

Honorary Mayoral Candidates



Brad Hill, owner of Brooke Insurance, is one of the candidates for Honorary Mayor of Orangevale. Brad, and his wife of 23 years, Donna, were high school sweethearts. Born and raised in Santa Rosa., both Brad and Donna came to the Sacramento area to attend CSUS, with Brad earning a Bachelor Degree in Finance. Solicited for jobs in Santa Rosa, they returned home. They loved the Sacramento area so much they decided to move back two years later. Brad has been in the insurance industry for 23 years. He worked for Brooke Insurance in Roseville for a couple of years before deciding to open his own office. His new office is in the Cable Park Shopping Center. They have two children, Joey 10 and Kaylee 7. Both children attend Oakview Community Elementary School, which is the focus of his campaign. With all the cutbacks to our schools it is becoming more and more the responsibility of the parents and the community to provide our students with the things they need. The money raised will be used by the school for computers and supplies for the students. His campaign is also an opportunity for him to meet the people who work and live in the community he loves. Brad's first fund raising event will be held on June 21st. He will be doing a car wash from 11am to 4pm at Save Mart. Donations are accepted for the car wash. Food and beverages will be available for sale, so stop by and have something to eat while you wait.



Lisa Montes, one of our candidates for Orangevale's Honorary Mayor, was born and raised in San Jose. Lisa grew up loving and playing baseball for Evergreen Little League. She was also the first girl to make the Majors and be selected for the All Stars.. In 1985 she married her high school sweetheart, Phil Montes. They moved to Oregon with their daughter Vanessa in 1986. When Lisa's parents relocated to Fair Oaks she and Phil, after numerous visits to the area, decided this is where "Home" would be. They returned to California and settled in Orangevale in 1993. Lisa began volunteer work at a young age and has spent her life giving her time and efforts to one group or another ever since. Running for Honorary Mayor fits right into her basic values and beliefs. Her Motto is "Always give more than you take and Treat Everyone Like You Want To Be Treated". She has chosen The Orangevale Food Closet as her charity, her way of helping people in need within her own community. Her first fund raising event, Family Movie Night, is scheduled for July 18th at 6:30 PM. The movie National Treasure will be shown at the Orangevale Grange, 5807 Walnut Avenue. The movie is free, and food and beverages will be sold to support the Mayor's Race. For additional information about contributing to the "Need To Feed" campaign go to www.home.comcast.net/lisa4ovmayor or call 916-989-3638.

John Sullivan, Owner of Graphix Connection, is also running for Honorary Mayor. His chosen charity is Relay for Life. Relay for Life, is an event designed by the American Cancer Society, to raise money to help prevent cancer, save lives, and diminish suffering from the disease. We were unable to obtain an interview or info on fund raising events at this time.

Watch the community calendar pages in future issues for additional fund raising events for our candidates.

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Getting Ready For Summer Trips

Obviously, you do not need to have all of the items on this list all the time, so we have organized them into three classifications: "Always" items are marked as RED, "Usually" items are marked in BLUE, and "Travel" items are marked in GREEN.

Properly-inflated Spare Tire, Jack, and Lug Wrench.
Jumper Cables
Cellular Phone and Charger
List of Emergency Phone Numbers (Public and Personal)
Flares or Reflectors
Flashlight with fresh spare batteries
Help or Distress Sign
Maps
Small Tool Set
Rags or Paper Towels
Fire Extinguisher
Jug of Clean Water (refresh at least every three months)
First Aid Kit
Supply of regularly-taken medications
Tow rope
Snow brush or ice scraper
Sand, cat litter, or traction mats
Tire chains
Can Opener
High-energy foods
Warm Clothing (one change)
Blankets (fleece or survival)
To these items, most experienced long-distance drivers add a 2-gallon gas can and sealed containers for appropriate brands and specifications of Motor Oil (1 quart minimum), Coolant (1 gallon), Transmission Fluid (1 quart), Brake Fluid (1 pint), and Power Steering Fluid (1 pint). These items are intended for emergency use only ... and the gas can should be used only for longer trips. A full tank is always the best way to make sure you don't run out of gas on longer stretches of highway.

Easy Tips to Start the Summer Watering Season Out Right



- 1. Wait before you water!**
 Winter rains saturates soil and cooler weather in spring keeps soil from drying quickly. Adding too much water too soon will hamper air circulation at the roots. Roots cannot absorb water without oxygen nearby.
- 2. Check the soil.**
 The surface should feel dry. Allow the first 1/2" to 1" of soil to dry before watering. Use a shovel to cut into the soil to see how damp the soil is before re-watering. Another helpful tool is a screw driver. Push the driver into the soil. How easily does it go in? How wet or dry does the soil feel?
- 3. Watch the weather** – especially if you use automatic sprinklers.
 It is easy to over-water in the summer. When soil remains saturated and does not dry out, roots do not grow well. Without that needed oxygen in the soil, roots are susceptible to fungal diseases. Sometimes, cooler days (in the 80's) and rain in the summer require decreased watering schedules. The few days over 100 degrees may require daily watering. Make sure water timers reflect the weather.
- 4. Mulch, mulch, marvelous mulch!**
 Apply 4" layer of organic material that will slowly decompose around the base of trees, keeping it at least 4" away from the trunk of the tree and in a 4' diameter circle. Remember 4 by 4 by 4.
 Here are just a few benefits of mulch:
 - Mulch shades the soil, keeping it cooler
 - Mulch reduces evaporation
 - Mulch increases soil aeration, providing oxygen near tree roots
 - Mulch decreases water erosion
 - Mulch around a tree keeps lawn equipment from damaging trees
 - Mulch creates an environment for beneficial mycorrhizal fungi to grow – fungi that actually help roots obtain soil nutrients.

Free shade trees are available at no cost through a partnership with the Sacramento Tree Foundation and SMUD. You simply need to be a SMUD customer and have a location for a tree that will provide energy savings for a building. Call the Sacramento Tree Foundation to schedule and appointment at 924-8477-121. Your Community Forester Glorian Martinelli will stop by to help you select the best shade trees for your home or business.