

# VEP NEWS

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The "VEP News" is the official publication of the VEP Community Association, published monthly during the months of September through May each year.

We appreciate and will, at the discretion of the VEP Executive Board, attempt to publish any and all articles that will be of general interest to our membership community.

The VEP strongly encourages local schools to submit news articles about events and achievements on their campuses. Articles written by students will be given extra special consideration.

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 of the "VEP News," Mrs. Rachel Witmeyer. Email: [vepeditor@gmail.com](mailto:vepeditor@gmail.com) // Phone: 408-226-2935

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## VEP COMMUNITY MEETING

7:15pm ~ Tuesday

► **October 25th, 2016** ◀

Vista Park Community Room  
475 Hyde Park Dr.

***Everyone is welcome. Invite your neighbors!***

### AGENDA

☺ **Fall Ice Cream Social @ 7:15pm!** ☺

★ **San Jose - the City's Income** ★  
Where Does the Money Come From?

*Presentation by*

**Lee Wilcox**

Director of Budget & Finance

★ **VEP Business Meeting** ★

**Announcements & Updates**

**Updates from Councilmember Khamis & Staff**

Upcoming Events:

*"Don't Forget to Vote"*  
Tuesday, November 8th

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dave Fadness  
Memorial Beautification Day**  
Saturday, November 12th ~ 9am ~ Vista Park

*Happy Thanksgiving!*  
Thursday, November 24th

*"Santa in the Park"*  
Vista Park Community Room ~ Sunday, November 27th

VEP's Next Meeting → Tuesday, November 29th

★ **Your Concerns and Ideas** ★

Your chance to voice your opinion and/or to seek VEP's help.

◆ **2016 is VEP's 47th Year!** ◆

## VEP's October Meeting Preview

By Marilyn Rodgers

► **Presentations:** Featured presentation for this month will be given by **Lee Wilcox, Director of Budget and Finance** for the City of San Jose - on where the City of San Jose's income comes from. You will not want to miss this very informative presentation!! Back by popular demand – the VEP Board is arranging for a “Fall” **Ice Cream Social**, as the one sponsored in May was so well received. It will begin at approximately 7:15pm.

### ► VEP Business Meeting / Updates / Announcements

In addition to updates provided by Councilmember Khamis and staff, there will be several announcements on upcoming events.

### ► Your Concerns and Ideas

We want to hear from you! Together we can work toward positive resolution. This continues to make VEP neighborhoods strong, healthy, and attractive.

We look forward to seeing you, your friends and neighbors, on **Tuesday, October 25th!**

## September Meeting Synopsis

By Marilyn Rodgers

President Rodgers welcomed everyone and made several announcements. Ms. Rodgers then welcomed Councilmember Khamis. As VEP takes a Summer break between the first of June until the end of August, this was her first opportunity to formally congratulate the Councilmember on his re-election for a second term to the San Jose City Council, representing all of us in District 10. He provided several updates and announcements including the successful 3rd Annual July 4th Fireworks Festival at Lake Almaden, and thanked the VEP volunteers who assisted with that success. He also stated that the City of San Jose would be providing an Emergency/Disaster Preparedness Fair on October 13th, to take place downtown in the Rotunda at City Hall. He encouraged everyone to attend. He also talked briefly about the new measure B – the ¼ cent tax increase that will provide specifically for funding for transportation, specifically funding to bring BART to San Jose, and improve roads. He also indicated that he fought to assure that San Jose's Department of Transportation would be provided an additional 19 million dollars of that funding to assist with road maintenance and improvement. He responded to resident's questions and concerns about increase in taxes for residents.

Ms. Rodgers thanked the Councilmember for attending the meeting and providing everyone with updates and information. She then introduced the primary speaker for the evening – Eric Goodrich, Park Manager for Martial Cottle Park. She stated he will provide an update on issues affecting the Park, as well as some exciting information on the 2nd Annual Fall/Harvest Festival for Martial Cottle Park, this coming Saturday, October 1st. Eric thanked her and said yes they were very excited about the Festival. Additionally, they are pleased to announce that the Park will also start a new Spring Festival at the Park, tentatively planned for the first Saturday in May. He thanked the VEP members in attendance who are volunteers at the Park, including Ellen Finch, and Stephen & Lynne Lindsey. He was pleased that the numbers of volunteers for the Park are increasing – and they still need additional volunteers, so....anyone interested in what types of positions/activities for volunteers are available... may contact him. Eric stated that the Festival on Saturday will start at 10am, and that this year there will be a \$6.00 fee for parking on-site. There will be additional food trucks available this year, as well as many new and returning agencies (including Park partners) that will have booths at the Festival. Of course, the main attractions will be all of the fun activities scheduled. They are anticipating a large turnout

as there has been a significant increase in the amount of advertising for this event. He was also proud to announce that Martial Cottle Park now has its own newsletter. Marilyn indicated she had received a copy of the newsletter, and thought it was quite impressive. Eric also provided an update on park partners including possible new projects to be initiated. Marilyn stated that she had (on VEP's behalf) written support letters for two of the Park partners – Master Gardner's and Our City Forest. These organizations have applied for grants from the Open Space Authority of Santa Clara Valley for the “urban space” improvement grants provided through the new Measure Q funds – an initiative passed by the voters in the last election.

Ms. Rodgers thanked Eric, and invited him to come as often as he would like to provide information and updates on the Park. She also thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and reminded them that the next VEP meeting would be October 25th.

## Vista Park Area: 2 Serious Vehicle Accidents

By Marilyn Rodgers

During the month of September, two serious automobile accidents occurred in the Vista Park area of VEP. The first accident took place on the evening of Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at approximately 8:30pm. It occurred on Chynoweth, in front of Gunderson High School. One vehicle was driving from Pearl toward Gaundabert/New World when another vehicle mistakenly driving (on the wrong side of the road) on Chynoweth toward Pearl caused a “head-on” collision. Unfortunately the vehicle causing the accident turned and sped off, immediately leaving the scene of the accident. The victim's car was totaled. The victim suffered serious injuries. SJPD responded to the scene. If anyone has information regarding this accident, they are encouraged to contact the San Jose Police Department.

The second accident occurred on Sunday afternoon, September 18<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 1:45pm. This accident occurred at the intersection of Hyde Park Drive and Birmingham Drive (just a short distance west of where Vista Park Drive deade-ends). One vehicle was heading west on Hyde Park and made a left turn onto Birmingham Drive. The second vehicle was driving east on Hyde Park toward Vista Park Drive. Hyde Park Drive curves slightly in this area, and the driver of the second vehicle was distracted and hit (broad-sided) the turning vehicle. The driver of the broad-sided vehicle suffered serious injuries.

Fortunately in both of these accidents, while injuries were serious, the results were no critical injuries or fatalities (although that could certainly have happened in both cases). Additionally, both of these accidents were caused by distracted drivers (and/or worse) that were going faster than conditions would justify.

The Chynoweth to Hyde Park to Vista Park (and reverse) has increasingly become more heavily travelled by both vehicles and bicycles, with approximately 70-80% of all traffic by those who are not residents of the VEP neighborhoods (using this route as a “shortcut”, as it does not have light signals). Also unfortunately, too many drivers are not adhering to speed limits on these residential roads, and way too often driving 10 to 20 miles per hour above the speed limits. This combined with increased “driver distractions”, often will result in accidents. It is our hope to prevent all accidents in our neighborhoods, but particularly critical accidents, or ones causing fatalities!!

Just a reminder.....for everyone's safety, please be sure to not exceed the speed limit of 25 miles/hour on Hyde Park and the southend (south of Branham) of Vista Park Drives. Also a reminder that the majority of Chynoweth is 30 miles/hour (and 25 in front of Gunderson – in both directions).



**VEP Wants to Know? Can You Spare Few Hours!**

VEP is seeking a few people to donate a few hours of their time each month to help with ongoing projects and to possibly help us start some new ones!

**Are you interested in Neighborhood Beautification?  
Coordinating Neighborhood Events? Let us know!**

Please Email VEP President Rodgers: [mrodersrn@aol.com](mailto:mrodersrn@aol.com)



**VEP Plans for a Memorial Bench / Plaque  
at Vista Park in Honor of Dave Fadness**

*By Marilyn Rodgers and Rachel Witmeyer*

The VEP Board of Directors is pleased to announce that more than enough donations have been received to provide for a memorial bench and plaque in honor of Dave Fadness. The bench will be placed in Vista Park. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who has donated towards this project!

VEP has recently learned that the usual ordering time needed to receive a memorial bench and plaque has greatly increased from a few weeks to several months. This is partly due to a dramatic increase in popularity of memorial benches as a way to honor friends and loved ones. As soon as the memorial bench for Dave is completed, announcements will be sent out to the community and to all of Dave's friends, inviting them to attend a special dedication of the bench.



*VEP Community Association Invites You to Join Us!*

*2nd Annual Dave Fadness  
Memorial Beautification Day!*

**Vista Park Community Room: 475 Hyde Park Drive  
Saturday, November 12th ~ Starting at 9:00am**

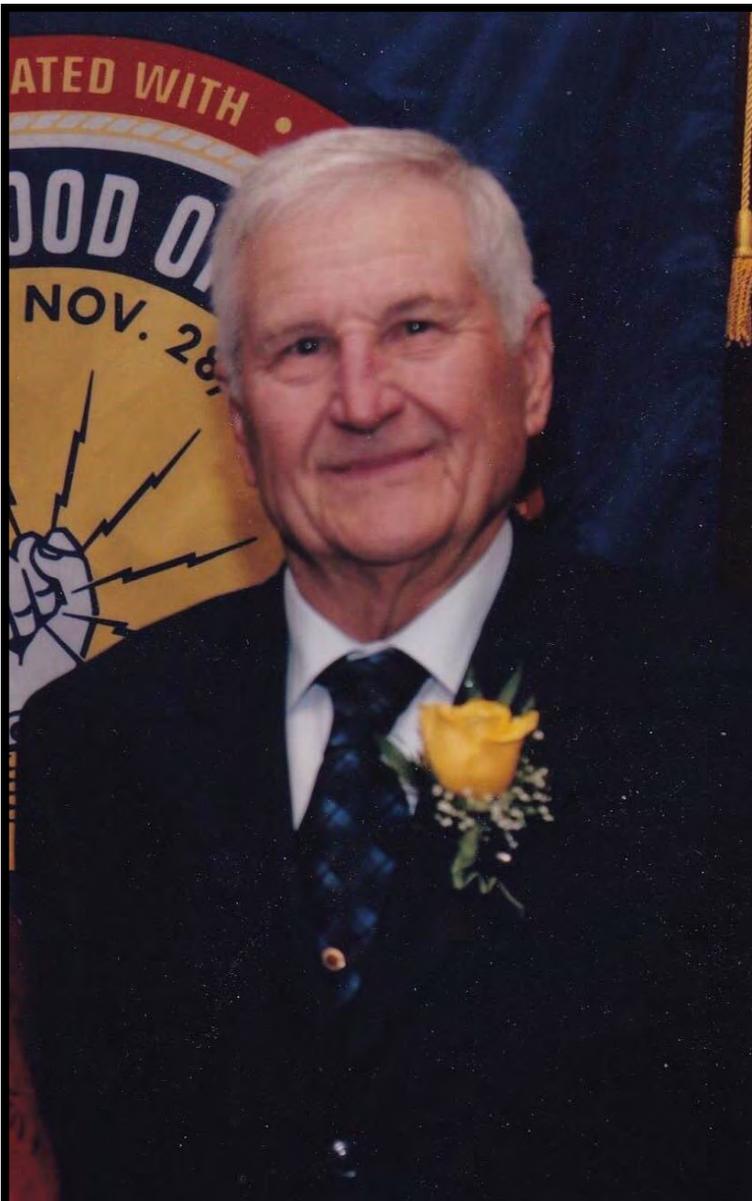


We all know how much Dave loved to help keep our community beautiful! His dedication and love of volunteering in the VEP and in greater San Jose is greatly missed.

Please come out for as long as you can to help us keep Dave's legacy of "beautification" projects alive!

Bring your work gloves and help us spruce-up the park!

*We hope to see you there!*



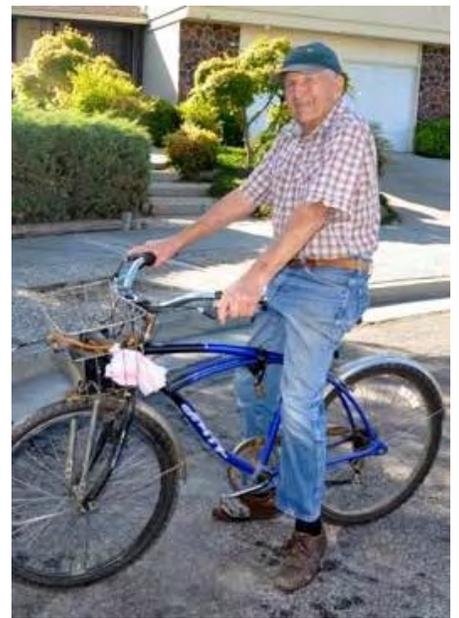
## Frank Kistler – In Memoriam

Article By VEP President, Marilyn Rodgers  
 Photographs Courtesy of the Kistler Family

On the evening of Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, VEP lost a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, long time community volunteer, and dear friend: Frank Kistler suddenly, but peacefully, passed away. He was 87 years old. Frank was born in Ottawa, Ohio, graduated from St. Peters and Paul Catholic High School, and immediately entered the U.S. Navy. He spent most of his enlisted time at Moffett Field as an airplane electrician. After his service in the Navy, he settled in San Jose, living there with his wife and family for 64 years. He was a journeyman electrician in the local IBEW union for over 55 years. In his retirement years he loved recycling, riding his bicycle, playing with grandkids and great-grandkids and.... watching his favorite western TV Shows: Gunsmoke, the Rifleman, and Bonanza.

He was also a very active volunteer in the VEP Community Association for many years. In his early retirement years, he helped plant trees in common areas, such as the corner of Narvaez and Branham, and along Chynoweth and Coleman Avenues. He also actively assisted in the pruning and caring for the many palm trees along Chynoweth for many years. Additionally, he assisted in the pruning and beautification of the area at the end of

Chynoweth and Barron Park Drive – cleaning up debris and planting tulip bulbs to give the site some color. This was before the Martial Cottle Park or the Park Perimeter Trail opened. This site is now the popular pedestrian entrance to the Park, at the end of (west) Chynoweth. In his later retirement, Frank was known for his tireless work with recycling – particularly collecting cans and bottles. He encouraged his neighbors to also participate in this endeavor. He utilized the funds generated toward a decade of annual sponsorships of the Christmas party for all of the residents at the Atrium Senior Community. Frank was also an avid bicyclist on the Martial Cottle Perimeter Trail and around the VEP neighborhoods – always stopping to provide a smile, a word of encouragement, or a brief conversation with his many friends and neighbors.



Frank is survived by his wife Betty, 6 children, 12 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, and hundreds of friends. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Celebration of Life for Frank Kistler. On Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30pm to 3:30pm the family of Frank Kistler provided a Celebration of Life for Frank's relatives and many friends. It was held at the Cup & Saucer on Blossom Hill Road. (Note: the owners of the Cup and Saucer were long-time friends of the Kistlers.) Those in attendance were provided with delicious food, and an opportunity to meet Frank's family and many friends. The rooms were nicely decorated with many pictures and important activities and memories of Frank's life. In addition to VEP friends, Councilmember Johnny Khamis attended, as well as a large contingent of friends from the Atrium.

"Adjournment" for Frank Kistler by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. On Tuesday morning, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at the Board of Supervisors meeting, Santa Clara County Supervisor Mike Wasserman initiated an "adjournment" in honor of Frank Kistler - his life, and his many years of service as a volunteer. In addition to several family members in attendance, VEP was represented by Marilyn Rodgers, Aiko Fadness, and Josie Supencheck.



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## 2nd Annual Martial Cottle Park Fall Festival

Article By Marilyn Rodgers

Photographs by Rachel Witmeyer (See pages 6 and 7)

On Saturday, October 1st, Martial Cottle Park hosted its 2nd Annual Fall / Harvest Festival. The weather could not have been better – sunny and very mild temperatures. The event started at 10am, with vehicles lined up on Snell (in both directions) to enter the Park. Activities included educational, informational, and interactive themes – and resulted in many smiles for both very young to the more mature! This year, the huge majority of visitors were children. This would certainly have delighted Mr. Walter Lester – the donor of the Park property. It was his hope that, in particular, children would have an opportunity to both learn and appreciate the importance of farming and agriculture in their lives, as well as the historical importance agriculture played in this, the “Valley of Hearts Delight.”

A big draw – for both young and old – were the three tractors. While volunteers (VEP member Josie Supencheck and her grandson, Dylan) helped to provide safety and security for the tractors, most everyone enjoyed the opportunity to take pictures in front of the tractors. The Visitor’s Center was also very popular – with VEP members Lynne and Stephen Lindsey acting as two of the very hardworking volunteers in the Center.

VEP member Charlie Friedericks helped, along with many other volunteers, as well as additional Park Ranger staffing, to provide security... including helping with directions for parking in sanctioned parking areas for this event. Note: many neighbors also walked or biked to the event.

Many agencies and non-profit organizations provided inform-

-ation, along with often-stimulating interactive activities, at the many booths available for everyone to stop and visit. This included booths staffed by all of the Park Partners. Some, such as Master Gardeners had items for sale – plants, etc.

The several food trucks, as well as the Master Farmer Food Stand - Jacobs Farm del Cabo, provided a variety of options for snacks, healthy foods, and drinks. Fun activities such as a twist on the “sack race,” the pumpkin throwing/racing contest, pictures with “heads in” on harvest themed stations, all made for lots of family fun. Jacobs Farm del Cabo staff also provided for “in-the-field” tours – with information on what and how products are grown on the Martial Cottle Park property – “all organic.”

VEP can’t wait to see what next year’s Fall Festival brings!

NOTE: Be sure to see our pictures, on pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter. →



# REMEMBER TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 8th

## \*Santa is Coming!\*

...to the Vista Park Community Room  
475 Hyde Park Drive

**Sunday, November 27th**

**Santa Hours: 2:00pm to 4:00pm**

**Food & Blanket Drive Hours: Noon to 4:00pm**

Bring the kids or the whole family for a free photo with Santa!  
A VEP Photographer will be on-duty, or bring your own camera.

**Fun for the whole family!**

**\* Crafts! \* Refreshments \* Food & Blanket Drive! \***

**Join your neighbors for this VEP neighborhood tradition!**

We are Collecting Canned Food and Non-Perishable Food Items,  
as well as New or Gently-Used, Clean Blankets & Sleeping Bags.  
~ No Glass Please - Thank You! ~

Event Hosted by VEP Board Member, Helen Castillo.  
For questions, please call Mrs. Castillo at 408-981-5902



# 2nd Annual Fall Festival! at Martial Cottle Park



VEP at the Park: Charlie Friedricks (VEP Member & Park Volunteer), Rachel Witmeyer ("VEP News" Editor), Josie Supencheck (VEP Member & Volunteer), Dylan (Grandson & Volunteer), and Marilyn Rodgers (VEP President) { EDITOR'S NOTE: FESTIVAL PHOTOS BY RACHEL WITMEYER }



## Jacobs Farm!



## Crafts



## "Milking"



## Visitor Center Volunteers



## Hauling Hay



## Roping



## Square Dancing



## Booths!

# Local 4-H!



Jason B.  
4-H



Jenel V.  
4-H

# Fabulous Food Trucks!



Marilyn & Rich Crowley (D10 Leadership Coalition)

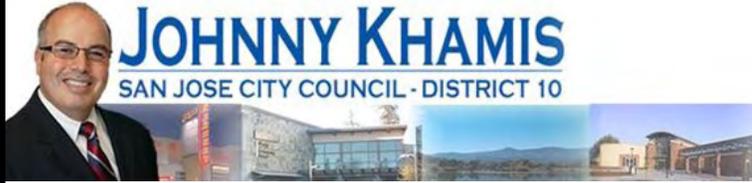


# UC Cooperative Extension: Master Gardeners



Pumpkin  
Bowling





# JOHNNY KHAMIS

SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL - DISTRICT 10

## Local Measures that Affect Property Taxes

After receiving many requests to explain local measures, I asked my staff to research our local Bond measures that will have an effect on your wallet if you are a homeowner or property owner in San Jose. When a bond is described in the ballot summary, it will list the total amount of the bonds. The bond repayment is funded with a tax applied to your yearly property tax bill. The tax information is not typically provided in the ballot summary, but it is included in the full ballot information that you will receive.

When bonds are issued, the cost of the bonds is spread over the taxable property within the jurisdiction of the entity issuing the bonds. This cost is then added to your property tax bill as a new assessment on the value of your property (an ad-valorem tax). We have taken a look at each local measure that may have a direct effect on your finances and illustrated what it would cost for someone who owns a \$500,000 condo and what it would cost someone with a median-priced San Jose home of \$822,700 (from Zillow.com), in the chart provided on this page.

By adding up the relevant cost estimates, you can calculate the total effect on your household budget were each of these measures to pass. For example, if you live in San Jose (which is within Santa Clara County), within the San Jose-Evergreen Community College District, the East Side Union High School District, and the Oak Grove School District, and own a property assessed at \$500,000, you could pay \$439.55 in additional tax each year (\$63.30 + \$94.75 + \$149.50 + \$132.00). If you own a home valued

at the median price of \$822,700, you could pay \$638.04 in new taxes (\$104.15 + \$155.90 + \$245.99 + \$132.00). If you are not a property owner, but you rent, the additional property-based taxes that your rental property provider is paying can have an effect on your own monthly rent when you next renew your lease, or more quickly if you are a month-to-month renter.

In addition to the new parcel and property-value-based taxes that you will vote on other local measure that may affect your household budget, so be sure to review your ballot information carefully. Measure G, for example, increases the business tax for most businesses within San Jose, but provides new exemptions for small businesses and those who earn a little extra money from self-employment. You may read more details about Measure G in the City Attorney's impartial analysis of the measure. : <https://sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/60153>

However you decide to vote on the numerous ballot measures on the November ballot that you will consider – be sure to get fully informed and know how these measures will affect you, your friends, and neighbors before you make your decision!

## Chynoweth Avenue Update

In November 2006, California voters passed Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act. It provides \$1 billion for Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Planning and Implementation. In September 2013, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) awarded the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) full funding for 19 projects, including San José's Chynoweth Avenue Green Street Demonstration Project. ABAG serves as the lead grantee with DWR, and is establishing Local Project Sponsor Agreements (LPSAs) with each project sponsor, including the City of San José. The San José City Council adopted a resolution on June 17, 2014 to allow the negotiation and ex-

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Measure	Summary	Total bonds issued or revenue estimated	How is it paid for?	Cost (estimated cost for ad-valorem taxes)	Yearly cost for owner of a \$500,000* condominium	Yearly cost for owner of median-priced San Jose home of \$822,700* (from Zillow.com)	Area Affected	Vote required for passage	Is there a Senior or other Exemption?
A	Affordable Housing Bonds	\$950 million	Ad-valorem tax (based upon property value)	\$12.66/\$100,000 of assessed property value for up to 30 yrs	\$63.30	\$104.15	All of Santa Clara County	2/3 vote	No
X	San Jose-Evergreen Community College District bonds	\$748 million	Ad-valorem tax	\$18.95/\$100,000 of assessed property value for up to 30 yrs	\$94.75	\$155.90	Much of San Jose & nearby unincorporated County areas.	55% vote	No
Y	San Jose Unified School District parcel tax	\$5 million annually	Tax on each parcel of property	\$72/parcel for 8 yrs	\$72.00	\$72.00	Parts of north, central, south San Jose - including much of Council District 10	2/3 vote	Yes - seniors
Z	East Side Union High School District bonds	\$510 million	Ad-valorem tax	\$29.90/\$100,000 of assessed property value, for up to 30 yrs	\$149.50	\$245.99	Much of central, northeast, east, & south San Jose	55% vote	No
AA	Campbell Union High School District bonds	\$275 million	Ad-valorem tax	\$30/\$100,000 in assessed property value for 30 yrs	\$150.00	\$246.81	Parts of San Jose Districts 1, 6, 9, 10, Campbell, parts of Saratoga, & more.	55% vote	No
CC	Campbell Union School District facility upgrade	\$72 million	Ad-valorem tax	\$17.05/\$100,000 of assessed property value for up to 30 yrs	\$85.25	\$140.27	Parts of west San Jose, Campbell, Saratoga	55% vote	Yes - seniors & disabled
EE	Oak Grove School District Program upgrade	\$3.1 million annually	Tax on each parcel of property	\$132/parcel for 9 yrs	\$132.00	\$132.00	Parts of Council Districts 2, 7, 8, 10.	2/3 vote	Yes - seniors
HH	Franklin-McKinley School District parcel tax	\$1.2 million annually	Tax on each parcel of property	\$72/parcel for 9 yrs	\$72.00	\$72.00	Central San Jose	2/3 vote	Yes - seniors

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-cution of a LPSA with ABAG to effectuate a \$2 million grant with City matching funds of \$250,000 for the Chynoweth Green Street project.

The Departments of Environmental Services (ESD) and Transportation (DOT) chose Chynoweth Avenue as a potential project site due to the need to reduce the street width by installing a median, while providing a separate parking area for Martial Cottle County Park. In addition, the location of this project was ideal for the implementation of a Green Street, where low impact development (such as bio-retention or "rain garden") infrastructure can be installed to improve the quality of stormwater runoff and provide an educational experience for the surrounding community about Green Streets. The project area, along Chynoweth Avenue, is bounded by Snell Avenue and Canoas Creek. The Department of Public Works (DPW) was tasked with designing and delivering this project for ESD and the community.

City Council District 10 (D10) staff collaborated with DPW, ESD, and DOT to host a community meeting on December 1, 2015. City staff provided a visual rendering of the project to the community that showed the improvements, such as those to the median and the bio-retention areas. In addition, the rendering showed pedestrian improvements such as parking, sidewalks, crosswalks, and pedestrian ramps.

In the meeting, two major concerns were raised by the community: (1) reducing speed limits and (2) improving street lighting conditions at the east end of Chynoweth Avenue.

On August 17, 2016, City staff presented D10 staff with the completed designs that incorporated residents' concerns as expressed at the December community meeting.

Upon project completion, the residents can expect the following improvements:

- A median island that will delineate a separate access to the residential side along Chynoweth Avenue and a separate access for direct use of the Martial Cottle County Park
- Street parking adjacent to Martial Cottle Park with water quality features
- Sidewalks along Martial Cottle Park
- Crosswalks for the residents to safely cross to Martial Cottle Park.

- Re-stripping of the roadway to narrow lanes and therefore, reduce speeding
- Trees and landscaping
- A new streetlight at end of Chynoweth Avenue (near Canoas Creek) to enhance the lighting conditions at the east end of the street

Expected Project Schedule Timeline:

- Complete design and advertise – late October 2016
- Bid and Award – mid January 2017
- Start of Construction – late March 2017
- Construction Completion – late July 2017

**Halloween Costume Donations Needed!**

This Halloween I am starting a new tradition of collecting costumes for children living in the Hoffman - Via Monte Neighborhood. The median annual household income of the families living there is \$44,673, while the median income in the surrounding neighborhoods range from \$69,000 to \$143,000.

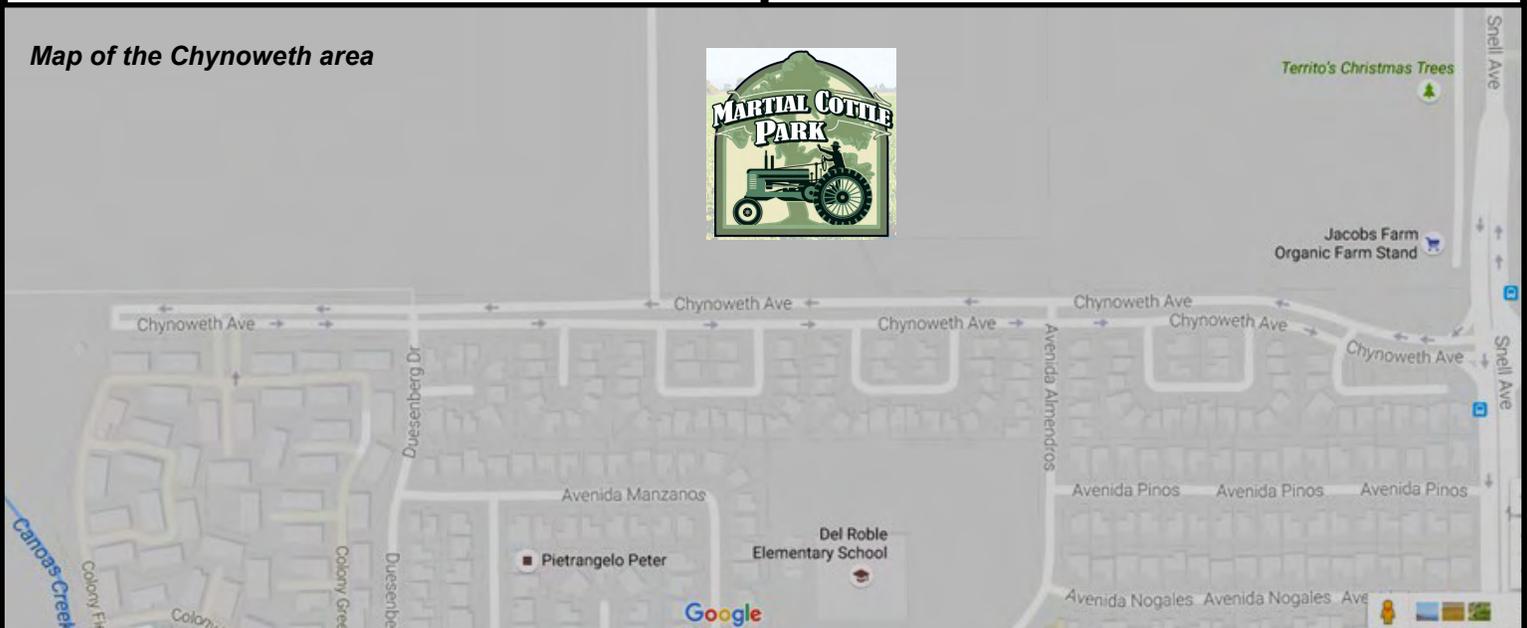


Since being elected, I have been working to help the neighbors and property owners who are dedicated to improving the neighborhood by dedicating staff resources and working with our police department on a comprehensive plan to improve the safety of the neighborhood. Residents of low-income neighborhoods deserve to live in housing and in an environment that is healthy for bringing up families. I am happy to report that we are making progress in improving the quality of life for the residents living there.

While you are out shopping for costumes this year, please consider buying an extra one for a child between the ages of 5 to 13. Costumes may be dropped off at my District 10 office hours or at the church office of Almaden Hills United Methodist Church at 1200 Blossom Hill Road.

May you all have a safe and happy Halloween!!!

**Map of the Chynoweth area**



FROM THE OFFICE OF

D I S T R I C T O N E



**SUPERVISOR  
MIKE WASSERMAN**

Like so many of you, I am still reeling from the devastation of the Loma Fire that consumed 4,500 acres and destroyed 12 homes in our community. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who lost their homes and sense of security. I spent an afternoon at CAL FIRE's base camp and was impressed with the dozens of men and women I met and spoke with that came from near and very far to stop this fire. Without hesitation, they just packed up their things and showed up, fully prepared both mentally and physically to do whatever was asked of them or needed. I have also been so impressed by the overwhelming support and offers to help from the community. Not soon after the fire broke out, there were offers to lend horse trailers and other equipment to help residents evacuate their families and their beloved animals, as well as countless other donations. Here are some groups accepting donations to help local disaster victims:

Santa Clara County Animal Shelter [www.countypet.org](http://www.countypet.org)

Red Cross of Silicon Valley - Disaster Relief [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

Salvation Army of Gilroy (6701 Camino Arroyo, Gilroy) is accepting in-kind donations of clothing, household goods and toys.

In addition to helping serve your community, you can also go above and beyond your civic duty of voting by volunteering at the polls. Thousands of volunteers are needed to help on Election Day, especially those who are bi-lingual. Volunteers receive stipends of \$115 - \$200 and must be registered voters or legal permanent residents of the United States. Students 16 years and older may apply for the Student Election Officer Program. By volunteering, you'll earn a nifty Presidential Election pin too!

Sign up at:

<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/Volunteer/Pages/Officer.aspx>  
or call 1-408-299-POLL (7655)

Important Dates & Reminders for the 2016 Presidential Election:

Early Voting Begins and More than 50 Ballot Drop-off Locations:  
Begins Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Last Day to Register to Vote: Monday, October 24, 2016

Last Day to Request a Vote by Mail Ballot:  
Tuesday, November 1, 2016

No Stamps Required for Mail Ballots:  
All Vote by Mail return envelopes are now postage paid!

As always, you can reach my office at (408) 299-5010, or email me at [district1@bos.sccgov.org](mailto:district1@bos.sccgov.org) with comments and concerns.



From **Parkview Elementary**

Amy Boles, Principal

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### PSCA ALL-PARENT MEETINGS

**Our goal this year is to bring all of our parents together for one monthly PSCA meeting** (Parkview School Community Association). It will give all of the parents a chance to come together to discuss what's going on, and we hope that it will create inclusion in our community. Please mark your calendars for our **October All-Parent Meeting of the Year – Tuesday, October 25 at 6:00 PM in the Library**

### WALK TO SCHOOL WEDNESDAYS

Parkview School is partnering with the City of San Jose Department of Transportation this year to participate in the Walk N Roll Program! Walking and biking to school creates a sense of community, is healthy, and helps to reduce traffic around the school during drop-off and pick-up hours. Students are encouraged to walk or bike to school every day, but especially on Wednesdays!

Weather permitting, every Wednesday we will have:

- A Walking School Bus from The Woods. Meet staff and fellow students at the corner of Snell and Rosenbaum at 8:00!
- Recognition for Walking to School (stickers, pencils, water bottles, etc.)

### STRONG START PARENT WORKSHOP SERIES

We are very excited to partner with Foothill College for an 8-week parent workshop series here at Parkview School. ALL families and parents are welcome to join us on eight Fridays to discuss:

- Ages and Stages of Child Development
- Characteristics Strong Families
- Effective Learning Environments
- Home and School Partnerships
- Common Core Standards and Learning for Success

### OPEN TO ALL!

Free Childcare, Materials and Snacks will be provided.

Participants will also receive a Foothill College Student ID and Certificate

**Remaining Meeting Dates:** 8:45-10:45, Parkview Computer Lab October 21 & 28, November 4 & 18, and December 2



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# VEP Community Calendar



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>16</b> Blossom Hill Farmers Market <b>Every Sunday</b> ~ 9am - 1:30pm ~ Ohlone/Chynoweth VTA - Santa Teresa Blvd. & Hwy 85/87	<b>17</b> <b>COLLEGE WEEK</b> @Gunderson H.S. Boys Soccer Tryouts <b>Mon-Tues-Weds</b> 3-4pm ~ @JMMS (Soccer Field)	<b>18</b> Volleyball Games ~ 5:00-8:00pm ~ @Gunderson H.S.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> OGUSD District-Wide Disaster Drill ~ 9:00am ~	<b>21</b> Santa Clara County "College Day" ~ @Area Schools ~ Principal's Chat ~ 8:30-9:00am ~ @JMMS Library	<b>22</b> <b>Book Sale</b> \$1 hardbacks 50¢ softcovers ~ 10am-5pm ~ @MLK, Jr. Library
<b>23</b> \$5/Bag Book Sale ~ 1:00-5:00pm ~ @Martin Luther King, Jr. Library	<b>24</b>	 <b>25</b> <b>VEP Community Meeting &amp;</b> ~ 7:30 PM ~ @Vista Park Community Room	<b>26</b> <b>JMMS Falcon Feeding Frenzy</b> Chipotle Mexican Grill (2007 Camden Ave, #50)	<b>27</b> @John Muir M.S. SELAC Mtg. 10-11am Girls Basketball 4pm Boys Soccer 4pm Volleyball ~ 5-8pm @Gunderson H.S.	<b>28</b> Principal's Coffee ~ 8:05-9:05am ~ @Carson Multi. Football VS. Del Mar ~ 4:00-9:30pm ~ @Gunderson H.S.	<b>29</b>  Homecoming Dance ~ 7-10pm @GHS Forum
<b>30</b> 	<b>31</b> 	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>District 10 Office Hours</b> 8:30-9:30am @Almaden Valley Community Center (6445 Camden Ave.)	<b>3</b> Principal's Coffee ~ 8:00-9:00am ~ @GHS-Knapp's Off. Girls B-Ball 4:30pm Boys Soccer 4:30pm @John Muir M.S.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 	<b>7</b> John Muir M.S. DELAC Meeting ~ 6:00-7:00pm ~ @District Office	<b>8</b> <b>ELECTION DAY</b> 	<b>9</b> <b>JMMS Falcon Feeding Frenzy</b> Willow Street Pizza (1072 Willow St., 95125)	<b>10</b> PTSA Meeting ~ 6:30-8:00pm ~ @GHS Library	<b>11</b> (No School) 	<b>12</b> <b>District 10 Office Hours</b> 10:30-11:30am @Hub's Coffee (630 Blossom Hill Rd.)
<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b> SSC Meetings: ~ 2:30-3:30pm ~ @Carson B5 ~ 2:45-3:45pm ~ @GHS Room C2	<b>15</b> Girls Basketball 4pm Boys Soccer 4pm @John Muir M.S.	<b>16</b> PTSA Meeting ~ 6:30-8:00pm ~ @John Muir M.S. (Faculty Dining Room)	<b>17</b> @John Muir M.S. SELAC Meeting 10am Girls Basketball 4pm Boys Soccer 4pm	<b>18</b> Principal's Chat ~ 8:30-9:00am ~ @JMMS Library	<b>19</b>  Club Association Liders Family Dance ~ 4-7pm @GHS Forum

## ★ Coming Soon in the VEP Neighborhoods ★

### VEP's Meetings

**NOVEMBER**  
 Tuesday, November 29th

**DECEMBER**  
 No Meeting

**JANUARY**  
 Tuesday, January 31st

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### VEP Community Events

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dave Fadness Memorial Beautification Day**  
 Saturday, November 12th

**Santa In the Park (Vista Park)**  
 Sunday, November 27th

**Holiday Decorations Contest**  
 Judging: December 16th-18th, 2016



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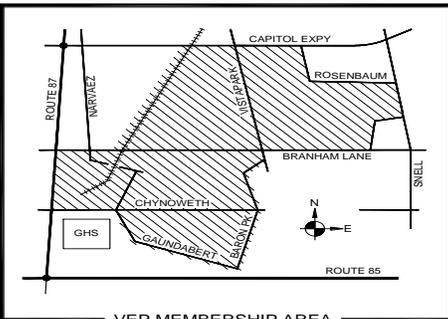
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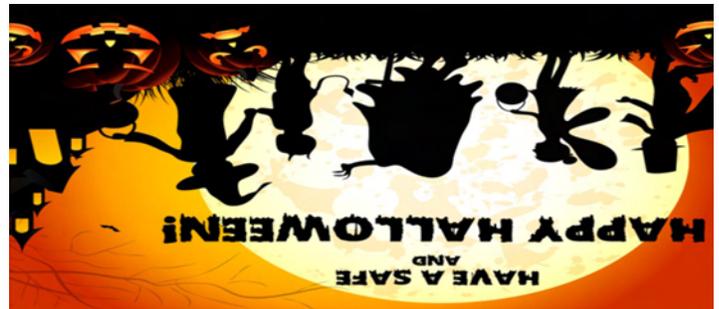
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Community Room  
in the Vista Park



Be sure to attend VEP's  
Community Meeting & Ice Cream Social!  
Tuesday, October 25th @ 7:15pm!

