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OCTOBER 2013

VEP'S MEETING

7:30 p.m. Tuesday

▶ **October 29, 2013** ◀

Vista Park Community Room
475 Hyde Park Drive

AGENDA

★ Homeless Encampments ★

San Jose City - Reporting Process
Ray Bramson, Homeless Response Team

★ Medicare & the Affordable Care Act ★

Picking the Right Plan for You or a Loved One
Connie Corrales, Program Director, Sourcewise

★ Special Guest ★

Former Councilmember Nancy Pyle

★ VEP Business Meeting ★

Introductions and Thank-You's

VEP Budget for 2013-2014
VEP Goals & Objectives for 2013-2014

Announcements & Updates
Santa in the Park, December 1st
Martial Cottle Security – Sgt. Mark Roggia
Update on Bluefield – Speed Humps
Update from TAPS Security Patrol

★ 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 October Meeting

By Marilyn Rodgers

October's general membership meeting will include:

▶ **Homeless Encampments – the San Jose City reporting process will be presented by Mr. Ray Bramson, Homeless Response Team.** Mr. Bramson will provide an overview of the process, including how members of the community can be proactive. The second presentation will be on **Medicare, the changes this year, and does the Affordable Care Act affect your care or options.** This very concise presentation will be provided by **Ms. Connie Corrales, Director for Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program for Sourcewise** (formerly the Council on Aging Silicon Valley). This presentation will be very helpful if you are currently on Medicare, within a few years of enrolling in Medicare, or have a loved one that may need additional information. Additional resources will also be provided.

▶ **VEP Business Meeting/Updates/Announcements.** Brief updates, introductions and thank-yous will be included. Discussion and approval of the VEP Budget and Goals and Objectives for 2013-2014.

▶ **Your Concerns and Ideas –** We want to hear from you! Together 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, on **October 29th.** Please join us!

September Meeting Synopsis

By Marilyn Rodgers

The September meeting was preceded by the Vista Park Community Center Gate Dedication and Ribbon Cutting. (see article elsewhere in this newsletter) Following the Gates Dedication, everyone enjoyed a nice selection of refreshments including desserts. President Rodgers welcomed everyone and began the meeting with thank yous and introductions. VEP volunteers who had painted the interior of the Community Room were provided with an enthusiastic thank-you, with special acknowledgement to Dave Fadness who organized the event, and to Bob Chesnos, professional painter, who supervised the project. As Bob could not attend, his wife Joyce was introduced and asked to relay the members' appreciation. Bob and Joyce Chesnos, owners of Chesnos Painting, are long time VEP members and VEP Newsletter advertisers. Ms. Rodgers then expressed appreciation to Sgt. Mark Roggia, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department. Sgt. Roggia was unable to

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attend, but two deputy sheriffs came in his absence. Sgt. Roggia and his staff had responded to a call for assistance by VEP regarding a security breach (several cuts in the link fence surrounding the Martial Cottle Park property) and a homeless encampment on the property. They removed the individuals from the property and provided them with assistance and possible resources.

President Rodgers then introduced and thanked Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation, Suzanne Wolf and Park Supervisor Hal Spangenberg. VEP is fortunate to have enthusiastic and engaged Parks managers and staff.

Later in the program, additional introductions included Rayshelle Brant of Councilmember Khamis' office, who provided information on the Mr. Khamis' district office hours, and a contest for teens to develop educational videos on safe driving habits (see article elsewhere in newsletter "San Jose Between the Lines").

Ms. Rodgers then introduced Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio, of District 6. Mr. Oliverio came for the ribbon cutting and stayed for the meeting. He has always been very supportive of VEP.

The first presenter was Jim Wollbrinck, Emergency Preparedness Specialist for the San Jose Water Company. Mr. Wollbrinck provided an interesting overview of the history and function of San Jose Water Company. The company has significant holdings throughout the county, which raises the need for security and helpful neighbors being alert should issues arise. VEP neighborhoods had experienced three main line water breaks since July 4th. As a result, President Rodgers had initiated a request that the Company consider the possibility of an emergency notification system, such as "reverse directory" to alert homes that would be directly affected in such an emergency. Mr. Wollbrinck said they were exploring that possibility.

The second presentation was Alicia Flynn, Project Manager, and Don Rocha, Park Manager with an update on Martial Cottle Park. Following the Ground Breaking Ceremony at Martial Cottle Park on August 9th, (see article and pictures in the September VEP Newsletter), construction of the first part of the perimeter trail began immediately. The initial portion of the perimeter trail – from the corner of Branham and Snell, along Branham, behind Carlton Plaza, and continuing along the homes on the western side of the property up to Wellington Drive, will be completed by December 2013. The remainder of the perimeter trail will then be constructed and completed by December 2014.

Several questions were asked including how long will the dust and noise continue along the homes on the west side where the perimeter trail is being constructed, where will the pedestrian entrances be located, where will the berms be located, what are the hours of the park, and what is the plan for security for the park.

Concerns continue to be raised about the security for the park. Sgt. Roggia and his staff will be available to assist with security issues. A VEP member reminded the group that everyone in the neighborhood can help with security by keeping a watchful eye out for unusual or suspicious behavior around the property.

The third presentation was from TAPS Security Patrols. President Rodgers introduced them with brief information about the two companies that currently are available to provide this specific service to community (volunteer) associations. Several companies provide the service to traditional "homeowners' associations" (these groups pay large annual assessment fees to maintain their properties and have a Board of Directors that can act on behalf of homeowners in contracts). Community associations such as VEP can provide information, but the contractual agreements are between a given company and the individual homeowner.

TAPS Security Patrol is a locally owned company that is willing to initiate security patrols for those interested VEP neighborhood homeowners without requiring a minimum number of sign-ups prior to initiating patrols. For members and residents who would like additional information or are interested in this service, contact TAPS online at www.TAPSP.com or e-mail: main@tapspi.com or call 877-982-7774 or 408-418-3349.

President Rodgers ended the meeting by encouraging attendees to stay and visit and/or ask questions of presenters. The next VEP membership meeting will be the last Tuesday of the month – October 29th.

Safety Improvements for Bluefield Drive – Follow-up!

By Marilyn Rodgers and Rachel Witmeyer

As Summer came to an end and school started at Parkview Elementary, several improvements had been completed on east Bluefield Drive (see article in September edition of VEP Newsletter).

On east Bluefield Drive, the speed humps are complete! The work was finished ahead of schedule. (October 17th as opposed to DOT's projected completion date of October 20th.) They were fully installed and painted, with the appropriate accompanying signage saying, "BUMP."

To go forward with this request, the residents of Bluefield east had to meet the requirement of obtaining the signed affirmation of over 50% of the homeowners on the street - they obtained 76%!

Speed humps are considered to be a major deterrent to speeding in a neighborhood. Bluefield resident, Robert Witmeyer said, "People are slowing down already!"

On west Bluefield Drive, the traffic analysis at the intersection of Bluefield and Edelweiss was completed by the end of September. The results of the traffic analysis will be forthcoming.



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Vista Park Gates Dedication and Ribbon Cutting at the Vista Park Community Room

By Marilyn Rodgers

In September, VEP received notification that the Gates would be completed just in time for our scheduled September VEP membership meeting - September 24th! So rather than have a separate celebration, the decision was made to have the September meeting be one of **celebration!** VEP could celebrate two exciting events - the newly painted Community Room (recently painted by VEP volunteers) – and have the dedication and ribbon cutting for the new Community Room Gates.

The project for new gates for the Community Room was commissioned by the City through the City Arts Commission. The purpose of the gates for the Community Room was two-fold – one to provide additional safety and security for the Community Room, and the second – an opportunity to place functional art out in the community, in public areas such as parks. Mr. Bill Gould was the artist commissioned to design the project. Mr. Gould lives in San Jose, and has several other community projects to his credit. The VEP Board of Directors assisted with providing information and suggestions as representatives of the community. *(For additional information on the gates, see article in the Sept. 2012 VEP Newsletter).*

Several City officials and staff were invited to participate in the ceremony. Councilmember Khamis and his staff coordinated the event. The dedication and ribbon cutting was scheduled prior to the main part of the VEP meeting, starting at 6:30pm. Ms. Suzanne Wolf, Deputy Director for City of San Jose Parks and Recreation was a very gracious Master of Ceremonies. She thanked several key elected officials and staff involved in the project including Lynn Rogers of the Office of Cultural Affairs. Lynn did a wonderful job of coordinating this project for the City.

Councilmember Khamis spoke with humor and also thanked several key people. Others invited to speak were Arts Commissioner Nicholas Adams, the Artist/Builder Bill Gould, and Marilyn Rodgers, President of VEP Community Association. Former Councilmember Nancy Pyle was also invited to attend the ceremony by Councilmember Khamis, but she was not able to attend at the last moment. Councilmember Pyle had been instrumental in overseeing this project during her service on the City Council.

Mr. Gould provided an interesting insight into his goals and hopes for the project, including some of the historical information provided in the words built into the gate, as well as what animals and birds were included within the glass globes, and why. Ms. Rodgers provided perspective on the long history that VEP Community Association has with the property which is now Vista Park, and the Vista Park Community Room. VEP was instrumental in influencing the development of a neighborhood park following the closing of Belden School. The site did become a park – now Vista Park. VEP was also involved in negotiating with Summerhill Homes, a project that eventually provided a building with both restrooms and a community meeting room. Additionally, VEP volunteers have done many landscaping projects in Vista Park including planting many trees, repainting the Community Room exterior - after being severely “graffitied”, and continuing to assist in the maintenance of the both the Community Room and the Park.

Once the brief speeches were completed, a large pair of scissors was used to cut the ribbon – and of course, followed by many pictures. Councilmembers Liccardo and Oliverio, as well as Chief of Staff for Councilmember Constant, Brian Pepin were also in attendance.

Following the pictures, everyone adjourned to the Community Room for refreshments.

All Photographs Courtesy of VEP Vice President, Katherine Decker



VEP V.P.: Katherine Decker, Bill Gould, & VEP President: Marilyn Rodgers



A Few Words from the Artist & Builder, Bill Gould



Councilmember Khamis Speaks



The Ribbon is Cut!

Welcome & Introduction of New VEP Newsletter Editor

By Marilyn Rodgers

Rachel Witmeyer is the new VEP Newsletter Editor. Rachel and her husband, Robert Witmeyer, have lived in the VEP neighborhood for 4½ years, on Bluefield Drive.

Originally born in Greenville, PA, Rachel's family relocated to California in 1984. She grew up in Mountain View, attending Slater Elementary and Graham Middle School. After her parents moved to Campbell, Rachel spent her high school years in the South San Jose area, attending Del Mar H.S. Beginning in 1999, she and her husband both attended UC Davis for their undergraduate educations. Then, Rachel completed her post-graduate studies at San Jose State, earning a teaching credential and a Master's Degree in Educational Research in the Spring of 2005.

Now in the 9th year of her teaching career, Rachel has taught the sixth-grade at Franklin Elementary School, in the Franklin-McKinley School District, for 7 and 1/3 years. She was chosen as Franklin School's "Teacher of the Year" in 2010.

Rachel is very qualified to function as the VEP Newsletter as she has spearheaded other similar projects - being the founding editor of Franklin School's newsletter and the coordinator of their school yearbook. She has been looking for a way to become more active in her community, and thought this was a good fit for her talents and energy.

After her first edition (September VEP Newsletter), I think you will agree, we are lucky to have Rachel as our Editor. Please join us in welcoming her.

To contact Rachel, please use e-mail address for the VEP Editor which is, vepeditor@gmail.com or phone her at 408-226-2935.

Upcoming Public Workshop: Medicare and the Affordable Care Act

By Marilyn Rodgers

Are you confused and/or concerned about the new Affordable Care Act? Do you wonder if it will affect you, or if it will provide you with additional options?

Sourcewise (formerly the Council on Aging Silicon Valley) is sponsoring a workshop on **Friday, November 9th from 9:00am – 1:00pm** at the Santa Clara Convention Center, Exhibit Hall A, 5001 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara, 95054.

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“San Jose Between the Lines”

A Video Contest for Teen Drivers - Ends Dec. 2nd

From the Office of Councilmember Khamis

On Monday, I was very pleased to roll out “SJ Between the Lines,” a video contest promoting safe driving habits, open to all high school students living or attending school in San Jose.

Several years ago I was disturbed and discouraged by all of the tragic traffic accidents involving our youth. That led me to join the very new non-profit organization, Almaden Cares. Almaden Cares has been working diligently to educate young people on the dangers of careless driving.

In my discussions with them recently, we realized there had to be a more effective means of reaching our youth and inspiring them to make wise choices behind the wheel. That’s when we came up with the video contest. We recognized that as adults, we can do our very best to instill and promote good patterns of behavior in our youth, but until they take ownership of an idea the effects remain shallow. What’s more, the influence young people have over one another is paramount. We realized that if these kids can take hold of an idea like safe driving, they can inspire and encourage their peers in ways we never could.

SJ Between the Lines was birthed from those discussions. My office is partnering with Almaden Cares in hosting this video contest. We have been working hard to recruit corporate sponsors to donate toward the scholarship prize to be awarded to the winning videos. I am very thankful and thrilled to have The Del Grande Dealership Group come aboard as our main sponsor of the contest. They have been so generous already in hosting Monday’s press conference and launch party.

If you know a high school student who may be interested in participating in the contest, we are now accepting videos and applications. We are asking students to submit 1-3 minute videos within these five categories: Texting and Driving, Driving Under the Influence, Distracted Driving, Speeding, and How to be a Responsible Passenger. The grand prize video will win \$5,000.

All videos will be judged on content, creativity, and the number of YouTube views they receive. One winner will be chosen in each category, as well as one grand prize winner. For more information about the contest or to learn how to submit a video visit www.sjbetweenthelines.org (official contest website).

Any persons or companies wishing to become a sponsor for this contest can contact Ms. Rayshelle Brant, at 408-535-4910 or by email, at rayshelle.brant@sanjoseca.gov.



Upcoming Events in San Jose

From the Office of District 1 Supervisor, Mike Wasserman

“Asset Champions” Nominations Due October 31st

Nominate someone special in your community for Project Cornerstone’s 2014 “Asset Champions.” The Project Cornerstone’s 2014 Asset Champions Awards Breakfast, to be held on March 21, 2014, will honor the individuals and organizations whose ongoing commitment to building positive relationships with young people helps make Silicon Valley a better place for young people to live and grow.

Nominations are being accepted for individuals and organizations in the following categories:

Adult Role Model
Caring School Climate-Elementary, Middle, & High School Level
Community Values Youth
Positive Cultural Identity
Positive Peer Influence

To nominate a champion in your community, please visit www.ymcasv.org/projectcornerstone

Sheriff’s “Heroes 5K Run/Walk” for VMC Pediatrics

Date: Thursday, November 9, 2013 **Time:** 7:30am-1:00pm
Location: Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Office, 155 W. Hedding St.
Join the heroes of the Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Office and Valley Medical Center for a family friendly heroes run/walk on the Guadalupe Trail this fall. Dress as you favorite hero/super-hero, or simply come out to support the heroes in your life - prizes will be given for the best kid’s costumes! Join in the fun and games, all benefitting the work of Valley Medical Center Pediatrics. More information: www.heroesrunsc.org

Haunt History Park Saturday October 26, 2013



This scare-free event has become a tradition, with trick-or-treating, and family-friendly activities. Trick-or-treating stations will be set up at the historic homes in History Park and are sponsored by History San José and History Park Affiliates.

History Park Activities 1:00pm - 4:00pm

- Ride the Trolley
- Trick-or-Treating
- 2:30pm - Costume Parade & Contest
- 3:30pm - Wrap-a-Mummy Contest - Sponsored by California Janitorial Supply

Admission

Members: Free!
Children 2 and older \$5.00; Adults with a paid child’s admission free.

History Park is located at 1850 Senter Road, San Jose, CA
(for GPS us 635 Phelan Avenue)
City parking available for \$8

Branham Lane (*)

Back in Uncle Ike Branham's day more than a century ago, hunting was a favorite pastime and a number of ranchers had packs of hounds. One day in early December, the hunters decided their wives were missing all the fun and so a special fox hunt was planned for Christmas morning.

The day of the hunt arrived, and in a field south of town on Monterey Road down near Oak Hill Cemetery, some 500 men and women gathered on horseback and in carriages, along with about 100 eager hounds.

Although the original version of this yarn mentioned no names and even the year is unknown, wherever there was a hunt you could be sure Uncle Ike was there with his famous dogs, including Rose and Ned.



Isaac Branham

Isaac Branham, Kentuckian who had crossed the plains in a wagon train in 1846 and who settled on a farm out where "Signposts" mark Branham Lane, was a colorful character and one of the leading citizens here before and after statehood.

He was one of the nineteen men who put up their own money to buy the two-story hotel that became the meeting house of the first state legislature in December 1849. For several weeks, until early January 1850, the state senate met in Branham's home at the south end of the plaza because quarters in the statehouse were not ready.

Branham served on the town council soon after he arrived in San Jose, and later was a county supervisor. He knew every deer trail in the Santa Cruz Mountains and the Diablo range and he and his hounds were a familiar sight on the country roads until his death in November 1887.

If Uncle Ike, as he was affectionately called, showed up for the Christmas fox hunt, some of his cronies were bound to have joined the fun. It's probable that Sam Bane of Gilroy, who liked to hunt as much as Uncle Ike, was in the crowd, along with Charley and Tom Reed, Ed Kennedy, Rudolph Hoelbe, Branham's neigh-

bors Ed and Joe Cooney, Felix and James Mulvenna, Bruno Gulnac, James Wilson and the Murphy brothers, James, Daniel and John.

The big Christmas fox hunt got off to a poor start even before the first blast on the horn and it was all downhill from then on.

Foxes were scarce that season so a coyote had been substituted. When released and faced by the formidable pack of grinning, straining hounds, the coyote froze in its tracks and was easily dispatched by the dogs.

It looked like the hunt would end before it began, but then somebody got the bright idea the dogs would follow the scent of the coyote, so a rider tied a rope to the lifeless body and rode off. A few minutes later the hounds were released and the whole pas-sel went whooping and hollering after the "fox".

Now the character who was playing fox with the dead coyote may have had one too many stirrup cups that morning. At any rate, he decided that instead of heading out into the countryside, the city folk might enjoy the fun and so he rode north.

The galloping horse raced past the Franklin School at Tully Road, kicking up dust on the road and startling sheep and cattle grazing on Chaboya and Miller land.

Not far behind the "fox" came the hounds, their baying mixed with the shouts of the hunters and the squeals of the feminine contingent hanging on for dear life in the careening carriages.

On the motley crowd sped, the ladies hanging onto their bonnets and the horsemen waving their hats. Coming into town they swept past Joseph Enright's foundry and John Christian's blacksmith shop at First and William Streets, pounded past the Eagle Brewery at the south end of Market Plaza and Brassy's liquor store in the shadow of St. Joseph's Church.

The timing was perfect. Mass was over and the worshipers were leaving St. Joe's.

Into the throng of churchgoers in their Sunday best burst the yelling, howling mob...horses, carriages, hounds, and one very dead, dusty coyote carcass.

For a few moments it was quite a rodeo there in front of the church, the racket emptying Bill Dwyer's saloon up the street.

It must have been a Christmas not soon forgotten.

[()Ed. Note: This story was taken from "Signposts Revisited-A Collection of Streets and Roads Where We Live" by Pat Loomis, 2009. VEP will reprint in future editions stories of other historic "signpost" streets in our area. Special thanks to History San José for permission to reprint these fascinating stories. Thanks also to Dave Fadness for sharing them with us.]*

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Neighbors In the Know



A Year of Breads

By Kathy Wood, Baker

Government shutdown – two powerful words that can stand alone with strong meaning, but put together cause much uproar, turmoil, stress; the list goes on. What is the difference between “standing your ground” and “compromising”? Are both possible?

Relationships without compromise usually don't work. As individuals we all have an opinion and those opinions are going to differ from person to person; how boring life would be if we all thought alike. There would be no need for politics, mediators, strikes, court procedures, teachers, etc. Parenting sure would be easier, especially in the teen years when our children develop strong opinions oftentimes opposite of our own. Acquiring knowledge and experiencing life (the good and the bad) entitles individuals to have a stronger opinion.

Listening is a lost virtue in today's world. The saying “you only have one mouth but two ears-use them” is something we all can improve on. The difference between “hearing” and “listening” is “in one ear soon to exit the other” and “making a stop upon entering to grasp the words being spoken, trying to understand and comprehend before responding, and possibly not exiting”.

What is the difference between “standing your ground” and “being stubborn”? My grandfather always said, “you weren't any good if you didn't have a little stubbornness in you.” So, maybe being stubborn enough to stand your ground without digging your heels in so deep that listening and compromise aren't options is the way to go. If only our leaders could grasp the concept of listening and compromise maybe the world would be a better place.

Hopefully, by the time of this printing, government will be operating again and lessons will be learned (until the next confrontation). I think maybe our government leaders need to spend more time in the kitchen baking some wonderful breads to share with each other. Here is an example of a bread recipe that will bring peace and satisfaction (to the stomach, anyway).

Pumpkin Swirl Bread Ingredients:

1 (8 ounce) pkg cream cheese, softened
¼ cup granulated sugar
1 egg, beaten
1 ¾ cups all-purpose flour
1 ½ cups granulated sugar
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 cup pumpkin puree
½ cup butter, melted
1 egg, beaten
1/3 cup water.

For instructions on how to whip up this delicious autumn bread surf on over to ayearofbreads.blogspot.com. You will also find a variety of other tasty breads to try. “Rolling in the dough!”

'Tis the Season to be Pruning

By Jim Marks

What is the Best Way to Prune Orange Trees?: Orange trees need little pruning compared to other fruit trees. In fact, they prefer to have a skirt of leaves all the way to the ground. This protects the trunk which can get sun scald when exposed to strong sunlight. Citrus trees bloom and bear fruit on new growth, so cutting off branch tips will reduce the size of your crop. If desired, you can prune off the dead twigs and small branches found on the inside of the tree, but be aware of their sharp thorns, they scratch!

Keeping Ants Off Fruit Trees: Ants will climb into plants, shrubs, and trees to get access to the sweet exude of certain sucking insects (aphids, mealybugs and scale). They use the exudate as a food. Prevent their access to any shrub or tree that you see them invading by spreading “Tree Tanglefoot Pest Barrier” around the stem or trunk. Wrap a 3-inch-wide band of masking tape around the trunk, near the base. Spread a 2-inch, or so, wide band of Tanglefoot over the tape. Ants can't cross the gooey, sticky stuff. Replace the tape and Tanglefoot as needed.

How to Prune Lavender: Some say that lavender should be cut back almost to the ground in the early winter. But that's a care technique applicable only in the Eastern U.S. Lavender in California should be pruned after flowering in mild-winter areas. You can use hedge shears to cut them back, or prune off stalks that have spent flowers on them. You'll get better results if you prune off the stalks. Make your cut just above a junction, leaving at least 1-inch of leafy stem. Your lavender will be more bushy and compact.

How to Grow Parsley in Pots: Parsley is easy to grow in pots, and with restricted sunshine. But nursery transplants, since the seeds aren't reliable, often take several weeks to sprout. Use a commercial potting mix. Keep the mix moist. Fertilize monthly with a water-soluble complete fertilizer, such as Jobes or Miracle-Gro. Your parsley will grow all winter, but it is best to plant anew in spring.



Please Join VEP for
“Planting Day”

Help us plant donated flower bulbs
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Saturday, November 9th








Meet @ 9:00 am

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for Sign-In and
Refreshments

VEP Community Schools Calendar

October / 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20	21 SSC Meeting @3:00pm Parkview-Room 18	24 Fall Fundraiser Kick-Off Day @Parkview	23	24  Make-Up Pictures @Parkview	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween Parades @Parkview-8:45am @Carson-1:20pm	1  Cookie-Dough Orders Due @Carson	2
3  Daylight - Savings Ends Turn Clocks Back 1-Hour	4  Canned Food Drive Begins @John Muir	5	6 SELAC Meeting 10:30-11:30am John Muir-Library	7	8	9
10	11  Veteran's Day No School	12 PTA Meeting 7:00-8:00pm Carson-Library	13	14 JMMS Fundraiser @Chevy's Rest. Blossom Hill / Almaden PTSA Meeting 6:30-8:00pm @Gunderson HS	15  JMMS & WGMC Joint-Dance @Willow Glen MS	16
17	18	19  Cookie-Dough Order Delivery @Carson	20	21	22	23

Community Schools Contact Information

Carson Elementary School ~ Home of the Cougars

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Parkview Elementary School ~ Home of the Panthers

WEB: <http://parkviewca.com/> PHONE: (408) 226-4655

John Muir Middle School ~ Home of the Falcons

WEB: <http://sjUSD.org/john-muir/> PHONE: (408) 535-6281

Gunderson High School ~ Home of the Grizzlies

WEB: <http://www.sjUSD.org/gunderson/home/> PHONE: (408) 535-6340



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20	21	22	23	24	25	26  Haunt History Park ~ 1:00-4:00pm ~ @History Park 1650 Senter Rd.
27	28	29 VEP Community Meeting ~ 7:30 PM ~ @Vista Park Community Room	30	31  HALLOWEEN	1	2
3  Daylight - Savings Ends Turn Clocks Back 1-Hour	4	5	6 D10 "Office Hours" Meeting w/Johnny Khamis ~ 5:30-7:00pm ~ @Almaden Community Center Community Rm. 6445 Camden Ave	7	8	9  VEP Planting Plant flower bulbs in our Neighborhoods Meet @ 9:00am At the Vista Park Community Room
10	11  Veteran's Day 95th U.V.C. Parade Plaza de Cesar Chavez Ceremony @11am Parade @Noon www.uvcscc.org	12	13	14	15	16
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Dates to Remember!

VEP Community Meetings

November 26, 2013

December 2013 - No Meeting

January 28, 2014

VEP Community Events

Santa at Vista Park

Sunday, December 1st, 2013

Holiday Decorating Contest Judging

Saturday, December 14th

Community Garage Sale

Saturday, May 3, 2014

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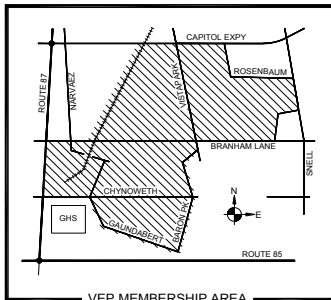
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Vista Park

in the
 7:30 pm

Be sure to attend
 VEP's Community Meeting
 Tuesday, October 29th

