



District 9 Leadership Group (D9LG)

General Zoom Meeting Minutes (Draft for approval at the 10/9/24 General Meeting)

Wednesday July 10th, 2024; 7:00 –9:00 PM

Register and Join the Meeting:

<http://tiny.cc/D9LGJul2024GenMtg>

Board Members:

Barbara (Bobbi) Pena Atak (Chair), **Sam Ho** (Vice Chair), **Cindy Fulk** (Treasurer), **David Noel** (Secretary),
Brad Loos (Director at Large), **Cole Cameron** (Director at Large),
Kyle Laveroni (D9 City Councilmember **Pam Foley's** Liaison, non-voting)

Time	Item	Presenter(s)
7:00 – 7:05	Welcome Called to order 7:03PM	Bobbi Atak
7:05 – 7:08	Agenda & Minutes Motion to Approve April 10th General Meeting Minutes Motion: Cindy/Brad/unanimous	David Noel
7:08 – 7:25	District 9 Council Office Update Jonathan Engleman – housing & homeless (jonathan.Engleman@sanjoseca.gov) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 recent ordinances approved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Oversized vehicles & RVs – ability to add locations to ban oversized vehicles ○ Overnight parking – council can add locations to restrict 10pm to 6am parking ○ Encampment management program – codified school setback zone within 150 feet of public school • Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Last minute good news on tax revenues ○ Measure E transfer tax will provide \$50M this year: will be used to fund EIHS, housing and part of the stormwater permit homeless response (\$25M total, \$15 Meas E and \$10M general fund) – will be used for safe sleeping sites to move 500 people from waterways to managed encampments, as well as servicing 600 RVs every 2 weeks, police protection for abatements, Water Resource Protection Zone enforcement, etc. • Councilmember is opposed to safe sleeping site on Almaden Expressway next to Cambrian Academy 	Pam Foley Staff: Jonathan Engleman

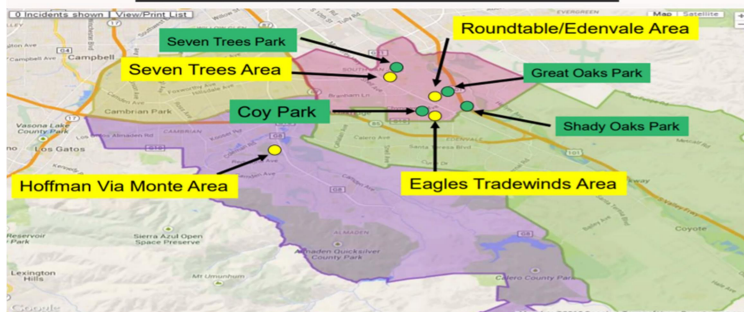
(north of Branham) – Dave Noel requested they consider Valley Water HQ rear parking lot as an alternate site, which is already paved and easier to activate

- Cherry Ave Emergency Interim Housing: staff committed to provide real timeline to D9 council office this fall.

SJPD Crime Prevention Unit (Crime Stats & Gang Awareness Presentation)

- D9 Crime stats
 - 20 burglary, 5 vehicle, 10 commercial, 5 homes
 - 2 robberies at businesses
 - 4 aggravated assaults – 1 with weapon, 2 person/person altercation
 - 0 homicides
 - 0 major vehicle injury, 40 minor injury & property damage
 - 141 proactivities – patrol checks, etc.
- Marissa is National Night Out coordinator for Southern Division, 105 registrations already, registration deadline Jul 21
- Gang Awareness Key points
 - What is a gang? – 3 or more people engaged in criminal activity
- Fernando Elias mentioned a lot of graffiti at Erikson Park – keep reporting via 311 app.
- Map of Southern Division gang hotspots:

SOUTHERN DIVISION

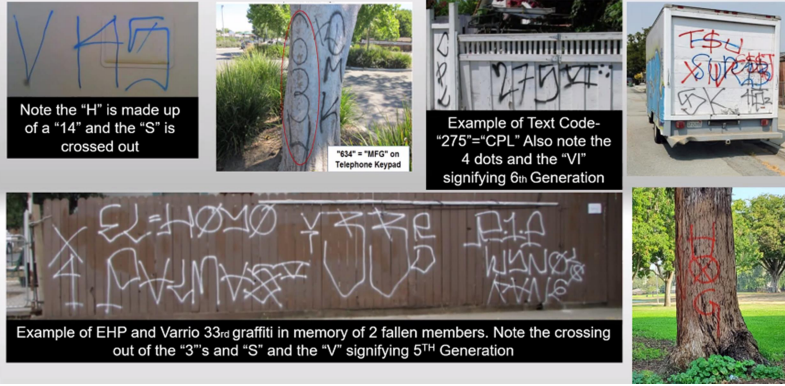


- No known gangs in D9, but some are close
- Norte wear red clothes; Sureno wear blue clothes
- Norte tags: 7 Trees, Van, 4 dots over 2 bars, XIV
- Sureno tags: XV, Aztec bird, SK (derogatory towards Sureno), "634" = MFG

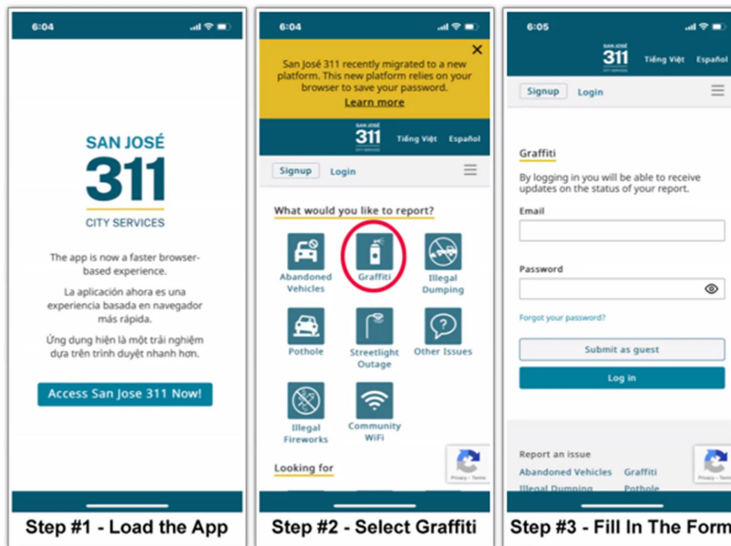
7:25 – 7:40

Marissa Garcia

Tagging: letters, numbers, and Aztec symbols



- Hoffman “Hogs”
- Report on 311 app & mention when it's gang for faster cleaning (24 hrs)



- “Misplaced Picassos” such as bubbly letters not gang related but also report via 311 app
- Faster sloppier graffiti is new younger kids
- In-N-Out on Cottle shooting a month ago was gang related – younger kids

San Jose Interim City Arborist (Streets Trees and Sidewalks)



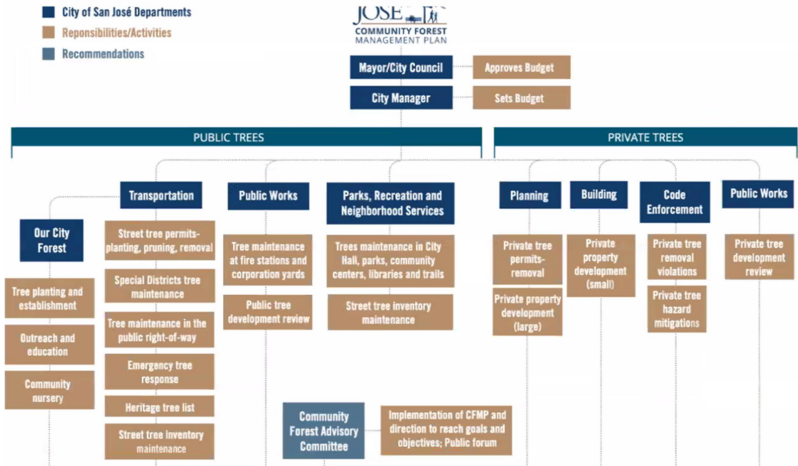
City of San Jose
Forestry Division

Nara Baker
Interim City Arborist
ISA Certified Arborist # WE-12052A
Nara.Baker@sanjoseca.gov

Nara Baker

7:40 – 7:55

Transportation



- PRNS has hired their first certified arborist, working closely with DOT Arborist
- Planning Department relies on DOT arborist
- Community Forest Advisory Committee with Community Forest Management Plan – public meetings and public engagement encouraged



STREET TREES:

Property Owner Responsibility

Financial hardship assistance is available for required work.

Qualification based on Area Median Income (AMI).

- Financial hardship assistance available
- Permitting process
- Complaint and request driven

Permitting process (tree planting, pruning, removal)



- Permits free for street trees and trees in public right of way



Proper vs Improper Pruning

TOPPING KILLS TREES!

Tree Emergency Response



What is a tree emergency?

- Imminent hazard in public right of way
- Cracked/hanging limb, tree down, tree splitting
- Obstructing or potential to obstruct roadway, sidewalk, bike lane

Call tree emergencies into Trees and Sidewalks office 408-794-1901

- Winter damage, especially evergreens that hold their foliage
- Summer limb drop hard to predict
- Inspectors out within 1 hours for emergencies
- Property owner responsible to take care of it, or have city do it and bill the property owner

Plant a tree



Benefits

- Increase property value
- Filter pollutants
- Reduce energy usage
- Provide habitat
- Right tree right place
- Obtaining a tree
 - Get a permit
 - Visit a nursery
- Our City Forest Nursery
- 3,557 trees planted over the last two years

- Permits free
- Recommend Our City Forest
- Significant progress in improving tree canopy



Department of Transportation

Tree Contractors

Company	Street Address	City	State	Zip	Contact Info	Email
Alpine Landscapes & Tree Care	8787 Monterey Rd	Gilroy	CA	95020	(408) 846-9511	amenciaj@youralpine.com
Anderson's Tree Care Specialists Inc.	121 N 22 nd St.	San Jose	CA	95116	(408) 226-8733	info@andersonstreecare.com
Arborwell Inc.	2337 American Ave.	Hayward	CA	94545	(1-888) 969-8733	customerservice@arborwell.com
Bartlett Tree Experts	882 Camden Ave	Campbell	CA	95008	(408) 358-7888	sdavis@bartlett.com
Biota Tech Services, INC	1807 Pruneridge Ave Suite A.	Santa Clara	CA	95050	(408) 248-3266	office@treecarepro.com
Commercial Tree Care/Brightview	P.O. Box 549	Santa Clara	CA	95052	(408) 985-8733	info@commercialtree.com
Davey Tree Expert Company	1055 Commercial Ct.	San Jose	CA	95112	(408) 453-3389	Ken.cuddihy@davey.com
Geddes, Ian Tree Care Inc.	P.O. Box 2962	Saratoga	CA	95070	(408)374-8233	Quotes@geddostree.com
Majestic Tree Service LLC	171 Branham Ln Suite 10 #209	San Jose	CA	95138	669-216-9118	info@majestictreeservice.com
West Valley Arborist Inc.	P.O BOX 162	Campbell	CA	95008	(408) 866-1148	Westvalleyarborist@gmail.com

Hiring a Certified Arborist

TREESAREGOOD.ORG/FINDANARBORIST

- [Treesaregood.org/findanarborist](https://treesaregood.org/findanarborist)

Department Contacts

Nara Baker – Interim City Arborist

- Nara.Baker@sanjoseca.gov
- 408-391-2299

Trees and Sidewalks Office

- Treesandsidewalks@sanjoseca.gov
- 408-794-1901

Forestry Division

- Arborist@sanjoseca.gov
- 408-794-1901

- Liquidamber – roots don't break sewer lines – takes advantage of existing leaks – repair broken ceramic sewer line with PVC – have to balance tree canopy
- Still need to get permits even when using vetted vendors – they want to track tree work via permits
- Recommending oak trees suited to southwest climate; Zelcovas, Elms provide good canopy and minimal damage
- To prevent concrete damage, ensure full root ball gets deep root watering when starting out
- Nara worked 8 years with Our City Forest and has worked 5 years with the city
- Contact info: nara.baker@sanjoseca.gov or arborist@sanjoseca.gov

United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County

UNSCC Overview

PRESENTATION TO THE DISTRICT 9 LEADERSHIP GROUP
JULY 10, 2024

SECRETARY & MANAGING MEMBER – TY GREAVES

7:55 – 8:05

Ty Greaves

Highlights

- Mission – To Support and Nurture Neighborhood Associations in SCC
- A 501(c)(3) Service Provider to Neighborhood Association Members
 - Fiscal Agent for the BeautifySJ Cycle #6 Grant Distribution and Management
 - Source of Low-Cost Group Insurance for UNSCC Member Organizations
 - Routine General and Board Meetings – Site Liability Insurance (with membership)
 - Directors and Officers Insurance
 - Event Liability Insurance by Application (added cost)
 - Fiscal Agent Services to Members Receiving Tax Exempt Grants
- Governed by a Board with Inputs from the Advisory Council
- Status
 - 2023 – Transitioned with Interim Leadership after the Untimely Death of Executive Director Podgosek (Completed Cycle #4)
 - 2024 – Routinized (Finishing Cycle #5/Launching Cycle #6)
 - 2025 – Grow and Continue to Thrive in Its Mission

- Fiscal agent for BSJ6 – distributing funds soon
- Provide liability insurance
- Can serve as fiscal agent to members receiving tax exempt grants
- Plan to grow and thrive

BeautifySJ Grants

- An Effective Way to Leverage Micro-Investments ($\leq \$5,000/ea$) into Improved Quality of Life and Creation of Human Connection for over 70 Neighborhood Associations
- An Impressive Multi-Decade Commitment Administered by a Small Talented PRNS Staff
- Understood Frustration with Timely Release of Funds – Financial Processes Are Challenging
- PRNS is Changing the Structure to Be Less Burdensome for Neighborhood Associations and Simpler for the City

- \$350k funds distributed this year
- Execution of debit cards for ~3 orgs that didn't have bank accounts delayed execution for many neighborhood associations

Advisory Council

- Charter – Promote Networking, Develop UNSCC Programs, Serve on Committees and Recommend Policies and Directions
- Composition - Each UNSCC Member Should Appoint an Advisory Council Representative
 - Six Meetings Each Year
- Status – Revitalization After COVID Restriction Impacts
- Key Role - Elect the UNSCC Board Members

- Advisory Council being revitalized

My Assessment

- The UNSCC Has a Noble Mission and Enabling 501(c)(3) Status
 - New and Empowered Neighborhood Associations are a Key to Quality of Life and Civic Engagement
 - We Have Financial Resources and a Board Open to Cooperative Efforts
 - The UNSCC Needs “Bandwidth” – Leaders Willing to Justify and Deliver Programs that Make a Difference.
- Dave Noel mentioned a potential issue for neighborhood associations getting or keeping bank accounts – upcoming law change may require all NAs to register as 501(C)3 and get business licenses in the future. Ty will mention this at a UNSCC board meeting tomorrow to consider adding to their work plan – very high value add; Heather Westh noted that Wells Fargo provided the best info. Wells Fargo told her they will close out current neighborhood association accounts.

Santa Clara County Vector Control County of Santa Clara Vector Control District

District Services

Beverly Perez – Vector Control Community Resource Specialist

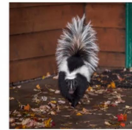
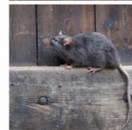


CONTROLLING VECTORS. PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH.

What is a vector?



A vector is any animal or insect that can transmit diseases or cause discomfort/injury to humans.



8:05 – 8:15

Beverly Perez

Public Education

- School presentations (K-12)
 - Hands-on activities
 - Take home exercises
- Community presentations
 - Variety of topics
- Educational booths at community events
- Advertisements
- Social media
- Monthly newsletter
- Educational materials

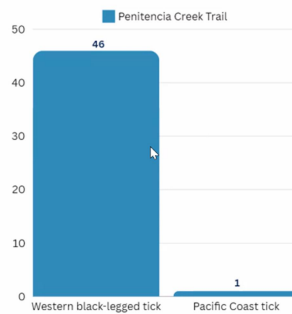


Surveillance - Ticks

- Monitor tick diseases in the county
 - Lyme disease
 - Hard tick Relapsing Fever
 - Rickettsia 364D
 - Tularemia
- Methods:
 - Flagging
 - Dragging
 - Traps



Surveillance - Ticks



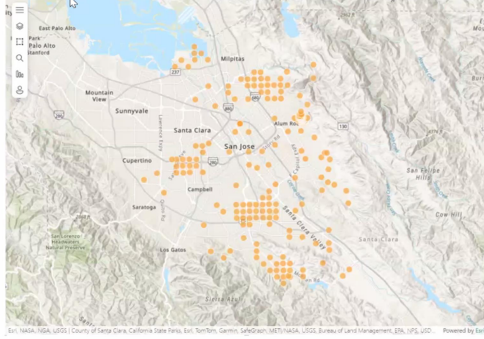
Surveillance - Mosquitoes

- Set mosquito traps
- Monitor mosquito abundance and mosquito species
- Test mosquitoes for diseases
 - West Nile virus (WNV)
 - Western equine encephalitis (WEE)
 - St. Louis encephalitis (SLE)
- Test dead birds



Surveillance - Mosquitoes

San Jose Mosquito Trap Sites 2024



San Jose Mosquito Collection 2024

species	Total
Aedes aegypti	51
Aedes albopictus	199
Aedes sierrensis	816
Aedes sollicitans	20
Anopheles freeborni	1
Anopheles hermsli	5
Anopheles punctipennis	11
Culex quinquefasciatus	2
Culex pipiens	4538
Culex stigmatosoma	115
Culex tarsalis	1027
Culex thambus	2
Culiseta inornata	2511
Culiseta inornata	47
Culiseta particeps	6
Total	9181

San Jose Traps 2024

trap_type	num_trap
BGSENT	597
CO2	1126
GRVD	720
MMT	14
CVI	14
Total	2481

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Surveillance – Invasive Mosquitoes

Can transmit Zika, dengue, chikungunya and yellow fever

More information on this invasive mosquito: vector.santaclaracounty.gov/mosquitoes/invasive-mosquitoes

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- **Hard to control if it gets established**

Surveillance – Invasive Mosquitoes



- Working directly with neighborhood residents
- 144 home inspections (breeding sources, control, and education)
- Provided educational materials to ~250 homes
- “Barrier” treatments
- Wide area larvicide spraying treatment series
 - First treatment: 5/29/24
 - More information on our website: vector.santaclaracounty.gov/mosquitoes/wide-area-larvicide-spraying



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Operations

- Field work
 - Mosquito control
 - Larviciding and adulticiding
 - Check for mosquito breeding in public areas: curbs, catch basins, storm drains, etc.



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8:15 – 8:20	San Jose All Districts Leadership Group Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illegal Fireworks: advocated to state fire marshal etc. to increase fines • Congressman Panetta and Matthew Q attended last meeting • Forming a Voice of the Community Resident (VOCR) working group - establishing bylaws now • Active community residents (vs. activists) • No July meeting 	Bobbi Atak
8:20 – 8:44	Neighborhood Leaders Update	Neighborhood Leaders
8:44 – 8:45	Adjournment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjourned 9:12pm 	Bobbi Atak

Next D9LG Meetings (second Wednesdays, 7:00 pm via Zoom): July 10, October 9

For the latest updates on D9LG visit: www.D9LG.org

