

Reuse of Los Paseos Youth Center

At the January Board Meeting a discussion was held regarding the proposed reuse of the Los Paseos Clubhouse and the impending closure of the Youth Center and relocation of personnel from this facility. Questions arose as to the intent of the city in relocating personnel due to the relatively short time the Youth Center has been functioning and the success it has had in this neighborhood. The city is supposedly going to continue to maintain the building but outsource the current staff. The closing of the Youth Center is viewed as an arbitrary change in usage as well as an invitation to other non-profits to come in even though the current usage serves the Los Paseos Community well at this time. Anthony Drummond, from Ash Kalra's office, stated that the City Manager's Office is the contact office for this proposal but that the City Council will ultimately approve or finalize the proposal. Those present declared a high interest in being notified of a community meeting in regards to this matter, especially in light of the fact that even the Principal of the Los Paseos Elementary School which shares the usage of the building has not been notified of any changes in usage as of this date.

A meeting has since been scheduled with the City on Thursday, March 4th at 6:30 pm at the Los Paseos Youth center. We encourage all to attend.

The remodeled Santa Teresa Library is now open! The facility is larger and has many upgrades and new activities. Santa Teresa Library is planning a hub for the Partners In Reading Program in order to serve adults needing to improve literacy skills. Volunteer tutors are needed. More info is available at par_sjpl@sjlibrary.org or 408-808-2361,

How to Be a Good Neighbor

- Maintain the area around your home and place garbage cans out of sight.
- Be conscientious about loud noises that may disturb your neighbors such as barking dogs and loud music.
- End parties at a reasonable hour or keep them inside and quiet when it gets late.
- Return items you borrow from your neighbors as soon as possible.
- Replace anything that belongs to your neighbor that you, your children, or pets break or soil.
- Respect your neighbors privacy.
- Work with your neighbors when it comes to common wall areas.

Street Trees for Los Paseos Association

By Our City Forest

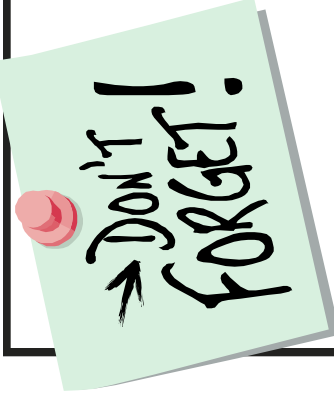
Our City Forest would like to help your neighborhood organize a tree-planting event!

Local non-profit Our City Forest (OCF) is currently offering Free large canopy shade trees. In addition to benefiting the environment and human health, street trees are required in San José residents' park strips (the area within 10 feet of the curb). OCF will help acquire the necessary permits, select the right species, and teach proper planting and care. If more than 10 residents are interested in obtaining trees throughout the Los Paseos neighborhood, Our City Forest will provide volunteers, tools and free tree delivery.

Shade trees vastly improve the quality of life in urban areas. One large shade tree can reduce energy usage by 10 to 50 percent. Trees also improve air quality, reduce noise pollution, protect our watershed by minimizing erosion all while increasing property value! Unfortunately, only one urban tree is planted for every four that are removed. Help turn this trend around by working with Our City Forest to organize a neighborhood tree planting today.

To receive a tree for your residence, please contact the Community Planting team at (408) 998-7337 x124 or visit www.ourcityforest.org.

Help grow a greener San José today!



Don't forget your 2010 assessment fees of \$398.56 are due on March 15th. To avoid delays accessing the pool be sure to return your completed Pool Use Form. Additional forms are available on our website at www.lphoa.org.

Late fees of \$39.86 will be incurred after April 15. Delinquent accounts are sent to collections 60 days after that.

Associate Dues of \$511.31 are also due on March 15th. After that date any unpaid memberships will be opened up to people on the Associate Member waiting list. If you have any questions about your invoice or Pool Use Form please contact the office at 224-9880.



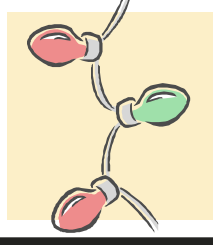
Do You Know A Hero?

The American Red Cross Silicon Valley Chapter is holding it's 4th Annual Real Heroes Celebration will recognize local individuals whose extraordinary acts of courage or kindness make them a hero in our community.

They're currently seeking Heroes in the following categories:

- Animal Rescue Hero
- Good Samaritan
- Professional Rescue Hero
- Workplace Hero
- Most Prepared City
- Most Prepared Company

We have nomination forms at the Clubhouse or you can go to www.siliconvalley-redcross.org to get more information and download a form or call 408-577-2113. Nomination are due by March 10, 2010.



The Holiday's are over. Please be sure to take down your holiday decorations.



Los Paseos Swim Team Sign Ups

The Los Paseos Aquatic Club hosts a summer (cabana league) swim team that runs from May through July at the Los Paseos Pool. Children aged 5 through 18 that are either part of the LPHOA or live within the Association boundaries are invited to participate. No experience is necessary. The team hosts several meets throughout the season and schedules numerous recreational activities including a raft trip and an overnight party at the pool. Walk in registration will be on March 27th from 9am-11am at the clubhouse. For more information go to their website at www.eteamz.com/lospaseos_penguins or e-mail j4mailbox-lpac@yahoo.com.

Board Meeting Summary

November 3, 2009

- Anthony Drummond, Councilman Ash Kalra's Chief of Staff, will be attending our Board Meetings from now on. He's currently investigating the re-use of the Los Paseos Youth Center.
- Reserve Study being worked on by Association Reserves.
- Pool Recirculation Pump will only be operating 4 hours a day on the off season in order to save electricity.
- Newly elected Board Members are: Rita Helfrey, Diane McGeachy, Tim Nemeth, Chris Roberts and Carole Stuart.

December 7, 2009

- Swim team calendar was provided by swim team.
- The Treasurer reported that the 2010 dues will be \$398.56 and Association dues will be 511.31
- The 2009 Reserve Study Report was received and altered.
- Four termite bids were received and discussed by the Board. More companies will be contacted.

January 5, 2010

- Homeowner complained about barking dog and something will be placed in the Que Paso
- Teresa Alvarado attended and spoke about her bid for Supervisor, District 1. She gave brief overview of the County's social responsibilities.
- Anthony Drummond from Ash Kalra's office reported the new Santa Teresa Library will open on Saturday, February 6. It will be another year and a half until the Police Station opening.
- Discussion was held regarding the reuse of the Los Paseos Youth Center. (see article page 2)
- Winter schedules are in place for pool and lawn maintenance.
- Two additional termite bids were discussed. General contractor was recommended by Western Termite.
- Judy Seps was unanimously appointed as Associate Member Representative.

Tennis rackets needed for summer use! If anyone has old tennis rackets they're not using please consider donating them to the Association. Thank you!!

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Reminders about our Furry Friends:

- Make sure dogs are not excessively barking and disturbing the neighbors.
- Dogs need to be leashed at all times when walking.
- Please clean up after your dogs. The City of San Jose provides bags on the Paseo for your use.



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- Carole Stuart, Member at Large
- Judy Seps, Associate Member Rep



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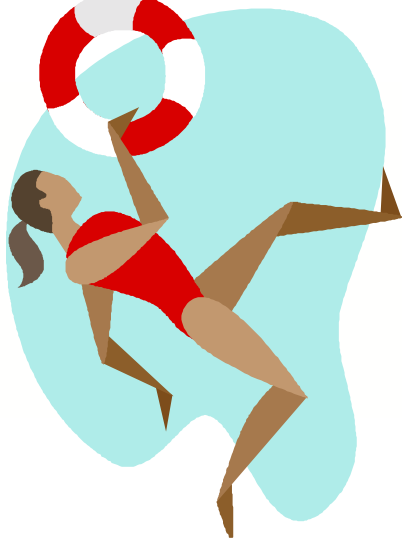
¿Qué Paso?

Now Hiring for 2010 Season

We are now accepting employment applications for the seasonal positions of Lifeguards, Gate Attendants and Swim Instructors.

Applications are available through the website at www.lphoa.org, or by calling the office. Lifeguards are

expected to be outgoing, mature individuals with strong leadership qualities, excellent problem solving skills and ability to respond to emergency situations calmly and efficiently. Red Cross Lifeguard and CPR for Professional Rescuer certifications are required. Pay rate is \$10.00—\$13.00 per hour based on experience.



Gate Attendants must be 14 years or older, responsible with good communication and people skills and must be able to handle money, count back change and balance cash box at end of shift. Problem solving skills are a plus. Pay rate for Gate Attendants is \$8.00

per hour. Swim Instructors should enjoy working with children, be able to follow lesson plans and adjust lesson to each unique child. Pay rate for swim instructor is \$10 per hour.

Interviews will take place in March. If you have any questions call (408) 224-9880 or e-mail lphoa@sbcglobal.net.

Calendar

- **March 2:** Board Meeting -7pm at the Clubhouse
- **March 27:** Swim Team Sign Ups—9—11am at Clubhouse
- **April 6:** Board Meeting—7pm at the Clubhouse

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President's Message

Perhaps many don't know but the City is planning on removing all city staffing from the Los Paseos Community Center effective July 2010, relying on non-profit organizations and other "program providers" to attempt to fill the staffing void. We have requested Councilman Kalra to restore the city-provided staffing to this newly-built Community Center, and to make the personnel cuts from the older, less utilized centers instead. Please read inside Secretary Rita's highlights from last month's Board meeting, and attend future Board meet-

ings to voice your concerns and hear the latest updates from Councilman Kalra's Chief of Staff on this dreadful, misguided cut in city services. As you'll also read in this edition, Office Manager Sarah has announced the seasonal employment applications for Gate Attendants and Swim Instructors. This is a great opportunity for summer employment so don't delay in submitting your application, if interested. The Board is interested in hearing what type of social events you may be

interested this year. Family Fun nights were a big success last year, and thanks to feedback from the Association we plan on continuing them this year. If you have any ideas for improving Family Fun Nights, or for introducing any other event for the Association, please drop by a Board meeting to discuss your idea, or shoot a quick email to Sarah.

Thank you,
Chris Roberts

