



College-Glen News

CGNA Annual Meeting **Thursday, November 8, 2007** **6:30pm – 8:00pm** Thomas Jefferson Elementary School Library

The College-Glen Neighborhood Association will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, November 8, at 6:30pm in the library at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School, 2635 Chestnut Hill Drive. The first 30 minutes is scheduled for registration, socializing with light refreshments and the collection of election ballots for the officers and directors of the Association for 2008.

At 7:00pm the CGNA will hold a brief business meeting and hear from SMUD representatives on how we, as homeowners, can modify our energy usage and help SMUD reduce their dependency on expensive outside energy sources. We will close the evening with an open forum with our Councilmember Kevin McCarty.

The election ballot is included with this newsletter. You may mail it in anytime before the November 8th meeting or turn one in at the meeting. Remember that there is only one vote per household. The ballots will be counted and the results announced at the meeting.

Sacramento SPCA 21st Annual **Reigning Cats & Dogs Gala**

Saturday, October 20, 2007
6:30pm -10:00 pm

Sacramento Convention Center
*Gala tickets \$65 each before October 13th
 and \$75 thereafter.*

Tables of 10 can be purchased for \$1,500.



For more than 100 years, the Sacramento SPCA has been providing shelter and compassionate care to Sacramento's homeless and unwanted animals. The SPCA depends on your support to care for more than 10,000 homeless animals annually. All proceeds from the Gala benefit the animals in the SPCA's care.

**Support your Sacramento SPCA and
 enjoy a festive evening featuring:
 Delicious food from more than 30 restaurants including:**

Gonul's J St. Café • The Melting Pot • Slocum House •
 Sofia • Buca di Beppo

Tastings from wineries/breweries including:
 Bogle Vineyards • Dog Tail Vineyards (Ironstone) • Hoppy
 Brewing Company • Sierra Vista Vineyards & Winery •
 Silver Mountain Vineyards

**Large silent and
 live auctions featuring:**
 Journey pendant from Guzzetta &
 Company Fine Jewelers • Cruise to
 the Caribbean, Bahamas or Mexico
 • Vacation stay in Cabo San Lucas •
 Lunch with the "Dining Divas," •
 Art from Itzak Tarkay, local animal
 artist Nikki Solone • And much more!



*For more information contact:
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St. Francis Summer Service

By Ingrid Niles

Pick-axing 40 feet of dirt, serving lunch in a "soup kitchen," and building a house; these are not typical answers to "How did you spend your summer vacation?" These activities were among the adventures of St. Francis High School students and alumnae who participated in summer service trips in San Francisco; Yakima, Washington; Tijuana, Mexico; Belize and Guatemala. Kaitlin Pursley '09, among those who spent a week in San Francisco helping refurbish the residences of two elderly women, realized "that fixing someone's yard, although it seems unimportant, is a necessary service for the homeowner and the community. This experience has challenged me to see what service is truly about: helping others in ANY way they need." St. Francis Director of Christian Service Tanya Davis '97 summed up the value of these summer experiences: "The factor that makes these service trips so unique is the social justice and faith component that are such an essential part of these programs. With the Young Neighbors in Action program, seventy to eighty youth gather at a service site from all over the country, all eager to



St. Francis High School graduates in Guatemala, where they built a Habitat for Humanity home.

serve and learn about poverty issues in their community. The St. Francis students had this element as well as the Troubie spirit that is a bit more difficult to put into words—that spunk, faith, and inner determination that won't give up until the job is done." Many of the participants echoed the words of Shannon Gibbons '09: "The trip was one of the best experiences in my life."

Welcome from the New Rosemont HS Principal

By Vic Ramos, Rosemont High School Principal

As the new Principal of Rosemont High School. I would like to express to the entire community how excited I am to be here. I have begun my tenure in the Sacramento City Unified School District after serving as an Administrator in the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District for the past fourteen years.

Upon notification of my selection as principal, my wife and I visited Rosemont. We were both very impressed with the campus. I have seen numerous high schools, but none as impressive as this. It truly is the pride of Sacramento and the envy of many.

Our school year has begun and it is going to be an exciting one! The Western Association of Schools and Colleges has renewed our Accreditation. Our sports teams are currently preparing to begin league play and establish Rosemont as a school of athletic prominence. Our drama department will perform *West Side Story* and *A Christmas Carol*. If you haven't seen a performance in our auditorium, you are in for a real treat. Our music department continues to impress everyone. Recently, selected students preformed with the Camellia Symphony Orchestra in a concert honoring American Heroes.

In order to increase the effectiveness of our school, Rosemont would like to invite our community members to become Wolverine volunteers. Volunteers serve a variety of tasks from supervision to sitting on panels judging senior projects. If you are interested please call Ellen Clark at 228-5844 ex 1024.

Watch for future issues of this newsletter to receive highlights of our successes during the upcoming school year.

Rosemont High School Harvest Festival/Craft Fair

Saturday, October 27, 2007
9:00 am - 2:00 pm in the cafeteria

**FOOD, CRAFTS,
PUMPKINS!**

*Get your
picture
taken with
our famous
scarecrow!*



Call 381-4220 for information.

Booth space is \$20.

*Proceeds from booth sales go to the Ted
Goodykoontz Memorial Scholarship.*

Christian Brothers Student News Station Ranked # 1 in the Nation By Kristen McCarthy

From a total of 347 entries, the National Scholastic Broadcasting Network once again awarded Christian Brothers High School's student-produced news broadcast (KBFT) first place in the "Live High School News Broadcast" category. The crew also earned the first place award in the "Live Coverage of a Sporting Event" category for their broadcast of a Falcon's basketball game last season.

"I'm so proud of the kids," explains Brendan Hogan '95, KBFT media arts instructor. They work incredibly hard to plan, write and produce the shows each week. It's great to see their efforts rewarded."

In its five years of broadcasting, KBFT has been rated the nation's number one news show three times and has earned a total of 31 local and national awards. KBFT broadcasts live to students every Tuesday and Friday morning. Shows are then posted to www.KBFT.net.

Families and students wishing to visit the KBFT studio or learn more about Christian Brothers High School are invited to join us at Open House, scheduled on Sunday, October 7 from 12:30 p.m.



until 3:30 p.m. at 4315 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Formal presentations are scheduled at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. For more information, please call the school at 733-3690.

Welcome from New Bancroft Principal

By Enrique Flores, Bancroft Principal

Greetings to the College Greens/Glenbrook neighborhoods. My name is Enrique Flores and I am the new Principal of Hubert Bancroft Elementary School. I come to this great community after serving as Assistant Principal of Albert Einstein Middle School for the past four years. The first two weeks of school have been terrific. Everyone is friendly and kind from the kindergarteners to the sixth graders to the parents. I look forward to building relationships with this community and continuing the academic excellence that has become a custom here at Bancroft.

We're looking forward to a great year! Additional funding will be available for our arts and physical education programs. We've received a new, comprehensive social studies curriculum for all grade levels. It's no longer just textbooks; DVD's and CD's integrate technology into student learning. Our computer lab will be put to good use! We have invested in excellent software that greatly enriches the academic program. New science curriculum is due out in October. We'll continue using the successful Open Court (language arts) and Saxon Math which has helped us earn an API of 847 (estimated score based on Spring 2007 testing).

We'd like to extend our continued thanks to the Bancroft families and community who give us such tremendous support.

Little League Thanks

By Robyn Shaldone

Thank you to everyone that donated to our league after our recent theft. We appreciate everything. A special thanks to Rubs BBQ and Ribs for holding a fundraiser for us. They raised over \$1000.00 to help us recover stolen equipment. Sign ups for the College Glen Little League 2008 season will begin in January. This includes Girls Softball! We will continue our Brick Path fundraiser. Buy a brick for \$100 and be included in this great project. For information call Mike Shaldone at 804-2998 or email him at shaldone1@msn.com. You can also visit our up and coming website at collegeglenbaseball.com.

Thomas Jefferson - New School Year

Goals By Angelia Jones, Thomas Jefferson Principal

The 2006-2007 school year brought various school wide accomplishments and celebrations. In May of 2007 Jefferson received awards for School on the Move (GOLD Award) and the Achieving Schools Award. In August we were one of the schools to receive the 2006-2007 Attendance Award for meeting the SCUSD 95% or better attendance. Our total attendance average for the 2006-07 school year was 96.18%. As you can see the Jefferson staff, students and families are soaring high.

In August the California Department of Education (CDE) released the 2006-07 Standardized Test Scores for all the schools in California. I am very proud and excited to say that Jefferson made tremendous academic gains 2nd-6th grade. Early during the 2006-07 school year we set an Academic Performance Index (API) goal of 793, but mid- year we challenged ourselves to be an 800 school. Well, I am pleased to say that the Jefferson teachers, students and parents took on the challenge and our new API is 806. We increased our API by 21 points and meet the Adequate Yearly Progress (APY) for all of our sub groups. I am truly appreciative of the hard work the Jefferson staff does on a daily bases.

Our goals for the 2007-2008 school year include, academic achievement for all students, ninety-seven percent attendance average in kindergarten through 6th grade, and a five point growth on the API.

SCUSD School Board School Safety Workshop

Thursday, October 11, 2007
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Serna Center Community Room

See Page 5 for Details!

Requests for Afternoon Toddler/Pre-School Programs Denied

Both the pre-kindergarten program for 3 and 4-year-olds and the Toddler program for 2-year-olds started the school year with over sized classes. The Association and area parents asked the District to offer similar programs in the afternoon to accommodate the community demand for these parent participation programs. Last year the parents and the Association noted that space was available as the pre-school/toddler room was not used in the afternoon during the 2006/2007 academic year. However, the Jefferson Administration asked the District to deny our request because they wanted to create a State Start Program. At the beginning of the 2007 Fall Semester the District did not have sufficient students registered for the State Start Program. However, the District continues to deny our community access to the room for neighborhood needs while they try to locate enough students to support a State Start Program.

Last year Bancroft hosted a State Start program with 24 students. Three of the students lived in the Bancroft attendance

area and 4 lived in the Jefferson attendance area. The Association acknowledges that the Bancroft State Start program was serving a community need. However, last year there were 17 students from outside the Bancroft and Jefferson attendance areas.

The Jefferson Administration's refusal to support expansion of the neighborhood's parent participation toddler and pre-kindergarten programs is based on a claim that there is a greater need for a State Start program at Jefferson to meet the needs of the community's at risk students. The Association believes there is sufficient space in the State Start program at Bancroft, seventeen students from outside the area, to meet the needs of the students within the boundaries of Bancroft and Jefferson.

The Association's position is that both Jefferson and Bancroft are neighborhood schools. The needs of the neighborhood community they serve should receive priority over a State funded program for students outside our attendance areas.

PTSA Neighborhood/School Book Fair!

November 7, 8 and 9

Rosemont High Library

7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. each day



We have books from toddler through adult with great prices!

Proceeds benefit the Rosemont High Library



Sacramento County Teachers of the Year 2008 Honored

By David W. Gordon, Sac County Superintendent of Schools

A 5th-6th grade teacher from the Del Paso Heights School District and an English/language arts teacher from the Grant Joint Union High School District are the Sacramento County Teachers of the Year 2008, the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) announced September 5.

Rob Myers, from Garden Valley Elementary School in the Del Paso Heights School District, and Jeannette Providence, from Grant High School in the Grant Joint Union High School District, were selected from among 17 Sacramento area teachers to represent the county in the California Teachers of the Year competition.

A community selection committee comprised of education professionals, including previous Teachers of the Year, met to interview each local district Teacher of the Year and selected the two finalists.

The Sacramento County Teachers of the Year Program is presented by SCOE in partnership with Maloof Sports and Entertainment (owners of the Sacramento Kings), the Intel Corporation Folsom and the Sacramento Scottish Rite Bodies of Freemasonry.

All 17 Sacramento area teachers will be honored during a special halftime presentation when the Kings



Superintendent Dave Gordon with teachers Jeanette Providence and Rob Myers.

host the New Orleans Hornets on Friday, February 1, 2008 at ARCO Arena. This year SCOE is honored by the fact that Intel will sponsor the teacher appreciation event. We at the county office are grateful for the support that the Sacramento Kings, Intel and the Sacramento Scottish Rite Bodies of Freemasonry have for education throughout our region.



Thank You de la Cuestas!

A Letter From the Editor

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Joanna and Arbatel de la Cuesta for their noble and passionate attempt at keeping Sacramento

High School's original Visual and Performing Arts Center (VAPAC) program alive. As an alumna of the Class of 1987, I can speak without reservation regarding the value of a program such as VAPAC.

I first discovered that Sacramento High School would be closing via an email exchange among my many SHS VAPAC friends. These fellow alumni were, as I was, shocked to hear of the pending school closure. After 147 years, what could possibly justify this action? Still closer to our hearts was the unanswered question "What about VAPAC?"

VAPAC was instrumental in shaping who we are today. This program and the lovingly esoteric faculty and staff gave us the motivation to show up for classes, provided us the instrument for self expression, and nurtured our creative will that just didn't seem to fit into the traditional high school offerings. We were stronger in our academics because of the professional opportunities available in VAPAC. Theatrical performances, technical staging, graphic design, photography, media production, dance, song, musical performance in varied disciplines, the newspaper, and yearbook all offered opportunities, responsibilities, sacrifice and satisfaction. Would they all now just disappear?

Then I heard rumor of a movement to keep VAPAC alive, housed in a different facility, with a supporting, traditional academic curriculum of it's own. Joanna and Arbatel de la Cuesta had a plan. They saw the value and need for VAPAC to survive and so created the Visual and Performing Arts Charter school. They worked to create performance spaces, labs, and secure equipment since none of what SHS's VAPAC program had struggled for years to acquire was allowed to leave. Volunteers, donors, and alumni all rallied around the new VAPAC and cheered the students on.

Alas, it wasn't meant to be and VAPAC's latest incarnation, the Sacramento Arts Conservatory, was forced to close it's doors this year. Perseverance, talent and passion proved insufficient. The effort was gallant. A standing ovation to you!

I speak for Sacramento High School Visual and Performing Arts alumni all over the country when I say "A gracious thank you" to Joanna and Arbatel for fighting the good fight. We all hope that someday the Sacramento City Unified School District will recognize the emptiness that has been left behind as a result of VAPAC disappearing. Allow this phoenix to rise up! The arts must come alive again.

Sharlyn Deglow-Solie
SHS VAPAC Class of 1987
Editor, College-Glen News

SCUSD School Board to Hold School Safety Workshop

From the Desk of Jerry Houseman, SCUSD Board Member

On Thursday, October 11, 2007 the SCUSD Board will hold a workshop to consider safety measures to protect students and staff on the district 96 worksites. The meeting will be held from 6 – 8:30 pm at the Serna Center, Community Room. The Serna Center is located at 5735 47th Avenue in Sacramento. At this meeting sponsored by the School Board Advisory Committee on Safety and Violence prevention the board will discuss with the public concerns and solutions to the concerns voiced at several community forums.

The Sacramento City Teachers Association sent a list of concerns to the superintendent during the last school year relation to staff safety which the district administration has been addressing. In addition, City Council Member, Rob Fong and the District Superintendent, Maggie Mejia sponsored two parent/student forums at McClatchy High following gun incidents on and near campus last year. Several programs have been implemented as a result. The SPD/SFD also held three safety forums this summer in the district boundaries to solicit citizen concerns and ideas for community safety. All of these concerns/ideas resulting from these forums will be discussed at the workshop.

This is a good time for parents, students and community members to interact with school board members in this vital area of safety and violence prevention. I chair the School Board Safety and Violence Prevention Advisory Committee and was instrumental in arranging for this board workshop.

Remarks Identify Focus of Work

By SCUSD Superintendent Magdalena Mejia

(The following is an excerpt from the Superintendent's remarks at a recent meeting of principals and district management.)

It is my privilege to welcome this leadership team to the 2007-08 school year. It is an honor to be a member of a team that has consistently demonstrated its commitment to service, excellence and continuous improvement.

As an educational organization whose mission it is to educate all students to higher levels, I ask that we each commit to the Success of Every Student by Name, and make aggressive strides to close the achievement gap in Sac City. This gap has persisted far too long and our student achievement data is evidence that we must take to heart.

So my first challenge to all of us is to make a personal commitment to do everything we can to close this gap. Secondly, that we continue our efforts to align all resources to our goals for raising the levels of student achievement and that we ensure that all supports for learning are aligned for equity, access and achievement for every student by name. Finally, that we dedicate ourselves to engaging all our partners in the courageous work needed to address and impact this very serious issue.

The gap in Sac City is a linguistic, economic and racial gap. Closing it requires the commitment of all stakeholders both internal and external. It requires more than reform; it mandates transformation. It mandates that we examine our attitudes and beliefs toward children of color. It mandates that we deepen our practice, and it mandates instructional strategies that value and embrace the culture and language of our students.

The American River Parkway and Public Art

From the Desk of County Supervisor Susan Peters

The 29th annual “Great American River Clean Up” was held in September that resulted in volunteers gathering tons of trash along the American River Parkway. Collecting garbage along the parkway is one way we all can help protect the natural habitat of this fragile environment.

The American River Parkway Foundation sponsors the fall event as well as the “weed warriors” program to rid invasive plants from the natural environment. The Foundation also conducts special projects to restore, maintain and improve plant and wildlife habitat. Other “Clean-up Days” are held during the spring and summer. Learn how to help by visiting the Foundation’s Volunteer Center at 5700 Arden Way in William Pond Park or the website arpf.org or calling 486-2773.

If you cross the river using the Watt Avenue Bridge to reach the Volunteer Center, this year marks the fifth anniversary since that structure was enhanced with decorative public art elements incorporated into the bridge’s design. And when traveling on Watt Avenue be sure to see the new artwork unveiled over the summer located between Country Club Plaza and Country Club Centre. That work consists of an aesthetic median fence of approximately 600 linear feet consisting of a collage of symbols and images along with a 15’ tall palm tree sculpture made of stone and bronze by local artist Alan Osborne.

I represent the Third District on the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors and can be reached at susanpeters@sacounty.net.

Making Sure Cities And Counties Have The Tools They Need To Fight Crime!

From the Desk of Assemblymember Dave Jones

In January of 2000, the mayor of a wealthy suburb drove into Sacramento and solicited the services of a prostitute. Fortunately, the women to whom he offered to pay cash and rock cocaine was not a prostitute after all; she was an undercover Sacramento Police Officer. Upon being found guilty of distributing narcotics and soliciting offenses, the City of Sacramento took possession of his car.

When cars are used by people to drive into our neighborhoods or commercial districts to purchase drugs or solicit prostitution, the car becomes an instrument to commit the crime, thus the car should be confiscated. After all, the police don’t return a gun to a bank robber, so why return a car to someone using it to buy illegal drugs or prostitution? In 2003, Sacramento stopped enforcing vehicle forfeiture in response to legal challenges to the ordinances. The California Supreme Court recently ruled that cities and counties cannot pass such ordinances because state law “pre-empts” them.

I have introduced the bill, AB 1724, that would authorize cities and counties to pass vehicle seizure ordinances. Many of the “Johns” seeking out prostitutes in the City of Sacramento expose children playing in their streets to lewd and graphic displays, and when they’re gone, they leave behind nothing but deeper urban blight and the remains of their illegal actions.

AB 1724 is a simple measure to clean up our streets. I would urge you to write to me in support of this measure to build the sort of support needed to move quickly through the legislature. Together, we can deter prostitution and drug use in our community.

High School Dropout Crisis

From the Desk of Senator Darrell Steinberg

California is in the middle of a high school dropout crisis. Fewer than 70% of our 9th graders statewide, and fewer than 50% in some districts, go on to graduate from high school. More than 150,000 students may be leaving high school each year without a diploma. Researchers predict that in 2025, there will be twice as many dropouts as there will be jobs to support them – unless we act to reverse this alarming trend.

That’s why I formed the Senate Select Committee on High School Graduation, to examine the causes of the dropout crisis and pinpoint smart solutions. Ten senators from both sides of the aisle have joined me in this effort.

This problem won’t be solved overnight, but we’ve made a good start. The Committee has drawn attention to the need for earlier identification of struggling students, so we can get them help when it counts. We’ve also highlighted the need for better student data collection – so we can accurately track dropouts. And we’ve heard from students about their strong need for relationships with caring adults at school.

The Select Committee has informed the bills I authored this year, and will continue to do so in the years to come.

It is an honor to serve as your State Senator. If I can assist you on any state issue or policy please feel free to contact my office.

Keeping College Within Reach

From the Desk of Congresswoman Doris Matsui

Every year, some 200,000 students do not go to college in America solely because they can’t afford the cost. Right here in California, nearly a quarter of a million Californians take out need-based student loans at the state’s public universities each year.

This month Congress passed the largest increase in college financial aid in over fifty years. We have witnessed college costs grow nearly 40 percent in the last five years. Students are graduating from college with more debt than ever before. Even more troubling, many would-be students are holding off on going to college, or skipping it altogether, because they don’t believe they can afford it.

This legislation, the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, will boost college financial aid by more than \$20 billion over the next five years. By significantly increasing scholarships and making loans more affordable, this bill makes an historic investment in our nation’s students and future in a fiscally responsible way. The legislation will cut interest rates in half on need-based student loans and will save the typical student borrower over \$4,400.

As we move into this academic year, I am so happy to say that Congress is working to advance your priorities; the priorities of families nationwide – making college more affordable and accessible for millions of American students, strengthening our workforce, and stimulating our economy.

Homeowner and Rental Assistance Program: Qualify and Receive State-Issued Compensation

From the Desk of Assemblymember Alan Nakanishi

The California Franchise Tax Board offers a yearly non-taxable payment to low-income individuals through the Homeowner and Renter Assistance (HRA) Program. The program intends to offset property tax costs for seniors 62 years of age or older, as well as disabled or blind individuals, regardless of age, whose total household income did not exceed \$42,770 in 2006. The program is based on property taxes paid directly by homeowners or indirectly by renters. Qualified homeowners may receive between \$20 and \$473 and qualified renters may receive between \$15 and \$348. The amount of the payment varies according to income levels and property taxes paid by homeowners and renters comparatively. Although the maximum amount of state imbursement is not guaranteed, last year, the HRA Program allocated over \$180 million to more than 600,000 applicants.

To file a claim, contact the Franchise Tax Board toll-free at 1-800-868-4171 to request a form sheet. A form sheet can also be downloaded online at www.ftb.ca.gov that can be completed and mailed in. The form is a short two-pages; however, be vigilant to obtain all of the required documents. Generally, missing documents result in delayed compensation. Since normal filing period is July 2 through October 15, it is advised that qualified individuals file as soon as possible. For further information, including a detailed explanation of the eligibility requirements, be sure to also request an HRA Claim Booklet.

Capital Fund Improvements for Neighborhood

From the Desk of Councilmember Kevin McCarty

Earlier this year, I acquired \$250,000 in capital funds for the College Glen neighborhood. In order to determine projects that should be funded, we held visioning workshops with the residents of the College Glen neighborhood. The main goal of the visioning process was to provide residents with an opportunity to work together with myself and City staff to determine a list of priorities for the neighborhood. Utilizing this list, City staff and I made the following decisions on projects to be funded.

Glenbrook Park will be acquiring two new drinking fountains and a dog park. Oki Park will also receive a new drinking fountain, as well as misters placed in the playground area, a renovation to the sandlot, and removal of the wading pool. Finally, five new gateway signs will be erected at the entrances of the College Glen Neighborhood.

Thank you to all the residents who participated in the vision process!

Some of you have contacted my office regarding individuals going through your recycling receptacles. In response to your inquiries, I contacted the Department of Utilities re-confirmed that this is an unlawful act. To help prevent scavenging of recyclable materials in your neighborhood, consider placing your containers out for collection at 6 a.m. on your scheduled collection day. Also, consider storing your containers behind a locked gate on your property to make them less accessible to scavengers. If you see someone scavenging through your recyclables, please contact the Sacramento Police Department at 264-5471.

SMUD Initiates "Compact with Customer" to Meet Region's Energy Challenges

By Howard Posner, SMUD Ward 3 Director

Sacramento County's population is projected to increase by nearly one million between now and 2050. But we don't have to look that far ahead to see the effects of growth on our highways and air quality.

To balance the region's growing energy demands while protecting the environment and reducing global warming, SMUD's Board of Directors is developing a "Compact with the Customer."

SMUD recognizes that we need to give customers better tools to reduce their energy use overall and shift energy use from peak hours to off-peak hours. Curbing peak energy use during the hottest hours of summer is a major impetus.

SMUD currently needs an extra 400 megawatts of power to satisfy peak energy use during the 40 hottest hours of the summer. If trends continue, we'd need an extra 600 megawatts of power to meet the summer peak in 2050. Buying that much additional power is extremely costly, both financially and environmentally.

It will be a challenge to get customers to focus on how they use energy and to change old habits, but we need to do this to foster a more sustainable environment. We're redesigning our energy efficiency programs, and we'll look at rates and advanced meters that communicate energy costs on an hourly basis. Customers will be able to control their energy costs better.

This fall, SMUD will organize customer focus groups to test new programs. The Compact with the Customer will be just that – an agreement with the people we've served for more than 60 years.

Don't Miss It!

CGNA Annual Meeting

Thursday, November 8, 2007

6:30pm – 8:00pm

**Thomas Jefferson Elementary
School Library**

AGENDA TO INCLUDE:

- Meet and Greet
- Election of 2008 officers
- Brief business meeting
- SMUD representatives discuss energy usage
- Open forum with our Councilmember Kevin McCarty

Wanted: Books for Barks

By Lesley Kirrene



The Sacramento SPCA is in dire need of new and gently used books for its annual fall book sale fundraiser scheduled for mid-November.

"We're hoping people will do some end-of-summer cleaning and bring their used books to the Sacramento SPCA," said Rick Johnson, SPCA Executive Director. "These book donations are no small matter – they equate to food, shelter and care for thousands of homeless animals at our shelter."

Book donations can be delivered year-round to the Sacramento SPCA at 6201 Florin-Perkins Road in Sacramento Tuesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, please contact the SPCA at 383-7387, ext. 9103.

The popular benefit book sale will feature thousands of new and used books in 40 categories ranging from adventures to westerns, fiction, mystery, children and teens, parenting, reference, home and garden, art, biography and more! All books are available at dog-gone good prices, with proceeds directly benefiting animals at the SPCA.

Since 1894 the Sacramento SPCA has been a guiding force in preventing cruelty to animals, reducing pet overpopulation, placing unwanted, lost or abandoned animals in good homes, and helping to break the cycle of violence in our community.

A Day of Giving

Saturday, October 20, 2007

College Greens Wash & Dry
3309 Julliard Drive

*100% of the day's profits will be
donated to the Sacramento Area
Emergency Housing Center.*

City of Sacramento to Host Open House Meetings for General Plan 2030

By Ralph Montano

The City of Sacramento issued an open invitation for all residents and neighborhood groups to stop by four public "Open House" meetings and chat about the city's future. Residents are welcome to drop in anytime at an Open House meeting, grab a bite to eat and leave their thoughts and ideas.

The city expects to grow by over 200,000 over the next 25 years and General Plan 2030 will serve as a guide to address the transportation, housing, lifestyle and safety needs of the growing community. Residents will have the opportunity to review draft policies, and voice their opinions before the General Plan 2030 begins a year-long adoption process.

The City has been working on the new General Plan since 2004. A General Plan is an official statement of jurisdiction regarding the extent and types of development needed to achieve the community's physical, economic and social goals. Two rounds of Town Hall Forums, in 2005 and 2006, helped the City set the visions and guiding principles for the new General Plan. Over 2,300 residents participated in the Town Hall Forums. A phone survey with over 1,500 participants was then conducted to confirm the qualitative data from the Forums.

The Open House meetings will be the next phase of gathering public input. Residents are encouraged to drop in for a preview of the policies drafted from their input in the previous meetings and to suggest further revisions. Each of the four Open House meetings will be open for three hours.

If residents are unable to attend the Open Houses, they can still give their input on the General Plan by calling 808-7500 or sending an email to generalplan@sacgp.org. For more information, visit the City's General Plan website at www.sacgp.org where you can find information on meetings, the latest news, and sign up for email updates.

Upcoming General Plan Open House Meetings

Neighborhood Service Area 1 (Council Districts 1, 3, 4)
September 26, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
The Library Galleria, 828 I Street.

Neighborhood Service Area 2 (Council Districts 4, 5, 7, 8)
October 4, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
The Samuel C. Pannell Meadowview Community Center
2450 Meadowview Road.

Neighborhood Services District Area 3 (Council Districts 5 & 6)
October 8, 6:00 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Christian Brothers High School
4315 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

Neighborhood Services Area 4 (Council Districts 1, 2, 3)
October 3, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Natomas High School, 3301 Fong Ranch Road.

It's a Fine Time to Buy a Home

By Linda Wood, GBC Realtors

This is a great time to be a home buyer! There is plenty of inventory to choose from, interest rates are still historically low and jobs and income seem to be stable. Unlike the wild ride we were on in the early part of the decade you now have the luxury of making an informed decision about your real estate investment. You may have even looked at houses then that you didn't like and tried to figure out how you could make it work. You were afraid that the next house that came on the market would be even more money and you'd never be able to get your foot in the door. As Realtors, many of us had buyers that we counseled against buying a home that really didn't fit their needs. Some of those buyers heeded that advice and are back in the market today finding the right home at a price they can afford. If you or someone you know felt that they would never be able to own a piece of the American Dream, you now have the opportunity to make your dream come true!

In the College Glen neighborhood, based on information from MetroList Services, Inc. for August 2007 there were 2 sales of Single Family Homes compared to 5 for August 2006 and 1 condominium sale in August 2007 compared to none in August of 2006. The median price for Single family homes was \$320,500 for August 2007 and \$375,000 for August 2006.

Enjoy this beautiful Fall Season!

American River Parkway Developments Under Review

By Pat Waterbury

Visual intrusion and inappropriate development in the American River Parkway is an ongoing problem. One example of non-conforming structures in the Parkway is the Markis/Lien Project (Markis Use Permit), which began hearings before the County in 2003. The developer is seeking a 35-foot setback for two big houses (5,700 and 6,700 sq. ft.) in the Parkway Corridor Combining Zone on the Riverwood bluff where the Zoning Ordinance requires a 70-foot setback. The developer wanted a 20-foot setback for three big houses before Save the American River Association, accompanied by a large public voice, opposed the project and then litigated the County's approval of 35 feet.

County Planning Staff and County Parks Department are both opposed to the 35-foot setback and support a 50-foot setback.

On Monday, September 17, the Planning Commission will take final testimony from the public regarding the Markis Use Permit Draft Environmental Impact Report. After that, the Commissioners will hold another hearing and adopt the Final EIR.

Approval of this project will set precedent for future development in the Parkway. Those who are interested in the Parkway remaining the open space sanctuary it was envisioned by its founders and who are opposed to big houses intruding into the viewshed of the Parkway should be deeply interested in this project and the possibility of reduced setbacks. The County should hear from the Parkway community regarding feelings on this issue. It is not too late to express yourself to the County after September 17. More information can be found at www.McMansions.org. Ask questions at NoMcMansions@aol.com

Salvation Army Withdraws From Fruitridge Site

By Jerry Vorpahl, Executive Director, Power Inn Alliance

In an issue of concern to the College/Glen Neighborhood Association, The Salvation Army has withdrawn plans to relocate its Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) in the Power Inn Area at the former Procter & Gamble manufacturing plant on Fruitridge Rd. Negotiations to purchase the \$11 million facility have terminated and the option has been released from escrow. According to The Army's new ARC administrator, Capt. Eric Wilkerson, there are no imminent plans to move the ARC facility out of downtown Sacramento (currently at 16th. & D Sts.)

Relocation of the ARC, originally planned to house over 130 alcohol and drug dependent adults, was strongly opposed by the Power Inn Alliance as a misuse of property in an area zoned for heavy industry. The addition of recovering drug and alcohol patients in an unsecured residential facility also presented obstacles and was a major concern to local neighborhood associations and social service agencies.

In spite of this opposition, and in consideration of the exceptional work done by the Salvation Army, the Power Inn Alliance pledged to work with them to secure a facility that would best serve their needs without compromising land usage or security in the area. The Alliance met with leading commercial realtors and even gained the cooperation of a major building developer who made an attractive build-to-suit offer.

While the Salvation Army has searched several possible sites throughout Sacramento County over the past 18 months, Capt. Wilkerson wrote in an email to the director of the Colonial Manor Association, "We have been exploring some options but it will be literally years before this facility moves, if it ever does."

Application Filed For Housing At Granite Regional Park

By Sally Freedlander

Granite Park Partners, developers of Granite Regional Park and the surrounding commercial properties, has unveiled a plan for a 120 unit single-family housing development. Situated on 12.9 acres north of Cucamonga and east of Power Inn, it will be the first housing development in the area for decades. The transit-oriented development will be within walking distance of Light Rail and overlook Granite Regional Park. Already entitled by the City of Sacramento for commercial office development, the impact on traffic would be minimized by the new plan. The individual, detached homes will target empty nesters and first time buyers who want to be close to work, CSUS and downtown activity by rail.

Starbucks Opens At 3615 Power Inn Road

By Sally Freedlander

Need a quick cup of coffee on your way to work or school? Swing by (or drive thru!) the newest Starbucks in our area. Opening at 4:00 AM Monday – Friday, it caters to early birds and weekend soccer Moms at Granite Regional Park.

How to Combat Graffiti

By Ron Alvarado

While the comparison with last summer crime statistics is encouraging, it's still more crime than we all want. In addition, there has been a recent increase in graffiti in our neighborhoods. The statistics may not show it, since not all graffiti is reported. Let's all take a step in stopping this recent surge and make sure it doesn't become routine in College Glenn.

To report graffiti citizens have easy options. You can call the Graffiti Hot Line at 264-8819. You can also go on line and report graffiti. Follow these easy on line steps to report a graffiti crime in progress, or to report incidents already committed:

1. Log on to www.cityofsacramento.org
2. Departments and Services (on the left side column, in blue background)
3. Code Enforcement (under Departments)
4. Code Violation and Graffiti Report Form
5. At the prompt, enter the address of the graffiti
6. At the prompt, enter the cross street location
7. Choose either: graffiti crime in progress or graffiti – vandalism, tagging, anti-graffiti program for already committed graffiti crimes
8. Complete the form to finalize your report

There are several other "code enforcement violations" that you can report through the same "Code Enforcement" menu.

Reporting graffiti quickly will help ensure that it is removed quickly.



Crime Down for the Summer

By Ron Alvarado

Good news this summer, in that our neighborhoods experienced 84 fewer reported crimes than last summer. From June through August of this year there were 102 reported crimes, with larceny theft leading the way. Last summer 186 crimes were reported, and again larceny thefts lead the way. Compared to last summer the College Glenn neighborhoods experienced 45% fewer reported this past summer. Concerned neighbors, an active Neighborhood Association and the cooperation of the Sacramento City Police Department all come together to reduce crime. Let's keep it up!

Crime	June – August 2007	June – August 2006
Assault-Felony	5	10
Assault-Misdemeanor	8	6
Auto Theft	18	30
Burglary-Business	1	6
Burglary-Other	2	0
Burglary-Residence	10	21
Burglary-Vehicle	9	35
Drugs/Narcotics	2	7
DUI	1	4
Graffiti	4	1
Larceny Theft	30	37
Robbery-Other	2	3
Robbery-Purse	1	1
Robbery-Residence	0	3
Vandalism	9	21
Weapon Offense	0	1
Total	102	186

Street Repair Moves Ahead



City maintenance crews have been busy applying a top coat of asphalt paving over distressed areas of neighborhood streets. According to Shawn Hodson with the City Department of Transportation, the goal is to seal the pavement so that when the rain comes, it does not soak into the paving base and weaken it. They also have laid new paving down the center of some streets to restore the crown and insure that water will drain to the gutters. Hodson said that next spring the streets will be seal coated to cover all the patchwork.

CGNA to Host Tailgate for CSUS Homecoming Oct 13.

The Association has accepted an invitation by Sac State to join in their Homecoming Festival, Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007. The CGNA will be hosting a pre game tailgate party as part of the Homecoming Festival. Look for the Association Banner at the Parking Lot next to the Alumni Center. The Association will start serving at 11:30am. We will provide the hot dogs, chili, salad, chips, dip and soft drinks. The University will also be celebrating Herky the Hornet's 60th Birthday that day. There will be live music by Mumbo Gumbo, a Kids Zone with jump houses and carnival games, ice cream and more. We ask that you bring a lawn chair and join us in supporting this local University sports program and have a morning of fun and camaraderie with fellow alumni and neighbors. Please RSVP at 383-6621 if you plan to attend so that we can prepare ample food.

CSUS Traffic and Parking Highlights

University Transportation and Parking System officials report that the on campus facilities were sufficient to accommodate the first week of the fall semester parking needs without the use of overflow parking at off campus locations.

The Hornet Express, the campus bus system, had 6000 riders the first week of school.

The improvements at La Riviera and College town Drive appear to be helping traffic move thru the intersection.

However, the west bound on ramp from Hornet Drive to Highway 50 remains congested from mid afternoon to early evening during traffic metering. Use alternate routes if possible.

CSUS Increases Student Housing Options

California State University Sacramento is moving to reduce campus traffic and parking needs by providing more alternatives for living on or near campus and making walking, cycling, and mass transit viable options to driving.

During the summer, Foley Hall, one of the older dormitories on campus, was demolished to make room for a new 600 bed dormitory with a mix of suites, apartments, and studios. When open in July, 2009 the campus will have accommodations for an additional 400 students on campus. Over time, the other existing dorms will be replaced with new facilities. The goal is to have on-campus housing for 2500 students.

CSUS has assumed management of the recently completed Upper Eastside Lofts project at 65th and Folsom Boulevard. This 450 bed facility is a popular housing option for CSUS students because of its close proximity to the campus and Light Rail.

GOAL!

BAC Soccer Season Begins

The 2007 soccer season started at Oki Park on Friday, September 7. As tradition dictates, the first games are on Friday evening with the youngest groups first. The co-ed toddler program emphasizes sportsmanship and sharing. The players take turns playing the various positions and when not on the field they cheer on their team. The games are fun, exciting and definitely un-predictable. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come out and enjoy the games.



A Day of Giving

The College Greens Wash & Dry will host their first annual Day of Giving charity event on Saturday, October 20, 2007 at the Laundromat on 3309 Julliard Drive. The theme for the day will be "Let's Wash Away Homelessness!" The College Greens Wash & Dry will donate 100% of their day's profits to the Sacramento Area Emergency Housing Center. There will be raffles for prizes, refreshments, music, and a box for donation items. All proceeds and donated items will go to the Sacramento Area Emergency Housing Center. For more information and for donation of items call 381-8042.

Association to Advocate for Tot Lot Ordinance and State Funded Pre-School

The Association is establishing an advocacy committee to assist in reviewing and securing community support for legislative and policy issues. There are two issues currently under consideration. First is the City's Tot Lot Playground Ordinance. An ordinance to restrict use of city playgrounds to children within the age groups for whom the playgrounds were designed (and their caretakers) is being proposed in the City's Law and Legislative Committee. The ordinance, as we understand it, is intended to stop misuse of City playground equipment intended for children between the ages of two and twelve.

The second issue of interest concerns State Funded Pre-School for all Three to Five year olds. The committee will be asking our legislative representatives to develop State supported, pre-kindergarten for all of California's youth and not just those eligible for early intervention services under Title 14/Section 95000 of the Government Code. The issue has come to the attention of the Association as the result of the Sacramento City Unified School District's denial of the Association's request to expand the parent participation pre school and toddler programs at Thomas Jefferson in favor of a State Start program that serves at risk students from outside of our neighborhoods.

The Association intends to use the Bancroft/Jefferson issues to demonstrate the need for legislation to protect neighborhoods first right of access to facilities intended to serve the needs of neighborhood children. The Association believes that inequities of funding exist for public pre-school and toddler services. This denies neighborhood children between the ages of two and five, equal access to early childhood services at neighborhood public schools. For details of the basis for the Association's concerns see "Request for Afternoon Toddler/Pre School Programs Denied" page 4).

Further information about joining committees and contributing suggestions will be announced in the next newsletter and on our web page at collegeglen.org.

CGNA Summer Events and Traditions

This was our 14th Jazz in the Park at Oki Park. It is the place to be for Jazz and familiar faces on Fathers Day in the College-Glen Neighborhood. For some it has become the Dad's Day Reunion place. Long time residents with their families come to the park after dinner for socializing and great music. Music Momma, Lisa Phenix, provided a special concert for the toddler and pre-school guests during the Jazz band's intermission.

The Association is especially pleased that so many young families joined us this year for our National Family Night Out. National Family Night Out is a joint effort by our Association and Councilmember Kevin McCarty to bring together members of our community and those who provide for our safety during the year together for an evening of fun. The Association uses this event to demonstrate to the local police, fire department, and other City services how much the community appreciates their support during the year. This year our guests from the City included Executive Lieutenant Don Rehm, Sergeant Hugh McGee, POP Officer Bryce Heinelin, Officer Dustin Smith and his K9 partner Apollo, Sergeant Don Davis and his mounted partner George, and Officer Dave Turner and his mounted partner Loot. In addition to the police officers, Fire Station 60 and Fire Prevention Officers Steve Bodick and Frances John joined us for the evening.

The Association was able to provide these events at no cost to our community because of the support we receive from City Services through Kevin McCarty's office, our business sponsors all of which are listed on the back of our news letter, and our dedicated volunteers. The Association thanks the Olivet, Hastings, Bennington and Notre Dame families for their support, cooperation and help hosting National Family Night Out as well as board member Mark Ravera for the music and sound system and TNT/Freedom/Red Devil Fireworks for all of the fire works.



The bounce house is a favorite attraction every year.

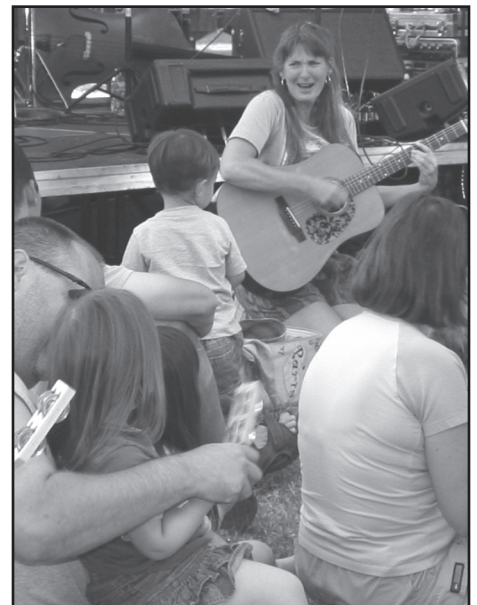
More Highlights



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Thank you to our neighborhood law enforcement for watching over us every day.



Music Mamma has the little ones singing.



Getting to know the K9 unit. Good doggie.



Free hot dogs, chips and drink keep offered by CGNA volunteers.



Sit back, relax, and enjoy some jazz!

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Thanks again for your help!

Saying "Goodbye"

It is with sadness that we share the passing of Marianne Tiebout, a long time neighborhood resident and wife of our Association Treasurer Neil Tiebout. Marianne and her family struggled with her Multiple Sclerosis for the past 23 years with grace and determination. The Association sends its condolences to the family.

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