

# College-Glen News

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## CGNA 2013 Membership Drive

### Join Today and Help Make a Difference in Your Community!

Thanks to all of our 2012 contributors! With your support we were able, for the first time in three years, to bring our count of voluntary contributions to more than 600 area families. We are equally excited to share with you that we had a significant increase in support from young families and new area homeowners. Unlike a homeowners association, we do not have mandatory fees. A neighborhood association is a group of neighborhood volunteers working together with local leaders for the betterment of the community. The effectiveness of a neighborhood association is directly related to the number of volunteers and voluntary donations it receives from the community. The voluntary contributions are viewed as a reflection of community support for the organization and provide the financial means for the organization to represent the neighborhood.

The College-Glen newsletter and web site are our primary sources of communication with area residents and both are financed completely from the voluntary donations received through residential membership and without the benefit of outside advertisement. The printing and delivery cost associated with our newsletter is approximately \$1,600 per issue. All residents residing within the boundaries of the Association receive a hand delivered newsletter four times a year. We currently have 41 routes with an average of 70 homes per route. Without the voluntary assistance of our delivery families the cost of the newsletter would double and exceed our current resources. In addition to our volunteer news distributors we have another 30 to 40 volunteers that serve on the Association Board and help with activities during the year.

We hope that you read and benefit from our newsletters, attend our activities and meetings during the year, and that you will continue to support our efforts by making a voluntary donation to our Association. For your convenience we have enclosed a 2013 Membership form and a return envelope. Please note the Membership form asks if you would like to be on our e-notice list for special events and crime alerts. To effectively provide this service, we will need your e-mail address.

The Association thanks the community again for their continuing support during 2012.

## Very Sweet Dogs Need a New Home. Can You Help?



Michelle, one of our CGNA neighbors, has a terminal illness. Michelle would like her dogs to have a loving home when she is gone. Both are Collie mixes from the shelter; they are fixed and micro-chipped. Michelle has kept all of their shots current and teeth cleaned.

Max is a Border Collie/German Shepherd mix, tan with black and white coloring down his face and chest. He is 3 years old, obedient, and loves other dogs and people. Missy is a black and white Border Collie mix. She is 4 years old. Missy is very smart, very fast, and can stop on a dime. She responds to consistent training and would make a wonderful agility dog. The dogs are best buddies and would love to stay together if possible.

Please contact us at [michellemissymax@gmail.com](mailto:michellemissymax@gmail.com) for further information if you are interested in adopting both (or one) of these loving friends.

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## Bancroft News

From the Staff at Bancroft Elementary School

Staff and students alike are glad that school has resumed after Winter Break! Our Holiday Food Drive went extremely well this year. Thanks to Ms. Marin, Ms. McCabe, Ms. O'Hagan, Ms. Pam and her student council, as well as the Senator Lion's Club, local WalMart stores and the Girl Scouts for making this a memorable event for all. Thirty-seven families were served.

Our first PTA Family Fitness Night was held on January 10th. Along with the PTA Reflections Awards, we enjoyed a talk by the STARS Power Program on health & fitness and a free Zumba class. We are grateful to Becca of the Brazilian Cultural Center, located near the College Greens Pet Center, for teaching the class to our families!

The Talent Show preparations are underway and we are also preparing for our Spelling Bee! March will bring our Annual March MATH Madness, which was a popular program last year as our students brush up on their math facts.

We know that volunteers are the backbone of our school. In February, our partnership with Sac State resumes with the college students who volunteer in the classrooms. We can ALWAYS use volunteers so please stop in and see how you can help. The smiles on students' faces when they "get it" are something that stays with you forever.

We thank all the Bancroft families and neighbors for using our yellow recycle bin! What a great way to support our school.

## 29th Annual Rugby Tournament January 26th and 27th

The Sacramento Valley Rugby Foundation will host the 29th Annual Kick Off Tournament for high school age players this coming January 26th and 27th at the Rancho Cordova High School sports fields. Registration is underway for this Kick Off Tournament that typically draws teams from throughout Northern California and Canada. Games start at 8:00 am and continue until 5:00 pm on both Saturday and Sunday. The format for play is three matches per team, all having 30 minutes playing time. Varsity Gold is an 8-team bracket, separating into winners and losers after each team's 1st match.

In addition to varsity competition for championships, matches are scheduled through out the day for middle school, under 12 and 10 year olds that focus primarily on learning the game and getting playing time against other teams.

Sacramento has consistently been well represented by local participating high school teams from Jesuit, CK McClatchy, and JF Kennedy. Over the past few years Jesuit has captured 1st or 2nd place in the National High School Championship Tournament. The public is welcome and encouraged to come and enjoy the "Gentlemen's Game" of rugby. For more information about youth and high school rugby in the Sacramento area, visit the Sacramento Valley Rugby Foundation website at <http://avrt.org>.

## 2013 Sacramento County Teachers of the Year



**Bob Crongeyer, a 5th/6th grade Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) teacher at Taylor Street School and Jennifer Ellerman, a 7th grade language arts teacher at California Middle School were selected as the Sacramento County Office of Education Teachers of the Year for 2013.**

## Rosemont High School Energy Science Engineering Academy

By Leise Martinez, Principal Rosemont High School

We are pleased to announce the formation of the Energy Science Engineering Academy (ESEA) founded in 2012 at Rosemont High School.

ESEA has arisen out of a need for a connection that links the high school, university, and industry. In California there is a decline in the number of qualified candidates for jobs in the energy sector as well a diminished supply of engineers for positions that will be opening in the next few years. It is essential to attract and prepare interested students to the renewable energy/engineering field. There is a critical concern that these students be committed to sustainable energy and to environmental restoration. In addition students must demonstrate concern for community and have excellent communication skills.

Rosemont High School has formed a partnership with California State University Sacramento (CSUS) and the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) resulting in ESEA. In this academy students begin earning credits in engineering from CSUS while enrolled in Rosemont High School, dual enrollment; they participate in internships with SMUD. The math and engineering sequence offers Physical Science/Physics for freshmen, Bioengineering/Computer Programming for sophomores, Engineering 1A with credit at CSUS for juniors, and industry internships with SMUD for seniors. The application process requires math and science grades, the middle school transcript, two letters of recommendation, and a letter of intent.

Visitation days at Rosemont High School are Wednesdays.

## Sacramento Co Teachers of the Year

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

Every spring, each of the 13 school districts in Sacramento County chooses one (or two, in the case of the larger districts) outstanding teachers who are then honored at a banquet in early fall. Each teacher is brought to the podium and introduced, not by their principal or a colleague, but by a former student. Sometimes the student was in their class last year and sometimes the student is now an adult who vividly details the impact that teacher has made in their life. These are the most inspiring and heartwarming speeches you can imagine. Two of these teachers are chosen to be Sacramento County Teachers of the Year and go on to a statewide competition, from which California's two teachers of the year are selected for national recognition. Sacramento County's 2013 Teachers of the Year are Jennifer Ellerman, a 7th grade language arts teacher at Cal Middle School, Sacramento City USD, and Bob Crongeyer, a 5th / 6th grade teacher at Taylor Street School in the Robla area.

All Teacher of the Year nominees will be honored at the Sacramento Kings Game on Friday March 8 (vs. Phoenix Suns) and at the RiverCats Baseball game on Friday April 26. Please consider coming to either or both of these games to show your support for these outstanding teachers. I will be there and hope to see you too.

In the meantime, please visit my facebook page, "Jackie Levy Educator." You may also contact me by email: [Jlevy@scoe.net](mailto:Jlevy@scoe.net). Happy New Year!

## CA Montessori Accepting Applications

By Bernie Evangelista, Principal

The California Montessori Project, Capitol Campus is accepting Lottery Applications for the 2013-2014 school year. Parents are required to attend a parent orientation and tour at the campus prior to submitting the Lottery Application. Please remember that tours are intended for adults only. The tours are scheduled on:

- Tuesday, February 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 9:30 to 11 am
- Wednesday, February 20 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm
- Tuesday, March 12 & 19 from 9:30 to 11 am

Applications for the lottery are available on-line at [www.cacmp.org](http://www.cacmp.org) and at the campus located at 2635 Chestnut Hill Dr., Sacramento, CA 95826. The initial lottery will be held on Monday, April 1st in our Administrative Office located at 5330-A Gibbons Drive, Suite 700, Carmichael, CA 95608.

To be included in the lottery draw, completed applications must be received by the campus at least one week prior to the draw. Kindergarten students must turn 5 by October 1st.

This is CMP's 12th year operating as a Montessori charter school within the Greater Sacramento area and our 4th year at the Jefferson Campus. We are currently serving 300 students in Kindergarten through 8th Grade. We are accredited by the American Montessori Society (AMS) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Our teachers are dual certified (California Credentialed and Montessori trained) and classrooms are filled with Montessori materials that engage students. Our mascot is the Eagle and our motto is "Eagles S.O.A.R. - Be Safe, Offer peace, Always Respectful and Responsible."

## Superintendent David W. Gordon Honored

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

The Sacramento County Board of Education was very pleased that County Superintendent of Schools David W. Gordon received a prestigious national award last November. The Justus A. Prentice Award was bestowed upon Superintendent Gordon by the Association of Educational Service Agencies (AESA) at the organization's annual conference. The award recognizes outstanding executive leadership that advances educational service agency programs at the regional, state, and national levels.

Superintendent Gordon embodies all that is right about executive leadership in public education, and the County Board congratulates and commends him for receiving this recognition. The AESA could not have found a more deserving candidate for the award anywhere in the nation.

The AESA award was in fact the second esteemed honor for Superintendent Gordon last year. In April, he received the 2012 Executive Leadership Award from the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association for significant and outstanding contributions in support of public education.

Gordon has served as Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools since 2004. Prior to being appointed County Superintendent, he served as Superintendent of the Elk Grove Unified School District from 1995 to 2004. Earlier in his career, he served as Deputy State Superintendent of Public Instruction for the California Department of Education. He began his career as an elementary school teacher in the South Bronx, New York.

Gordon's knowledge and expertise are widely recognized. He has served on the National Assessment Governing Board, the President's Commission on Excellence in Special Education, and the Board of Trustees of the Sierra Health Foundation.

## Play Ball!

### College Glen Little League

Opening day is Saturday, March 16th.

You can still register your players by coming out to the CGLL fields during try-outs.

Try-outs will be held on

January 19th, 20th and 26th.

Kids ages 4 - 14 are eligible to play.

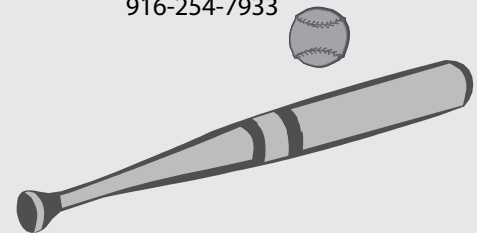
Visit [www.collegeglenlittleleague.com](http://www.collegeglenlittleleague.com) for additional information and forms.

### Girls Softball

Girls ages 4 ½ - 16

Visit [Teamsideline.com/sgsl](http://Teamsideline.com/sgsl) for additional information and to register or call

916-254-7933



## Principal and Teacher Evaluations

By Jeff Cuneo, Area 2 Trustee SCUSD

I wrote an editorial for the Sacramento Bee on July 27, 2012. In it, I discussed and argued for the implementation of a more robust, comprehensive principal-and-teacher evaluation system. Our current system fails to place the best interests of students first. The new system does not have to be punitive but rather must be fair to teachers and principals alike. Experience should matter. The evaluations should include multiple points of measurement so that a complete and impartial assessment is given to each individual. Due process would be included. Students also need a voice in the process and final evaluation.

A new evaluation system helps to change our district's culture by setting high expectations and rewarding excellence. Teachers and principals must be involved in the development of the evaluation system. Together, we can begin the conversation of how to find and reward the excellent contributions of our school-site staff. We can begin to improve the system in a more comprehensive, coherent manner. We build on our achievements and constantly evaluate how to achieve academic success for each and every student.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve my community on the school board. If you have any questions or comments, please email me at [jeff4schoolboard@gmail.com](mailto:jeff4schoolboard@gmail.com).

## Getting to Know SCUSD Area 3

By Christina Pritchett, Area 3 Trustee SCUSD

It has been a little over a month since taking my seat as Sacramento City School Board Trustee for Area 3 and I am still getting settled. My experience in volunteering within the community has proved to be beneficial. I have formed relationships with parents and students at our schools that I serve and they are guiding me on what is important to them, our schools, and our students. Though I currently live in Rosemont, I have lived and volunteered in the College Greens area for many years. There is much work to be done for the health and well being of our district! In the months ahead, my vision is to work with the leaders of our communities hand in hand to ensure our schools are reaching goals and creating new programs for the benefit of our students. I believe in making our schools the best they can be.

I am currently visiting each of the schools in Area 3, attending PTA meetings, and neighborhood association meetings. Area 3 is unique and has much to offer, working with the community; it is my goal to make our schools attractive and stellar. I have an open door policy and hope that you please contact me at [Christina-Pritchett@scusd.edu](mailto:Christina-Pritchett@scusd.edu) or (916) 346-3458, if you have any questions or concerns.

## Crisis Response Refresher Workshop Hosted by SCOE

By David W. Gordon, Sac Co Superintendent of Schools

Threats to school safety make it vital that our schools and districts have up-to-date plans for preventing and responding to on-campus events. We must have a heightened awareness to campus security and safety and to the emotional impact an incident can have on the children and families we serve.

With those thoughts in mind, the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) hosted a Refresher Crisis Response Plan Workshop on January 8. It was an effort to assist local schools and districts in reviewing and refining plans for responding effectively in a crisis.

The goal of the workshop was to help districts "tune up" their crisis response strategies and interventions to reflect current best practices. Nearly 70 public and private school representatives attended. The workshop information is available to the public on the SCOE website at [www.scoe.net](http://www.scoe.net).

Participants reviewed effective strategies for developing a crisis response plan and working with first responders. Experts also reviewed best practices for helping students, families and staff in the event of an incident.

We would like to personally thank the presenters which included representatives from the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA), the Managed Health Network, Schools Insurance Authority, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department and the Elk Grove Unified School District Police Services.

Even with the best plans in place, we always can enhance our efforts to protect our children, teachers and staff at school sites.

## AT&T to Begin Work on Area Infrastructure



Attend Kevin McCarty's Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, February 21st (see page 7 for details) and learn more about AT&T's plans to upgrade our area infrastructure. The current AT&T lines went in more than 50 years ago and many residents would agree that it is time for AT&T to upgrade our lines. Currently, in addition to phone service, AT&T offers Internet services to this area. They offer Basic-758 Kbps for \$25/mo, Express-1.5 Mbps for \$33/mo, Pro-3.0 Mbps for \$38/mo, and Elite-6.0 Mbps for \$43/mo. However, not all levels of service are available to everyone in our neighborhood. If your residence is not within 1,000 feet of a functioning AT&T box that is also connected to the AT&T system with adequate support lines, your options are limited.

The CGNA Board urges everyone to attend the February Town Hall Meeting to learn more about area service options and encourage AT&T to bring fiber optic lines and High Speed U-verse service to our neighborhood. Please complete the enclosed Communication Information card and return it with your membership prior to the Town Hall Meeting.

## “Grab your Hat and Read with the Cat”



The 2013 official Read Across America Day is Friday, March 1st. The National Education Association (NEA) theme “Grab your Hat and Read with the Cat” emphasizes the writings of Dr. Seuss and his many tales of mischief while celebrating the joy of reading and Dr. Seuss’s birthday. Each year on or near March 2, the birthday of Dr. Seuss, the NEA encourages all youth to join in reading and learning more about the joys and pleasures associated with reading. Our local administrators, teachers, parents and students support the NEA’s effort to introduce youth to a lifetime of pleasure through reading. Librarians and educators have found that for many youth, reading to their pets and stuffed animals can also strengthen reading skills by providing a non threatening and caring environment for the reader.

Everyone is encouraged to find a good book and share it with someone you care about to celebrate Read Across America. You may also want to encourage your child to take the NEA Oath of Reading: “I promise to read each day and each night. I’ll read to myself. I’ll read to a crowd. It makes no difference if silent or loud. Come rain or come shine, snow, wind or sleet, each day of the week reading’s a treat. So I take this oath to make reading my way of feeding my brain what it needs every day.”



## Have You Been to Arden-Dimick Library?

By Janet Winger, Youth Services Librarian

Arden-Dimick Library, on the corner of Watt Ave. and Northrop Ave., is one of the busiest branches in the Sacramento Public Library system and we are planning more events, workshops, and other activities for 2013!

For kids we have Toddler Storytimes at 11:15 am on Wednesdays and Preschool Storytimes at 10 am on Thursdays. Every Second Saturday of the month at 11 am, you’ll find Sensory Storytime, a program for kids with autism and/or sensory disorders. We have an exciting Afterschool program on the third Tuesday of each month and in February we will feature Black History Month. Teen events are the first Thursday of each month, at 3 pm.

Other fun events include Wednesday Movie Madness, the last Wednesday of each month at 6 pm, where we watch family-friendly films and munch on tasty refreshments. The Arden-Dimick Friends Open Book Club meets in quarterly sessions, usually the last Sunday of the month at 2 pm., led by a local university lecturer. Knitting and Nattering isn’t just a great program title, it’s also our free drop-in knitting support group that meets twice a month, the first Wednesday at 6:30 pm and the third Tuesday at 1pm. Did you just get an e-Reader of some kind and want to use our Digital Library? Come in for free e-Reader help one on one—check out our schedule for availability!

Would you like information on events or need other library help? Check out our new and improved website [www.saclibrary.org](http://www.saclibrary.org) –it’s full of fun stuff and has everything from research materials to community information to book selection help, and more. And don’t miss our next Quarterly Friends Booksale on Feb. 1-2—we’ll have a ton of gently used books and media at fantastic prices. All proceeds go to the library and we are truly grateful for our community’s help.

## Rosemont High School Activities

Class of 2013 & 2014

### Pasta Dinner And Bingo Fundraiser

Friday, April 12, 2013 (Tentative Date)

\$5.00 for Dinner – 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Contact Nancy Barfield at 384-6606 or [dpevey@comcast.net](mailto:dpevey@comcast.net)

### The Essence of Rosemont

April 19, 2013, 5pm

Celebrate the surrounding elementary and middle schools from College Greens to the Rosemont area.

Carnival games for kids, tasty food, school performances, exhibits, and a movie under the stars with family and friends.

There is no admission fee and everyone is welcome!

If interested in setting up a booth to advertise or if you would like to participate please contact

Chris Gosney at (916) 599-1558.

## Highway 50 and Watt Avenue Interchange From the Desk of Supervisor Susan Peters

Last November officials from around the region joined me to break ground-commencing work on improvements to the Highway 50 and Watt Avenue interchange. The end result will make the interchange similar to what now exists on Highway 50 at Bradshaw Road, Sunrise Boulevard and Hazel Avenue. The improvements will eliminate the current “need to weave” that makes getting on or off a challenging experience for many motorists.

The interchange will be modified to a partial cloverleaf configuration, adding a dedicated transit-way to support the initial working segment of Bus Rapid Transit and improve connections with light rail plus add a dedicated bicycle and pedestrian pathway to separate bicycles and pedestrians from traffic.

This project will add value to the region, not only improving traffic flow along the 50 corridor, but providing an economic boost to our economy with much needed construction jobs. The project is expected to employ 800 workers over two years.

Motorists, transit riders, bicyclists and pedestrians are all expected to benefit from the project. For project details, visit the Sacdot.com.



If you have a Facebook account, please feel free to check out my Facebook fan page and I invite you to “like” my page so you can be notified of my postings. I put information on my fan page periodically about district events and activities. The page can be found by searching for Supervisor Susan Peters within the Facebook site.

## Be Prepared – and Safe – During Winter Storms

By Howard Posner, SMUD Ward 3 Director

While SMUD continues to deliver on its promise of providing reliable power, we also urge our customers to be prepared for the winter storms that sometimes disrupt electric service.

Here are some tips to help ensure your safety and the well-being of our crews during power outages:

- Before a storm, it’s a good idea to prepare an emergency kit that contains bottled water, extra batteries and a flashlight.
- If your power goes out, check to see if the lights are out in neighboring homes. If they are, you are most likely part of a larger power outage. Call SMUD’s 24-hour outage line at 1-888-456-SMUD (7683). You will receive information about identified outages.
- Turn off all electric appliances except one light to lower the demand for electricity. The light will signify when your power has been restored.
- During severe storms, SMUD crews work hard to restore power based on these priorities:
  - Public safety hazards (power lines and poles down)
  - Hospitals, critical flood and sewage control pumps
  - Large area outages
  - Scattered, smaller outages

Call 911 or SMUD at 1-888-456-SMUD (7683) if power lines are down in your neighborhood. Assume that any downed power line is energized and stay away from it. Do not remove fallen tree limbs or other debris from a power line. SMUD line workers or service crews will make the necessary repairs.

For more information about outages and winter safety tips, please visit [www.smud.org](http://www.smud.org). You can also follow SMUD’s restoration efforts on Facebook and Twitter.

**Sign Up!**

**Tahoe Park Youth Rugby**  
Coed 6th, 7th, 8th Grades

[sacpdpalrugby@yahoo.com](mailto:sacpdpalrugby@yahoo.com)  
[www.sacpal.org](http://www.sacpal.org)  
(916) 808-8285



## Truckin’ Event Violates Parkway Plan

By Stephen Green, Save the American River Assn.

On a Saturday last October, 15 or so commercial food trucks were parked on the grass in William B. Pond Park on the American River Parkway within a fenced area that included a beer garden and a stage with live entertainment.

The event, called “Truckin’ on the River,” was a fundraiser. Organizers had received a Special Event Permit from the Sacramento County Regional Parks Dept.

Trucks were parked under trees where they probably damaged root systems. Some trucks were leaking fluids and still others had generators operating which made considerable racket. At the conclusion of the event, trash was left on the ground.

Save the American River Association (SARA) subsequently filed a complaint with the county, pointing out that such events are prohibited by the American River Parkway Plan. The plan, which was incorporated into state law in 2009, provides that commercial activities that are compatible with the “goals of the Parkway shall only be considered as an auxiliary component to permitted recreational or interpretative/educational facilities.” SARA’s complaint noted that “we will see the destruction of the Parkway’s natural resources unless not only the literal word, but also the clear intent, of the Parkway Plan is honored.”

SARA’s leadership recognizes that the event is history and expressed hope that it was one of a kind. SARA will be monitoring future Special Event Permits.

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## Recycling in School

From the Desk of Assemblymember Richard Pan

Recently, I worked with groups including the Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps to launch the Read, Write, Recycle! Program in local schools. Incorporating a recycling program into schools has helped students not only learn about ways to recycle, but become actively engaged in improving their communities. Schools from Natomas and San Juan Unified School Districts participated in a recycling contest collecting paper, aluminum, glass and plastic. In return for their participation, each school received a cash reward to purchase school supplies, followed by the district and individual school who collected the most recyclables and received a larger cash reward. These rewards will help support struggling school budgets and provide children with the reading and writing materials they need to continue to achieve their academic goals. I am proud to announce that Whitney Avenue Elementary is the school that collected the most recyclables and is the winner of the grand prize at \$1500. Altogether, among the six schools who participated, the program collected 2,892 pounds of materials, which is a great success for the local community.

I am pleased to get so much support from the Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps and other community members. Throughout this next legislative year I look forward to serving the community through both partnerships and legislation. Together we can build a healthier Sacramento and a healthier California. If you have community concerns or legislative ideas, as always, do not hesitate to give me a call at 916-319-2009.

## American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012

From the Desk of Congresswoman Doris Matsui

While our country and our region are on the path to economic recovery, there is still plenty more work to be done. That is why I supported the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, which averted the fiscal cliff and extended the middle class tax cuts.

While the legislation was not perfect, it provides families the certainty they need and deserve, while ensuring our economy continues on the road to recovery and our unemployment rate continues to decline.

Those who followed the discussions understand how frustrating the process has been. Fortunately, the final deal strikes the necessary balance to begin responsibly reducing our deficit, while not jeopardizing our economic recovery.

This legislation permanently extends the middle class tax cuts, ensuring more than 99 percent of Sacramento households and the vast majority of our small business owners do not face the daunting reality of paying thousands of dollars more in taxes this year. It also requires the wealthy to pay their fair share of taxes, raising \$620 billion in revenue.

In the coming legislative session, you will hear more talk about the economy, unemployment, and our nation's fiscal health. I am pleased that passage of the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 preserved the tax cuts for middle class families, while also substantially raising revenue for the first time in nearly two decades. We must continue to reflect on our nation's priorities and craft legislation that will build upon the current recovery.

## College-Glen Town Hall Meeting, Thursday, February 21

From the Desk of Councilmember Kevin McCarty

Please join me for a College-Glen Town Hall meeting at the College Greens Swim and Racquet Club on Thursday, February 21, 2013 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. As I begin my third term, I look forward to talking with you about neighborhood, District 6 and City issues. City staff will be on hand to answer questions, as well as an AT&T representative to discuss the on-going work being done in the neighborhood.

With an economic recovery on the horizon and the implementation of our sales-tax measure (Measure U), I look forward to restoring vital city services for our residents. Measure U passed in November with Sacramentans voting 64% - 36% for a temporary 1/2-cent sales tax to restore City services. The sales tax will expire automatically in six years and includes an independent annual financial audit and a citizen oversight committee. Measure U will be used to restore police and fire services, park maintenance, gang and youth violence prevention, swimming pools, youth services, senior services, libraries, and other essential services that have been cut over the last five years. As it is estimated that the sales-tax measure will raise approximately \$28 million per year, the City Council has already begun the process of analyzing all of its liabilities, capital investments and priorities. In January and February, the Council will be examining the Measure U principles and budget priorities. In May and June, the Council will hold a series of public budget hearings and finalize their spending plan. Please feel free to contact me with any ideas or feedback regarding this process.

## Roger Dickinson Sworn in, Announces Legislation

From the Desk of Assemblymember Roger Dickinson

On December 3, with friends and family looking on, I was sworn in as the 7th District Assemblymember, which includes the cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento. The ceremony was held on the Assembly Floor at the State Capitol and we welcomed 38 new members to the Assembly. I am proud to continue to serve the Sacramento region in my second term in the State Assembly.

We now have a Democratic supermajority in both houses for the first time since 1933. This is an encouraging change; but my colleagues and I must be committed to being responsible and measured in our approach. With the successful passage of Proposition 30 in November, we created a much-needed financial bridge to the future in order to stabilize our state budget and fund education, while our economy continues to recover and tax revenue gradually increases. There is hard work ahead and I look forward to an effective legislative session, working with my colleagues to productively serve Californians.

In my first term as Assemblymember, sixteen bills I authored were signed into law. My legislative package for 2013 is taking shape and recently I introduced AB 45, comprehensive campaign finance reform legislation. The bill seeks to ensure greater disclosure, transparency, and oversight of political campaign funding sources.

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

## Refinancing Your Auto Loan

By Valorie G. Pruitt, Big Valley Federal Credit Union

Many people have considered refinancing their mortgage; however, not many people know that they can refinance their automobile loan. If you have not considered this option before, it makes sense to take a look now. Rates are extremely low right now and you could shave a considerable amount of money from your monthly payment. For example, if you purchased your vehicle last year and the remaining balance on your loan is \$25,000 at 7.99% APR and your remaining loan term is 48 months. If you refinance your loan and you now qualify for a rate of 2.50% APR, you will save approximately \$62 per month on your payment (\$610 vs. \$547). In addition, you would recognize a total interest savings of approximately \$3,000 over the life of your loan.

The lower you can get your rate, the more money you will be able to save and of course, your rate will probably depend on your credit score, but there are a few other factors to consider as well. The age of your vehicle, the newer the vehicle the lower your rate will typically be. The term of your financing, in general, the shorter the financing term, the lower your rate will be.

The fee to refinance an automobile will usually be minimal if any. Financial institutions are hungry for loans right now and there is a lot of competition for your business. Shop around for rates and don't forget to contact your local credit union as well.

## Real Estate Update

By Linda Wood, Broker-Associate, Dunnigan, Realtors

Happy New Year! I hope that 2013 brings you and your loved ones good health, happiness and prosperity.

It appears we have turned a corner and are looking at the bottom of the real estate market in our rearview mirror. Some that experienced a short sale or foreclosure at the beginning of this downturn are able to buy a home again. New programs are available allowing more homeowners to refinance even though they may not have equity. I would encourage you to try again if you tried to refinance and were turned down in the past.

We continue to experience a shortage of inventory. It is still difficult for a buyer getting a loan to compete with the cash buyers that are in this market. It is a good time to buy but it may not be easy. I encourage you to work with your Realtor and to keep trying if that's what it takes. In the long run, it's worth it. Homeownership is a proven way to build wealth over the long term.

According to data from Metrolist Services, Inc. there were 108 single-family homes sold in College Glen in 2012 at a median sale price of \$224,149.00. There were 20 condos sold in 2012 at a median sale price of \$91,000.00. By comparison there were 100 single-family homes sold in 2011 at a median sale price of \$203,750.00 and 12 condos sold at a median price of \$59,500.00.

The Sacramento Association of Realtors (SAR) is a leader in the industry in supporting higher education for local students. Every year we award a number of scholarships to deserving students. If you'd like more information regarding the qualifications and application dates, please feel free to contact me or SAR at [www.sacrealtor.org](http://www.sacrealtor.org).

## CGNA Board takes Positions on Two Education Issues

The CGNA Board asked the Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) to call for a Special Election to fill the Area 1 Trustee Position vacated by Trustee Elynn Bell. Reportedly, in February 2012, SCUSD Trustee Bell accepted full time employment outside the City of Sacramento and subsequently moved to the bay area. However, Bell declined to tender her resignation in time for an election for her replacement on the June 2012 primary ballot for vote by trustee area residents and waited to resign until after the final filing date for the November 2012 General Election. In doing so, Bell's area seat under California Education Code must be filled by a special election or appointment by the six remaining board members - none of which have residence in the open trustee area. The CGNA board as one of the authors of Measures J & K, which established trustee areas with one representative elected by the residents of that area, asked that the Board take the issue to Ballot in order to preserve the intent of Measures J & K. Initially the CGNA Board considered challenging the SCUSD Board decision to fill the open seat by appointment. However, the Education Code has no provision to petition for a vote prior to an appointment of some one to the position. A challenge would be difficult to execute without opposing the appointee and our objection was not with the appointee but with a process that does not include a vote by the residents of the area of the vacancy. Subsequently, it was concluded that our time would be better directed toward seeking a change in the process that we see as flawed and inconsistent with the intent of the voters.

The Association Board gave its public support for the Cordova Hills Project which is a 2,700 acre development project east of Rancho Cordova that is planning for 8,000 housing units and 1.3 million square feet of commercial space. Similar to the Teichert New Brighton project, these developments have the potential to favorably affect our property value.

The Cordova Hills Project, unlike others in Sacramento County, is offering 200 acres of prime land for an institution of higher education. In the 1960's when the College Greens and Glenbrook areas were being established our area youth had a new and growing Sacramento State College to accommodate their four-year college needs. However, Sac State is now California State University at Sacramento with over 28,000 students and limited space. The Cordova Hills Project offers our area an opportunity for academic and economic growth. The CGNA Board supports this opportunity to expand our area higher education alternatives.



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Posting about neighborhood  
news, activities and events.



## Station 60 Firehouse Hosts Annual CGNA Meeting

The Association's 2012 Annual meeting held in the Station 60 Firehouse garage was well attended by residents. The evening began with socializing, light refreshments and review of photos from the year's events. First on the agenda was the election of Association Officers and Directors. Annette Deglow, John Deglow, Randy Hood, and Linda Wood were re-elected as President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary respectively. Nancy Schuller, Anne Antonine and Roy Puthuff, Carl Kelley, Shannon and Jason Raney, Steven Sommer, and Mike Arnold were elected to serve as directors. Officers for the Association are elected annually while Directors are elected to three-year terms with one-third of the Directors being elected each year.

Following the election, the Association presented its annual membership update. As of December, 2012, the Association had received contributions from over 600 residents and had over 70 community business sponsors. Within the Annual Report, the Association acknowledged the contribution of our over 70 volunteers that drive the organization. This year CGNA hosted an appreciation brunch for these volunteers and their families as well as a breakfast for our business and community sponsors. During the past year, the Association published and distributed four newsletters to the over 2,800 area residents; co-sponsored Jazz in the Park and National Family Night Out with Councilmember McCarty and a youth oriented Family Movie Night at the Park with our Councilmember and the Bancroft PTA; supported area non-profits, community activities, education, Little League, SPCA's Doggy Dash, Sacramento Valley High School Rugby, BAC Soccer, and established a recycling and composting program at Bancroft Elementary School. The Association continues to have representation on the Power Inn Alliance Board, CSUS Traffic Advisory



**Assemblymember Roger Dickinson addresses residents at the CGNA annual meeting.**

Committee and works with the SCUSD to maintain the Toddler, Pre-School and Bancroft Early-Kinder programs currently being housed at the former site of Thomas Jefferson Elementary School.

Following the Association's Annual Report, Laurie Holtog representing Assemblymember Dr. Richard Pan presented the Association with a California Legislative Resolution acknowledging the Association for its efforts and accomplishments. Next, our newly elected Assemblymember for District 7, Roger Dickinson addressed the group followed by newly elected Sacramento City Unified School Board Area 3 Trustee, Christina Pritchett. This was followed by an open forum with a number of City staff members from the police, fire, code enforcement, parking, traffic and solid waste divisions.

The meeting closed with the Association acknowledging appreciation to our neighborhood guests for their ongoing support, the City staff for their participation, and the Fire Station 60 staff for allowing us to use their garage for our meeting.

### 2013 CGNA Board of Directors

Annette & John Deglow	383-6621
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### Businesses Respond to Advertising Overload



In November, the College-Glen Neighborhood Association joined the Power Inn Alliance in asking local businesses along Folsom Boulevard to voluntarily remove all signs that are not in compliance with City of Sacramento Code. Although a few signs remain, the majority of the businesses have been cooperative and removed the banners, flags, "A" frames and portable signs from along Folsom Boulevard. There is general agreement among residents and businesses that the corridor looks significantly better.

## Assemblymember Dickinson Writes State Attorney General

In October a number of residents of Coldwell and Radcliffe Courts, asked the Association to review the issue of recycling and scavengers in our area. In an effort to respond to the concerns raised by the neighbors the Association invited representatives from area solid waste facilities and area elected representatives to review issues related to scavengers and recycling in our area.

We are pleased to report that our newly elected Assembly representative Roger Dickinson responded quickly to our concerns. He has written a letter to the State Attorney General Kamala Harris on our behalf asking that our concerns related to recycling, scavenger and abuse of the California Redemption Program be investigated.

In the meantime, while we wait for better local and state regulation related to recycling issues, there is general agreement that the best way to discourage scavengers from going through your recycling bin is to “Not put CRV cans and plastic bottles in your recycling container.” Instead, residents are encouraged to either personally redeem their CRV product or bring them to the Yellow Recycling Bin in the parking lot at Bancroft Elementary School on Belmar Street off Wissemann Drive. The Bin is open 24/7 for self-deposit of paper products and CRV cans and plastic bottles. All profits from the recycling of donated products go directly to the school’s paper-for-paper program, which supplements the Bancroft Elementary School supply needs.

## Got Bees? Call the Beekeeper and not the Exterminator



Last spring one of our area residents went out in his front yard to sit and enjoy the evening only to find a swarm 15 to 20 thousand bees on his lawn chair. Our return to spring is not far away and the bees will return to Sacramento. Alex, the beekeeper, has offered to find a good home for any swarm of honeybees that might decide to use your yard to establish their next colony. Alex is now one of the Association’s sponsors and his phone number 541-0833 is in our business directory on the back of this newsletter and will be listed in subsequent newsletters. So please, remember to call Alex the beekeeper and not an exterminator if you find a swarm of honeybees on your front porch.

## Improve Concentration Skills With Juggling



Want to increase your power of concentration? The members of the Davis/Sacramento Damento Club believe they have just the thing to do the job: Juggling. Members of the Davis and Sacramento

Juggling group get together to juggle at the Trinity Cathedral Church all-purpose room on Capitol Avenue in Sacramento Friday evenings from 6:30 - 9:00 pm. First timers are always welcome as well as the intermediate and advanced jugglers.

Members of the Damento Club have been participating in our National Night Out activities for the past two years. We welcome them as one of our new sponsors for 2013.

For more information about the Friday evening gatherings, please call Marcos Hernandez at (916) 572-4128 or visit [www.damento.org](http://www.damento.org).

## Fire Extinguishers

By Capt. Hooman Ghazanfari, SFD Engine 60, College Greens/Glenbrook Station

A fire extinguisher can be a life and property saving tool. Different types of fires require different types of extinguishers. Most fire extinguishers display symbols to show the kind of fire on which they are to be used. The types of fire extinguishers are:

**Class A** extinguishers put out fires in ordinary combustible materials such as cloth, wood, rubber, paper, and many plastics.

**Class B** extinguishers are used on fires involving flammable liquids, such as grease, gasoline, oil, and oil-based paints.

**Class C** extinguishers are suitable for use on fires involving appliances, tools, or other equipment that is electrically energized or plugged in.

**Class D** extinguishers are designed for use on flammable metals and are typically found only in factories working with these metals.

**Class K** fire extinguishers are intended for use on fires that involve oils or fats in cooking appliances. These extinguishers are generally found in commercial kitchens.

Portable fire extinguishers are valuable for immediate use on small fires. However, they contain a limited amount of extinguishing material and need to be properly used to be safe and effective.

Use a fire extinguisher only if: You have alerted other occupants and someone has called the fire department; The fire is small and contained to a single object, such as a wastebasket; You are safe from the toxic smoke produced by the fire; You have a means of escape identified and the fire is not between you and the escape route; and your instincts tell you that it is safe to use an extinguisher.

If *all* of these conditions are not present, you should NOT try to use a fire extinguisher.

The acronym for discharging an extinguisher is PASS: Pull (the pin), Aim (the extinguisher nozzle), Spray (the product from the extinguisher), and Sweep (the base of the fire with the product).

Remember to service or replace your fire extinguisher annually. If you have any questions about the use or maintenance of extinguishers please contact the Sacramento Fire Department at (916) 433-1300.

## Glenbrook Park Gets New Restrooms



Have you noticed the new and improved restroom building in Glenbrook Park? The old 1970's roofless restroom was designed to prevent those trying to escape detection by the authorities from hiding within the restroom. That facility has been removed. In its place is an attractive a prefabricated concrete restroom building. The building is approximately 209 sq. ft., has separate men and women's restrooms, and is ADA accessible. Each restroom includes stainless steel plumbing fixtures, stainless steel urinal and an electric hand dryer. In addition, it includes a storage chase/plumbing area. The building will not rot, rust or burn thanks to the four inch thick steel reinforced concrete walls and five inch thick steel reinforced concrete roof and floor. The building is also considered to be a vandal resistant building with an anti-graffiti coating on the exterior of the building.

## Residents Painting the Street



**In the event you were wondering, spray-painting an advertisement on a City street is considered graffiti. The property owner will receive a clean up bill from the City if they have to remove it. Just ask the residents on La Riviera Drive.**

## News From The Sacramento SPCA

By Lesley Kirrene, Sacramento SPCA

Beginning on Friday, January 18, and continuing through the end of the year, Sacramento's four animal shelters (Sacramento SPCA, City of Sacramento Animal Care Services, Sacramento County Animal Care & Regulation, and Happy Tails Pet Sanctuary) will offer five dollar adoption fees on adult cats every Friday during regular shelter hours. As part of a community-wide effort to place more cats into new homes in 2013, the four Sacramento animal shelters will lower their adoption fees on all adult cats (one year and older) to just \$5 on Fridays. All cat adoptions include a spay/neuter surgery, vaccinations and more.

Visit [www.felinefriday.org](http://www.felinefriday.org) for links to participating shelter websites and information on adoptable cats at each participating shelter.

Bring your favorite Valentine to the Sacramento SPCA for Senior Day on February 14 from 10am - 1pm. Pets owned by those 65 and over are eligible to receive free nail trims, microchips, and pet food. Looking for a new friend? Adoption fees are now waived on all animals when their adopter is 65 or older. Senior Day at the SPCA will also feature shelter tours, an information fair, refreshments, and drawings. For more information on Senior Day or the SPCA's Senior Services Program call (916) 504-2845 or email [sloven@sspc.org](mailto:sloven@sspc.org).

As part of a combined effort between four Sacramento shelters, 1,561 animals were placed in new homes between Black Friday and December 30 - A new Home for the Holidays record! More than 550 dogs, cats, rabbits, and other small animals were adopted from the Sacramento SPCA during the Home for the Holidays adoption promotion.

Thank you to our adopters and supporters for helping us to create so many happy endings over the holidays and throughout the year as well.

### Low-cost vaccination clinics for dogs and cats

Mondays (except major holidays)

11am-3pm at the Sacramento SPCA

### Free monthly vaccination clinics for pets owned by people 65 and older

FIRST Wednesday of each month

9am-11am at the Sacramento SPCA



**Reminder!**

## College-Glen Town Hall Meeting

Thursday, February 21, 2013

6:00 - 7:30 pm

College Greens Swim  
and Racquet Club

*Join Councilmember Kevin McCarty and discuss neighborhood issues. An AT&T representative will review current neighborhood projects.*

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**What type of fire extinguisher should you use for an electric appliance fire?  
Turn back to page 10 to learn about the 5 different types of extinguishers!**

*(By the way, the answer is type C)*

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