

V.E.P. News

REPRESENTING THE RESIDENTS OF VISTAPARK,
ENCORE, ECHO VALLEY, BLOSSOM HEIGHTS, AND PARKVIEW VALLEY.

SEPTEMBER, 1976

THE NEXT MEETING OF VEP IS THIS COMING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, AND WILL BE HELD IN THE FACULTY LOUNGE OF THE NEW GUNDERSON HIGH SCHOOL, LOCATED AT CHYNOWETH AND GAUNDABERT. THE MEETING STARTS AT 7:30 PM AND FEATURES A SPECIAL TOUR OF THE NEW SCHOOL.

- 15 General Business Meeting
- Tour of Gunderson High School
- Drug Abuse Identification and Prevention, Officer Rich Dalton, SJ Police Department

FROM THE PRESIDENT

A homeowners' association is formed by, of, and for neighbors. VEP is widely respected for the help it has offered within its own membership confines, and when the situation has arisen, has reached outside to offer help elsewhere. Our neighboring association, Blossom Valley, is faced with a problem; the county wants to use townhouses on Chynoweth Avenue as a women's residential jail. Blossom Valley Homeowners Association is opposed to this site use and has been instructed by the County Board of Supervisors to coordinate volunteer members from other homeowner groups to help find alternate locations. Two people from VEP are required - - won't you please help? Call me if you are interested.

VEP is starting the fall season with a new home and a great program. The meeting this month is the first in the new Gunderson High - VEP is setting the pace for the facilities intended use as a community center. The program includes a full tour of the school following by a very timely presentation on drug abuse. This presentation is suitable for adults and children, and there is plenty of room, so bring the family.

I am eager to start this new season. VEP has plans for fun and enjoyment as well as for problem solving and community help efforts. You will see more of VEP as the year continues on, and VEP hopes to see more of you, more often. I personally am proud of the association, the board, the community, and the job everyone is doing to make and keep the area and the association the best in San Jose. You have a right to be proud too - - you happen to be a member of an association with an activity level and a paid membership unequalled in San Jose. If you're not a member, it's time to get proud.

Don't forget the Block Parent Program, Operation Identification, and Neighborhood Watch, and VEP meetings on the second Wednesday of each month, now at the new Gunderson High Faculty Lounge at 7:30 PM. VEP needs you . . . see you there!

Dave Fadness
President, VEP

THE SCHOOL CORNER

The Parkview School Community Association has paid official tribute to Principal Randy Saugstad for the outstanding job he is doing at the school. In a letter of commendation addressed to the Oak Grove School District, Mr. Saugstad was praised for his service above and beyond the rigors of principalship. VEP shares the feelings of Parkview Association members and extends thanks to Mr. Saugstad on behalf of the children.

Membership drives for parent-teacher organizations start on September 20 for Steinbeck Jr. High and September 14 for Carson. Any community resident can join, there is no need to have a child at the school involved. Steinbeck annual dues are \$2 per family, \$1 per individual, and \$1 for senior citizens. Carson annual dues are \$2, regardless. To join Steinbeck's group, call Kay Virgilio at 227-3168. To join Carson's group, call Joann Liddy at 227-1572.

For the first few weeks of school, Belden students will be on double session at the Carson School facility. Also, some Carson students will be on double session until Belden is completed. The double sessions affect all students who will be in pods B, C, and D. This is all 3rd and 4th grade and some 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade students. Following are some schedules.

DOUBLE SESSION SCHEDULE

CARSON STUDENTS - 7:30 AM to 12:00 NOON
BELDEN STUDENTS - 12:15 PM to 4:45 PM

NO LUNCHES are planned for the double session period.

REGULAR SESSION SCHEDULE

Morning Kindergarten - 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM
Afternoon Kindergarten - Noon to 3:00 PM

1st/2nd Grades - 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM (F Wing)
5th/6th Grades - 8:30 AM to 2:55 PM (A Pod)

Details should be in the mail prior to the start of school.

Oak Grove District schools start on September 13. The staggered reading program at Parkview will not start during the first two weeks, so all students will start at 8:30 AM for the first two weeks.

Gunderson High students will be conducting a fund raising magazine subscription drive from October 1 to October 12. Welcome the new high school students by helping and order your magazines from them.

Steinbeck Jr. High needs volunteers to help with landscaping plans. If you can help, call Kay Virgilio at 226, 3168.

PARKS

An organizational meeting for a VEP Parks Committee is set for September 17 at the home of Kay Miller, 344 Viewpark Circle at 7:30 PM. Kay chairs this group and asks that all interested in attending call her in advance at 225, 4982. Topics to be discussed include Parkview I, and the Parks and Recreation Department expects input from the VEP community concerning the design of this park. Priority assignment for development of both Vista Park and Parkview III are also on the agenda. The plan is to form subcommittees at this meeting to attend to the particulars for each park project and to cover any possible problems related to existing parks in the area. Your opinions and inputs are very important. . . please attend.

BLOCK PARENTS ARE NEEDED

In various areas of VEP Country, Block Parent volunteers are needed. This is a simple and worthwhile program promoting safety in our neighborhoods for our children. You do not have to be a parent, and you do not have to be a home all the time. For information and application forms, call Dave Fadness at 578-6428, or pick up a form at any VEP business meeting.

NEXT VEP NEWS DEADLINE: September 29, 1976

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STREETS UPDATE

Branham Lane Bridge - Public works is still waiting for word from the PUC regarding the use of a flagmen at the SP tracks instead of a mechanical guard. Meanwhile, the paving contractor is pushing to complete the work while the SP is delaying its decision regarding easements for 30 feet on either side of the tracks. Sounds like Public works is caught between a rock and a hard place on this one - - - they are very sensitive to the growing interest in this area concerning the opening of Branham Lane.

Snell Avenue Extension - This extension is expected to open in a few weeks, but there is a matter of left turns for north-bound traffic to be settled. The city has delayed the opening because of this problem, which results from - complex property ownership rights at the intersection - no room for a proper left turn lane. The extension will open anyway, but please use utmost caution from the time it opens until a safe solution is possible.

NEWSLETTER NEWS LETTER

Possibly this is the first time many of you have received a copy of the VEP News. VEP hopes that you find it informative and keep it as a handy reference for community events. If you live in the newer Encore and Vista-park areas, you may be able to do yourself and your neighbors a favor by volunteering to distribute the newsletter on your block. It's very simple and takes only a few minutes each month. The newsletters are delivered to your home, and you simply distribute them to neighbors on your own block. Your help would be greatly appreciated, and many hands make everyones job easier.

As far as the present distributors are concerned, thanks are simply not enough. The newsletters are being delivered promptly and are reaching more VEP Country residents than ever before; in fact, the print order was recently increased to reach another 500 families.

One simple request I must make of both present and new distributors - If for some reason you cannot deliver the newsletters in your neighborhood in person, please use your wisdom when selecting someone to help you. I only mention this because of a recent unpleasant situation. At any rate, it

is more enjoyable to deliver the newsletters personally and meet and talk with your neighbors while you are performing this valuable service.

If you would like to distribute newsletters in your area, or have any questions about the program, please contact me soon.

Sincerely,

Diane Christensen
1st VP - Block Reps
578-5231

GUNDERSON HIGH SCHOOL IMPRESSIONS

Last month, VEP 2nd VP Marion Ward toured the new Gunderson High facilities. As a teacher, parent, and area resident, her impressions make for interesting reading.

SURPRISE! ENTER 2001. UNSEEN AIR CONDITIONERS DRONING, BRIGHT CARPETING COMPETING WITH ABSTRACT FURNISHINGS FOR ATTENTION, SPACE . . . LOTS OF SPACE. NO CLASSROOMS, BUT TEACHING POSTS, EACH WITH CHALKBOARD, LIGHTS, AND LECTURE. FOUR OR FIVE POSTS IN EACH AREA, AND SEVERAL SUCH AREAS THROUGHOUT THE CAMPUS. SHOPS AND SCIENCE AREAS WITH EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY FACILITIES UNHEARD OF IN OTHER SCHOOLS. A CUISINE CENTER AND A FASHION LABORATORY - COOKING AND SEWING? A GYMNASIUM WITH SOFT FLOORING, HARD TO SLIP ON. OVERHEAD, A COMPLEX LIGHTING SYSTEM APPROPRIATE FOR ALMOST ANY EVENT. A KITCHEN SERVING ECOLOGY INTERESTS, WITH A WATER RECYCLING SYSTEM. A MUSIC DEPARTMENT, A THEATER, AREAS FOR ARTISTIC EXPERIMENTATION AND RELAXATION. POOLS, TENNIS COURTS, BASKETBALL COURTS, ATHLETIC FIELDS, TOO MUCH TO ABSORB IN ONE VISIT.

Interested? Marion's impressions were not all positive. She wondered where the eating areas were located. She questioned the size of the theater. But you can take your own tour every Tuesday and Thursday at 1:00 PM and see for yourself. Also, VEP members who attend the next meeting September 8 will enjoy a special tour of Gunderson after a very short business meeting at the Gunderson faculty lounge. Plan now to attend the next VEP meeting at 7:30 PM, and then take a good look at your new GUNDERSON HIGH. You won't be sorry.

THE SPEED LIMIT IN VEP NEIGHBORHOODS IS

25 MPH

LATE NEWS

Swine Flue inoculations will be available in late September. At present, plans call for the vaccine to be available only to people over 18 years old. Elderly and high risk people will be inoculated first. High risk people are those with chronic health conditions and they must have their conditions substantiated by a slip from their doctors. The locations in this area for inoculations are Santa Teresa and Good Samaritan Hospitals. For more details, call the Swine Flue Vaccine Office. Two numbers are established, one for English and one for Spanish speaking residents.

For Spanish, call 298-4405.
For English, call 298-4400.

FOR SALE FOR SALE FOR SALE FOR SALE

Full membership in the Meadows Cabana Club for only \$100. Call Carmen Filice at 226-2565 - if no answer, call 578-6428.

15' x 21' Screen Room for Yellowstone Model home, aluminum sun roof (has light panels) with a 3' high perimeter wall, 2 storm doors, best model, half price, \$600.00. Call after 5:00 PM - 226-7600.

55 gallon glass aquarium with stand, only \$60. Call 226-7600 after 5:00 PM.

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Toy Poodle, late July, near Chynoweth and Pearl. Black with little gray, 8 years old, pregnant, answers to Danielle, missed badly. Call Linda, at 578-4962.

Kitten, light mixed coloring with red and gray, oval markings on each side, four months old, answers to Lola, call 578-6292.

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Melinda, age 16, \$1/hr, 578-9133

Trisa, age 13, \$.75/hr, 578-6292

Smita, age 16, \$.75/hr, 578-3238

Julie, age 13, \$.75/hr, 226-4787

Jayne, age 12, \$.75/hr, 226-4787

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- SEPT 7 VEP Program Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, 445 Stratford Park Court - First day of school, SJ Unified - City Council, 1:30 and 7:30 PM at City Hall
- SEPT 8 VEP General Meeting, Gunderson High Faculty Lounge, 7:30 PM
- SEPT 9 VEP School Awareness Committee, 7:30 PM at Ward's, 4873 Birmingham Drive - ADMISSION DAY, school holiday.
- SEPT 13 First day of school, Oak Grove Dist.
- SEPT 14 Carson Home/School Club board meeting, 7:30 PM at Carson - City Council, 1:30 and 7:30 PM at City Hall
- SEPT 16 Steinbeck School & Community Organization Board Meeting, Faculty Room at 7:30 PM - SJ Unified Board Meeting at 7:30 PM, 1605 Park Avenue
- SEPT 17 VEP Parks Committee, 8:30 PM at Miller's, 344 Viewpark Circle
- SEPT 18 VEP Executive Board Meeting, 9:30 A.M. at 445 Stratford Park Court - Football game at Townsend Field, Santa Clara, Gunderson vs. Bookser, JV 6:00 and Varsity, 8:00 PM
- SEPT 21 City Council, 1:30 & 7:30 at City Hall
- SEPT 23 Oak Grove School Board meets, 7:30 PM - Gunderson vs. Campbell at Campbell High JV, 3:00 PM, Varsity plays Sept 25 at 11:00 AM at Campbell High
- SEPT 28 Carson Home/School Club at 7:30 PM - City Council, 1:30 & 7:30 at City Hall
- OCT 1 Gunderson vs. Santa Cruz High at Santa Cruz, JV 5:45, Varsity 8:00 PM
- OCT 7 Gunderson vs. Willow Glen at Gunderson, JV at 3:00 PM, Varsity next day at Gunderson, 3:00 PM
- OCT 12 Carson Home/School Club at 7:30 PM - Parkview School Community Association General Meeting & Open House, 7:30 at Parkview School
- OCT 13 VEP General Meeting, Gunderson High Faculty Lounge, 7:30 PM