

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Ted Trakas*

In 1998 a fair number of us participated with City planning personnel in setting goals for the neighborhood.

We identified Goals in three areas: Traffic, Safety and Land Use Development. We also identified (general) Strategies and (specific) Defined Strategies. The result was the "VJ Neighborhood Goals Report", which we have reproduced in this newsletter. So how have we – residents, the Association and the City – done in reaching these goals? Lets see.

To mention a few items on the positive side, there are more speed humps on streets in the area. Some school zones are marked with solar-powered flashing signs. The VJ Esplanade is the strip of land on VJ near Colonies road. The City helps us with normal maintenance; the Association began annual tree trimming two years ago and planted Mountain Laurels this year.

On the negative side, the proposal to add trails to Union-Pacific property ended with City and Association concerns for legal liabilities. Deals for conversion of the Vulcan Quarry to a park lake fell through.

On a mixed basis, the City bought residential properties in the Dreamland flood plain but has not made recreational upgrades to the properties.

Overall I think we've batted 500, but what do you think? Please write us at our address on the back page. We will be glad to reprint your ideas – expletives deleted – in upcoming newsletters. Better still, let us know if you would like to volunteer to help up put more items into the positive column.

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