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## **Escape to Another World in San José Dollar Days at Kelley Park**

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Escape to another world right in San José as History San José and Happy Hollow Park & Zoo partner to offer low-cost access to two of San Jose's most significant attractions---all inside Kelley Park.

On Tuesday, June 12, July 10 and August 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., admission to Happy Hollow Park & Zoo is only \$1.00 per person. \* This summertime outing offers families a chance to combine animals, history and gardens, all in one place: Kelley Park in San José. The 'Escape to Another World' can continue from Happy Hollow Park & Zoo, through the Japanese Friendship Garden, into History Park, all in one day.

"Kelley Park is an incredible place for families and has so much to offer," said Vanessa Rogier, Marketing Director of Happy Hollow Park & Zoo. "Everyone loves animals! Then add the serenity of the Japanese Friendship Garden and the fascination of History Park---all right here in San José's backyard."

On Tuesday, July 10 only, donations of canned goods, benefiting Second Harvest Food Bank, will allow free admission to Happy Hollow Park & Zoo and History Park.

**At Happy Hollow**, the newest and "miniest" member of the Happy Hollow horse herd was born on April 13 and stands just 19" tall. See a lemur, a jaguar and a parma wallaby. Families can enjoy the puppet shows, rides – including Danny the Dragon, play areas, and over 150 animals in the Zoo.

**The Japanese Friendship Garden** provides a serene resting place. As a replica of a garden in Okayama, Japan, see the koi pond, waterfalls, ducks and more.

**At History Park**, visit the Trolley Barn and ride a trolley through the park, visit the Print Shop. Enjoy educational docent-led tours of historical buildings and go inside the 1871 one-room School House. O'Brien's Café serves ice cream and has a new lunch menu. The Gift Shop will be open all day.

“History San José is thrilled to partner with Happy Hollow to introduce the pleasures of Kelley Park,” said Marilyn Guida, Director of Education at History San José. “The potential to learn new things about our Valley is endless, and it is all here for all ages.”

Inside the Pacific Hotel is the exhibit *Speed City: from Civil Rights to Black Power*.

**\*Kelley Park Parking Fees are as follows:**

Cars \$6.00; buses, motor homes, and limousines \$18.00

School buses, electric cars, and hybrid cars FREE (with City of San José issued placard.)

A reduced Parking Fee of **\$2.00** will be extended to:

- Veterans and military personnel (with Military ID)
- Seniors (age 60+)
- Disabled individuals with a DMV-issued disabled plaque

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**About History San José:**

History San José is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and sharing the continuing history of the Santa Clara Valley. HSJ manages one of the largest and most comprehensive regional history collections in the State of California, from 1784 Spanish governmental records to twenty-first century Silicon Valley technology.

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History San José aspires to provide innovative national leadership in preserving and sharing regional history by engaging diverse audiences in exploring the varieties of human experience that contributes to the continuing history of San José and the Santa Clara Valley.

**History Park** at Kelley Park, located at 1650 Senter Road, is a 14-acre park featuring a town atmosphere, with free rides on historic trolleys, exhibit galleries and 27 historic buildings, including a Museum Store and O'Brien's Café, with an ice cream parlor and candy store. History Park is open Tuesday through Sunday, 12 noon – 5:00 p.m. Admission is free.

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**About the Japanese Friendship Garden:**

Located at 1300 Senter Road, in Kelley Park, San José, this 6-acre garden was patterned after Korakuen in Okayama, San Jose's sister city. Its open park-like plan is different from the stereotypical Japanese garden, but this one still includes familiar elements such as koi ponds, streams, waterfall, and a teahouse. Plantings include cherries, acer palmatum, willow, irises and redwood. 408 277 5254

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**About Happy Hollow Park & Zoo:**

Located in Kelley Park on the corner of Story and Senter Roads, Happy Hollow Park & Zoo™ has been providing affordable family entertainment, education, and fun since 1961.

**The Zoo** is an AZA-Accredited Institution that participates in conservation and propagation of rare and endangered species - while at the same time offering children (and adults) the opportunity to see wondrous animals such as the Ruffed Lemur and Jaguar.

The Zoo also provides hands-on experience with many animals along with the education that's necessary to secure the future of endangered species. There's also an Animal Contact Area featuring Goats, Miniature Horses, and Zebus.

**Happy Hollow Park** is a peaceful, creative, and safe place for children of all ages - with the main focus on "little ones" between the ages of 2-10. There are creative play areas, children's rides, Puppet Shows, special events, and birthday areas.

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