



College-Glen News

Oki Pool Reopens with New Surface

After years of limited use and full closure, the pool at Oki Park was resurfaced and has reopened! All of the pool areas are staffed with lifeguards. The mushroom area has two full time lifeguards and the main pool areas have three lifeguards all ready to watch the area swimmers.

The Oki Pool will remain open until August 24th. The pool is open Sunday through Friday from 1 – 5 pm. The pool will be closed on Saturdays to facilitate organized swim meets and other group activities. Daily swim admission for youth is \$2 (17 & under) and Adults \$4 (18 + years). Frequent Swimmer Cards are available on-line and at selected community centers. You can purchase 10 swims at \$9 for youth and \$18 for adults; 20 swims at \$16 for youth and \$32 for Adults. Cards are available at the Coloma Center, 4623 T Street. Call 808-6060 with any questions.



City pools may be rented for private use when not scheduled for other Department use. Rental rates are for 2 hours of pool time. For 1-50 guests \$175, for 51-100 guests \$250 and 101 to 200 guests \$ 360. In each case an additional hour is \$100. Rentals include lifeguard staff. Reservations must be made 10 days in advance and \$100 deposit is required.

Association Files Request For Amendments to Kings Agreement

The CGNA Board Association, in an effort preserve basic services for our community while at the same time supporting the presence of professional basketball in the City of Sacramento, submitted a request to the Mayor and City Council Members asking that the proposed Agreement be amended to include three modifications. These amendments requested that:

100% of the net billboard/signage revenue being considered for the benefit of the owners of the Kings be redirected to the City of Sacramento Neighborhood Services and Parks and Recreation.

50% of all net parking revenue generated during events at the Entertainment & Sports Center (ESC) including but not limited to Kings events, non-Kings events, non-ESC events and all Downtown parking be redirected to the City of Sacramento Emergency Services.

A minimum of 500 affordable community seats be set-aside for all public ESC events and be sold through a lottery system with 100% of all net revenue from the 500 seats going to City of Sacramento community health programs to include, but not be limited to, services for the elderly and mental health programs.

CGNA Annual Meeting

Thursday, October 23, 2014

6:30-8:30pm

at the Station 60 Firehouse

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College Glen Little League

By Jenny Wirtz

What an amazing 2014 season we had! First we must give a huge shout out to all the families in the league who volunteered their time to help make this season a success. It really would not be the great league it is without all the volunteers. Please take the time to do the survey that we have sent out to the league. We value your opinions and are always looking for ways we can improve.

It's now time to sign up for Fall Ball. Depending on the number of sign ups, we are hoping to have teams in the Farm, Minor and Major divisions. The Fall Ball program will begin on September 7th and will run for 10 weeks on Sundays only. This is a great way for your player to prepare for the next division if they are moving up or just work on their skills for the division they are currently in. Please visit our website at www.collegeglenlittleleague.com for information on how to get registered for Fall Ball.

"Like" us on Facebook so that you are getting the most up to date information. It will be time to register for the 2015 season before we know it.

Join the Unity of Sacramento Girl Scout Troop!

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. In Girl Scouts, girls choose their own adventure as they develop leadership skills, earn badges, hike, camp, sell cookies, and much more. Girl Scouts make new friends, try new things, and improve their neighborhood! Girl Scouts are divided into grade levels and open to girls in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Attend this meeting to learn more:

Tuesday, July 29, 2014, 6:00p.m - 8:00 p.m.

Unity of Sacramento- 9249 Folsom Boulevard in Sacramento. This is an adult orientation. Some activities will be provided for girls. Adult volunteers are needed.

For more information, please contact Joanna at 453-5248 or Joanna.Morris@girlscoutshcc.org.

Toure Hendrick Completes Game with 71 Pitches



In 2007 the Little League Baseball Association adopted rules to limit the number of pitches a pitcher can throw in a game. The limits were put into place to protect the arm and shoulder of the young pitchers. With the pitch count limits, it is the exception when a pitcher can complete a whole game on their own. Toure Hendrick, a Bancroft 4th grader, did that during the second game of the College-Glen Little League season's playoffs. In the 6-inning game, Toure faced 21 batters with no walks and 12 strikeouts using only 71 of his allotted 75 pitches. Congratulations Toure!

SCOE's Preschool Bridging Model Benefits from Kings' Generosity

By David W. Gordon, Sac Co Superintendent of Schools

On May 28, the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) and three other organizations received generous grants from the Sacramento Kings as part of the basketball organization's reading and literacy campaign. I was fortunate to represent SCOE at the ceremony held at the North Natomas Library in Sacramento.

As part of a season ticket sales campaign that took place earlier this year, the Kings offered to donate fans' \$200 deposits for 2014-15 season tickets to local reading and literacy initiatives if they totaled \$100,000 by March 3.

Preschool Bridging Model Plus, a SCOE program funded by First 5 Sacramento and First 5 California, was one of four programs to receive a \$25,000 grant. The money will allow SCOE to provide professional development and resources to private childcare centers and family childcare providers in high-need communities. Staff will conduct parent workshops and provide resources for a lending library.

In addition to SCOE, three other local programs received donations: United Way's STAR Readers, the Sacramento Public Library and Sacramento READS!

Each grant recipient also received a framed, commemorative Sacramento Kings jersey. During the



donation ceremony, children participated in a reading "timeout," led by members of the Kings organization.

We are so grateful to the Sacramento Kings. They are such good and generous partners in our community. This generous donation will help our youngest students develop the most important of all academic skills: reading.

Greetings from Rosemont High School!

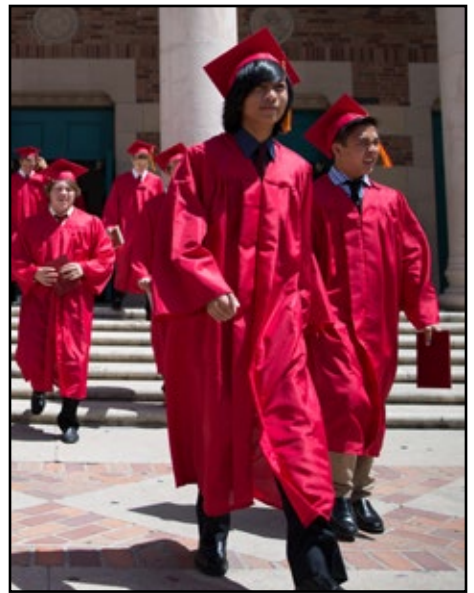
By Elizabeth Vigil, Principal, Rosemont High School

As the incoming Interim Principal, I couldn't be more excited to be a part of this amazing community. The new Rosemont administration team, including Assistant Principal Jeremy Predko, Assistant Principal Steven Jones and Site Instruction Coordinator, James Eder, is transitioning over the summer – learning everything we can about the Rosemont network of schools and planning for the coming school year. With new ideas for engaging students on campus and partnering with our families, the goal is to make Rosemont the flagship high school in the district and a place where students and adults thrive. We are currently working with the staff at Rosemont, including several new teachers and support staff, to make communication, high-quality instruction, enriching opportunities for students and a college-going culture the priorities for 2014-15. We are also partnering with Einstein Middle School to ensure a bridge between middle school and high school. We want every student in the Rosemont community to have a seamless education plan that includes high expectations for social and emotional development, a rich and varied academic curriculum, extraordinary extra-curricular offerings, and the support students and families need to prepare for post-secondary experiences.

With everyone working together, Rosemont High School will be a place where every student receives the support and encouragement they need to dream and achieve. We are proud and honored to be your new administration team at Rosemont! Please don't hesitate to reach out to any one of us over the summer with questions, concerns and suggestions! Our contact information is available on the Rosemont High School website.

Jesuit HS Graduates Spreading Out

There were 270 seniors in the Jesuit High School graduating Class of 2014. In this current senior class, 10 students were granted advanced placement (AP) Scholar recognition, 16 students were awarded AP Scholar with Honors and three students were designated as an AP Scholar with Distinction. In total, the Class of 2014 received \$19.5 million in scholarships. Many of the graduates received academic commitments representing baseball, basketball, crew, football, golf, lacrosse, rugby, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and field, and wrestling.



Some of the colleges these graduates will attend include Auburn University, Boston College, Boston University, Carnegie Mellon University, Case Western Reserve University, Chapman University, Clemson University, College of the Holy Cross, College of William and Mary, Colorado School of Mines, Dartmouth College, Fairfield University, George Washington University, Harvard College, Indiana University, Loyola University (various locations), New York University, Pepperdine University, Pomona College, Princeton University, Purdue University, Rice University, Santa Clara University, Southern Methodist University, Texas Christian University, Tulane University, Tufts University, University of Chicago, University of Denver, University of Michigan, University of North Carolina, University of Notre Dame, University of Pennsylvania, University of Portland, University of Southern California, Villanova University, Wake Forest University, Washington University of St. Louis, U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy Prep School, Coast Guard Academy, and Texas A&M University.

St. Francis HS Honors Graduates

The St. Francis High School graduating Class of 2014 was offered over 28 million dollars in one time and renewable scholarships. The senior class had 88 students with 4.0 cumulative GPA throughout their four years at St. Francis. Two students were finalist for the National Merit Scholarship and one went on to receive the Scholarship. One graduate was selected as a U.S. Presidential Scholar and two students received US Naval Academy Appointments as Blue & Gold Officers at Annapolis. The appointments include all cost for college, living expenses, full medical benefits, and a monthly salary. To be considered for this appointment the student must be nominated by a member of congress or equivalent. The 283 graduates will attend 114 different colleges in the fall.



School is Out – It Was a Great Year!

As the school year draws to a close, we reflect on the school activities in and out of the classroom. Our toddler, pre-school and early kinder programs housed at Thomas Jefferson worked on fine motor skills, social issues, and reading. The Bancroft Kindergarteners worked on computer skills while continuing to develop their basic writing, fine motor and social skills. Bancroft's 1st thru 6th grade physical education and fitness programs include regular running and climbing tasks as students train for the Beaver Dash, Turkey Trot, and Play Day. Kindergarten students explored numerous career options in anticipation of their "Career Day Fashion Show."

The primary students participated in a new Science, Technology, Engineering & Math program this year. Their end of the year project was a school-wide bottle rocket contest! The primary grade's hands on activities included Discovery Museum, Science Day at the State Capitol, Fog Willow Camp, and the Railroad Museum. The intermediate grades' off campus learning experiences included "Pioneer Days," Marshal's Gold Discovery State Park and the Native American Demonstration Village, and Ancil Hoffman Park. A highlight of the 4th grade social studies program was pioneer dance lessons for students, parents and teachers following a day at Sutter's Fort. Fifth grade students boarded the Tall Ships in Old Sacramento, raised salmon eggs and released the young fry into the American River, tracked a pilot and his flights through the "Adopt-a-Pilot" program, and traveled to San Francisco to visit Angel Island. Our sixth grade classes led the school through a "Tour of Nations," held a science fair during Open House, and had the traditional 6th grade outdoor educational experience at Sly Park. The school choir went to see Wicked at the Community Center Theater and participated in the Sac City Honor Choir Concert this year.



A Good School Year; Changes Upcoming

By Christina Pritchett, Area 3 Trustee SCUSD

Graduations have taken place and the kids are off for the summer.

As I look back to ponder how this school year reflects our communities, I can say that I am very proud of all administrators, faculty, and especially our students. The Sacramento City Unified School District has worked diligently to take the upmost care of all of our prized possessions -our kids.

There are few changes that you will see next year. First off, Rosemont High School will start the 2014 school year with a new administration. Elizabeth Vijil, our interim, principal comes to us from California Middle School and has taken much time to get to know the culture of Rosemont High. Second, common core learning and testing will be a large part of our students learning. The school district has many opportunities for parents and community members to get familiar with the common core standards. I highly recommend that you visit <http://www.scusd.edu> and familiarize yourself with what will be expected of our students in the coming year.

Lastly I would like to ask that all community members look out for our schools over the summer break. If you see any suspicious activity please report it to the authorities by either calling 643-7444 for 24 hour SCUSD security or 911 for an active emergency.

Major Grants Awarded for Career Pathways Programs

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

The 2013-14 State Budget, at the urging of Senate President pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg, set aside \$250 million for the California Career Pathways Trust. The Trust funds competitive grants for sustained career pathways programs that connect businesses, K-12 schools, and community colleges in ways that better prepare students for the 21st century workplace. In May, the Trust awarded two major grants in our area.

A \$15 million grant was awarded to the Capital Region Academies for the Next Economy (CRANE) Consortium, a multi-county partnership comprised of four local community college districts, and 22 school districts and county offices of education. CRANE encompasses some 70 high schools serving approximately 84,000 high school students. The Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) took a leadership role in developing the CRANE Consortium and will act as its fiscal agent.

“We are thrilled to be able to move forward with this innovative regional effort,” said SCOE Superintendent David W. Gordon. “We know that programs linking rigorous academics, relevant career technical education and real work experience reduce dropout rates and help provide businesses with a vital, skilled workforce.”

A \$6 million grant was awarded to the Capital Academy and Pathways (CAP) proposal developed jointly by the Elk Grove and Sacramento City Unified School Districts.

“Through CRANE and CAP, we will link school districts and community colleges to provide a seamless pathway for students to progress from high school, into post-secondary and into the workplace,” concluded Dave Butler, CEO of NextEd, the Capital Region’s premier employer-education partnership.

Upcoming SCUSD Budget

By Jeff Cuneo, Area 2 Trustee SCUSD

Over the past few months, Sacramento City Unified School District has been developing its budget for the upcoming school year. New state requirements have made the new budget process more inclusive. District staff has spent the past months holding community meetings, and inviting parent, teacher and community input. The results have not been perfect, but remember that this is our first opportunity under a completely new and different set of rules. Overall, I believe that this year’s budget is more reflective of our diverse communities. I have also learned a lot about the new budgetary process and believe that through this experience, future budgets will become even more reflective of our communities’ values.

This year’s budget has brought better fiscal news. The district is poised to add approximately \$9 million to its operating budget from last year. The immediate benefit to students and families will be in cleaner, better-maintained schools and more training for teachers. We are also maintaining fiscal responsibility in adding money to our reserves to guard against an unforeseen emergency.

If current state budget projections hold true, the next few years should bring additional revenues to our district. I am looking forward to spending our monies wisely, with a focus on the classroom and leveraging our finances so that every school is given a sufficient amount of resources to ensure student success. At a minimum, I believe we need to take a serious look at reducing class sizes.

If you have comments or questions, please email me at jeff4schoolboard@gmail.com.

A Memorable Graduation Speech

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

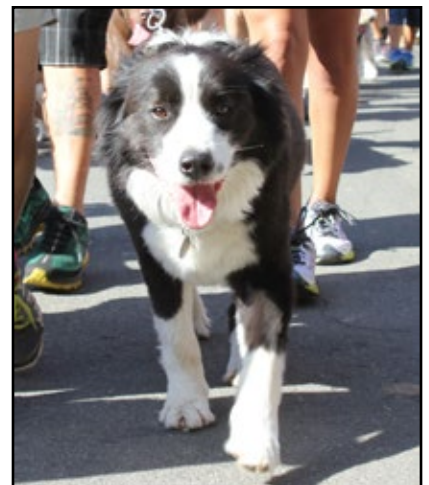
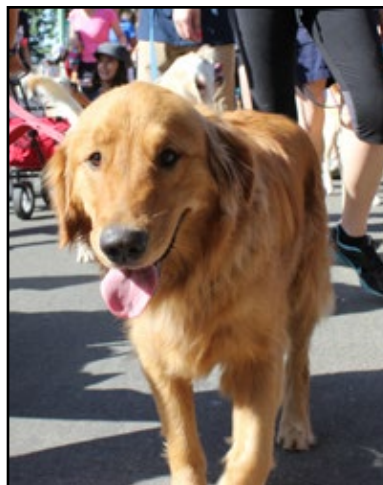
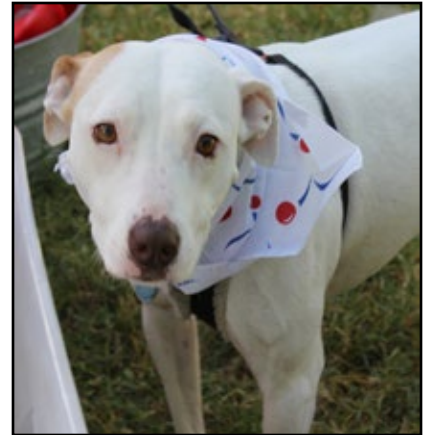
As a County School Board member (and also as a parent and former high school principal), I have the pleasure of attending many graduations. It is wonderful to celebrate this milestone with joyful students and their families. This year, I heard a graduation speech that I will always remember.

The student speaker (I will call him Eric—not his real name) talked about his mother who continually told him that he was “worthless” and “would probably end up like your father—in jail or dead.” Eric went on to tell us that all he cared about was “gang-banging,” and that his life in the foster care system was terrible. Nevertheless, one day he decided that he was worthy of a better life than he had. That’s when he started to apply himself and improve his grades in school. With the help of his supportive teachers and other school staff, Eric was able to earn enough credits to graduate with a diploma and will be enrolling in a community college in the fall.

Stories like Eric’s remind me again how important it is that educators never give up on a student. We must help each one realize the value of a good education regardless of family circumstances. I am confident that Eric will continue to pursue the right path and serve as a role model for others. And once again I am reminded of the incredible value of our public schools.

Annual Doggy-Dash-Draws Largest Ever Participation

Thousands of dog supporters treated their best friend to an early morning walk in William Land Park in the 21st annual Doggy Dash. Early estimates report the event raised nearly \$175,000 for the programs and services provided by the Sacramento SPCA. Proceeds from the Doggy Dash help provide care for the estimated 13,000 homeless animals that will come to the shelter during the coming year. The shelter also offers behavior and training programs, humane education for local youth, and affordable spay/neuter clinic for senior pet owners.





10th Annual National Family Night Out Fun for All

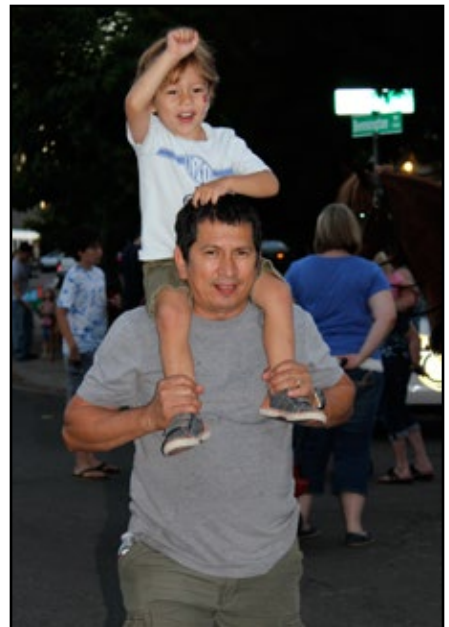
This year's celebration included face painting, balloon sculpture, and hair chalking. Raley's Bakery provided cookie decorating and the College Greens Pet Center shared a number of their pets with the kids. We had a visit from two Sacramento Mounted Police Units, a K-9 unit, a Sacramento Police SWAT vehicle, a number of area SPD Officers and the Crew from Fire Station 60. Basic refreshments were provided by the Association and included free hot dogs, chips and cake. Complimentary beverages included coffee from LaBou, soda from Pepsi-Cola, and lots of bottled water from Linda Wood, with Dunnigan Realtors. Area Orthodontist Dr. Timothy York shared some of his magic tricks with everyone while Moira Little from State Farm provided temporary tattoos for the little ones. Other vendors included Brower Mechanical, Folsom Boulevard Self Storage, SMUD, Assemblymember Dickinson, Councilmember McCarty, Cub Scout troop 383, Re/Max, and the Power Inn Alliance.

As the darkness set in D. J. Charlie White transitioned the party music to a medley of patriotic songs for the Red Devil/ TNT Salute to Freedom and Independence.

The event was sponsored by: the College-Glen Neighborhood Association; Council Member Kevin McCarty's office; Neighborhood Services; and the residents of Olivet Court, Hastings Court, and Bennington Way.

The Association thanks all of our 2014 neighborhood financial contributors, business sponsors, City staff, neighborhood volunteers and neighbors for their support of this popular community activity. With everyone's help we were able to provide a safe evening of family fun and entertainment for our community.





City Crews Make Repairs to Oki and Glenbrook Parks

In response to the Association's concerns regarding maintenance needs at Glenbrook and Oki Park, the City initiated a review of area park amenities and acknowledged that maintenance needs had long been underserved. Within two days, City crews were out surveying the repair needs for both parks.

Park benches and picnic tables have been repaired and painted. The drain for the dog park water supply was repaired and a new drinking fountain for humans was installed. The playground gates at both parks were repaired and the damaged section of fence at the Glenbrook playground was replaced. According to Parks, bids are being sought by General Services for the replacement of the BBQ stands that no longer have a BBQ and for the necessary repairs to the dog park irrigation system and landscaping.

We appreciate this prompt response from the City to our recent concerns and encourage everyone to enjoy the parks!



Art of the Dumpster a Huge Success!

Did you ever think that you would see the words "art" and "dumpster" in the same sentence? The Power Inn Alliance opened "Art of the Dumpster" at Second Saturday, June 14, 2014 to big crowds and rave reviews. Our goal is to brand the Power Inn community using public art as the medium. And our canvas? Dumpsters!

Ten local, professional, artists were hired to transform ten construction sized dumpsters into works of art. And what a job they did! One dumpster was soldered, another chromed and the others painted. A few dumpsters even have a surprise inside! From colorful, to political, to whimsical – they are all unexpected works of art.

The show, on land donated by Regional Transit, is located at 3010 Power Inn Road, runs through August 30th. If you decide to visit on Second Saturday, July 12 and August 9, the artists will be on hand to discuss their vision. The show is a perfect opportunity to introduce the entire family to public art and what it can do for our community.



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Working on American River Levee

You may have noticed the activity under the Howe Avenue Bridge.

According to the Corps, the work is part of a partnership of the Corps and the State of California's Central Valley Flood Protection Board to reduce flood risk for Sacramento. This is a follow-up to the 2002 work modifying the levees to resist seepage during high water stages. The process worked well on open stretches of levee but was not suitable around bridges and areas with pipes, cables or other utilities. The problem sites were left untouched until other procedures were developed for the work. The Howe Avenue site is one of three remaining to close the gaps in the previous construction. During construction, cement slurry will be injected 50 feet deep into the levee to create impervious columns to connect with the existing slurry walls.

The area under the bridge is a staging area for construction trailers, supplies, and processing of waste materials. Work hours are 7:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday



through Saturday and 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Sunday. The work will take about four months to complete. A detour around the work area for the recreation path on the levee crown has been provided. Boat ramp access will remain open. For more information on this project go to <http://bit.ly/saclevees>.

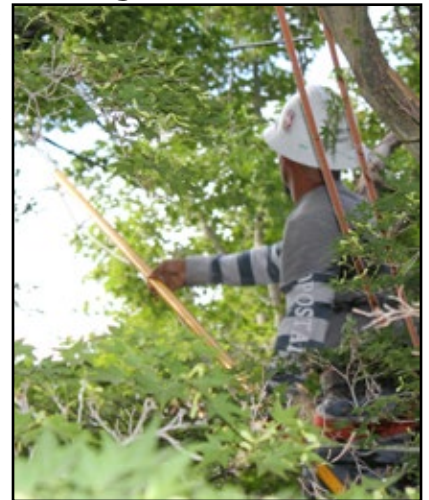
Parks Commission Agrees to Consider CGNA Proposed Billboard Amendment

The CGNA has asked the City Parks Commission for their support for our proposed amendment to the City/Kings agreement. We are pleased to share with you that the Parks Commission has agreed to discuss the issue at their next meeting. According to city records and staff comments, it appears that over the past 5 years, budget reductions to parks resulted in the elimination of approximately half of the Parks staff and two thirds of Parks' general fund allocation. Early reports suggest that Measure U has restored about 25% of the lost resources. The majority of the recovered funding is being directed to core maintenance services such as mowing, irrigation, trash removal, and rest room cleaning. The Department of Parks continues to have insufficient funding to address the backlog of repairs due to years of deferred maintenance.

It is the position the Association Board that current actions of the City are inconsistent with the intent of the 1997 Resolution 97-552 signed by Mayor Joe Serna and the 2002 Resolution 2002-342 signed by Mayor Heather Fargo, both of which support the utilization of revenues from the granting of revocable permits for wireless telecommunication and electronic billboards located on City owned facilities and or properties for the specific purpose of supplementing city parks and neighborhood enhancement programs with community input. The Association believes it is inappropriate for the City to give the wealthy business owners of the Kings the revenue from these revocable permits while our Parks and Neighborhood Services continue to operate with significantly reduced funds. The Association has taken the issue to the Parks Commission because we believe it is the mission of the Parks Commission to protect our parks and to secure donations for their support.

SMUD In the Area Trimming Trees

SMUD is in the area doing their summer safety check and trimming area trees. They are contacting residents and asking to check the foliage in your yards. They will be asking to check your back and side yards for interference with electric lines. As always, be cautious. If someone comes to your door be sure that they are SMUD representatives. They will share with you what they see as an issue with the electric lines in your yard. They will not be asking to



enter your home or to use your phone. They will provide you with advance notice and will do the work when scheduled. Remember, they will ask only to go in to your yard never into your home.

Join the Scouts!

We meet the 3rd Thursday of every month at 6pm at the Unity of Sacramento, 9249 Folsom Boulevard.

Cub Scout pack 383 is for ages 6-10 (exiting Kindergarten through 5th grade). Boy Scout Troop 394 is for ages 11-18 (6th grade and above). We also have a Crew 808 group that is for 14-21 year olds and is for both boys and girls.

Please let us know which group you are interested in joining! Contact pack383membership@gmail.com or call Jeni Diaz at 382-2383.

Our Committee meetings are always the first Thursday of every month at 6:30pm at the La Riviera Family Pizza.

Reported Crime is Up as Temperatures Rise

By Ron Alvarado

Reported crime in our neighborhood jumped up over the last three months, when compared to the first quarter of 2014. Overall in the first quarter of this year 141 crimes were reported. In the nearly full second quarter reporting, crimes reported jumped to 236. This column has previously suggested and encouraged you to report crimes, since the Police cannot react and be proactive if crime goes unreported. It appears that we are doing that. The warmer months may have also contributed as more folks leave car windows down or doors unlocked. As is our long-term trend, burglary from automobiles and vehicle thefts together accounted for 37% of reported crime, while other thefts accounted for nearly 35% of crimes reported. There was also a significant spike in shoplifting over the prior three-month period. During this quarter, Friday was the busiest day for crime, followed by Saturdays. As always, for emergencies and crimes in progress, dial 911. You can go online to www.sacpd.org to report a crime that has occurred where no current emergency exists.

Crime Stats in our Neighborhoods – April 1 - June 17

Crime	Actual Number Reported	Percentage of Total Crimes Reported
Aggravated Assault	8	3.4
Burglary-Commercial	10	4.2
Burglary-Motor Vehicle	43	18.2
Burglary-Residential	19	8.1
Robbery-Commercial	2	.8
Robbery-Individual	4	1.7
Shoplifting	24	10.2
Theft - Motor Vehicle	44	18.6
Theft-Other	82	34.7
Total	236	100%

Join the Conversation on Nextdoor.com – The New Neighborhood Watch

By Joe Chasko

You may have seen Nextdoor.com in the news lately. This friendly web site can help you get to know neighbors from across the street or across the neighborhood. A combination of back fence chat and neighborhood watch, it provides a safe venue for neighborhood discussions, such as suspicious activity or crimes, changes to city services, businesses and services that members recommend, and free classified listings. Post about schools, pools, streets, or criminals. Post just to College Glen, or any of the nearby Nextdoor neighborhoods.

This is not an open forum like Facebook or Craigslist, and contains no ads. Conversations are private to the area, because only verified residents can read them. The College Glen North and College Glen South Nextdoor sites are three years old, and the nearly 300 households carry on an active neighborhood dialog, especially around criminal activities.

Sacramento City and Police Department are active on Nextdoor, keeping us up to date on law enforcement issues. Posts about suspicious characters or activities have led to a number of successful code enforcement actions on problem rental homes.

There are two Nextdoor communities of single-family homes between Watt and Howe: College Glen South between US 50 and Folsom Blvd., and College Glen North between the river and the freeway. You can sign up at Nextdoor.com once you verify your residence. Download the smartphone app for an easy way to sign up and use Nextdoor.

Camera Surveillance Trailer Returns to Lido Court

As the result of continuing area burglaries, our local police officers have brought back the City's Camera Surveillance Trailer to the Lido area. The presence of the camera was a deterrent for auto burglaries, vandalisms, and petty thefts while in the area. Unfortunately it was a short-lived solution to a long-term problem. Area residents were advised that it is not uncommon for burglaries to increase after removal of the camera. Such was the case in the Lido area. The residents are pleased to see the camera return and are hopeful that the police department's new follow-up strategy will bring a more long-lasting resolve to the crime problem.

In the interim, the police department is asking that everyone be vigilant and keep parked cars off the street. If you are not able to put them in your garage, consider parking them in your driveway. If you have a home surveillance system keep your vehicles within camera range. Remember, due to limited resources, the police are more likely to respond to clusters of reported events than they are to individual events. For this reason, it is essential that all incidents be reported to help in identifying and dealing with problem areas. If you have the misfortune to be a victim of crime be sure to report the event!

In emergencies, and for crimes in progress, dial 911. For emergency calls from your cell phone call (916) 264-5151. Otherwise, you may go on line to www.sacpd.org to file a report of a crime that has occurred. Once you have filled out your report you will immediately receive a report number. Reports are reviewed and assigned to detectives for follow-up based on investigative leads, frequency and severity of the crime. Your report will be used to help in the clustering of reported crime information for further review. You can call 311 if you do not have an e-mail address or in the event that you need assistance with the reporting process.

Station 60 Firefighters Honored at District 6 Neighborhood Appreciation Dinner

College Greens Fire Station 60 Fire Fighters were nominated by the College-Glen Neighborhood Association and honored at this year's District 6 Neighborhood Appreciation Dinner hosted by councilmember Kevin McCarty. The Association wanted to acknowledge how much the CGNA Board and community appreciate having a fire station in our neighborhood not only from a safety standpoint but also because of the neighborhood support and community participation that we receive from the crew members. In addition to taking care of our emergency needs, Station 60 crews are supportive of our community activities.



Elections 2014: Primary Results and the Top Two

Primary By Rebekah Cearley

The results are in, and the June primary has set up some interesting and important contests for the November 2014 ballot. This was the first statewide test of the new top-two primary law, and it has created a number of scenarios across the state where two candidates from the same party will face one another in the November general election, including prominent seats in the Sacramento region. Voter participation in the primary was relatively low, with approximately 28.3% of eligible voters in Sacramento casting a ballot. This number will likely increase as the remaining provisional and mail-in ballots are counted before the July 4 deadline.

Under the new open primary rules, qualified candidates of all parties now appear on a single combined ballot, and voters may vote for any candidate regardless of their own party affiliation. The top two vote-getters will advance to the November election for a run-off.

Below are some of the major results affecting College-Glen's representation.

Assembly District 7 - Two Democrats will face each other in November: Kevin McCarty, College-Glen's current City Council member serving District 6, and Steve Cohn, McCarty's colleague on the City Council from District 3. McCarty had a slight lead in the June primary with 34.7% of the vote to Cohn's 29.2%.

Senate District 6 - This race will feature two Democrats who both currently serve in the State Assembly and are vying to replace Senator Darrell Steinberg, who will term out at the end of this year: Roger Dickinson, who currently represents College-Glen in AD 7, and Richard Pan, who currently represents AD 9 in south Sacramento. In the June primary, Dickinson had 40.2% of the vote to Pan's 31%.

Police Department Suggestions for Nextdoor Users

- Treat Everyone with Respect, always assume good intentions in others and give them the benefit of the doubt. Disagree without being disagreeable, focus on issues at hand and do not engage in personal attacks.
- Practice moderation and do not over post in a way that dominates conversations. Everyone should feel that their voice is heard.
- Send private messages or post to a group when a limited audience is more appropriate.
- Refrain from using profanity or posting messages that will be perceived as discriminatory.
- Share helpful information, answer fellow members' questions. Share information about crime and safety issues.
- Recommend local businesses and services (without spamming or inappropriate self-promotion).
- Sell, share, or give away personal items that you no longer want or need.
- Discuss community issues (but avoid campaigning). Spread the word about local events. Provide support to fellow members in need.
- Honestly represent yourself. Use your real name, not an alias, pseudonym, or abbreviation. Join as an individual, not as a couple, family, or organization. Take the time to add a photo and to fill out your profile.
- Remember that postings are public (like Facebook).
- Remember that SPD can only see the Crime and Safety postings and cannot monitor other discussions.
- Do Not Share Everything. Walk next door to tell the neighbor that you are leaving town for the week-end. Do not post your work hours and other times that you are out of the house.
- Remember, every thing that you post is public information and can be shared with others. Do not share a photo or event that you do not want shared with everyone.

Chief Somers Jr. wants you to enjoy and benefit from your Nextdoor use. Be safe and think before sharing personal information with others.

Assemblymember Dickinson Fights for Bill to Protect Communities from Rail Accidents Involving Crude Oil

From the Desk of Assemblymember Roger Dickinson

Assemblymember Roger Dickinson is currently fighting for a bill in the California State Assembly (AB 380) which would protect communities from rail accidents involving crude oil. Crude oil accidents have grown increasingly more common in the past couple years. In an effort to better prepare emergency response officials in the case of an accident, the bill would require that rail carriers communicate information about the movement and characteristics of crude oil and other hazardous materials.

“The risk of catastrophic injury to life and property by rail accident has grown dramatically,” said Dickinson. “In order to prepare our emergency response agencies and protect our communities, it is essential that emergency response agencies have the information they need about crude oil cargo in order to minimize any damage from an accident,” Dickinson added.

A series of derailments and explosions over the past year have raised the profile of Bakken crude oil rail shipments among local, state and federal officials. On July 6, 2013, a



Bakken crude train exploded in Lac-Mégantic, Quebec, tragically killing 47 people. Railroads plan to increase their shipments of crude oil throughout California by train, with many running through Sacramento, Roseville, and West Sacramento. The California Energy Commission projects that by 2016, rail deliveries of crude oil could equate to at least six trains of 100 tank cars per day passing through Sacramento.

A Safe Summer on the American River

From the Desk of Supervisor Susan Peters

The warm weather is here and the Department of Regional Parks is anticipating a great summer of recreation on the American River. To help insure youngsters enjoy the water safely, the American River Parkway Foundation is again funding loaner life jackets available at 7 sites along the American River for the 2014 Kids Don't Float Program. This is the fourth year the foundation is helping.

The Foundation also has provided new signage at the life jacket distribution sites. Each sign features the message “Kids Don't Float” and if they are under age 13 they must wear a floatation jacket per the Sacramento County Ordinance and are invited to borrow a jacket and return it. The signs are in English, Russian and Spanish languages.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to purchase life jackets for their children prior to going to the parkway to enjoy the water. However, if that isn't possible or if the life jacket is forgotten at home, all are welcome to borrow and return them at any of the seven sites including Howe Avenue and Watt Avenue Accesses or at participating Metro Fire stations.

Remember safety comes first in and around our waterways.

For more information about the program, please visit regionalparks.saccounty.net.

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Sacramento City Budget and Cell Tower Funds

From the Desk of Councilmember Kevin McCarty

On June 10th, for the first time in seven years the Council passed a budget that has a budget surplus. We approved a spending plan that did not include cuts to programs or staffing. The budget includes a \$1.9 million surplus for the 2014-15 fiscal year and \$29 million from Measure U funds. These funds will go to the Parks and Recreation Department to open every city pool this summer; to the Police Department to hire 14 new officers; and to the Fire Department to maintain staffing and eliminate the brown outs. Homeless programs will receive a boost, as well as code enforcement for blighted properties. Measure B also passed with 73% of the vote. This \$1 parcel tax per month will also provide funds to the City's budget to keep all 12 city libraries open to serve our communities.

In addition per CGNA's request, I allocated the cell tower funds for District 6 specifically toward Park projects in those respective neighborhoods. This means that we will have approximately \$20,000 that can be used to add amenities or make improvements to Oki or Glenbrook parks. I look forward to working with neighbors for ideas as to where those funds should be allocated.

In summary, the City's total budget is \$872 million. This includes \$377 million for General Fund operations, \$451 million for Enterprise and other fund operations, and \$44 million for capital improvement projects. The Budget is balanced and includes a modest transfer of \$400,000 to the Economic Uncertainty Reserve (EUR) bringing the total reserve to 7.5%. This increase is consistent with the Council's goal of achieving a EUR of 10% of General Fund revenues.

While there are indications of a budget surplus next fiscal year, the City continues to be challenged to address the nearly \$2.1 billion in unfunded liabilities, nearly half of which is associated with pensions and retiree medical costs. It is imperative that we address these liabilities to limit what will be passed on to future generations. For more detailed information, the 2014-15 Budget is available at cityofsacramento.org and in your neighborhood library.

SMUD Continues to Support Electric Transportation Efforts

By Howard Posner, SMUD Ward 3 Director

Sacramento's heavy traffic, urban driving conditions, and poor air quality make California's capital region an optimal environment for plug-in electric vehicles, or PEVs. SMUD has supported electric transportation for more than 20 years as part of its obligation to improve the region's air quality.

Over the past year, SMUD took several significant steps forward on the PEV front. SMUD launched an "EV Innovators" pilot rate program in which electric-vehicle owners could choose between two pricing plans: a whole house plan and a dedicated meter plan. The pilot program filled up quickly, with more than 200 customers registering.

The whole house plan was designed to integrate the customer's home and vehicle electricity use into one pricing plan. Under this plan, customers are rewarded for charging their electric vehicle during off-peak times such as late night. The dedicated meter plan requires a sub-meter to participate while also rewarding off-peak charging.

Both plans offer the lowest EV charging rates charged by any California utility.

Most recently, SMUD opened a fast-charging station next to its headquarters building on S Street. The DC Fast Charger allows most electric vehicles to get fully charged in less than 30 minutes. Funding for the station came from the sale of SMUD's carbon credits in California's cap-and-trade market. Three more fast-charging stations will be installed through this pilot program.

Greenhouse gas emissions from an electric car are typically 70 percent lower than those released from gasoline combustion engines. Plus, electricity is a cheaper transportation fuel than gasoline.

By supporting electric transportation, SMUD is improving the region's air quality while also helping customers save money.

Real Estate Update

By Linda Wood, Broker-Associate, Dunnigan, Realtors

Sacramento Association of Realtors recently awarded 41 scholarships totaling more than \$41,000.00. We are amazed by the students earning these scholarships! They are our future and inspire us to continue.

The inventory of homes for sale has increased and home sales have decreased compared to last year. The good news for buyers is that there are more homes for sale; however, we are still experiencing multiple offers. If you are planning to sell your home, it is critical that you do the best job possible to prepare your home for sale. It takes planning and effort to prepare and market your home in the best light. It is important that potential buyers are pre-approved for financing before shopping for a home. A good Realtor with local knowledge is best able to guide you through the process whether you are a seller or buyer.

According to the C.A.R. 2013 Home Seller Survey, the number one reason for selling a home in 2013 was because sellers felt that the time and price were right. This is more positive than 2012 when the number one reason was due to financial difficulties.

According to data from Metrolist Services, Inc. there were 45 homes sold in College Glen as of June 15, 2014 at a median price of \$270,000.00 and 4 condos at a median price of \$144,000. For comparison, 46 homes were sold during the same period in 2013 at a median price of \$252,250 and 7 condos sold at a median price of \$127,500.00.

Water Resources Reform & Development

Act From the Desk of Congresswoman Doris Matsui

Recently, I joined President Obama and Senator Boxer as H.R. 3080, the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) was signed into law. This law includes several of Sacramento's flood protection priorities, including authorization of important federal support for Natomas levee improvements.

Included in WRRDA is language addressing the Army Corps of Engineers' vegetation on levees policy. Our levees are our first line of defense, so we need to use the best science and smartest funding decisions to make them as reliable as possible. This is a decision that can best be made by local stakeholders familiar with our rivers. WRRDA moves the Corps' to allow regional variances to the national vegetation policy. This could allow trees to remain on our levees, while also maintaining stringent public safety standards.

The new law also includes language encouraging state and local initiatives that accelerate flood protection projects by allowing federal crediting for work accomplished by local agencies. In 2006, California voters passed Proposition 1E, which authorized more than \$4 billion in bonds for urgent flood protection projects. Sacramento residents, and other communities, have followed suit by providing a local share of these projects. WRRDA is an essential step in moving these projects forward, including critical projects across the Central Valley.

Securing Sacramento's flood protection is my number one priority in Congress. I will continue working with my colleagues to improve our region's safety.

Living on One Income Instead of Two

By Valorie G. Pruitt, Big Valley Federal Credit Union

Whether your spouse got laid off, you are expecting a baby, or you just want to spend more time with the kids, there are times in life that you may need to be able to live on only one salary. Although it may seem like a formidable undertaking to make ends meet, living off of one pay check if you plan properly it can be done. Consider these tips to make the transition easier.

Make a plan. Create a budget. Make a list of everything that will change, including your new income, daily expenses and savings goals, but also areas where you will possibly save money, like eliminating daycare costs or driving less.

Reduce your expenses. If, after comparing your new income to your monthly expenses, your budget turns out tight, you'll have to cut back. Consider eliminating unnecessary expenditures such as cable service or dinners out. There are lots of places to cut back if you look.

Fine-tune savings contributions. If possible, consider doubling up on the contributions made to the working spouse's 401(k) or invest in an IRA to ensure that you still meet your long term retirement savings goals.

Adjust your taxes. With your income being much less with only one working spouse, you can change your tax withholdings and get more out of your one paycheck. Consult a financial advisor to ensure that you withhold enough.

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