

the Vendome Voice



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Pool Update

Replicas of the Batchelder Dutchboy tiles are now being manufactured for Ryland Pool. To help fund phase II of the pool restoration, the Friends of Ryland Pool are selling replica tiles for \$100 each. About \$45 from each tile sold will go toward phase II expenses.[†]

Phase II work for Ryland Pool includes:

- ◆ Replacing original tiles with replicas.
- ◆ Creating the commemorative plaque.
- ◆ Officially incorporating “Rotary” into the pool’s name. The Rotary Club is a cornerstone sponsor of this effort, and Rotary financed the original building of the pool in 1927.
- ◆ Constructing an archway.
- ◆ Achieving City Landmark Status.

Sam Liccardo, our representative on the City Council, helped procure additional funds for the tile work. We appreciate his efforts.

[†] A portion of the tile purchase price may be tax-deductible; consult your tax advisor.

Survey Results

In December, we conducted an online survey of Vendome residents. We wanted to learn about neighborhood priorities, and why people liked some events and were not interested in others.

The survey identified three top priorities:

1. **Safety.** In particular, traffic and speeding were cited as concerns.
2. **Ryland Dog Park.** People want to see the dog park area cleaned up.
3. **Noise Reduction.** Both airport noise and lawn care equipment were cited.

As for events, we didn’t have to ask about the Vendome Barbecue, because the turnout speaks for itself. But among the other events, the favorites were:

1. Garden Work Days
2. Springtime Yard Sale
3. Easter Egg Hunt
4. Pumpkin Patch Kidz

People said that they participated in functions to beautify the neighborhood, make new friends, and have a good time.

Reasons for not participating in events included not having enough time, or not hearing about events with enough notice. Also, it was noted that many events were directed at families with young children, and so aren’t relevant to some of us.

Thanks to all that took the survey. It will guide the Board as we decide which issues and events to tackle in the upcoming year.

Future of the *Vendome Voice*

As you may have noticed, much time has passed since the last issue of the *Vendome Voice*. Although our intention was to publish the *Vendome Voice* quarterly, the cost of printing and mailing proved to be unsustainable.

After getting feedback from neighbors, we have decided to continue publishing the newsletter, but to distribute it differently. For this edition, we have moved to less expensive printing, and it is being delivered to you courtesy of our Block Captains.

As always, the *Vendome Voice* is also available online at www.vendome.org/voice.

However, the next edition of the *Vendome Voice* will be available online **only**. Since we realize that not everyone has Internet access, a few paper copies will be available at the quarterly neighborhood meetings, or for pick-up at Tina Morrill's house.



VNA Board Update

Please join us in welcoming Joan Giampaolo to the Vendome Neighborhood Association Board of Directors, as our new Vice President.

Joan has a background in finance, which includes 13 years at General Electric, and the last 14 years as a financial advisor. She is a graduate of San Jose State University. She also serves as a board member of another local nonprofit, the Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley.

New Neighbors?

Do you have a new neighbor? Are you new to the neighborhood?

The VNA, in cooperation with the San Jose Downtown Association (www.sjdowntown.com) has new-neighbor packets that provide information on local activities and businesses.

Experience all that downtown has to offer! For a packet, contact Tina Morrill at tinam777@yahoo.com.



Donate to the Vendome

In December, Vendome neighbors participated in an online survey about priorities for 2009. The responses showed that, in spite of the difficult economy, we still care about our neighborhood.

Many survey respondents indicated that they would be willing to make donations to the Vendome Neighborhood Association, to help defray the costs of our community events, printing fliers, and so forth. People generously offered donations ranging from \$10 to \$200.

If you would like to contribute in any amount, please make a check to *Vendome Neighborhood Association*, and send it to[†]

P.O. Box 90398
San Jose, CA 95109

A pre-addressed envelope is included with this issue of the *Vendome Voice*.

We will recognize donors in the *Vendome Voice*, but please let us know if you prefer to remain anonymous.

[†] Unfortunately, the VNA is **not** a 501(c)3 organization, so your donation is not tax-deductible. But it will still be greatly appreciated.

2009 Vendome Neighborhood Calendar

Check out our events for 2009. An up-to-date calendar is always available at www.vendome.org.

Ryland Park Gardening Days

- May 17** Show up at Ryland Park to garden with your neighbors and play in the dirt!
- Aug 9** Tools, water, and snacks are provided, but you will need to bring your green thumbs and enthusiasm.
- Nov 1** Stay as little or long as you can, between 9:00 and 11:00 AM.

Dumpster Day

- Aug 15** Dumpster Day is a City-sponsored event. Bring your junk and dump it in the City-provided bins.

There will also be a donation station for items which may still be useful to someone else.

Exact times and locations to be announced.

Springtime Yard Sale

- April 25** The annual neighborhood-wide yard sale at participating Vendome homes. We coordinate advertising in local newspapers and online.

Last year, we heard that some neighbors made significant money, and we know that all had a good time.

See page 4 for details and sign-up information.

Vendome Summer Barbecue

- June 20** The annual barbecue is our premier event, and the Vendome social event of the season.

This barbecue and potluck is held in Ryland Park. We have a chili contest, complete with prizes. And this year, the Ryland Pool should be open as well.

The 2009 barbecue is funded by a Community Action Pride grant from the City of San Jose, and will be better than ever!

Calling all grillers! If you can lend a hand for the barbecue, please contact Kevin Kelley at kevin@mothersruin.com.

Vendome Neighborhood Quarterly Meetings

- May 14** Join us to hear updates on neighborhood and city issues and events, as well as occasional guest speakers on topics you suggest.
- Aug 13** This year we will meet a bit later than in the past, since you told us in the survey that it was hard to make the earlier time. Our new start time will be 6:30 PM (with a mixer until 6:45). Out of courtesy to our hosts at California Bank & Trust — who have to stay late at work while we meet — we don't want to push the meeting time any later than this.
- Nov 12** *California Bank & Trust is at 515 N First Street. We meet in the Community Room on the second floor.*

Volunteers Needed for Pumpkin Patch Kidz

We need a couple of dedicated volunteers to organize the Pumpkin Patch Kidz event this year, or we won't be able to continue the tradition. If you're interested, please contact the VNA Board at board@vendome.org.

Thanks to Our Vendome Volunteers

Communication

These volunteers distribute fliers to homes on their assigned blocks, usually 5 or 6 times a year. The 2008 Block Captains enjoyed their jobs so much they remain block captains for 2009. Thank you all.

Nancy DeMattei	San Pedro Street
Rudy Ortega	George Street
Brad Montano	Jefferson Square
Caroline Bressler	Ayer Avenue Rankin Avenue Losse Court
Linda Dunlap	Hawthorne Way
Joan Giampaolo	Clayton Avenue
Tom Mitchell	Fox Avenue
Mark & Jodie Gerhardt	College Park
<i>You?</i>	Acacia Street Hobson Street Ryland Street Miller Street Filomena Avenue San Pedro Square

As you can see, many blocks are without captains. If you can help, please contact Tina Morrill at tinam777@yahoo.com.

Holiday Trees

For many years, **David Pandori** has ordered and delivered holiday trees for our neighborhood. We all appreciate David's efforts to make this happen every holiday season.

Sign Up for the Spring Yard Sale

Interested in making some money by selling your unused "stuff"?

As noted on page 3, we will hold simultaneous yard sales throughout the Vendome on **April 25th**.

The VNA coordinates advertising in local newspapers and online, to encourage potential buyers to come through our neighborhood. Being a neighborhood-wide sale, we attract more shoppers. We also create and distribute fliers to each participating house, directing shoppers to the other houses.

To cover the cost of advertising and printing, we require a small payment from each participant. If you'd like to join in the fun, make your \$10 check payable to *Vendome Neighborhood Association*, and mail to

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We must receive your check by **April 15th** to meet our advertising and printing deadlines.

If you can help to organize this event, please contact us at board@vendome.org.

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