



Vandenbergh Village Association

*“We are a volunteer organization
dedicated to the enhancement of our Community”*

Helping Vandenbergh Village Residents Since 1976

Vandenbergh Village Association History

The Vandenbergh Village Association (VVA) began in the 1960s as the Village began to grow. It was incorporated by a group of residents who wanted to preserve the quality of life in the new Community.

As the Village homes were built, each neighborhood had its own set of Codes, Covenants, and Restrictions which were legally binding. CC&Rs for Ebbert homes usually established guidelines to keep the streets, driveways, and lawns attractive.

As the homes were sold, some of these CC&Rs were lost and neighbors needed a vehicle to try to maintain the attractiveness of their communities. The VVA became that body. Although the VVA has no legal power, it does serve as a mediator and neighborhood “caretaker”, keeping in touch with the S.B. County sheriff, fire, roads and zoning departments about Village residents concerns.

According to the VVA by-laws, the VVA has a board of directors made up of no more than seven members. Board officers are elected at the end of each year (December) for a term of two years and assume office in January. To help maintain continuity, officer elections are divided as follows; 4 officers elected in even numbered years and 3 officers are elected in odd numbered years.

Membership dues have always been low, originally \$10.00 per household. Now after more than 25 years, dues are only \$15.00 per household, property owner or business, per year.

In the late 70s, the VVA board took an active role in trying to prevent urban sprawl creeping up the mesa and argued against the annexation of land north of the Santa Ynez River by the City of Lompoc.

In the 80s, the VVA took an active role in hearings about the Lompoc Oil & Gas Plant (now PXP) on Harris Grade Road, speaking up at public hearings and voicing its concerns about building this facility so close to the Village residential areas.

One of our proudest achievements is spearheading the transition from a private water company to our Community Services District. During the late 80s, the VVA was instrumental in the purchase of the Park Water Company and the creation of the publicly owned VVCSD.

During the 90s and in recent years, the VVA has sponsored forums for non-partisan offices and has sponsored a community clean-up, depending on available monies. In recent years, the HSS sponsors a mandated yearly clean-up and the VVA volunteers assist in this event.

Many of the early participants in the VVA are no longer with us, and the VVA is now reaching out to our new residents to encourage them to become active members of their community and a voice for Vandenbergh Village. Our only elected government representative for our community is the Santa Barbara County - 3rd District Supervisor.