

# V.E.P. News

REPRESENTING THE RESIDENTS OF  
VISTAPARK, ENCORE, ECHO VALLEY, BLOSSOM HEIGHTS, AND PARKVIEW VALLEY

JUNE, 1976

THE JUNE MEETING OF THE VEP HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD THIS COMING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9TH, AT 7:30 PM AT NORMANDIN CHRYSLER-PLYMOUTH, CORNER OF PEARL AVENUE AND CAPITOL EXPRESSWAY. NOTICE THAT THIS IS A NEW TIME - 7:30 PM, NOT 8:00 PM AS BEFORE. ALL FUTURE VEP MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30 PM. UNTIL AUGUST, MEETINGS WILL BE AT NORMINDIN'S - - STARTING IN SEPTEMBER THEY WILL BE HELD AT THE NEW GUNDERSON HIGH SCHOOL IN THE FACULTY ROOM. SEE YOU THERE. THIS MONTH'S AGENDA:

- HOME FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY - Capt Suess, San Jose Fire Department
- NEW SCHOOLS - Gail Law, Principal of Belden Elementary  
- Ralph Sleight, Principal of Gunderson High School, with vice-principals Chuck Benjamin, Pat Cobral, and Norris Hill.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been inspiring to see and hear the warm, charitable response of our neighbors for the recent fire victims in the VEP community. Spontaneous response generally discloses the true nature of our personalities - - most of us are concerned and caring people, way down deep.

The attendance at our last meeting, however, evidenced the flip side of that personality, characteristic of too many of us today: disinterested, apathetic, turned off. We had experts, pro and con, giving testimonial to two very important issues. It was your night to become aware, to air your concerns, to do justice to your vote. Where were you? Our guests did a fantastic job. You missed an interesting and informative, downright fun meeting.

This Wednesday, we're going to have spokesmen from the San Jose Fire Department and our two new schools, Belden and Gunderson, to speak to your concerns. You may think that your concerns are not important to them, but they are taking this time from their similarly busy schedules to face you. Your failure to attend will convince them

that your concerns ARE unimportant. IT'S UP TO YOU!

A Carson School girl was approached by a stranger in a car last week - - offered candy and a ride. This is not the first such reported incident this year. Yet we can't seem to get you interested in becoming Block Parents or participating in Neighborhood Watch. Responding in unselfish charity after the fact of a fire is one thing. Do we wait until after the fact to respond to the unspeakable horror of child molestation? The investment of time in either of these programs is very small - the return on the investment is a safe, trouble-free community. How about it?

Make this Bicentennial year the start of your personal involvement. Tune in to the local situation at your VEP meetings. Get out and vote on June 8th. Let's start working on solutions to your concerns. All it takes is a little time (your attendance) and money (your \$4 annual family dues). You'll enjoy being one of us, and we need you. After all, we know how concerned and caring you are, way down deep.

Words cannot express how appreciative we are for the many gifts and considerations that have been given to us by our friends and neighbors in VEP land. The various acts of kindness and love are too numerous to ever be listed. The generous money donations will be very helpful in replacing some of the items that we lost in the fire. We pray that none of you will ever have to go through the experience which we have gone through, but we know that if it should happen, your heartbreak will be greatly lessened by the help and kindness that is found next door in the VEP community. May God bless each and every one of you.

Thank you,

The ERLING Family

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Smoke detectors will be offered at dealer cost plus 10% at the June 9 VEP meeting if an order for five or more detectors can be placed. A demonstration of the effectiveness of these devices will be presented in conjunction with a fire department presentation on home safety. Bring your checkbook, meet Pete Sparaco (an old hand at VEP), and protect your family by being warned of fire before it reaches the point of personal danger. (No proceeds or profit to VEP.)

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OPERATION IDENTIFICATION is available. All materials necessary to identify your valuable items can be obtained from Marion Ward, telephone 224-0281. There no charge for this service to VEP members.

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The Branham Lane-Royale Park Drive culvert bridge is to be completed within two to three months. The work at Ogan and Pearl has already started and the paving and lane widening is already helping. The complete job, including signal, is to be completed prior to the opening of Gunderson High School in September.

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Reports continue to 'trickle' in regarding the replacement of water pipes between meter and home. Please be aware that the old metal pipe constituted an *ELECTRICAL GROUND* for your entire home. PVC replacement will jeopardize your safety unless appropriate grounding is substituted. If you plan to replace your own pipe, a good method of protecting yourselves is to obtain a building permit (about \$5) that will enable an important final inspection by a qualified expert.

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Chip sealing of some area streets (See May VEP News) starts this month. Snell is to be completed to Branham Lane soon. AND SCHOOLS ARE OUT SOON, SO DRIVE CAREFULLY!

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Jumpering ground connections from the old pipe to a new ground is taboo - - you must have a single, continuous lead of adequate capacity from the circuit box to primary ground element. NO SPLICES ALLOWED! The ground must be buried at least eight (8) feet in the earth and the results continuity tested. If you have any questions related to this problem/solution, call Carmen Filice at 226-2565.

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Come one, come all! What more appropriate year for the first annual VEP event? All interested participants are invited to attend - particularly you, kids! VEP hopes to include ALL local groups and individuals interested in displaying costumes, favorite pets, decorated bikes, trikes, doll buggies, wagons, floats, etc., baton-twirlers, bands, YOU NAME IT! There will be contests and free prizes for each class of participants. Come on, join the parade!

Notification of time, place, and parade route will be distributed during June. Interested? Have any ideas? Want to help? Call Dave Fadness at 578-6428.

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## **BECOME A MEMBER**

The VEP Homeowners' Association is here to represent ALL homeowners and residents of VEP Country - Vistapark, Encore, Echo Valley, Parkview Valley, and Blossom Heights.

VEP sends representatives to city and county council/commission meetings, school board meetings, city/county/state planning commission meetings, and other activities of interest to the VEP community.

The VEP is doing this job for all of us, but VEP does need YOUR help, AND support, AND thoughts, AND MEMBERSHIP. Without this, VEP cannot function effectively. VEP could like to continue to improve and protect the VEP community and continue to make this - OUR PART OF TOWN - the very best. Please use the coupon below and send in your small (\$4.00) but important annual dues. Thanks.

Make checks payable to VEP Homeowners' Association and mail to:

Bob Ward, Membership  
4873 Birmingham Drive  
San Jose, California 95136

Or come to the June 9 meeting and join!

WE WANT TO SUPPORT THE VEP HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION. ENCLOSED IS \$4.00 FOR OUR ANNUAL DUES.

Notice that Blossom Heights is now included in the masthead listing neighborhoods that VEP represents. Although this area has been with VEP for some time already, the listing makes it official. Welcome to a growing VEP Country. (Our 1st VP, Diane Christensen, is a resident and fine example of the energetic support VEP can expect from Blossom Heights residents.)

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Congratulations to new Home & School Club officers. VEP extends its support and a vote of confidence to the following.

### **CARSON SCHOOL**

President - Maureen Beni  
Vice President - Reba Witwer  
Secretary - Marion Doerr  
Treasurer - Gary Holzer  
Parliamentarian - Fred Miliani  
Auditor - Dave Fadness

### **PARKVIEW SCHOOL**

President - Edythe Fehling  
Vice President - Peggy Francis  
Secretary - Anne Goodfellow  
Treasurer - Karlene Westfall

Thanks also to the outgoing officers of both of these groups. Active involvement such as this makes for a better and sounder community.

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### **WANTED**

Associate Editor for VEP News, Call Ib Larsen, 578-6292.

Publicity Manager for VEP - a few 'phone calls, call Dave Fadness, 578-6428.

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Late entries have caused an extension of the deadline for the VEP BUSINESS AND SERVICE DIRECTORY. Now is your opportunity to inform your community (approximately 1800 families) of your professional talents or services for a minimal fee. Call Chris Braud now for details and to place your listing - 225-9135.

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# MEETING NOTES

- JUNE 8 CARSON HOME/SCHOOL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, 7:30 PM, at Carson School.
- JUNE 8 SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL, 1:30 & 7:30 PM at Council Chambers, SJ City Hall.
- JUNE 8 ELECTION DAY, GET OUT AND VOTE!
- JUNE 9 VEP GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, 7:30 PM at Normandin Chrysler-Plymouth.
- JUNE 10 OAK GROVE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, 7:30 PM.
- JUNE 15 SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL, 1:30 & 7:30 PM at Council Chambers, SJ City Hall.
- JUNE 15 BELDEN SCHOOL MEETING, 7:30 PM, at Carson School.
- JUNE 16 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, OAK GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT.
- JUNE 17 SAN JOSE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING, 7:30 PM at 1605 Park Avenue.
- JUNE 17 SAN JOSE ALLIANCE OF HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEETING, 7:30 PM at Franklin Savings and Loan, Blossom Hill and Snell.
- JUNE 17 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, SAN JOSE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.
- JUNE 19 VEP EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, 9:30 AM, 5234 Savendish Court.
- JUNE 21 PARKVIEW SCHOOL SUMMER SESSION STARTS (Four Week Session).
- JUNE 22 SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL, 1:30 & 7:30 PM at Council Chambers, SJ City Hall.
- JUNE 22 PUBLIC HEARINGS, SAN JOSE PROPOSED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1976/1977. (This includes Parkview I money.) Call for time.
- JUNE 22 SANTA TERESA HOSPITAL HEALTH NIGHT, 7:30 PM, "Problems of the G.I. Tract".
- JUNE 24 OAK GROVE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, 7:30 PM.
- JUNE 28 CARSON SCHOOL SUMMER SESSIONS STARTS.
- JUNE 29 SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL, 1:30 & 7:30 PM at Council Chambers, SJ City Hall.
- JULY 1 SAN JOSE ALLIANCE OF HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEETING, 7:30 PM at Franklin Savings and Loan, Blossom Hill and Snell.
- JULY 4 VEP FIRST ANNUAL 4th of JULY PARADE (Details to be announced).
- JULY 14 VEP GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, 7:30 PM at Normandin Chrysler-Plymouth.

FOR SALE - 55 gallon aquarium with stand and filters - \$75 - Call 226-7600 after 5 PM.

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