



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: David Sykes

SUBJECT: City Manager's Weekly

DATE: November 2, 2018

INFORMATION

Safe School Campus Initiative Receives \$315,430 Grant to Help School Safety – The [Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force](#) (MGPTF) in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services received a grant on Sept. 28 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$315,430 to support the City's Safe School Campus Initiative (SSCI). The SSCI operates in partnership with 19 San José school districts to implement a protocol aimed at preventing and de-escalating acts of violence on and around school campuses. The grant will allow the SSCI program to enhance its incident report mechanism and develop an anonymous reporting technology program. Currently, the SSCI program relies on school administrators to report potential and active incidents of violence. The grant will help fund an app that will allow youth, teachers, and other administrators to report incidents and potential incidents anonymously. This effort will streamline the reporting process for the SSCI program. For more information, contact Neil Rufino, PRNS Deputy Director, at 408-535-3508.

ESD Practices Earthquake Safety during the Great California ShakeOut – The Environmental Services Department participated in the 2018 Great California ShakeOut earthquake drill Oct. 18 at 10:18 a.m. at the San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility and Municipal Water System. Staff were sent educational messages about the drill and earthquake readiness in the days leading up to the event. During the event, staff inside the facilities practiced the recommended action to “drop, cover and hold on.” After the drill, organizers asked participants to complete a survey to share what actions they took and discuss any hazards they observed. Results of the survey are pending. Emergency preparedness bolsters staff safety, instills confidence, and improves the ability of employees to support recovery efforts and serve the public. For more information, contact Ken Davies, Manager of ESD's Sustainability and Compliance Division, at 408-975-2587.

Downtown's Walkable Parks and Trails Highlighted in New Map – California Walks and the Walk San Jose program, in coordination with the Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) has developed a new walking map that supports exploration of the parks and trails in the Downtown Park District. California Walks is a statewide organization of affiliated nonprofit and volunteer groups dedicated to creating healthy, safe, and walkable communities. The postcard-sized map provides a well-defined walking route to five destinations; [St. James Park](#), [Plaza de Cesar Chavez Park](#), [Guadalupe River Park and Trail](#), Little Italy and San Jose State University's Tower Hall. The Walking Map is posted as Map #6 on the California Walks [website](#), and will be distributed at downtown venues with Spanish and Vietnamese

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translations. Follow [@SanJoseTrails on Twitter](#) for regular trail project updates as the City continues to develop one of the nation's largest urban [Trail Networks](#). For more information, contact Nicolle Burnham, PRNS Deputy Director, at 408-793-5514.

Willow Glen Egg Haunt – The [Willow Glen Community Center](#) hosted its first Halloween “Egg Haunt” on Oct. 26. The Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services’ (PRNS) center was visited by 120 costumed children, 1 to 8 years old, who were ready for an evening egg hunt on a fog-covered field. Underneath the fog were plastic eggs filled with treats and special eggs that glowed. Youth, ages 8 to 12, hunted for eggs in the “haunted garden,” surrounded by zombies and skeletons. A spooky slime station, face painting, and seasonal arts and crafts for parents and participants were also available. Given the event’s success, plans are already underway for next year. For more information, contact Neil Rufino, PRNS Deputy Director, at 408-535-3508.

Volunteerism Celebration Culminates in New Trees and Plants at Two Parks – [Vista Park](#) and [Fleming Park](#) received many hours of volunteer help on Oct. 27. Hosted by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) [Volunteer Management Unit](#), the 4th Annual Dave Fadness Memorial Park Beautification took place at Vista Park, drawing in friends, neighbors and dignitaries who modeled the spirit of Dave Fadness – a dedicated volunteer who served the community in different capacities. Volunteers planted three new trees, landscaped the perimeter of the park, and cleaned up the local trails and other greenery areas. At Fleming Park, neighbors planted new red oak trees and new native plants and bushes, both inside the park and around the fence. These newly landscaped neighborhood park green spaces create a welcoming and healthy social gathering spot for the community. For more information, contact Justin Long, PRNS Deputy Director, at 408-793-5579.

Resident Survey Open for Feedback on Improvements at La Colina and Biebrach Parks – The Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) strives to provide facilities and parks that promote fun, safety and meet the needs of our community. Residents and visitors are encouraged to provide feedback regarding: [La Colina Park](#) playground equipment in the tot lot area: www.surveymonkey.com/r/LaColinaPark; [Biebrach Park](#) playground equipment in the old sand box area: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BiebrachParkSurvey>. The surveys close on Monday, Nov. 12. For more information, contact Nicolle Burnham, PRNS Deputy Director, at 408-793-5514.

Nov. 15 Community Workshop Planned for Berryessa BART Urban Village Plan – The public is invited to attend the first in a series of community workshops to gather public input on the Berryessa BART Urban Village Plan. With San José’s first BART station at its center, this urban village is envisioned as including commercial and mixed-use residential development. The workshop will be held at the Berryessa Community Center, 3050 Berryessa Rd, San José, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Chinese, Vietnamese, and Spanish speakers will be available to answer questions. Find the area map and details at www.sanjoseca.gov/BerryessaBartUrbanVillage. For more information, contact Project Manager Kelsey Lang at kelsey.lang@sanjoseca.gov or 408-535-7688.

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City to Declare Nov. 24 "Small Business Saturday" – On Nov. 6, the San José City Council will encourage residents to support local, small businesses on Saturday, Nov. 24. This first Saturday after Thanksgiving is one of the most active shopping days for many Americans. In proclaiming Nov. 24 as Small Business Saturday, the City Council will be joining a national movement and acknowledging the important role that the nearly 51,000 small San José businesses — more than half of which are immigrant-owned — play in making the City a thriving community. For more information, contact Dhez Woodworth, Economic Development Officer, at 408-794-1231.

Upcoming Events

Friday, Nov. 9, 6 p.m.

Keep 'Em Laughing – 14th Annual Comedy for Kids Fundraiser at the SAP is hosted by the Youth Connections Foundation in support of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services. All proceeds benefit children's recreation and music programs. Purchase tickets at ticketmaster.com.

Friday, Nov. 9, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

San José Neighbor Nights, Second Fridays of the Month – Free activities for all ages, such as arts and crafts, dancing, music, sports, movies, games, and more. Events are held at six San José community centers in the month of Nov.: [Almaden](#), [Bascom](#), [Berryessa](#), [Calabazas](#), [Evergreen](#), and [Southside](#). For more information, contact 408-535-3570.



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