



### VEP's COMMUNITY MEETING

► **Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019** ◀

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

Vista Park Community Room - 475 Hyde Park Drive

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

### ~ MAY Meeting Agenda ~

#### ☆ High School Spotlight! ☆

#### College and Career Readiness at Gunderson

with **Mark Camilleri**

*Principal, Gunderson High School*

#### Academy Programs at Andrew Hill

with **Jose Hernandez**

*Principal, Andrew P. Hill High School*

#### ☆ VEP Business Meeting ☆

Announcements & Updates

VEP Community Service Awards 2019:  
Announcement of Award Winners

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 ~

Memorial Bench Dedication for Officer Johnson  
@Martial Cottle Park ~ JUNE 1st (Details on P.3)

Festival & Fireworks: July 4<sup>th</sup> – Fun & FREE!!!  
@Almaden Lake Park ~ Safe! Family Friendly!

~ VEP on Summer Break: June through August ~

Join us for the first VEP Community Meeting of 2019-20  
on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @7:30pm  
at the Vista Park Community Room!

### VEP May Meeting Preview

By Greg West

VEP welcomes the principals of our two neighborhood high schools, Mark Camilleri from Gunderson and Jose Hernandez from Andrew Hill. Mr. Hernandez will talk about academic and career technical programs offered at Andrew Hill including the IB Middle Years Program and Diploma Program, Medical Magnet, English Language Development (ELD), Multimedia Academy and Social Justice Academy. Mr. Camilleri will talk about Gunderson High School's continuing push toward college and career readiness through rigorous programs and supportive community. This is an opportunity to find out what's going on at our neighborhood high schools and to ask questions about them.

In addition, we will reopen nominations and elect officers for the upcoming year. Our current board has been nominated to serve a 2nd term: Greg West, president, Cindy Bosworth, vice president, Laura McGeever, secretary, Lisa Sanchez, treasurer, Rachel Witmeyer, newsletter editor, and Robert Supencheck, director of beautification and neighborhood events. We currently have no nominee for director of membership and social media. And, finally, we will award our "At Large" Community Service Award.

### VEP's April Meeting Summary

By Lisa Sanchez and Greg West

The board requested approval for VEP to pledge a \$500 dollar-for-dollar matching grant towards the Martial Cottle Hedgerow Project. The association would potentially match up to \$500 of VEP member donations to Friends of Martial Cottle Park. Discussion ensued around the match, given that several VEP members have already made significant contributions to FOMCP. A motion was made for VEP to donate \$500 to FOMCP with no matching requirement. The motion passed. In addition, an anonymous donor has pledged to match VEP member donations, up to \$250, made thru VEP towards the MCP Hedgerow Project. The deadline for the anonymous donor match of up to \$250 was extended to May 31, 2019 for contributions to FOMCP mailed to the VEP PO box.

Justin Burks, Water Conservation Specialist III, from Valley Water, previously known as the Santa Clara Valley Water District, gave an overview of Valley Water's Graywater System, Landscape Rebate Program and Limited Time Offer for Graywater System Installation. Mr. Burks started his presentation by defining graywater specifically as water from bathroom sinks, showers, tubs and washing machines. Water from kitchen sinks, dishwashers and toilets are consider contaminated blackwater and cannot be used for graywater systems.

Mr. Burks then reviewed the "Laundry to Landscape: Graywater System" handout in detail. The handout diagram gives overall requirements to properly design, install and maintain a Laundry to Landscape System including an approved parts list. More information can be found at [ValleyWater.org](http://ValleyWater.org). For requirements to qualify for a free or low cost Laundry Graywater System, visit <https://ecoact.org/greywaterprogram/> for information.

Mr. Burks also described a Landscape Rebate Program available for homes that convert to water efficient landscaping and/or irrigation. Pre-inspection is required. Review the guidelines and start an on-line application at [www.watersaving.org](http://www.watersaving.org).

In addition, there is an ongoing "Rainwater Catcher Rebate Program" available. Go to [SouthBayGreenGardens.org](http://SouthBayGreenGardens.org) for more

# 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."

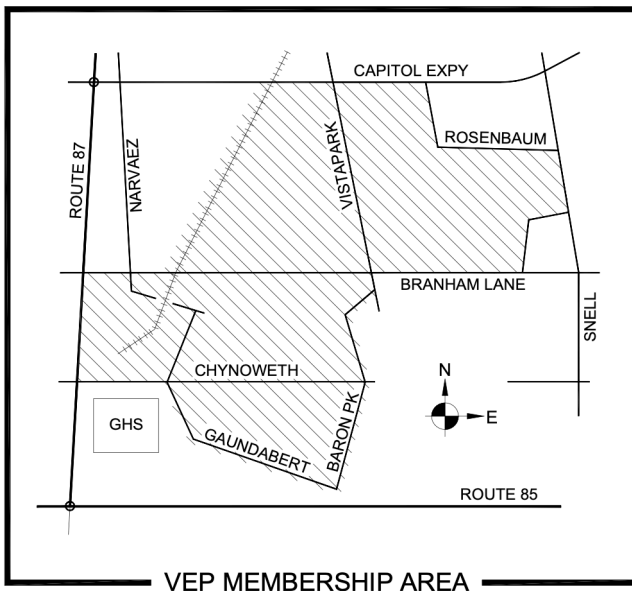
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information.

And finally, all residents are invited to attend a Graywater Laundry to Landscape Workshop and Going Native Tours. Visit [valleywater.org](http://valleywater.org) for workshops in our area.

Councilmember Johnny Khamis gave an overview of things going on in the City and in District 10. He began by letting us know that it is now illegal and punishable to be a "spectator" of car racing and sideshows. The purpose of this law is to continue efforts of deterring racing sideshows. Also, SJPD overtime hours have been approved to monitor issues associated with racing sideshows.

He also said that the City and County are continuing to discuss homelessness. Councilmember Khamis proposed that the County Board of Supervisors adopt Laura's Law, a state law that allows court ordered assisted outpatient treatment for those at high risk of mental illness. This would also allow evaluation of mental illness for more than the standard 72-hour hold. San Francisco has a comprehensive study showing long term cost savings associated with housing the mentally ill homeless. More needs to be done to share results and get statewide buy-in. The District 10 Newsletter has more detail.

Branham Lane has been allocated \$2.5 million for street improvements. In addition, neighborhood street repaving and resealing projects will occur over the next 10 years beginning in August of this year.



*Thanks, VEP Volunteers!*



VEP held two neighborhood clean-up events this spring! First, The Great American Litter Pick-up (GALP) occurred on April 13<sup>th</sup>, in conjunction with the City of San Jose. Later, in the month, on April 27<sup>th</sup>, was VEP's annual spring beautification day. The VEP Board would like to acknowledge the work of volunteers at these events.

The GALP event concentrated on litter pick-up along Branham Lane adjacent to Martial Cottle Park and on Gaundabert Lane near Gunderson High School and under Hwy 87. The neighborhood beautification event concentrated on Branham Lane and neighborhood parks. The hedges along Branham were trimmed and Branham traffic triangles maintained. In addition sand and wood chips were spread at Vista Park. Our fall Dave Fadness Clean-up day will concentrate on improvements and beautification in the Parkview parks.

### **"Thank You!" to the following volunteers:**

**April 27th Beautification Day:** Harrison Pillsbury, Dave Noel, Josie Supencheck, Robert Supencheck, Dave Pfaff, Marianna Damon, Dan Nguyen, Matt Mahan, Marilyn Rodgers, Greg West, Makayla, Illiana, and Tessa from Indian River Ct., Justin from Hyde Park Drive, and Mathew from Barron Park Drive.

**April 13<sup>th</sup> - GALP:** Robert Supencheck, Bob Musante, Patricia Lewis, David Lewis, Sandra Swage, Marilyn Rodgers, Josie Supencheck, Matt Mahan, Justin Lawson, Kundan Kakaria, Greg West, Shane Patrick Connolly from Councilmember Khamis' office, and Councilmember Johnny Khamis.

The VEP Board would also like to thank a dedicated group of volunteers who took the time and "steps" to pass out almost 2200 flyers to our community. Thanks to their help, our Spring Neighborhood Clean-up Day, on April 27<sup>th</sup>, and Community Wide Garage Sales on May 4<sup>th</sup> were well attended.

### **"Thank You!" to the following volunteers:**

Fred and Loretta Schader, Andy and Chris Gray, Larry and Barb Mangan, Pat and Dave Lewis, Chuck and Barbara Lucchesi, Bosworth Family, Lisa Sanchez, Laura McGeever, Rachel Witmeyer, and Greg West

## Trees in the VEP? Yes, Please!!!

By Rachel Witmeyer

By now, you have probably noticed the new trees on Capitol Expressway, from Narvaez to Copperfield, but did you know that VEP members were involved? There's a tale to tell...



Approximately 14 years ago, VEP members were integral in getting trees planted on Capitol Expressway for the portion that borders VEP neighborhoods. The "Tree Man," Dave Fadness (long-time VEP member, board member, past-president, city activist, and volunteer) was involved in this project with the county, as were several other VEP members.

The trees were a point of pride for VEP and for the neighbors who had worked hard to get them planted.

Then, approximately four years ago, there was an accident on Capitol Expressway, east of Copperfield, in which three of the trees were completely "mowed down." A VEP member (who prefers to remain anonymous) contacted the county to inquire if the trees would be replaced by the driver who hit them. She was informed that the accident was a hit and run and, furthermore, that SJPD did not write a report. This VEP member was not satisfied, and contacted a former police officer and asked for his thoughts. The former officer told her that in order for a vehicle to "take out" three ten-year old trees would probably have rendered the car un-drivable. So back to the county, again, and again, and again... Ultimately, the trees were not replaced due to the accident.

But, again, some diligent VEP members were not going to give up. They continued contacting the county and talking to them about the importance of the trees, pointing out how VEP had worked very hard years ago to get the trees planted. They used Dave Fadness' name in these conversations, because he was the catalyst behind the original trees, and they knew this would help stress the importance of the trees. But still, no new trees were planted.

In the recent years, the changes on Capitol Expressway required the trees between Narvaez and Copperfield to be completely removed. To VEP, losing more trees was just not acceptable. The dedicated members redoubled their efforts, calling various county agencies, finally receiving a call from Dawn Cameron, Deputy Director of Infrastructure Development with the county. Ms. Cameron talked about the ability to get new trees added to an application for a federal grant already in process, but that the costs of tree maintenance was an issue. She also explained that no trees could be planted until the Capitol Expressway project was just about complete. Following up periodically, the project was delayed due to the floods and all the repairs that were needed. The good news was that some additional taxes would ultimately allow for the ongoing tree maintenance. Finally, four years after that accident, we have trees!

One thing VEP members learned from Dave Fadness was that the city and county will not follow up on accidents for replacements. Trees are expensive. If someone damages a tree, they or their insurance should be responsible for replacing a like tree, not a very young tree, but often this is not what occurs. In addition, when planning for trees, agencies need to consider that trees need a lot of work their first few years, and replacement should include ongoing maintenance. None of this will happen without the neighbors stepping and asking for it, and pushing for it. We have to make specific requests and keep on asking for what is needed, and what is right. Lessons learned: Never give up! Call, and call again, and follow-up over, and over, and over, and then over again.

Everyone in VEP will need to pay attention to the trees in our area, and if something happens to one of them, please contact the city or county (depending on where the tree is) and work to urge them to replace the tree. Together, we can keep our area beautiful!

And finally, we haven't forgotten to acknowledge our fellow VEP members for this effort. They have politely declined any credit or recognition, and Dave, the "Tree Man," would respect that. ☺

☺ **THANK YOU!!! to the Diligent VEP Members Who Took Action to Help Get the Trees Back!!!**

## Memorial Bench Dedication Ceremony for VEP's own Michael Johnson, SJPD Officer (End of Watch March 2015)

**Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> - 11am @Martial Cottle Park**  
On the Perimeter Trail, at the Chynoweth Gate

Officer Johnson grew up in the Vista Park area of VEP, attended Gunderson High School, and lived just a few blocks from where the bench will be placed. He was the son of Mrs. Katherine Decker, long-time VEP member, volunteer, and Past Vice-President of VEP.

### Updates from

## FRIENDS OF MARTIAL COTTLE PARK (FOMCP)

By Joyce Chesnos

We are looking forward to our first fundraising event on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>: a private tour of the Cottle/Lester Estate and catered lunch. Space is limited. For information and reservations please go to our website: <https://fomcp.org>



Friends of Martial Cottle Park is raising funds toward our current focus project, the planting of "hedgerows" in the agricultural plots actively farmed by organic farmer, Jacobs Farm. Hedgerows consist of native plants, which attract beneficial insects and birds. They provide food and shelter for pollinators and natural predators of agricultural pests, protect crops from dust and wind, and add beauty to the landscape. Visit our website to learn more about our purpose and projects.

When you support FOMCP, you support projects that benefit the Santa Clara County Park located in your neighborhood, Martial Cottle Park. These projects are not part of the Park's budget and cannot be accomplished without your help. There are many ways you can contribute, so consider joining us. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, all donations to FOMCP are tax deductible.

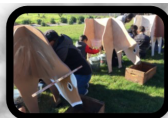
### THANK YOU, VEP!

Friends of Martial Cottle Park wants to thank the VEP Board and members at large for your ongoing support of Martial Cottle Park.

Your generous donation\* was unexpected and welcome. Your love for Martial Cottle Park and this neighborhood shows, and we are grateful to be a part of it.

Sincerely,  
The Board of Friends of Martial Cottle Park

\* Please see the article titled "VEP's April Meeting Summary" on P. 1 of this newsletter for information about VEP's recent donation to FOMCP



Join Our Team of Dedicated Volunteers!

### Martial Cottle Park School Program Docents Wanted

Docents lead farm based hands-on activity stations for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

Martial Cottle Park - 5283 Snell Ave.

Contact: Ms. Armijo, Park Interpreter - michelle.armijo@prk.sccgov.org - 408-535-4052

Become A  
Volunteer



COUNTY SUPERVISOR

**MIKE WASSERMAN**

### May 2019 County Update

**Big changes are coming to Election Day!** In April, my colleagues and I on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors approved the implementation of the Voter's Choice Act (VCA), which will modernize voting and provide voters with greater flexibility and convenience. The VCA is a new law (Senate Bill 450) passed by the California State Legislature in 2016 and has been implemented successfully in San Mateo, Sacramento, Napa, Nevada and Madera Counties during the 2018 Elections. Beginning with the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election:

- Voters will receive a Postage Paid Vote-By-Mail ballot starting 29 days before Election Day.
- Voters can vote at any of the Vote Centers in Santa Clara County.
- Approximately 25 Vote Centers will be open on Election Day, as well as 10 days prior.
- Approximately 100 Vote Centers will be open for 4 days, including Election Day - for a total of 125 Vote Centers throughout the County.
- Vote Centers will offer more space, additional services and new enhanced voting equipment.
- Voters will have more options and get to choose WHEN, WHERE, and HOW to vote!

While I am sure that I am not alone in feeling nostalgic about traditional neighborhood polling places being replaced by Vote Centers and Vote-By-Mail ballots, the new system will make it more convenient for our 900,000 registered voters to cast a ballot and is anticipated to increase voter participation. Public meetings will be held to receive feedback from interested citizens or groups regarding the creation of the County's Election Administration Plan. For questions, please contact the Registrar of Voters' Office at (408) 299-VOTE (8683) or visit their website at [www.sccvote.org](http://www.sccvote.org).

I appreciate the nearly 300 San Jose residents who made the time to attend **Councilmember Pam Foley's Public Safety Community Meeting on April 22nd in response to the tragic murder of Bambi Larson**. I was invited to the meeting to provide an update from the County. I am in favor of removing undocumented individuals who have committed serious and violent crimes, and have been convicted of doing so, from our communities however and whenever possible. This is why I proposed a change to the County's policy to reflect the current law, to reaffirm that the County has and will honor all judicial warrants, and to allow notification to ICE of those undocumented 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 further, and then bring their findings back to the Board of Supervisors. Bambi Larson's murder stunned and terrified our community. Our hearts go out to Ms. Larson's family, friends and neighbors. My proposal will improve public safety in Santa Clara County and I look forward to its implementation.

Last month, Supervisor Cindy Chavez and I kicked off the **Healthy Nail Salon Program**, a free and voluntary program for the 850 nail salons in Santa Clara County that employ more than 5,000 nail technicians. Every single day, nail salon owners and workers endure prolonged exposure to low levels of toxic products such as solvents, glues, polishes, and unsafe practices that may lead to an increase risk of cancer, allergies, respiratory, neurological and reproductive health issues. In a joint effort with the California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative, Santa Clara County is implementing the Healthy Nail Salon Recognition Program to protect the health of nail salon workers and customers. A recognized Healthy Nail Salon offers safer products, safer practices, and proper ventilation to reduce exposure to more toxic products. While the pedicure experience was my first and will probably last me a lifetime, I am proud that our new program will help protect my family, friends, community members and salon workers from toxins. You can get involved by encouraging your salon to join the program today! [www.sccgov.org/healthynails](http://www.sccgov.org/healthynails).

Mike Wasserman  
Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, District 1  
[www.supervisorwasserman.org](http://www.supervisorwasserman.org)



### What is the Healthy Nail Salon Program?

A recognized Healthy Nail Salon offers safer products, safer practices, and proper ventilation to reduce exposure to more toxic products.

### To be recognized:

The Santa Clara County Department of Environmental Health will help your salon become recognized by:

- Training your employees about safer practices
- Guiding your salon to choose less toxic products
- Promoting your salon as a Healthy Nail Salon

### Benefits of Joining:

- Attract more clients
- Promote your business once qualified
- Improve the health of your staff and clients
- Reduce indoor fumes and odors
- Free advertising on the county website
- May qualify for a rebate of up to \$1,000 on a ventilation unit!

### To be certified as a Healthy Nail Salon...

1. Fill out the survey form at [www.sccgov.org/healthynails](http://www.sccgov.org/healthynails) and email to [Katherine.Nguyen@deh.sccgov.org](mailto:Katherine.Nguyen@deh.sccgov.org). You can also request a survey form to be mailed to you. Please call the Healthy Nail Program hotline at (408) 918-1958.
2. Attend free training classes provided by our staff.
3. Satisfy the program criteria and submit an application.

Upon verification, your salon will be recognized as a Healthy Nail Salon!

### Be Healthy. Be Recognized.



County of Santa Clara  
Department of Environmental Health  
Consumer Protection Division  
1555 Berger Drive, Suite 300  
San Jose, CA 95112-2716  
Main line: (408) 918-3400  
Hotline: (408) 918-1958  
Website: [www.sccgov.org/healthynails](http://www.sccgov.org/healthynails)

# PRETTY SHOULDN'T STINK



## Who Knew? Healthy Nails are No Nonsense!

By Rachel Witmeyer

### Are You Curious How a “Healthy Nails” Movement Got Started?

After reading Supervisor Mike Wasserman’s column and preparing the *VEP News*, I was very interested in this concept of “Healthy Nail Salons.” I wrongly assumed, as I guess many of us have, that nail salons are already safe and therefore, “healthy,” because they are regulated by the government... Right? Wrong. Dead Wrong. It’s scary how toxic it can be to do nail work.

After some Googling around, I found the “California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative.” They formed in 2005 with a mission to protect the health of nail salon workers.



CALIFORNIA  
HEALTHY NAIL SALON  
COLLABORATIVE

Liên Hiệp Ngành Móng Tay Lành Mạnh

*“In 2005, Asian Health Services’ community health workers first noted the epidemic of health issues, such as asthma, chronic rashes, and miscarriages, that nail salon workers were experiencing { while } conducting outreach to community members about diabetes education. In response, AHS established the California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative. The Collaborative was created in response to the health needs of the nail salon community, and we are committed to making the nail salon industry healthier, sustainable and just.”*

( Source: [cahealthynailsalons.org](http://cahealthynailsalons.org) )

The CHNSC is involved with health research, education and outreach, and policy/law advocacy. They also promote civic engagement, “movement building” and leadership development among nail salon workers themselves.

After years of “policy advocacy” on the part of the CHNSC, the State of California passed a law in 2016. Assembly Bill 2125: Healthy Nail Salon Recognition Program, required that “the Department of Toxic Substances Control publish guidelines for cities and counties to **voluntarily implement local healthy nail salon recognition (HNSR) programs.**” It also required that consumer-education programs/services be enacted.

( Source: [leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201520160AB2125](http://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB2125) )



HEALTHY  
NAIL SALON  
PROGRAM

Then, in 2017, the California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative was awarded \$120,000 in Federal Grant money from the EPA, making it possible to begin funding local agencies to implement HNSR programs in their cities and/or counties.

( Source: [dayspaassociation.com/whats-trending-healthy-nail-salons/](http://dayspaassociation.com/whats-trending-healthy-nail-salons/) )



Now that Santa Clara County has joined the movement, it’s our turn, as consumers, to play our part and help keep nail salons healthier for *all* of us.

**#1** - Encourage your favorite nail salon(s) to apply for recognition.

**#2** - Support any of the 115+ nail salons that are already recognized.

→ **Find a list and map of locations at:**  
[sccgov.org/healthynails](http://sccgov.org/healthynails)

**#3** - Spread the Word! Tell Your Friends!



Office of Councilmember Johnny Khamis  
District 10 - City of San Jose



## Laura’s Law: Getting People the Help they Need

Monday, April 29th, the City and the County held a joint meeting (<http://bit.ly/2V8JMoV>) to discuss the issue of homelessness, and received input from staff and non-profits. The exploding population of unhoused individuals in San José requires a more focused approach when it comes to those that are severely mentally ill and those that suffer from strong addictions. I proposed, in a memorandum, that the Board of Supervisors (<http://bit.ly/2JaVSw5>) adopt Laura’s Law – a state law that allows court ordered assisted outpatient treatment for those that are at a high risk of danger to themselves or others because of their mental illness. For those with severe addictions, I suggested exploring a conservatorship program to get people the treatment they need, and ensure they stay engaged with treatment. Finally, I recommended that the County utilize the recently-acquired St. Louise Regional Medical Center as an in-patient care facility for those on our streets who are severely mentally ill or battling addiction. My proposals would provide the care these individuals need - services that they might not have the wherewithal to ask for or would never get living on the streets.

Not only has Laura’s Law been found to help the mentally ill, it was recently found to lower the cost of taxpayer-provided services by 83 percent in San Francisco (<http://bit.ly/2VrMhrs>). Laura’s Law provides intensive case management to participants and helps them find placement in a program that can offer long-term care. Since implementation in San Francisco three years ago, the total number of Psychiatric Emergency Services dropped by 47 percent; and individuals experiencing recidivism dropped from 81 to 51.

The City and County are undertaking a broad array of activities built around housing. It is important for us to adopt additional tools that will make us even more successful including adopting Laura’s Law, conservatorships, and new in-patient facilities – much like for which St. Louise Regional Medical Center would be a great candidate.

I encourage each of you to contact our County Supervisors (<http://bit.ly/2WzmZE2>) to encourage them to implement these changes or with your questions and comments regarding this issue.




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# San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles

If you enjoy small museums with changing exhibits that at different times feature colorful art, historic pieces, modern art, familiar items, handmade things and more, then you should visit the San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles.

We first started going there when our daughter was school-age. She is now a mother of her own school-age children. It originally was the San Jose Museum of Quilts located on Market St. near St. Joseph's Cathedral. We saw it move to Paseo de San Antonio near the Fairmont Hotel. Now it is at 520 South First Street, next to the brick building that previously housed the Metro Newspaper.

What originally just showcased creative and beautiful quilts, now also displays all types of textiles. We recently saw gorgeous woven fabric and a creative display made of satin ribbons. An interesting previous large exhibit showcased historic and international wedding gowns.

We are not quilters, but enjoy the variety and creativity of the pieces on display. I have more appreciation for people that create quilts for family and friends to keep them warm at night. I never knew there were so many types of quilts and things to do with finished products. We have even purchased quilted wall hangings in their gift shop as gifts. We bought a beautiful one in many shades of lavender and purples for my now-deceased mother-in-law. I send a photo of it to my granddaughter to see if she would consider hanging in her room. She asked us to send it, which I happily did.

Usually there are 2 or 3 exhibits on display at a time. If you do not think Quilts and Textiles will interest you, give it a chance, and see if a visit does not change your mind.

This museum is open Wed-Fri 11am-4pm and Sat & Sun 11am-3pm. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$6.50 for Seniors & Students. There is usually nearby street parking.

For more information:  
408-971-0323 / [sjquiltmuseum.org](http://sjquiltmuseum.org) / Facebook: SJQuiltMuseum

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## Fresh Southern Peach Cobbler

Recipe By: aeopsey  
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Submitted By Laura McGeever

Prep – 20 min  
Cook – 40 min  
Ready in – 1 hour

### Ingredients

- 8 fresh peaches - peeled, pitted and sliced into thin wedges
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, chilled and cut into small pieces
- 1/4 cup boiling water

### MIX TOGETHER:

- 3 tablespoons white sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C).
2. In a large bowl, combine peaches, 1/4 cup white sugar, 1/4 cup brown sugar, 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon, nutmeg, lemon juice, and cornstarch. Toss to coat evenly, and pour into a 2 quart baking dish. Bake in preheated oven for 10 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine flour, 1/4 cup white sugar, 1/4 cup brown sugar, baking powder, and salt. Blend in butter with your fingertips, or a pastry blender, until mixture resembles coarse meal. Stir in water until just combined.
4. Remove peaches from oven, and drop spoonfuls of topping over them. Sprinkle entire cobbler with the sugar and cinnamon mixture. Bake until topping is golden, about 30 minutes.

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### 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!



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

- Beautification/clean-up projects
- VEP News: Editor, mailing prep., etc.
- Large Event/Festival, i.e. 4th of July
- Distribute flyers
- Serve on a committee
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- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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