

# Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden

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## One More Bloom!

Over the past few months we have trained dozens of new master Volunteers. Our volunteers typically do the deadheading of the roses, so we can keep the Garden in perpetual bloom. The volunteers have done a great job, and we should be able to get **ONE MORE BLOOM CYCLE** this year, so visitor can enjoy roses late into the fall. You can see from the photo below the bloom cycles.

However, we the City is still struggling with the amount of weeds in the bed. So on September 15th, at 9:00am, **WEED NEED YOU!** Please join us to deadhead some roses, and to help weed the beds. Our weeds are easy to pull up, by hand, thanks to the generous amount of mulch in the beds. You will see the benefits of mulch! So join us at 9:00 a.m. Sept. 15 at the Garden. Bring gloves and pruning shears if you have them!

**SAVE THE  
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is a non-profit 501(c)(3) all volunteer group  
dedicated to preserving the Historic San Jose  
Municipal Rose Garden





# The 2018 Crop of Master Volunteers!

Our Master Volunteers are the backbone to this organization. 2018 has been a banner year for new recruits. We have held over a dozen training sessions this year (so far) and many have completed the training and got "VESTED".

Master Volunteers log their hours and in August logged at least 394 hours! That is the equivalent of nearly 2.5 full time staff members!

I must say, with such an energetic group of Master Volunteers deadheading, it's sometime hard to have training new ones because I can't find beds that need deadheading!

After September, Master Volunteers tend to transition to cutting out deadwood, and reduce the deadheading. But no doubt we will have more Master Volunteer Training this year, so if you are interested, go to: [www.friendssjrosegarden.org/master-volunteers/](http://www.friendssjrosegarden.org/master-volunteers/)





# The San Jose Municipal Rose Garden is not just about the Roses!

Aside from the rose beds, the San Jose Municipal Rose Garden has many amenities that draw people from the region. And while we mostly focus on the roses, City staff have to take care of a lot of things. There is always something being done.

Recently, it was identified that the turn outside the garden was not looking so good. Could be a combination of things, lots of use - people like to walk the perimeter (or jog) and it can make it tough to keep the turf in good shape. In this case, the City identified some issues with the irrigation, and made a project to replace the sprinkler heads, with better and more a efficient type. Prior to doing the whole perimeter, they experimented with a smaller section with good results, so they did the whole perimeter.

Let's keep an eye out and see how quickly the turf will recover!





# Jazz and Roses (and BBQ!!!)

This year, Councilmember Dev Davis organized 3 community events in the Rose Garden. Two Movie night (Roses & Reels) and a Jazz Concert in the Garden. All were very well attended, particularly the Jazz Concert in August.

Frm. Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio used the occasion of the Jazz Concert to honor the Master Volunteers with a catered BBQ from Armadillo Willy's! Thanks to both Councilmembers for such a great event!





# Weeds - Why So Bad? - Still!

**(Note, this article appeared in 2016, and we are still struggling with a solution)**

We were warned after the very wet winter that weeds would be more prevalent this year than in the past. This prediction turned out to be true. While the roses have been well maintained by the volunteers, weeds, typically the responsibility of the City, have taken over many of the beds.

While the Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden have some volunteers that do like to weed, it is very hard work, and is not to be left for volunteers - it has always been the role of the City to have an abatement plan, whether it's bus crews or other means of removal and maintenance.

The leadership of the Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden recently met with City staff to review the state of the weeds, and to develop a plan of attack. In the spirit of cooperation which has kept the organization on good footing with the City, we have agreed to help them in this endeavor, and will coordinate and assist the City on their eradication plans. But it will take time. One thought was to do a bulk amount of the work after the January pruning - removing topsoil and replacing it with clean soil.

One thing is certain, it will take some time, but know that the City Staff is looking at ways to address it, and come up with a plan that we can all work together to implement. In the meantime, *just stop and smell the roses* - and overlook the weeds or you can join us on September 15th and help us tackle the weeds!



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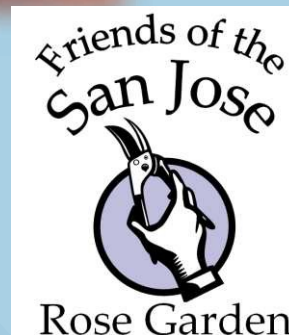
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