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****VEP MEMBER MEETING****

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

Vista Park Community Room

7pm - 830pm



VEP MEMBERSHIP

OPEN TO ALL NEIGHBORS - JOIN OR RENEW

Details on page 5 on how to enter a raffle for Starbucks

\$20 annual membership covers both 2022 & 2023

If mailing, please make payable to VEPCA & include:

Full Name, Street Address, Email and Contact #

VEPCA

**PO Box 18037
San Jose, Ca 95158**

Click to pay online!  <http://www.vepca.net>

MEET VEP BOARD

Take this opportunity and greet your newly elected VEP
Board of Directors for 2022-2023

Each Director is a neighbor, that volunteers their time
for neighborhood beautification, safety and
civic involvement.

Please join the first in-person meeting, it's been a while.

Happy Fall!





VEP MEMBER MEETING AGENDA

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

VEP MISSION & VISION

BUDGET APPROVAL

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

GUEST SPEAKERS

San Jose District 2
Councilmember Jimenez

San Jose Police Department
Captain Matchett

OPEN FORUM

Member Q&A

VEP CALENDAR OF EVENTS

VEP Member Meeting
Wednesday, September 28
7pm to 830pm

Martial Cottle Park Fall Festival
October 1st
9am to 2pm

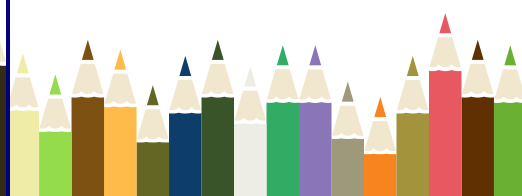
Dave Fadness Beautification Day
October 22st
9am to 12pm

VEP Member Meeting
Wednesday, November 30
7pm to 830pm

SCHOOL HAS RESUMED



PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY





PRESIDENT'S CORNER

For the first time in almost 3 years, the VEP will once again be holding its association meeting in person, September 28th, at the Vista Park Community Center. I can't tell you how excited we are to meet all of our neighbors in person once again and kick off an exciting year of VEP activities and initiatives.

You don't want to miss this meeting. District 2 Councilmember Sergio Jimenez will be introducing himself to the community and providing updates on key City initiatives. Captain Brian Matchett of the SJPd will also join us to provide us with an update on crime mitigation in our neighborhood.

In addition to meeting the new VEP Board, we'll also be going over the calendar of activities for the year as well as open the floor for Q&A.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Alain Mowad
president@vepca.net

DAVE FADNESS BEAUTIFICATION DAY

Hi Everybody -

VEP is back and ready to get started! We will celebrate the 6th Annual Dave Fadness Beautification Day on **Saturday, October 22nd, 2022, from 9:00am to 12:00pm.** We hope you'll come join us for a few hours to spruce up Vista Park and the attached community center. No experience or expertise necessary; just show up in comfortable clothes and with some work gloves, and we will put you to work! We will be working with the City of San Jose Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services team to help keep one of our local parks looking great.

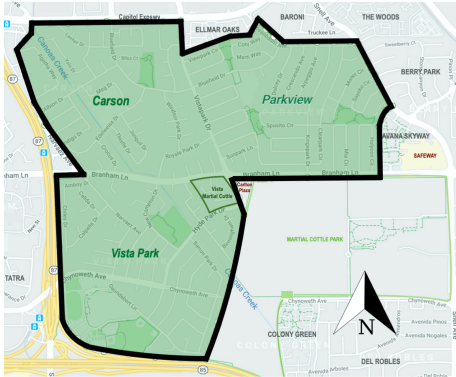
High school students - this event qualifies for service hours; bring your forms to the event and we'll sign them off!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me.

Brian Ferry
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VEP Membership Area



VEPCA

VEP Community Association is a not-for-profit organization, supported by a board of volunteers. First established in 1969, it is one of San Jose's oldest community associations. VEPCA serves and represents homeowners in the Blossom Valley area of southern San Jose and has grown to encompass more than 2,800 homes. Its primary focus is on neighborhood beautification, safety and local civic affairs. This newsletter is emailed to all members, but is also available on line for all to view.

VEP News is typically published monthly, with the exception of "Summer Break", June through August. VEP attempts to publish any and all articles that will be of general interest to our membership community. Articles or information may be submitted to the **VEP Editor**. Business entities interested in advertising are welcome to contact the editor as well, for rates.

VEP SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

IG <https://www.instagram.com/vepca95136/>

FB <https://www.facebook.com/groups/vepca>

Web click: <http://www.vepca.net>

VTA & MIDPEN DEVELOPMENT MEETING NOTES

By Lisa Sanchez

I recently attended this meeting, 9/14, and wanted to share information about the proposed affordable property development for families. The meeting was hosted jointly, by VTA and MidPen Housing Teams. These Teams introduced themselves and the affordable housing development for families, to be located at Capitol Expressway VTA lots on Narvaez Avenue in San Jose.

Here is a simplified summary of this 2 hour meeting. VEP did not "represent" the neighborhood, it's up to each neighbor to be proactive and voice concerns. The good news, this is only the first, of many meetings to come.

Although this project is NOT up for debate, since it's approved and moving forward, VEP is committed to keeping members in the loop. Everyone is encouraged to sign up, receive future evites and attend zoom meetings. It's our opportunity to have our concerns heard. After all, it never serves to just complain, we need to be involved.

MEETING OUTLINE

Mission Statement: Offer safe, affordable and quality housing (condensed version)

Schedule: Proposed Phases to begin 2022 thru 2029
Construction forecasted to begin late 2026

Access Concerns: Support vehicle, handicap, bicycle, bus & pedestrian safety (may need to redo on/off ramps)

Access Study: Traffic flow and congestion is a priority!

Focus: Cost, Benefits, Safety

Breakout Rooms: Q&A with VTA and MidPen

Resources: Provided project contacts and links

Overall, very informative meeting. Neighbors concerns were focused on: traffic flow, freeway access, undoing road diets, pedestrian/bike safety, overflow parking issues for nearby neighborhoods. Neighbors pleaded with these Teams to sit and observe traffic in peak commuting hours!



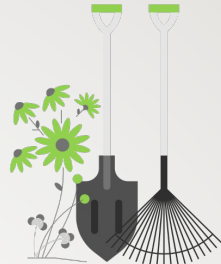
Sign up for Project Updates & Meeting Alerts:

<https://vtacapitolstation-midpen.weebly.com>

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THANK YOU for helping VEP Grow!



JOIN TODAY!

BECOME A
VEP MEMBER

STAY CONNECTED!

RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
ANNUALLY

PHONE A FRIEND!

INVITE YOUR VEP
NEIGHBORS VIA TEXT,
EMAIL, AND/OR SHARE
ON SOCIAL MEDIA

GET INVOLVED!

JOIN US AT AN
UPCOMING
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OR COMMUNITY
VOLUNTEER EVENT

**YOUR ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT HELPS OUR
VEP LOCAL COMMUNITY GROW AND THRIVE!**

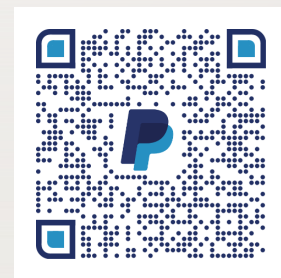
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- ② Pay by credit card via our website:
<https://vepca.net>

- ③ Pay by cash at an upcoming meeting or
volunteer event

- ④ Join or Renew via
PayPal \$20/year:



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All new and renewal memberships received by October 31, 2022 will count for full year 2023
AND qualify you for entry into a drawing for \$20 Starbucks gift card!
Questions? Email membership@vepca.net



6th Annual Fall Festival 2022

Come celebrate our valley's rich agricultural history!

Free Admission! (\$6 Parking)
Bike or take public transit

SATURDAY, OCT. 1
9am to 2pm

SANTA CLARA™ COUNTY PARKS

- Local arts, crafts & food
- Kids activities
- Agricultural workshops
- Animal presentations
- Historical autos
- Antique farm equipment
- Live music
- Food trucks
- Exhibitors
- Family Entertainment
- Pumpkin patch
- and More!

5283 Snell Avenue, San Jose

Visit parkhere.org for more information and volunteer opportunities

