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**History San José Celebrates the 237th Birthday
at the Peralta Adobe-Fallon House Historic Site
at San Pedro Square Market
Sunday, November 23 – 1 PM to 4 PM**

San José, CA – November 3, 2014 Mark your calendar and wish San José a happy birthday. On Sunday, November 23 from 1 PM to 4 PM History San José will throw a party to say, “Happy Birthday, San José!”

The traditional birthday party for the founding of *El Pueblo de San José de Guadalupe* at the Peralta Adobe-Fallon House Historic Site will include activities for kids, cake, candles, music and historic home tours. Hands-on activities for kids include: rope a “bull,” make a corn husk doll, dip a candle, and design your own “brand”!

Visitors can share birthday cake with San José’s founding family members and see historical displays. Music will be provided by *Los Arribeños de San Francisco*, led by Lance Beeson, a member of the Californios.

Admission is free, and activity wristbands for children are \$5 each. Tours of the Fallon House are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5-17, and will be held at 1:00pm, 2:00pm, and 3:00pm. Tours are not recommended for children ages 4 and under. The Peralta Adobe will be an “open house” that guests can explore on their own.

The Peralta Adobe-Fallon House Historic Site is located at 175 West Saint John Street, in downtown San Jose, CA 95110. For more information call [408 918-1047](tel:4089181047) or visit www.historysanjose.org

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The Fallon House was built in 1855 by one of San José’s earliest mayors. The Victorian mansion showcases 15 fully-furnished rooms typical of the Victorian period. Thomas Fallon was a frontiersman in the John C. Fremont expedition, and Carmel Fallon was the daughter of one of the most prominent Mexican landowners in California.

The Peralta Adobe is San José’s oldest address. Built in 1797, the Peralta Adobe is the last remaining structure from *El Pueblo de San José de Guadalupe*. See the Adobe’s horno, an outside working oven or venture inside the home and see two rooms furnished as they might have been when they were occupied by the Gonzales and Peralta families. It is now surrounded by the new San Pedro Square Market.