



DEVORA “DEV” DAVIS CITY COUNCILMEMBER

District 6 Newsletter August 2018

Dear Neighborhoods,

Many of our neighborhoods in District 6 and across the city have celebrated National Night Out with their neighbors for multiple years now, but some are hosting their very first events this week. I applaud you all for helping to make your neighborhoods safer! If you missed hosting a block party for National Night Out, I was able to secure free block party permits through our budget process for the entire year (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019). To apply for a free street closure permit go to:

https://www.sjpd.org/PDF_Forms/BlkPartyInst-App.pdf.

National Night Out has become one of the best annual reminders that connected communities are safer communities. The event not only sends a message to criminals, who might otherwise consider a neighborhood vulnerable for burglarizing, but also strengthens the resiliency of a neighborhood and a city in the event of an emergency.

There are several threats and/or hazards that have been identified that could harm the City of San Jose. Those include natural hazards (flooding, earthquakes, fire, pandemics, etc.), technological hazards (dam collapse, utilities interruption/failure, pipeline failure/explosion), terrorism threats (cyber, conventional, explosive, nuclear, etc.), and intentional threats (active shooter, aircraft accident, civil unrest).

We all play a role in community resiliency. As the City Council representative of District 6, I want to see our neighborhoods start building our resiliency through connectedness (that is, knowing your immediate neighbors). One program I found that helps start that connectedness is Map Your Neighborhood. My office has been working with the staff in the Emergency Management Division of the State of Washington as they develop new support materials for the program which should be published soon. In the meantime, check out the program by going to: <https://mil.wa.gov/emergency-management-division/preparedness/map-your-neighborhood>. It's recommended for 15-25 houses. If you need help organizing an introductory meeting, please contact my office for assistance.

Our own Office of Emergency Management in San Jose is currently updating its Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program and plans to restart the program in the Winter of 2018/19. Prior to that start date, I'm encouraging neighbors to complete and submit [this form](#) to receive announcements of when and where CERT classes will take place.

Until the new CERT program comes to your neighborhood, get started by taking these free, self-paced online courses from FEMA:

IS-317: Introduction to Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)
<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-317>

IS-315: CERT Supplemental Training, the Incident Command System (ICS)
<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-315>

The Map Your Neighborhood and CERT programs are all about neighbors helping neighbors. Most of you have been following the fire disasters in neighborhoods to the north of us. The Carr Fire in Redding is one of the most devastating. If you want to help in their recovery, they are encouraging cash donations as the best way to help. Local agencies who can accept online donations include: the Shasta Regional Community Foundation's web page at www.shastarcf.org, the Salvation Army at www.deloro.salvationarmy.org and the United Way's Shasta County Relief Fund donation page is at www.app.mobilecause.com/f/lxpb/n.

Unfortunately, we are not out of the most dangerous part of California's fire season. Santa Clara County has some very helpful advice and resources on the Santa Clara County Fire Safe Council website found here: <https://www.sccfiresafe.org/education-outreach/making-your-home-fire-safe>. Take some time to visit this page with your family and make your home fire safe.

We're here to serve you. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office at 408-535-4906 or district6@sanjoseca.gov.

Sincerely,

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