



OCTOBER COMMUNITY MEETING (VIA ZOOM)

October, 27th at 7:30 PM
(see below for meeting link)

Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. General Updates
3. Update from District 10 Office
4. Update from Councilmember-Elect Matt Mahan
5. Measure S Forum and Discussion
6. Other Items
7. Adjourn

Join Zoom Meeting

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Measure S is a ballot measure put forth by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District to provide for the continuation and levy of a special tax to pay the cost of the safe, clean water and natural flood protection program in the combined flood control zone of the Santa Clara Valley Water District subject, nevertheless, to specified limits and conditions.

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Volunteers Needed!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO KEEP VEPCA EFFECTIVE!

Help VEPCA Stay Strong and Effective!

Contact VEP's President, Matthew Quevedo:

matthewgquevedo@gmail.com

~ CALENDAR CORNER ~

(All Community Events are Cancelled until Further Notice. Meetings will be held via ZOOM. Please watch for updates!)

10/27

VEP Community Meeting via ZOOM
Santa Clara Valley Water District
Measure S Discussion

12/1

VEP Community Meeting via ZOOM
(Combined November/December Meeting)

| 2020 is VEPCA's 51st Year! |

VEP Community Association continues to meet via ZOOM due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We look forward to the day that we can begin meeting in person again.

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 2020, 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 each month annually, with the exception of a "Summer Break" from June through August. We appreciate and will, at the discretion of the VEP Board of Directors, 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, Greg West. Business entities interested in advertising with the VEP News are encouraged to contact the Treasurer, 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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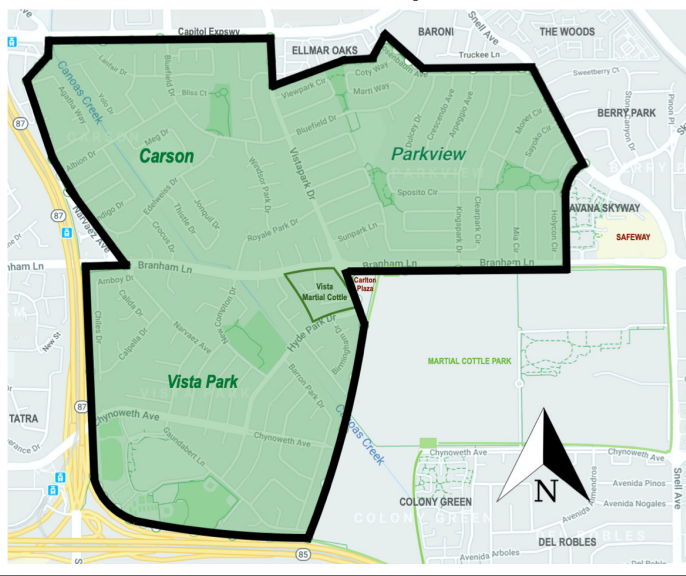
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VEP Membership Area



President's Corner

- Matthew Quevedo, VEPCA President

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What an honor it is to be named the President of the VEP Neighborhood Association. For those of you who don't know, I was born here in San Jose (at Good Sam) and raised in the Vista Park neighborhood (on Barron Park Dr)! My wife, son and I are temporarily residing with my parents as we close on a house in Downtown San Jose where we will be moving to later this year. I have agreed to sit in the seat of the Presidency until a replacement can be found.

I have three areas I plan on focusing on while I am here with you all. First, I want to make sure we are strengthening the board along with the membership of the VEP. Our board has done a great job making this an active board with a membership that participates. I want to ensure I am doing my all to add to the successes that have been made. Second, I want to build a relationship with residents who want to get more involved. I am counting on those of you who want to talk about the neighborhood to reach out to me at 408-772-2171 or at matthewgquevedo@gmail.com. Finally, I will be moving into the role of Chief of Staff for incoming Councilmember Matt Mahan in January. I want to ensure his office is as connected to this neighborhood as possible. Keeping good records and keeping up with the top concerns of our residents will be a major focus of mine so we can take action on behalf of the board as well as within the City Council.

Thank you for supporting this neighborhood and making it a great place. Looking forward to making the most of this year and celebrating with you as we move into 2021! Please reach out to me at any time if you need anything.

San Jose 311 Does Outstanding Job

Greg West, VEP News Editor

I, once again, must call out the outstanding work of the city of San Jose graffiti abatement team. The hwy 87 underpass at Chynoweth continues to get hit by spray paint vandals. Twice in the last three weeks, I've reported new spray paint vandalism at this underpass using the San Jose 311 phone app. I took pictures of the graffiti, reported its location, and attached the pictures on the app. And, low and behold, the graffiti was gone within two (and more often than not, one) business days. This service keeps one of the primary gateways to our neighborhood, and the entrance to one of our two neighborhood high schools, Henry T. Gunderson high school (the other, of course, being Andrew P. Hill high school), free from this menace. In my opinion, this is one of the best uses of the tax money that we pay to the city. The app is easy to use and the abatement service is excellent and timely. What more can one ask?



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October 2020 County Update

Supervisor Mike Wasserman – October 2020 County Update

As your County Supervisor, I have been asking the tough questions and pushing for the safe easing of restrictions. The County of Santa Clara Public Health Officer issued a Revised Risk Reduction Order allowing the resumption of more businesses and activities on October 14, after the State moves the County into Tier 3 (the Orange Tier). Unless otherwise indicated in the Revised Risk Reduction Order, all County businesses and activities will be allowed to resume to the extent allowed under the Orange tier, including:

- Outdoor gatherings of up to 200 people.
- Indoor gatherings of up to 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer.
- Indoor dining up to 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer.

To ensure alignment with the State's Orange Tier, the Health Officer will issue further modifications to various other directives before the County moves into the Orange Tier. COVID-19 continues to pose a serious risk to our residents. This is why we urge all residents to be cautious, stay home when possible, minimize interaction with anyone outside their household, maintain social distance, wear a face covering, and move activities outdoors when possible. Recently, I was reminded of the saying, "When someone has cancer, the whole family and everyone who loves them does, too." It's safe to say that while not everyone may contract COVID-19, we are all affected by it. Whether it is economically, socially, medically, mentally, academically – everyone is impacted in some way. For months, I have been advocating for the safe re-opening of our economy and I am hopeful for the thousands of people who have been contacting the County that this welcome news eases many burdens caused by COVID-19.

I am happy to report significant progress on something I have been working on for several years: helping house our homeless population. A recent San Jose Mercury News headline summed up the great news: "It works. Groundbreaking data proves success of Santa Clara County homeless housing program." A recent study by UCSF concluded that Santa Clara County's innovative strategy to house chronically homeless residents is working. The study looked at Project Welcome Home, which we launched in 2015 to help homeless individuals who are the most frequent users of the County's emergency services, mental health facilities and jails. The program provides individuals with subsidized housing paired with counseling, mental health, addiction and other services. The study found that 86% of participants stayed housed. This groundbreaking study provides definitive proof that permanent supportive housing is helping the county's most difficult cases. It also debunks the myth that chronically homeless people are beyond help.

I am writing this article before the November 3rd Election, not knowing who won seats locally or the Presidency and everywhere in between. I look forward to working collaboratively with my fellow elected officials as we address our most pressing problems during

such a tumultuous time in history. During this year's historic fire season, I spent a great deal of time working with Santa Clara County Fire Chief Tony Bowden, who is fond of reminding people what TEAM stands for in leadership: Together Everyone Achieves More. This is well said and something that we can remember as a community, too.

As always, you can reach my office at (408) 299-5010, or you can email me at district1@bos.sccgov.org.

ARE YOU A MATH WHIZ, BECAUSE WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Marc McGeever

Board President, Gunderson High School Foundation

Gunderson High Foundation and the PTSA are co-sponsoring a math tutoring program with the Grizzly school staff. These sessions will take place during Gunderson Learning Center (GLC), which occurs on Brown Days if you are familiar with the school's block scheduling. Tutoring sessions are for one hour and will be held virtually until we can resume in-person learning. We are looking for volunteers that feel comfortable assisting students in the following subjects; Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and Pre-Calculus. If you feel competent in any of these subjects, please sign up using the URL below and we will get back to you with all the details. This program is being run by the Gunderson staff, so you will be assisting a math teacher and there will be a coordinator that can answer questions and assist you throughout the process. Our first session is targeted for October 13th with the teachers, and we will add parent/community volunteers as they become available.

If you can spare an hour in your day, please join our team as we provide another program that helps our students achieve their goals. With thanks, Gunderson Foundation and PTSA.

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/FOUNDATION-VOLUNTEER](https://tinyurl.com/foundation-volunteer)

New VEP Officers

We have a new core of VEP officers, which we hope to be able to introduce through a brief bio of each in the next issue of the VEP News. We have a good mix of new folks and returning folks, so, we will have some good new ideas from the new folks, and the returning folks will be able to help keep the organization on track and moving forward, and bring the new folks get up the learning curve quickly. Officer contact information is in the VEP News banner on page 2.

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Lines from Lynne

Lynne Kinsey

What You Can See While You Are Still Sheltered At Home - The San Diego Zoo

The Pandemic still continues, but slowly things are opening up, but then could possibly close again. I still long to get out and see things. The closest I have been doing is taking Virtual Tours of local places of interest and places that are farther from home that I couldn't visit on a day's outing.



This morning I decided to go to the San Diego Zoo to see the animals there. There are two ways to do that.

The first way is to watch one of their 13 Live Cams, which are identified here:

https://zoo.sandiegozoo.org/live-cams?qclid=EAlalQobChMI6ubgs-Kn7AIVaz6tBh08gg1GEAAYASAAEgJ1AvD_BwE

Remember that these are live, so be sure to look at them during the day light or it will be too dark to see anything.

Also there are times of the day when certain animals may not be out and visible, so be prepared to try several cams to find one that is active.

An easier way to see the Zoo's animals is to go on a Zoo tour, which is available at

<https://zoo.sandiegozoo.org/upgraded-experiences/inside-look-tours>

Not only can you sit comfortably, but you will be able to listen to a Zoo Guide tell you about what you are seeing.

Also, be aware that the Zoo will ask you several times to consider making a donation. This is completely up to you. You can certainly enjoy the photography of the animals for free.

Doing any of many available Zoom Tours is a fun way to remember a past visit or to see someplace you have not had the opportunity to personally visit.

Here's hoping we will soon be able to visit people and places that we really want to see. But until then stay safe and healthy.



A special fundraiser to benefit Gunderson High School Foundation

Get a head start on your holiday decorating with gorgeous, locally grown poinsettias direct from Headstart Nursery's greenhouses!

These beautiful, vibrant poinsettias are the easiest way to get your home or business ready for the holiday season. They also make wonderful gifts.

All poinsettias are a deep red color, grown in 6½" pots with festive red pot covers.

Plants are available individually or in cases of 6 plants. All poinsettias are sleeved for protection during shipment.

Fundraiser price:
\$20 for 1 plant or
\$35 for 2 plants or
\$90 per case of 6 plants

Order online at: <https://tinyurl.com/ghspoinsettias>

Order & Payment due no later than:
Friday, November 6th

Pick up plants:
Thursday, December 10th 2pm to 6pm
Friday, December 11th 10am to 4pm
Gunderson High School 622 Gaundabert Lane San Jose, CA. 95136

COVID-19 "Data Dashboards" Now Available Online from the Public Health Department

The Santa Clara County has recently published four interactive data dashboards that track new COVID-19 cases, hospital capacity, testing, and long-term care facilities. The informative charts will reveal even more details when users "hover" or "click" on certain portions of the graphs, charts, and/or graphics.

Access all the dashboards directly at:
www.sccgov.org/sites/covid19/Pages/dashboard.aspx

Santa Clara County COVID-19 Snapshot					
Last updated on October 13, 2020 ***					
COVID-19 Cases		COVID-19 Deaths ***		COVID-19 Hospitalizations	
Cumulative	New	Cumulative	New	Current	New
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Microsoft Power BI					



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Covid-19 Testing

Excerpt of a Nextdoor Posting by Santa Clara County Supervisor Mike Wasserman on October 13, 2020



VEPCA Wants to Know:

What do you want to know?

What would you like to learn about?

Which local leaders would you like to meet?

Please send your ideas to VEPCA President Quevedo!

Your input will be used to help plan future community meetings for you and your neighbors!

Email President Quevedo Today!
matthewgquevedo@gmail.com



[COVID-19 Testing](#). Do you know which COVID testing site works best for you?

I don't have symptoms, I don't want to make an appointment, but I may not have insurance

Go to a Pop-up testing site

I want to schedule ahead of time and skip the wait, but I may not have insurance

Go to a Community testing site

I have insurance!

You can contact your provider to set up an appointment with them, or, go to a Community testing site and provide your insurance information

[SCCFreetest.org](#) has many great COVID-19 testing options! (Don't forget you can now make appointments up-to 7 days in advance)



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