



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: David Sykes

SUBJECT: City Manager's Weekly

DATE: February 15, 2019

INFORMATION

Emergency Operations Center Activated in Anticipation of Potential Flooding – As the potential for flooding increased and the National Weather Service issued a Flood Warning for the Guadalupe River area and a Flash Flood Watch for Ross Creek, the City of San José issued evacuation notices in the evening of February 13. Notices were provided via door to door notification, text messaging, and voice recording. This included a ‘prepare to evacuate’ message communicated by knocking on doors in the affected areas, and through text message and voice recordings in three languages – English, Spanish and Vietnamese. As the waters receded after peaking at just below flood levels and the rains lessened, and after consulting with the National Weather Service and Valley Water, the City rescinded the evacuation order around 7:00 a.m. on February 14. The City and Valley Water will continue to monitor conditions throughout the holiday weekend and will have staff available to respond as necessary. For more information, contact Ray Riordan, City Manager’s Office of Emergency Management Director, at 408-794-7050.

San José City Hall and Other City Offices Holiday Closure – In observance of the Presidents’ Day holiday, San José City Hall and other City offices will be closed Monday, February 18. All City offices will reopen on Tuesday, February 19. The San José Police and Fire Departments, along with other critical City services, will remain unaffected by the closure. For more information, contact Rosario Neaves, City Manager’s Director of Communications, at 408-535-8170.

Overnight Warming Locations in San José to Open February 15-19 – Due to the current cold and wet weather, the City of San José is activating three Overnight Warming Locations (OWLs) for our homeless residents. The OWLs will be open for four nights from Friday, February 15th through Tuesday, February 19th (closing on Tuesday morning). Our OWLs provide potentially life-saving refuge from the elements for people who may have nowhere else to turn. The three OWL sites being activated are Leininger Community Center (1300 Senter Road), Bascom Community Center (1000 S. Bascom Ave.) and Roosevelt Community Center (901 E. Santa Clara Street). If you know anyone who may want to utilize an OWL, please pass along this information. For more information, contact Jeffrey Scott, Housing Department Public Information Manager, at 408-975-2647.

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Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services and Golden State Warriors Unveil Refurbished Court at Seven Trees Community Center – An audience of youth and community members celebrated as renovations to [Seven Trees Community Center](#)'s indoor basketball court were unveiled on February 11. Thanks to the Warriors Community Foundation and their partners, Aquafina and Creative Sports Concepts, who provided a \$60K donation to make the updates possible. Mayor Sam Liccardo and Councilmember Maya Esparza delivered opening remarks to the crowd who then cheered on Seven Trees youth and Golden State Warriors Point Guard Quinn Cook in a basketball clinic on the refurbished court. For more information, contact Neil Rufino, Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services Department Deputy Director, at 408-535-3572.

2019 Safe Summer Initiative Grant Application and Workshop – The Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) Department's Safe Summer Initiative Grant (SSIG) is now accepting applications for its next annual funding cycle, which runs from June 1 – August 31. SSIG offers grants to non-profit organizations, governmental entities and faith-based organizations who encourage healthy play and nurture positive relationships through youth programs and activities in areas with gang activity and violence. Applicants are invited to an application workshop on Wednesday, Feb. 20, 3:00 p.m. at Hank Lopez Community Center. Applications are due on Thursday, March 7, 2019 by 4 p.m. via [WebGrants](#). For more information, contact Neil Rufino, PRNS Department Deputy Director, at 408-535-3572.

Generation to Generation President's Day Activities – The Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) Department's Senior Services team and [Roosevelt Community Center](#)'s Youth Services team are coordinating a series of intergenerational activities during Presidents' Day week. PRNS' youth and senior participants will engage with one another through a painting class and a health and wellness class, culminating in a multicultural celebration. These activities are funded through a grant from the Health Trust, a nonprofit organization founded in 1996 to provide health related grants, policies, and services to promote equitable health. For more information, contact Neil Rufino, PRNS Department Deputy Director, at 408-535-3572.

Classic California Wheelchair Basketball Tournament – Eight teams will compete in the Classic California Wheelchair Basketball Tournament held at [Bascom Community Center](#) on February 23 and 24. Those teams include the Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) Department's very own Bascom Thunders. Since 1972, PRNS has enriched the quality of life for individuals with disabilities through various programs. [All Access Sports and Recreation](#) provides a sense of community for children and adults with developmental, cognitive, and physical disabilities. Wheelchair sport programs focus on the skills and abilities of its participants rather than their disabilities. Through these programs, PRNS places an emphasis on creating a community for all. For more information, contact Neil Rufino, PRNS Department Deputy Director, at 408-535-3572.

Happy Hollow 'Story to Stage' Youth Contest – San José children in fifth grade or younger are encouraged to participate in the "Story to Stage" writing contest by submitting an original tale about Happy Hollow Park & Zoo's iconic Danny the Dragon mascot. The winning story will inspire a new puppet show at Happy Hollow. Submissions will be accepted at www.happyhollow.org or at any San José Public Library branch location between March 1 and

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April 12. For more information, contact Justin Long, Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services Department Deputy Director, at 408-793-5579.

Campers Rejoice: Registration for Family Camp at Yosemite Announced – This year's season of the Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) Department's Family Camp at Yosemite will run from June 7- August 5 and feature more family fun. Registration opens on Sunday, February 24 at 10 a.m. at www.familycampreservations.com. For more information, contact Justin Long, PRNS Department Deputy Director, at 408-793-5579.

Successful Volunteer Event at Brigadoon Park – Volunteers came out in full force for the weekly Sunday Series – hosted by the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) Department's [Volunteer Management Unit](#) – on February 10 to spruce up [Brigadoon Park](#). The 40 sets of helping hands — many from Silver Creek High School students — were able to remove graffiti, paint trash cans and clean picnic tables, park benches and playground equipment. Wood chips were spread throughout the park to decrease the growth of weeds. The value of volunteer time for this event is equivalent to \$3,000, a boost for our city parks. For more information, contact Justin Long, PRNS Department Deputy Director, at 408-793-5579.

Upcoming Events

February 14 through 27 – San Jose Jazz Winter Fest 2019 is the cool counterpart to the celebrated Summer Fest. Folks who attend the Fest will hear a mix of young artists pushing the envelope of jazz and R&B, as well as legends with fundamental straight-ahead chops. This two-week celebration features concerts, dance parties and more. For more information and ticket prices please visit: <http://sanjosejazz.org/>

February – April, Times Vary – Starting February 1, residents who are 50 or older can receive free tax assistance at the following locations: Southside Community Center, Berryessa Community Center, The Villages Senior Resource Center, Gardner Community Center, Cypress Community Center, Almaden Community Center, and Camden Community Center. Make your appointment today by calling the center you would like to visit. For contact information visit <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?nid=3058>. This program is a partnership of the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) Department and [AARP's Tax-Aide Program](#). For more information, contact Neil Rufino, PRNS Department Deputy Director, at 408-535-3508.

February 21, 2019, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. – The next meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority's San José Community Working Group will take place on Thursday, February 21, at the Edenvale Branch Library, 101 East Branham Lane. The Working Group, which comprises representatives from several resident, business, and community-based organizations, meets quarterly. Meetings are open to the public. Participants hear the latest developments and provide input on progress toward the 520-mile high-speed train system, which will cross San José with over 20 miles of track and help make Diridon Station one of the busiest transit hubs in the west. Staff from the Authority will give a presentation explaining how they will pick a preferred track alignment option from the several alternatives being studied in an environmental impact report and introduce attendees to Deutsche Bahn, the "early train operator," which will be assisting with the early planning for train operations. The Department of Transportation works closely with the

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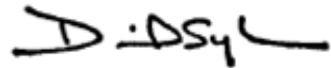
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California High-Speed Rail Authority and encourages interested members of the public to participate in this and future meetings. For more information about the project, visit http://www.hsr.ca.gov/Programs/Statewide_Rail_Modernization/Project_Sections/sanjose_merced.html. To be added to the mailing list for the San José Community Working Group, email morgan.galli@hsr.ca.gov.

February 27, 2019, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. – The Office of Economic Development's (OED) work2future program will host a free job fair on Feb 27. The event is open to the public and will run from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Kirk Community Center located at 1601 Foxworthy Ave. in San Jose. Representatives from Logistics, Non-Profit, Construction, and other industries will interview and hire for 100+ positions. Attendees can also learn how to access job search assistance resources through work2future. Pre-registration is encouraged at www.merjobfair.eventbrite.com. For more information, contact Monique Melchor, OED work2future Director, at 408-794-1108.

February 8 – Second Friday Night of the Month, Times Vary – The Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) Department invites neighbors to come together for San José Neighbor Nights. These are free family-friendly activities, including arts & crafts, games, sports, movies and more at [Camden](#), [Evergreen](#), [Mayfair](#), [Roosevelt](#), [Seven Trees](#) and [Southside](#) community centers. Residents are encouraged to immerse themselves in their communities and get to know each other during Neighbor Nights. Different locations, times, and activities are announced each month at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/prns>. For more information, contact Neil Rufino, PRNS Department Deputy Director, at 408-535-3570.



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