

the Vendome Voice



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Grants and Fundraising

Activities aren't cheap, folks! One way to raise funds is to apply for grants. A Community Action Pride (CAP) grant writing request is currently underway. If we are funded, this will help cover the costs for things like the annual summer barbecue and other activities we enjoy, as well as help to pay for the printing and mailing of the *Vendome Voice*. Other fundraising efforts will be underway this year, so stay tuned!

The Vendome Neighborhood Association Board of Directors is applying for non-profit 501(c)(3) status. Why? So fund raising donations can be reported accurately, and donations you make can be tax-deductible (please check with your tax advisor). This may also make the VNA eligible for many more grants.

There is a lot of paperwork involved, so while we're working on it, the Board of Directors may consider joining United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County (UNSCC) for one year. They have non-profit status and offer event insurance.

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



*Now you see it, now you don't...
anti-graffiti kits make graffiti removal easy!*

*The City of San Jose is providing residents
with their own Anti-Graffiti Kits.
Get yours by calling (408) 277-2758
or go to 501 Vine Street in San Jose*

Ryland Pool

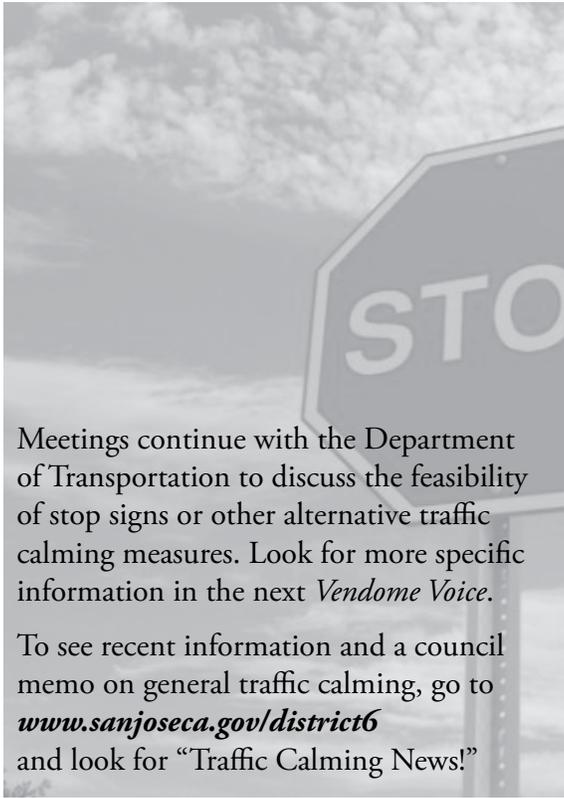
The re-opening of the pool is one project with two separate "tracks": construction to get the pool open and running, followed by historic rehabilitation.

UPDATE ON TRACK I. The pool will be under construction until late May or early June. The official opening is June 23rd, which is when the City of San Jose Aquatics Season starts.

Vendome Kids — Use and enjoy the pool!
Encourage others to use the pool!

Vendome Parents — Spread the word throughout the community to **use the pool!** It's important to keep the attendance numbers up; future Aquatics seasons may benefit from longer hours and a longer season.

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Meetings continue with the Department of Transportation to discuss the feasibility of stop signs or other alternative traffic calming measures. Look for more specific information in the next *Vendome Voice*.

To see recent information and a council memo on general traffic calming, go to www.sanjoseca.gov/district6 and look for “Traffic Calming News!”

Neighborhoods Commission

The San Jose City Council approved the creation of a two-year Neighborhoods Commission pilot, in autumn of 2007. Since that time, work has been ongoing to prepare for Commissioner selection. Through a formal caucus, neighborhoods will select their district representative, who will be ratified and appointed by the Council.

Our new Neighborhoods Commission will advocate for all San Jose neighborhoods. Its mission is to integrate the voice of neighborhoods into the City’s decision-making processes.

For more information, go to the City Clerk’s website at www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk and select “Boards & Commissions” and then “Neighborhoods Commission.” Or contact the Neighborhood Development Center at (408) 723-4114.

Do you have a neighborhood issue you’d like to see addressed? Or a compliment to share? The *Vendome Voice* wants to hear from you. However, please keep your comments general and not focused on a specific neighbor. The *Vendome Voice* reserves the right to edit all comments. Please send your input to Tina Morrill at tinam777@yahoo.com

Great American Litter Pick-Up

April 12th has been designated as the “great American litter pick-up” day.

Help your community by volunteering for an hour or two to pick up litter. The City of San Jose provides free supplies.

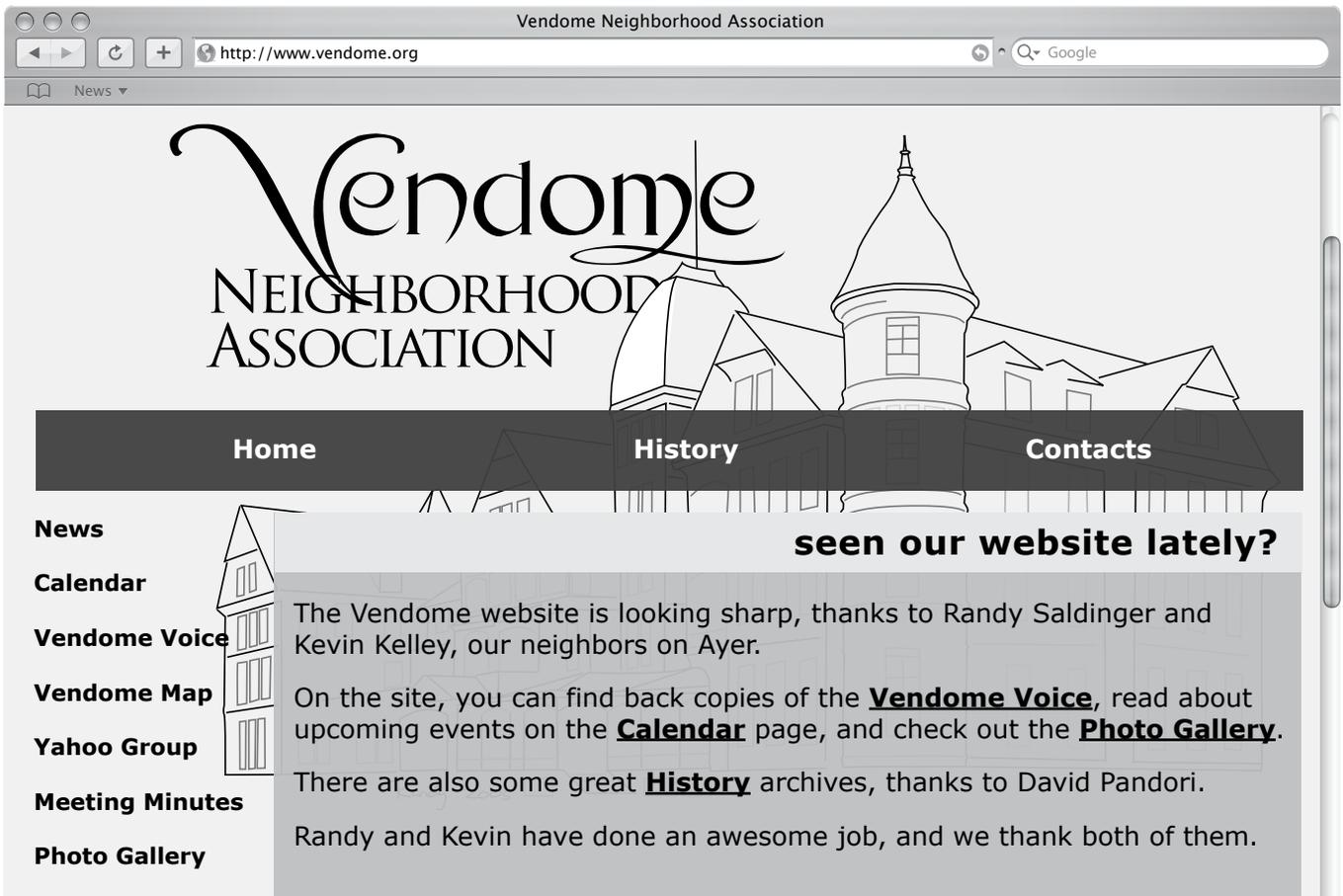
What	When	Where
Register	8:00 – 8:30	Meet at Saint James Senior Center, 199 North 3rd St.
Clean up	8:30 – 11:00	Pick up litter in designated areas, and set out at designated spots
Celebration Lunch	12:00 – 1:00	Meet at Council District event kickoff location

Thanks neighbors, for helping keep our community litter-free!

Block Captains

We have two new block captains, people who have stepped up to distribute the fliers that help keep their neighbors informed of upcoming meetings and events.

Tom Mitchell is distributing for Fox Avenue, and Joan Giampaolo is handling Clayton Avenue. A big thank you to both of you! We're still looking for a few more block captains for Filomena, Acacia, Miller, and San Pedro Square. Interested? We'd love to have your help: please contact Tina Morrill at tinam777@yahoo.com



Spring Cleaning & Neighborhood Yard Sale

Saturday, April 19th from 9:00 to 3:00

Sell any under-used stuff (in good or decent condition) you have sitting around. Set your wares up at your own home (yard or garage).

Help Vendome Neighborhood Association cover advertising costs by chipping in \$10. (Any excess will be donated toward the annual barbecue.) Advertising will include ads in *Mercury News* and *Pennysaver*, San Jose neighborhood e-mail lists and the posting of signs. In addition, a neighborhood map with participating addresses — and highlights of stuff being sold — will be distributed.

To join the sale, RSVP to Tina Morrill, tinam777@yahoo.com, with your address and highlights of the stuff you want folks to know you are selling.

Please send your \$10 check, payable to **Vendome Neighborhood Association**, to P.O. Box 90398 San Jose, CA 95109

Cirque de Soleil

Performances are scheduled to end on March 16th. A thank you to the neighborhood for your patience with traffic during this time period.

Also, thanks to the folks who contacted Tina Morrill as the neighborhood point person. This enabled her to send numerous e-mail updates and requests, with the detail you provided, to the City contact, in order to work through some of the ongoing issues. Not all issues were resolved, and a retrospective meeting has been requested.

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Vendome Calendar

Neighborhood Association Meetings

Thursday, May 15th
 Thursday, August 21st
 Thursday, November 20th — Board of Director Elections
at California Bank & Trust, 515 N. First Street

Spring Clean & Neighborhood Yard Sale

Saturday, April 19th, 9:00 – 3:00
See details on page 3

Ryland Park Gardening Days

Sunday, May 18th
 Sunday, August 3rd

Vendome Neighborhood Barbecue

Saturday, June 14th, 11:00 – 3:00
in Ryland Park

Ryland Pool Grand Re-Opening

Saturday, June 21st, *time to be announced*

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UPDATE ON TRACK 2: The historic rehabilitation of Ryland Pool is scheduled to begin after the 2008 Aquatics season. An Architectural Conservator will be hired to prepare a report, detailing the necessary steps for historic rehabilitation. Fundraising continues — the City has allocated funds for Track 1 only — to be applied to the rehabilitation, as outlined by the Architectural Conservator.

There will also be the a commemorative plaque detailing the pool's history. In addition, City Landmark status is being pursued for the pool.

In the meantime, the pool needs some "Angel Donors." Know of any? Please contact Tina Morrill at tinam777@yahoo.com.

