

California High Speed Rail

GILROY AND MORGAN HILL OFFICIALS MEET & INFORM HIGH SPEED RAIL CHIEF

***Gilroy to be One of Relatively Few
High Speed Train Stations Worldwide***



From a worldwide high speed rail perspective, Gilroy is slated to be one of the few cities across the globe with a high speed train station – joining cities in Japan, France, China and Taiwan for the distinction.

Concerned about what this means for Gilroy and Morgan Hill, Mayor Pinheiro and Council Member Woodward along with Morgan Hill Mayor Tate and Council Member Rich Constantine met with Roelof van Ark, the chief executive officer of the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) on December 15, to discuss a number of issues of importance to the two South County cities. Gilroy City Administrator Tom Haglund and Morgan Hill City Manager Ed Tewes also attended and addressed issues related to the CHSRA's plans for each city.

Of significant interest to both cities is funding necessary for each to evaluate various studies and the alignment plans for the high speed train. The CHSRA is required to complete a "project level" environmental impact report (EIR) of the alignment and station located in Gilroy. The EIR will study the environmental impacts associated with each alignment alternative and include studies on traffic, biological, farmland, noise, vibration and economics amongst the many impacts of the project. Gilroy, for its part, will be requested to comment on those studies and the overall EIR, but in order to do so will need to engage experts in these areas to advise the City. Accordingly, Mayor Pinheiro and Council member Woodward stressed the City's need for funding from the CHSRA in order to timely and accurately complete the reviews. Mr. van Ark highlighted several funding mechanisms that are being developed and for which local communities will be able to apply for project related monies.

Mr. van Ark indicated that the CHSRA system will be responsible for the construction of station and parking facilities in Gilroy. van Ark indicated that the Authority will construct basic, but architecturally pleasing, station and parking facilities and that if the city desires to have an "iconic" station or make an extraordinary architectural statement with its station facility that the CHSRA would work with the City to do so, but that such additional costs would likely have to be borne by the City.

Also of interest was the likely practical effect of the CHSRA's decision to build the first section of the state's high speed rail system in the central valley between Merced and Fresno. This decision likely affects the planning readiness of the section between Gilroy and Merced.

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Planning Emphasis Likely to Shift As High Speed Rail Authority Plans for First Northward Section of System

The high speed rail system will be built in phases, reaching both north and south from the initial Central Valley section. Gilroy will be the first station north along the high speed rail route. Accordingly, the planning emphasis for the state’s high speed rail system likely shifts to the section north of the Merced-Chowchilla “Y”, which includes Gilroy and its station.

With such a planning emphasis shift, Gilroy officials expressed a strong need for the CHSRA to begin the community engagement process as quickly as possible so that businesses and residents along the route alternatives, as well as other interested Gilroyans, could become involved in the planning process. Mr. van Ark identified that a *Community Engagement* process will begin in late January and promised a greater level of detailed information for the public to review and consider.

While the discussions did not delve into the detail of the various alignment options, Mr. van Ark did confirm that the CHSRA would include a study of an “at-grade” option through both Gilroy and Morgan Hill’s downtowns a part of the EIR. This construction methodology is viewed as complimentary with the adjacent Union Pacific (UP) Railroad tracks. Such a construction methodology would require roadway grade separations so that existing streets could pass under both the UP and HSR tracks. Other construction methodologies to be studied include aerial and trenched options.

The California High Speed Rail program is a project of the State of California and will provide 800 miles of high speed rail access to Californian’s stretching from San Francisco to San Diego. City staff members have been addressing the high speed rail project for nearly two years, most intensively the past year. The Gilroy City Council has held several public study sessions on the project and earlier this year expressed its dissatisfaction with the California High Speed Rail Authority regarding the slow progress on planning and provision of detailed information regarding the Gilroy section. The December 15 meeting was set to discuss those issues. Mr. van Ark suggested the group hold future meetings to gauge progress on the issues discussed.

PROPOSED HIGH SPEED RAIL ALIGNMENT ALTERNATIVES THROUGH GILROY

LEGEND

- AT GRADE ALIGNMENT
- ELEVATED/AERIAL ALIGNMENT
- UNDERGROUND/TRENCH ALIGNMENT
- EXISTING ROAD TO BE GRADE SEPARATED
- EXISTING ROAD TO BE CLOSED



MEET YOUR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



Community Development

The Community Development Department includes the city divisions which deal primarily with the development community. These include Planning, and the Building, Life and Environmental Safety (BLES) divisions. BLES includes Chemical Control and hazardous materials, pre-treatment, plan check and inspection, and the Housing and Community Development office.

The Community Development Department is one of the first points of contact for economic development projects in Gilroy and the department works closely with the Gilroy Economic Development Corporation to facilitate new and expanding commercial and industrial projects in City.

Building Division

The Building Division applies building regulations to promote health and safety in all private and public buildings to ensure that the new and existing buildings and structures are safe and suitable for their intended uses. We are committed to fulfill our community needs, preserve the City quality of life and also contribute to the City's economic development. We strive to provide exceptional personalized service that creates a pleasant experience for any project regardless of size that comes across our counter. (continued on next page)

MEET YOUR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



Building Division (continued)

Beginning January 1, 2011, all building permits will need to comply with the 2010 California Construction Codes (CA Building, Mechanical, Electrical, Energy, Plumbing, Green Building, Residential, and Fire Code).

By March 1, 2011, our goal is to implement a quicker plan review turnaround schedule, expand the over-the-counter plan review services to include minor tenant improvements, residential remodels and additions; and also improve our website to include additional helpful information to assist with your project.

Please contact us at (408) 846-0470 and visit our webpage at:

http://www.cityofgilroy.org/cityofgilroy/city_hall/community_development/bles/building/default.aspx

Planning Division

The Planning Division of the Community Development Department has three major areas of responsibility. It is responsible for development and maintenance of the City's General Plan. This document establishes long range goals for development of the City and includes policies and actions necessary to help the City realize those goals. Currently, the Housing section of the General Plan is being updated to ensure its consistency with new State standards and requirements.

Another major responsibility of the Division is the review of plans for property development to ensure they are consistent with the goals of the General Plan and standards established in the Zoning Ordinance. All plans for new residential developments as well as new commercial and industrial projects are reviewed and approved by either City staff or the Planning Commission and City Council. As part of that review and approval process, the Division evaluates and ensures that projects will have minimal or no adverse impacts on the local environment. A few of the current projects under review include a proposed 349-unit mobile home park proposed for the east side of Hwy. 101, south of 10th St., a fourth phase of the Country Estates residential development north of the City golf course and a new medical office complex near St. Louise Hospital.

The third major area of responsibility is special projects and regional coordination. The Division is currently developing a Climate Action Plan (CAP) that is intended to identify strategies by which Gilroy can reduce emissions of carbon dioxide and other gases, commonly known as greenhouse gases. In addition, the Division frequently coordinates with other local, regional and state-wide agencies on projects and activities that may affect Gilroy. Current projects that involve this type of coordination include the High Speed Rail project and a Habitat Conservation Plan that is intended to identify, on a regional basis, strategies and geographic areas for preservation of endangered and threatened environmental species.

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The Fire Prevention/Hazardous Materials and Chemical Control Section

The Fire Marshal Manages and implements the Fire Prevention Program, Hazardous Materials Programs and Chemical Control Program.

The Fire Marshal acts on behalf of the Fire Chief to carry out the Fire Codes. The codes include such requirements as: making sure that streets can accommodate the Fire Engine access, the placement of Fire Hydrants, reviewing buildings for fire safety, reviewing fire sprinkler and alarm systems, and issuing special permits related to fire prevention and hazardous materials. Business that are required to have permits include: restaurants, theaters, storage warehouses, woodworking & welding shops, car repair and painting and chemical use and storage, fireworks displays. Even safety at the Garlic Festival is checked by this program. The Fire Marshal is assisted by a Deputy Fire Marshal and the Chemical Control Inspectors are also trained in fire prevention as well.

The Hazardous Materials Program includes: Carrying out the regulations contained in the City's Hazardous Materials Ordinance, the Fire Code and integrating 6 different State Haz-Mat Laws. These are merged into one program called a CUPA (Certified Unified Program Agency). Inspectors ensure that hazardous materials use and storage, hazardous waste treatment and disposal, underground storage tanks, aboveground petroleum storage tanks, and Extremely Hazardous Materials are in compliance with State and local codes. The Chemical Control Inspectors respond as technical advisors to the Fire and Streets departments for chemical spills.

The Chemical Control Program implements what is commonly known as a Pretreatment Program. This program regulates any waste water that goes to the Wastewater Treatment Plant (South County Regional Waste Authority or SCRWA). Inspection and sampling is performed on regulated businesses in order to protect the SCRWA Plant from pollutants that could damage the plant. This program provides regulatory services in both Gilroy and Morgan Hill. The program also carries out components of the Storm Water Program, including response and investigation of spills and illegal dumping as well as code enforcement and pollution prevention services.

New Gilroy Library Update



Construction Activity – Fast Facts

90% of the 1st floor vertical walls have been placed, the south stair walls will be poured with the slab on grade which is scheduled for March of 2011.

The 2nd level suspended deck is complete; the shoring will remain in place until the low roof deck has been poured.

Second level vertical walls are being poured weekly with two last pours in December

The shoring for the gable beams is currently being put in place with the pour anticipated for early February.

The glue lam roof details are being reviewed by the team with the release of the members for fabrication anticipated by year's end.

The Rosanna street parking lot and City Hall interface work has been priced and is under review, the numbers conform with projections. The execution of this work will coincide with the Library site work scheduled for late 2011.

Approximately 2,100 cubic yards of concrete and over 1,000 tons of steel have been delivered to the job, with more on its way.

The furniture package is out to bid, with a pre-bid meeting scheduled for 12/14. Bids will be received on 1/19 at 2PM.

Total construction is approximately 16% complete.

More info at:

http://www.cityofgilroy.org/cityofgilroy/city_hall/community_development/engineering/projects/default.aspx



View captured by the Library Construction Cam in early December, accessible to the public via the City website.

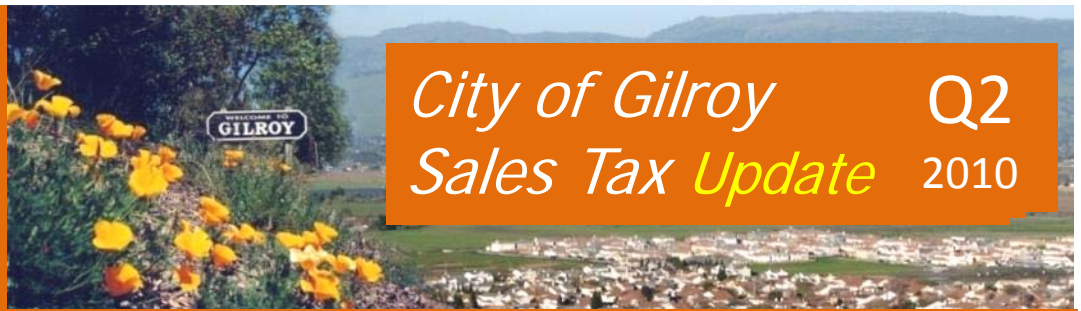


South East section of Building, visible from City Hall parking lot



Workers forming walls at South west corner of building

Visit the Gilroy Library at the temporary location – 7652 Monterey Street, between 3rd and 4th Streets



City of Gilroy **Q2**
Sales Tax Update 2010

GENERAL OVERVIEW

For the second quarter in a row, California experienced sales tax growth. This quarter also marked the first quarter in years with all regions in California showing positive growth. Statewide sales tax receipts during July-September 2010 grew by 7.1% from the same three months in 2009. Northern California grew by 8.5% and Southern California grew by 6.4%. As for the City of Gilroy, its sales tax receipts changed by 11.2% from July-September 2009 to July-September 2010. City of Gilroy business activity increased 3.4%. The largest gains for the City of Gilroy included service stations and apparel stores. The largest declines were in wholesale building materials and department stores.

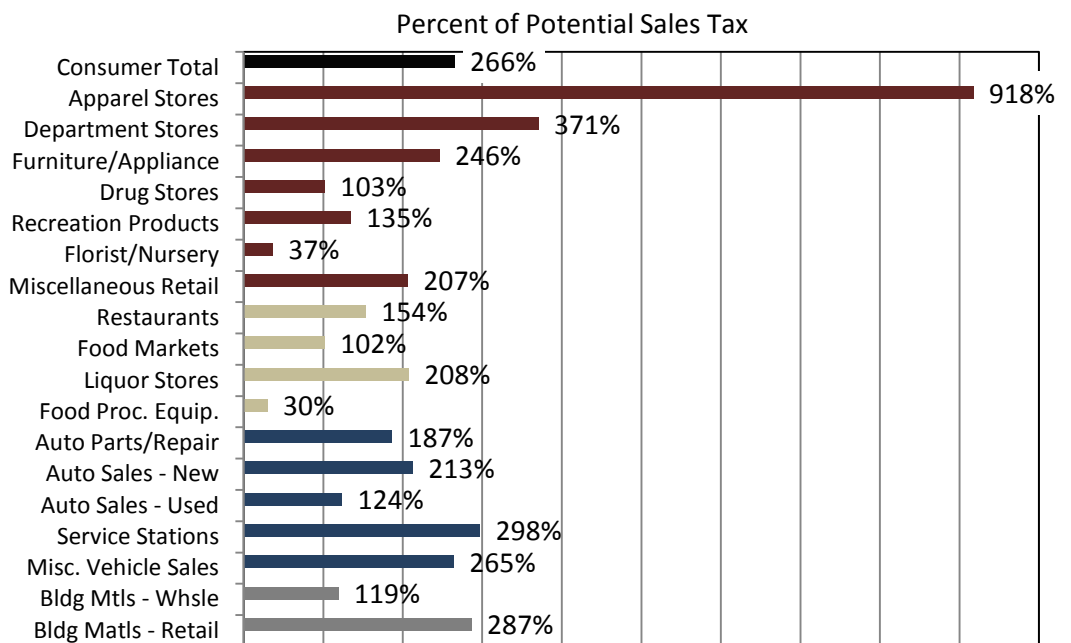
In order to establish an economic rebound, California needs job growth both locally and regionally to increase spending and business travel. Housing prices must stabilize and register growth to restore some levels of the wealth effect and to strengthen consumer confidence. A broader taxable base would provide better growth as well as a more stable source of sales tax revenues over time.

Holiday sales are expected to be decent but not robust.

Reconciliation of SECOND Quarter 2010 Sales

Gilroy: 2nd Quarter 2010 Sales Tax Capture & Gap Analysis Report

Percent of Potential Sales Tax: Less than 100% indicates leakage and more than 100% indicates capture (based on disposable income in Santa Clara County). This chart shows Gilroy as a sales tax "capture" community and that even with the recession Gilroy is a regional destination capturing sales tax in excess of what residents alone typically spend.



TOP 25 SALES/USE TAX CONTRIBUTORS

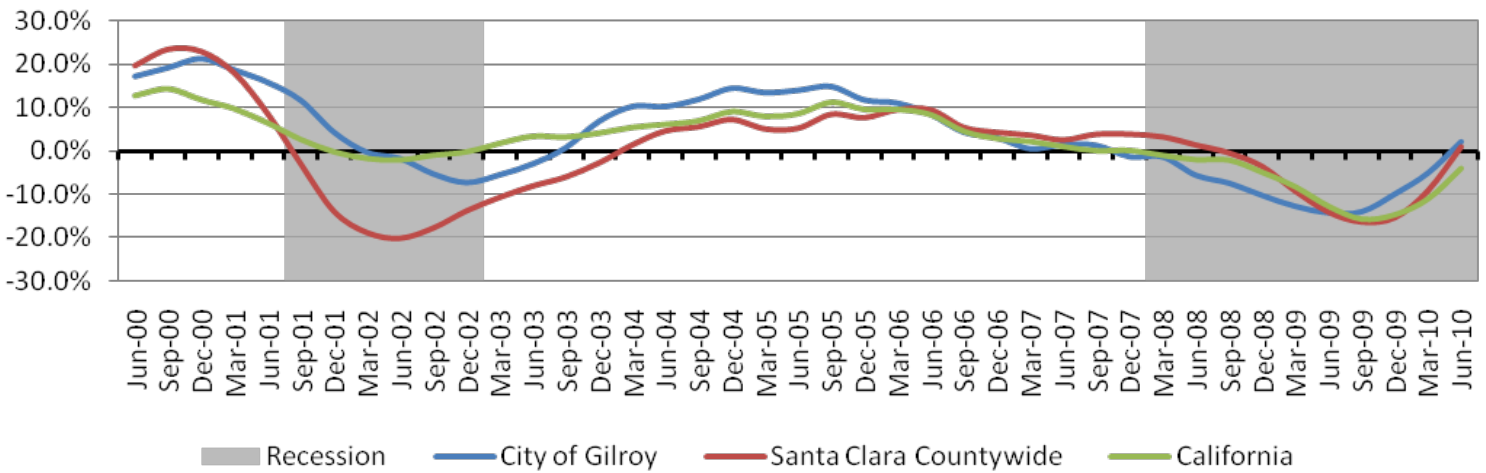
The following list identifies Gilroy's Top 25 Sales/Use Tax contributors. The list is in alphabetical order and represents the year ended 2nd Quarter 2010. The Top 25 Sales/Use Tax contributors generate 43% of Gilroy's total sales and use tax revenue.

BANANA REPUBLIC	GILROY TOYOTA	S.C. CHRYSLER PLYMOUTH
BEST BUY STORES	HOME DEPOT	SOUTH COUNTY NISSAN
CALVIN KLEIN	JN ABBOTT	TARGET STORES
CHEVRON SERVICE STATIONS	KOHL'S DEPT. STORES	THE GARLIC FARM TRAVEL CENTER
COACH STORES	LOWE'S HOME IMPROVEMENT	TV'S GAS & FOODMART
COSTCO WHOLESALE	MCDONALD'S	UNION 76 SERVICE STATIONS
GILROY CHEVROLET/CADILLAC	NIKE FACTORY STORE	WAL MART STORES
GILROY GAS & MINI-MART	POLO RALPH LAUREN	
GILROY HONDA	ROTTEN ROBBIE SERVICE	

Business Activity Performance Analysis

Projected 2Q 2010 Final Results	\$2,570,958
Actual 2Q 2009 Results	\$2,485,884
Projected Percentage Change	3.4%

ANNUALIZED CHANGE IN SALES TAX CASH RECEIPTS



SALES TAX REVENUES

Group	QTR ending 6/30/10	QTR ending 6/30/09	Change
Outlet Center	\$582,004	\$554,710	4.9%
Auto Dealers:			
Eastside Auto Mall	188,005	173,383	
Other Auto Dealers	<u>19,409</u>	<u>15,516</u>	
Total Auto Dealers	207,414	188,899	9.8%
Services Stations	300,512	232,267	29.4%
Downtown Economic Incentive Area (Excluding Auto Dealers and Service Stations)	43,795	48,641	-10.0%
Newman Development (Camino Arroyo north of 10th St) (Exc. Serv. Stations)	472,819	478,293	-1.1%
Regency Center (Camino Arroyo south of 10th St)	210,091	207,854	1.1%
Major Groups Total	1,816,635	1,710,664	6.2%
Other Groups	<u>778,462</u>	<u>657,285</u>	18.4%
Total Groups	\$2,595,097	\$2,367,949	9.6%
State and County Pools Less Adm. Fees	370,555	299,452	23.7%
Timing Differences:			
Triple Flip, SBOE late payments and adj.	-394,694	-181,517	117.4%
Total Sales Tax	\$2,570,958	\$2,485,884	3.4%

SALES TAX PERFORMANCE Q2 10 Compared to Q2 09 Santa Clara County

Campbell	-4.7%
Cupertino	39.0%
Gilroy	3.4%
Los Altos	2.3%
Los Gatos	10.8%
Milpitas	9.0%
Monte Sereno	15.0%
Morgan Hill	11.4%
Mountain View	5.6%
Palo Alto	-2.5%
San Jose	9.5%
Santa Clara	12.8%
Santa Clara County	16.2%
Saratoga	1.8%
Sunnyvale	8.8%



Take the Discover Gilroy Survey

A special committee, including the mayor, representatives from the City Council, Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau, Gilroy City Administrator and local graphic arts firm Articulate Solutions, is spearheading a citywide survey aimed at visitors, residents, and local business owners.

Our goal is to learn more about people's attitudes toward Gilroy. Based on the survey results, a community outreach program will be developed to promote Gilroy and encourage more people to live, work, shop, and play here.

Tell us why you think Gilroy is special and be entered to win a gift basket valued at over \$250.

Visit www.gilroysurvey.com and take our survey before Jan. 31, 2011.

Do you have a twitter account? Retweet the following for a chance to win.

Win a \$250 gift basket by taking the #gilroysurvey at gilroysurvey.com. Retweet for a chance to win a \$100 Lizzarran Restaurant gift card!

Take the Survey NOW!

Participar en la encuesta en español aquí.

Annual Gilroy Firefighters Toy Donation

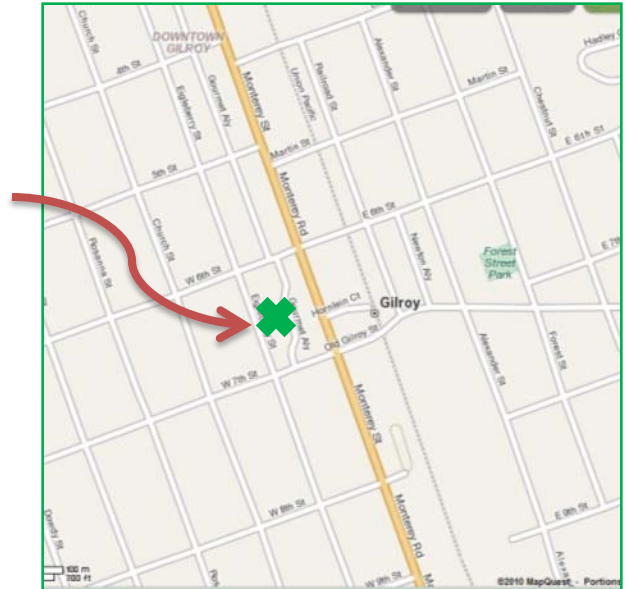


Gilroy Fire Captain Shaun Peyghambari unloading toys at the St. Joseph's Center as part of the Gilroy Fire Fighters Association's Annual Holiday Toy Donation. Every year, the members of the Gilroy Fire Fighters Association make a local donation to a local charity to spread the joy of the season and give back to the community they proudly serve.

Open Seats for Housing Advisory Committee and Parks and recreation Commission

The City is accepting applications for two seats on the Parks and Recreation Commission and two seats for the Housing Advisory Committee. Deadline to apply is **January 4th**, 2011. Call 408-846-0204 for more information.

The Gilroy Demonstration Garden



Judy Hess, Garden Director

In June, 2010, community volunteers, under the direction of Judy Hess, opened the Gilroy Demonstration Garden. The concept for a garden was initiated by the Gilroy Arts Alliance and designed by Judy Hess. The Leadership Gilroy class of 2010 heard about the garden and took it on as their class project. Through donations and countless hours from Leadership Gilroy and Volunteers the Demonstration Garden was developed. The garden, which is located on Egleberry Street between Sixth and Seventh streets, is home to organic fruits and vegetables, flowers and a great deal of enthusiasm by not only hard-working volunteers, but also the surrounding neighborhood.

During this past year, the garden hosted community groups including Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and the Mexican American Community Service Agency, MACSA Power School, as well as summer day camp and teen leadership programs. Produce and plants from the garden were provided for downtown centered community events, as well as local restaurants. Produce was also donated to St. Joseph's, a local non-profit which aids underserved residents in the community.

Ongoing and future plans include a continuing partnership with Gilroy schools, the installation of water reclamation and solar power systems, and establishing an outdoor classroom in which to teach sustainable gardening methods. Plans are underway for monthly education classes and weekly volunteer days in the garden.

The Gilroy Demonstration Garden is a project of the Gilroy Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit organization. The mission of the garden is to enrich the lives of the local community through environmentally sustainable gardening and education programs that empowers residents to experience Earth as a classroom, and edible landscape, the center of our community, and a place of enjoyment, beauty, and endless wonder.

The garden encourages support for its programs. More information on the garden, and how to get involved and help support, can be found at www.gilroydemonstrationgarden.blogspot.com or by calling 408-607-4237



Santa Clara County is encouraging residents to sign up for **AlertSCC**, the County's emergency notification system, to receive free emergency messages during a disaster. This is a county-wide effort aimed at protecting county residents during and after a disaster such as an earthquake, flood or fire.



Signing up at www.AlertSCC.com is one of the easiest steps people can take to help prepare themselves and their loved ones for a disaster. AlertSCC is a free, easy, and confidential way for anyone who lives or works in Santa Clara County to get emergency warnings sent directly to their cell phone, mobile device, email, or landline. AlertSCC can reach you wherever you are to provide information and instructions in a variety of emergency situations, which may include:

- Flooding, wildfires, earthquakes, and subsequent evacuations
- Public safety incidents, including crimes, that immediately affect your neighborhood
- Post-disaster information about shelters, transportation, or supplies

It only takes a minute. Sign up today and tell someone you care about! www.AlertSCC.com

After-School Recreation For Middle School Students

Two great locations! Solorsano Middle School Gym & Brownell Middle School.

- An hour of homework help
- Hang out with friends
 - Games
 - Arts & Crafts
 - Sports
 - Excursions
 - Snacks
- Make new friends

Make the most of your after-school time.
Call 846-0460 for more information.




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Days: Monday - Thursday
Times: 2:45 - 6:00 p.m.
Dates: January 10, 2011 to May 26, 2011
*Program follows GUSD Schedule. (Closed Holidays and minimum days.)
Club membership fee (1/2 year): \$20

Call 846-0460 for more information.

Coffee with the Mayor 2010

There are currently many ways in which citizens can engage the Mayor in discussion, but Coffee with the Mayor venues provide an additional, informal setting in which the Mayor can answer questions and otherwise engage in specific or broad discussions on city issues with Gilroy residents.

For more information call 408-846-0491.

All coffees are scheduled for Saturdays and will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the City Council Chambers , 7351 Rosanna Street .

January 15
February 12



Spring 2011

gilroy Recreation Guide
COMMUNITY SERVICES

Kids Discover Arts

March 5, 2011 See page 7

Your Guide to a wide variety of fun and interesting activities.

Call 846-0460 for more info.

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Catch VTA's New Commuter Express



Starting in October, 2010, VTA began express light rail service between the Santa Teresa and Baypointe light rail stations. Three northbound trips are being added to the current schedule for the morning commute, and three southbound trips are added for the evening commute.

Trains will stop between Santa Teresa and Ohlone/ Chynoweth, then operate non-stop to Convention Center. From Convention Center, trains will stop at all stations until reaching the final station at Baypointe.

The new VTA Commuter Express is a fast, convenient, stress-free alternative to driving and we hope you will give it a try!

Look for the bright blue and orange trains marked "Express." Northbound express trains will leave Santa Teresa weekdays at 7:16a.m., 7:46a.m. and 8:16a.m. Southbound express trains will leave Baypointe weekdays at 4:07p.m., 4:37p.m. and 5:07p.m.

Take a Survey to Help Update Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

The City of Gilroy is collaborating with Santa Clara County to update our local hazard mitigation plan. This plan outlines mechanisms for increasing our community's resiliency to natural hazard events such as earthquake, flood, wildfire, etc.

Hazard Mitigation is defined as "sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from natural, human-caused, and technological hazards and their effects."

Our updated local hazard mitigation plan will be an annex to the regional plan titled "Taming Natural Disasters: Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area".

Your feedback is critical to increasing local resiliency. Please take a few moments to complete the brief survey at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2010SCCHMP>

(The survey will be available online through Saturday, January 15, 2011)

City of Gilroy Community Service Department, Push Arts and Fitness,
and Director Michelle Serrano present AUDITIONS for:



SATURDAY, JAN. 8, 2011
6 to 11 year olds at 3:30pm
12 to 17 year olds at 5:30pm
Gilroy Senior Center, 7371 Hanna Street
AUDITIONS

Call backs will be Sunday, Jan. 9, 2011 (times will be announced after auditions).
Rehearsals will be held on weekdays. Show dates are April 8, 9, 10, 15, & 16, 2011.

AUDITIONS: SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2011

6 to 11 year olds at 3:30pm, 12 to 17 year olds at 5:30pm

Please...

- ❖ Arrive 15 minutes early to sign in.
- ❖ Prepare a short acappella song to sing.
- ❖ Wear clothes you can move in and closed toe shoes.
- ❖ Bring a headshot (any close up picture is fine), resume, and a list of all conflicts from January 17 - April 17, 2011.
- ❖ 12 to 17 year olds: Please also prepare a short monologue or poem.
- ❖ If you are not available Saturday, please come Sunday at 12:30pm.



If you have additional questions, please visit the "Alice" page at www.PushArtsAndFitness.com or e-mail Michelle@PushArtsAndFitness.com!

This is the Season to learn Flood Preparedness



BEFORE A FLOOD

Prepare a family disaster plan for floods, earthquakes and fires. Make an emergency kit for your home and for your car with emergency supplies such as a flashlight, batteries, water and non-perishable food. Move insurance policies, documents and other valuables to a safe deposit box.

Be aware of the locations of streams and drainage channels in your neighborhood. Learn how to turn off utilities to your home and keep your car's gas tank full so you won't be stranded. Learn the best route to high ground to avoid flood waters. The smartest thing you can do to prepare for floods is purchase flood insurance.

DURING A FLOOD

Be aware that flash flooding can occur and move immediately to higher ground. Tune to radio stations KCBS (740 AM) or KSJO (92.3 FM) and Gilroy Emergency Station 1610 AM for emergency information, traffic updates and instructions.

If you must evacuate, turn off utilities at the main switches or valves. Disconnect electrical appliances. Do not touch electrical equipment if you are wet or standing in water. If advised to evacuate, do so immediately. Evacuation is easier and safer before floodwaters become too deep. Do not walk through moving water. Six inches of moving water can make you fall. If you have to walk in water, walk where the water is not moving. Use a stick to check the firmness of the ground in front of you and to aid in balance.

Do not drive into flooded areas. If floodwaters rise around your car, abandon the car and move to higher ground. You and the vehicle can be quickly swept away. A foot of water will float many vehicles. Two feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles, including SUVs and pick-ups.

AFTER A FLOOD

Listen for news reports on whether the community's water supply is safe to drink. Avoid floodwaters; water may be contaminated by oil, gasoline or raw sewage. Water may also be electrically charged from underground or downed power lines. Stay away from downed power lines, and report them to your power company. Return home only when authorities indicate it is safe.

Never try to walk, swim, drive or play in floodwater. Stay out of any building that is surrounded by floodwaters. Use extreme caution when entering buildings; there may be hidden damage. Service damaged septic tanks, cesspools, pits and leaching systems as soon as possible. Clean and disinfect everything that got wet. Mud left from floodwater can contain sewage and chemicals.

For more information, check out the website for the Santa Clara Valley Water District at:

<http://www.valleywater.org/Services/FloodSafetyTips.aspx>

For more information on Emergency Preparedness in General, check out the website for the Santa Clara County Office of Emergency Services:

<http://www.sccgov.org/portal/site/oes/>

New Gilroy City Council is Seated At December 6th Meeting



Departing councilmember Craig Gartman was recognized for his two terms of service on the City Council, and one term on the Planning Commission.

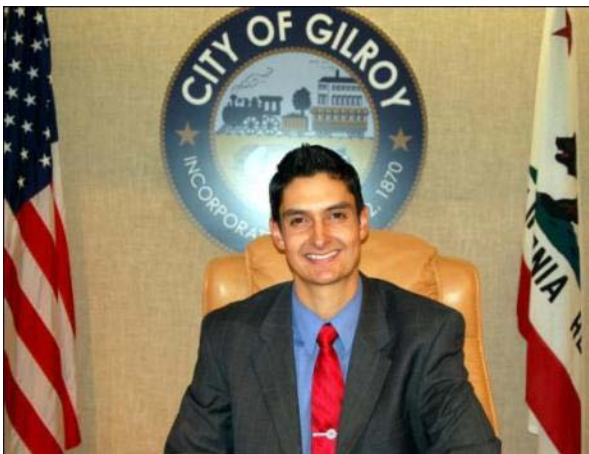


A reception was held prior to the meeting to welcome back re-elected council members Dion Bracco and Peter Arellano, and to welcome newly elected councilmember Peter Leroe-Muñoz



Newly elected councilmember Peter Leroe-Muñoz is a Deputy District Attorney prosecuting narcotics crimes, gang violence, fraud, extortion and crimes against senior citizens

A Bay Area native, Peter is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley and Harvard Law School. In his spare time you can catch Peter running along the beautiful trails and open space in Gilroy and Morgan Hill. Welcome Peter!



Gilroy City Clerk Shawna Freels administers the oath to returning councilmembers Bracco, Arellano, and new member Leroe-Muñoz as the rest of the City Council, and City Administrator Tom Haglund look on.



Community Calendar



JANUARY

- 5 Gilroy Gang Task Force 6 pm
- 6 Planning Commission 6:30 pm
- 7 City Offices Closed
- 10 City Council 6 pm
- 10 Youth Commission 6 pm
- 10 Personnel Commission 5:30 pm
- 11 Arts & Culture Commission 6:30 pm
- 12 Library Commission 7 pm
- 15 Coffee with the Mayor 9:30 am
- 17 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- 18 Parks & Recreation Commission 6 pm
- 21 City Offices Closed
- 24 City Council Meeting 6 pm
- 25 Bicycle Pedestrian Commission 6 pm
- 26 Public Art Committee 5:30 pm

FEBRUARY

- 2 Gilroy Gang Task Force 6 pm
- 3 Planning Commission 6:30 pm
- 4 City Offices Closed
- 5 Monterey St. Walking Tour 10 am
- 7 City Council 6 pm
- 8 Arts & Culture Commission 5:30 pm
- 9 Library Commission 7 pm
- 12 Coffee with the Mayor 9:30 am
- 14 Youth Commission 6 pm
- 14 Personnel Commission 5:30 pm
- 15 Parks & Recreation Commission 6 pm
- 18 City Offices Closed
- 21 President's Day Holiday
- 22 Bicycle Pedestrian Commission 6 pm
- 23 Public Art Committee 5:30 pm

MARCH

- 2 Gilroy Gang Task Force 6 pm
- 3 Planning Commission 6:30 pm
- 4 City Offices Closed
- 5 Walking Tour Women's History 10 am
- 5 Kids Discover Arts 9 am
- 7 City Council Meeting 6 pm
- 8 Arts & Culture Commission 5:30 pm
- 9 Library Commission 7 pm
- 10 Junior Team Tennis Evals 5:30 pm
- 14 Youth Commission 6 pm
- 14 Personnel Commission 5:30 pm
- 15 Parks and Recreation Commission 6 pm
- 17 Deadline for Youth Soccer League 8 am
- 18 City Offices Closed
- 22 Bicycle Pedestrian Commission 6 pm
- 23 Public Art Committee 5:30 pm
- 28 City Council Meeting 6 pm

DO YOU WANT TO CREATE YOUR OWN TV SHOW??? CMAP

For more information about membership in CMAP, its mission and workshops, call or visit the website.

Community Media Access Partnership
5055 Santa Teresa Blvd Gilroy, CA 95020
voice 408.846.4983
www.cmap.tv

Your City Website

The Portal to current City information of all types, with many links to other valuable local and regional information.

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