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VEP'S COMMUNITY MEETING

▶ Tuesday, April 30th, 2019 ◀

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

Vista Park Community Room - 475 Hyde Park Drive

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

~ APRIL Meeting Agenda ~

☆ Graywater Installation & Resources ☆

Presentation by

Justin Burks

Water Conservation Specialist, Valley Water

☆ VEP Business Meeting ☆

Announcements & Updates

Ratification of \$500 Matching Funds: Donation for "Friends of Martial Cottle Park" {501(c)} to support Community Gardens

Information & City Updates from the
Office of 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 2019 ~

Saturday, April 27th:

VEP's Annual Spring Neighborhood Clean-Up Event

Sunday, April 28th:

E-Waste Event, Hosted by Paap Properties (See Page 6)

Saturday, May 4th:

Annual VEP Community-Wide Garage Sale (See Page 3)

Tuesday, May 28th:

VEP Community Meeting → Final Meeting until September!

VEP April Meeting Preview

By Greg West

Justin Burks from Watershed Watchers will talk to us about graywater installation and resources for your home to save costs on, and conserve water. The Watershed Watch Campaign is a public education initiative of the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program (SCVURPPP), an association of fifteen separate government agencies in Santa Clara Valley. The Campaign is dedicated to raising awareness about protecting watersheds and preventing storm water pollution. *(For more information about "graywater," in advance of the VEP Community Meeting, please see the article by Lisa Sanchez, on Page 4 of this newsletter.)*

In addition, we will nominate officers for the upcoming year for election in May *(Please see article in this issue, on Page 3)*. Finally, we will ask members in attendance to ratify the board's decision to provide up to \$500 in matching funds to be given to Friends of Martial Cottle Park (FOMCP) for purchase and planting of hedgerows and associated plants around the community gardens at Martial Cottle Park. This planting will help to control insects in the gardens *(Please see the "President's Corner" article, on Page 2, for more information)*.

VEP's March Meeting Summary

By Laura McGeever and Greg West

Eric Goodrich, Program Manager for Martial Cottle Park, began his presentation by mentioning that Martial Cottle Park opened nearly 4 years ago, on May 15, 2015. He gave an update on the "Life Estate," saying that it will not be ready for public viewing for several years. The estate property in the house needs to be properly cataloged and the house needs to be made safe for the public. Many of the items in the house have been there since it was built in 1883. The park Visitor Center, however, is fully staffed 7 days a week with winter hours from 10AM to 2PM and summer hours from 10AM to 4PM.

Eric went on to state that the park offers a variety of programs, many for 2nd and 3rd grade school children, with 140 programs conducted in 2018. *(For more information, please see the article in this newsletter, provided by Martial Cottle Park staff, on Page 5.)* He also highlighted the volunteer program for the park and that volunteers contributed 11,600 hours in 2018. The Park trails have an average of 900 trail users per day as counted by trail counters installed by the department at each of the 7 entrances to the park.

Eric told us something about each of the five park partners: Jacob Farms, UC Extension, Master Gardeners, 4H Small Farms, and Our City Forest. He said that Jacob Farms is experiencing a labor shortage and has moved to planting less labor intensive crops and more U-pick berry crops. 4H is tending to some newborn animals at the park as well as a recently delivered herd of sheep. Work by UC Extension is pending the approval of a new grant for research.

Eric said that the Community Gardens are planned to open next spring with 90 beds planned. The beds will be 10'x10' and 10'x20'. The gardens will be managed with the City of San Jose with the City managing the bed rental. Garden bed renters will be required to attend a Community Gardens class to ensure a "good neighbor garden" experience for everyone involved.

Finally, Eric mentioned upcoming park events, including the Spring Celebration and Spring Garden Market on April 13th (this eve-

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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 2019, 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, Ms. Lisa Sanchez. (See Below for contact information.)

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."

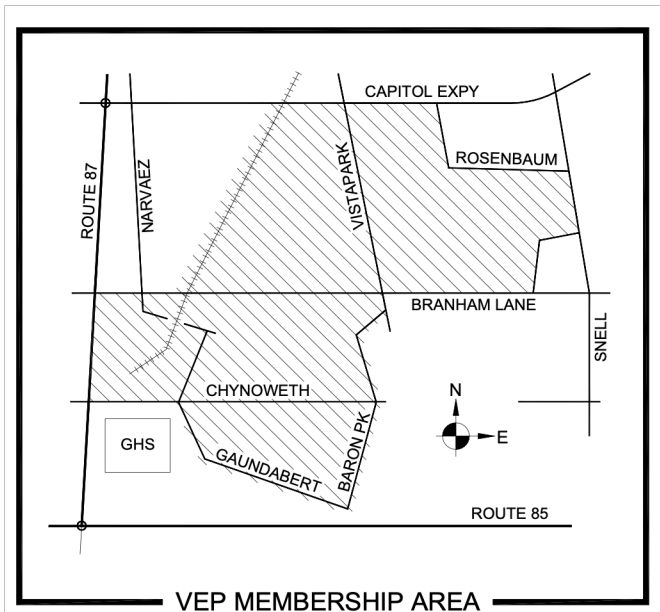
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VEP MEMBERSHIP AREA

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-nt will have happened between VEP News submission deadline and press time), the Harvest Festival on October 5, First Wednesday events for Education, and a Bench dedication in June.

Joyce and Bob Chesnos from Friends of Martial Cottle Park reported that FOMCP is hosting a Cottle Ranch Estate Tour Fundraiser Luncheon on June 6th. More information will be available as the date gets closer. They also said that FOMCP's first project will be to buy hedgerows to plant around the Community Gardens to help with insect control and they asked for contributions to help with this (**Please see the "President's Corner" article, below, for more information**).

Shivani Basnet, from District 10 councilmember Johnny Khamis' office, announced the Great American Litter Pick-up on April 13th; that the County has job openings for the 2020 census; that 2019 City of San Jose Boards and Commissions Recruitment has started; and that San Jose Clean Energy Bill Clinics are available.

More Information:

Census Jobs - www.2020census.gov/jobs

SJ Boards & Commissions - Information and Applications:

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=328>

San Jose Clean Energy – Information & Bill Clinic Dates/Times:

<https://www.sanjosecleanenergy.org>

Finally, due to the resignation of VEP's current Treasurer, Greg asked if anyone was interested in taking on that role. Lisa Sanchez volunteered. Greg also asked if there was any objection to VEP's Vice President, Cindy Bosworth also being a signer on VEP's bank account. No objection was raised. Greg appointed Lisa Treasurer at the meeting with the consensus of the members in attendance. This leaves an opening on the board for a director of membership and social media.

President's Corner

By Greg West

Eric Goodrich's presentation at last month's VEP Community Meeting got me thinking, once again, about what a great asset Martial Cottle Park is to our neighborhood. Due to Walter Lester's, and his family's, tremendous generosity, foresight, and desire to give back to the community (*OK, and Walter's effort to avoid paying a ruinous estate tax after the death of his sister, Edith!*), we now have roughly 290 acres of open space in our back yard, in perpetuity, that, according to County Parks, an average of 900 people a day visit and enjoy. I suspect that most of those 900 daily users are VEP neighbors.

Had developers had their way with the property that is now the park, the City probably would have allowed them to build it out at roughly 100 units per acre because light rail is relatively close. Do the math: 29,000 new units and 80,000 or 90,000 new neighbors. Instead, we have a truly urban open space!

Long time VEP neighbors and members, Joyce and Bob Chesnos, are deeply involved in Friends of Martial Cottle Park (FOMCP), a 501(c)(3) charitable organization whose mission is "to inspire the community to care for, learn about, and enjoy Martial Cottle Park and the agricultural heritage of Santa Clara Valley." Besides helping to provide more than 11,000 volunteer hours for the park in 2018, FOMCP is raising money to fund hedgerow plantings around the planned community gardens in the park to help with insect control for the gardens. This will be a several thousand dollar effort, according to Bob and Joyce, and I think VEP members can help. Here's how:

We have an anonymous donor willing to put up \$250 as a dollar-for-dollar matching grant to the first \$250 in donations from VEP members. The VEP board has approved an additional \$500 dollar-for-dollar matching grant (subject to member ratification at our April meeting) to match the next \$500 in donations from VEP members. If we can exhaust both of these matching grants, we would generate \$1500 for FOMCP. Since FOMCP is a 501(c)(3) organization, any contribution to them is tax deductible.

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If you would like to participate in this effort and acknowledge the value that Martial Cottle Park brings to you, write your check to FOMCP and mail it to VEPCA, PO Box 18037, San Jose, CA, 95158 by April 30th. (Oh, and if you haven't paid your \$20 VEP dues yet, this would be a good opportunity to do that as well, but, please, as a separate check made out to VEPCA). We will make sure that both your contribution and the matching funds get to FOMCP, and that you will receive a note from the organization, acknowledging and thanking you for your contribution.

Call For VEP Officers in 2019-2020

By the VEP Board of Directors

Per our constitution and by-laws, VEP members need to nominate officers for the 2019/2020 year in April for an election in May. All of the current officers are willing to serve one more year in their current positions with the exception of one.

Because of the resignation of our Treasurer earlier this year, and Lisa Sanchez, our Director of Membership and Social Media, stepping in to perform the treasurer's responsibilities, we have two officer openings to fill: Director for Beautification and Neighborhood Events, and Director for Membership and Social Media.

In addition, VEP News Editor, Rachel Witmeyer, who has done an outstanding job as Editor for the last 6 years, has indicated that she will step down from that role at the end of next year (May 2020). As a result we are actively recruiting an "assistant Newsletter Editor" (Newsletter Editor In-Training) to take over when Rachel steps down.

If you are interested in serving the neighborhood in either one of these roles (or any other role for that matter), please contact any current board member (**Please see newsletter Page 2 for specific contact information**), or contact VEP President Greg West, by Email at greg.west@earthlink.net, or call 408-829-4686.

V.E.P. Needs YOU



You're Invited to Join VEP for

Spring Neighborhood Beautification

✿ ✿ ✿ Saturday, April 27th ✿ ✿ ✿

Need an outdoor activity with the kids?
Are there high-schoolers looking for Community Service Hours?
Or are you just interested in investing a bit of time in beautifying your neighborhood?

All area neighbors are invited to come join VEP in giving our neighborhood some TLC, whether you are VEP members, or not.

Meet Up & Check In: 9:00am; Saturday, April 27th
Vista Park Community Room, 475 Hyde Park Dr.

Work Until 12:00 Noon, or as long as you can.

Gardening & cleaning tools will be provided by SJ Parks Dept.
Bring your own work-gloves if desired.
Hats and sunscreen highly recommended.

We will focus on pruning & picking up litter at the following parks: VistaPark, Meadows, Parkview I, II & III. There will also be clean-up of the tree areas at the end of VistaPark (near Martial Cottle Park) and around the Narvaez & Branham intersection. Choose an area and whether to prune or pick up litter.

VEP Thanks April Clean-Up Volunteers!

By the VEP Board of Directors

Sincere thanks to the following volunteers for your participation in the "Great American Litter Pick-Up" in VEP neighborhoods, hosted by District 10 Councilmember Johnny Khamis, on Saturday, April 13th:

- Shane Patrick Connolly, D10
- Robert Supencheck & Josie Supencheck
- Patricia Lewis & David Lewis
- Bob Musante
- Sandra Swage
- Marilyn Rodgers
- Matt Mahan
- Justin Lawson
- Greg West

WE LOVE
OUR VOLUNTEERS



VEP Members are Gearing Up for May 4th!

➔ **Annual "Community-Wide Garage Sale"**

By Rachel Witmeyer & Lisa Sanchez

Get Ready! The 2019 VEP Community-Wide Garage Sale is less than two weeks away – on Saturday, May 4th!

VEP Pays for the Advertising - You Make the Profit! - VEP pays to place print advertisements in the San Jose Mercury News, and the VEP Board of Directors will make posts on Craigslist and Nextdoor as well. This effort will bring lots of "Garage Sale Gurus" to our neighborhoods, increasing the "traffic" at everyone's sales. Many customers will literally drive from house to house, checking out all the treasures available. This makes it easy for VEP community members to have a successful sale.

How to Participate? Just Have a Garage Sale! - Neighbors often ask, "How do I sign-up?" or "What's the fee to participate?" The answers are quite simple: There is no fee, no registration and no sign-up required. Simply plan to have a sale, gather all your items, put up a few signs in the area to "point" shoppers to your sale, and start setting things up around 7am on Saturday, May 4th. Yes, it is that easy!

What About the "Leftovers" ? - VEP has arranged for a Salvation Army Donation Truck to be available from 11am to 3pm, at the end of Chynoweth, near Barron Park Dr. They will happily take gently used clothes and housewares.

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What Is Graywater?

By Lisa Sanchez

Graywater is basically the water waste that drains into your sinks or tubs (ex. washer, dishwasher, showers).

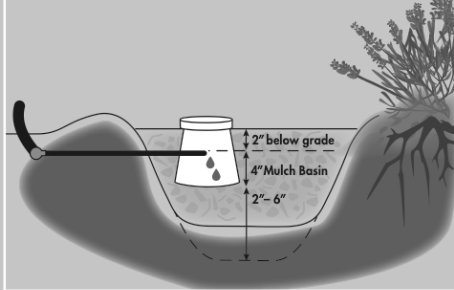
Are you interested in knowing how to capture and re-use some of your home graywater for your landscape irrigation needs? **Then mark your calendar for the next VEP meeting on April 30th.** Learn how to assess your home for a simple, sustainable, and cost-effective clothes washer graywater system.

Justin Burks, Water Conservation Specialist with Valley Water, will speak about their \$200 rebate program along with their new Direct Installation service to provide free-to-low-cost systems for qualifying customers. With a little planning and effort, you too can benefit from a locally-controlled water source for your landscape from your clothes washer. It's better than a bucket in your shower!

Why Graywater?

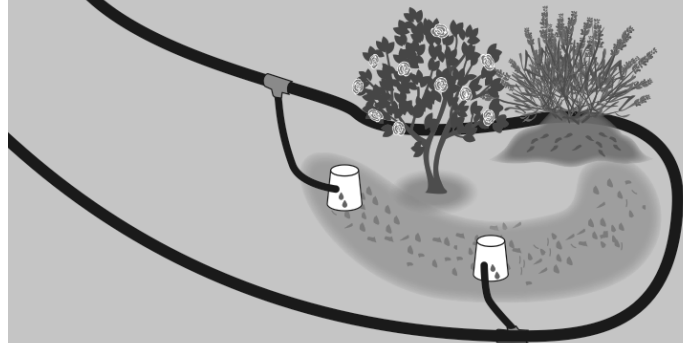
- **Cost-Effective:** A \$200 rebate (more in cost-sharing partner areas) is available when completing the **Steps to Participate** below.
- **Drought-Proof:** Prioritize the plants you want to be more resilient to drought and a hotter climate.
- **Sustainable:** Powered by equipment you already own (your clothes washer), graywater is naturally filtered in mulch basins installed adjacent to your trees or shrubs.
- **Assistance:** Santa Clara Valley Water District experts are available to answer questions and provide resources to help plan your project.

Side view of a mulch basin



Steps to Participate

- 1) **Prepare and Plan:** Contact the water district's Water Conservation Hotline at (408) 630-2554, scan the QR Code or go to watersavings.org for more information.
- 2) **Apply:** Submit your Graywater Laundry to Landscape Rebate Application, along with all requested materials to the water district.



- 3) **Notice to Proceed:** Complete your project within 90 days of receiving a Notice to Proceed. Do not begin beforehand.
- 4) **Post Inspection:** Schedule and pass a Post-Installation Inspection.
- 5) **Rebate:** Rebate caps and additional requirements apply. Participation in this rebate program is subject to funding availability.

Guideline to Remember:

Follow Chapter 15 of the 2016 California Plumbing Code and additional requirements imposed by any local enforcement agency.

Graywater Laundry to Landscape Rebate Program

What is Graywater?

Graywater is lightly used water from your bathroom sinks, showers, tubs and clothes washer. It's a little dirty, but a safe and effective water supply for most landscapes!

What is Laundry to Landscape?

A graywater laundry to landscape system delivers water from the clothes washer to the landscape without additional expensive pumps, smelly filters, tanks or permits.

**\$200+
Rebate**



For more information, call the water district's Water Conservation Hotline at (408) 630-2554, scan the QR Code or go to www.watersavings.org

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Discover the Past Through the Eyes of a Child

By Michelle Armijo, Park Interpreter – Martial Cottle Park

Email: michelle.armijo@prk.sccgov.org

If you are looking for a new rewarding adventure, well we have the program for you! Martial Cottle Park is seeking school program docents to assist with our outdoor education program. In the last year our programs have doubled, and we need your help.

The school program, "Martial Cottle Ranch Children," is a ranch based hands-on activity program aligned with the California Content Standards for second and third grade students. During the 1.5-hour program, students learn about actual children who lived on the ranch at different times during 1900 and 1942. The activities stations give students the opportunity to experience ranch chores for which children of similar ages would have been responsible, daily.



Throughout the program, students compare historic photographs to discover the agricultural heritage of the Santa Clara Valley as well as how daily life and land use has changed between c. 1900 and now.

Discovering the past through the eyes of a child is a very rewarding experience. Help the park open doors to educational opportunities for children to experience the Cottle ranch and its rich history. If you love being active outdoors and history, this is the perfect opportunity for you. We encourage anyone who is interested in volunteering to contact our education department to learn more about this unique experience. Each volunteer will be given site-specific training as well as time to shadow the program until they are comfortable teaching a station on their own. We would love volunteers to share their experience on a ranch with our students as they help them discover what it was like living on a ranch in the area before it all changed. Hope to see you on the ranch!

Join Our Team of Dedicated Volunteers!

Martial Cottle Park
School Program Docents Wanted

Docents lead farm based hands-on activity stations for 2nd & 3rd graders. It's a great experience working with kids.

Training: Orientation, shadow & receive site-specific training about the program

Additional Requirements: Live Scan (background check)

Schedule: Twice per week during school year

Time Commitment: Two programs per month

Become A Volunteer



Senior Safari Returns!

By Lynne Kinsey

Happy Hollow Zoo again invites adults over 50 years old to take over the park and zoo—no kids allowed—to spend a morning of animal encounters, activities and tours.

Admission and parking is free on the 4th Thursday of the month from 9-10 am; from May through October.

The zoo is located at 1300 Senter Road in San Jose. There is also an entrance around the corner on Story Road, which offers a little shorter walk to Happy Hollow. Once in, you are welcome to stay all day, although rides and activities will no longer be free; and the park will be invaded with children, families, and possibly whole classes on field trips. It is fun to see how excited the little kids get as they explore the animals and the park.

Most times we have gone, we have seen other seniors that we knew. It is pleasant, level territory walking, exercise we all can use.

☺ I hope to see you there! ☺

To ensure you have an enjoyable zoo visit, these ideas might help:

- Look at their website before you go. You will find driving directions and parking locations, as well as anything else you need:

<https://happyhollow.org/index.cfm/id/5/plan-your-visit>

- Wear layered-clothes to be ready for any early morning weather changes.

- Take water with you and possibly a snack.

- They will either have printed schedules for the day, or have them posted throughout the park.

- Take advantage of some of their "just-for-seniors" activities.

- There may be information on special animals to see - new babies, animals that are new to the park, unusual animals - that will be included in the docents' talks, which are usually very interesting.

- There may be an early puppet show in the morning or you can catch the first one after 10 am.

- There may be a few rides running or you can get on the train and the merry-go-round in the morning or right after 10 am when the park opens.

- Bring a camera or use your phone to take pictures based on a theme. One day I took pictures of different textures (different tree barks, animals' fur & skin). Another time I only took pictures of leaves and flowers. I have taken pictures of animal sculptures and the animals embedded into the walking paths.

- Notice things you have never seen before.

- Plan to go at least once or treat yourself to an outing every month.

- Talk someone else into going with you.

- Have a good time!

Thank You, Happy Hollow for sharing your zoo with us!

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Bond Honesty - Voters Deserve Transparency

Last month, the City Council discussed whether to push for changes to AB 195 that requires local bond measures to include key information to inform taxpayers what the bonds will cost them. I oppose any change that would hide this essential taxpayer information from voters. Please find my opinion piece, below, reprinted from SanJoseSpotlight.com, to read about my views on the importance of AB 195's Bond Honesty provisions!

After years of property taxes being imposed by well-intentioned but misleading ballot measures, the State Legislature passed – and then-Governor Brown signed – AB195 in February 2017.



This law requires that municipalities inform voters of the potential tax implications of all bond measures – basically, how much taxpayers will pay, the cost-per-unit of taxable value, and the duration of the tax. I call it Bond Honesty. In the past, many bonds were

approved with no reference, in the 75-word ballot summary, that a “yes” vote would impose a cost to the taxpayer.

San Jose Evergreen Community College District’s 2016 Measure C is a perfect example of how bond measures omitted the fact that they create a cost to the taxpayer. The ballot summary read: “To repair/ upgrade classrooms to prepare students/ veterans for jobs/ university transfer by repairing/ building nursing, engineering, vocational, technology, science/ job training classrooms, improving campus, earthquake safety/ disabled access, remove asbestos/ lead paint, acquiring, constructing, repairing sites, facilities/ equipment, shall San Jose-Evergreen Community College District issue \$748,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, no money for administrators’ salaries/ pensions, requiring citizen oversight, independent audits, all funds used locally?”

Nowhere in this description, designed to “sell” the bond to the voting public, does it let the voters know that these bonds are paid for with a tax on the value of their property or how much it is estimated to cost them. Not once is the word “tax” even mentioned! Unless the voter went and read the full ballot language (usually printed in a separate booklet or provided separately online), one would not know that a “yes” vote would cost one money.

Now, after the failure of a very few 2018 bond ballot measures, there is a growing demand to eliminate this requirement for the next election cycle.

Opponents of the Bond Honesty law are saying that the 75 word limit on the ballot is not adequate to properly inform the public about the benefits of the bond and also the costs, so they are pushing to have the State Legislature suspend the requirements of AB195 requirements until the law’s language is changed.

While I realize it may be difficult to sum up a ballot measure in 75 words, I would hope that our State Legislature maintains the requirement to inform voters that local bond measures will need to be paid for by a tax on their property.

Instead, if more words are needed to describe bond measures, the sensible thing to do would be for the Legislature to increase the word count from 75 to 100 words. Let’s keep our bond measures honest – don’t remove the requirement that helps us be better-informed voters.

Source:
sanjosespotlight.com/khamis-keep-the-honesty-in-local-bond-measures



County Update

In the wake of the tragic death of Bambi Larson, many in our community have raised questions about the County’s policies related to cooperation with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). While state law and rulings from federal courts about the U.S. Constitution completely prohibit the County from honoring detainer requests from ICE, the County currently does—and has always—honored judicial warrants from ICE and other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. Judicial warrants allow the County to directly transfer an individual to ICE in handcuffs.

I am in favor of removing individuals who have committed serious and violent crimes, and have been convicted of doing so, from our communities however and whenever possible. On Tuesday, April 9, I proposed a change to the County’s policy that received support from a majority of my Board colleagues. This referral asks County Counsel to update the County’s current policy to reflect the current law on detainer requests, to reaffirm that the County has and will honor all judicial warrants, and to allow notification to ICE of those individuals who have been convicted of serious or violent felonies as defined by state law. In the next 60 days, county staff will examine the notification process and what crimes it should apply to, and then bring their findings back to the Board of Supervisors.

Back in 2013 and 2015, there was support to notify ICE regarding these particular convicted serious or violent felons. While there was debate regarding other categories or crimes, this was the criteria that had broad-based support, and it makes sense to move forward with these categories rather than divisively debating dozens of other categories. I think this is common sense and would better protect public safety while abiding by the Constitution and state law.

Bambi Larson’s murder stunned and terrified our community, and our nation. Our hearts go out to Ms. Larson’s family, friends and neighbors. And like you, I want to see changes that will reduce the chances of this happening again. I have heard from many residents who now live in fear, afraid to be in their homes. My proposal will improve public safety in Santa Clara County and I look forward to its implementation.

Mike Wasserman, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, Dist. 1
www.supervisorwasserman.org



FREE E-WASTE EVENT

On Sunday April 28, 2019, Paap Properties of Intero Real Estate will be hosting a complimentary E-waste removal event for the South San Jose / Blossom Valley region of our fair city.

The event will occur in the Gunderson High School parking lot between the hours of 9am-2pm.

Bring all of your obsolete, broken, unused and unwanted electronics for disposal.

Free tacos and soft drinks will also be provided for attendees while they wait.

Contact Rusty Paap at 650-793-9575, or Warren Weston at 408-219-4674, with any questions about the event.



ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP



VEP membership is based on a calendar year, January through December, so it's time to renew your membership. Please be sure to fill in the information requested, enclose your \$20 check, made payable to VEP, and mail it 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! Ask your neighbors to join our growing family! Thank you!

About the 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 help keep our neighborhoods beautiful, safe, strong, and well-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 50 years of success in our neighborhoods!



Contact:

VEP Treasurer, Lisa Sanchez
LisaS.VEP@gmail.com

VEP Membership Application / Renewal

Note: None of the your personal information will ever be shared with any third party.

**** Please type or print legibly ****

Last name(s): _____

First name(s): _____

Street address: _____

Telephone # _____

Email address(es): _____

Comment(s): _____

Can you spare a few volunteer hours for VEP? Yes No

I am willing to volunteer for:

- Beautification/clean-up projects
- VEP News/ mailing 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 to receive my newsletters by US Mail only.
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Mail your \$20 check to:

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