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**Message From Lee Thomas, FHOA
Board Member**

Dear Floresta Homeowners and Community,

I would like to personally invite you to join us for the **1st ever Saturday Social and Homeowners Meeting on June 13th 2009**. The meeting will start at 1 pm and will be held at the Washington Manor Branch Library. This is a great opportunity to see some old friends and meet new friends in San Leandro. I know that I'm looking forward to it because I enjoy hearing stories from residents such as you, regarding the rich history of San Leandro and the Floresta neighborhood.

I'm hoping that with your support in attending our Saturday Social and Homeowners Meeting, it will be a historic day for the Floresta Homeowners Association and Community. As I extend this invitation to you, I also extend it to your family, friends, and even grandchildren. Together, as residents in the Floresta Community, we have the ability to revitalize our neighborhood, city, and ourselves by attending Saturday's June 13th meeting.

I have had the privilege of being a resident in the Floresta neighborhood for three years now. I have met some great people in my neighborhood through these meetings. It's because of these meetings and neighborhood participation that the Floresta community has thrived for years.

Please join me on Saturday June 13th 2009 at 1pm at the Washington Manor Branch Library. I look forward to meeting many of you that have made Floresta a great place for me to live and raise a new family.

Thank you
Lee Thomas
FHOA Board Member

FHOA General Meeting

Saturday, June 13th at 1:00 PM
Manor Branch Library
1241 Manor Blvd
San Leandro

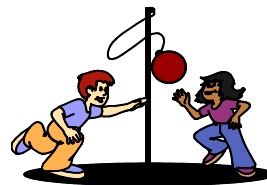
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**Question & Answer With
City Council Member Diana Souza**

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Have a great and fun-filled SUMMER!!

Message from Council Member Diana Souza

San Leandro Hospital

As you may have heard, Sutter plans to leave San Leandro Hospital by this fall, closing surgical and acute care, as well as the emergency room. The Eden Township Healthcare District Board must decide what to do with the hospital building and operations starting this summer. There are a number of options that are being pursued, from an EIR legal challenge on Sutter's work at Eden Hospital, to opposing the Alameda County Board of Supervisors on their possible plan to move Fairmont Hospital rehabilitative care to San Leandro. Certainly the best option would be to have Sutter remain operating in San Leandro. However, I'm confident that Sutter will not follow that plan.

Economic Stimulus Plan

Remember this?? The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009? San Leandro is still in the running and actively pursuing a maximum of funding. Below is a listing of all of the Recovery funds we are pursuing.

Formula Grants. The City has already been awarded through formula over \$2.2 million in Federal stimulus funds as follows:

\$ 1.3 million - To repair our heavily used Commercial streets of Aladdin Ave. from the freeway to Alvarado and Washington Ave. between Monterey and the freeway.

\$196,000 - Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for our ADA curb and ramp efforts around town.

\$263,000 - Police (Department of Justice, Byrnes Act) for Police Officer Recruitment and retention efforts.

\$732,000 - Energy Efficiency Block Grant, for our Green Building and Energy savings efforts.

Competitive Grants. (Applied, but not awarded)

\$43 million - Clean Water Grants and Loans, for upgrades at our Water Pollution Control Plant.

\$3.1 to \$3.5 million - COPS Grant for six officers for three years

\$40 million - Transportation (Caltrans) Marina and Davis Street Interchanges

\$6 to \$10 million - Transportation (Caltrans – MTC) (shovel ready, i.e. Eden Road, Washington Interchange enhancements)

\$1 to \$3 million - Fire Station Modernizing (ACFD)

\$2.5 million - Neighborhood Stabilization Program, Foreclosures and Homeless (part of a consortium of smaller Alameda County Cities)

\$15 million - Energy Efficiency and Green Technology, Electric Vehicle Pilot Program (part of a Bay Area Air Quality Management District consortium)

We have also passed along funding opportunities to social service providers in areas such as child care, housing and youth employment.

While this is still great for our infrastructure, ironically it does not provide short-term "recovery" to our operational budget and we are still planning on cutting up to 10% of our employees starting July 1, 2009.

Diana Souza

San Leandro City Council Member, District 3
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Ask Your Council Member Diana Souza

Question: How much money will San Leandro receive from the East Bay Regional Park Measure WW?

Answer: The City of San Leandro is slated to receive approximately \$3.7 million dollars from Measure WW. This money must be used for parks, improving or creating new parks – it cannot be used for operational expenses.

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

For this month's column, I wanted to look into the adult classes being held at James Monroe. The English as a Second Language class is no longer being held, but a computer class is still going on.

So in April I headed over to James Monroe to see what was cooking. A failure to communicate my goal specifically resulted in the office personnel sending me to the school's computer lab. I explained to the teacher I was looking into adult programs, so I was re-directed to one of the portables. But before I left, I marveled that the 18 kindergarten students I viewed in the lab were totally absorbed by their computers, apparently being instructed via cartoon-like characters. The room was absolutely quiet, the students not the least bit interested in the stranger watching them.

A schedule posted outside the room showed there were five or six 45-minute classes scheduled for the lab from 8:15 in the morning to 2:45 in the afternoon. No wonder we adults can't keep up with our children or grandchildren when it comes to computers!

And that is exactly what the "Computers for '50 plus' Lifelong Learners" program is addressing in the computer course at Monroe, sponsored by the San Leandro Adult School.

Mrs. Milene Rawlinson is the class instructor. An elementary school teacher for 37 years, she volunteered to assist the instructor of a senior computer class after she retired. When that instructor quit, she took over as teacher. She's been teaching these classes for three or four years, the past two at Monroe. Her students expressed sorrow that she was leaving after the class finished in June.

I watched as she set up a movie screen and connected her computer to it so that the three men and eight women students present could follow her as she taught "E-Mail Attachments" step-by-step.

"We usually have 16 or 17 students," she said, explaining that the course is funded by the state according to student attendance, as well as the \$20 per class charged each student.

It was no easy task to walk the class through the process, making sure each one finished one step before Mrs. Rawlinson moved on. Helping out was volunteer Kathy Londagin.

Beginning on Feb. 2, 2009, there were five classes of six to eight sessions each (Monday and Wednesday from 11:30 to 1:30). Introduction to Computers was followed by Beginning Internet, E-Mail, Introduction to Word, and More Word.

I stayed for one hour of the two-hour session on E-Mail Attachments. As I was typing this article, I decided to try out what I'd learned. So I sent myself an e-mail with a picture of a cat attached. Darned if it didn't work! As instructed by Mrs. Rawlinson, I found the cat's picture on the internet. I've always been flummoxed by the terms "cut" and "paste." Could this be the same thing? Whatever, it succeeded.

This small taste of the class convinced me to think seriously about signing up for "More Word" on May 18. Unfortunately, with the State and school districts cutting back on educational programs, there is no guarantee this worthwhile program will be held again next fall. Information can be obtained by calling the Adult School at (510) 667-6287.

Jeanine Iturbide

School Board Members

Below are names and phone numbers of the San Leandro School Board Members.

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Hermey B. Almonte	halmonte@sanleandro.k12.ca.us	1
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Morgan Mack-Rose	mmackrose@sanleandro.k12.ca.us	At Large

Ask Your Council Member Diana Souza (Cont. from page 2)

Mayor Santos put together an Ad Hoc committee to look at possible projects that could benefit from these funds. The Committee recommends the following: \$250,000 for new park pathways this year; \$988,000 for Marina Park Picnic Area Renovations; the balance of funds to be dedicated to the San Leandro Aquatic Center Competitive Pool.

The Ad Hoc committee had a great deal of discussion on funding sources for all of the top 20 Capital Improvement Projects. It was determined that all of the City Council's top 20 projects, that are not proposed for Measure WW finds, have potential funding sources other than WW.

There was also discussion that the San Lorenzo Unified School District may have bond funds that could be used in a Join-Use project for the competitive pool. This was confirmed at the april City/School Liaison Committee Meeting.

No action was taken on the recommendations. Look for this process to continue at possibly a Council Work Session in the future.

If you have a question you would like Council Member Souza to answer, please feel free to submit your questions to her via email at dsouza@ci.san-leandro.ca.us, via mail at 835 East 14th Street, San Leandro, CA 94577-3782, or via phone at 510-577-6000 x9003.

Communications With The City of San Leandro

Phone 577-3200
Email www.ci.san-leandro.ca.us
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Radio 16.10 AM

Appeal to Residents of San Leandro



I am a nurse at San Leandro Hospital. I am writing this to inform you that regardless of what you have heard, there is still hope to keep the hospital open as an Acute Care Hospital with an emergency room. However, we need involvement from the community to show that we care about this. Regardless of whether you go to San Leandro for your health care or to Kaiser, we need this facility to remain open. Its location will save lives of many citizens in the Eden Healthcare District. Closing the ER will overload all of the other already over-loaded hospitals in the area.

The Township Board Directors, as well as the County Supervisors need to hear from you. These Supervisors and Directors need our input and feedback and they need it as soon as possible, before Sutter Health manages to carry out their plan. The County Supervisors will vote on Sutter's Environment Impact Report on June 9th. Any and all input is appreciated.

Eden Township Main Office phone: 510-538-2031
Dev Mahadevan, CEO of Eden Township, call at 510-538-2033

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Please help save San Leandro Hospital by joining the White Coat Rally (by hospital doctors and nurses) on June 2nd, 2009 to rally to keep the hospital open.

Thanks, Carol Barazzi

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Senior Services

San Leandro Paratransit 577-3441
Healthy Insurance Counseling
and Advocacy Program 839-0393
Legal Assistance for Seniors 832-3040
Spectrum Comm. Serv. Inc.
Senior Support Services 881-0300
Alameda County Adult
Protective Services 567-6894
Alameda In-Home Support 567-8080
Alameda Meals on Wheels 865-6131
Alameda Red Cross 814-4200
Center for Independent Living 841-4776

News From the Scholarship Committee

Deadline for submission of application for the FHOA Scholarship award was last May 22nd, 2009. The Scholarship Committee will be giving at least two scholarship awards of \$250 each to graduating students whose parents are FHOA members for the previous and current years.

Your scholarship committee,
Marsha Cole and Fe Corpuz

Scholarship Fund Donation

Cash donations to Scholarship Fund may be sent together with membership dues to Pam Neal at 3565 Carrillo Drive, San Leandro, CA 94578.

Four Paws Society's PAW-A-THON

WHEN: Saturday, June 27, 2009, 8am - 12noon
WHERE: San Leandro Marina Park
13801 Monarch Bay Drive, San Leandro

Registration: 8 am
Pet Resource Fair: 8-12noon, Walk Begins at 9am Pet
Demonstrations: 10:30 am, Awards at 11:30 am

Please come join us for PAW-A-THON. The entire family will have a Paw-tacular time!

Event highlights include a 1-mile walk (dogs and their owners) with a beautiful view of the bay and pet demonstrations including the San Leandro Police K-9 unit.

The Pet Resource Fair will include educational, informational and community exhibits, including a Petting Zoo and Balloonist for the "kids" in all of us!

Proceeds will benefit the new San Leandro Dog Park and spay/neuter program. \$20 Walk Registration. All sponsorships and donations are tax deductible.

Supporters can also help raise money by collecting pledges. www.FourPawsSociety.org (510) 910-2754 or info@FourPawsSociety.org

Mahalo,
Sabrina Almazan
Aloha Pet Services
1371A East 14th Street #123
San Leandro, CA 94577
www.AlohaPetServices.com
Phone: (510) 909-2163

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Dates to Remember

Jun 6, Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 pm.
2009 Cherry Festival. Downtown San Leandro on West Estudillo.



Jun 6, Saturday, Passport to San Leandro's History. The City of San Leandro will be hosting the 100th Anniversary of the Cherry Festival. Festival visitors can pick up their passports and maps at the San Leandro Art Gallery and Museum, 320 West Avenue and proceed to visit each of the 10 historic sites shown on their maps. These sites are within easy walking distance from the Museum.

Jun 28, Sunday, 1-3 pm, What's Up Big Band! Take to the dance floor or just sit, listen and tap your toes as the Big Band comes alive with the music of Glenn Miller, Count Basie, and more! Sponsored by the Arts Council of SL and the SL Public Library. FREE!

Jul 10, Friday, 5 pm, Family Camp Night. Lower Chabot Park. Join for an Ole time Hootenanny! Games, traditional camp songs and skits will be a part of this fun outdoor camp experience for you and your family. Bring a picnic dinner and any musical instruments. FREE!

Jul 17, Friday, 6:00 pm, Family Hawaiian Party at the Pool. Family fun swim party at the San Leandro Family Aquatic Center. Limbo and swimming games will be parts of the fun! Bring a picnic dinner, your suits and be ready to play in the pool. \$5 fee per family (Limit to 5 family members). Call 577-3462 to reserve your spot.

Senior Services:

1st Wednesday of each month, 9:30-11:00 a.m. - Marina Community Center; 11:30 a.m.-12:00 noon, Bancroft Senior Center, blood pressure check by health professionals from Nightingale Nursing. FREE service, no registration or appointment

required. Drop in and have your blood pressure checked!

2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, 10 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., health insurance counseling services at the Marina Community Center provided by a HICAP (Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program) counselor registered by the CA Dept. on Aging. For appointments, call 839-0393.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed in the City Hall Offices, main and neighborhood libraries, Senior Programs for non-profit agencies. Please call Joann Oliver, Recreation and Human Services Manager at 577-3463.

Helpful Telephone Numbers

Emergency Only	911
City Clerk	577-3368
Fire Department - Non Emergency	638-2121
Graffiti Hotline	577-6094
Police Department - Non Emergency	577-3201
Job Hotline	577-3397
Airport Hotline	577-4194
Pot Holes	577-3400
Community Relations	577-3358
Public Works	577-3440
Compliance Complaints	577-3462
Library	577-3970
Recreation	577-3462

***Please join FHOA!
Fill out the application and
send in today!***

***Subscribace a la asociacion
FHOA. Llene la aplicacion y
mandela ahora mismo!***

District 3 Commission Members

Board of Zoning Adjustments Darryl Shields
 Human Services Robert Vergara
 Library - Historical Renee Souza
 Planning Denise Abero
 Recreation and Parks Debra Vandiver
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 Senior Commission Robert Kvam
 Keith Peterson



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 District 3 Diana M. Souza
 District 4 Joyce R. Starosciak
 District 5 Bill Stephens
 District 6 Jim Prola
 District 6 Tony Santos

FLORESTA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR 2009

The purpose of this organization is to promote the welfare of residents of Floresta Gardens. You will receive the FHOA newsletter quarterly, be represented by a dedicated group of officers and Board Members representing our area in the city. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of January, May, September and November. The dues are \$5.00 per household per year, owner or renter. \$1.00 of each membership will be deposited into a Scholarship Fund. Scholarships go to students who will attend college, business or a trade school. For a student to be eligible a parent or guardian must have been a member of FHOA the past and present year.

FLORESTA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

**Membership Enrollment
 Through December 31, 2009**

Last Name _____ *First Name/s* _____
Address _____ *Phone No.* _____ *E-Mail Address* _____

I'm interested in: *Assembling Newsletters* *Delivering Newsletters*

For information call 483-0947

Send completed form, along with your \$5.00 (checks payable to FHOA) to:

**Pamela Neal
 3565 Carrillo Drive
 San Leandro 94578**

A 2009 FHOA Membership card will be mailed to you!