

the Vendome Voice



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Work is progressing on the construction of the pool, which is slated to begin in January 2008.

The Ryland Pool was approved in October as a candidate City Landmark. Steps are being taken to get Landmark status for the pool.

Donations are still gratefully accepted! Proceeds go to Ryland Pool and its environs. Donations may be tax deductible. Go to www.northside-sj.org/13thstnac and click on Friends of Ryland Pool. Or send a check — payable to 13th Street NAC, with “Friends of Ryland Pool” in the memo line — to P.O. Box 90398, San Jose, 95109.

Welcome to the third edition of the “The Vendome Voice.” The newsletter was created to serve as a communication source for friends, neighbors, and resources in and around the Vendome neighborhood.

Cirque Update

Cirque de Soleil is almost here! Performances run from Jan. 31st through March 16th.

Complimentary tickets to the final dress rehearsal were given to four local neighborhoods. The Vendome neighborhood has been allocated 125 tickets total.

The ticket distribution is “first come, first served.” Between Jan. 7th and Jan. 12th you may either call or e-mail your ticket request. Each request must include your name, phone number, street address, and the number of tickets you’re requesting (up to four tickets).

Call 408-977-0784, or send an email to vendome@yahoogroups.com. You will be notified if your request was received within the deadline to receive tickets. Tickets will be distributed the week of Jan. 14th.

The tickets are to be used by the neighbor who signs for them, per the Office of Cultural Affairs, which is overseeing this year’s event.

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL®





Council Corner

by *Sam Liccardo*,
City Council Member, District 3

I hope this note finds you all enjoying the holidays, and taking some time away to appreciate the many great events in our downtown, including Christmas in the Park, Winter Wonderland, Downtown Ice, or the Repertory Theater's version of "It's a Wonderful Life."

After a recent meeting with staff in our Parks Department, I've been told that Ryland Pool continues to remain on schedule for its planned reconstruction next year, in time to open by June 2008.

Before I came into office, the Cirque du Soleil organization signed a deal with the City to return to the parking lot at Mission Street and San Pedro for their 2008 performances. When I learned of the arrangement in May of this year, I asked

City and RDA staff to find a downtown site for the event, in part to avoid the traffic-related impacts in nearby neighborhoods, like Vendome and Hyde Park. Despite repeated and diligent efforts, we were unable to relocate the event, so it will return to the same parking lot in January of 2008. Obviously, a top priority of mine is identifying a permanent site for future events downtown; in the meantime, please let us know whatever we can do to minimize the disruption in your community.

The never-ending effort to calm traffic on North San Pedro appears to be reaching some resolution, as our Transportation Director, Jim Helmer, and several neighborhood leaders, are meeting this month to discuss the installation of at least one stop sign.

In the most recent budget cycle, we've made major funding commitments to restore and upgrade nearby St. James Park, and we expect to begin community outreach in early 2008 to discuss priorities and design issues, so that we can begin implementation as soon as possible.

Check our newsletter for more information about those meetings, and for other information about events around Vendome and throughout the downtown. If you don't receive our newsletter, let us know and we'll add you to our email list.

You can contact Kevin Schwaba at 535-4931, or e-mail to kevin.schwaba@sanjoseca.gov. I'm grateful for all of Kevin's fantastic work in our community — if you haven't met him yet, give him a call and introduce yourself. If you need to reach me, you can do so at 535-4903, or e-mail to sam.liccardo@sanjoseca.gov.

Have a safe and happy holidays!
Sam

Newsletter Seeks Submissions

Please indicate areas of interest to: Tina Morrill at tinam777@yahoo.com

Ryland Dog Park Beautification

Beautification work halted before it even began in Ryland Dog Park. What happened? It turns out there is a gas line which runs through the park, making irrigation and maintenance difficult. It was decided, sadly, to return the grant money to San Jose Beautiful and focus our efforts on getting grants which will help support our communication and social pursuits.

Pumpkin Patch Kidz

This event was FUN!
On a warm, sunny October Saturday, the Vendome Neighborhood Association hosted a pumpkin decorating event, complete with pumpkins, decorations and refreshments. About six kids and their parents showed up to decorate. Thank you again to Zanotto's Market for donating the pumpkins and refreshments!



Key City Phone Numbers

City of San Jose Call Center 535.3500
 Councilmember Sam Liccardo 535.4903
 Airport Information 277.4759
 Code Enforcement 277.4528
 EMERGENCY 911
 Non-emergency 311
 Graffiti Hotline 277.2758
 Library Information 808.2000

Thank You

A sincere thank you to the **Neighborhood Block Captains**, who brave rain, sleet, snow to ensure everyone receives a flier announcing our meetings and upcoming events:

- Rudy Ortega** — George St.
- Brad Montano** — Jefferson Square
- Mark & Jodie Gerhardt** — College Park
- Caroline Bressler** — Ayer, Rankin, Losse
- Linda Dunlap** — Hawthorne St
- Nancy DeMattei** — San Pedro St

We are still looking for volunteers to be block captains for the streets without one. Interested? Please contact Tina Morrill at 408-298-8942

- California Bank & Trust**, for giving us a place to hold our quarterly meetings!
- Kevin Schwaba**, our assigned representative from Sam Liccardo's office. Kevin is always there with some words of wisdom, an ear to listen, and a whole lot of patience!
- David Pandori**, who patiently orders and delivers trees for neighbors to decorate and display. We appreciate David's efforts!



And a warm welcome goes out to our two newest board members:

- Theresa Sandhu**, our new Treasurer
- Daljeet Sandhu**, our new Member at Large

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Vendome Calendar

Neighborhood Association Meetings

Thursday, once a quarter, starting in February
at California Bank & Trust, 515 N. First Street

February 21st	August 21st
May 15th	November 20th

Ryland Park Gardening Days

Sunday, February 10th
 Sunday, May 18th
 Sunday, August 3rd

Ryland Park Cleanup & Daffodil Day

Early November, exact date to be announced
Lunch will be provided



Trees Trees Trees Trees Trees

Interested in getting a tree or two planted
 in your front yard? Another round of
 neighborhood tree planting is being
 considered. Please contact Tina Morrill at
tinam777@yahoo.com if you're interested.



The Vendome Neighborhood Association Board of Directors

- Tina Morrill — President
- Brad Montano — Vice President
- Kevin Kelley — Secretary
- Theresia Sandhu — Treasurer (elect)
- Daljeet Sandhu — Member At Large (elect)