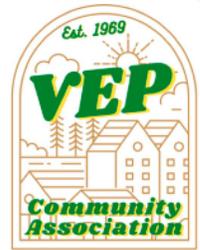


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Upcoming Events

Vista Park Beautification

September 13th, 2025

8:30am-11:30am

We meet annually to remember Dave Fadness and to thank him and the VEP volunteers who are largely responsible for this lovely park. In 1989 Belden School closed on this site. SJUSD wanted to sell the land for high density housing. The neighbors wanted a park. Over 25 years Dave and VEP volunteers worked diligently to make their dream come true. Please join us for a cleanup day

<https://www.sjmayormatt.com/clean-ups>

Sign up here: bit.ly/9-13-Vista

VEP Member Meeting

September 24, 2025

7pm-8pm

Quarterly VEP meeting
Vista Park Community Room.
475 Hyde Park Dr
San Jose CA 95136



Meeting your neighbors!



National Night Out

was Tuesday August 5th, 2025. It was a fun time for the neighborhood to meet each other, the VEP association, and have fun! There was live music by Actual Proof, games, and good conversation. We are grateful for a generous grant from the city which enabled us to enjoy food from Chick-fil-A and Bossman's Pizza. The grant also supplied us with a variety of games and activities for our children.



Martial Cottle Park Fall Festival

October 11, 2025 9am–2pm

Celebrate our valley's rich agricultural history! It features local arts, crafts, activities, agricultural workshops, historical autos, antique farm equipment, live music, food trucks, exhibitors, entertainment, a pumpkin patch - and more

<https://parks.santaclaracounty.gov/fall-festival>

President's Corner

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer!

It was great seeing so many of you at our National Night Out event in August. We had over 100 people attend, the band was absolutely amazing and we had some great food to share from Bossman's Pizza and Chick-Fil-A.

Our next general meeting will be on Wednesday, September 24th at 7 PM in the Vista Park Community Center. Our special guest will be California Highway Patrol Public Information Officer Ross Lee, who will be sharing information on the CHP's defensive driving instruction and how we can take advantage of those. As a reminder, many insurance companies are offering discounts for anyone who completes the defensive driving course. We will also be voting on swearing in our newest Board member Jayshree Rao as our new Events and Beautification VP.

The Board met over the summer to look at our current finances and changes we are looking to make for the 2025-2026 year. The second half of our meeting this month will focus on the proposed changes we want to make, get our membership's input and then put them to a vote.

Finally, on Saturday, September 13th, we will be hosting our annual Dave Fadness Memorial Day Cleanup at Vista Park. A flyer with instructions on how to sign up was sent separately. We will be picking weeds, collecting trash, laying down mulch and doing some touch up work. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

And, of course, looking forward to seeing you all on Wednesday, September 24th, at 7 PM.

VEP Meeting Notes

June 25, 2025

VEP's guest speaker was Director Erik Sullivan, the San Jose City's Housing . He shared some of the current city projects , one of which involves clearing encampments, building shelters and housing our homeless. Also responsible for securing funding for affordable housing, home ownership and shelter space. Current housing projects and production have produced 5,800 units, to date.

Scale of problems, with calculating unsheltered homelessness (approx 5,500), is being reviewed regarding water waste, inflow, housing, intervention and aid.

Average unit costs 900k. Studies show it is most cost effective to fund housing than to invest in prevention.

This discussion was followed by an interactive Q&A with VEP members.

The Branham & Monterey Housing Project is currently in litigation due to initial mold and various building issues with contractor. This housing project is currently 92% occupied. Residents receive support from the organization Life Moves.

The Capitol and Narvaez Housing Project is currently projected for 3 years out.

San Jose City is also looking into utilizing existing hotels for housing (approximately 5 hotels have been designated).

In addition, two RV Safe Parking Sites have been open, Berryessa is currently maxed out.

Lastly, a "Van-lording" bill has passed in San Jose. It is now illegal to purchase dilapidated RV's and rent out to unhoused.

Join our next VEP Member Meeting on September, 24 2025.

September, 24 2025 Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Special guest Officer Ross Lee from the CHP
3. Vote and swearing in of Jayshree Reddy to the VEP Board
4. Review and approve changes in finances and programs
5. Adjournment