



# College-Glen News



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## California Highway Patrol Thanks Eric Dodd

It was a quiet day on Olivet Court and the Dodd family were gathered in the front of the family home for a birthday celebration. Suddenly a tall male jumped over one of the neighboring fences, ran to an adjacent yard, and began hastily climbing that fence. Eric Dodd jumped to his feet and bolted through the neighbor's gate, tackled the fleeing young man, and restrained him. Valerie Dodd called 911 and a Highway Patrol Motor Officer was on the scene within minutes followed by six Highway Patrol cars and one Sacramento City Police car. According to the reports, the Highway Patrol chase began in the town of Folsom reaching speeds in excess of 80 mph. The suspect abandoned the stolen motorcycle he was on at the intersection of Occidental and Bennington and began running through back yards in an effort to elude the Highway Patrol Officers. The quick actions of Eric Dodd brought this chase to an abrupt end.

Thanks Eric, for your quick and effective actions.



Above: Officer W. Fish and Eric Dodd



Left: The law enforcement response to Olivet Court



### Save these Dates!

#### **Jazz in the Park**

Oki Park - June 16, 2013  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

#### **National Family Night Out**

Olivet Court - Friday, June 28, 2013  
7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

#### **Movie Night in the Park**

Oki Park - Saturday, September 21, 2013  
7:30 pm

Free admission to all events!

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## St. Francis High School: "Springing" into Action By Ingrid Niles, Director of Communications

March Madness? The entire spring semester has set a maddening pace at St. Francis High School. In February, twenty students from third and fourth year French classes travelled to Quebec for SF's seventh annual French language immersion trip. SF hosted 19 high schools for the State Qualifying Speech Tournament with 185 students competing in 12 different events for the right to attend the California State Tournament in April. In March, the Admissions Department mailed acceptance letters to the new members of our Class of 2017. The school play, Timothy Mooney's adaptation of Moliere's comedy, *The Imaginary Invalid*, enjoyed many sell-out shows. Mr. Mooney happened to be in Sacramento, so came to the SF Theatre to watch and give a 45 minute talk-back to the cast and crew after a show. Also in March, student musicians performed in the CFMEA Capitol Section Golden Empire music festival, SF families hosted 30 exchange students from our sister school in Fukuoka, Japan, the Model United Nations team traveled to UC Berkeley to compete in the nation's largest and longest-running high school MUN conference, and the Robotics team built its Frisbee-tossing robot for this year's competition and had a chance



to show it off on an early morning segment of Good Day Sacramento! Still on the horizon loom the annual Fashion Show, Golf Tournament, registration for summer courses and camps, and continued preparation for implementation of our 1:1 iPad program next fall. This is the wonderful world of Troubadour madness!

### March Madness and Happy Days at Bancroft From the Staff at Bancroft Elementary School

More precisely, it was March MATH Madness that took over Bancroft for exactly one minute at 8:10 each morning as students were at the ready to do their Mad Math Minute. Students sharpened their pencils and math skills as they worked each day to do better on their math problems than they did the day before. It seemed like a fun game, with prizes and an ice cream sundae to those who earned one. Strategically, it was one more technique in the learning process; the annual STAR tests are just around the corner.

"Happy Days" could apply to many things – more sunshine and fresh air, getting the gardens growing again, and the fun that comes with learning. However, it also encapsulates the overriding theme of this year's talent show, "Bancroft Goes to TV Land." Over 150 students began practicing in January for the show, which was performed to sold-out audiences on March 21 and 22. If you've ever been to one of these shows, there's a good chance you'll never forget it. The students certainly won't (and neither will the adults who helped put it together)! The thirteen individual acts and skits that were interspersed between the three "Grands" (Opening, Middle and Finale), required 616 different costumes with a multitude of changes. It is always a spectacular feat to pull all the pieces together for a two-hour (+) show, but they did it again.

### Passing of Bancroft Faculty Member

It is with sadness that we share the passing of Kristi Phillips, a 3rd grade teacher at Bancroft Elementary School, following a long and courageous battle with cancer. Mrs. Phillips was in her 22nd year of teaching at the time of her passing. She was a meticulous and devoted teacher with a passion for art and gardening, and she shared those passions with her students at Bancroft. As a show of support for Mrs. Phillips, the students are working to restore the Bancroft nature garden to its original, weed free status. The link to the Sacramento Bee obituary is <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sacbee/obituary.aspx?n=kristi-phillips&pid=163500234#fbLoggedOut>.



***For some summer activities, consider visiting the library!***

**Arden-Dimick Public Library**

891 Watt Avenue, 264-2920

Hours: T 10-6, W/Th 10-8, F 1-6, Sat 10-5

## California Montessori Project Character Education

By Bernie Evangelista, Principal

Character Education is an important component of our Montessori program. Each month, we focus on one character trait and we start off the month with a whole school assembly where we present the trait for the month. Designated classes engage in skits, videos, sing songs, role play or other activities that highlight the trait. In class, community meetings and dialogues occur centering on the monthly trait. In April, "Honesty" is the character trait for the month.

On another note, our school is celebrating Earth Day on Friday, April 19th from 4 to 7 pm. All are invited to join us in the celebration. There will be game booths, arts and crafts, and activities that focus on being aware of our environment.

On May 18th, we will have our annual Art, Wine & Cheese Event at Fox & Goose Public House at 6 pm. All are invited to attend. For more information about the event, please contact the school office at 325-0910.

In May, our Middle School students will be going to Oregon to attend the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, while our 4th grade students will be going to Coloma to learn about and experience the life of early settlers. One of our 1st/2nd/3rd Grade Combo Classes will be going to the Maidu Museum. We will also have an in-house field trip for our Kindergarten-3rd grade students where the "Wild Things" will come and bring animals to show the students.

## Register Now for Area Toddler, Pre-School, Early Kinder, and Kindergarten Programs

The McClaskey Adult Education parent participation toddler and pre-school programs at Thomas Jefferson are currently accepting pre-registration for the Fall 2013 semester. The Sacramento City Unified School District is also accepting pre-registration for the Bancroft Elementary School Early-Kinder program also operating out of Thomas Jefferson. The Early-Kinder program is a Bancroft satellite campus and is part of the District's comprehensive K-12 program.

The toddler class for 2 and 3 year olds meets on Friday mornings from 8:30 am to 11:15 am with parent and child participation. The morning pre-school class for 3 and 4 year olds is a four-day a week class meeting Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am to 11:15 am. The afternoon pre-school class for 3 and 4 year olds is a daily class offered Monday through Friday and meeting from 12:00 noon to 2:45 pm. Both pre-school programs include a lab fee and a parent participation commitment for one day in the classroom per week.

If you are interested in learning more about the program and enrolling your child or grandchild, please contact the teacher, Paula Lynch, at 247-3335 or 382-5963. You may also call and schedule an on-site visit of the program. If you have any questions about the program in general, please contact Susan Lytle Gilmore, Principal, at 277-6625. For information related to the age requirement and appropriateness of the Early-Kinder program for your child contact the Bancroft office staff at 382-5940.

## Scavengers Harassing Area Students

The Association has received a letter from Enrique Flores, Principal of Bancroft Elementary School, sharing his concerns regarding actions by Thursday morning scavengers to frighten our area youth on their way to school. The students are reporting that the scavengers along Occidental Drive and Lake Forest/Wissemann Drive have been harassing and barking at them as they walk and ride their bikes to school. The Association has forwarded the concerns to the office of Councilmember McCarty. His office has arranged with the SCUSD to have School Resource Officers patrolling the surrounding neighborhood on trash/recyclables pick-up days during the times students walk to and from school at Bancroft. Please alert the authorities if you observe any unwanted behavior directed toward our youth.

## RHS Percussion Award, Community Service

By Dianna Melendez, RHS Student

As they rushed through the gym doors of Del Oro High School to perform, Rosemont High School's winter percussion ensemble anxiously prepared for battle as they turned to face the large audience and panel of judges. Rosemont was one of sixteen schools competing at Del Oro's "Winter Spectacular" on March 16th 2013. Other notable schools included McClatchy High School, Franklin High School, and Elk Grove High School. RHS took home a first place trophy in the intermediate division. Ryan Foell, senior snare drummer, shared his thoughts, "We all felt good about the performance but had no idea we did as well as we did. This is a great confidence booster for the next two competitions."

Rosemont's victory was earned with endless hours of practice beginning three months ago, led by Band Director Robin Wilmer, band instructors Micaela Rayray, and Matt Kwong. To keep up on the latest news about Rosemont's music program go to [www.rhsmusic.net](http://www.rhsmusic.net).

Students in Rosemont High School's new LEAD Program (Leadership Through Enrichment and Academic Development) have participated in a number of community service projects throughout the year thus far. During the first semester, groups of students visited A.M. Winn, Sequoia, O.W. Erlewine, and Bancroft Elementary schools to work with the elementary students, undertaking gardening and campus beautification projects. This quarter, students will be visiting Sacramento Food Bank's distribution centers to work with at-risk populations and those in need. During this process, students are researching issues in their community and creating proposals to solve community problems. LEAD teachers and the program director will approve of the student proposals and, with some guidance, the students will begin working in their community to make a difference. It is the goal of the program to empower students to identify problems, work collaboratively to come up with a solution, and ultimately execute their plan. Rosemont is proud of the work that the LEAD students have done and look forward to seeing the results of the upcoming service projects.



## **Sacramento Youth Receive over 4,000 Children's Books from Assemblymember Roger Dickinson's Collection Drive**

From the Desk of Assemblymember Roger Dickinson

On March 5, at the Mustard Seed School, I was thrilled to distribute over 4,000 children's books to Sacramento youth. For over a month, I, along with Sacramento City Councilmembers Darrell Fong and Bonnie Pannell, collected books from the community to benefit Loaves and Fishes' Mustard Seed School and Reading Partners. In March, we donated the books and read to students in celebration of Dr. Seuss' 109th birthday and Read Across America Day (March 2).

If education is the great equalizer, then reading is the first step toward reaching equality. Thank you to all our book drive contributors for helping the future success of Sacramento youth.

The Mustard Seed School is a free, private school for homeless children age 3-15 working to prepare and enroll homeless children into public schools. Non-profit Reading Partners provides young readers with one-on-one tutoring, partners with high-need elementary schools to offer reading programs on campus, and recruits and trains volunteers to work with young readers.

Shockingly, only one-third of all students entering high school in the U.S. are proficient in reading—15% African American students and 17% Hispanic students. Sadly, children who do not read are four times as likely to dropout



**Assemblymember Roger Dickinson reading to children at his book drive distribution event March 5 at Mustard Seed School in Sacramento.**

out of school; in fact, every school day in America over 3,000 students drop out (the majority of whom are poor readers).

As always, please call my office if you have any questions, community concerns, or legislative ideas at (916) 324-4676.

## **SCUSD School Closures**

By Christina Pritchett, Area 3 Trustee SCUSD

During my short time on the board, I have experienced one of the hardest decisions I have had to make... School Closures.

At the January 17th, 2013 Board of Education (BOE) meeting, Superintendent Raymond recommended a proposed closure plan to close the districts most severely under-enrolled elementary schools. On February 21, 2013 the BOE took action on a vote to close: Fruit Ridge, James W. Marshall, Washington, Tahoe, Collis P. Huntington, Susan B. Anthony, Bret Harte, Joseph Bonnheim, Mark Hopkins, Clayton B. Wire, and Maple elementary schools. The vote came down to a 4/3 split in favor of taking James Marshall, Susan B. Anthony, and Bret Harte off the closure list and closing the remaining schools. Superintendent Raymond recommended to defer the closure of Tahoe and to consider the closure of Mark Twain Elementary as an alternative. On March 7, 2013, per the Superintendent's recommendation, the BOE withdrew its proposals to close both Mark Twain and Tahoe Elementary.

My feelings regarding this issue remain the same as they did the day the proposal was given. The district needs a major overhaul and though I am not against consolidating some schools, I believe the plan that was approved is not in the best interest of our students. With that being said, we now need to move forward and guarantee that every student that is affected by the closure plan is not left behind and that we ensure we are giving a quality education to each and every student in our district.

## **School Closures, Transition Process**

By Jeff Cuneo, Area 2 Trustee SCUSD

The school board has wrestled recently with the difficult decision to close schools. None of the schools slated for closure were located in our area. Regardless, the decision to close schools was made after intense community debate and discussion. My vote was based on the fact that we had too many schools for and with too few children. This created a fiscal drag that negatively impacted all students. In addition, our district was unable to effectively and properly allocate resources so that every student received the academic, social and emotional and cultural competencies necessary for success.

My attention is now focused on the transition process for those children and parents from the closed schools. I support providing transportation and ensuring that all students can safely travel to and from their new schools. I will hold the district accountable in providing a comprehensive, detailed, compassionate and actionable plan for affected families.

The next significant issue the board will take up is next year's budget. For the first time in my tenure, budget requests and decisions will be tied to student outcomes and academic achievement. For example, the school board will review the costs associated with the district's academic initiatives – Priority Schools, common core, GATE. We will then make budget decision based on the merits of these programs. I advocated for this new budgetary model tying fiscal responsibility to student outcomes. I believe this will lead to improved academic success for schools and students.

Any questions or concerns, please email me at [jeff4schoolboard@gmail.com](mailto:jeff4schoolboard@gmail.com).

## **S.T.E.M. Education and Project Lead the Way**

By Jackie Levy, Area 3 Trustee Sac Co Bd of Ed

Do you know what S.T.E.M. education is? S.T.E.M. is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. These are career fields that offer wonderful opportunities for students, but the problem is that most engineering degree candidates do not become teachers.

One solution is to provide specialized training for teachers who are interested in basic principles of engineering. A national organization called Project Lead the Way (PLTW) has done just that. They sponsor summer workshops and ongoing professional development and networking for teachers. They also provide curriculum at both the middle and high school level to get students involved. The PLTW courses are demanding but they are also fun and interactive. They are all “project-based”; students, working in groups, design and build models that have to meet exacting specifications.

Many private corporations support PLTW because they know the value of getting students excited about engineering careers early on. A representative from Chevron told us that they support PLTW because that is their future workforce. Also, many high paying technician jobs do not require a 4-year degree, but they do require additional training past high school. Our community colleges are doing an excellent job providing such training.

Project Lead the Way is supported locally by Next Ed, a regional consortium of educational and business leaders whose goal is to build our local economy. The Sacramento County Office of Education is proud to be a partner in this important work.

## **Let's Bring Back Civic Education**

By David W. Gordon, Sac Co Superintendent of Schools

Our young people are quickly losing touch with the tenets of our democracy. Results from a study by the group National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) show that a majority of our students are failing to understand their civic rights, responsibilities and duties. Judges increasingly report that potential jurors are often ignorant of the workings of the judicial system.

In recent months, two icons of the judiciary visited Sacramento to help wake us up about the need to upgrade civic education. Former Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor spoke at a civics summit and called for quick action to step up civics teaching. Justice O'Connor called the state of civic education in America a “crisis” and it is hard to disagree with her.

Shortly after Justice O'Connor's visit, current Associate Justice Anthony Kennedy helped launch a civic education learning center - named in his honor - at the federal courthouse in Sacramento. Justice Kennedy shared a reading list of books, speeches and other documents that he believes every informed citizen should be familiar with.

We need to develop an unrelenting dedication to strengthening civic education in our schools. A major campaign is beginning in the state to rededicate our schools to better preparation of our students for their roles as citizens. Several bills have been introduced in the congress and the state legislature to help accomplish this. I plan to provide more information on this subject in future editions of the CGNA Newsletter.

## **West Campus Wins Moot Court**

By Greg Geeting, Area 1 Trustee Sac Co Bd of Ed



In March, the 34th Annual Gordon D. Schaber Mock Trial and Moot Court Competition, a premier regional academic event, was held in Sacramento. Eighteen teams from Sacramento County high schools participated, in addition to four teams from high schools located in El Dorado, Placer, and Yolo Counties. The competition involved five days of strong and spirited courtroom contests that were evaluated by esteemed area judges. West Campus High School's team won the Moot Court competition, and Elk Grove High School's team won the Mock Trial competition.

Moot Court simulates an appellate-level proceeding in which the student teams prepare and argue a case before a panel of three judges. The teams are assessed on the quality and persuasiveness of their legal reasoning and presentation, as well as their extemporaneous responses to the judges' questions.

Mock Trial simulates a trial-level proceeding in which students portray the roles of pre-trial counsel, prosecuting and defense attorneys, witnesses, court clerks, bailiffs, and jurors before a single presiding judge and two scoring judges. Courtroom art and journalism competitions are also held. County Mock Trial winners advance to a statewide competition sponsored by the Constitutional Rights Foundation, a non-profit, non-partisan, community-based organization that promotes civics education.

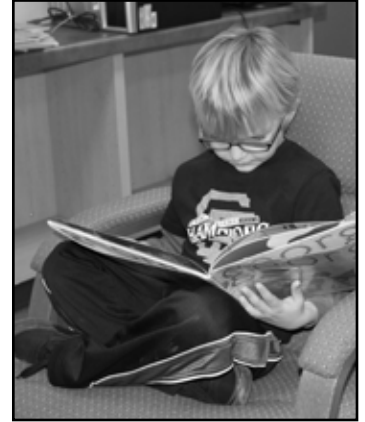
The Sacramento County Office of Education coordinated the local event. Volunteers from local law firms and other legal organizations coached the teams and served as scoring and presiding judges. Both team and individual winners were announced at an awards ceremony held March 4 at the Holiday Inn Sacramento-Capitol Plaza.

## **Oki Park Users Beware**

Come and enjoy Oki Park. But beware of your parking choices. Last fall the City ticketed visitors who parked in the bike lane on Lake Forest and Wissemann Drives. Many were unaware of the parking restriction due to the absence of or obscured signage. Recently, the City painted some, but not all, of the curbing red. It is not clear if the un-marked portion is or is not part of the bike lane. If the un-marked portion is considered part of the bike lane, it cannot be parked in. If it is not part of the bike lane, it is available for parking. The Association has asked the City to clarify the status of the un-marked area. If it is a no parking zone, CGNA requests that it be painted red eliminating any confusion and insuring that the lane remains open for bike use.

## Reading and Sharing

This year Station 60 Fire Fighters joined students, parents, school faculty, and administrators in supporting the National Education Association's Read Across America Program. In honor of Read Across America, the students in Mrs. Skelly's 4th grade class held a book drive during the first week of March. The students voted to participate in the local "wipe out illiteracy" program that provides at-risk children access to FREE books. During their weeklong campus book drive, the students collected over one thousand books! All of the books were donated to the WEAVE shelter and the Sacramento Children's Receiving School.



## Why does the Sacramento Fire Dept Send Fire Engines to Medical Emergencies?

By Captain Chris Andrew, Sacramento Fire Department

Fire stations are strategically located throughout the community so that they are able to meet adequate response times for any type of emergency in Sacramento. The goal is always to get 4 firefighters on scene within 4 to 6 minutes so they can begin to mitigate the problem. In emergency medical response this is critical. The human brain and heart cannot survive without oxygen for more than 4 to 6 minutes.

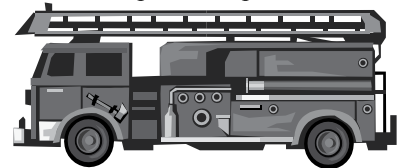
Firefighters in the Sacramento Fire Department and at Station 60 are trained to the minimum level of Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). Usually each 4-person fire engine or truck also has a firefighter trained to the level of paramedic. They are your closest resource and able to provide the highest level of care in any emergency in College Glen.

Currently SFD has 23 fire stations but only 13 ambulances. Because of those numbers, our four-person engines and trucks arrive before the ambulance to begin giving ALS care. If fire engines didn't assist in responding to emergencies, response times would go up dramatically, our residents would be waiting much

longer for the emergency help they need.

Why can't the Fire Department just send an ambulance? Our ambulances are staffed with an EMT and Paramedic firefighter. With the variety of critical medical calls, this staffing is inadequate. Many patients require CPR, cardiac monitoring, intravenous medication, bleeding control, family intervention, lifting, and many other life saving services. If a traumatic injury or cardiac arrest occurs, the 4 firefighters from the Engine or Truck have already arrived and began care when the ambulance arrives.

An ambulance is also out of service once it has just one patient on board. They are unavailable for another call until they reach their Emergency Room destination. The turn around time is usually close to one hour to transport one patient. During that time, an engine or truck is once again available to respond to another emergency in Sacramento.



## Baseball Season is in Full Swing!

By Jenny Wirtz

The College Glen Little League had a fantastic opening day! Mark Ogihara, League President, greeted each of the players, Amy DeMello sang the National Anthem, Councilmember Kevin McCarty pitched the first ball, and the games began. For the first time in three years all opening day games were played.

During the off-season, the league dismantled the old brick BBQ and re-assembled it closer to the snack bar. For the convenience of the players, their families and guests the snack bar will be open every Monday – Thursday evening and all day on Saturday. The BBQ will be in operation every Saturday offering fresh-off-the-grill hot dogs, burgers and chicken sandwiches. The neighbors are always welcome and encouraged to come and join the parents, grandparents, and friends as they watch our neighborhood youth participate in America's favorite past time. Everyone is also invited to mark their calendars for the annual Crab Feed, which will be held on Friday, April 26th at Crawford's Barn as well as the League's first annual "Screen on the Green" scheduled for Saturday, May 4th.

Please come and enjoy our games and watch our neighborhood youth develop their baseball skills. Information for all upcoming games, up to date team standings for minors and majors as well as special events can be found on our website [www.collegeglenlittleleague.com](http://www.collegeglenlittleleague.com). PLAY BALL!!!





## Enjoy the Parkway and Our Parks

From the Desk of Supervisor Susan Peters

The American River Parkway is an asset worth protecting– and you can demonstrate your support by purchasing a year long unlimited Parks Pass.

The pass is great for bicyclists and nature enthusiasts who frequent the Parkway. The proceeds go towards our regional parks and the pass costs only \$50 per year – paying for itself after ten trips. You can purchase a pass at The American River Parkway Foundation Office in the William B. Pond Recreation Area or online at [arpf.org](http://arpf.org).

And if you need quick access online to find specific recreational facilities like dog parks, swimming pools (and lessons), community centers, trails, arts and culture, golf, horseback riding, tennis courts and more remember all sorts of information is available at [yoursacparks.com](http://yoursacparks.com)!

This website is a one stop gateway to fun and recreation where you can reserve a facility for your next family or business function, make a tee time, sign up to volunteer, or improve your health and fitness.

[Yoursacparks.com](http://Yoursacparks.com) is the result of a partnership of 19 local recreation and park agencies (including Sacramento County's Department of Regional Parks) with the goal to help connect you with the beautiful parks and recreational services available in our area.

Now there's no excuse about not being able to find your favorite way to recreate!

## Allocating Measure U Funds

From the Desk of Councilmember Kevin McCarty

Thank you to all the folks who came out to my Neighborhood Town Hall in February at the College Greens Swim & Racquet Club. I enjoyed talking to neighbors and providing updates on neighborhood, District 6 and City news. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in June at the Neighborhood Association's Jazz in the Park and the Family Night Out Events. And please don't forget our Summer Movie Night in September. Hope to see you there!

In the last newsletter, I reported that the City Council was in the process of prioritizing our Measure U funds. These funds are from the November sales tax increase measure which will provide \$28-30 million annually to restore core City services. Recently, we voted to allocate early Measure U funds to restore City services such as authorizing new police academies to augment patrol staff and re-establish the Problem Oriented Policing, Traffic and Gang Units. In addition we restored previous fire station brownouts, and re-opened every operable City swimming pool. While Oki Pool was not on the original list, I'm happy to report that I persuaded the Council to open the pool half time. In May we'll finalize the plan for the remaining funds which will again focus on public safety as well as park maintenance, and extending community center and library hours. Please feel free to contact me with any ideas or feedback regarding this process.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at (916) 808-7006 or via email at [kmccarty@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:kmccarty@cityofsacramento.org).

## Proposed Bay Delta Conservation Plan Concerns

From the Desk of Congresswoman Doris Matsui

Recently, the Governor released his proposed Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Unfortunately, this flawed plan continues to ignore the very real concerns expressed by northern California stakeholders. There are still many unaddressed issues that must be addressed before any BDCP moves forward.

The current draft BDCP includes no benefits to Sacramento, only negative impacts. The massive infrastructure will be housed in Sacramento, negatively altering the landscape of the County. It also creates great uncertainty for long-term use of water from the Sacramento River. Our County has its own plans for growth and a master plan that must be accommodated by future water needs. Unfortunately, there is only so much water and with the current BDCP plan the water contractors hold all the cards. There are no enforceable assurances or protections for Sacramento County and our water rights in the BDCP plan.

To solve California's water issues, northern California must be part of the decision making process. Unfortunately, despite our requests to be part of the planning process we have continued to be shut out. I, along with local elected officials and other stakeholders, continue to fight to ensure that the Sacramento region has a seat at the table and is part of the planning and implementation of the BDCP process.



**Neighborhood early education programs for toddlers, pre-schoolers, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten are enrolling today for Fall 2013. Turn back to page 3 for all the details!**



## Follow me to the Doggy Dash!

*More information is on page 10!*





## SMUD Honored To Help Veterans Find A New Civilian Path

By Howard Posner, SMUD Ward 3 Director

Good work can be hard to find these days, particularly for those transitioning to civilian life from the military.

The veterans who participated in a recent training school at SMUD might find their footing 20 to 30 feet in the air – as electrical line workers.

Three graduates of the first “Power Pathway” class landed jobs at SMUD, and a second group of 30 men and three women graduated from the second class in March. The eight-week, pre-apprentice line worker is offered by the Sacramento Employment and Training Agency and PG&E’s Power Pathway program at American River College.

The climbing portion of the class took place at SMUD’s Hedge Training Center, where the applicants learned how to climb power poles, hang cross arms, work in substations and observe the tasks of line workers on a daily basis.

SMUD and other utilities are always on the lookout for talented, dedicated people who can help replenish the industry’s pipeline of prospective line workers. While electrical line work is physically and mentally demanding, it’s also rewarding and exciting. Veterans who put their lives on the line serving their country overseas are often a good fit for this type of skilled work.

As a community-owned electric utility, SMUD is committed not only to keeping the lights on, but to making this a better place in which to live. SMUD considers it a privilege to assist veterans in their quest to find worthwhile employment.

## Flowers Are Blooming And The Real Estate Market Is Hot!

By Linda Wood, Broker-Associate, Dunnigan, Realtors

There are many buyers competing for little inventory. Homes are selling quickly, often with multiple offers over list price. However, this doesn’t mean that we are back to pricing at the peak of the market. Real estate has been on sale for a while and the sale is over. Homes are still affordable with low interest rates. It’s a good time to buy and a good time to be a seller!

Inventory is at its lowest since MetroList opened for business in 1985. MetroList Services, Inc. is northern California’s largest Multiple Listing Service (MLS). Every day agents access MetroList for the latest real estate information. Consumers trust that MetroList provides the most up-to-date information. Homes listed on the MLS usually sell for higher prices than properties not listed on the MLS. These properties are exposed to over 70,000 real estate professionals, making it more likely that the seller will receive the “highest and best offer” while offering buyers more choice. In the not too distant past, real estate agents waited for books to be printed to see what homes were listed and then pass that information on to their clients. Today that information is readily accessible via computer, tablet or smartphone!

According to data from Metrolist Services, Inc. there were 18 single-family homes sold in College Glen in from 1/1/13 – 3/21/13 at a median sale price of \$241,000.00 with an average of 33 days on the market. For the same period in 2012 the median sale price was \$212,500.00 with an average of 63 days on the market.

## Make Your Home And Family Safer With The Latest LED Products

By: Moira Little, State Farm Insurance

Protect your home with one or both of these inexpensive LED safety devices.

- A peephole. See who’s there. Traditional peepholes are difficult to see through, making it easier for unannounced and potentially unsavory visitors to get you to open your door. Consider installing in your outside doors, an LCD peephole viewer over any existing peepholes. An LCD peephole viewer allows residents to view their visitors on a screen similar in size to a digital camera screen. Features may include wide angle and zoom modes helping to provide both low-light visibility and image recording.

- Turn on the TV. Timed lights that come on at the same time each night may not fool burglars but the flickering light of a television might. However, instead of leaving your TV on when you’re away from home, consider investing in an LED TV simulator unit. These small devices use less energy than a TV but emit lights that flicker and change color and intensity, giving the appearance from outside the house that a TV is on and that someone is home.

## New Ways, New Days Coming for Waste Collection

By Doug Huston, Recycling and Solid Waste Division

Beginning July 1, 2013 there will be several changes to residential waste collection in the City of Sacramento. As a result of these changes there will be no rates increase for recycling and solid waste services through June 2015.

Every Other Week Recycling - all residential customers will be either on an A or B week schedule for recycling collection. The College-Glen neighborhood will be on B week collection. Calendars will be sent to all customers in May.

Containerized Yard Waste – all residential customers will be required to use a container for weekly yard waste collection. Containers will automatically be delivered in June to those who are currently loose-in-the-street customers.

Leaf Season - Citywide loose-in-the-street collection of leaf piles will occur November through January. Customers will be able to use their yard waste container for weekly pickup as well as place extra material out in a pile on the street in front of their residence during leaf season.

Appointment Based Neighborhood Clean-Up Returns - all residential customers will be able to make one appointment a year for the pickup of any bulky items including excessive yard waste. Residents can call in June to begin making appointments for July of 2013.

Free Dump Coupon – in July, residents will be able to call 311 to request one free dump coupon to self-haul a load of waste to the Sacramento Recycling and Transfer Station.

More information on all these changes is available at [www.SacRecycle.org](http://www.SacRecycle.org).

## Is 0% Financing Too Good to Be True?

By Valorie G. Pruitt, Big Valley Federal Credit Union

Yes. Many dealers are offering 0% financing, but that isn't always the best way to go.

This too-good-to-be-true rate applies to people with very high credit scores, excellent credit records and little or no debt. Unless you fall into this category, you may get stuck paying a much higher rate.

You may be surprised to learn that even if you do qualify for 0% financing, it could cost you more in the long run. If the dealer offers you the choice of 0% or a cash rebate, taking the rebate and financing through your financial institution of choice could save you money – even if the bank rate is higher. Let's do the math:

	<b>0% Dealer Financing</b>	<b>2.5% Financing</b>
Vehicle purchase price	\$24,000	\$24,000
Cash rebate	0\$	\$3,000
Amount Financed	\$24,000	\$21,000
Interest Rate	0%	2.5%
Term	60 Months	60 Months
Monthly Payment	\$400.00	\$372.74
Total Payback	\$24,000	\$22,364

Contact your preferred financial institution to determine what financing options work best for you.

## National Family Night Out, Friday June 28th, 7:30 pm

Come celebrate National Family Night Out and freedom in America with your friends and neighbors. Visit with members of our local police and fire department, along with our CGNA sponsors. The Association will provide complimentary refreshments including hot dogs, chips and dessert from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Bowdian Court's own D.J., Charlie White, will provide a background soundtrack of both traditional and contemporary music.

This year we will be adding cookie decorating with Kathy, the Raley's Bakery Manager, and Sue, the store's General Manager. We will also have face painting, balloon art, hair chalking, crafts, games, and pets from the College Greens Pet Center. The Davis-Sacramento Damento Juggling club will be providing free instruction for juggling and balancing skills.

At 9:00 pm we will begin our traditional TNT Fireworks Show. During the show the Association will display a broad sample of fireworks being sold by the College-Glen Little League at their TNT Fireworks Booth at 8500 La Riviera Drive on the baseball field's parking lot.

There is no charge to attend this neighborhood event, which is sponsored by the College Glen Neighborhood Association, Councilmember Kevin McCarty, City of Sacramento Neighborhood Services, and our local business sponsors. You may wish to bring a lawn chair and a blanket as it often becomes cooler in the later part of the evening.

## 20th Annual Doggy Dash, Saturday,

**June 8th** Lesley Kirrene, Sacramento SPCA

Take your best friend for an early morning walk or run in William Land Park and help another animal find a best friend. Rick Johnson, Sacramento SPCA Executive Director, encourages everyone to come out with his or her best friends and participate in the 20th Annual Doggy Dash, Saturday, June 8th. An estimated 5,000 pet owners will gather both with and without their canine companions to help raise funds for the over 13,000 homeless animals that the Sacramento SPCA will care for over the next year. You don't want to miss this unique Sacramento tradition that has matured into the largest pet-friendly event of its kind in Northern California.

Following the early morning 2k or 5k Dash, the SPCA's Bark at the Park activities will begin. You may enter your canine pal in the Pup Show, high-flying disc contest, or the ever-popular pug races! Watch canine demonstrations, visit with pet-friendly businesses, learn about Sacramento-area animal rescue organizations, or sit back and just enjoy all of the action.

Whether you choose to bring a canine companion or invite another two-legged friend, mark your calendar and be a part of the Sacramento SPCA's Doggy Dash and Bark at the Park Festival. Register as a solo participant, start a team, or join an existing team. Registration fees start at \$25 per person. Registration begins at 7:30 am with the run/walk starting at 9:00 am. The Bark at the Park runs from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm, with special activities kicking off at 10:00 am. This is a rain or shine event!

The Sacramento SPCA encourages everyone to come out and help change the lives of homeless animals one step at a time! For additional information or advanced registration, visit [www.sspca.org](http://www.sspca.org). For questions about Doggy Dash, please call (916) 504-2802 or email [specialevents@sspc.org](mailto:specialevents@sspc.org).



## Councilmember McCarty's Town Hall Meeting

Councilmember Kevin McCarty started his meeting at the College Greens Swim & Racquet Club by thanking everyone for supporting the City's sales tax increase. He assured everyone that the Council and City Staff were reviewing the budget and establishing priorities to insure that the funds would be used to restore services cut during the recession. He anticipates fewer brown out days for the Fire Department, new police officers, increased police services and re-opening of the Oki Park Pool.

Councilmember McCarty explained that park funds remain limited and it was not likely that there would be funds for development of the current Oki Open Space Plan for an extended time. He asked the community if they would consider a rental or sale to the Flea Market of a portion of the back of the Oki Open Space to generate some funds to support the current Oki Open Space plan. The community response was negative. The Councilmember was open to the Association suggestion that the front portion of the open space just off Lake Forest Drive be graded instead of disked to provide additional parking for park users. This would replace spaces lost for the bike lanes at the park along Lake Forest Drive. It is the Association's understanding that Councilmember McCarty's office is working on that proposal.

Councilmember McCarty then introduced a representative from AT&T who discussed the company's process for bringing high speed data to neighborhood customers. Two new nodes, one on Julliard Boulevard and another on Wissemann Drive, are currently under construction. Data will travel from these nodes to CGNA residences over either a DSL or traditional cooper telephone line. The upgrade is intended to provide greater Internet speeds as well as video clarity. However, a residence must be within a one-mile radius from a node to receive this service. There are no current plans to upgrade the neighborhood's aging phone lines due to the increased household use of cell phones and Internet communication along with the overall decline in land line service.

## CGNA Communication Survey

In response to area resident's issues and concerns related to communication services in the area, the Association included a Communication Survey in our January CGNA Newsletter. The Association makes the following observations based the responses received. Within our area 74% of the homes have landlines serviced by AT&T. At the same time, 81% of the residents have cell phones and 85% have Internet service. While AT&T provides Internet service to the majority of College Greens and Glenbrook residents, Comcast is providing internet service to 37% of the community. However, the responses from the AT&T Internet users suggested that the majority of AT&T customers did not know or understand the different levels of service options being offered by AT&T. In contrast, Comcast users seemed to be well informed regarding their provider's service and quality.

## Filing a Non-Emergency Crime Report

By Ron Alvarado

If there is an emergency or crime in progress you need to report, dial 911. If it is not an emergency or a crime that is not in progress, did you know you can file an online crime report with the City of Sacramento Police Department? The process is relatively easy, and you will be freeing up our police to tend to actual emergency crimes by filing on line. Once you complete the process you will immediately receive a report number and after the report has been reviewed and approved by the police, a permanent Sacramento Police Department report number and a copy of the report will be e-mailed to you.

You can report accidents, assault and battery, harassment, threats, financial crimes, theft, burglary and lost property, as well as theft from your vehicle and vandalism. Remember, if it is an emergency, don't hesitate to call 911, but if it is not, consider using the Sacramento Police Department's online crime reporting system. You MUST have an e-mail address, and the incident must have occurred in the City of Sacramento. There are certain crimes that cannot be reported on line.

To review the online report criteria, and to file an online crime report, go to <http://www.sacpd.org/reports/fileonline/>.

### Cell Phone Emergency?

# 264-5151

To reach City emergency personnel while using your cell phone dial the number above. This will take you to the Sacramento Police Department.

## 20th and Possibly Last Father's Day Jazz in the Park

As we make plans for our 20th Annual Jazz in the Park we have learned that this may be our last summer jazz event. The City's agreement with the Sacramento Traditional Jazz Jubilee has expired and we are not aware of any plan to renew the program. Due to a late notice of the program's expiration, Councilmember Kevin McCarty has offered to use some of his discretionary funds to support the band for this year.

As in the past, the CGNA will provide complimentary dessert and beverages during the concert. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and relax with an evening of enjoyable, live jazz music with a local jazz band.

There is no charge for this event, which is provided by the College-Glen Neighborhood Association, Councilmember McCarty, Neighborhood Services and our local business sponsors. Mark your calendars now for Father's Day, Sunday, June 16, 2013 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Oki Park for the traditional Father's Day Jazz program.



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