

## **NEWS BRIEFS**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Fremont City Manager Mark Danaj Elected as Newest Joint Venture Silicon Valley Board Member**

On Friday, November 16, the Joint Venture Silicon Valley Board of Directors voted to elect City Manager Mark Danaj as its newest member. Danaj succeeds former Fremont City Manager Fred Diaz on the board as the only member from any Alameda County city.

“I am proud to represent Fremont’s continued commitment to the important work of Joint Venture Silicon Valley,” Danaj said. “Its ability to convene regional leaders to collaboratively develop strategies addressing the Valley’s challenges and opportunities is unparalleled. I look forward contributing to this increasingly important mission.”

Joint Venture Silicon Valley is a nonprofit organization made up of the Bay Area’s leaders across the private and public sectors, including government, business, academia, labor, and community organizations. The group meets to discuss, study, report, and find solutions for the region’s challenges.



For more information, please read the full press release on Joint Venture Silicon Valley’s website at <https://jointventure.org/news-and-media/news-releases/1731-joint-venture-board-adds-fremont-city-manager-mark-danaj>.

### **Shared Bikes and Scooters Coming to Fremont**

Shared bikes and scooters are coming to Fremont. On Tuesday, November 13, the Fremont City Council approved a regulatory framework for bike and scooter sharing as well as a partnership with Lime to support a one-year pilot deployment. The City’s planned system will feature pedal bikes, e-bikes, and e-scooters, and will offer convenient, on-demand mobility for short trips and last-mile transit access. The system launch is planned for early 2019. For more information, please visit [www.Fremont.gov/BikeShareProgram](http://www.Fremont.gov/BikeShareProgram).

### **Special Event Information for Niles Annual Tree Lighting and Festival of Lights Parade**

A special event permit has been issued to the Niles Merchants Association for the Niles Annual Tree Lighting and Festival of Lights Parade on Friday, November 23. The event will begin with the tree lighting at 6 p.m. followed by the Festival of



Lights Holiday Parade at 6:30 p.m. The Niles Merchants Association has added additional seating this year and the new guidelines are outlined below.

### ***Road Closures***

The following roads and parking lots will be closed between 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.:

- Niles Blvd. between J Street and Hillview Drive
- D St., E St. F St., G St., H St., and I St. between Niles Blvd. and Second Street
- Iron Horse Lane between F Street and J Street
- Sullivan Underpass
- The small parking lot on the north side of the Niles Town Plaza (the large lot will be closed the majority of the day). If you park in this lot prior to the parade, you will not be allowed to leave until Niles Blvd. re-opens.

J Street between Niles Blvd. and Second Street will close at the time of the tree lighting at approximately 6 p.m. and will remain closed until 9 p.m., or when the parade ends.

Vehicles will not be allowed to enter Niles on Niles Blvd. (off Mission Blvd.) after 5:30 p.m. and Niles will only be accessible via Nursery Ave. and Niles Blvd. from the north during the parade.

The following roads will remain open:

- Nursery Ave.
- Niles Blvd. on the north-side of Hillview Drive
- Hillview Drive
- Second Street

Please take extra precaution while driving in the area, as organizers anticipate approximately 15,000 people, many of whom will be children, in attendance. Detour signs, City staff and volunteers will be onsite to help divert drivers around the road closures. Arriving early and carpools are highly recommended.

### ***Seating***

The following seating guidelines have been drafted by the Niles Merchants Association out of consideration for the merchants doing business in Niles and parade attendees. Over the last several years, this event has grown in size and seating has become increasingly more challenging. Last year seats were placed along Niles Blvd. several days in advance and several went missing. Additionally, our sidewalk space is limited and persons with disabilities are having more difficulty traversing the crowds standing and sitting along Niles Blvd. The great news is that a new seating area has been developed along the east side of Niles Boulevard as a trial this year! The hope is that this effort will provide new seating and alleviate the sidewalk space on the west side of Niles Boulevard (the side where the shops are located). Please read the details below for additional information on that seating and help spread the word.

#### **Festival of Lights Parade SEATING/STANDING**

- All sidewalks are to remain open to the general public.
- Chairs cannot be placed before 12 p.m. (noon) on Friday the day of the parade along the parade route. Any unoccupied chair placed along the parade route before 12 p.m. (noon) is subject to removal by parade organizers. Parade organizers are not responsible for lost chairs.

- Seating can be reserved with chairs/blankets beginning at 12 p.m. (noon) on Friday. Seating/blankets can only be placed along the curb and may not exceed one row. Sidewalks must remain accessible to pedestrians and people with disabilities.
- Reserved seating is at your own risk. The Fremont Police Department will not take reports for lost or stolen chairs.
- Seating on public sidewalks may not be reserved and then sold to members of the public. All seating must remain free and available to the general public.

• **NEW:** At 4 p.m. when Niles Blvd. officially closes, City Maintenance crews will cordon off three sections of parking stalls along the commercial side of Niles Blvd. between J Street and G Street. After 4 p.m., community members can use the designated parking spaces for cushions and blanket seating. No chairs will be allowed in this area. The goal of this trial seating arrangement is to alleviate the impact of people standing and sitting on the sidewalks and to allow for wheelchairs to freely access the sidewalks. Delineators and tape will be placed along the roadway as a barricade between the seating and parade participants. This is a one-year trial and we ask that no one touch or move the barricades.

### ***Event Communication***

During this parade and all other Fremont events, we ask that community members remain aware of their surroundings and report suspicious activity by calling the Fremont Police Department non-emergency number at 510-790-6800 and selecting option 3 or dialing 9-1-1, if you believe you are witnessing a crime in progress. “If you see something, say something.” You can also text-a-tip by texting: Tip FremontPD followed by your message to 888777.

### **City of Fremont Youth and Family Services and Compassion Network team up for Children’s Bike Helmet Drive for Tree of Hope Event**

The City of Fremont Youth and Family Services, a division of the Human Services Department, is collecting new children’s bicycle helmets. These helmets will be given out during the annual Tree of Hope event through Compassion Network. Tree of Hope is a ‘Christmas Boutique’ event, which gives very low income families the opportunity to shop with a voucher for presents and/or bikes for children 13 and under. All participating families live in Fremont, Union City, and Newark. It is expected that 30 to 40 children will need bicycles, and providing each bike recipient with a helmet for safety is ideal.



Tree of Hope started in 2008, and has distributed more than 100 presents. Since then, Compassion Network has served 10,000+ individuals representing 5,000+ families touched by the generosity of donors!

Please join the City’s Youth and Family Services as they seek donations of new bicycle helmets in medium and large sizes and neutral colors. While these sizes and colors are preferred, any sizes or colors donated are accepted as long as they’re new bicycle helmets. Drop off donated helmets at the Youth and Family Services Clinic, located at the Fremont Family Resource Center, 39155 Liberty St. in Suite E500 by Thursday, December 13. The City of Fremont greatly appreciates the community’s participation in helping keep Fremont’s children safe.

If you have any questions, please contact Youth and Family Services at 510-574-2100.

### **Breakfast with BankWork\$**

Start the day off with breakfast on us and learn how you can jumpstart your career in the financial services industry. Join the Fremont Family Resource Center at our Breakfast with Bankwork\$ information session on Wednesday, November 28 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. located at the Fremont Family Resource Center, 39155 Liberty St. in the Millenium Conference Room. Learn more about the BankWork\$ Career Training Program, a free job training program with non-profit partner JVS in coordination with top Bay Area banks.



To secure your spot for Breakfast with Bankwork\$ to learn more information about the BankWork\$ Career Training program please RSVP by Monday, November 26 at 5 p.m. to [www.breakfastwithbankworks.eventbrite.com](http://www.breakfastwithbankworks.eventbrite.com). For questions, please contact Carolyn Robertson at 510-574-2003.

Eligibility requirements for the BankWork\$ Career Training program include:

- Age 18 or older
- High school diploma or GED
- English literacy (bilingual a plus)
- Eligible to work in the US
- Minimum of 6 months' customer service experience

This 6-week training program will begin on December 17 and will be held Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through January 31, 2019, with days off for holidays. The program will prepare participants for entry-level positions in sale and service such as teller, customer service representative, and personal banker. The Graduation Ceremony ends in a Hiring Fair.

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