

VEP NEWS

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March 2013

VEP'S MEETING

7:30 p.m. Tuesday
► **March 26, 2013** ◀

Vista Park Community Room
475 Hyde Park Drive

AGENDA

★ SURVEILLANCE WORKSHOP ★

a presentation sponsored by

Council District 10 Staff
City of San Jose

★ VEP Business Meeting ★

Crime Awareness & Prevention
Community Safety Faire, April 7th
Gunderson High School
Membership Drive Continues in March & April
Neighborhood Garage Sale, May 4th

★ Your Concerns and Ideas ★

Your chance to voice your opinion and/or to seek VEP's help.
Everyone is welcome. Invite your neighbors!

VEP's March Meeting

by Marilyn Rodgers

March's general membership meeting:

- **Surveillance Workshop** – a presentation sponsored by District 10 staff. The presentation will focus on the highly successful program used by residents of the Oakland Hills to reduce crime by over 50% during the last half of 2012. Surveillance techniques will be presented with special emphasis on video camera surveillance. This is the 3rd in a series of workshops to assist residents in arming themselves with information and tools to prevent crimes in our neighborhood.
- **VEP Business Meeting/Updates/Announcements.**
- **Your Concerns and Ideas** – We want to hear from you! To-

gether we can work toward positive resolution. This approach continues to make VEP neighborhoods strong, healthy, and attractive.

We look forward to seeing you, your friends and neighbors, at the March 26th meeting. Please join us!

February VEP Meeting Synopsis

Peggy Golden and Marilyn Rodgers

The February 26th meeting opened with announcements from Marilyn Rodgers reviewing the plan that VEP is sponsoring three related workshops on crime, crime prevention, and public safety. These workshops are intended to provide residents with the opportunity to obtain additional information and resources for themselves and their neighbors, encouraging safe and proactive strategies. Tonight's presentation on Neighborhood Watch is the first in the series. The second will be a forum with Councilmember Khamis and Southern Division Captain Honda – planned for Thursday, March 14th. The third workshop will be on Surveillance at the March 26th VEP general membership meeting.

Two additional speakers offered announcements. Daniela Tanner, a VEP member representing Cultural Homestay International, provided information on opportunities for families in the VEP area to host exchange students attending our local high schools. Rayshelle Brant, Council Assistant for Councilmember Johnny Khamis reminded everyone that there would be a Senior Resource Faire at Oakridge Mall on Friday morning, March 8th. She also encouraged residents to meet with the Councilmember at his local office hours once per month – one will be held in Almaden Valley and one in our area at Lime Tree Espresso on Branham (in shopping center at corner of Snell) the third Wednesday of every month from 5:30pm – 7pm.

Marilyn introduced the featured speaker for the evening, Mini Le, Crime Prevention Specialist for the San Jose Police Department, who is an expert on Neighborhood Watch programs. There were over 60 people in attendance.

Ms. Le's main and reoccurring message throughout the evening was the importance of building relationships with neighbors. This is very important, and means more than just knowing their names and saying "hello" in the driveway. It is important to "show a presence" on a street – visitors seeing activity in a neighborhood is conducive to weeding out unwanted behaviors. Believe it or not, on the street...if word gets out that your neighborhood streets are an "easy target", they will be. Mischief makers and criminals have networks too!

Mini explained that because of the current shortage of staff in

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the SJPd, property crimes, in most cases, cannot be responded to. However, it is VERY IMPORTANT that we still report all of these crimes, no matter how small. The reporting process gives documentation of the crime. If crimes go unreported in our district, we may lose adequate officer coverage permanently. Don't get stuck in the mentality "well, they (the police) won't come out anyway." Report, report, report.

There is more than one way to report a crime. Go online to sjpd.org home page, upper left corner where it says "Click Here to File A Report". You can also dial 911 (emergency) if you are a **witness to a crime in progress**. Remember to access 911 from cellular phones (in the City of San Jose), dial **408-277-8911**. (The non-emergency number is 311, and the cellular version of that is 40-277-8900).

For information on all crimes reported in your area, you can get a "bird's eye view" by logging in to sjpd.org and clicking on the "Crime Reports" tab. From there, if you click on "Incident Layers", you can pick and choose which incidents (types of crime) you want to look at. Clicking on "My Neighborhood" and plugging in your own address, gives you crime information right on your street. Very informative tool. According to Le, the site is updated no less often than every 3 days.

Helping police correctly identify suspected criminals was another facet of crime prevention that Mini touched on. Try to be very specific about any descriptions you give to police. For instance, look at all clothing from the top layer down. In other words, did you notice the color of the shirt under the jacket? If he took his hat off, could you describe his hair in any way? Did you see scars or tattoos? Often criminals will remove layers of clothing to change their identity quickly. Also, look at approximate height, weight, and color of skin.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES – Did you know that most residential burglaries are done by 12 – 18 year old truant school children (usually male), or 18 – 22 year old males? Most home burglaries occur between 9am – 4pm.

There are many ways you can protect your home and property, and deter crime. First, and foremost, remember to **lock** all doors, windows, and cars. Keep your home well lighted – both inside and out – even when you are not there. Make it look like there is activity inside the home by leaving lights, and even radios or televisions on. Keep your hedges and bushes trimmed so there are no hiding places for a burglar. Install security cameras as an extra precaution. There are also helpful devices you can purchase, such as the "barking dog" or the "fake TV light" to make it appear you are home when you are not. Put up signs such as "dangerous dog". **Do not** leave notes on your front door for the UPS driver, the mailman, or a friend – these are all



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sure indicators that you are not home. For additional information and suggestions, go to sjpd.org/Community/Crime-Prevention.

Should a thief gain entrance to your home, the first place they look for valuables is the bedroom – so find another place to keep things like jewelry, cameras, electronics, or computers. For large valuables such TVs, computers, stereos, expensive tools, or heirlooms, use an engraver to engrave your driver's license somewhere on the item. This will make it very difficult for the thief to sell the item, and make it easier for the police to return it to you.

NEVER engrave your social security number on anything – this only helps your identity to also be stolen. The police department has engravers that you may borrow, if you do not want to buy one.

VEHICLE THEFT – 11pm to 4am is the prime time. Always keep your vehicles locked. Do not leave anything valuable in plain sight in the vehicle. So no smart phones, or even the chargers or holders of electronic devices. If they see what looks like an accessory for the smart phone, iPad or tablet, they may think it is worth the risk to force entry.

In closing her presentation, Mini stressed that Neighborhood Watch **is not a sign!** It is about connecting with your neighbors and looking out for one another.

In preparation for the 2nd workshop – the Forum with Councilmember Khamis and Captain Honda, scheduled for March 14th, Marilyn asked the audience to raise questions that they would like to have answered during this upcoming forum. Questions covered a wide range: how do we get more police patrols in the neighborhood; what are our rights in our homes as regards to intruders; what are the ethical, legal, liability issues with guns, tazers, and pepper spray; what volunteer opportunities are there for residents, i.e. "ride alongs", citizen academies; and when will the new category of Community Service Officers be available to the community.

VEP Membership Drive Continues in March
See information and application on page 7

Newsletter Editor Needed for VEP

VEP is looking for a newsletter editor. Susan Iverson, the current editor, is resigning after the publication of the May 2013 Newsletter. If you have a few hours a month and would like to volunteer for VEP, please contact Susan Iverson vepeditor@gmail.com.

Gunderson High School

By Rob Iverson, Activities Director



There are several up coming events at Gunderson that we would like to share with the community. Tuesday, March 19, we will be having our finale for the first annual GHS Got Talent. The show will start at 6pm, and the entrance fee is only \$6. Come see students sing, dance, and even ride a unicycle while juggling.

Thursday March 28, 6pm, will be the finale of our annual Poetry Slam, where students will be performing original pieces of poetry. There will even be a rap battle between two of our social studies teachers. Tickets will be \$7 at the door, and proceeds will go to send next years class officers and ASB officers to Leadership camp this summer.

Gunderson enjoys recognizing students who exhibit Grizzly PRIDE, and the next student of the month honors will be presented at 11am on March 28.

Gunderson will be hosting the first annual Spring Fling, Saturday, April 20th, from noon till 5pm. Clubs on campus will be selling a wide variety of food, games, vendor booths, and a silent auction. Proceeds will go to help maintain our active clubs on campus, as well as starting to raise money to help update the sound system in our gym. If you are interested in finding out more information, you may contact Rob Iverson, Activities Director, at rob_iverson@sjusd.org. We want this to be a community event, not just a school event.

Our spring sports are now in full swing. We have a large track and field team who are looking forward to doing very well this year in CCS. We also have swim, badminton, baseball, and softball. Come to a game or two and enjoy watching and supporting our great sports programs.

There are only a few more weeks of school till we go on spring break, the week of April 8th. When we come back, we are going to be entering our testing window, where our students will be taking the CST's, AP exams, and then right into finals. We at Gunderson can hardly believe we are already this far through the school year, it seems like it just started.

In the next month or so Gunderson will be going live with our very own on-line web store, were you will be able to purchase grizzly gear, student store items, and even dance tickets. The web site is www.ghsgrizzliesstore.com. I will let you know when it becomes available.

Go Grizzlies!

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CRIME STOPPERS

Report Street Lights Needing Repair

By Marilyn Rodgers

Good lighting does deter criminal activity in the neighborhood. Have you noticed one or more street lights that have gone dark? If so, the City depends on residents to report this. You can report it either by calling into a voicemail recording or by going online to complete an e-mail report.

For either method please have the following information:

1. The Street Light Pole number - **number** is located at approximately eye level.
2. The name of the street and address (or other info, such as southwest corner of Street X)
3. Nearest cross street
4. Your name and daytime phone number

To **Call in** and leave a voicemail message – call **408-277-5517**.

To report by **going online** – go to sanjoseca.gov, then to **Department of Transportation, then Street Light Repairs** – and provide the above information via e-mail as indicated. The timeline for repair is usually 7 to 14 days. If additional repair work is needed, for instance if the copper wiring has been stolen, the repair of the street light will be delayed.

Community-Wide Garage Sale on May 4th

Our annual *Community Garage Sale* will be held on Saturday, May 4th. Make sure to mark it on your calendar now, and start gathering those treasures you no longer use from your garage, attic, and closets.

We want to get everyone in our community to have a garage sale on the same day. The best way to find a new home for your unused stuff is to increase traffic to your home. So, VEP will advertise this event in local newspapers and by distributing flyers around our neighborhoods.



Activity attracts more activity. Your best resource is you. Get your neighbors involved. People will pass by your street unless they think something is happening there. Try to get *everyone* on your street to join in. You might even pool all your neighbors' goodies into one big second-hand superstore. If your neighbors aren't selling, ask if you can spread out to their driveway.

Plan now to make sure you can be seen from the street. Put up balloons or signs. Have your out-of-area friends bring garage sale items that add to yours-make it a big, fun event on your street or cul-de-sac. A little energy and creativity now will pay off in big dividends, freeing up space in your home and putting extra money in your pocket.

If you will be participating and would like to have your street specifically listed on craigslist, please email just the street name to vepeditor@gmail.com.

March Madness

By John Marks

Haven't you noticed, weeds come slithering out of the soil with the slightest tug. Now's the time to scout around gathering up those milk weeds, so start pulling up those milk weeds and others you can spot.

But what about those little six-packs of tomatoes and peppers that are beckoning from the nursery shelves? Go ahead and buy them, but keep them indoors in a sunny window to help them grow bigger and stronger (you'll save a bundle from what you'd have to pay later for the same size plants). Move them to four-inch containers, then to one-gallon buckets outside as we move towards May.

What exactly are we waiting for before planting them? Daytime temperatures of 70 degrees. Cold, damp weather will bring out snails and slugs in droves. They will feast on the tender new growth of bulbs and winter plants. Hand pick, or use a bait, but don't let them go unchecked because they will mow down the garden. You can prune now, also, especially roses and fruit trees. Right now, plant winter vegetables such as broccoli, cabbage, peas and beets for a spring harvest. Put in pansies, snapdragons and calendulas.

When will the soil be ready for general planting? squeeze a handful of soil, and if it sticks together like putty, it's too wet. If it crumbles and falls from your hand, it's OK to dig and plant. It takes at least five rainless days for soil to dry out. Rake up leaves you might have missed earlier, to help the soil dry out, and get them off the lawn. Leaves provide hiding spots for overwintering insects.

And what about feeding the birds? They're building nests and starting families. You can attract hummingbirds to feed in your garden by planting fuchsias. Planted now in partial shade away from drying wind, fuchsias will bloom from early summer until frost. Fuchsias can be planted in the ground or in containers, and trailing types do well in hanging baskets.

The trick to fuchsias: lots of moisture using a potting mix that retains moisture. They also benefit from mist spray. In containers, use wood or light colored plastic; dark plastic pots retain too much heat, and feeder roots can be burned. Encourage bushy, flowery growth by pinching dead blossoms, and use liquid fertilizer. The more small pinches you make now on growing tips, the more flowering branchlets this summer.

Use herbs as landscaping plants. Chives and parsley add attractive foliage among blooming flowers. Rosemary and woolly thyme will take off and make attractive, drought-tolerant ground covers. Wildflower seeds can still be sown and are suitable in many areas where other plantings don't seem to thrive. Plant summer-blooming bulbs, corms and tubers, including begonias, calla lilies, canna lilies, dahlias and gladioluses.

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A Year of Breads

By Kathy Wood, Baker

Ayearofbreads.blogspot.com

Memory...not my faithful companion anymore (sigh). I can't count on it to stay by my side through thick and thin; mostly on the thin side now. Getting information to stick to the brain is like a worn-out suction cup-once applied, sticks for a second or two before proceeding to drop to the floor.

Do you ever walk into a room, stop just inside the door and say to yourself (sometimes out loud), "Why did I come in here?" The old trick of leaving the room and re-entering seldom works. What does happen quite often though is hours later when you're tucked into bed for the night, sheets and blankets wrapped snugly around you, pillows fluffed to the right puffiness, body completely relaxed from head to toe, seconds away from la-la land...POOF! You remember why you were entering that room earlier in the day!

Dilemma #2: Do you arise and proceed with the regained task at hand or do you stay where you are in your nice warm bed and remember (ha-ha) to fulfill it tomorrow? Speaking from experience, rising to carry through is the best option because if not, that memory will sit behind your closed eyes flashing on and off like a marquee sign and a good night's sleep (another topic for discussion) will be a million miles away.

I have found that the combination of peanut butter and chocolate improves memory (not a scientific finding-just my point of view), so this recipe may help yours.

Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip Bread

Ingredients: 3 cups all-purpose flour, 1 ½ teaspoons baking powder, 1 teaspoon baking soda, ½ teaspoon salt, ¾ stick (6 tablespoons) unsalted butter, softened, 1 ½ cups chunky-style peanut butter, 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar, 2 large eggs, 1 ¼ cups buttermilk, 1 ½ cups miniature chocolate chips.

Instructions: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter and flour 5 mini loaf pans; set aside. Into a medium bowl sift together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. In a large bowl with an electric mixer cream together the butter, peanut butter, and brown sugar; beat in eggs, one at a time, mixing well. Add the flour mixture until it is just combined. By hand, stir in the mini chocolate chips. Divide the batter among the 5 prepared loaf pans and bake in preheated 350 degree oven 40-45 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted near middle comes out clean. Remove the breads from pans and allow to cool on wire racks. (Gourmet, December 1990).

For a picture of this bread and for other bread recipes, travel over to ayearofbreads.blogspot.com (while you still remember).

"Rolling in the dough!"

Comments from Renewing VEP Members

By Marilyn Rodgers and Adina Pierce

As our neighbors send in their membership renewals for VEP, they often include a comment. We do appreciate hearing from members, and we especially appreciate your continuing support of VEP. Here is a sample of comments:



- ☺ Thanks for the great job!
- ☺ Please use the excess funds for whatever need you may have
- ☺ (check was for \$50.00)
- ☺ Thank you – you are doing great work
- ☺ You guys do a fantastic job – thank you, thank you
- ☺ Thanks for all of your hard work
- ☺ Your work is appreciated
- ☺ You are doing an outstanding job. Thanks for the doggie bags.
- ☺ I am proud to be in this neighborhood!
- ☺ Thanks so much for all volunteers and what you do. We appreciate your work.
- ☺ For the person (volunteer) who cleans up the graffiti – thank you
- ☺ Again, thank you for the many wonderful things you do for our
- ☺ Community (check for \$50.00)
- ☺ You “rock” – thank you
- ☺ Thanks for the Newsletter – and all that you do!
- ☺ Enjoy your newsletter – always something new and interesting
- ☺ Thanks for another good year!
- ☺ Thank you for all you do for our community!
- ☺ We appreciate everyone who volunteers for our neighborhood!
- ☺ Thanks for all you do for the community
- ☺ (Check for \$25.00)
- ☺ Thank you for your continuing good work on behalf of our
- ☺ Community
- ☺ Appreciate the newsletter – no computer!
- ☺ Please use the extra \$10.00 for whatever you need
- ☺ (Check for \$30.00)
- ☺ We have lived here for 43 years and thank you for allowing us to reach our Senior years in a safe community. Your years of unselfish vigilance have made a difference!

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Thank you to VEP Volunteers – Membership Drive

By Marilyn Rodgers, Katherine Decker, Debra Suydam

Each year, VEP not only mails out invitations to members to renew their VEP membership, but also does a mass mailing to all residents in the geographic VEP neighborhood. This is a mailing that encourages residents who are not currently members of VEP to join their neighbors in supporting their community organization.

Thanks to the following volunteers for their help with this project:

Bob Aquino
Katherine Decker
Bill Johnson
Jeanne Mullins
Juliana Pierce
Adina Pierce
Marilyn Rodgers
Debra Suydam

Special thanks to:
Jeanne Mullins – who volunteered the most hours for this project
Adina Pierce - who also printed the many mailing labels
Katherine Decker – who provided the good refreshments



It's Time to Renew Your VEP Membership

VEP membership is based on a calendar year, January through December, so it's time to renew your membership. You'll find a remit envelop in this newsletter. Please be sure to fill in the information requested, enclose your \$20 check made payable to VEP, and mail it back to us as soon as possible--while it's still fresh in your mind. That's all there is to it!

In a very real sense, renewing membership is your vote of confidence and support for the work we do as VEP volunteers. Yes, we get an occasional "thank you," but proof positive of your appreciation is your willingness to renew membership each year. We also appreciate the nice comments many of you offer along with your renewal—for that, we offer our thanks!

VEP membership is the best value you'll ever experience. Renew today and ask your neighbors to join our growing family. Thank you.

What is VEP Community Association?

VEP is an all-volunteer organization of your neighbors working to improve our neighborhoods.

VEP sponsors many projects and events that improve safety, our quality of life, and the appearance of our community.

VEP volunteers make our neighborhood's needs, views, and concerns known to government at all levels.

VEP was founded in 1969. We are one of the largest, most successful, and most continuously active and enduring grass roots volunteer organizations in Santa Clara County.

Why join VEP?

- To receive our newsletter nine times a year.
- To receive monthly email alerts.
- To keep our neighborhoods beautiful, safe, strong, and prepared.
- To participate in and support effective neighborhood activities and representation.
- To support VEP's annual *Community Service Awards* for high school graduates.
- To be part of an outstanding volunteer community organization with 40 years of success in our neighborhoods.

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Email address(es): _____

Comments): _____

Can you give VEP a few volunteer hours? _____

I am willing to volunteer for:

- ☐ Beautification/clean-up projects
- ☐ VEP News/mailling prep
- ☐ Memorial Day Parade & Festival
- ☐ Distribute flyers ☐ Serve on a committee
- ☐ Serve as a VEP officer or committee chair
- ☐ Other _____

Please let us know: ☐ I prefer getting my newsletters by email.

Mail your \$20 check to VEP, P.O. Box 18111, San Jose 95158.
Thank you!

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Community Safety Fair Coming on April 7

By Dave Fadness

As you know, we're now experiencing a flurry of vandalism, break-ins, and other criminal activity in our neighborhoods. As one step in getting citizens involved with SJPD in combatting this growing trend, San Jose City Councilman Johnny Khamis has organized a free **Community Safety Fair** in our area.

Khamis is partnering with the San Jose Police Foundation in sponsoring this event. It will be held at Gunderson High School^(*) from 4 until 7 pm on Sunday, April 7. The public is invited, so be sure to urge your family, friends, neighbors, and other community groups to attend this first annual event.

In addition to Councilmember Khamis, this **Community Safety Fair** will feature Acting SJPD Deputy Police Chief Jeff Marozick, SJPD Crime Prevention staff, San Jose Police Foundation board members, and other public safety officials--including officers who serve our own neighborhoods.

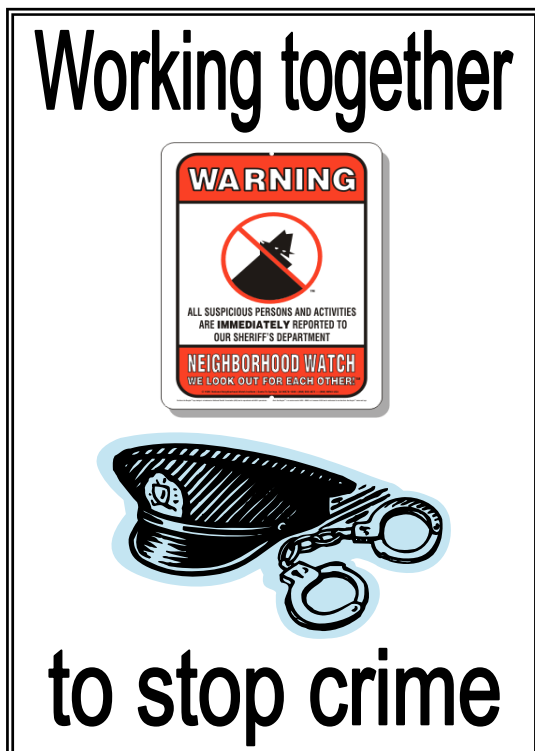
City officials will speak to, answer questions about, and offer solutions to our safety concerns. They will also be available to talk with community members like you.

A variety of information booths will feature the San Jose Police Department Crime Prevention Unit and Neighborhood Watch, public safety companies, emergency service providers, and community-based organizations like VEP.

You can register or get more information about this event at <http://district10.eventbrite.com/>. You don't have to register to attend, but it helps for planning purposes, so it'd be appreciated if you do.

Please help to get the word out about this event--and be sure to attend on April 7.

^(*) Gunderson High School is located at 622 Gaundabert Lane (at Chynoweth Avenue) here in San Jose. It's in the northeast quadrant of the Rt. 85/87 interchange.



Gunderson PRIDE Workday a Big Success

By Dave Fadness

March 9 dawned bright and beautiful, welcoming 34 eager student volunteers who picked up 22 bags of trash--venturing as far as Vista, Cilker, and Erikson Parks, the Chynoweth-Ohlone LRT station parking lot, and the full length of Chynoweth Avenue, Barron Park Drive to Winfield Boulevard. One team cleaned up the Gunderson campus while others watered and pruned trees and picked up trash along the Route 87 ped/bike path. It was a very good day, and many students said they enjoyed the workday experience.

Thanks are well-deserved by the following students who helped to make this project a success: Arturo Garcia, Jesus Garcia, Miguel Nieves, Richard Carroto, Adrian Ortiz, Yovani Solis, Renee Lebario, Estefania Altamirano, Jahayra Zevada, Maryan Ahmed, Odi Quintano, Cristobal Cifuentes, Richard Cole, Nhi Nguyen, Jose Rodriguez, Robert Viera, Santos Retana, Cosme Retana, Jesus Gonzales, Todd Petersen, Arlene Gonzalez, Daniel Orozco, Kenia Mejia, Elsi Mejia, Daniel Moreno, Ed Maxwell, John Maxwell, John Cassell, Caleb Rao, Jacqueline Garcia, Miranda Black, Kayla Sanchez, Janaye Richardson, and Tasean Clark.

Gunderson's Career & College Counselor Stephanie Heuer provided willing assistance in recruiting student volunteers--a big job. She is an excellent resource for both Gunderson students and our community; students need community service hours in order to graduate, we need volunteers to clean up our neighborhoods. Ms. Heuer puts us together. It's a perfect match that greatly benefits our entire community.

Thanks to Aiko Fadness for providing adult supervision and to Gunderson students for a job well-done!

Our next Gunderson PRIDE workday will begin at 9 am sharp on April 20. With adult supervision from our community, student volunteers will plant four evergreen flowering plum trees and spread 100 cubic yards of wood chips on the unfinished area adjacent to the new wing on the east side of Gunderson's campus.

Those four trees will be donated by **Our City Forest**, a non-profit whose mission is to create a beautiful, green, and healthy Silicon Valley. Working with our volunteers, **Our City Forest** has donated and helped plant more than 300 trees in the VEP membership area since 1995. For information on getting a tree for your yard or school, or to donate, call (408) 998-7337 or go to www.ourcityforest.org.

The 100 cubic yards of wood chips will be donated and delivered by **Republic Services Recyclery**. Without their generous gift, this project would simply not be possible.

If you would like to help, call me at 408-578-6428 (day or evening) or email me at drfadness@sbcglobal.net. We hope to be finished by noon on April 20.

VEP makes good things happen!

First Annual - District 10 Community Safety Fair

Presented by
The San José Police Foundation &
Councilmember Johnny Khamis

Sunday, April 7th
4:00pm-7:00pm
Gunderson High School
622 Gaundabert Lane
San José, CA 95136

-Q&A Time with SJPD
-Crime Prevention Tips
-Safety Vendors
-Neighborhood Watch
-Special Presentations

For more information and/or to reserve a booth space contact
Drew Spitzer at 408-535-4910 or email him at drew.spitzer@sanjoseca.gov
or Denelle Fedor at 408-426-7891 or via email at denellefedor@sbcglobal.net



VEP Community Calendar

March / April 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17	18	19	20 Councilmember Khamis Neighborhood Office Hours 5:30pm - 7pm Lime Tree Espresso	21	22	23
24	25	26 VEP Commu- nity Meeting— 7:30 PM— Vista Park Community Room	27	28	29	30
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7 District 10 - Community Safety Faire - Gunderson HS	8	9	10	11	12	13
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Dates to Remember!

VEP Community Meetings

March 26, 2013
April 23, 2013
May 28, 2013

Community Events

Wednesday, March 20th - Councilmember Khamis
Neighborhood Office Hours
5:30pm - 7pm
Lime Tree Espresso
Sunday, April 7th - District 10 - Community
Safety Faire - Gunderson HS
Saturday, April 20th - Great American Litter Pickup
Saturday May 4, 2012- Community Garage Sale

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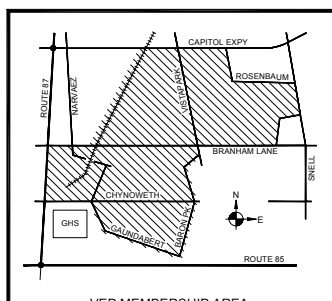
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March 26th Meeting

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