


# VEP NEWS

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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.

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## VEP COMMUNITY MEETING

► Tuesday, October 24th ◀

7:30pm ~ Late Arrivals O.K.!

Vista Park Community Room  
475 Hyde Park Drive

Everyone is welcome. Invite your neighbors!

### AGENDA

#### ★ Updates on Measure B (Housing) ★

and  
Other Initiatives Funded through  
the County of Santa Clara

*Presentation by*

**\*\* Mike Wasserman \*\***

Supervisor, Santa Clara County

#### ★ VEP Business Meeting ★

#### Announcements & Updates

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

**Upcoming Fall Events**  
*Save the Dates*

**3rd Annual Dave Fadness Beautification Day**  
Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

**Santa in the Park**  
Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>

**Nov/Dec VEP Community Meeting**  
Tuesday, December 5th

**VEP Home & Yard Decorations Contest**  
First Two Weeks of December

#### ★ 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 September Meeting Preview

By Marilyn Rodgers

► **Santa Clara County Supervisor Mike Wasserman** periodically is invited to provide the VEP community with an update on projects and initiatives that the County of Santa Clara has the responsibility of overseeing. He will be providing an update on the status of (the recently approved) Measure B which is intended to provide relief to the severe shortage of housing, as well as how Measure B might be helpful in providing some assistance with the issue of housing for the homeless. Supervisor Wasserman's periodic updates are always very informative.

(Note: Please watch for e-mailed updates should a change in guest speakers occur.)

### ► VEP Business Meeting / Announcements

Additional 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.

### ► 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 at 7:30pm on **Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>** (Please Note: Late arrivals are welcome!).

## May Meeting Synopsis

By Marilyn Rodgers

President Rodgers welcomed everyone to the meeting and continued to encourage those in attendance to enjoy the "ice cream social" as well as not being hesitant or shy about having an additional serving of ice cream, while continuing to network with neighbors. Everyone took her advice "to heart" – so much so that it was difficult to get everyone's attention to begin the formal portion of the meeting!

As Councilmember Khamis was unable to attend this meeting (which is rare – he attends almost every VEP meeting), Council Assistant Dora Gonzalez provided an informative update. Of particular note, she included an overview of information on an upcoming important initiative by the County of Santa Clara. This initiative will be of particular assistance and very helpful to the residents of the City of San Jose when it is completely implemented. That initiative is called "Laura's Law." This specifically is to assist in the management of those individuals who have mental illness, and who display aggressive or violent behavior. While this is a small percentage of the total number of people who suffer from mental illness, Laura's Law, is an important additional option that can be used in helping this group of individuals. The law was passed by the State of California several years ago to: 1) assist families who continue to support loved ones with mental illness, who need assistance with family members who may fit into this category of displaying aggressive or violent behavior; and 2) some individuals who are homeless and also suffer from mental illness. (Note: For additional information on Laura's Law – see articles on pages 3 and 9 of this newsletter.)

Dora also was very gracious in responding to questions from the audience. As there were some items that she could not answer immediately, she promised to get the answers and provide that information back to VEP (see those questions and responses following this article).

Ms. Rodgers then introduced the primary guest speaker for the evening, Eric Goodrich, Park Manager for Martial Cottle Park.

Eric provided an interesting overview of both the status of issues/projects that are ongoing in the Park, as well as increasing everyone's interest in the upcoming planned 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Martial Cottle Park Harvest/Fall Festival, scheduled for Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Of particular interest was the status of improvements to the original portion of the Perimeter Trail – which is completed, and..... the opening/access to the remaining portion of the Trail beyond west Chynoweth and south toward the freeway and Blossom Hill Road.

Eric also thanked VEP members who are volunteers for the Park. He then encouraged others who may be interested in volunteer opportunities to contact him or the Volunteer Coordinator.

Eric briefly updated everyone on the activities and items of interest – such as tractors and other vehicles, which are so popular at the Harvest Festival. Eric graciously answered several questions. One such question was information regarding the program to help Veterans learn about and participate in farming as a career path. He proudly mentioned that the contract farmer for Martial Cottle – Jacobs Farm del Cabo has a long history of providing this opportunity. He also intends to have one of the Veterans at Martial Cottle come to the VEP meeting to provide an overview of the program.

He closed by thanking everyone, and encouraging them to attend....and enjoy, the Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 3pm. He also encouraged people to walk or bike if possible. However, parking will be available on-site, for a fee of \$6.00.

President Rodgers thanked Eric, and said she knew everyone was looking forward to attending the Festival. Vice President Katherine Decker helped with the raffle at the end of the meeting. The raffle drawing was for a "free VEP membership." Steve Strout was the winner of the drawing – Ms. Rodgers congratulated him on winning the raffle, and asked him to fill out a membership envelope with his information. She also announced that the next VEP meeting would be October 24<sup>th</sup> rather than Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – as that is Halloween.

Ms. Rodgers thanked everyone for coming, and asked for assistance in stacking chairs and cleaning up the Community Room. Several people stayed and continued to enjoy visiting with neighbors on a variety of issues.

## Answers to Questions Asked by Attendees at VEP's September 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Responses Provided by Council Assistant Dora Gonzalez

1. Questions regarding the large white dumpster currently located under the Hwy 87 overpass on the south side of Chynoweth, ie. Who does it belong to? Caltrans? Is it going to be there permanently – emptied occasionally?

Answer – dumpster issues/questions have been reported to Caltrans.

2. What is Laura's Law? See article in this edition of the VEP Newsletter from Councilmember Khamis.

3. What are small cameras mounted on poles along Chynoweth and Snell? These cameras have been installed in several areas of the City (Citywide) and are there to measure the traffic patterns to help sync the traffic lights. It is less destructive to our roads, than putting sensors under the road and having to dig into the road.

4. Question about illegal dumping at the end of Chynoweth has been reported.

5. Light at the end of Chynoweth has been added.

## California's Recent "North Bay Firestorm"

By Rachel Witmeyer & Marilyn Rodgers

VEP would like to send our thoughts and prayers to the many victims of the recent extensive fires. VEP would also like to acknowledge the work of all the firefighters and emergency service crews.

Many neighbors are asking how to best support the victims and help them on the road to recovery. The answer is resoundingly to send funds, rather than goods. Donations of material goods create extra work for the emergency service workers, whereas funds can be easily and equitably distributed in a short period of time.

*Some recommended websites for making monetary donations:*

Napa Valley Community Disaster Relief Fund

[www.napavalleycdf.org/fire-donation-page/](http://www.napavalleycdf.org/fire-donation-page/)

California Fire Foundation: S.A.V.E. Program

[www.cafirefoundation.org/programs/supplying-aid-to-victims-of-emergency/](http://www.cafirefoundation.org/programs/supplying-aid-to-victims-of-emergency/)

## What is "Laura's Law"?

By Marilyn Rodgers

Laura's Law was passed into law several years ago by the State of California. It essentially is a process that can be utilized to require (force) individuals with severe mental illness to participate in counseling and take prescribed medications. Each County in the State has to decide/approve whether or not to initiate the detailed processes required for implementation in that specific county. To date, 14 counties in California have chosen to do so; with the largest, Los Angeles County, just completing a 3-year long process of implementation. Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors has recently voted to begin the process toward implementation.

It is important to note that the majority of individuals with mental illness are not aggressive or violent, and on their own – decide to seek medical assistance. Additionally, every adult has the right to say "no" to requirements of medical intervention. However, for the small minority who do display aggressive and/or violent behavior which could lead to, or already has led to, them being a danger to themselves, or someone else, this initiative requires them to seek and participate in counseling, and to take prescribed medications.

Laura's Law is intended to just be one more option available to assist both individuals who need medical intervention/assistance, and to provide a legal option to assist families and/or other involved residents in a given County. Note: this goes through each County, as many of these services are overseen by Counties and federal funding for social services comes from the Federal government, to the State, and then to the Counties to administer/oversee. For more information, Councilmember Khamis on page 9.

## Mt. Umunhum Opens to the Public

By Marilyn Rodgers

On Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, access to the top of Mt. Umunhum officially was opened to the public by the Mid-Peninsula Open Space Authority. A ribbon-cutting ceremony culminated the week's festivities which included tours for many of the invited special guests. The majority of special guests were the former Air Force personnel, who had staffed the Mt. Umunhum Air Force Station, as well as the now famous Radar Tower – the last remaining portion of the Air Force Station. (Note: Special guests also included family members of the previous Air Force personnel. Included in this group was VEP Board Member/Secretary Adina Pierce, her husband, and mother and father-in-law - who had been an Air Force staff member in the formerly functioning Radar Tower). Additional guests were elected officials including Councilmember Johnny Khamis and, both staff and public members of Mid-Peninsula Open Space Authority. The public had been invited to participate in the activities of Opening Day; however the limited number of online tickets to the event were quickly reserved in just a matter of minutes.

The public, however, could begin visiting the definitely spectacular view atop Mt. Umunhum beginning Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. This site provides a 360 degree view: to the north of San Francisco, south to Monterey and beyond, east toward the Sierra foothills and west out into the Pacific Ocean. A visual reminder as to why this site was originally selected, as well as its significant importance and radar enhanced ability to protect a large and important portion of the West Coast of the United States.

Mt Umunhum has held special significance for several decades to the many residents of the South Bay in general, and more specifically to residents of San Jose and Almaden Valley. It is not unusual to hear residents speak of the fact that when they are flying commercial aircraft, coming from the south into San Jose Airport, the important landmark to the west – is definitely Mt. Umunhum – indicating that passengers on commercial aircraft ...are coming into San Jose proper, and...almost home!

The site historically held a special place of significance a local Native American Tribe: the Ohlone. Representatives of the tribe were included as special guests, and also played an important role in having a prayer circle included at the site on top of Mt Umunhum.

As the road leading up to, and down from, the top of Mt. Umunhum is winding with many curves, as well as steep, visitors in cars are cautioned to be especially careful, and to drive slowly.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.openspace.org/mount-umunhum-sierra-azul>

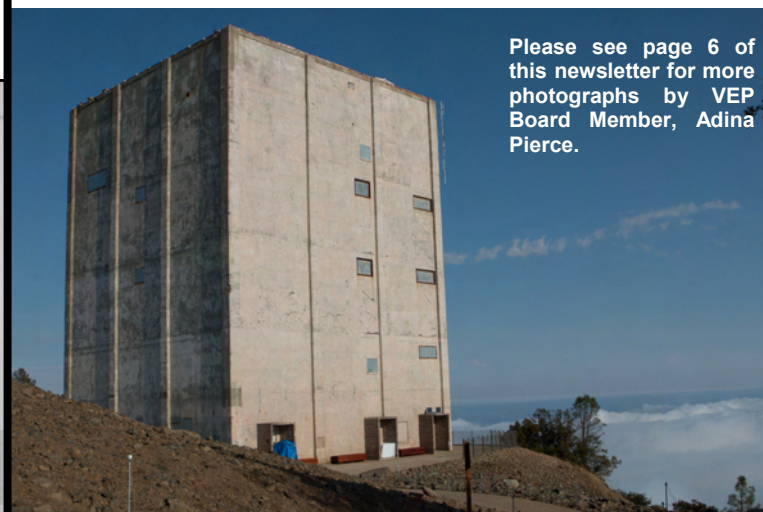
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Please see page 6 of this newsletter for more photographs by VEP Board Member, Adina Pierce.



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# **BUSINESS TAX (MEASURE G) COMMUNITY MEETING**

**Nov. 7, 2017 at 7:30 PM  
Almaden Community Center  
6445 Camden Ave. San Jose, CA 95120**



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affects me?**

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## Mt. Umunhum Conservancy Donor Event

By Marilyn Rodgers

On Friday evening, September 15<sup>th</sup>, the Mt. Umunhum Conservancy sponsored an additional celebratory event in conjunction with, and just prior to, the "opening of Mt. Umunhum". This has become an annual event to honor donors to the Conservancy, as well as special guests. The event was held at the Almaden Community Center. Special guests for this momentous year, included many former Air Force personnel – and their families – who had staffed the Mt Umunhum Air Force Station – which included staffing the Radar Tower. Councilmember Johnny Khamis was also in attendance, and thanked for his staunch support. The special guest speaker for the evening was the last Commanding Officer – Colonel Chuck Skinner, who oversaw the closing of the Air Force Station. He shared many interesting stories, insights, and special anecdotes about each of the other guests in attendance, who had also served on Mt. Umunhum.

The Umunhum Conservancy is the organization that fought to "save the Radar Tower" – and succeeded in doing so. As part of the evening's celebration, Historian and one of the Founding Board Members of the Conservancy, Basim Jaber provided an informative and fun assortment of pictures and stories of the Air Station and the personnel who served there. President and Founding Board Member Sam Drake, provided information as to the status of the Radar Tower. While it "has been saved" there remains a significant amount of work to be done (it continues to be closed to the public). The owner of the property is Mid-Peninsula Open Space Authority. The issues of what needs to be done to restore, protect, and make the Radar Tower safe, is still to be determined; as is the cost to accomplish the above, and...who will pay for the restoration.

The Conservancy will continue to keep everyone informed as to the issues listed above, as well as the progress to resolve those issues for the benefit of the public. In the meantime, everyone is encouraged to visit the "top of Mt. Umunhum" .....and enjoy!

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Martial Cottle Park Harvest Festival

Article By Marilyn Rodgers; Photographs by Adina Pierce

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Martial Cottle Park Harvest Festival, held on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, was another very well attended and successful event! This is a tribute to the continuing efforts of Park staff and enthusiasts, as this particular Saturday offered many other opportunities throughout the Bay Area – in other words – the competition for attendees at any event was stiff!



While all age groups were represented, the largest was that of young families with small children. Once again, Mr. Lester would have been especially pleased by the large numbers of children who were having the opportunity "to have fun, while also learning something about the importance of agriculture – past, current, and future" in this... the Valley of Hearts Delight.



Many tables provided both information, education, and fun activities. Others were vendors (all local) available to sell their wares to the adults in the crowd. Additionally, there was a very nice variety of activities such as music and dancing, pumpkin bowling, sack races, and.....of course many food trucks. One new activity that small children enjoyed, and...the adults loved taking pictures of.....a very gentle (and mature) beautiful white horse – which the children could meet and sit on, while parents clicked away with cellphones and/or other cameras – excitedly taking pictures!

Of course two of the returning activities which continue to be very popular – is the "petting area" with a variety of animals – large and small – provided by the 4-H; and the Visitor Center which provides additional information about the Park, and about the history of the previous owners/donors – the Lesters (and their parents/grandparents).

It was also a beautiful sunny day for the Festival with everyone appearing to be enjoying themselves. A big thank you to all of the volunteers who worked at the event to assist in it being a successful and enjoyable event!



Editor's Note: Please see page 7 for more photos of the festival!



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# Images of the Community ~ Photographs By Adina Pierce



**“Cooney Ranch Trail” @Martial Cottle Park  
Opened Late September, 2017**



**The “Bay Area Ridge Trail,”  
with (external) access to Mount  
Umunhum & the “Radar Tower,”  
opened to the public on  
September 18th, 2017.**

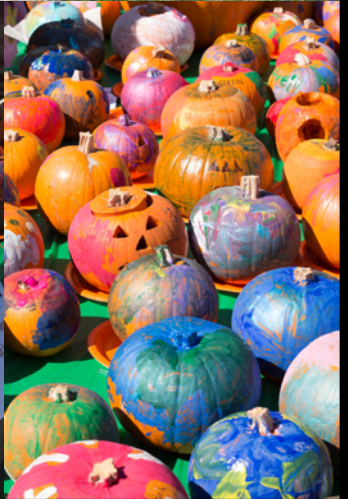


# Harvest Festival

MARTIAL COTTLE PARK



October 7th, 2017



## What You Need To Know About The So Called Seniors Home Initiative

By San Jose Mayor, Sam Liccardo

Last month, lawyers hired by wealthy developers filed "notice of intent" with the City Clerk to begin collecting signatures for a ballot measure that they call the "Evergreen Senior Homes Initiative."

The proposal claims to create affordable housing for seniors and veterans, an objective with which no one can take issue. The problem is that this proposal is far more - and far different - than what it claims to be.

As we've begun to analyze this 300+ page proposal (<https://goo.gl/5zaAVR>), it has become increasingly clear that these wealthy developers have created an extremely misleading initiative that circumvents the rules everyone else must follow and will have detrimental impacts on our residents. For example:

- While the initiative makes several references to "veterans housing," it includes no enforceable commitments to ensure that any veteran will actually live in one of these homes.
- While these developers have framed their initiative as a proposal for affordable housing, they are actually proposing to build a gated community in Evergreen made up of predominantly single-family homes, at market price (in today's dollars, \$1 million or more).
- While the initiative calls for constructing some affordable apartments, they've actually watered down San Jose's existing affordable housing requirements in ways that greatly limit- the number of homes available to San Jose's low-income families.
- Despite the gridlock choking the Evergreen area, this initiative exempts the developers from paying the required traffic impact fees that all other developers have to pay to reduce congestion.
- Although framed as "senior housing," the initiative would enable any 55-year old executive with teenagers to buy one of these homes, which will generate similar traffic impacts as other single-family housing developments.
- By taking their plan straight to the ballot box, they are bypassing the established community engagement process by which surrounding neighbors, and any other concerned residents, can offer their input to help shape new development projects.

These facts all point to the heart of this initiative: a group of wealthy developers seek to enrich themselves by creating a different set of rules for themselves than the rules by which everyone else abides. Their proposal would significantly alter the City's existing General Plan (which was the product of input from more than 5,000 San Jose residents) in favor of some new, more profitable development guidelines that they literally wrote by themselves, for themselves.

Finally, it's worth noting that some of the elements proposed by the initiative would apply citywide. As a result, beyond the impacts on our Evergreen neighborhoods, this initiative could have serious ramifications - and could spur a host of similar new developments - in neighborhoods and communities across the city that could undermine San Jose's job base and destroy open spaces and hillsides.

Please visit [www.sjmayor.org/BillionaireScheme](http://www.sjmayor.org/BillionaireScheme) to learn more about this initiative and the potential impacts on our community.

I also encourage you to read the recent Mercury News Editorial at <https://goo.gl/6LbxYx>, and the recent columns from Scott Herhold, at <https://goo.gl/STsZZn>. In addition, recent news articles from Ramona Giwargis (<https://goo.gl/FZeWu3>) and Josh Koehn (<https://goo.gl/tW7gTz>) provide more detailed accounts on the important issues at play in this proposed initiative.

If you have any questions or are looking for more information on this topic, please feel free to email my office at [mayoremail@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:mayoremail@sanjoseca.gov) so we can keep you updated as we continue to analyze this proposed initiative. Thanks for taking the time to learn more about this critical issue.

## Helping the Bees One Small Garden at a Time: Ways You Can Make A Difference

By Christy Erickson: [www.savingourbees.org](http://www.savingourbees.org)

Concerns over declining bee populations are rising and many people are anxious to know how they can help. Individuals may not be able to remedy this situation on their own, but they can make a difference even with a small garden. Get creative about using the space you have to give bees a safe place to flourish.

Honey



Small garden spaces can produce big results: A small garden in your yard or a handful of pots, a vertical wall, or hanging baskets on a balcony with the right flowers can be a valuable resource for bees. [BalconyContainerGardening.com](http://BalconyContainerGardening.com) suggests packing as much diversity into your garden as you can. Many flowers work well in this type of setting, but numerous fruits and vegetables can be a good fit too. Consider growing rosemary, peppers, lavender, cilantro, or berries, and incorporate flowers like crocus, poppies, buttercups, and dahlias. Try to put together not only a rainbow of blossom colors, but a combination of flowering plants that will pop at different times throughout the bee season (May through Oct.).

Think outside the box: [BuzzAboutBees.net](http://BuzzAboutBees.net) notes that you can get creative in maximizing the space available in your garden. Use trees, arches, or other vertical features in the area to support climbing plants like wisteria, honeysuckle, and jasmine. You may even be able to hang some baskets from strong tree branches to incorporate more variety. Not all flowering plants do well in a hanging basket, but fuchsias, marigolds, heathers, and ivy are good options to consider. [HoneyLove.org](http://HoneyLove.org) notes that having a number of different types of plants in your garden will invite a variety of bee species. If you are working with a small amount of space, try to have at least three different flowers planted. Focus on using native plants that will appeal to the types of bees found in your area. Staff at local gardening centers can often provide useful insight on which plants may work best in your region.

Bees need more than just plants to thrive: If you have a plot of land to use for your bee garden, be sure to provide opportunities for bees to nest. Mow your grass less often than is typical or leave it a bit long to give bees a place to hide and feed. Leave some space open without a mulch covering, since some species prefer to burrow into the dirt to nest. You can also help by keeping some raw materials like dead wood, dry grasses, and small brush in the area for bees to use. Bees also need to have water available, so create some muddy puddles throughout your space for this purpose. If you are container gardening, add a dish filled with small rocks and water for bees to use as a water source. These insects also need protection from the elements, so incorporate shelter to keep them safe from the rain, wind, and cold. This can be as simple as allowing some space between plants so bees have a protected spot to go when the weather is rough.

If you are worried about the bee population reductions that have been escalating in recent years, you can step up and make a difference. Look for opportunities to plant bee-friendly flowers in a small plot or a few pots and plan for ways they can easily nest and access water. Remember that there is no one-size-fits-all approach to building this type of garden and every bit of effort makes a difference. For more tips on creating the perfect garden, check out tips at [www.HomeAdvisor.com/r/build-the-perfect-garden/](http://www.HomeAdvisor.com/r/build-the-perfect-garden/).



FROM THE OFFICE OF  
**JOHNNY KHAMIS**  
 SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL - DISTRICT 10



# OCTOBER

## Crime Prevention Month

Dear Neighbors,

October is Crime Prevention Month. With darkness coming earlier each night and the holidays approaching, it is a good time to raise community awareness of the steps we can take to stay safe and to help deter crime. Property crimes, such as burglaries, tend to rise in the winter months, as well, and we want to ensure that people are prepared.



Please consider organizing your street into a Neighborhood Watch Group. Here is how to accomplish that:  
[www.sjpd.org/BFO/Community/Crimeprev/neighborhoodwatch.html](http://www.sjpd.org/BFO/Community/Crimeprev/neighborhoodwatch.html)

October is also a fun time for the kids with Halloween just around the corner.

Please review SJPD's safety tips for Halloween so we can all enjoy a safe Halloween:

[www.sjpd.org/BFO/Community/Crimeprev/PreventionTips/HalloweenSafety.html](http://www.sjpd.org/BFO/Community/Crimeprev/PreventionTips/HalloweenSafety.html)

### STAY SAFE! Halloween Safety Tips



### County Explores Laura's Law



On September 13, 2017 the Health and Hospital Committee of the County Board of Supervisors received a report from the Director of Behavioral Health Services on Assisted Outpatient Treatment, commonly known as Laura's Law, or AB 1421. Supervisor Cindy Chavez requested this study on May 9, 2017 in response to concerns regarding options for residents in need of mental health treatment. I applaud Supervisor Chavez for requesting a report on AB 1421 ("Laura's Law").

For details, please review the Committee presentation at:  
<http://sccgov.iqm2.com/Citizens/SplitView.aspx?Mode=Video&MeetingID=8367&Format=Agenda>

Assistant Outpatient Treatment is an important option for families in crisis which has been adopted by 14 counties, including San Francisco, Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, Los Angeles, and San Diego. I hope that the County continues to look at AB 1421 and that the Board of Supervisors pursue it as a tool to bring mental health patients into treatment. A portion of the people living on our streets, along railroad tracks, and in creek beds suffer from mental health issues – some are severely impaired.

As we work to find better solutions for the unhoused in our community, it is clear that we cannot solve the homelessness issue for these folks without employing more and better mental health services throughout the County – especially here in San Jose.

SELECT THURSDAYS IN 2017  
**SENIOR SAFARI WALKABOUT**  
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Friday, October 27th ~ 5pm-9pm

Proceeds support various student activities at Carson Elementary School, throughout the year, including Field Trip Transportation, the Music Program, and Project Cornerstone.

Auction, featuring Student Artwork from each class!

FOOD Provided By: Quick Dog Catering Los Altos Food Truck and Carson PTA

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*VEP Community Association Invites You to Join Us!*

## *3rd Annual Dave Fadness Memorial Beautification Day!*

**Vista Park Community Room: 475 Hyde Park Drive  
Saturday, October 28th ~ Starting at 9:00am**

We all know how much Dave loved to help keep our community beautiful! His dedication and love of volunteering in the VEP and in greater San Jose is greatly missed.

Please come out for as long as you can to help us keep Dave's legacy of "beautification" projects alive!

Bring your work gloves and help us spruce-up the park!

*We hope to see you there!*



# VEP Community Calendar




September

/

October 

2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15	16	17	18		<b>READ FOR THE RECORD</b> THURSDAY October 19	21 <b>At Your Local Libraries!</b> Check Out <a href="http://www.sjpl.org">www.sjpl.org</a>
22	23	<b>24</b> VEP Community Meeting and ~ 7:30 PM ~ @Vista Park Community Room	25	<b>26</b>  Senior Safari Walkabout 9:00-10:00am @Happy Hollow (See info. on p. 7)	27	<b>28</b> 3rd Annual Dave Fadness Beautification Day Starting @9am @Vista Park (See info. on p. 8)
29	30	<b>31</b>  happy Halloween	<b>1</b> District 10 Office Hours 8:30-9:30am @Almaden Valley Community Center (6445 Camden Ave.)	2	3	4
5	6	<b>7</b> Business Tax (Measure G) Community Mtg. ~ 7:30pm ~ @Almaden Valley Community Center (6445 Camden Ave.)	8	9	10	<b>11</b> District 10 Office Hours 10:30-11:30am @Hub's Coffee (630 Blossom Hill Rd.)
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## ★ Coming Soon in the VEP Neighborhoods ★

### VEP's Meetings

Tuesday, December 5th  
Tuesday, January 30th  
Tuesday, February 27th

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**3rd Annual Dave Fadness  
★ Beautification Day ★**  
Saturday, October 28th @Vista Park

★ **Santa in the Park** ★  
Sunday, Nov. 26th @Vista Park Community Rm.

★ **Annual Holiday Decoration Contest** ★  
December, in VEP Neighborhoods

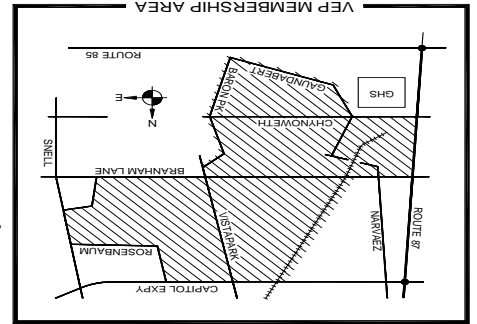


Be sure to attend this month's  
**VEP Community Meeting!**  
**Tuesday, October 24th @ 7:30pm**  
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**Community Meeting**  
**Tues., Oct. 24th**  
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