

V.E.P. News

Homeowners' Newsletter

Representing the Residents of Vistapark, Encore, Echo Valley and Parkview Valley

MAY, 1976

NEXT VEP MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY, 8 PM

THE MAY MEETING OF THE VEP HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD THIS COMING WEDNESDAY, MAY 12TH, AT 8:00 PM AT NORMANDIN CHRYSLER-PLYMOUTH, CORNER OF PEARL AVENUE AND CAPITOL EXPRESSWAY. IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY, LEARN ABOUT PLANS FOR YOUR COMMUNITY, EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS TO VEP AND VARIOUS LOCAL AGENCIES, AND ENJOY PARTICIPATING IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD BY SIMPLY COMING TO "THE MEETING" AND HAVE FUN AT THE SAME TIME!

- AGENDA ● SHORT BUSINESS MEETING
- PROPOSITION F, FIRE DEPARTMENT PARAMEDIC PROGRAM
 - MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR CITY COUNCIL
 - PROPOSITION 15, NUCLEAR POWER

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Special thanks to the outgoing administration, our block representatives, editor, and all members who have been dedicated to the VEP community. We all enjoy the benefits of their hard work to make our neighborhoods safe and pleasant - - - we think it is the best in San Jose! I appreciate their confidence and will be grateful for their support and counsel.

You have a new administration of ambitious and energetic people. I speak for myself and all of them when saying that we intend to serve you well whenever you call. Our strength lies in your active participation - - - our immediate goal will be to increase and broaden our membership and attendance at meetings. The scope of our activities - already great - will also be broadened and intensified - - - we need your ideas and support to be sure we are properly assessed of your concerns, conveying them to the right officials, and taking appropriate actions. VEP will, in short, continue to be RESULTS oriented. We need YOU - You can help!

Get involved! Have fun! Meet your neighbors! And see that what you think REALLY counts! Attend our May 12th meeting, and bring a friend.

Thanks!

Dave Fadness

Winners

New officers of VEP for the 1976 term have been installed. If you have any questions, or comments, or suggestions about VEP and your community, please don't hesitate to get in touch with any of the following.

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WATCH OUT

It's bad enough to have something stolen, but it's even worse if your possessions are recovered by the police and you can't even prove their yours. OPERATION IDENTIFICATION can prevent this from happening.

Through the OPERATION IDENTIFICATION program, your personal ID number is put on your valuable possessions and stickers warn burglars that your property is marked. If the item is stolen, the number helps you recover your property. VEP can help you protect your belongings. The engraving tool, assorted stickers, and instructions are all available free of charge to members. Vacations are coming, so be safe, not sorry. Call Marion Ward at 224-0281 to arrange for your personal OPERATION IDENTIFICATION.

Get into it.

Do you really know what is happening at your children's schools? Are you familiar with policy decisions that can affect the length of the school day (measured in MINUTES) and curriculum changes that can affect your child's life (measured in YEARS)? VEP has formed a SCHOOL AWARENESS COMMITTEE to keep everyone informed about school plans and happenings. The idea is to have a representative at all school board meetings, evaluate observations, and report at each VEP general meeting.

Representatives are needed for all of the schools in our area, including Carson, Belden (the new school at Hyde Park and New Compton), Steinbeck, and Gunderson in the San Jose Unified School District, and Parkview in the Oak Grove School District. These representatives could serve a multiple purpose role - - that is, represent VEP at school meetings, represent the parent-teacher organization at the particular school involved at district meetings, and represent their own children at their own school.

This all sounds a little complicated, but what it boils down to is this. One parent at each school could be a VEP AWARENESS COMMITTEE member, a district BOARD OF TRUSTEES representative, report to both groups, and rotate attendance at meetings with other committee members. If you are interested in the education of your children, and would like to know more details, call Chairperson Marion Ward, VEP 2nd VP, at 224-0291, after 4 PM, for details and an interesting and enlightening conversation.

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street talk

Some road work will be done in VEP Country during the first two weeks of June. This work is called "Chip Sealing" and it means streets are coated with oil and then a screen of gravel is applied. The oil seals the existing paving, and the aggregate screening offers protection from abrasion.

There is more to it, however. First, any trees that need it are trimmed, street cracks and minor failures are repaired, and the day before the chip seal, streets are thoroughly swept.

No parking is allowed on the streets to be sealed from 6 AM to 4:30 PM on the day before and the day of the sealing. Notices are provided to residents of affected streets. After chip seal, excess gravel is picked up, and all street markings are replaced.

Local streets to be chip-sealed in June are Bluefield from Capitol to Vistapark, Viewpark Circle, Springpark Circle, Windsor Park Drive, Royale Park Drive, Cypress Park Ct, Buckingham Park Ct, Kensington Park Ct, Glenform Park Ct, Stratford Park Ct, Chestnut Park Ct, and Royale Park Ct.

This program costs the city over \$4000 per mile (your taxes) so please cooperate with the work crews and treat your new streets with due care.

Sponsors

You always hear about this type of thing too late - right? Not this time. Host families are needed now for exchange students, and several are needed in the South San Jose Area.

If you are interested in sharing in a new and exciting experience, share your home for the month of August with a German exchange student between 14 and 17. These students are carefully selected under a program sponsored by Reader's Digest.

The group has many planned activities such as camping trips, as presently needs 35 families to host a student. If you are interested, call Bill Rogers - weekdays before 3 PM - at 225-8377.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENTS

The Parkview School Association completed its first highly successful year on May 1 and has elected four new members to its nine member board to next year. The new Association has raised over \$2000 for the school library with a carnival, a magic show, and a bake sale. Other notable accomplishments were the establishment of a constitution, the formation of six active sub-committees, the identification of a school mascot (Panther) and the initiation of a Block Parent Program.

Carson Home and School Club also had an excellent first year and has elected a new administration as of April 27. Through their fund-raising activities, they have successfully supported the school's Total Reading Program, and site improvements.

WHY HAVE A HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Look around you and note how important an active homeowner association can be. A stop sign is to be installed at the intersection of Wellington Park Drive and Hyde Park Drive. Watch for this new traffic control and continue to use caution at this intersection until the new sign is installed.

Ogan and Pearl is getting a traffic light. This much-needed improvement should be operational before school opens, so please be careful until then, and watch for work crews that will be at this hazardous corner soon. Construction work is expected to require 90 days.

Contracts for a new elementary school at Hyde Park and New Compton have been awarded and work has started. The new school is expected to be open in September to avoid double sessions at Carson. Staffing has already started under principal Gail Law and VEP is anxious to get an active parent teacher group going now so it can be effective when the new school opens.

MEETING NOTES

If you would like to notify your neighbors of an important community meeting, call Dave Fadness at 578-6428, or Ib Larsen at 578-6292, to list the meeting in the NEWS.

MAY 6 - SAN JOSE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING, 7:30 PM at 1605 Park Avenue. NAMING OF NEW SCHOOL AT HYDE PARK & NEW COMPTON.

MAY 6 - GUNDERSON HIGH SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER GROUP organization meeting, 7 PM at Steinbeck Jr. High.

MAY 11- SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL, 1:30 & 7 PM at Council Chambers, SJ City Hall.

MAY 11- CARSON HOME/SCHOOL EXECUTIVE BOARD Meeting, 7:30 PM at Carson School.

MAY 12- VEP GENERAL MEETING, 8 PM at Normandin Chrysler/Plymouth.

MAY 13- CARSON OPEN HOUSE & HOME/SCHOOL CLUB Meeting, 7:30 PM at Carson School.

MAY 16- STEINBECK OPEN HOUSE, FLEA MARKET, BAKE SALE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST, 8 AM to 1 PM.

MAY 18- SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL, 1:30 & 7 PM at Council Chambers, SJ City Hall.

MAY 20- SAN JOSE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING, 7:30 PM at 1605 Park Avenue.

MAY 22- VEP EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, 9:30 AM at 587 Kings Cross Way.

MAY 25- SANTA TERESA HOSPITAL HEALTH NIGHT, TOPIC - BACK PROBLEMS, 7:30 PM at large conference room, refreshments.

MAY 25- SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL, 1:30 & 7 PM at Council Chambers, SJ City Hall.

JUNE 1- SAN JOSE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING, 7:30 PM at 1605 Park Avenue.

JUNE 8- VOTE! OVER \$1 BILLION IN NEW BONDS ON THE STATE BALLOT.

JUNE 9- VEP GENERAL MEETING, 8 PM at Normandin Chrysler/Plymouth.

Vandalism



When you notice something unusual in your neighborhood, make a note. If a crime has occurred, or some vandalism has been done, YOU may have a valuable piece of information. Particularly if you note TIME, LOCATION, NUMBER OF PEOPLE INVOLVED, DESCRIPTIONS, VEHICLE (if any) AND DESCRIPTION (license number, model and color). Since it is not always possible for police to arrive immediately, you can be of great assistance if you note details and provide them to the police when they take the report. Above all, stay calm and alert, and watch for the unusual.

wanted

This month, the associate editor of the VEP News, Karen Edlund, is moving. She has helped with the News for a long time, and the editor is going to miss her work talking to local groups, gathering information, and compiling the News want ads.

So, VEP needs a replacement. If you would like to help out with the preparation of this newsletter once a month, can offer a telephone number to receive information, and could prepare a newsletter for printing in case the editor skips town for a short vacation, you may have a position with VEP.

It only requires two to four hours in a month, and not every month. It's fun, and rewarding. If you think you could help, give me a call some evening soon. Ib Larsen, at 578-6292. Thanks.

ODDS & ENDS

FOR SALE - LOTS OF BARGAINS AT THE HUGH HYDE PARK GARAGE SALE THIS WEEKEND, MAY 8th & 9th, SEVERAL FAMILIES, HUNDREDS OF BARGAINS, Hyde Park Drive & Gaundabert Lane, adjacent to Gunderson High.

BABYSITTING - Lots of experience, call Melinda, age 16, at 578-9133. \$1/hour.

BABYSITTING - Call Smita, age 16, at 578-3238. \$.75/hour.

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YOUR HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION

Announcing

YOUR CANDIDATE

Senter Road
and Keyes

U.S. Senator

Wald
10th Congress. Dist.

Edwards
Smith
12th Congress. Dist.

Shaskey
13th Congress. Dist.

Mineta
Jones
Konnyu
Herrell

Some Local Candidates
San Jose City Council

Seat 4

Collins
Trevino
Runyon
Gage
Atton
Cutler
Condit
Peshkoff
Sherman
Michels

Seat 5
Wilson
Sandoval

Seat 6
Corr
Fox
Self
Dunkelmann
Diaz

Seat 7
Garza

Supervisor-Dist. 2

Cortese
Neves
Delgado

Supervisor-Dist. 3

McCorquodale
Gross

Supervisor-Dist. 5

Steinberg
Strickland
Soto

Water Board-Dist. 2

Ferraro
Million

Water Board-Dist. 3

Sapp

Water Board-Dist. 5

Lenihan

23rd Assem. Dist.

Vasconcellos
Gissler

24th Assem. Dist.

Egeland
Fletcher

21st Assem. Dist.

Calvo
Sanger
22nd Assem.
Hayden
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The American Crisis.

NUMBER 1

By the Author of COMMON SENSE.

THESE are the times that try men's souls: The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it NOW, deserves the love and thanks of man and heaven. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly:—'Tis dearest only that gives every thing its value. Heaven knows how to fit a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed, if it offered an article as FAREWELL should not be highly-rated. Britain, with an army to enforce her tyranny, has declared, that she has a right (not only to TAX, but) to "BIND us in ALL CASES WHATSOEVER," and if being bound in that manner is not slavery, then there is not such a thing as slavery in America. For so an

Thomas Paine

WHENEVER the Independence of the Continent was declared, we were, or believed too long, I will not now answer, that she has a right (not only to TAX, but) to "BIND us in ALL CASES WHATSOEVER," and if being bound in that manner is not slavery, then there is not such a thing as slavery in America. For so an



George Washington

11th Senate Dist.

Alquist
Turpin



Betsy Ross



Boston Tea Party

25th Assem. Dist.

McAlister
Vigil

4PM TO SUNDOWN!