

Las Vegas Mayor Thanks Members for Community Participation
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Las Vegas Mayor Jan Jones visited the Las Vegas Community Center today to thank local members for supporting two important city programs, Adopt-A-Block and the Gateway Arts and Music Festival.

“Thanks to the SGI Buddhists, the Adopt-A-Block program is off to a great start. Now, over 40 groups have signed up,” said Mayor Jones. “But the SGI will be remembered as the first group to stand up for a better neighborhood.” On Sept. 13, 250 SGI-USA volunteers worked to clean sidewalks, vacant lots and landscaped areas on 16 blocks around the community center. More than five tons of trash were bagged.

“The city’s first Gateway Arts and Music Festival was successful largely due to the SGI Buddhists working behind the scenes and on stage,” said Mayor Jones. Many of the performers were also Buddhist, including New York jazz guitarist Larry Coryell.

Mayor Jones also made a strong appeal for breast cancer awareness. A survivor of breast cancer herself, she feels that silence can be deadly. “Talking about breast cancer is the first step; knowing your options is the second,” she said.

Mayor Jones also presented a proclamation naming Oct. 2 as SGI-USA World Peace Day in Las Vegas.

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