



## District 9 Leadership Group (D9LG)

### General Zoom Meeting Minutes (Approved by members on 10/9/24)

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"> <li>• 3 recent ordinances approved               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Oversized vehicles &amp; RVs – ability to add locations to ban oversized vehicles</li> <li>○ Overnight parking – council can add locations to restrict 10pm to 6am parking</li> <li>○ Encampment management program – codified school setback zone within 150 feet of public school</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Budget               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Last minute good news on tax revenues</li> <li>○ 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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Councilmember is opposed to safe sleeping site on Almaden Expressway next to Cambrian Academy</li> </ul>	Pam Foley Staff: Jonathan Engleman

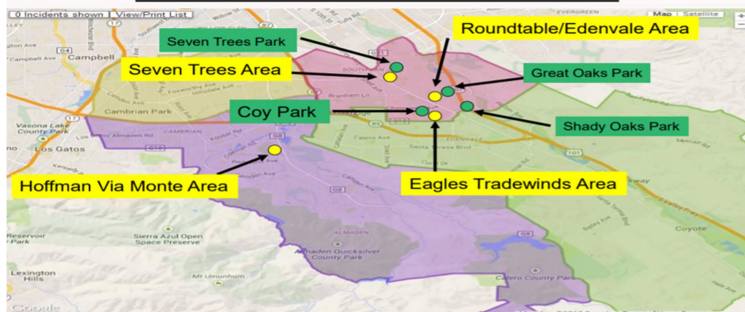
(north of Branham) – Dave Noel requested they consider Valley Water HQ rear parking lot as an alternate site, which is already paved and easier to activate

- 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**

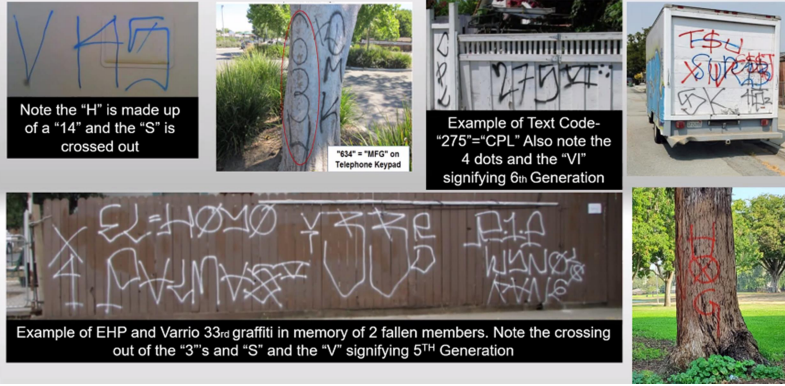


- No known gangs in D9, but some are close
- Norte wear red clothes; Sureno wear blue clothes
- Norte tags: 7 Trees, Van, 4 dots over 2 bars, XIV
- Sureno tags: XV, Aztec bird, SK (derogatory towards Sureno), “634” = MFG

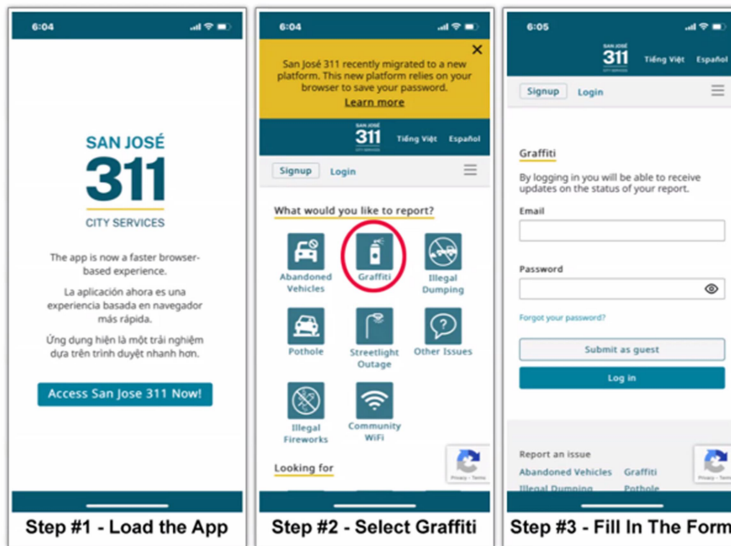
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Marissa Garcia

**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*

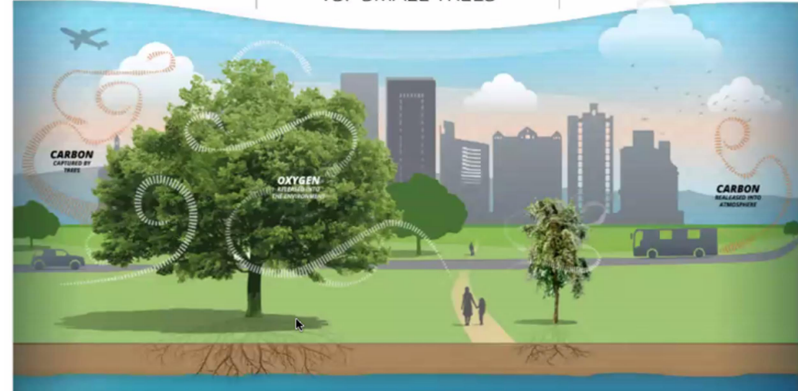


**IMPROVES PUBLIC HEALTH**  
People are less likely to be hospitalized for asthma when they live in neighborhoods with many trees.

**IMPROVES MENTAL HEALTH**  
People living in neighborhoods with less than 10% tree canopy are more likely to report symptoms of depression, stress and anxiety.

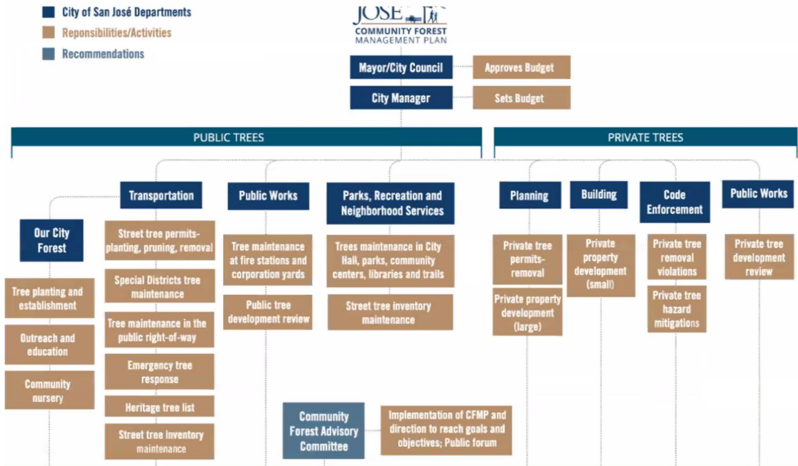
### THE BENEFITS OF LARGE TREES VS. SMALL TREES

**5.5X MORE STRUCTURAL VALUE**



Large trees provide more benefits than small trees:

- 4X MORE CARBON SEQUESTERED**
- 4X GREATER ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT VALUE**
- 5X MORE STORMWATER AVOIDANCE**
- 6X MORE SHADE PROVIDED**
- 7X MORE CARBON STORAGE**



- 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:Nara.Baker@sanjoseca.gov)
- 408-391-2299

Trees and Sidewalks Office

- [Treesandsidewalks@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Treesandsidewalks@sanjoseca.gov)
- 408-794-1901

Forestry Division

- [Arborist@sanjoseca.gov](mailto: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](mailto:nara.baker@sanjoseca.gov) or [arborist@sanjoseca.gov](mailto: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

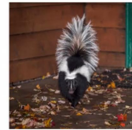
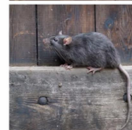


CONTROLLING VECTORS. PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH.

### 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

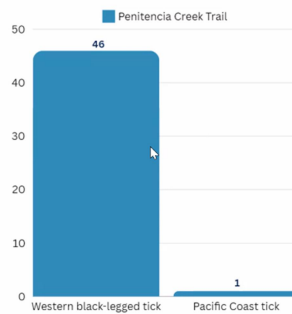
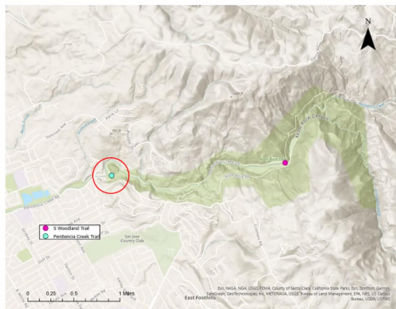


## Surveillance - Ticks

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



## Surveillance - Ticks



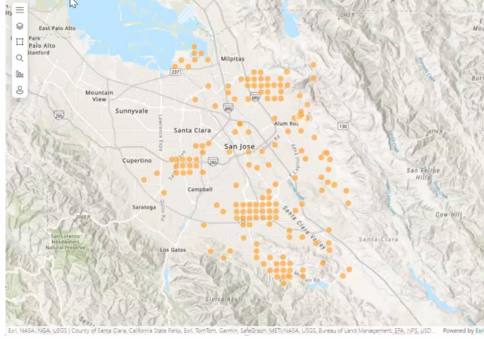
## Surveillance - Mosquitoes

- 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>9181</b>

San Jose Traps 2024

trap_type	num_trap
BGSENT	597
CO2	1126
GRVD	720
MMT	14
CVI	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>2481</b>

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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](http://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](http://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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## Services

### Mosquitoes

- Report stagnant water/neglected pools
- Mosquito inspections
- Free mosquitofish
- Mosquito treatment alerts
- Report dead birds

### Rodents and Wildlife

- Rodent inspections
- Wildlife inspections

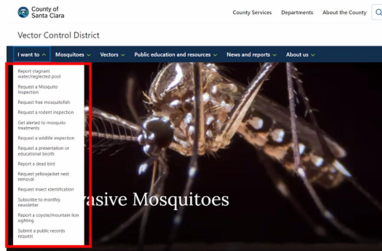
### Arthropods

- Free insect ID
- Yellowjacket nest removal (public areas only)

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## Submit a Service Request

- Call: (408) 918-4770
- Email: [vectorinfo@cep.sccgov.org](mailto:vectorinfo@cep.sccgov.org)
- Online: [vector.santaclaracounty.gov](http://vector.santaclaracounty.gov)



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## Follow us



@sccvcd

Added brief presentation

### David Ngo – Office of Supervisor Arenas:

- Investing in community groups
- Wants to join NNOs in district
- Efficient at connecting us with county departments
- Can provide copy for our newsletter
- <https://d1.santaclaracounty.gov/district-1/newsletter-subscription>
- [david.ngo@bos.sccgov.org](mailto:david.ngo@bos.sccgov.org)
- (408) 299-6082
- Started at CSJ PRNS
- May host a coffee hour with Councilmember Foley in the Cambrian area in September
- Offered to speak at our next general meeting

David Ngo – Office of Supervisor Arenas

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

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

**For the latest updates on D9LG visit: [www.D9LG.org](http://www.D9LG.org)**

