

OCTOBER - 2011 SOUTH VISTA NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

South Vista Communities is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose purpose is to maintain and enhance the quality of life for all South Vista residents.

ARE YOU READY FOR AN EMERGENCY?

The plan for emergency preparedness was presented by Vista's **Community Emergency Response Team** at South Vista Communities' September general meeting.

The Community Emergency Response Team educates residents about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area. CERT stresses that assuring the safety of residents' own families has top priority, then assisting the community.

Residents interested in the training classes conducted by CERT can check www.ReadySanDiego.org and click on "Get Trained."



Battalion Chief Ned VanerPol, CERT president Sandy Hopkins, and Mike and Bonnie Armstrong, CERT Board members, presented the emergency preparedness program.

BUENA VISTA PARK

A group of softball dads are asking, "What do you like best about Buena Vista Park? How is the general upkeep of the park? What changes or improvements would you like to see?"

This is the Buena Vista Park at Shadowridge/Melrose, where the softball fields are — not the "duck pond" park.

You may recall that, late last spring, the softball dads worked with the Vista Dept. of Public Works to improve the fields areas for the upcoming softball tournament games.

Please send your comments and suggestions to SVC at southvistacommunities@cox.net and we'll forward them on to the dads' group.

DO YOU HAVE SOME TIME?

The Senior Volunteer Patrol at the Sheriff's station is looking for volunteers to make stops around town, write parking tickets for handicapped spot violations, and provide traffic control when needed. The volunteers work in pairs and drive patrol vehicles. If interested, please call the Captains' secretary at 760-940-9562.

Additional volunteer opportunity

Teams of volunteers are also needed in the Code Enforcement Dept. to remove illegally-placed signs and placards. Contact Steve Belda at 760-726-1340 (X-1472).



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

- Wear a flame resistant costume that lets you move easily and safely. Try wearing non-toxic makeup and a wig instead of a mask.
- Think twice before using simulated knives, swords, or guns. If such props must be used, be certain they do not appear authentic and are soft and flexible to prevent injury.
- Carry a flashlight, glow stick, or reflective bag.
- Be cautious of animals and strangers.
- Stay with the adult or group you're trick-or-treating with. Never go off by yourself.
- Stick to the route you agreed on with your parents. Agree on a specific time when trick-or-treaters must return home.
- Stay on sidewalks. If no sidewalk is available, walk at the farthest edge of the roadway facing traffic.
- Visit only homes that have the lights on, and don't go inside.
- Never approach a car for a treat.
- Have your parents check all treats before you eat them. Don't eat candy if the package is already opened.
- Call the Sheriff's Department immediately to report any suspicious or unlawful activity.
- For emergencies call 9-1-1
For non-emergencies call (858) 565-5200

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