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Bee Kind Special Event

County Supervisor Supports Bees at Happy Hollow Park & Zoo



Photo: Bee hives at Happy Hollow Park & Zoo. Courtesy of Steve Demkowski.

Event:	Bee Kind Learn about bees with a special story, honey sampling, and live bee demonstrations with special guests, including Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez at Happy Hollow Park & Zoo.
When:	Wednesday, April 11 at 11 a.m.
Where:	The Puppet Castle Theater at Happy Hollow Park & Zoo 1300 Senter Road, San José, CA 95112
Who:	Supervisor Cindy Chavez Councilmember Tam Nguyen Steve Demkowski, owner of Willow Glen Honey Open to the public – free with admission ticket.
Background:	In February 2017, Coyote Creek flooded and wreaked havoc in San Jose. Sadly, the bee apiary at Happy Hollow Park & Zoo was destroyed. These beehives teach people how to care for bees and raises \$15,000 a year in honey sales to protect the mountain gorillas at Virunga National Park in the Congo. Thankfully, a dedicated team led by Happy Hollow “Bee Guy,” Steve Demkowski rallied quickly. With financial support from the Farrington Foundation, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, with advocacy led by Supervisor Cindy Chavez, and hundreds of donors, the bees are buzzing again at Happy Hollow Park & Zoo.

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[Happy Hollow Park & Zoo](#) (HHPZ) is a division of the City of San José [Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services](#). Supported by the [Happy Hollow Foundation](#), the mission of HHPZ is connecting people to nature through play. HHPZ provides a variety of outdoor play experiences for all ages, including an AZA accredited zoo; rides and nature-themed amusement; celebrations, in-house, and private events; as well a robust animal education and wildlife conservation program.