City of San Jose's Strong Neighborhoods Initiative promotes active community engagement in designated redevelopment zones, by creating partnerships with City staff and aligning City resources with neighborhood priorities. The Building Strong Neighborhoods Pilot Project enables this work to expand to neighborhoods that are not in redevelopment zones.

There are currently three Building Strong Neighborhoods Pilot Project neighborhoods in the City of San Jose:

- Seven Trees (City Council District 7)
- Silver Leaf (City Council District 2)
- Hillsdale/Camden (City Council District 9)

Building Strong Neighborhoods is based on several concepts:

- Develop neighborhood leadership
- Organize neighborhoods by working collaboratively with residents
- Build on neighborhood strengths and assets
- Develop clear priorities and connect them to established resources
- Help achieve the delivery of city services and neighborhood priorities

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Community Action and Pride (CAP) Grants:

The CAP Grant Program will soon be preparing for Cycle 23. As a part of the preparation for improving the process, we will be hosting two Community Café's. The first occurred on Thursday, September 25 at the Cambrian Library Community Room. The second is still being developed and will be announced shortly, but will occur towards the end of October. All interested residents are invited to attend and share your thoughts about what work's and how we can improve this exciting neighborhoods grant program.

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Community Leadership Academy (CAP Grant Approved Trainings)

Space is limited, so please register early for these FREE classes.

Community Leadership Academy Trainings are hosted by:

The Neighborhood Development Center.

601 Foxworthy Avenue

San José, CA 95118

Phone (408) 723-4114

Fax (408) 264-2359

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.

How to Handle your Grant Money

Wednesday, October 8, 2008 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Kirk Community Center, 1601 Foxworthy Avenue, San Jose, CA 95118 (Room 4)

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

The in's and out's of creating an effective Action Plan and administering your Grant efficiently. Now that there is money in your neighborhood association bank account, you need to learn "best practices" of making sure your organization remains financially sound, what the financial responsibilities are of an organization and ways to keep your money in order. This includes tracking, reporting and administering your grant.

Home and Family Disaster Preparedness

Wednesday, October 29, 2008 from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Kirk Community Center, 1601 Foxworthy Avenue, San Jose, CA 95118 (Room 4)

Presented by: Samon Saffarzadeh – City of San Jose, Office of Emergency Services

Are you prepared for an emergency? This is a brief look at the San Jose Prepared Program. Find out what you and neighbors can do to ensure that you're prepared for any type of disaster when emergency services cannot reach you right away.

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Neighborhoods Commission

The City of San Jose will be seating a new 30 member citizen's advisory commission in December 2008. This commission will be charged with offering advice to the Mayor and City Council on neighborhood issues that are city-wide in nature. The commission will be seated by January 2009.

<http://www.strongneighborhoods.org/NeighborhoodsCommission.asp>

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Keep San Jose Beautiful

Making San Jose more beautiful through community advocacy, education and empowerment

Community Improvement Awards

Community Improvement Awards are an opportunity to recognize the hard work that volunteers put into improving the appearance of San José!

Applications must be received by October 17th, 2008!

We are looking for projects that transform the community!

- New Landscaping
- Beautification Projects
- Home Remodel Historic Renovation
- Commercial Improvements
- “Green” Projects

Anyone can nominate him/herself, a neighbor, a neighborhood group or an outstanding project for a Community Improvement Award! Winners will be presented with a Community Improvement Awards plaque and a commendation at a City Council meeting!

Award applications and guidelines are available online at www.sjbeautiful.org or by calling the office of Keep San Jose Beautiful at (408)723-1574.

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Daffodil and Native Bulb Give-Away

Each fall 30,000 daffodil bulbs are planted with the help of hundreds of volunteers throughout the City of San Jose! In the spring, the blooming flowers beautify the city.

Since this program began thirteen years ago, 320,000 daffodils have been planted. In 2007, the first year of native flower bulb distribution, 8,000 natives were planted along with the daffodils.

Do you have a community group looking for a one-day project in the fall? We invite school groups, neighborhood associations, youth centers, scout troops, park beautification groups, and other community organizations to participate on this year's planting day, Saturday, November 1, 2008.

Bulbs will be distributed on Saturday, October 11 and October 18. Groups must call or email to request bulbs in advance. Generally, each group will receive 250 daffodil bulbs and 100 of each species for the native plant bulbs.

For more information or to request daffodils for your neighborhood, please call the office of Keep San Jose Beautiful at (408)723-1574 or email devony.taylor@sanjoseca.gov

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY RESERVED YOUR DAFFODILS ONLINE AND HAVE NOT RECEIVED CONFIRMATION PLEASE CALL THE SAN JOSE BEAUTIFUL OFFICE AT (408) 723-1574 TO CONFIRM YOUR REQUEST.

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Keep San Jose Beautiful Steering Committee

If you would like to be a part of the projects mentioned above, we would love to have you join the Keep San Jose Beautiful Steering Committee!

The Keep San Jose Beautiful Steering Committee is the guiding force behind a citywide beautification and environmental education program of the City of San Jose. The Steering Committee is a 30 member Mayor and City Council appointed body. Members are appointed for two-year terms and are eligible for reappointment. The committee meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3 PM - 5:00 PM ten times a year; August and December are recessed. For more information on how to join the Keep San Jose Beautiful Steering Committee please call, (408)723-1574.

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Volunteer San Jose

Christmas in the Park

Christmas in the Park is made possible by strong community support. With leadership from the Board of Directors and support from our partner, the City of San José, Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services, the community is invited to participate in a number of exciting and rewarding ways.

Preparation for the annual holiday event begins long before the last weekend in November. Opportunities include the Super Volunteer Program, Student Volunteers, and Adult Volunteers. For more information, please visit, <http://www.christmasinthepark.com/getinvolved/index.html>

San Jose Holiday Parade

Volunteer to be a member of Santa's Squad and help make the 26th annual San Jose Holiday Parade the best one yet!

It's not too late to join the fun of the parade's tradition. Join Santa's Squad and have a chance to carry a giant helium balloon in the parade, dress in costume to greet parade-goers, be the official escort of parade units down the parade route or more!

If you are interested in volunteering for the parade as a member of Santa's Squad, and would like more information about parade volunteer opportunities, please contact Nicole Morrison at (408)794-6200 or by email at Nicole.morrison@sanjoseca.gov.

For more information about Volunteer San Jose opportunities please visit www.volunteersanjose.org or call (408)723-3754.

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Community Air Risk Evaluation (CARE) Program

The CARE Program estimates health risks associated with exposure to outdoor toxic air contaminants (TAC) in the Bay Area. CARE is an ongoing program that encourages community involvement and input. The 2009 Clean Air Plan will update the existing air quality plan to reduce ground-level ozone in the 2009-2012 timeframe.

Below is the list of our upcoming meetings:

Monday, Oct. 6 – West Oakland 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM West Oakland Public Library 1801 Adeline Street, Oakland, CA	Thursday, October 23 – Pleasanton 6 PM to 8 PM Pleasanton Senior Center 5353 Sunol Boulevard, Pleasanton, CA 94566 **** Note: This meeting will only emphasize the Clean Air Plan****
Wednesday, Oct. 8 – San Jose 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM San Jose City Hall, Room W118-119 200 East Santa Clara Street. San Jose, CA	Monday, October 27 - San Leandro 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM San Leandro Public Library, Estudillo Room 300 Estudillo Avenue San Leandro, CA 94577
Tuesday, October 21 – Petaluma 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM Petaluma Public Library 100 Fairgrounds Drive, Petaluma, CA 94952 **** Note: This meeting will only emphasize the Clean Air Plan****	Thursday, October 30 – San Francisco 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM Bayview/Anna E. Waden Public Library 5075 3 rd Street San Francisco, CA 94124

If you have questions on the CARE Program, please contact Phil Martien, CARE Program Manager at 415-749-4660 or pmartien@baaqmd.gov.

If you have questions on the Clean Air Plan, please contact Nadine Wilmot, Environmental Planner at 415-749-5074 or nwilmot@baaqmd.gov

Para información en Español llame al 415-749-4609

中文聯絡電話 415-749-4609

Nói Tiếng Việt xin gọi 415-749-4609

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Chalk Art Festival

1st Annual Luna Park Business Association 2008 Chalk Art Festival

Saturday, October 4th, 2008

9:00 am. – 3:00 p.m.

Backesto Park

13th and Jackson Streets – San Jose

Featured Chalk Artists Cheryl & Wayne Renshaw – Katrina Loera

Food - Drink - Bocce Ball – Prizes

Come and create your own sidewalk masterpiece! \$10.00 will buy your own square and a FREE box of chalk. Net proceeds to benefit arts education in neighborhood schools

Email – lunapark_chalkfestival@yahoo.com

Northside Home Tour

Bungalows & Victorians

Sunday, October 5, 2008

Tickets available online: www.northside-sj.org/HomeTour/

Or in-person at Café Aragon

856 N. 13th St.

292.2482

Tickets are limited.

\$15.00 Advance

\$20.00 on Oct. 5

Registration booth on corner of North 15th St. and E. Empire St.,

In Backesto Park

Ticket sales end at 2:00 p.m.



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Clean Slate Tattoo Removal



Clean Slate Tattoo Removal Program

To remove tattoos from formerly gang involved and high risk youth in order to increase future opportunities.

CRITERIA

- Must be between 14 and 25 years old
- Must be a resident of San Jose
- Gang Related Tattoos removed need to be visible:
 - Hands
 - Wrist
 - Forearms
 - Neck
 - Face
- Hospital Appointments
 - Tuesdays 12:30 P.M.
 - Thursdays 8:00 A.M.

REQUIREMENTS

- Must perform 30 hours of community service
- Must attend 8 weekly Thursday evening meetings 6:30-8:30 p.m. for 2 months
- Must be working, going to school, or enrolled in an approved job readiness/vocational program
- Must be committed and complete the program until tattoo are removed
- Must graduate from 8-week Clean Slate Tattoo Removal Program
- **Must be gang free**

For more information, visit us at the Clean Slate Office at 14630 Noble Ave, San José, CA 95132 or call (408) 251-7757 (408) 251-7307 Fax

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Homebuyer Education and Foreclosure Prevention



Neighborhood Housing Services Silicon Valley
&
The City of San Jose Strong Neighborhoods
Initiative Program
Present



- A SERIES OF INFORMATIVE CLASSES IN**
- **HOME BUYER EDUCATION**
(6:00PM—7:15PM)
- &**
- **FORECLOSURE PREVENTION COUNSELING**
(7:20PM—8:00PM)



ASSISTING FAMILIES ACHIEVE AND MAINTAIN THEIR DREAM OF HOME OWNERSHIP

FREE WEEKLY CLASSES IN THE SNI NEIGHBORHOODS

CAPACITY IS LIMITED. TO REGISTER, PLEASE CALL 408.279.2600 # 221

COME AND LEARN ABOUT:

- BUYING AND SELLING REAL ESTATE
- DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
- HOW TO CHOOSE THE BEST LOAN
- IMPORTANCE OF CREDIT
- FINANCIAL FITNESS
- FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION

Blackford
Tuesday, Oct 7, 2008
Rose Garden Library
1580 Naglee Ave

Winchester
Tuesday, Oct 21, 2008
Rose Garden Library
1580 Naglee Ave

Burbank/Del Monte
Tuesday, Oct 14, 2008
Rose Garden Library
1580 Naglee Ave

Class in Spanish
Tuesday, Oct 28, 2008
Rose Garden Library
1580 Naglee Ave

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No Pills Down the Drain

Old Pills Piling Up? *No Drugs Down the Drain Please!*

Unused medicine that is flushed or put down the drain can end up in waterways and pollutes the environment.



You can make a world of difference by following prescriptions as directed and then disposing of your unused portions properly.

Dispose of medications properly

Bring your unused and expired medications to one of the following free upcoming collections — and help to prevent pollution and keep our waterways clean.

Saturday, October 4, 2008
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Kaiser Permanente Medical Center
San Jose (Parking lot at the corner
of Camino Verde and Santa Teresa
Blvd.)

Monday, October 6, 2008
7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cypress Senior Center
403 S Cypress Avenue, San Jose

Tuesday, October 7, 2008
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Willows Senior Center

2175 Lincoln Avenue, San Jose
Wednesday, October 8, 2008

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Santa Clara Senior Center
1303 Fremont Street, Santa Clara

Thursday, October 9, 2008
2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Berryessa Community Center
3050 Berryessa Road, San Jose

Saturday, October 11, 2008
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Camden Community Center
3369 Union Avenue, San Jose

www.nodrugsdownthedrain.org

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Personal Finance for LGBT Couples

Addressing financial issues can be difficult for any couple. For the LGBT community, the consequences of not talking about money issues and planning ahead can be devastating. While marriage and domestic partnerships provides a wonderful celebration of love and commitment, financial planning provides the means to carry out your desires as you (and not the government) see fit.

Come join us for a lively discussion of the latest and greatest opportunities to maximize your financial and life goals against the backdrop of uncertainties in taxes, estate planning, retirement plans, and marriage in California.

Presented by: Ralph G. Latza, Certified Financial Planner and former tax attorney.

Tuesday, October 7, 2008, 7:00- 8:30 p.m.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library
150 E. San Fernando Street, 2nd floor, Room 255
For information: (408) 808-2397

Presented by the General Collections Department

Bus routes 63, 64, 72, 73 and 81 stop at the library

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



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. LIBRARY
A collaboration between the City of San José and San José State University.

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Save the Date: Neighborhood and Youth Priority Session

Please mark your calendar for the 3rd annual Neighborhood Priority Setting Session!

January 24, 2009
9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Wing 118-120

More information to follow, continue to check upcoming Eblast for updates.

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Shade & Save – Our City Forest



PG&E, in partnership with Our City Forest, is sponsoring a pilot yard tree program for San José homeowners. "Shade & Save" is designed to conserve energy and save money on summer cooling bills.

"Shade & Save", with the help of local nonprofit Our City Forest, will plant one 5-gallon shade tree in the yards of 500 homeowners. Our City Forest has planted 45,000 trees in San José on public property such as streets, parks and schools. In contrast, "Shade & Save" trees will be strategically planted in private yard locations in order to shade homes from the hot sun and reduce both cooling and heating costs over time.

Applications, available on Our City Forest's website, will be processed on a first-come, first-serve basis. All planting is expected to be completed by mid-December.

If you are a PG&E customer in San José, own your home and have air conditioning, please click here to print your application: www.ourcityforest.org

Mail your completed application to Our City Forest, 151 Mission St., San José, CA 95110

For questions regarding a tree request or your application, please call 408-998-7337 x111

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UNSCC: 2008 Conference



**United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara
County**

Presents:

**UNSCC 2008 Conference
Saturday, Oct 11, 2008**

8:00AM to 1:00PM

**San Jose City College
2100 Moorpark Ave, San Jose, CA 95128**

Register Now!

\$10 (before Oct 1, 2008)

\$15 (After Oct 1, 2008)

Cost is per person

**For information about the conference call Michael LaRocca at
(408) 564-2374 or email him at mlroo1@yahoo.com**

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Walk to End Domestic Violence

Mayor Chuck Reed, Council Member Nora Campos, Council Member Forrest Williams and the City's Family/Domestic Violence Advisory Board invite you to join us for the:

11th Annual Walk to End Domestic Violence Friday, October 17, 2008

With featured speaker **Brian Copeland** Comedian/ Actor/ Writer/ Creator of Not a Genuine Black Man and his sister **Tracie Stafford** Business Owner/ Governor Appointee/Former Mrs. California/ Survivor of Domestic Violence

Program/Victim's Tribute begins at
11:00 a.m.

At San José City Hall

Followed by a Walk Procession, Community Lunch and Resource Fair

There is no cost to participate. All community members are encouraged to attend to help raise awareness about this issue and learn about local community resources.

For more information, call 408.535.8100 or visit www.sanjoseca.gov

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Resources Available for Neighborhood Associations

The Neighborhood Development Center (NDC) continues to have the following resources available for neighborhood associations and individual residents that are interested in or are currently working on improving their neighborhood.

High-Speed Gestetner copy machine (Free use - just bring the paper! Great for copying flyers, and newsletters). Library with resource books on grants, organizing, volunteers, leadership, etc. Meeting rooms at Kirk Community Center.

Please be aware that NDC staff is frequently in the field. If you need services provided by the NDC, please call to ensure that someone will be available at the office to assist you. Please contact NDC staff at (408) 723-4114 for more information or to make an appointment for the use of these resources.

CONTACT US:

City of San José, City Manager's Office
Strong Neighborhoods Initiative
Neighborhood Development Center
1601 Foxworthy Avenue
San José, CA 95118

Office: (408) 723-4114 Fax: (408) 264-2359 E-Mail: ndc@sanjoseca.gov

Website: www.strongneighborhoods.org

The NDC E-Blast is published on a monthly basis. If you would like to submit an article of citywide interest or if you would like to provide any feedback, please send an email to ndc@sanjoseca.gov. Articles are subject to editorial decision to publish or edit for publication. Please feel free to forward this newsletter to others in your organization.

If you wish to add an email address, are receiving duplicate emails, or no longer wish to receive emails from the Neighborhood Development Center, please send us a reply to ndc@sanjoseca.gov. Feel free to forward to others in your organization.

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