

Firehouse Flash

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Hot off the presses...



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Vista Holiday Parade, 12/1

The Vista Chamber of Commerce sponsors Winterfest, a week-long series of events to kick off the holiday season. The centerpiece of Winterfest is the annual holiday parade, scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1st.

The parade theme will be "All Aboard the Vista Express." After their awesome 2nd place finish in last year's parade the VFD Ladies Auxiliary will be aiming for first place!

The parade route will be the same as recent years, starting at the corner of Pala Vista Drive, proceeding north on Santa Fe Avenue to Main Street, then turning right and finishing at Citrus Avenue.

After the parade, from approximately 2:30 to 5 p.m., Krikorian Theatres will sponsor free pictures with Santa Claus, **plus a play area with five tons of snow** in front of the theaters.

VFD Holiday Party 12/8

We hope you can join the celebration at the annual VFD holiday party on Saturday, December 8th, 11:30am.

Come on down to station one with your family and enjoy delicious food,, awesome raffle prizes, crafts and games for the kids. Each child will receive gift. Desserts will be provided but please bring a dish to share.

Please bring a food item to share that corresponds with your last name.

A-H: appetizers & finger foods

I-R: main dish- warm pastas, casseroles, potatoes, enchiladas

S-Z: salads

Santa will arrive at 12:30pm. Digital photos with Santa will be taken and put in the employee boxes within a week.

Knott's Berry Farm for FREE



November 17th through December 21st. Knott's Annual Tribute to Police and Fire employees. FREE admission for Fire and Police personnel and one guest. Plus purchase up to 6 additional tickets for \$12.95 each! Valid Fire or Police photo I.D. is required. Fire/Police personnel must be present. Fire/Police badges must be accompanied by photo I.D. Government-only I.D.s not accepted. Offer applies to CHP, County Sheriff, District Attorneys, U.S. Forest Service, CDF and other wildland fire organizations, correctional facilities, U.S. Marshals, ATF, FBI, International Border Patrol and reserve/volunteer fire/police employees with valid I.D.

Knott's Berry Farm-
8039 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, 90620 (714) 220-5200
www.knotts.com

Off Probation!

Congrats to Ryan Deason for successfully completing a year of probation. We are so happy for you and your family! Way to go Ryan...and welcome, officially, to the VFD family.

VFD Blanket

The VFD Auxiliary will have these blankets for sale at the holiday party for \$40. They make a great gift for the holidays!

Blankets are also available year round by contacting VFD President Carrie Hammond at hulabike@yahoo.com



The Firehouse Flash

newsletter is published by the VFD Ladies Auxiliary and is designed to help you stay connected to your firefighting community. e something to contribute!

Please send ideas and submissions to the Vista Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary at vfda@yahoo.com



Family Matters

Let us know if you or someone in your family has something interesting to share such as a recent accomplishment, story of success, homecoming, or great news! We'll feature it in Family Matters, vfjla@yahoo.com

Baby Update!

Derek Muir Hammond was born on August 20th. Chris, Carrie and big brother Burke were so happy to finally meet him! He weighed 8lbs 9 ounces and continues to thrive at over 15 pounds!



VFD Visits Palomar

This August VFD families took a field trip up the Palomar Observatory...they had a GREAT time and plan to make it a yearly tradition.

George and Tricia Lucia also hosted a BBQ and George gave rides in his old fire engine!

Everyone that attended said it was a good tour and a really fun day!

Thanks to the Lucia and Mentzer families For helping organize this event!



Butternut Squash with Parmesan Soup

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 small onion
- 1 celery stalk
- 3 cups of Chicken Stock
- 1 Parmesan Cheese rind
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 butternut squash (about 1.5 pounds)
- 1 to 2 sage leaves, diced
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- Pinch of nutmeg, black pepper, & cayenne



Preheat oven 400 degrees. Slice squash length wise, seed it, & put on baking sheet w/ skin up. Bake for 40 min. Cool & peel. Put flesh in blender to puree. Set aside.

Melt butter in large stockpot over medium heat. Add onion & celery, sweat until tender (4 min.) Add stock, rind, bay leaf, & bring to boil, then simmer for 20 min.

Remove rind, bay leaf. Add squash & all pinches. Blend until smooth.

Garnish with chopped fresh parsley! Enjoy.

Fun Fest Outreach

The VFD Ladies Auxiliary participated in the Vista Street Fair in October, which had a strong emphasis on public safety and fire awareness.

The public turnout was great and we had a very enthusiastic crowd!

Children were able to dress in turnout and stand in front of the Kenworth fire truck for a photo. This was a huge hit with the children! Participants also received a "Support your Firefighter" red wrist band. Thanks to Richard Tilch for driving the Kenworth over for us and to the ladies that volunteered!

Members of the Auxiliary include: (top) Gale Fisher, Kathleen Deason, Tina Mentzer, Colette Gelrud, Alecia Tilch; Julia Hensley, Carrie Hammond, Stephanie Bowden



Buster Finds a Home!



At this year's Street Fair the VFD booths were placed next to the booth from the North County Humane Society. They brought along dogs and cats which they hoped would find good homes during the course of the day.

Little did we know a close, and almost immediate bond would unfold before us as Buster, the mixed breed cutie locked eyes with Richard Tilch and "had him at hello."

Within a few hours the deal had been sealed and the Tilch family was heading home with their new dog Buster.

Congrats Richard on a great dog!



Signing adoption papers!

Auxiliary Meetings

December 4th
Tina Mentzer's
6:00pm

January 27th
Location TBA
4:00pm

Children are always welcome at meetings!

Please join us for the Annual Vista Fire Department

Holiday Party

Saturday,
December **8th**
11:30am
Fire Station One
175 N. Melrose Drive



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Santa will arrive around 12:30pm & then photos with Santa will be taken! Every child will also receive a gift from Santa.

Crafts **&** games provided for children throughout the afternoon.

Come celebrate this great VFD tradition with your fire family!