

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

SVC ANNUAL MEETING—JUNE 18

The Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 18, at 7 p.m. at the Hyatt Place hotel, 2645 So. Melrose (Melrose at Faraday).

Board member elections will be held. Featured speaker will be Deputy Henry Tirado, Crime Prevention Specialist, Vista Sheriff's Office.



The Vista Fire Department, in conjunction with Palomar College, is pleased to offer emergency response training to residents and employees within the City of Vista.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact them.

The next training class in Vista begins on April 15, and meets for 8 weeks on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. The class will meet at the Public Safety Training Center at 182 Santar Place, San Marcos with the final disaster simulation on Saturday, June 6. Each class is taught by Vista Fire Department personnel.

You can register by contacting Chief Ned Vander Pol at nvanderpol@ci.vista.ca.us, 760-310-0217, or Sandy Hopkins at sandy.hopkins@vistacert.org, 760-214-3583.

You can also go directly to the Vista CERT website, www.vistacert.org for much more information about CERT.



GO by BIKE

SANDAG is pleased to introduce you to **GO by BIKE** – the San Diego Regional Bike Network. GObyBIKEsd.com connects you

to information about long term plans for the Regional Bike Network, current bike projects, and tips to help you GO by BIKE.

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LATEST WORD ON WATER FROM VID

We asked Roy Coox, Vista Irrigation District general manager, about changes in water restrictions for Vista residents following Governor Brown's recent proclamation.

Mr. Coox said, "As you can imagine, we have been monitoring the situation closely and things are currently in a state of flux. We are holding off on sending out communications until the State Water Board, the Metropolitan Water District, and the San Diego County Water Authority all take action within the next month, which will impact all of us. VID will be sending out information to customers. In the meantime, our current watering restrictions remain in place."

We'll keep you posted.

GO by BIKE (continued)

The Regional Bike Plan Early Action Program (EAP) comprises 42 projects totaling 77 miles of new bike-ways that will create an inviting and convenient network.

Will you **GO by BIKE** during **Bike Month** in May and on **Bike to Work Day**, Friday, May 15? Organizations can register to [host a pit stop](#) or sign up for [complimentary employer services](#). Individuals can [pledge to GO by BIKE](#) on Bike to Work Day, and help us reach our goal to log 25,000 miles in [TripTracker](#) – the equivalent of one trip around the world.



FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPT

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

A driver who texts or uses a hand-held cell phone can cause a crash that leads to serious injuries or even death.

All month long, the Sheriff's Department will have a "zero tolerance" policy toward drivers caught using a hand-held cell phone.

If you are caught violating California's cell phone laws, you will be cited and face a minimum fine of \$161 with subsequent violations being higher.

"We take the issue of distracted driving very seriously," said Sheriff Bill Gore. "Not only is texting and driving dangerous, it's against the law and 100 percent preventable. **DISTRACTED DRIVING: IT'S NOT WORTH IT!**"

Watch a public safety video on the dangers of distracted driving by following the Sheriff's Department on VIMEO: <http://goo.gl/DcguzF>.

New teenage drivers can learn all about responsible driving by taking a "Start Smart" class. The two-hour class teaches teens all about driver safety, including not texting and driving.

To learn more about the "Start Smart" program, go to: <http://www.sdsheiff.net/startsmart>.

For full details, [view this message on the web](#).



The Annual Vista Strawberry Festival, sponsored by Tri-City Medical Center and brought to you by the Vista Chamber of Commerce, is back for 2015. Last year's event welcomed over 90,000 attendees and the event is expected to attract an even larger crowd this year.

**Sunday, May 24 6:45 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Historic Downtown Vista**

- Strawberry Festival Run
- Pie eating contest
- Strawberry costume contest
- Kids' ride area with zip-line (open Thursday, May 21)
- Sidewalk chalk art (Saturday, May 23)
- Vendors, craft beers, and strawberries!

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