

Vineyard Estates Newsletter



February 2007

Neighborhood News

President's Corner by Pat Verrelle

If your home is located north of Paseo Del Norte and west of Barstow, south of Alameda, east of Eubank, within the City limits, and east & west of Ventura in the City limits you live within the geographical boundaries of the Vineyard Estates Neighborhood Association (VENA). Tuesday, March 6th is the date for the General Quarterly Meeting held at the Covenant United Methodist Church, 8510 Wilshire & Wyoming. This is your community and there are important issues to hear about and discuss.

City Councilor Brad Winter will update VENA on City Council issues that concern our area (District 4), street paving, the 4-way stop sign for Carrington/Hampton, including another proposed development, (Tierra Ranchero Subdivision) and a new Episcopal Church & Hope Plaza, to be located west of Ventura between Signal & Alameda. **This would involve the proposed closing of Signal Avenue from the Carrington stop sign east to Ventura Boulevard.** All neighbors in the surrounding area are invited to hear the presentations by Bob Keeran, developer

and Graeme Means, Engineer & Howie Tischler with Hope Episcopal Church (& Hope Plaza) & Chris Martinez with Picasso Builders. VENA has asked that all affected homeowners (i.e., those along Hampton) be notified individually. VENA has also asked City Councilor Brad Winter to clarify the reports from the City, the County, AMAFCA (Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Agency), the Army Corps of Engineers, and FEMA in reference to the proposed closing of Signal Avenue and the proposed Tierra Ranchero Subdivision. Letters to the Planning Departments (Hydrology & Traffic Engineering) have been written asking for clarification and explanation of the proposed Signal closing & flooding issues and drainage pertaining to the proposed Tierra Ranchero Subdivision and our surrounding subdivisions. **What are your concerns as a homeowner in this area about the proposed closing of Signal? Come to the meeting 3-6-07, 7:00 PM.**

Hope Episcopal Church is proposing the construction of a church and related buildings. It is the intent of the Diocese to sell part of the property to Llave Construction, Inc. for a

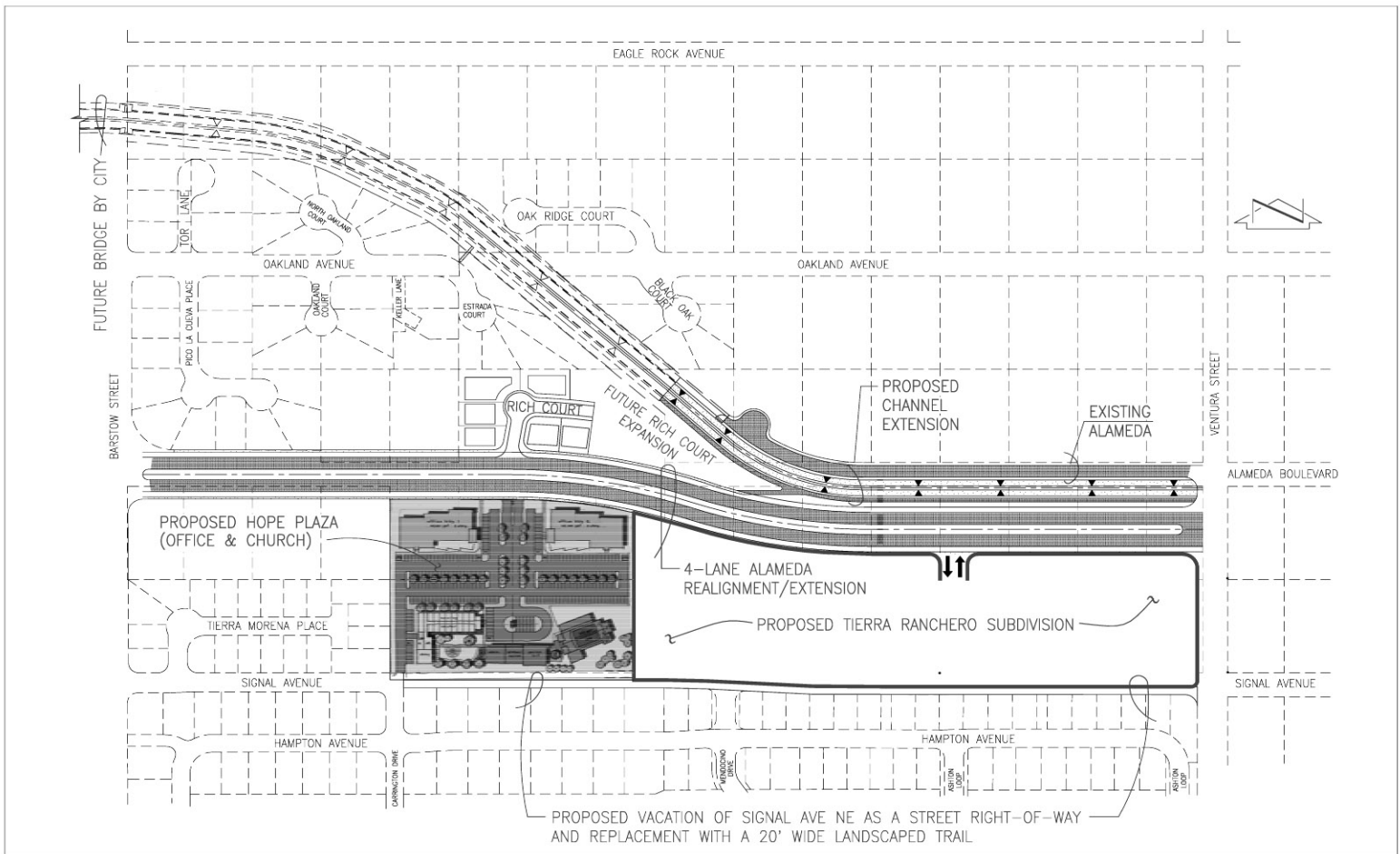
VENA General Meeting Tuesday Evening March 6 Covenant United Methodist Church 7:00 PM Proposed Agenda

1. Welcome New Residents & City Councilor Brad Winter
2. Approval of Agenda
3. President's /VP's/Secretary's/Treasurer's Report
4. Speakers: City Councilor Brad Winter,
5. Bob Keeran, Tierra Ranchero Subdivision
Graeme Means, Engineer
6. Howie Tischler, Hope Plaza/Cell Tower
7. Chris Martinez, Vintner Court Estates/Vintner Pond
8. Public Comment/ Reports Vineyard Estates I-V, Ventura Village
Carrington, La Cueva Tierra, Vineyard Court Estates, Wilshire Estates, Villa
Firenze, Desert Ridge Place HO, Desert Vista HO, Los Vigils, Ocotillo HO

co-development project to be known as Hope Plaza. The project will contain office and church buildings with common architecture. The Church itself will seat 300 people per current plans. The initial construction will be the church itself, then two office buildings with a cell tower. **Proposed plans will be available for viewing at the meeting 3-6-07, 7:00 PM**



Neighbors helping Neighbors during the major snow storm shoveling driveways, and walkways. **Kaye Lynn Robinson and her family built an Igloo for the kids to play in.** “Everyone, kids & adults loved it Kaye Lynn.”



PROPOSED VACATION OF SIGNAL AVENUE AS A STREET RIGHT OF WAY AND REPLACEMENT WITH A 20' WIDE LANDSCAPED TRAIL FROM CARRINGTON STOP SIGN EAST TO VENTURA.

Aluminum Recycling

By Hank Happ

Recent storms have shown the need to make sure that when you drop off bags of aluminum cans at 8705 Ashton Place in Carrington; 8415 Vintage Dr. in Vinyard Estates III; 8500 Vina Del Sol in Vinyard Estates IV; 90036 Village in Ventura Village; make sure that the bags are securely fastened; this will keep out the snow & rain. Thanks for your continued support of our aluminum can recycle program. Keep those cans coming so VENA can replace their worn out signs!

Armed Robbery Alert

The Northeast Area is being targeted by Home Invasions & Identity theft. There was an armed robbery in Mendocino Court on Wednesday, February 7, 2007 about 9 PM. The robbers hid somewhere (bushes?) while the victim was parking his car. The victim had promptly lowered the garage door (unaware of what was about to happen), so the robbers placed a foot inside to get the garage door to reverse and raise it again. When it was up far enough that he could see the victim, a robber pointed his gun at the victim's chest, and demanded the victim's wallet. (He got it.) The wallet included a driver's license and Social Security card. *Don't carry your Social Security Card in your wallet!

The three robbers then fled on foot to Vineyard park, and shortly emerged in a black sporty two-door car at a high rate of speed. Based on pictures examined later, it could have been something like a 1994 Chevrolet Camaro or 2006 Lexus GS430.

Thursday afternoon, immediately after mail delivery, another car proceeded from the park, turning into Mendocino Court and making a circuit of the cul-de-sac before departing. There was a passenger in that car, so the removal of mail from a mailbox could have been accomplished very quickly. It was a late-model dark blue four-door vehicle, license plate HYA 187.

Subsequent Events

A 911 call was placed while the robbers were still visible. Police arrived and took a report. After the police left, the victim called credit card companies, debit card entities, and a credit bureau. These calls were completed within 2

hours of the robbery. As of Saturday, 3 days after the robbery, there were four fraudulent charges posted against a bank, charges against credit cards. Based on conversations with customer service representatives the victim had to fill out written affidavits. Each institution arranged to replace the stolen cards. Check the VENA blog <http://venanm.blogspot.com> as more is learned about this.

It is very important to get a copy of the police report. If possible, arrange for the investigating officer to provide a copy the next day. Alternatively, pick up a copy at the Osuna substation (just west of Wyoming). Replacing a driver's license is difficult, talk with Motor Vehicles Department. Take along a copy of the police report and a recent utility bill to the Motor Vehicles Department. You must have a passport or birth certificate and a copy of the police report, and you must have proof of a Social Security number.

To reduce the chance of robbery: Always be aware of your surroundings. If you are approaching a place to park, look around for anyone out of the ordinary. Even if you are just suspicious, don't stop—keep going, and circle around again. If the same concerns are present, change your plans. If your home has exterior lights, consider increasing the wattage with the new long-life cost effective energy saving bulbs. If the bad guys can't hide they will go elsewhere.

The police apparently have had a number of cases in which a victim was followed home by another car. If you suspect you are being "tailed," don't stop. If you make several turns and are still being followed, either get on your cell phone and call for help or go to a well lighted area in a shopping center and park near people.

If you are convinced you are in immediate danger, call 911. If you are concerned, but think the risk is minimal, call 242-COPS (2678) Program this into your cell phone book.

Finally

Make a copy of every document in your wallet. For transaction cards, copy both sides, so you have both the card number and the phone number for customer service.

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Vineyard Estates Neighborhood Newsletter
Vineyard Estates Neighborhood Association
Quarterly General Meeting
Invitation

Date: Tuesday, March 6th, 2007
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Covenant United Methodist Church
8510 Wyoming Blvd. NE
(Southeast Corner of Wilshire & Wyoming)

Residents: Carrington, Desert Ridge Place HO, Desert Vista HO, La Cueva
Tierra, Los Vigils HO, Ocotillo HO, Ventura Village Villa Firenze,,
Vineyard Court, Vineyard Estates I-V, Wilshire Estates,

Speakers: **City Councilor Brad Winter**, Bob Keeran-Llave Construction,
J. Graeme Means-PE Engineer, Howie Tischler-Hope Plaza/Cell
Tower, Chris Martinez-Builder Vintner Court Estates/Vintner Pond

Vineyard Estates Neighborhood Association

2007 VENA Membership

A Community Volunteer Association

Annual Membership Dues \$20.00 per Home

Name (s) _____

Address _____

Phone (Home) _____

Phone (Work) _____

Email _____

Neighborhood (Select One)

- Carrington
- Desert Ridge Place (HOA)
- Desert Vista (HOA)
- La Cueva Tierra
- Los Vigils (HOA)
- Ocotillo (HOA)
- Tierra Morena
- Ventura Village
- Villa Firenze
- Vineyard I
- Vineyard II
- Vineyard III
- Vineyard III - A
- Vineyard IV
- Vineyard IV - A
- Vineyard IV - B
- Vineyard V
- Vintner Court Estates
- Vineyard Court Estates
- Wilshire Estates

Your help is appreciated. If you are willing to help and serve the neighborhood, please select an area that interests you:

- Architectural Committee
- Median
- Newsletter
- Park
- Recycling
- Refreshments
- Signs
- Welcome
- Board of Directors

Select Member type:

- Resident
- Business
- Property Owner (Undeveloped)

Check No. _____

Date of Check _____

Membership is renewable annually.

Membership is valid from 08/01/2006 through 08/01/2007

Please make checks payable to VENA in the amount of \$20.00

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Vineyard Estates Neighborhood Association Communities

Carrington	Vineyard II
Desert Ridge Place	Vineyard III
Desert Vista	Vineyard III-A
La Cueva Tierra	Vineyard IV
Los Vigils	Vineyard IV-A
Ocotillo	Vineyard IV-B
Tierra Morena	Vineyard V
Ventura Village	Vineyard Court
Villa Firenza	Vintner Court
Vineyard I	Wilshire

