

V.E.P. News

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

OCTOBER, 1976

THE NEXT MEETING OF VEP IS THIS COMING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, AND WILL BE HELD IN THE GUNDERSON HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY LOUNGE. THIS MEETING STARTS AT 7:30 PM - YOU SHOULD PLAN TO BE THERE.

- MEASURE "M" - YOUTH COMMUNITY CENTERS
This item features Mr. Neil Christie, representing the San Jose Youth Commission
- GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
This item features matters of interest to your neighborhood
- CONCERNS SESSION
This item features your inputs and recommendations

FROM THE PRESIDENT

While standing ready to help solve any type of homeowner problem, VEP has always been dedicated to promoting intelligent, active, and responsible citizenship. To the end, VEP urges you to exercise your right to vote in the upcoming national elections. Simply voting, however, is not enough. Your vote counts, and should be cast intelligently after availing yourself of every opportunity to consider all the facts that you can gather.

There is a continuing series of debates that you really should evaluate objectively. There is a pamphlet provided to you by the local registrar that includes financial impact reports, resumes of candidates, and pro/con testimonials regarding the various issues to be decided. Take time to study these and other inputs. Your right to vote bears an accompanying responsibility. Your vote is important and it counts.

Often complaints are heard regarding voting which conclude - "voting amounts to a choice between evils.". This is really our own fault, and an active, voting citizenry is our only chance to turn the tide. Unless you are part of the solution, you are a part of the problem. Sitting out on election day, for whatever reason, is NOT a part of the solution.

The VEP October meeting includes a presentation on Measure M, a plan to establish youth community centers in the San Jose area. You can have your questions about this plan answered by a qualified authority . . . if you are at the meeting. Other items to be discussed include matters of homeowner concern in this immediate community . . . the new traffic signal at Ogan and Pearl . . . our new schools . . . utility lines . . . safety . . . bussing . . . whatever you as members have concern about. Bring your thoughts, concerns, and problems to our next meeting. Bring your friends and neighbors. Cast your vote. See you there?

Dave Fadness
VEP President

THE SCHOOL CORNER

Steinbeck Junior High now has temporary bus transportation for students in the Vistapark area south of Branham. This buss service will only be provided until the traffic signal is installed at Playa del Ray and Blossom Hill Road. This is anticipated in December or January. There is a feeling of this community that even with a signal, the situation is not favorable for students walking to Steinbeck from this area. Petitions will again be circulated to include people north of Branham for permanent bussing arrangements for students at Steinbeck

Gunderson High School is having some serious traffic problems on Ogan, Gaunderbert, and Chynowith. Part of the problem involves non-students visiting the open campus. Principal Ralph Sleight has requested uniformed police officers to help control the traffic problems. His request is presently being considered by the school board and will be discussed at the November 4th meeting. A decision is to be made at that meeting, so if you have thoughts about this situation, come to the November 4th San Jose Unified School District meeting at 7:30 PM, district offices.

Steinbeck Junior High has a Community evening planned for the Home and School Club general meeting October 28. Mayor Hayes will be present as well as representatives from the city traffic and recreations departments. There will be an opportunity to pose questions to these guests. Be there, It's your opportunity to voice your opinion. That's at Steinbeck School, 7:30 PM, at the Indoor Commons on October 28.

Congratulations are in order for new Home and School Club officers at Belden and Gunderson. At Belden, the new staff includes President Francis Reid, VP Sharon Snell, Secretary Jan Sarkozy, and Treasurer Cheryl Lee Leroy. At Gunderson, the new staff includes President Ray Moore, VP Raul Rodriguez, Secretary Jane Burns, and Treasurer Pat Peyton.

VEP extends best wishes to these active community members for a successful year. Such involvement can only improve the VEP community.

THE SCHOOL CORNER

The gymnasium at Gunderson High is now open to the public at no charge every Wednesday from 6 PM until 9 PM and every Saturday from 9 AM to 1 PM. This is made possible through the Parks and Recreation Department.

The Carson Home and School Club needs a small freezer at a reasonable price. If you have a suitable freezer, call Maureen Beni at 224-0560. Help the school while adding much-needed space to your garage!

MEMBERSHIP

Do you belong to VEP? There are some area residents who do not, and it is not usually a case of not wanting to join, but simply not getting around to it. At least that's what we're told. This line of reasoning won't work to much longer, because the VEP order for round TUITs is due any day. Join now and we won't need all these round TUITs. And there are special rates for new residents, so you only pay for the actual time you are in VEP Country. At \$4.00 per family for the entire year, this is probably the best bargain available. If you can't come to our general meeting this Wednesday at Gunderson High School (you should, just to see the school), then send a check for \$4.00 to either address below. If you are a new resident, send one dollar for the last quarter of 1976. Or make life easy, send \$5.00 and you are a 1976/77 member. Make your check payable to VEP and mail to:

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

Chris Braud, Treasurer
4281 Windsor Park Drive
San Jose, California 95136

Include your name, address, and telephone number for proper credit. Thanks.

WELCOME BACK

Vistapark and Blossom Heights welcomes the return of their favorite mailman, HAROLD WILSON. Glad to see you back, Harold.

BRANHAM LANE PROBLEMS

The Southern Pacific has applied to the Public Utilities Commission for permission to discontinue the spur-line service through VEP Country. If the application is approved, it means that Branham Lane can be completed between Vistapark and Pearl, and the new expensive bridge that the city has completed can be used.

This is your opportunity to voice your opinion about a long-standing problem. Write to the PUC now and express your concern. Send your letters to:

California Public Utilities Commission
2175 The Alameda
San Jose, California 95126

If the spur line remains, the city will have to install crossing guards at a very high cost (more than \$100,000.00) or hire a temporary crossing guard - if approved - in order to make Branham Lane usable.

The spur line is not used often, and the Southern Pacific would like to abandon it, but they need PUC approval to do so. This is one more instance when your opinion can matter. Write to the PUC today!

HALLOWEEN HAPPENING *Oct 30*

VEP is sponsoring a GALA HALLOWEEN HAPPENING in conjunction with CARSON, BELDEN, PARKVIEW and GUNDERSON schools. Events begin with a parade at 4 PM, continue with a pumpkin carving contest, a dance, a haunted house and lots of fun. Details of the parade will be provided in a bulletin to be distributed just prior to Halloween. But reserve the evening. There will be children's games until 8 PM, and then the dancing starts. Refreshments will be available - 25¢ hot dogs, 10¢ soft drinks - and for one quarter you can go through the haunted house as many times as you want.

This is not a fund raising event; it is purely for fun and enjoyment. All money received will be used to pay for expenses and excess money will be distributed to the participating schools. It is an excellent opportunity to have some good family fun, play a little, win some prizes, and enjoy.

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE

The Campfire program is in need of volunteers to help or lead a group - men or women are needed. You do not have to have children in Campfire programs to participate. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Please call 227-2589 or 225-6795 if you can help.

PARKVIEW I

Groundbreaking is set for Parkview I during January, 1977. The parks committee has been discussing desires and concerns for the finished park, and the results have been conveyed to the city. As presently conceived, Parkview I will be level, lighted, and include play areas for younger children.

BLOCK PARENTS

FACT: OLDER MAN IN BUSINESS SUIT AND TIE DRIVING DARK BLUE CAR EXPOSED HIMSELF TO TWO CARSON SCHOOL GIRLS (Ages 6 & 7) ON OPENING DAY OF SCHOOL

Block Parent volunteers are urgently needed in virtually all areas of VEP Country. This is a simple and worthwhile program promoting safety in our neighborhood for our children. You do not have to be a parent, and you do not have to be home all the time. Our goal is two Block Parents on every street to virtually assure full-time coverage of the entire area. For information and application forms, contact the following people.

Patty LaFleur for Belden Area - 226-8140

Rosemary Capitalo for Carson - 265-1561

Carol Wilson for Parkview - 226-2477

You can also get forms at any VEP meeting. Please help - - our children need YOU!

FENCES

Questions often arise regarding local fence ordinances. Rules vary depending upon your location and the fence you intend to build. Call the San Jose Property and Code Enforcement Department at 277-5151 before you start fence construction. Ask for assistance now. You can avoid a citation and the dim prospect of moving your new fence if you call in advance and learn how the rules apply in your particular case.

HEATER SUIT NEWS

Money has been received for the Vistapark heater suit settlement and is prepared for distribution to Hidden Glen and Vistapark qualified residents. After returning the contributions to the legal fund and paying legal expenses, a return of about 49% is expected for those homeowners who bore some \$15,000 in expenses. HOWEVER, Heatwell has indicated recently that there is a problem regarding stipulation #3 — a 4-year extended warranty. Until this stipulation is clarified, no money is to be distributed. If necessary, another court appearance with accompanying costs will be faced. This will require additional funds, but VEP does not plan to end this matter without equity for all concerned.

FOR SALE

1973 500/4 Honda w/small extended fork, in perfect running condition, \$700 or best offer, call David at 225-8195.

Trumpet, Horton student model, good for beginners, fair condition, good case, \$15.00, Kathy Little, 225-6071.

Two purebred New Zealand white rabbits with cages and feeders. One bred doe, \$50. One junior buck, \$35. Call Ed Little, 225-6071

SERVICES

Bicycle sales, repairs, and parts. Call Tim, 14 years old, at 227-5472.

Bar One gardening service, professional work at reasonable rates. Call for estimate - Rick at 225-0563.

Babysitting - Call Melinda, 578-9133, or Trisa, 578-6292, or Smita, 578-3238, or Julie, 226-4787, or Jayme, 226-4787.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

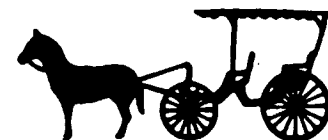
- OCT 7 - SJ Unified Board Meeting at 7:30 PM, 1605 Park Avenue
- OCT 12 - Carson Home/School Club board meeting, 7:30 PM at Carson - City Council, 1:30 and 7:30 PM at City Hall
- OCT 14 - Oak Grove School Board, 7:30 PM - Steinbeck Jr. High Board, 7:30 PM
- OCT 19 - City Council, 1:30 and 7:30 PM, City Hall - Belden Home/School Club general meeting, 7:30 PM at Carson
- OCT 21 - Alliance meeting, Franklin Savings and Loan, 7:30 PM - SJ Unified Board Meeting at 7:30 PM 1605 Park
- OCT 23 - VEP Executive Board Meeting, 9:30 AM at 587 Kings Cross Way
- OCT 26 - Carson Home/School Club general meeting, 7:30 PM at Carson - City Council, 1:30 & 7:30 PM at City Hall
- OCT 27 - Candidate's Night at DeAnza, 7 PM at the Campus Center, Room CC2
- OCT 28 - Oak Grove School Board, 7:30 PM - Steinbeck Jr. High Home/School Club, 7:30 PM
- OCT 29 - Halloween Parade at Carson
- OCT 30 - COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN EVENT at Gunderson High, starts at 4 PM
- NOV 2 - City Council, 1:30 and 7:30 PM, City Hall
- NOV 4 - Alliance meeting, Franklin Savings and Loan, 7:30 PM - SJ Unified Board Meeting at 7:30 PM, 1605 Park

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