

**UPDATE!**

**SOUTH VISTA NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

**REMINDER — NEXT WEEK**

**February 27 General Meeting**

**7:00 p.m.—Shadowridge Country Club**

Two important topics for Vista residents and businesses will be presented at this meeting.

The spotlight will be on Vista's **Business Park** when Vista Economic Development director Kevin Ham reports on changes brought on by new businesses, new technology, and the new Specific Plan for the area.

Second, the **Salvation Army** is applying to the City for a special use permit to open a 'family store' in the building formerly occupied by Big Lots in the Shadowridge Plaza (Stater Bros.) shopping complex. Jim Simmons, representing the Salvation Army, will be here to present the 'family store' concept and to answer your questions.

Bring a friend and join us!

**COYOTES ABOUND AGAIN**

With the new year, neighbors report hearing and seeing coyotes in the area again. According to Rod Krueger, Vista Public Works, the best defense to **protect our property and pets is not to make our yards attractive to the coyotes.**

Don't feed your pets outside and, if you store pet food in the garage, be sure it is in a closed container. Don't leave small pets out in the yard, unattended. Make sure your garbage cans have lids that close tightly.

In a way, we're intruders in the coyotes' territory, so we need to be watchful to protect our property.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**



Be Irish for the day! Sunday, March 16, in downtown Vista, for the 3rd annual North County parade and festival.

**Festival:** 10 a.m.— 4 p.m.

**Parade:** 11 a.m.— noon.

Sponsored by the Vista Village Business Association and the No. County Friendly Sons of St. Patrick.

**MAYOR RITTER TO HOLD MINI CITY MEETINGS**

The City of Vista is inviting the public to attend one of three community meetings scheduled in February and March where Mayor Judy Ritter will present an abbreviated version of the 2013 State of the City address. Mayor Ritter first presented her City Address on January 27, at the Vista Chamber of Commerce's annual State of the Community luncheon.

Each meeting will follow the same format with the Mayor presenting a summary of the City's accomplishments in 2013, a briefing on the local economic outlook, and an update on what to expect in 2014. Participants will have the opportunity to meet and talk with the Mayor and City Council members, as well as the City Manager and other city officials.

**Vista Mini State of the City Meetings:** *All three meetings begin at 6 pm and are free of charge.*

**Wednesday, February 26**

Boys & Girls Club (410 W. California Avenue)

**Monday, March 3**

Breeze Hill Elementary School Multipurpose Room (1111 Melrose Way)

**Monday, March 17**

Vista Library Community Room (700 Eucalyptus Ave.)

The Mayor's State of the City address and a list of City Accomplishments can be found online at [cityofvista.com](http://cityofvista.com).

**VID: USE WATER WISELY**

Our drought worsens. Brent Reyes, VID water conservation specialist, says:

Prompted by the driest winter in California's history, Governor Jerry Brown declared a statewide drought emergency on January 17. The Governor declared the drought emergency in part because certain areas of the state are being hit particularly hard by the lack of rain and snow.

Locally, due to investments in water supply reliability and increased efficiency, our region's water supply wholesaler, the San Diego County Water Authority (Water Authority), has stated that the region will have adequate water supplies *(Cont. next page)*

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and that no water shortage allocations are anticipated this year. However, water users must continue to be proactive regarding water conservation, and the Vista Irrigation District remains at Level One of its Water Supply Response Program. Level One includes the following mandatory water use practices:

- No washing down paved surfaces
- Irrigate landscape before 10 AM and after 6 PM
- Eliminate landscape irrigation run-off, overspray, etc.
- Wash vehicles with a bucket and hand-held hose with positive shut-off nozzle
- Use re-circulated water to operate ornamental fountains
- Restaurants serve water on request; hotels launder daily on request
- Repair all leaks within five days of notification.

VID appreciates its customers' efforts to use water wisely; rebates are currently available on a number of water-efficient devices, such as high-efficiency toilets and washing machines, rotating sprinkler nozzles and rain barrels. For more details about rebates and eligible products, please visit [www.socalwatersmart.com](http://www.socalwatersmart.com) or call 1-888-376-3314.

Also, turf removal rebates are available from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) and the Water Authority. For more information please visit each agency's turf removal webpages:

WaterAuthority-<http://turfreplacement.watersmartsd.org/>  
Front yards only; artificial turf is not eligible for a rebate.

MWD-<http://socalwatersmart.com/index.php/qualifyingproducts/turfremoval>

Front and back yards; artificial turf is eligible for a rebate.



**PREVENT BREAK-INS**

For tips on how to better secure your home, you can download a free copy of our Home Security Guide by clicking on the following link [http://www.sdsheriff.net/documents/home\\_security\\_guide.pdf](http://www.sdsheriff.net/documents/home_security_guide.pdf). For vehicle security tips, click on this link [http://www.sdsheriff.net/documents/vehicle\\_safety.pdf](http://www.sdsheriff.net/documents/vehicle_safety.pdf).

The Sheriff's Department also offers free residential security consultations and vacation checks to Vista residents. If anyone is interested in a residential security consultation, he can contact me directly at (760) 940-4353 to set an appointment. For more information about our vacation checks, please contact our Senior Volunteer Patrol at (760) 940-4434.

It's important to report ALL suspicious persons, vehicles, and activity immediately to the Sheriff's Department at (858) 565-5200. If it is an emergency or crime in progress, call 9-1-1.

*Carmela Lutz, Crime Prevention Specialist  
San Diego County Sheriff's Department  
Vista Patrol Station — (760) 940-4353*

**NOTE:** Creekside neighborhood recently had a rash of break-ins and burglaries. We thank Sheriff's Captain Joe Rodi and his deputies for swift resolution of the crimes.

**TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

Join us in keeping Vista a special place to live. Visit our website [www.southvistacommunities.org](http://www.southvistacommunities.org) to find our membership form or simply to sign up for our email information and updates.

**SOUTH VISTA COMMUNITIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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