Belda, volunteers were recruited for a variety of in-office and field assignments to assist department staff. Many of the quality of life issues important to Vista residents, keeping this a community in which we wish to live, are monitored by Code Enforcement staff.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

- SVC provided an excellent presentation by the League of Women Voters in September on the nine ballot propositions proposed for public vote.
- Also in September, SVC and Shadowridge Owners' Association sponsored a forum for candidates for Vista City Council and the office of mayor.
- In February, we were very pleased that newly-elected Mayor Judy Ritter, City Manager Rita Geldert, and Assistant City Manager Patrick Johnson provided an overview and answered residents' questions at an SVC general meeting.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

• One of SVC's goals is to have representatives from South Vista neighborhoods serving on its Board of Directors – we can share information and explore solutions together. If you are interested in actively assisting South Vista, please let us know: southvistacommunities@cox.net.

In its role as a quality of life spokesman for this area, SVC will continue to work with individuals, corporations, and City of Vista representatives to consider new plans and proposals, and to address problems as they arise.

South Vista Communities is **your** organization. We invite your comments, suggestions, questions, and involvement. **TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

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INTRODUCTION

South Vista Communities continues its work to preserve and improve the quality of life for all residents in neighborhoods south of the 78. We count 23 neighborhoods in this area, and we are very pleased to be adding more residents to our e-newsletter list. If you think your neighbor might be interested in receiving our news and information, please pass along our email address: southvistacommunities@cox.net.

SVC is a non-profit corporation, and any contribution, therefore, is tax-deductible.

SVC provides a forum for those interested in sharing their concerns and working together. We recognize the elected and appointed officials of the City of Vista as valuable and essential partners in accomplishing common goals and appreciate their interest and assistance.

QUALITY OF LIFE

- The visual quality of life is an important element in South Vista. We greatly appreciate the continued efforts of Burlington Coat Factory to maintain the landscaping and keep the parking lot clean.
- The new landscaping along Thibodo Road, installed last year, along with other improvements, is thriving and certainly enhances this entrance to our community. SVC partnered with resident Leslie Jantz and the City of Vista to receive donations for maintenance of the landscaping.
- As a quality of life and public safety issue, SVC has encouraged Vista property owners to sign petitions to vote for a small property tax increase (\$4-\$20/year) to allow the City to keep street lights turned on throughout Vista. As of this date, the outcome is not certain.

CLEAN ENVIRONMENT

• North County residents gathered on September 25 to clean up the Buena Creek area, at Shadowridge/Sycamore. Chaired by Jim Fraker, in conjunction with Shadowridge Owners' Association and the City of Vista, the event drew 167 volunteers who picked up half a ton of trash, green waste and recyclables.

NEW VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

 Responding to a reduction in City staff in the last several years, SVC developed a volunteer program with Vista's Code Enforcement Dept.
Working with Director David Wilson and Code Enforcement Officer Steve