

# VEP NEWS

## • VEP COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION •

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What potent blood hath modest May.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

MAY 2017

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The "VEP News" is the official publication of the VEP Community Association, published monthly during the months of September through May each year.

We appreciate and will, at the discretion of the VEP Executive Board, attempt to publish any and all articles that will be of general interest to our membership community.

The VEP strongly encourages local schools to submit news articles about events and achievements on their campuses. Articles written by students will be given extra special consideration.

Persons, schools, or organizations who are interested in submitting articles, letters, or information to be included in the VEP News are encouraged to contact the Editor of the "VEP News," Mrs. Rachel Witmeyer. Email: [vepeditor@gmail.com](mailto:vepeditor@gmail.com) // Phone: 408-226-2935

#### VEP Community Association Membership

Persons who would like to join the VEP Community Association may send their name, address, and \$20 yearly dues to:

VEP Community Association  
P.O. BOX 18037; SAN JOSE, CA; 95158.

Please, do not send cash. Make checks payable to "VEP."

#### VEP Community Association ~ Executive Board of Directors

President - Marilyn Rodgers  
Vice President - Katherine Decker  
Secretary - Adina Pierce  
Treasurer - Position Open  
Director - Helen Castillo  
Director - Rich Giammona  
Director & VEP News Editor - Rachel Witmeyer

## VEP COMMUNITY MEETING

★ Ice Cream Social @7:15PM ★

► Tuesday, May 30th; 7:30pm ◀

Vista Park Community Room  
475 Hyde Park Drive

Everyone is welcome. Invite your neighbors!

### AGENDA

#### ★ Emergency Preparedness ★

*Presentation By*

**Joanne Bartholdy, Staff Specialist**  
San Jose City Office of Emergency Services

#### ★ VEP Business Meeting ★

**VEP Board of Directors**  
**Presentation of Slate for Election**

**VEP Acknowledgement of WW II: 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**and WW II Veterans in VEP Neighborhoods**

**Announcements & Updates**

**Councilmember Khamis and Staff**  
**Updates on District 10 and City of San Jose**

**Upcoming Summer Events**

**4th Annual - 4<sup>th</sup> of July**  
**Family Fireworks Festival, Lake Almaden**

**"VEP Summer Break" June - August**  
**VEP's Next Meeting - Tuesday, September 26, 2017**

#### ★ Your Concerns and Ideas ★

Your chance to voice your opinion and/or to seek VEP's help.

◆ 2017 is VEP's 48th Year! ◆

## VEP's May Meeting Preview

By Marilyn Rodgers

► **CELEBRATE SUMMER! —> ICE CREAM SOCIAL @7:15PM!**  
The **meeting will begin early** with an Ice Cream Social. Network with your neighbors! Everyone is welcome!

► **Featured Presentations:** The formal presentations will follow the Ice Cream Social, including an overview of Emergency Preparedness for people, pets, and (possibly) information on pros and cons of Flood Insurance.

### ► VEP Business Meeting / Announcements

**Annual election of the VEP Board of Directors** is scheduled. A slate of names will be presented for election by the members in attendance. Other informational items and announcements will be provided, including updates from Councilmember Khamis and Staff regarding issues of interest on District 10 and the City of San Jose. Announcements and information will be highlighted on upcoming events scheduled for the months of June, July, and August. Reminder: VEP takes a "summer break" during the months of June through August. – **Does VEP have your e-mail address?**

### ► Your Concerns and Ideas

We want to hear from you! Together we can work toward positive resolution. This continues to make VEP neighborhoods strong, healthy, and attractive.

We look forward to seeing you, your friends and neighbors, immediately following the Memorial Day Holiday Weekend, on **Tuesday, May 30th!**

## Slate for Election of VEP Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is elected annually at the May VEP membership meeting. A slate of directors is put forward to the membership in advance, in writing (VEP Newsletter). Following the election of the Board of Directors, the members of the Board will select the officers at the next Board of Directors Meeting. Officers include President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The following active members are in good standing, and are included in the Slate for Election:

Adina Pierce  
Ginger Cardona\*  
Helen Castillo  
Katherine Decker  
Marilyn Rodgers  
Rachel Witmeyer  
Rich Giammona

*\*Ginger has informed the Board of Directors that she would like to step down as Treasurer, but is willing to continue until a replacement is found.*

## April Meeting Synopsis

By Marilyn Rodgers

President Rodgers welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced current VEP Board members in attendance, Katherine Decker and Adina Pierce, as well as past Presidents. She then introduced Councilmember Johnny Khamis who had just arrived from a Council meeting.

The Councilmember discussed the issue of the VTA proposal for development at the VTA station parking lot at the corner of Branham & Narvaez. He wanted to reassure everyone that he had taken a strong position against any proposal for development at this site until the "already agreed to" needed improvements to Narvaez, Capitol Expressway, and the northbound ramp to Hwy 87 were completed. He stated that usually if the Councilmember

where the development of a project is planned has concerns and/or is against the project, **the development will NOT go forward**. This would mean that the project probably would not go forward for the next two to three years, or more, until there is a change in the Councilperson. However, there is always the possibility that the other Councilmembers may be concerned enough to vote to approve the project over the objections of the directly involved Councilmember.

President Rodgers briefly described some of the previous concerns of VEP and residents directly involved in a similar project which was proposed 10 years ago by VTA. She stated that she was pleased with the Councilmember's support on this issue particularly given the issue of needed onsite parking for any project located at this site, as well as a number of other major projects currently in development in the area: Communications Hill, and at Pearl and Capitol Expressway with the CarMax and Toyota. For additional information, see article by President Rodgers in the April edition of the VEP Newsletter. The Councilmember also reminded everyone about the upcoming "Great American Litter Pickup" and that Vista Park would be one of the sign-in sites for District 10.

Ms. Rodgers then introduced the primary guest speaker for the evening, Eric Goodrich, Manager for Martial Cottle Park. Eric had a very informative slide presentation for which he gave an excellent narrative. This provided the audience with information on the history of the Martial Cottle and Lester families, with particular focus on Mr. Walter Cottle Lester's mother and grandfather. It also included some visuals of the property over the years. Everyone was very enthusiastic and pleased with the presentation. Eric also provided an overview of, and information about the activities planned for the upcoming "First Annual Spring Festival" at Martial Cottle Park. He encouraged everyone to attend if possible.

The next presenter was Vice President Katherine Decker. As the previous presentations had run long, she was very concerned about the amount of time remaining for the meeting, and cut her presentation short. She had flyers and briefly described what VEP residents should be thinking about being prepared for, including doing practice exercises with our pets (the 4-legged members of our families) in the event of an emergency. She provided suggestions, including always having enough food and water for pets available in the house; it's particularly important should you need to leave them at home on a moments notice. She provided specifics about pet carriers, and already prepared kits including toys and medicine, should you need to quickly evacuate with your pets.

Ms. Rodgers reminded everyone of the upcoming VEP Annual Neighborhood-wide Garage Sale, as well as the date for the next VEP meeting: May 30th. She concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for coming, and requested that if they could assist in cleaning up the room, by stacking their chairs.

## You Can Help Make & Keep San Jose Beautiful

By Marilyn Rodgers

Are you concerned about the amount of litter, or the **graffiti**, or how to report an **abandoned vehicle**, or that **grocery cart** that has been sitting on the corner abandoned for two months, or a **broken street light** that has been dark for 3 months?

Or maybe you are interested in what "**volunteer opportunities**" are available to help **keep our creeks clean**, or other volunteer opportunities to **help beautify our City...**

San Jose now has an online portal to report these and other issues, as well as look for possible volunteer opportunities – all in one place...

**That site is: [beautifysj.org](http://beautifysj.org)**

## Annual Great American Litter Pick-up a Success

By Marilyn Rodgers / Photo Courtesy of D10 Newsletter

On Saturday morning, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, VEP residents once again participated in this important annual event which helps to improve the attractiveness of our neighborhoods specifically, and generally, for the entire City of San Jose. VEP was happy to have assistance provided by a few volunteers from neighboring associations such as Colony Green.

As per usual, we were ably assisted by our Councilmember Johnny Khamis, who eagerly picked up litter along Hyde Park Drive and Vistapark Drive. Additionally, Council Assistant Tim Healy who "manned" the sign-in booth, even recruited his father, who did a tremendous job picking up litter along Branham Lane. It is always exciting to see residents come as a family unit, including small children, who think picking up litter is really FUN! We also are appreciative of a dedicated anti-litter volunteer, who not able to participate on Saturday, collected litter on Friday, and dropped-off her bag of litter early Saturday morning.

The areas of focus for this litter pickup were: 1) along Hyde Park Drive and Vistapark Drive, including in Vista Park; 2) along New Compton Drive and portions of Branham Lane; 3) along Branham Lane from Vistapark Drive to Snell; and 4) Chynoweth from Hyde Park Drive all the way to Pearl.

**Many thanks** to the hardy group of volunteers who participated and really made a difference in the appearance of our neighborhoods!!



☆Three Cheers for the Volunteers!!!☆

## VEP Annual Community-Wide Garage Sale

By Marilyn Rodgers, Rachel Witmeyer, & Helen Castillo

Several new VEP residents participated in this year's VEP annual garage sale, held as per usual: the first Saturday in May. While a couple of participants were very pleased with how well they did in selling their "treasures," others commented on lower amounts of traffic than in previous years. This may have been due in part to the beginning of the week having a heat-wave, followed by a definite drop in temperature – so much so that Saturday morning was very cool and overcast.

The Salvation Army staff expressed how pleased they were with the amount of support in donations from our area in the few hours they were available. They had to provide a second truck! They also commented on how pleased they were in the "quality of the items" donated from our residents. Additionally, they indicated that VEP residents voiced their appreciation of the "convenience" of having a Salvation Army truck available in the neighborhood! Thanks to VEP Board Member Helen Castillo for her efforts in coordinating this perk for our community!

Just a reminder, if you have new neighbors moving in during the year, don't hesitate to let them know that VEP holds an annual neighborhood-wide garage the first Saturday in May.

## Martial Cottle Park Spring Festival

By Marilyn Rodgers

On Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, Martial Cottle Park initiated its First Annual Spring Festival (Coming this October: the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Festival). The weather was overcast and cool, making it a very nice day for a festival!

As with the Fall Festival, large numbers of families with small children participated. (Mr. Lester would have been very pleased!) Of course there were lots of different activities for families and children. One of the continuing most favorite is the 4H Petting Zoo; even adults get excited about this. Everyone loves the lambs, who are now adult sheep. The Billy goats and guinea pigs are also big hits. Two new large and also very attractive animals at this event were the steers.

Continuing in the tradition of the Fall Festival, there was a lot of information in the Visitors Center and many very interesting non-profit organizations with booths, providing both information and interesting activities. NEW with this First Spring Festival were for-profit vendors, who had various local goods for sale. There was everything, from jewelry and art, to honey and other foods. This is a very nice addition to the festival! These vendors all seemed very excited and interested in learning more about Mr. Lester and his gift of the property that is now Martial Cottle Park.

We can't wait for the next Spring Festival! See you there!

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## Dave Noel: 1<sup>st</sup> Recipient of the “Dave Fadness Award” - A Commendation from the C.F.R.

By Marilyn Rodgers

At the April 26<sup>th</sup> Erikson Neighborhood Association meeting, the Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility (CFR) provided a presentation on their goals and accomplishments. Their primary goal is to provide “citizen oversight” for responsible use of San Jose City taxpayer funds; second, to help educate both the elected officials and primary city staff, of citizen issues and concerns regarding how tax money is utilized; and third, to educate fellow citizens and encourage engagement regarding how our taxes are spent.

This night, CFR attended for an additional reason – to present the very 1<sup>st</sup> CFR Commendation, or “Dave Fadness Award,” to a citizen who exemplifies these qualities and concerns. Dave Fadness was a co-founder of CFR, and after his death the organization that he co-founded thought it appropriate to award a commemorative honor to another citizen who works towards the goals and exemplifies the attributes Dave helped establish.

Dave Noel is the first awardee. Anyone who knows Dave Noel will agree that he was an outstanding choice – especially for the first award! As Dave Noel was also a Past President of VEP (and a friend), we all want to join in congratulating him!

**Pictured: Rich Crowley, CFR (Left) & Dave Noel, ENA (Right)**





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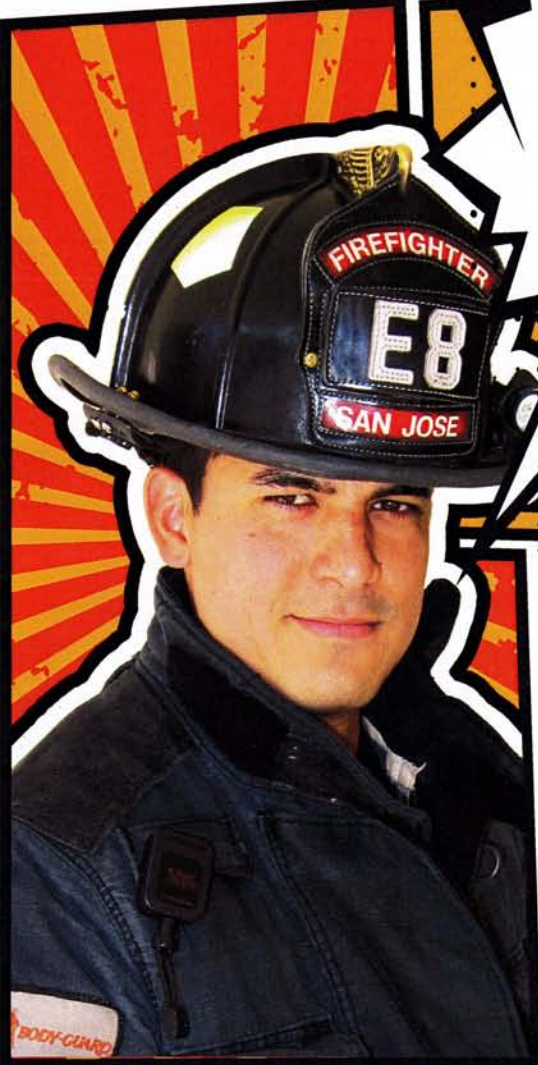
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## MAKE YOUR 4th SAFE and FUN for EVERYONE!

## VEP Acknowledges 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of WW II

By Marilyn Rodgers

As part of the last years' Memorial Day Holiday celebration, VEP started the process of first identifying, and then honoring, VEP residents that were Veterans in the VEP News. Veterans were identified as those that had served this country in any war or military action starting with World War II going forward up until the present. A second, more comprehensive list was identified and published in the November 2016 edition of the VEP Newsletter, as part of the Veterans Day Celebration.

This year, with the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor in December 2016, VEP would like to also highlight one significant event/battle which occurred just four months after Pearl Harbor, known as the Doolittle Raid. Additionally, and most importantly, we would like to publicly acknowledge the World War II veterans who are still residents of the VEP community.

### Doolittle's Raid, April 18, 1942

Following the attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941, Americans were frightened and demoralized. Approximately four months later, a daring attack made by sixteen B-25 bombers of the U.S. Army Air Corps in a joint Navy/Army initiative known as "Doolittle's Raid" provided hope and improved the morale of many Americans.

The man whose name is attached to this event, then Lt. Colonel James "Jimmy" Doolittle was born in Alameda, California and raised in the Los Angeles area. He was not only daring, but brilliant, being the first American to receive a doctorate (PhD) in Aeronautical Engineering. Of the group that became known as Doolittle's Raiders – approximately 80 strong – only four were from California. However, California had significant influence/involvement in the development of this infamous raid.

Doolittle recommended the B-25 bombers because they were "stubby" and he believed they could be used to fly off of the deck of a large naval ship. The B-25 bombers were manufactured by North American Aviation in Inglewood (LA), California in 1941. (While planes flying off of naval ships are common practice now –

in 1942 this had never been done before.) The plan went forward, and sixteen bombers were loaded onto the deck of the USS Hornet docked off of Alameda, California. (Note: This is the same location as the second USS Hornet which now houses the Doolittle Raid Museum.)

Intensive training for each bomber's five-man crew progressed quickly. The USS Hornet sailed out of San Francisco Bay toward Japan. The hope was to get fairly close to Japan before taking off. However, 150 miles further out than originally planned, the decision was made for the planes to embark. The worry was that they might be spotted before they could become airborne. All of the crews were volunteers and knew the risk they were taking. The plan was to fly over Japan, drop their bombs on industrial and military targets, and then fly toward Japanese occupied China, land, and try to avoid capture with the help of nationalist Chinese peasants. All of the bombers were eventually lost, as only one made it to China, the other bomber made it to Russia. (Bombers crash landed as they ran out of fuel.)

Of the 80 raiders, the majority survived. Eight men were captured, four of whom were later executed. Most of the men went on to continue active duty and fighting in other engagements. Fifteen of those were subsequently killed in action.

Lt. Colonel Doolittle was said to have been worried that he might face court-martial, as several of the planned targets had not been hit, followed by the loss of all of his planes. However, he need not have worried, as he and the other Doolittle Raiders became national heroes. In fact, President Roosevelt awarded him the Congressional Medal of Honor, and he was promoted swiftly, becoming a Brigadier General.

Only one Doolittle Raider survives: that is now Lt. Colonel Richard "Dick" Cole, age 101. He was Lt. Colonel Doolittle's co-pilot. As the last surviving "Raider" he has been honored during the last few months at several special celebrations.

*Note: While it is important for those of us who are the children, grandchildren, and relatives of World War II veterans to help tell the stories of the sacrifices our loved ones and others made during such an important time in our country's history, it is also important to remember that the two countries who were once our arch enemies, Japan and Germany, are now two of our strongest allies!*



### Honoring WWII Veterans in the VEP

We want to make sure that our neighbors who served in WWII know how much we all appreciate your service and your sacrifice, which continues to make this the great country we all love and want to live in.

**Thank you so much!!!**

#### REY L. CALL

U.S. Navy: World War II  
July 1942-Sept 1945

Army National Guard (Lt.)  
June 1950 – July 19

#### GEORGE L. PRIOR

U.S. Navy: Pacific Theatre, WWII – 1944-47  
U.S. Army: 1949-51

*(Note: If you know of other World War II veterans in the VEP area, please contact us! We will acknowledge them in the November "VEP News," for Veterans Day!)*

## 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 48 years of success in our neighborhoods.

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## \*\* VEP Membership Application \*\*

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Comment(s):

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Can you give VEP a few volunteer hours? \_\_\_\_\_

### *I am willing to volunteer for:*

- ☐ Beautification/clean-up projects
- ☐ VEP News/mailling prep
- ☐ Large Event/Festival, i.e. 4th of July
- ☐ 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.

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**Thank you!**

### **Please Note:**

**VEP's new P.O. Box # was misprinted in the January newsletter. The correct no. is 18037.**

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## SAN JOSE HIRES NEW O.E.S. DIRECTOR!!!

The District 10 team is pleased to welcome the City's new Office of Emergency Services (OES) Director, **Ray Riordan**. Ray has a great deal of experience, having served as the Emergency Manager for the City of San Ramon for nearly eight years; Emergency Preparedness Manager for the East Bay Municipal Utility District for more than ten years; and as Senior Emergency Planning Coordinator for the Contra Costa County Office of Emergency Services for seven years.

Ray has served as the Acting Executive Director for the California Utilities Emergency Association and has functioned for ten years as Chair of the California Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network, a mutual aid and assistance network of over 350 water and wastewater utilities in California. He also assisted in forming a national mutual assistance program for water-sector utilities.

Over the course of his career, he has worked closely with public and private entities on hazard mitigation programs and on the planning, implementation, and execution of emergency response plans for a wide array of local incidents and major emergency events throughout the nation. The results of his work have been recognized nationally by the Community Preparedness Awards of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and by the Partners in Preparedness Awards from the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) who represent over 5,000 emergency managers nationally. Additionally, he received awards for outstanding excellence in emergency management from the California Emergency Services Association, representing over 600 professional public and private sector emergency managers across the state.

Ray is a Certified Emergency Manager through IAEM, in recognition of meeting high professional standards in the fields of emergency management and disaster recovery, and he is a FEMA-certified trainer for emergency preparedness and response.

He has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Santa Clara University and a Master's in Psychology/Industrial Organization from San José State University. We look forward to working with Ray to bring District 10 to a level of readiness that is worthy of all the interest and volunteerism we see here every day.

**District 10 Website: [www.sjd10.com](http://www.sjd10.com)**

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks and Family Festival Needs Sponsors, Vendors, and... Volunteers!!!

By Marilyn Rodgers

4<sup>th</sup> of July is only a little over a month away. Planning is underway for this very popular event sponsored by District 10. **Put it on your calendar and plan now for your family and friends to attend!**

We currently would like additional **sponsors**, **vendors (businesses small or large)**, who would like to have a booth at this event, and more **volunteers** are needed to put on this "family friendly" and very fun – event!!

So if you have your own business (or work for a business) who might be interested, please contact Denelle Fedor, District 10 Council Assistant, at [denelle.fedor@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:denelle.fedor@sanjoseca.gov) or at 408-535-4993, or Marilyn Rodgers, at [mroddgersrn@aol.com](mailto:mroddgersrn@aol.com) or at 408-225-7553 as soon as possible. Note: There is a discounted rate for non-profit organizations.

**Volunteers:** Are you involved with a volunteer group that might be interested in participating with this event? We are looking for individuals and/or groups, such as Girl Scouts, Church groups, High School students – especially Juniors who need Community Service Hours for graduation next year, and adults who would be interested in volunteering! (Note: There may be a perk for volunteers who work 4 hours or more!)

Volunteer opportunities may be available the evening of July 3<sup>rd</sup>, the morning, afternoon, and evening of July 4<sup>th</sup>, and the morning of July 5<sup>th</sup>. If you can volunteer, or if you have suggestions/ names of individuals or groups who may be interested, please let me know. Contact Marilyn Rodgers at 408-225-7553 or [MRodgersRN@aol.com](mailto:MRodgersRN@aol.com), or Denelle Fedor, at the above contact information, as soon as possible! Thanks!

## VEP Summer Communications

By Marilyn Rodgers and Rachel Witmeyer

There are several issues that may come up during the Summer months this year, and our only quick way of contacting our members is via e-mail. VEP is respectful of both your privacy: we do not share e-mail addresses with anyone!!! And we limit the number of e-mails from us to usually just 2 per month. We promise to never "flood" your inbox. If we do not already have your e-mail address, please consider providing it to us!

## Does VEP have your e-mail address?

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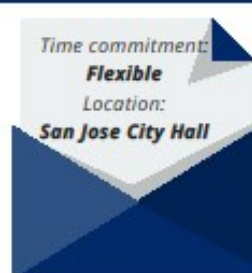
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- ☑ Special events




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# VEP Community Calendar

May / June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21	22	23	24	25  <b>Senior Safari Walkabout</b> @Happy Hollow (See Below, Right)	26	27
28	29 No SCHOOL  <b>Memorial DAY</b>	30  <b>VEP Community Meeting and Ice Cream Social ~ 7:15 PM ~</b> @Vista Park Community Room	31	1 <b>Summer Reading Challenge Begins!</b> San José Public Library sjpl.org/summer	  <b>SUMMER READING CHALLENGE</b> 	
4	5	<b>GOT EXTRA TOOLS OR MATERIALS?</b> <b>NEED TO GET RID OF THEM?</b>  <b>DONATE</b> excess supplies to local non-profit <b>OUR CITY FOREST.</b> See their "Wish List" at <a href="http://ourcityforest.org/donate">ourcityforest.org/donate</a> 	7 <b>District 10 Office Hours</b> 8:30-9:30am @Almaden Valley Community Center (6445 Camden Ave.)	8 <b>Last Day of School</b> OGUSD & SJUSD	9	10 <b>District 10 Office Hours</b> 10:30-11:30am @Hub's Coffee (630 Blossom Hill Rd.)
11	12		14 <b>FLAG DAY</b> 	15	16	17
18 <b>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY</b> 	19		 <b>SELECT THURSDAYS IN 2017</b> <b>SENIOR SAFARI WALKABOUT</b> Happy Hollow Park & Zoo - May 25, June 22, July 27, Aug. 24, Sept. 28, Oct. 26 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. <a href="http://www.hhpz.org/index.cfm/id/310/">http://www.hhpz.org/index.cfm/id/310/</a> 408-794-6400			

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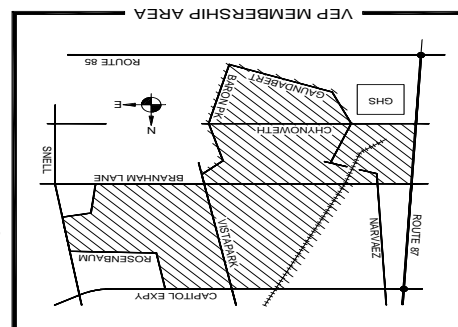
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Social @7:15 p.m. ~and~ Meeting @7:30 p.m.  
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