



VEP's COMMUNITY MEETING

► **Tuesday, October 30th** ◀

Meeting @7:30pm ~ Late Arrivals Okay! 😊

Vista Park Community Room - 475 Hyde Park Drive

► **Everyone is welcome. Invite a neighbor, or two!** ◀

~ October Meeting Agenda ~

☆ Neighborhood Crime Prevention ☆

Presentation by

Norma Rueda

SJPD Crime Prevention Unit

☆ VEP Business Meeting ☆

Honoring VEP's Outgoing VEP Board

Announcements & Updates

Information & Updates from the
Office Councilmember Johnny Khamis
District 10 & City of San Jose

"Save the Dates"

☆ Your Concerns and Ideas ☆

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

~ CALENDAR CORNER ~

2018 IS VEP'S 49TH YEAR!

- 10/27 **4th Annual Dave Fadness Beautification Day**
→ Meet @Vista Park on Hyde Park Dr.; 9:00am
(Please see Page 7 for more details!)
- 10/30 **VEP Community Meeting (See Above)**
- 11/6 **Election Day! / Get Out & Vote!** ☑
- 11/25 **VEP's "Santa In the Park" Event! (See Page 7)**
→ Free Photos with Santa! A VEP Tradition!
@Vista Park Community Room; 2:00-4:00pm
- DEC. **VEP's Annual Holiday Decorations Contest!**

VEP's October Meeting Preview

By Lisa Sanchez and Greg West

The holidays are upon us and, as a result, we are experiencing an uptick in crime throughout our neighborhoods. This meeting should help us come up with strategies on dealing with such activity. We are pleased to confirm that Nancy Rueda, from the San Jose Police Department Crime Prevention Unit, will give a presentation on Neighborhood Crime Prevention. In this presentation, she will give an overview of subjects such as: Identifying "suspicious behavior"; Making a report to the SJPD; Prevention/safety tips to deter crime; and the Neighborhood Watch program. You will have the opportunity to sign up to host or attend a Neighborhood Watch program at the meeting.

We will also recognize our outgoing VEP officers and directors who have served the neighborhood so well and so selflessly during their terms on the VEP board. And, of course, we can talk about issues that are of concern to you.

VEP's September 2018 Meeting

By Laura McGeever and Greg West

A meeting of VEP Neighborhood Association was held at Vista Park Community Room on September 25, 2018. Special guest attendees were Johnny Khamis, San Jose City Councilmember for District 10, Dave Cortese, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors District 3, Sara Shellenberger from Santa Clara County Parks, and John Hirokawa, candidate for Santa Clara County Sheriff.

VEP President, Marilyn Rogers, announced upcoming events: Martial Cottle Park Harvest Festival on 10/6, the 4th Annual Dave Fadness Beautification Day on 10/27, and VEP "Santa in the Park" on 11/25.

District 10 San Jose City Councilmember, Johnny Khamis, thanked Marylyn for volunteering at Viva Calle San Joae (See article on Page 4 for info!). He also mentioned that the new CCE is going live for city owned buildings and will go live for the whole city in March. He also said that he voted "no" on the following ballot measures: Charter change on contracting, and Measure V. He voted "yes" on Measure T (Refer to www.sjd10.com for more details).

John Hirokawa, candidate for Santa Clara County Sheriff, said that he can bring trust, transparency, and reform to the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office. He stated that he has a more than 37-year career serving the public in law enforcement and that he can bring a change and a fresh start to the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office. His approach is different and is informed by decades of collaboration with community groups and outside experts.

Sara Shellenberger gave an update on Martial Cottle Park. She said that Martial Cottle Park has volunteer team opportunities (refer to sara.shellenbarger@prk.sccgov.org); that the Chynoweth sidewalk extension is underway; that Life Estate Planning for the section of the park with the old estate buildings has started; that Viva Calle SJ ended at Martial Cottle Park this year on September 23; that the MCP Fall Festival is on October 6; and that MCP has many partners including Jacob Farms, Master Gardens, 4-H, Our City Forrest, and Friends of Martial Cottle Park.

Joyce Chesnos, a VEP neighbor and active in Friends of Martial Cottle Park (FOMCP), said that the mission of FOMCP is to inspire the community to care for, learn about, and enjoy Martial

VEP NEWS

The **VEP News** is the official publication of the VEP Community Association, a not-for-profit organization of volunteers established in 1969 to serve and represent homeowners in the Blossom Valley area of southern San Jose. Now, in 2018, this has grown to encompass more than 2,800 homes. VEP is dedicated to neighborhood maintenance and improvement in its membership area as well as to active involvement in civic affairs. This newsletter is mailed monthly to all members in good standing, to our advertisers, and to schools and government officials serving our membership area.

VEP News is 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. 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, Mrs. Rachel Witmeyer. Business entities who are interested in advertising with the VEP News are encouraged to contact the Treasurer, Mr. Leonard Lucero. (See Below for contact information.)

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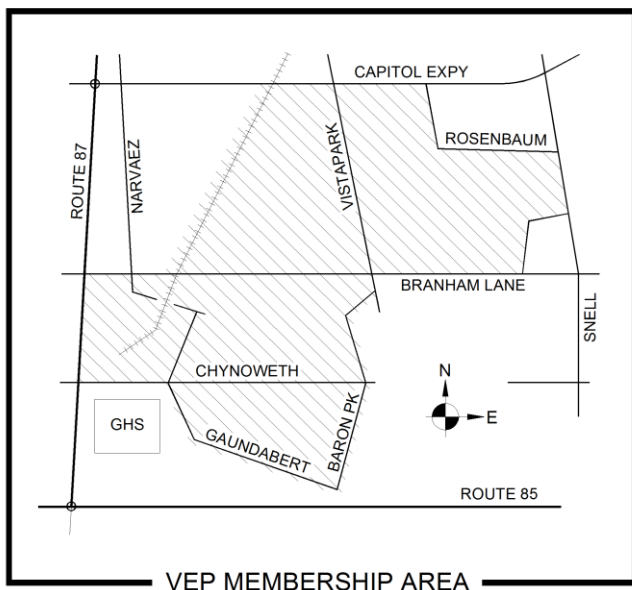
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VEP MEMBERSHIP AREA

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Cottle Park and the agricultural heritage of Santa Clara Valley by promoting agricultural and environmental awareness and education programs and projects that support and preserve Martial Cottle Park.

During the business meeting, the present members of VEP discussed and approved of the following items that were outlined in the September Newsletter (www.vepca.net): Goals and Objectives for 2018/2019; changes to the Constitution and Bylaws; the Treasurer's Report and Annual Budget for 2018/2019; and the Slate for the VEP Board of Directors: Greg West, Cindy Bosworth, Laura McGeever, Leonard Lucero, Rachel Witmeyer, Robert Supencheck and Lisa Sanchez.



Introducing VEP's 2018-19 Board of Directors

President: Greg West (Vista Park)

Greg West returns to the VEP Presidency with a long record of civic involvement and volunteerism. He served as VEP President from 1998 to 2001, was founder and past president of the Gunderson High School Foundation, and devoted many years as commissioner, past chair and vice chair of the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Commission. He also served on the San Jose Unified School District Bond Measure F Oversight Committee which oversaw \$500 million in bond spending.

Greg recently retired from roughly 35 years in engineering and management in the semiconductor industry. He has a BSEE from the Milwaukee School of Engineering and a MS in Engineering Management from Santa Clara University. Besides taking a leadership role in VEP, Greg is currently substitute teaching high school math, science, and English in SJUSD and working toward a MEd in curriculum and instruction. He volunteered in Scouting while raising two sons who graduated from Gunderson High School. They now have their own families and have made Greg a grandfather. His wife Robin is employed at Gunderson.

Vice President: Cindy Bosworth (Parkview)

Cindy Bosworth and her husband Bob bought their home in the VEP community in 1990 and have loved this community ever since. She spent 24 years on active duty with the California Army National Guard and retired in 2001. At that time, she knew that she wanted to help her community and volunteered at her daughter's school. It was there that she first learned about and began to volunteer with VEP. She helped for many years with planning and organizing the VEP Memorial Day parade and festival held at Parkview School.

Cindy stepped aside in her volunteer work to go back to school to earn her teaching credential. She has been teaching for a few years and is now excited to be back as a VEP volunteer. She and Bob have raised two daughters.

Secretary: Laura McGeever (Carson)

Laura McGeever grew up and was educated in San Mateo. She has a Business Administration and Mathematics degree from Lewis & Clark College in Portland OR and an MBA from San Francisco State. Laura worked in financial services operations and then in Project M-

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-agement in the high tech for 20 years. She has been Second Harvest Food Bank volunteer and a Girl Scout leader. She worked at AMD, 3Com and Cisco before recently retiring with her husband, Marc, of 31 years. Their grown children, Christopher and Alycia, were educated in public schools during the 22 years the McGeever's have lived in the VEP community.

Treasurer: Leonard Lucero (Vista Park)

Leonard Lucero was born and grew up in Los Angeles. He attended Don Bosco Technical Institute, one of few Vocational Education private high schools at the time, where he got his diploma and Associates degree in Manufacturing Technology. He began working in the aerospace industry in 1984 and later returned to Don Bosco Technical Institute as an instructor. He worked at companies such as Northrop, McDonnell-Douglas, Boeing, and Lockheed Martin in Sunnyvale. While at Lockheed Martin, Leonard attended San Jose State University and earned a BS in Industrial Technology. He also attended DeAnza College and earned another AA in computer aided design with emphasis in manufacturing.

Leonard is married, has a young son, and has lived in the VEP community since 2016. He likes to read, garden, and spend a lot of time with his son.

Director: Robert Supencheck (Vista Park)

Rob Supencheck was born in Michigan and grew up in San Jose. He was educated in the San Jose Unified School District, attending Terrell Elementary and Steinbeck Junior High before graduating from Gunderson High School. He has a business degree from San Jose State and further training in computer technology. He works for a company in the area of technical support.

Rob's son, Dylan, also graduated from Gunderson High School and last June was awarded the David Fadness Engineering Scholarship presented by the Gunderson High School Foundation. Dylan is now enrolled as a freshman at UC Berkeley. Both father and son have followed the example of longstanding volunteer Josie Supencheck in VEP projects over the many years they have lived in the VEP community.

Director: Lisa Sanchez (Parkview)

Lisa Sanchez was born and raised here. She has been married for 24 years to her husband Jessie, also a San Jose native. She graduated in 1981 from the last graduating class of Sunnyvale High School. They moved into Parkview in 1996. She homeschooled three of her four children.

Lisa retired from AT&T after working for the telephone company for 20 years. She currently works at home. She loves her neighborhood and her neighbors. She is one of the Parkview leaders on Nextdoor and has been involved with the Parkview bunco group since 2012.

Director & VEP News Editor: Rachel Witmeyer (Parkview)

Born in Greenville, Pennsylvania. Grew up in the South Bay Area: Mountain View, then Campbell. Del Mar High School: Class of '99. UC Davis: B.A. '03. San Jose State University: M.A. & Elementary Teaching Credential '05, Biology & Geoscience Credentials '11. Public School Teacher since 2005, all in the 6th Grade. Teaching in Franklin-McKinley School District since 2006, at Franklin School.

Parkview Resident and VEP Member since 2009. *VEP NEWS* Editor since fall of 2013. Committed to education, social justice, community involvement, environmentalism and volunteerism. Worked along with husband (Robert), neighbors, and VEP to obtain "Speed Humps" for Bluefield Drive East. Active member of Alpha Delta Kappa, International Honor & Altruism Organization for Women Educators (CA-Beta Pi Chapter). Enjoys music & singing, movies, cooking & baking, crafts, and spending time outdoors. Cat owner. Tree hugger.

President's Corner

By Greg West

I'm back.

First of all, I'd like to thank the previous administration, Marilyn Rodgers, Katherine Decker, Adina Pierce, Ginger Cardona, Helen Castillo, and Rich Giammona for their outstanding job leading our organization, watching out for our neighborhood interests, and, in general, making VEP a better place. I'm also very excited to have Rachel Witmeyer continue on as Newsletter Editor. She is already making an impact by aiding in the transition between administrations. And, I'm happy to be working with our new administration, Cindy Bosworth, Laura McGeever, Leonard Lucero, Rob Supencheck, and Lisa Sanchez. You can read more about them elsewhere in this edition of the VEP News.

Second, I'm excited to be leading this community-based organization once again. My first stint as president was a little more than 15 years ago (1998 – 2001). Things have changed a bit, but not unrecognizably so. We have a new park since then, Martial Cottle Park, and a new place to meet in the VEP community room. Our previous meeting place was the Gunderson High School Theater. I know that we have many new neighbors in the last 15 years and I look forward to working with everybody.

We have our 3rd annual Dave Fadness Neighborhood Clean-up Day coming up on Saturday the 27th, and I encourage you to meet your neighbors in the VEP Community Room at 9:30AM to lend a hand (*See more details on Page 7*). This clean-up day is in the honor and memory of a long time neighbor and outstanding community leader and volunteer, Dave Fadness. We held the first clean-up day in his honor 3 years ago, shortly after his passing.

Finally, I have to give a shout out to our City Council member, Johnny Khamis and his staff for their role in the clean-up of the homeless encampments on Branham Lane at Hwy 87 and on Chynoweth Avenue under Hwy 87. The City did offer services to the people in the encampments. These areas, in particular, are gateways to our community and the encampments reflected poorly on the efforts that we take to make our community safe and enjoyable. The encampment on Chynoweth was more disturbing because Gunderson High School students needed to walk by it on their way between light rail and school. I'll write more about the encampment clean-ups for the next issue of the VEP News.

Update from San Jose District 10 Neighborhood Commissioner Rich Giammona

I am Rich Giammona and represent D10 on the City of San Jose Neighborhood Commission. This month I'd like to share with you information in regards to 2016 Measure B 1/4 Cent Sales Tax. I'm serving on the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee for this tax measure. The next meeting of ICOC will be on November 7th at 6pm in tower conference room 1735.

Measure B 1/4 Cent Sales Tax was passed in 2016 by residents of San Jose. This measure required an Independent Citizens Oversight Committee to be formed. Its responsibility is to review spending of this measure.

The following link is the ICOC report of the first year of the measures implementation. It is for the first year of this measure going into effect 2016-2017. The report gives key details about the committee's findings. The committee will begin meeting for the 2017-2018 implementation of this measure.

Report Link: www.sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/79050



Viva CalleSJ Event Recap

By Marilyn Rodgers & Rachel Witmeyer

On September 23rd, 2018, the Viva CalleSJ "open street" event came right up to VEP's own neighborhood for the very first time! Bicyclers, tri-cyclers, walkers, runners traveled a route of specially closed road-portions from downtown along Monterey Road to Branham, and on to the finish at Martial Cottle Park. It was a good day for our area. VEP's own Adina Pierce (Past VEP Director) participated in the event on her bike and reported having a great day.



Everyone was very impressed with the amount of bicycles - a huge number all lined up along the perimeter where the booths were located. Lots and lots of families were in attendance with their children of all ages, all riding bicycles together - quite a sight!

There were a lot of very interesting booths and displays. Even the VTA had a very nice bus there that was quite an attraction! There were also several VEP members that were at the event to work the booth for the newly forming group - "Friends of Martial Cottle Park." (For more information about F.O.M.C.P., please see the article in the September 2018 edition of the VEP News, as well as an article on this page of this newsletter. →)

I had a chance to meet a lot of nice people while co-hosting a booth that was graciously provided by D10 Councilmember Johnny Khamis, with D10 staff member Michele Dexter. I met several current VEP members, and several residents who live in the VEP neighborhoods, but are not members, yet. (Membership information was provided!) Fall VEP Flyers were also given to event-goers in promotion of our upcoming 4th Annual Dave Fadness Beautification Day and "Santa in the Park."

For more information about Viva CalleSJ and future events, please visit their official website at www.vivacallesj.org.



Marilyn Rodgers (Past President of VEP), Michele Dexter (Office of D10 Councilmember Khamis) and Adina Pierce (Past VEP Director). Photo Courtesy of Adina Pierce.

Updates on Martial Cottle Park

By Sara Shellenbarger

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Santa Clara County Parks Department

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Martial Cottle Park's volunteer program has been growing and adapting to the park needs. Volunteers are integrated into nearly every aspect of the park's operations. We are recruiting for many opportunities including: Visitor Center Host, School Program Docents, Land Stewards, Trail Watch, Newsletter contributors, Nest Box Monitors, Eagle Scout Projects, Archives and Collections volunteers and Special Events.

Planning for the area of the park including the Cottle/Lester family historic buildings is beginning. A team has been assembled to research and report on the historic structures. Opportunities to attend public meetings will be shared as they are scheduled. We are excited to see the Cottle/Lester family vision continue to drive the development of the park.

On Sept. 23, Martial Cottle Park was transformed into an Activity Hub for the City of San Jose's Viva Calle open streets event. For many in the park that day, it was a first visit to Martial Cottle Park or even a Santa Clara County Park. We were grateful to be able to introduce so many people to Martial Cottle Park.

On Oct. 6, Martial Cottle Park hosted its 4th annual Harvest Festival from 10am-3pm. The event included Master Gardeners' Fall Garden Market plant sale, up-close farm animal encounters, organic farm tours, a kids' pumpkin patch and carnival zone, crafts, live music, food trucks, a trick roper, square dancing, arts and crafts for sale, a wagon ride and historic ranch activities.

The partners at Martial Cottle Park have been busy: Jacobs Farm's organic pumpkin patch and corn maze will be open 7 days a week through October. University of California Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners of Santa Clara County continues to develop their parcel with additional sheds and garden areas and continues to host gardening classes and school programs. Sunset 4-H Club continues to raise a cow, goats and chickens on their parcel with steer arriving later this fall. They received approval to start a breeding program, so with any luck there will be babies on the parcel in the spring. Our City Forest was an Open Space Authority grant recipient for \$100K to build an outdoor classroom. The Community Garden was approved by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and San Jose's City Council this summer. We don't yet have a date for construction.

Lastly, we are very excited for a new partnership with the recently formed Friends of Martial Cottle Park. This 501(c)(3) non-profit organization was founded by a group of dedicated park volunteers who wish to advocate for and support Martial Cottle Park via fundraising for projects and programs that otherwise would go unrealized. We are grateful to this group for starting an organization that will support the park and help us continue to carry out the vision of the Cottle/Lester family.

“The Boo Crew” Runs Local Haunted House

By “The Boo Crew” and Leonard Lucero

Bob Schiro is not your ordinary husband, father, and neighbor. You can brush shoulders with him at the local grocery store or drive up next to him on a crowded Almaden Expressway afternoon. And chances are that if you lived near Church Drive, located between Hillsdale and Branham not far from the Church of the Chimes, you have probably seen his work. Well, you have probably seen his work during Halloween. You see, Mr. Schiro is an entertainer, albeit one who prefers hiding behind the dark curtains. For going on 18 years, Bob has been building haunted houses.

“When my daughter started elementary school, I wanted to get involved. I heard that they put on a Harvest Festival that had a haunted house. It seemed interesting and I loved Halloween growing up, so I volunteered to help.”

During that time Bob met a group of people who all fell under the spell of the event. They were all smitten and to this day have still been creating a Halloween experience for many to enjoy.

“I made a flying witch on a broom in front of the moon that first year. That Haunted House took place in one classroom,” Bob said. “Every year we stepped it up bigger and bigger from one classroom to more classrooms to outside in the playground.”

This group of Haunted House builders came to be called The Boo Crew! It is composed of both moms and dads. When the children all left elementary school, the crew decided it was time for a location change.

“We brought the haunted house back to my house, and for the last 8 years, we have been creating different themes every year for the public to enjoy.”

Themes such as Pirate ships, Haunted Mines, Haunted Mansion, and a crafty homage to the De Anza Hotel rebuilt and renamed The De ad Hotel. This attraction attracts thousands every Halloween and all Mr. Schiro asks for admission, canned goods which his crew donates to Second Harvest.



“Seeing and listening to people share their enthusiasm and positive energy towards our Halloween displays are just a few reasons among many why I like to do this haunted house. I have fun with family, friends and neighbors creating something positive everybody can enjoy in their own way. One other little secret just between you and me, the moon created 18 years ago has been used in every year’s display. Happy Halloween!!”

VISIT “The Boo Crew Haunted House”

@1441 Church Drive

Hours:

Halloween night (10/31) & following night (11/1)

“No Scare” from 4:30-6:30pm

Scare from 6:30-10:30pm



STAY CONNECTED

Did you know that Gunderson High School has a Foundation?

The Gunderson High School Foundation strives to assist with projects that cannot be funded by the school or San Jose Unified School District due to budget constraints. The Foundation lives by the motto "Community Supporting Students." Our goal is to advocate for Gunderson, championing the school and students at every opportunity and helping to promote Grizzly PRIDE. We make a difference at Gunderson by funding scholarships for graduating seniors, participate in school-wide enhancements and provide department grants to support student achievement within the learning environment. Since 2011 we have awarded over \$45,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors, thanks to the support from engaged parents, alumni and our local community.

If you are interested in supporting Gunderson High School, we encourage you to join our foundation. Simply go to the Gunderson High website, <https://gunderson.sjUSD.org/who-we-are/foundation/>, and provide us with your contact information under the “Join the Foundation” section. You can also follow us on Facebook, @GundersonFoundation, if you want to track our latest social events or Fundraisers.

* Upcoming Event - Friday, November 2nd *

Join Gunderson Foundation at our

Homecoming Football Game vs. Branham High!

All Gunderson Alumni → Register with Gunderson Foundation and receive a FREE TICKET to our Varsity Homecoming game!

If you would like to make a direct donation to an event or to the foundation, please contact us at gundersonhighfoundation@gmail.com

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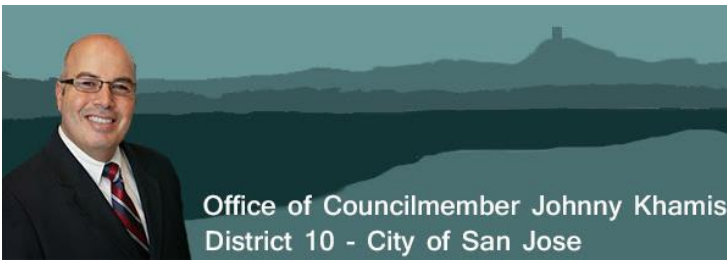
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City Measures that change how we do business:

City of San Jose Measure S

A ballot measure proposal to amend Section 1217 of Article XII of the San José City Charter to modify construction contract procurement and the bidding process - <http://bit.ly/2O444k1>. The measure reads: "Prioritize selecting contractors on cost, but enable consideration of factors like experience and work quality; Increase opportunities for small, local, and economically disadvantaged businesses to compete for contracts; Modify the bidding threshold from \$100,000 to \$600,000, adjusted annually for inflation; Lower the "design-build" contract threshold from \$5,000,000 to \$1,000,000; and Allow modernization of public noticing?"

City of San Jose Measure U

A ballot measure to remove the Mayor and Council's ability to approve their own salaries; require the Salary Setting Commission to adjust the base salaries for the Mayor and City Council once every five years; limit base salary increases after each 5-year adjustment to annual adjustments for inflation; and align the City Charter with State law to allow the City Council to place competing ordinances on the same ballot in Municipal Elections - <http://bit.ly/2OPN51Z>. At present, a 5-member salary-setting commission convenes once every two years to provide their recommendations to the City Council. The City Council then approves or modifies their recommendation to reduce the recommended salary. The new process would have the 5-member commission, appointed by the Civil Service Commission, convene once every five years to set base salaries for the Mayor and Councilmembers.

City Measures: Full info. at City Clerk's website - <http://bit.ly/2xOIRAf>

More Great sources of information include:

- Ballotpedia - <http://bit.ly/2zrfvdo>
- The City Clerk's elections website - <http://bit.ly/2xOIRAf>
- The County Registrar of Voters website - <http://bit.ly/2DpKiel>
- Voter's Edge - <http://bit.ly/2Od5Tv6>
- ...and your voter's guide!

My comments on the Measures during Council meetings may be viewed at [youtube.com/channel/UC0jzSVw50sfSrZXUTrP1lw/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0jzSVw50sfSrZXUTrP1lw/videos)

Register to Vote Online By October 22nd!!! → registertovote.ca.gov/

Monthly Community Office Hours in the VEP Area:

Hub's Coffee, 630 Blossom Hill Rd. ~ 10:00-11:30am
2nd Saturdays: Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 9, April 13, May 11

Contact the Office of D10 Councilmember Khamis:

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Measures with potential financial impact to residents

Santa Clara County Measure A

This measure makes permanent a temporary 1/8th-cent general sales tax that was approved as Measure A in 2012 - <http://bit.ly/2QWFH6r>. It generates about \$50 million per year for the County General Fund to pay for County services. In 2012, when Measure A was approved by the voters, County tax revenues were at a low point due to the property-valuation effects of the Great Recession. Property valuations now exceed pre-recession levels. The tax is scheduled to expire March 31, 2023, and a Yes vote on Measure A will make the tax permanent. A No vote will result in a 1/8th-cent sales tax reduction beginning April 1, 2023. Visit page 19 of the County Board of Supervisors agenda document for the complete resolution - <http://bit.ly/2ZrQf6V>.

City of San José Measure T

A \$650 million general obligation bond measure to fund "Disaster Preparedness, Public Safety, and Infrastructure." It was at my request that the proposed measure specifies that at least \$300 million of the \$650 million bond would be issued for the purpose of repaving streets in the worst condition and repairing potholes and was included in the resolution. It is estimated that the bonds would be funded through an average tax of 11 cents per \$1,000 of the assessed value of each assessed parcel within the City of San José, averaging \$34,208,000 annually until repaid. A copy of the Tax Rate Statement can be found as Exhibit B to the Council Resolution placing Measure T on the ballot - <http://bit.ly/2pAqdZj>.

City of San José Measure V

A \$450 million general obligation bond to fund "Affordable Housing." It is estimated that the bonds would be funded through an average tax of 8 cents per \$1,000 of the assessed value of each assessed parcel within the City of San Jose averaging \$26,217,000 annually until repaid. A copy of the Tax Rate Statement can be found as Exhibit B to the Council Resolution placing Measure V on the ballot - <http://bit.ly/2zrZzHU>.

Assuming the assessed value of a parcel matches the actual sale price.					Yearly cost for owner of parcel at average \$641,830 assessed value (per Assessor's Annual report 2017-2018)	Yearly cost for owner of median-priced San Jose home of \$1,128,300 (from Zillow.com)	Area Affected	Vote required for passage	Is there a Senior or other Exemption, beyond the standard Homeowner Exemption?
City-Wide Measure	Summary	Total bonds that could be issued	How would bonds be paid for?	Rate (estimated cost for ad valorem taxes)					
T	Disaster Preparedness, Public Safety, and Infrastructure Bond	\$650 million	Ad valorem tax	Maximum estimate of \$18.41/\$100,000 of assessed property value	\$118.16	\$207.72	City of San Jose	2/3 vote	No
V	Affordable Housing Bond	\$450 million	Ad valorem tax	Maximum estimate of \$14.29/\$100,000 of assessed property value	\$91.72	\$161.23	City of San Jose	2/3 vote	No
ESTIMATED ANNUAL TOTAL COST PER YEAR:					\$209.88	\$368.95			
County-Wide Measure	Summary	Total annual revenue estimated	How is it paid for?	Rate	Yearly cost based on \$30,000 in annual taxable purchases	Yearly cost based on \$60,000 in annual taxable purchases	Area Affected	Vote required for passage	Is there a Senior or other Exemption?
A	Makes permanent the temporary 1/8-cent sales tax passed in 2012 that was set to expire March 31, 2023.	\$50 million annually	Transaction and Use Tax (similar to sales tax)	.125% x value of retail transaction	\$37.50	\$75.00	All of Santa Clara County	50%+1	Personal services and non-tangible items not taxed in CA

Teal Pumpkin Project - "Trick or Treat" Updated

By F.A.R.E. – Food Allergy Research & Education

The Teal Pumpkin Project® is back and bigger than ever, as the annual campaign from Food Allergy Research & Education (FARE) expands and aims for a teal pumpkin on every block in every neighborhood in the United States.

One in 13 children in the U.S. has a food allergy, a potentially life-threatening disease that presents many challenges for millions of families across the country. This Halloween, FARE encourages people to show their support for kids with food allergies and other dietary restrictions to participate in the Teal Pumpkin Project®, an awareness initiative that promotes safety and inclusion for all trick-or-treaters.

Being part of the Teal Pumpkin Project is simple. Supporters can:

- Provide non-food treats for trick-or-treaters
- Paint a pumpkin teal or buy a teal pumpkin at your local craft store or pharmacy, or print a free sign from FARE's website
- Place your teal pumpkin or sign in front of your home to indicate non-food treats are available.

"This year in particular, more people are becoming aware of how life-altering a food allergy diagnosis can be, and how difficult it can be to manage this potentially life-threatening medical condition," said Lois A. Witkop, Chief Advancement Officer at FARE. "We hope that everyone who participates in the fun tradition of Halloween will incorporate a teal pumpkin into their celebration, bringing smiles to the faces of kids with food allergies."

Halloween can present a number of challenges for individuals and families managing food allergies because many popular candies include the most common allergens. In addition, different sizes of the same candy can use different ingredients, and smaller sizes of some candies that are popular during this time of year do not always have clear labels stating their ingredients.

Launched nationally in 2014, the Teal Pumpkin Project has attracted supporters from 50 states and more than a dozen countries. The campaign was inspired by a local awareness activity run by the Food Allergy Community of East Tennessee. This year, a number of national retail partners are supporting this important initiative, making it easier than ever for people to participate.

FARE has a number of resources to help individuals and families get involved, including:

- ideas for non-food treats,
- free downloads such as official Teal Pumpkin Project signs, fliers, stencils and stickers,
- Halloween Essentials Kit, posters and garden flag available for purchase from FARE's e-store,
- an online crowd-sourced map that shows participating homes
- ideas for Teal Pumpkin Project-themed fundraisers

Editor's Notes:



Print signs like these and other great resources at:
foodallergy.org/education-awareness/teal-pumpkin-project/free-resources

Official Website:

www.foodallergy.org/education-awareness/teal-pumpkin-project

Official Teal Pumpkin Treat Map:

www.foodallergy.org/education-awareness/teal-pumpkin-project/map

On Nextdoor: Check out the new "Teal Pumpkin" option on the "Treat Map"

Pumpkin Banana Nut Bread

From Nestle All-Time Favorite Cookie and Baking Recipes
Recommended by VEP Secretary Laura McGeever

INGREDIENTS:

Makes 2 loaves.

- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 4 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 can (15 ounces) Libby's 100% Pure Pumpkin
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 cup (about 2 medium) mashed very ripe bananas
- ¾ cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup chopped walnuts

DIRECTIONS:

COMBINE flour, baking powder, cinnamon, ginger, baking soda and salt in medium bowl. Combine pumpkin, eggs, granulated sugar, brown sugar, bananas and vegetable oil in large mixing bowl.

BEAT until smooth. Gradually beat in flour mixture; stir in nuts.

SPOON into greased and floured 9 x 5 inch loaf pans.

BAKE in preheated 350 degree F oven for 55 to 60 minutes. Or until wooden pick inserted to center comes out clean.

COOL in pans on wire rack for 10 minutes. Remove to wire racks and cool completely.

☺ You're Invited! ☺



VEP Community Association Invites You to Join Us!

4th Annual Dave Fadness Memorial Beautification Day!

Vista Park Community Room: 475 Hyde Park Drive
Saturday, October 27th ~ 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!

* Santa is Coming! *

...to the Vista Park Community Room
475 Hyde Park Drive

Sunday, November 25th
Santa Hours: 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Bring the kids, or the whole family, for a free photo with Santa! A VEP Photographer will be on-duty, or bring your own camera.

Fun for the whole family!

* Crafts! * Refreshments! *

Join your neighbors for this
VEP neighborhood tradition!

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