

# VISTA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

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SWING INTO SPRING!

## Message from the VNA President

Hi,

It's time again for a meeting of the Vista Neighborhood Association. We have changed the date to Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Everyone seemed to enjoy the presentations at the last meeting so we decided to try to get someone to speak at this meeting. I am happy to announce that Dr. Reynaldo Santa Cruz, Superintendent of the Vallejo Unified School District, will be present to speak to us. We have asked him to address the impact of the moving of students from Hogan High School will have on the neighborhood. Since we are expecting a large turnout, please let us know if you are coming by e-mail reply at [suzricky@pacbell.net](mailto:suzricky@pacbell.net) or call me at 554-4036. You may also call Julie Lyons 707-246-3716 or e-mail her at [artdecolady@sbcglobal.net](mailto:artdecolady@sbcglobal.net) with your R.S.V.P. We are

going to need a head count so we can plan accordingly. It has been fairly quiet in the neighborhood except for some problems with students from the high school. I have not heard of any break-in problems but we have had some graffiti, I have thanked one homeowner for taking care of it quickly, because if you leave it up it just attracts more. I have been sending out a number of Neighborhood Alerts, if you are not receiving them let me know, I use e-mail as the most efficient way to get them out. I also forward them to the blog. If you have friends in the neighborhood that do not use e-mail could you please let them know what's up? I hope to see you at the meeting.

*Rich Martinez*

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**Don't Miss the Vista Neighborhood Association Spring Meeting!**

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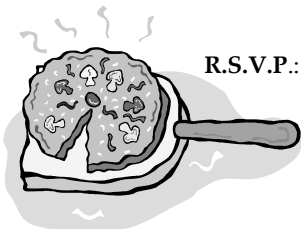
**VISTA NEIGHBORHOOD PIZZA PARTY & GENERAL MEETING!**

**SEE YOUR FRIENDS - MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS – SPREAD SOME CHEER!**

**WHEN:** Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** First Presbyterian Church, 1350 Amador Street Vallejo

**R.S.V.P.:** Julie Lyons 707 246-3716 or e-mail at [artdecolady@sbcglobal.net](mailto:artdecolady@sbcglobal.net)



The VNA appreciates a small donation of \$3.00 per person to assist in defraying the cost of the food for the event.

## Vista Neighborhood Association Annual Garage Sale



Vista Garage Sale!

Get ready to clean out your closets and spring-clean your garage, it's time for the Vista Garage Sale on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 8a.m.- 3p.m. or until you are all 'tuckered out'. Each year the Vista Events Committee chairs this event, we put up signage, post an ad in the Times Herald, print maps and coordinate with Zoey June's "Fleur Blanc" (French flea market) which is

held on the same day. Maps with locations of Vista garage sales are available at 8 a.m. the morning of the sale at Zoey June's. After 3 p.m., the Benicia-Vallejo Humane Society will pick up your 'end of day' items to be re-sold at their thrift store. Items must be must be clean and re-saleable condition, no 'junk' please.

If you would like to participate,

please fill out the form that follows. In it, please indicate if you would like to donate items to the BVHS, and place your form in an envelope with \$5.00 in donation to offset the price off advertising and printing. Mail or drop off in the mail box at Julie Lyons house at 326 El Camino Real. e-mail Julie with any questions at: [artdecolady@sbcglobal.net](mailto:artdecolady@sbcglobal.net)

### VISTA NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

#### SIGN -UP FORM

YES! I would like to participate in this years' spring cleaning Garage Sale in the Vista!

PARTICIPANT: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

- \$5.00 donation included to offset the price of advertising and printing
- Yes - I will donate my "end of day" items to BVHS
- No - No donation at this time to BVHS

*Mail to Julie Lyons or drop off in the mailbox at 326 El Camino Real*



Vallejo Events

**Beyond the Garden Gate** is the theme for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Vallejo Garden Tour set for May 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Offered for your viewing this year are nine unique gardens filled with a rainbow of color from grape vines and edible gardens to vintage home gardens with shady places bursting with fragrance and color. There are cabanas with soothing water treatments to gardens with sweeping views of the

Carquinez Straits and Mt. Diablo, all set to the sound of music. A portion of Marin Street in front of the Museum will be closed off so that guests can find treasures of garden related items such as garden art, plants, books, bird houses, pottery, and Master Gardeners, organic soil, during the hours of the tour.

The 2010 Garden Tour benefits the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum and the City of Vallejo Beautification

Commission. Tickets are \$30 for the general public / \$25 for Museum members and include a sumptuous buffet luncheon served from noon to 3:00 p.m. in the North Gallery of the Museum. Tickets are available at the Museum, 734 Marin Street, or at Zoey June's Gift and Garden, 1426 Tennessee Street.

*For more information call 707-643-0077 or visit the museum website at [www.vallejomuseum.org](http://www.vallejomuseum.org) - Paypal accepted.*

### The Vallejo Museum's May Day Event

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, The Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum is hosting a free May Day event from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. tailored to bring back the tradition of the Maypole and the musical celebration of Spring. There will be garden related demonstrations, a plant and seed swap plus activities for children that include learning about the history of the Maypole, Maypole

dancing, seed planting, face painting, rock painting, coloring flower and bug pictures, and making a May flower. Demonstrations include flower arranging, pruning, dried flower wreath making, all about good bugs & bad bugs, & tool care. A food court will also provide luncheon fare.

As a point of added interest, at the end of April, the Mayor will designate May as Vallejo Garden Month.

We are looking for help for some of the demonstrations at the event so if you or anyone you know is talented in container gardening, propagation of tropical plants, or care of orchids, please contact Joyce Venturini.

#### Please join us on May Day!

*For information or to volunteer for this event, contact Joyce at 707-373-9609 or e-mail her at [jventurini1@yahoo.com](mailto:jventurini1@yahoo.com)*

**From Our Treasurer:**

Hi friends and neighbors! Can you believe another year has passed! Here is a recap of my treasury report for the year:

<b>Balance: 2/28/10</b>	<b>\$1882.72</b>
<b>Proceeds</b>	
Dues 3/2009 thru 2/2010	\$2695.00
Advertising	\$285.00
Functions: Neighborhood Night Out, Sale & meeting expense (pizza)	\$296.00
<b>Total Year Proceeds:</b>	<b>\$3276.00</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Newsletter/Postage	\$501.22
Post Office box rental	\$176.00
Functions: Neighborhood Night Out, Sale & meeting expense (pizza)	\$1219.57
<b>Total Year Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$2894.95</b>
<b>Balance : 2/28/2010</b>	<b>\$2,263.77</b>



In the last newsletter, I forgot to list some people who had paid the \$20 annual dues sorry for the senior moment, but thank you to the Guldenbrein, Kukovic, Blois, Haney, and Hecker families. The following neighbors have paid since the last newsletter:

Mason, Nickolotas, Jones, Routen, Hannigan/Lesley, Shafer, Preovolos, Christian, Dunsky, Krakowsky, Fisher, Mattos, Connolly, Brevig, Payne, Frank, Hahn, Engel, Coe, Thomas, Beaton, Tom, Speir, Bakke, McKeever, Conger, Lafferty, Schmutz,

Hollister, Locke, Ochs, Hayward, Walsh and Green families.

To all of you that contribute to the VNA, thank you!

*If there are questions give me a call at 644-1688*

*Janet Vieira O'Gara*

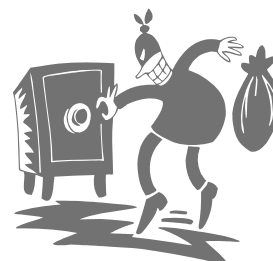
**Cameras and Safety in The Vista:**

Some of our neighbors have been testing out cameras in the Vista. While we are not endorsing any particular brand, we found that Costo has a pretty reasonable package that includes 4 cameras, a DVR that comes with remote as well as a built in viewing monitor for about \$500.00. Features of security cameras have become quite advanced and some include night vision and the ability for the operator to remotely zoom or move. Up-to-date

software allows you to have online access 24/7 to see what your cameras are viewing. Activity can be played back for 7 days or more and captured picture can be sent via email - a very handy tool. It is really amazing what you can pick up in your front yard, side yards, back yard, as well as on the street. If a situation occurs and you need to see what vehicles or persons were in the area, you can easily review according to date and time.

When Officer Brent Clark attended neighborhood meeting, he stated that many crimes are solved because of cameras. So in addition to keeping your doors, gates and windows locked and your outside lights on, you may want to consider a security camera system.

*If you have any questions or want more information regarding the test run of the security cameras, email board member Rich Lyons at: richlyons@sbcglobal.net*



**Vista Directory of Services & Our Advertisers:**

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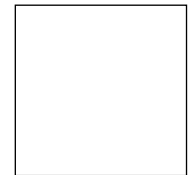
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**Vallejo History:**  
Vallejo has twice served as the capital of the State of California: once in 1852 and again in 1853, both periods being quite brief. Some of the first Europeans drawn to the Vallejo area were attracted by the sulfur springs; in the year 1902 the area was named Blue Rock

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