

President's Message

Ted Trakas

Will the economic bad news ever cease? You may notice that our newsletter is thinner than usual. Our publisher, Neighborhood News, did not sell as much advertising space this month and so has reduced our page count to 8 pages versus the usual 16. (Advertising defrays their production and mailing costs.)

To be honest, the majority of my time spent on the association business has been devoted to our new web site, www.vjni.org. Please visit it at home if you own a computer or access it on one of the computers at Cody library. You will find documents there that are too long for our newsletter. Also I have included some interesting and useful links. Two links you may find particularly enriching connect you to 'Family Friendly' movie reviews; they provide solid data for making movie choices for your children and yourself.

Again our opposition to the digital billboard ordinance is unabated. A group of us will have visited city council on June 19, 2008 to voice concerns by the time you read this. Visit our Issues page, www.vjni.org/Issues, to see a copy of what we presented.

I am pleased to report you will find a new contributor for articles this month. I will not name the individual but will give you a hint. She has ghost written a number of culinary articles for us in the past.

Finally, our last newsletter for May went to the publisher prior to the tragic death of Mrs. Viola B. Barrios on April 24, 2008. Our sincere condolences go out to her family and friends. May all of us rededicate ourselves to making our neighborhood and city better and safer places.

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