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INTRODUCTION

South Vista Communities continues its work to preserve and improve the quality of life for all residents in neighborhoods south of the 78. We count 23 neighborhoods in this area, and we are very pleased to be adding more residents to our e-newsletter list. If you think your neighbor might be interested in receiving our news and information, please pass along our email address:

southvistacommunities@cox.net.

SVC is a non-profit corporation, and any contribution, therefore, is tax-deductible.

SVC provides a forum for those interested in sharing their concerns and working together. We recognize the elected and appointed officials of the City of Vista as valuable and essential partners in accomplishing common goals and appreciate their interest and assistance.

QUALITY OF LIFE

- The visual quality of life is an important element in South Vista. SVC is very pleased to join a partnership with the City, spearheaded by former Beautification Commissioner Leslie Jantz, to improve the NE side of Thibodo Road. The City installed street lights, curbs and gutters, and new landscaping along this section of the road. SVC agreed to receive donations for the maintenance of the new landscaping. This has been a tremendous improvement for this gateway to our community.
- For a second visual quality issue, SVC requested and finally achieved removal of three dead trees along Shadowridge Drive.
- To assist residents with newly-imposed water restrictions, Brent Reyes, VID Public Education Asst., provided water conservation suggestions at our September general meeting.

CLEAN ENVIRONMENT

- South Vista residents were invited by Vista's Engineering Dept. to contribute to plans for the restoration project for the Agua Hedionda Creek parkway and path.

LAND USE AND ZONING COMMITTEE - CHAIR, PAT OGDEN

- Residents participated in several City-sponsored community meetings to update portions of the Vista General Plan.
- Vista Community Development Director John Conley presented proposed land-use changes, as part of the General Plan update, at our February general meeting.

NEW FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION

- SVC members responded quickly to the City's request for comments on plans to change the restaurant at Melrose Square (Sycamore/Melrose) from the previously-approved sit-down facility to a drive-through restaurant; thanks to the response, the restaurant will be a sit-down facility.
- The RV-boat storage facility at the NE corner of Melrose/Sycamore started construction during this year.
- We understand that construction of the new Hyatt Hotel facility at Melrose/Faraday, previously approved, will begin this year.

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE - CHAIR, GENE FORD

- We greatly appreciate the quick response from the Vista Sheriff's Office to several residential break-ins in South Vista this year. The active presence of the deputies seems to have stopped these crimes.
- Thanks, as well, to Crime Prevention Specialist Carmela Lutz for her timely Crimestopper Tips for SVC's monthly e-newsletter.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

- For your calendar, SVC's bi-annual clean-up of the Buena Creek area along Sycamore and Shadowridge is scheduled for Saturday, September 25. We hope you can join us!
- One of SVC's goals is to have representatives from South Vista neighborhoods serving on its Board of Directors – we can share information and explore solutions together. If you are interested in actively assisting South Vista, please let us know: southvistacommunities@cox.net.

In its role as a quality of life spokesman for this area, SVC will continue to work with private individuals, corporations, and City of Vista representatives to consider new plans and proposals, and to address problems as they arise.

South Vista Communities is **your** organization. We invite your comments, suggestions, questions, and involvement. **TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

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