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Association Considers Area Security Cameras

After a significant number of reported weekend auto burglaries, vandalisms, and petty thefts in the Lido Circle area within a short time frame, Sacramento Police Department Lieutenant Glen Faulkner concluded it was time to bring the City's mobile surveillance camera to the area. The presence of the surveillance cameras resulted in no burglaries during the two-week period. However, when the camera and signs were removed, the burglaries started up again. The obvious conclusion was that the camera and the related signs were an effective deterrent for area crime.

The CGNA has made inquiries regarding camera options for our neighborhood. The Sacramento City Police Department has an LPR (license plate reader) camera program. SPD is willing to partner with our neighborhood to develop a pilot program that would be a model for other neighborhoods wanting cameras. The estimated cost for each LRP with installation is \$20,000. The goal of the program would be to have security cameras at each of the 5 entrances/exits to the neighborhood in approximately the same locations we currently have Neighborhood Watch Signs. The LRPs would be built by the SPD, installed by the City, and be available to the City Police when crimes occur within our neighborhood boundaries.

Two questions must be answered before we proceed. First, will the community support having surveillance cameras with the capacity to read license plates on the perimeter of the CGNA boundaries to aid in area crime prevention? Second, will the community help finance the neighborhood's share of the cost for the LRPs and installation? For a more detailed proposal of the camera locations see *Support for Area Surveillance Cameras on page 11*.

Please complete the enclosed post card and return it with your position on the use of area surveillance cameras to aid in reducing area crime.

The LPR Pod (license plate reader) shown has three cameras providing coverage from multiple points of view. Arrows indicate the placement of cameras on the unit. This unit is located at Martin Luther King (MLK) Blvd and Broadway in Sacramento.



CGNA's National Family Night Out Friday, June 26th at 7:30 pm

Come celebrate National Family Night Out and freedom in America with your friends and neighbors. This year the National Family Night Out program will include a blend of traditional and contemporary American music provided by Bowdian Court's own D.J. Charlie White. From 7:30 pm to 8:15 pm the Association will provide complimentary refreshments including hot dogs, chips, and soda with dessert being served at 8:30 pm.

Don't miss this opportunity to visit with your neighbors, elected representatives and their staff members, the Station 60 crew, members of the Sacramento City Police Department, CGNA Board, and many of our CGNA Sponsors. Returning this year is cookie decorating with Cathy, the Bakery Manager at Raley's, and Steve, Raley's General Manager. There will also be face painting, balloon art, hair chalking, crafts, games, and pets from the College Greens Pet Center.

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

There is no charge to attend this neighborhood event, which is sponsored by the College Glen Neighborhood Association, Council District 6, City of Sacramento Neighborhood Services, and our local business sponsors.

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Bancroft Coming Up On 50 Years

From the Staff at Bancroft Elementary School

The year 2016 will mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of Hubert H. Bancroft Elementary School. For nearly half a century, Bancroft has provided a strong and engaging academic program in a welcoming and safe environment for children in kindergarten through sixth grade in the neighborhoods of Glenbrook and College Greens and the surrounding areas. While the size of the school has fluctuated somewhat over the years due to boundary changes and the influx or departure of families, Bancroft currently serves 540 students and is going strong.

Many of our students are children of parents who attended Bancroft when THEY were children. The continued existence of family generations at this school speaks to its success and the ongoing support of the neighborhood. We will be having a special event next year to celebrate Bancroft's history and the people who have contributed to its achievements. If you would like to be "in the loop" for this event, please call the school office at 382-5940. You may want to attend, provide pictures or information pertaining to its history, or help with planning and organizing the festivities. Either way, we would love to hear from you.

Greetings from Rosemont High School!

By: Elizabeth Vigil, Interim Principal

Among the many great things happening at Rosemont this year, sports continue to be in the news! Our wrestling team earned a section title – the first section title for any sport in Rosemont's history! Our boys demonstrated teamwork and a can-do spirit throughout their season, so this was well deserved. So far, our spring sports teams are dominating early league play. Our varsity boys' baseball team is 7 and 1! We're looking forward to winning seasons for all of our spring sports teams. We also hired a new varsity football coach – Rosemont resident and Einstein Middle School teacher Tom McKenna. Tom has been an assistant football coach at Rosemont for several years and has worked extensively with junior football here in the Rosemont area. He is planning to build and expand our program – placing a focus on academics as well as character and teamwork on and off the field. We continue to acquire a host of high-quality teachers who are also actively involved on campus.

As hard as it is to believe, we are rapidly winding down the school year! Families enjoyed the Essence of Rosemont on April 10th. The event was a showcase of Rosemont High School academics, clubs, and activities. Entertainment, food, activities for the kids, and an evening movie provided plenty of opportunities for kids and families to enjoy an evening together. The 5K Scholarship Run is Saturday, April 25th and Our Freshman/Sophomore Fundraiser Dinner is May 8th from 5 to 9 pm in the cafeteria.

Lots coming up! For more information on these and many other important dates, visit Rosemont.scusd.edu.

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

Registration for the pre-school and toddler program is underway in Room 2 at Thomas Jefferson School, 2635 Chestnut Hill Drive. The toddler class for 2 and 3 year-olds meets on Friday morning from 8:30am to 11:15am. Parent participation is required. The morning pre-school class is a four-day a week class meeting Monday through Thursday from 8:30am to 11:15am. The afternoon pre-school class is a daily class, Monday through Friday, meeting from 12:00pm to 2:45pm. Both pre-school programs are held in Room 2 at Thomas Jefferson School. One day each week of parent participation is required. For more information about these programs or to arrange for a classroom visit contact the instructor, Paula Lynch, at 247-3335 or the program's Principal, Susan Gilmore, at 277-6625.

During the summer registration for the toddler and pre-school programs will be at the McClaskey Center at 5241 J Street. Registration for both the Bancroft Early Kinder and Kindergarten Programs is at the District's Serna Center at 5735 47th Avenue.

The Bancroft Kindergarten program offers reading, writing, and number skills along with additional subjects. Students begin their day as a single class and then break into small groups. The progression gives each student the opportunity to develop individual and group skills. Computer skills have become essential for academic success. Every student is taught how to use a computer and is encouraged to be as comfortable with that tool as they are with a pencil and paper. If your child is ready for kindergarten this is the place to be.

The Bancroft Early Kinder program is one of the most sought out in the District. It is academically oriented and has an English Language Arts and math curriculum designed specifically for kindergarten transitioning. Instruction for this program is provided in Room 1 at Thomas Jefferson School.

For more information regarding the early-kinder and kindergarten programs call Bancroft School at 382-5940. These programs are in high demand and space is limited. You may contact the enrollment center at 643-2400 or www.scusd.edu.



Scrambled Eggs, Math Madness, Family Arts and Music Night

From the Staff at Bancroft Elementary School

At least 300 eggs met their demise as over 135 creative contraptions containing raw eggs were dropped from Bancroft's cafeteria roof by Principal Flores at the school's newly revived annual Egg Drop competition in early March. Students and families pooled their collective scientific and engineering skills to see if they could cushion their egg(s) to survive the fall. The rules were strict and many of the eggs remained solid and uncracked as the clever containers bounced and rolled. However, others definitely kersplatted when they hit the concrete. Anticipation was high as the crowd anxiously watched to see if the eggs were intact or in a runny, slimy mess as the packages were opened. Everyone cheered, and the event was a rousing success.

Improving math skills was the focus of March Math Madness as students competed against themselves in an effort to improve their math abilities. Every morning, with pencil and paper ready at 8:10 a.m., students school-wide focused on specific math exercises for a solid minute, trying to improve their skills each day. The "madness" ends with rewards for successful students (ice cream party and prize drawings) and a positive spin on how math can be fun!

Our thanks to those who attended the Family Arts & Music & Dance Night sponsored by the PTA on February 13th. Activities included tables full of hands-on art projects (thanks to the Crocker Art Museum and local area artists), face painting, dancing, a photo booth, snack bar, a silent auction, and more. It was all great fun. Proceeds went to support instruction for Bancroft's piano lab.



The egg drop contest is a classic experiment where competitors attempt to create a device that can keep a raw chicken egg intact when dropped from a certain height. The experiment is designed to help students learn about inertia, motion, and gravity.

St. Francis Fembots Compete in Robotics Challenge By Steve Shaff

The St. Francis Robotics Club, aka “The Fembots,” competed in the Sacramento Regional FIRST Robotics Challenge (FRC) Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21 at the UC Davis ARC Pavilion in Davis.

55 teams from across northern California competed in this challenge. The theme for the competition this year was “Recycling Rush” and each team’s robot was challenged with stacking up to six recycling totes on scoring platforms, capping those stacks with recycling containers, while disposing of pool noodles, representing litter. The Fembots ranked 14th of 55 teams in their specialty category “tote scoring” and received the Creativity Award sponsored by Xerox for their design centering on ingesting single totes and delivering as a full stack. Additional information on the game can be found at www.usfirst.org.



The Fembots have been competing as a regional team since 2001. They are one of only 35 all-female teams in the international organization. The St. Francis entry was a finalist in the Sacramento Regional last season, finishing second overall.

St. Francis is led by senior captains Katrina Morin and Zaire Johnson. Overall, the team is comprised of 22 students, who have been working on the project since the Kick-off date of Jan. 3 until Feb. 17. Under strict rules, limited resources, and time limits, teams are challenged to raise funds, design a team “brand,” hone teamwork skills, and build and program robots to perform prescribed tasks against a field of competitors. It’s as close to “real-world engineering” as a student can get. Volunteer professional mentors lend their time and talents to guide each team.

Have you Registered Your Support For the Association in 2015?

If you are a resident of the College Greens or Glenbrook community you are encouraged to registered your support for the College-Glen Neighborhood Association. You may use the form below to make a contribution and register that support. The suggested amount for residents remains \$10. Please mail your contribution and form to CGNA, P.O. Box 276474, Sacramento CA 95827. Our California Nonprofit Corporation Number is 1689161 and our Tax ID is 94-3153412.

Thank you for your support!

College-Glen Neighborhood Association 2015 Contribution Form

Support your community! Make a contribution today!

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____ Sacramento, CA 95826

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

Are you currently on the CGNA e-Notice list? Y N If not, may we add your e-mail to our list? Y N

E-mail _____

Please make checks payable to College-Glen Neighborhood Association. All amounts are appreciated.

Mail to: CGNA , PO Box 276474, Sacramento, CA 95827 Amount enclosed \$ _____

Thank you for your support!

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College Glen Little League Starts its 40th Year.

The league received its charter in 1974 as part of the American River Little League and the following year formed the College Glen league. Since then this all-volunteer league has had a significant presence in the neighborhood while producing a number of championship teams. In the 1980's and 90's coach Mike Pipe was acknowledged as the "winningest" Major coach with over 200 career wins, including dozens of trips to the District 5 Tournament of Champions where his teams won the 1983, 85, 86, and 90 championships. More recently, coach Mark Iwassa has taken his Major and Junior teams to the pennant five times in the last seven years, bringing home the TOC championship for College Glen from 2009-2013.

This year the league started its season with the traditional parade from the Raley's parking lot traveling down Occidental Drive lead by the Sacramento City Police and Station 60 Fire Engine followed by the team floats. The floats, numbering 22 this year, coaches, family members, and players then assembled at the field where the 250 players were individually introduced and greeted by the league president, Darren Dettman, as each player ran the bases. After all the players were introduced Abby Karren sang the National Anthem and then the games began.

Games are scheduled for play every day except Friday and Sunday through May 30th. The community is welcome to come and enjoy this community activity. For more information and specific schedules visit www.collegeglenlittleleague.com on line.



Spring Testing Gets Underway in SCUSD Schools

By Janet Weeks, SCUSD Communications Manager

Students, put down your No. 2 pencils.

This month, students in Sacramento City Unified School District's 73 schools will take new interactive state tests on computers.

Students in grades 3-8 and 11 will take the online Smarter Balanced Assessments in math and English. The assessments are aligned with California's new rigorous standards for learning. Students will also take paper-and-pencil science exams.

"We're making some of the most far-reaching changes to public education ever," Superintendent Tom Torlakson told reporters at Sutter Middle School on March 10. "We're here today to mark one of those changes, our new assessments."

Last year, students participated in a pilot year for the new assessments – a "test of the tests." Because it was a pilot year, results from these tests were not reported to schools or families.

Results will be reported this year. Torlakson cautioned against comparing the Smarter Balanced Assessment results with scores from the past testing system known as STAR.

"This year's test results will only establish a



baseline," Torlakson said. "No teacher or parent should be discouraged by the scores."

SCUSD Superintendent José L. Banda praised teachers and students for their work to prepare for testing.

"Preparing our schools and our students for the new Common Core Standards and the new Smarter Balanced Assessments has been quite a challenge," he said. "I'm very proud of our hard-working students and teachers who are meeting this challenge with persistence and grace."

For more information, visit www.scusd.edu/testing.

Sacramento CASA Volunteers Make a Difference

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

The office of Sacramento Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is located within the Carol Miller Justice Center on Bicentennial Circle, near the western border of the College Glen Neighborhood. Sacramento CASA is an organization dedicated to improving the lives of our county's foster youth.

Sacramento CASA volunteers are "the eyes and ears of the court, advocating on a one-to-one basis for the best interest of children in the Sacramento County foster care system." They provide stable and caring support for the foster youth to whom they are assigned. They answer questions, stand up for educational rights, serve as mentors, ensure visits with siblings, and celebrate birthdays and other milestones such as grade promotions or even high school graduation. CASA volunteers also help these youths "navigate the system" to find permanent, safe and stable homes and to acquire the skills needed for independent living.

I joined Sacramento CASA in 2008. Following thorough training by Sacramento CASA's professional staff and by specialists who joined in the training sessions, my cohort of CASA volunteers was sworn in. Over the intervening years, I have been assigned to several cases. It has been a privilege to represent the youths and help them celebrate important occasions.

CASA volunteers do "make a difference" in the lives of foster youth. For more information about Sacramento CASA (including information on how you can become a CASA volunteer or otherwise contribute to the organization) please visit the Sacramento CASA Web site at <http://sacramentocasa.org/> or call the CASA Office at 875-6460.



"CASA volunteers provide a critically needed voice in court for abused and neglected children. They help right the wrongs committed upon these vulnerable children and give them deserved respect and protection. The only problem is that we don't have nearly enough of them." Kenneth G. Peterson, Former Presiding Judge, Sacramento County Juvenile Court.

Thursday Lunch at the Palmiter Culinary Café

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

One of my favorite SCOE programs is the student-run Culinary Café. Taught by a professional chef who is also a credentialed teacher, this program teaches students in grades 9-12 almost every aspect of restaurant service from food handling and safety to customer service and of course menu planning and food preparation.

The café serves a wonderful 3-course lunch for only \$7 on most Thursdays during the school year. Each week the cuisine of a different region is featured. For example, at the end of February the menu included southern style baked oysters, fried chicken, mac and cheese, braised collard greens and sweet potato pie. (My lunch companions agreed the pie alone was worth \$7.) Recently we enjoyed an Indian menu including samosas, curried chicken, basmati rice, spinach and Indian dessert cake. Upcoming menus feature Mexican food: tortilla soup, chicken and cheese enchiladas, rice, beans and flan for dessert. After that is Italian: caprese salad, lasagna al forno, grilled vegetables and Italian cherry cake. Are you getting hungry?

Please consider supporting these students by coming to the Café for lunch. It is located on the campus of Palmiter Jr/Sr High School at 2040 Ethan Way, just south of Cottage Way, near Arden Fair Mall. Reservations are required: call 228-2039. For more information and menus, visit www.scoe.net/culinarycafe.

Smarter Balanced Assessment System

By Thomaysa Glover, Area 5 Trustee, Sac Co Bd of Ed

Greetings and Happy Spring. It's that time of year. Spring has sprung and so has the time for the results of this year's student assessments. Starting in the 2014/2015 school year, all schools in California will use the Smarter Balanced Assessment System (SBAC). According to the California Department of Education, "the Smarter Balanced Assessment System will utilize computer adaptive test and performance tasks to allow students to show what they know and are able to do. This system is based on the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics." In other words, students will use a computer or tablet to take tests focused on the Common Core State Standards.

The Smarter Balanced Assessment will test students in English and math for grades 3-8 and 11. The tests are designed to measure student progress toward college and career readiness. The Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) will provide the SBAC for all SCOE schools as well as provide support and information about Smarter Balanced to our local districts. Late in the summer, statewide results will be posted. Districtwide results will be posted 4-8 weeks after the district completes testing.

Smarter Balanced is guided by the belief that a balanced, high quality assessment system can improve teaching and learning by providing information and tools for teachers and schools to help students succeed. This is a lofty goal, but, if reached, will only mean huge gains for all students.

Please Promote Civic Education in Our Local Schools

By David W. Gordon, Sac Co Superintendent of Schools

The Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) recently hosted several awards ceremonies honoring hard working students for excelling in outstanding programs that promote civic education. Watching proud students accept medals for Mock Trial, Moot Court and History Day made me feel that we are progressing in our efforts to teach young people about the importance of civic engagement.

However, we have a long way to go. In order to truly benefit society, we need more student participation in these programs as well as committed school and community support.

I was honored to Co-Chair the California Task Force on K12 Civic Learning, which produced a report providing a framework for the State as it updates the Social Studies standards. The report outlines several best practices for civic education: teaching civics in a more engaging manner, emphasizing current events, promoting simulations such as mock elections and moot court, and expanding civic learning to after school programs, just to name a few. By following these practices, we can give our students a voice even beyond our campuses.

However, we cannot expect our young people to become more engaged in the process unless adults lead the way. I urge you to talk to your local school leaders and ask them to adopt policies guaranteeing more students access to civic education and civic learning opportunities. We need to engage parents, students and community leaders to champion the importance of civic education. Our students and communities will benefit from these efforts.

A New President for Sac State

The California State University Board of Trustees has announced the appointment of Robert S. Nelsen, Ph.D., to become the next president of California State University, Sacramento. Nelsen holds a bachelor's and master's degree in Political Science from Brigham Young University and a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago's Committee on Social Thought. Nelsen will succeed Alexander Gonzalez, Ph.D., who will retire at the end of June after 12 years in the Sacramento State presidency. Nelson, the former president of the University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg, Texas, will assume his new position as leader of Sacramento State in July.



Enjoy the Parkway and Our Parks

From the Desk of Supervisor Susan Peters

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

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

And if you need quick access online to find specific recreational facilities like dog parks, swimming pools (and lessons), community centers, trails, arts and culture, golf, horseback riding, tennis courts and more remember all sorts of information is available at yoursacparks.com! This website is a one stop gateway to fun and recreation where you can reserve a facility for your next family or business function, make a tee time, sign up to volunteer, or improve your health and fitness. The result of a partnership of 19 local recreation and park agencies including Sacramento County's Department of Regional Parks, the website's goal is to help connect you with the beautiful parks and recreational services available in our area.

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

Building on My Commitment to You

From the desk of Assemblymember Dr. Richard Pan

The new legislative session is well underway, and I have introduced legislation that will go a long way to protect our community. One such measure is SB 277 to protect us from dangerous, vaccine-preventable diseases such as measles.

Since the Disneyland measles outbreak that has infected 142 people nationwide, parents have been speaking up. I hear every day from parents who are concerned that growing numbers of unvaccinated students are jeopardizing public health and putting their own children at risk unnecessarily. And I'm reminded of my commitment to you – to keep our communities safe and healthy. SB 277 would repeal the personal belief exemption that currently allows parents to avoid legally required vaccines when their children enroll in our schools.

As a parent and pediatrician, I respect the very personal decisions that parents make for their children every day. But the decision whether to vaccinate a child impacts not only that child alone; it also affects all other children in the school and our community. Many in our community cannot be immunized, including young infants, chemotherapy patients and those with HIV, and these vaccine-preventable diseases are even more dangerous if not kept at bay.

Please visit my website www.senate.ca.gov/pan, to learn about legislative developments as they happen. Also, I want to help ensure your state government works for you, so please do not hesitate to contact my office. Please reach my office by phone at 651-1529, or by email at [Senator. Pan@senate.ca.gov](mailto:Pan@senate.ca.gov).

Congressional Update

From the Desk of Congresswoman Doris Matsui

For the 114th Congress I was honored to be elected by my peers as a Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues. Since 1977, the Women's Caucus has been a source of bipartisan cooperation among women Members, as we work together to address important issues facing women and families.

Recently, on behalf of the Women's Caucus I led a bipartisan letter to House leadership, expressing support for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). CHIP was created in 1997, and has since helped bring the number of uninsured children in our country to a record low. In the letter, we call for Congress to act on CHIP extension legislation now to ensure that States have the ability to plan for 2016 enrollments, and parents have the time to plan their family budgets and doctor visits in advance.

Earlier this year bipartisan legislation that I introduced with my Women's Caucus co-chair Congresswoman Kristi Noem (R-SD) was passed by the House. This bill, the Human Trafficking Prevention, Intervention, and Recovery Act, works to better prevent and intervene when trafficking or attempted trafficking occurs, and opens additional resources for survivors who are attempting to recover.

It is always a pleasure to work with my fellow women Members of Congress. I believe our experiences give us common ground to work from – regardless of political party – in order to pass strong, bipartisan legislation. I look forward to working closely with our biggest class of women Members yet to advance issues that matter most to women and families.

Getting to Work

From the Desk of Eric Guerra,
Sacramento City Councilmember-Elect

I would first like to express my sincerest gratitude and say thank you to the College Greens and Glenbrook communities for this opportunity to serve and represent you in City Hall. As I mentioned to many of you as I knocked on your doors during the campaign – improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods is vital to the success of our city.

Even though I will not be sworn in to office until the end of the month, I am committed to getting to work for our district. The current District 6 staff is available to answer questions and address constituent concerns. I am still awaiting a city email address but I can be reached at www.cityofsacramento.org or the office mainline at 808-7006.

In the immediate future, the city's plan to close "4th R" programs in our neighborhood is an issue I am aware of and already focusing on resolving. This program has enabled so many families to join the workforce, while providing a positive environment for our youth.

I look forward to working with you as other issues unfold. Again, please don't hesitate to contact my office with your questions or concerns. I'm excited about this opportunity and looking forward to getting to work.



Free Shade Trees Help SMUD Customers Lower Electric Bills

By Gregg Fishman, SMUD Ward 3 Director

SMUD can't offer you a discount for your Arbor Day celebration. It's not that we have anything against Arbor Day or tree-planting parties.

The simple reason we can't offer a discount is that SMUD already provides free shade trees, all year long.

Arbor Day's origins go back to 1805 when a Spanish priest encouraged local villagers to plant trees. It's been celebrated in the United States since 1872, typically occurring on the final Friday in April. This year, Arbor Day is April 24.

In College Glen and other neighborhoods, trees are a beloved part of the Sacramento landscape. They're easy on the eyes. Through photosynthesis, they convert carbon dioxide into the oxygen. The shade from mature trees helps reduce a home's energy use by as much as 40 percent during the summer months.

To spread these benefits around, SMUD and the Sacramento Tree Foundation have provided more than 500,000 free shade trees since forming the Sacramento Shade program in 1990. SMUD was the first utility in the nation to establish a large-scale tree planting effort and is a perennial winner of the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree Line USA award.

A recently developed online tool makes it easier than ever to order free shade trees. Click ArborDay.org/SMUD to get started on the "Energy-Saving Trees" page. As you'll see, a wide variety of species are available. If you'd prefer to speak to a community forester directly, call 974-4300. Either way, trees are delivered at no cost to the customer's residence.

Happy Arbor Day – every day.



Interested in a free shade tree for your yard? Visit ArborDay.org/SMUD to learn more about the free shade tree program.

Tree Health

By Moira Little, State Farm

Trees are beautiful additions to any property – if they're healthy, that is. Unhealthy trees can shed limbs or topple over, harming your home or family members along the way. Just because a tree isn't looking its best doesn't mean it's a goner. Learn the symptoms of sick and dead trees so you can choose the best course of action.

Give your Trees a Checkup: A sick or dying tree can display a variety of easy-to-spot symptoms that may help you save it before it's too late. Here are some things to look for: Leaves: Generally, the tree should have a full, lush crown. If a tree's leaves begin to fall off before autumn, it's a primary indicator of a problem. Leaves on an unhealthy tree sometimes will stay attached but may discolor or simply shrivel up. Branches: Dead limbs are a big red flag. If you notice the growth is lopsided or unusual, this also could mean there is a serious problem on the desolate portion of the tree. Trunk: Look for cracks or large holes in the trunk that may be accompanied by flaky, weak or missing bark. Sawdust around the base of your tree may also be a sign the carpenter ants have moved in. Roots: Your tree should have a healthy "root flare" – the base of the trunk where the tree swells and roots dive underground. Trees with no root flare indicate a problem: fungus or mushrooms growing around the trunk may signal decay. Call a Professional: If any of these signs are present on your tree, don't try to fix the problem yourself. Your best and safest option is to call a local tree service company. An arborist should be able to tell you what the problem is and describe the steps to take to save the tree – or recommend its removal if it's a lost cause.

These hints provide suggestions and are not a complete list of loss control measures. If falling limbs or trees have damaged your home, you should contact your insurance agent as soon as possible. If you believe you have a dead or dying tree you should check with your insurance company on issues related to liability and coverage. Every insurance company has their own policies and coverage provisions.



First Quarter Neighborhood Crime and More Police Presence By Ron Alvarado

As Chief Sam Somers reported to our Association meeting on March 5, the College Glen neighborhood area is now included in a more compact portion of City Police Beat #6. Specifically, we are within Beat 6E, which encompasses the area between Watt Avenue on the east to roughly Elvas Avenue on the west. Previously, our Beat area had stretched west all the way to Alhambra Boulevard. We are grateful to the Police Department for this more compact Beat area, which allows a greater police presence in our area.

The reported crime statistics below reflect a portion of the Beat 6E area, focusing on the area roughly bounded by Watt Avenue, Folsom Boulevard, College Town Drive and the American River. As such, they reflect more detail on our specific neighborhoods and not the total Beat 6E

area. This should provide our Association membership with a more accurate and focused representation of crime within our neighborhoods and not “spill over” into areas not traditionally within the College Greens/College Glen area.

Crimes Jan 1 through Mar 31	Actual Number Reported	% of total crimes reported
Aggravated Assault	3	5.7%
Burglary-Commercial	4	7.5%
Burglary-Motor Vehicle	18	34.0%
Burglary-Residential	10	18.9%
Robbery-Commercial	4	7.5%
Shoplifting	1	1.9%
Theft-Motor Vehicle	13	24.5%
Total This Period	53	100%

Neighborhood Watch Update

By Diane Hussey

The Neighborhood Watch held a meeting on April 16 to discuss Neighborhood Walk Patrols. Designated zones for volunteers to walk were identified. In addition, Barbara Falcon shared her slide presentation on neighborhood patrols, helped walk us through ideas for our walk patrols, and shared her lessons learned from her own experience while patrolling her neighborhood.

In upcoming meetings we will be looking for volunteers to serve as Zone Captains. Zone Captains will organize the volunteers in their area, attend future Neighborhood Watch meetings, and keep their volunteers informed on what is happening in our neighborhood.

Thank you to The Hubert H. Bancroft Elementary School who graciously offered us meeting space in their auditorium. If you were unable to attend the meeting but would like to volunteer, please contact Diane Hussey at 833-5948.

Denison Court Shooter Sentenced to 160 Years

According to the Sacramento Bee and the Sacramento County District Attorney’s Office news release, the man convicted of attempted murder in the 2013 College-Greens, Denison Court shooting of four college students has been found guilty and sentenced to 160 years to life in prison. According to the report, the shooting took place on May 11, 2013, after a California State University, Sacramento, golf team’s party when the shooter and a number of his friends arrived uninvited. Following a number of altercations with hosts and neighbors, the uninvited guests left. Subsequently, the shooter returned, drew his gun and shot four of the college students. The jury found the shooter guilty of premeditated attempted murder, assault with a firearm and committing the crime for the benefit of the Norteños criminal street gang.

Body in Parkway Not Recreation-related

From the Desk of John Havicon, Chief of the County’s Park Ranger Division

Visitors to the American River Parkway should always be alert of their surroundings and call local authorities at 875-7275 if they see something suspicious. If it is a life threatening situation, call “911.”

The recent discovery of a body in the American River Parkway was not recreation-related. Authorities have ascertained there was an evening party at a local hotel room off College Town Drive where an argument occurred and the victim ran to the river followed by the suspect who allegedly shot the victim. The incident occurred at approximately 11pm after the Parkway had closed. The death appears to have been a directed attack where the victim knew the suspect. The Sacramento Police Department conducted an investigation and the suspect is in custody.

The last homicide on the Parkway was about 3-years ago at Discovery Park, which officials determined had occurred elsewhere but the body was disposed of in the park.

Using your Cell
Phone During an
Emergency? Call
264-5151
to reach the
Sacramento City
Police Department



Call **911**
to reach the
California
Highway Patrol

Seeking Neighborhood Input for Area Surveillance Cameras

As reported on the front page of this newsletter, the CGNA is seeking feedback from the College-Glen Neighborhood on the current proposal for installing surveillance cameras in the College Greens and Glenbrook neighborhoods. The proposal is to mount a camera at each subdivision entrance in order to monitor traffic in and out of the neighborhood. The locations will be similar to that of the existing Neighborhood Watch signs installed by the Association in 2003. They include La Riviera at Howe Avenue, La Riviera at Watt Avenue, Notre Dame Drive at Folsom Boulevard, Julliard Drive at Folsom Boulevard, and Wissemann Drive at Folsom Boulevard. These areas are noted with a check-box on the map below. An additional camera on Julliard may be necessary to cover the multiple entrances to the shopping centers.

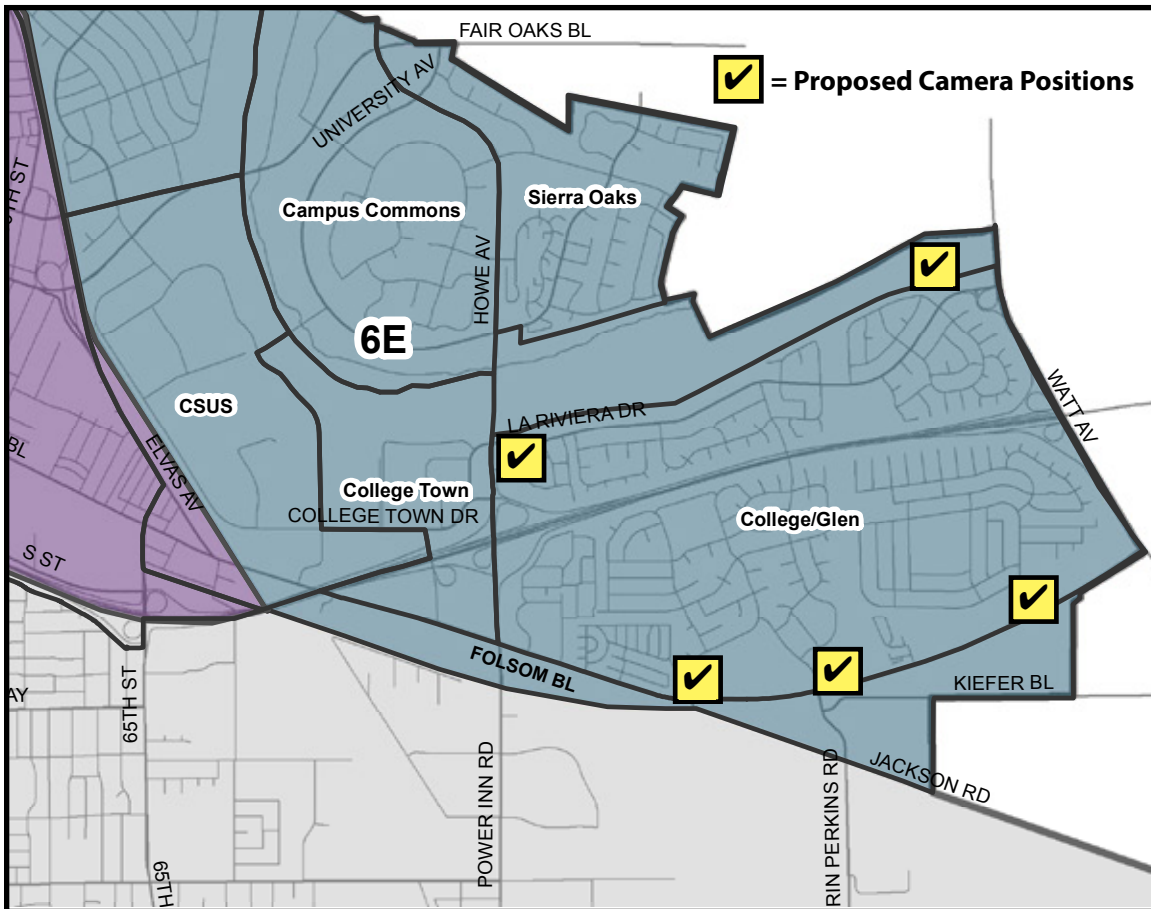
The estimated cost of the pilot program is \$120,000 to be shared, 50/50 with the police department. Options for the neighborhood's share of the funding currently under consideration are:

1) Community vote to support a one time \$25/property assessment for each area property owner similar to the process used to install street lights in the 1960's

2) Establish a 501 (C) (3) foundation and apply for grants and donations from the community

3) Attempt to recover some or all of the estimated \$160,000 Oki Cell Tower Funds moved to the General Fund by the Mayor and City Council since 2012.

Enclosed is a survey postcard intended to assist the Association and the Sacramento City Police Department in determining the level of community support for this pilot program. Please complete and return the survey postcard with your position regarding use of surveillance cameras to discourage area crime and the direction and level of financial support that you would be willing to support toward the program.



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Thank you for your support!

Illegal Dumper Caught on a Wire

By Dawn Carlson, Power Inn Alliance

Early morning March 17th The Power Inn Alliance Clean-Up Crew spotted a dump truck unloading tons of dirt and green waste onto private property. The Crew, knowing this property has been vacant for years, immediately took photos and reported it to the Alliance. But the act of illegal dumping wasn't what brought police and fire crews rushing to the scene. The driver caught the lifted truck bed on utility wires, nearly pulling them to the ground, knocking out power and telecommunications for hours.

Thankfully the Clean Up Crew has been trained how to look for and report suspicious and illegal activities. If they hadn't, the driver would have fled, leaving the community to pay expensive repair and clean up damages. The case is now in the hands of police and Sacramento City Solid Waste.

Quiet, dark streets such as this one on E. Railroad Avenue have long been magnets for illegal dumping, reinforcing the importance of people engaged in Neighborhood and Business Watch. Program emergency



numbers into cell phones. Note important information, including license plate, make and model, and person(s) description. Immediately report illegal dumping in progress to 911.

All found piles already dumped should be reported to 311. The longer it sits, the more it grows.

Ethic's Reform and Transparency in Sacramento

By Paula Lee, League of Women Voters of Sacramento County and Craig Powell, Eye on Sacramento

Eye on Sacramento (EOS) and League of Women Voters of Sacramento County (LWVSC) have launched a joint effort of their organizations to begin the conversation about implementing meaningful and effective ethics, transparency & redistricting reforms for Sacramento city government.

Measure L, the strong mayor proposal was defeated at the polls, however, supporters and opponents of the measure supported ethics, transparency and redistricting reform. After Measure L's defeat, Mayor Kevin Johnson appointed an ad hoc city council committee to develop ethics, transparency and redistricting reforms. Meetings of a council ad hoc committee, however, are not public meetings and aren't subject to California's open meeting law.

LWV and EOS seek a public process and began hosting a series of forums on these reforms to obtain ideas, opinions and feedback from Sacramento residents in each Council district. They have also issued a report surveying cities in California that have implemented these reforms. The schedule of remaining forums and this report is available on their websites: lwvsacramento.org and eyeonsacramento.org.

Following the forums, EOS and LWV will compile the public comments we receive and prepare draft legislative proposals (charter amendments and city ordinances) with city staff hoping to secure city council acceptance of the reforms via ordinance adoption and referral of charter amendments to the June 2016 ballot.

The public is also invited to the final forum, facilitated small group discussions, providing further input on these proposals to be held May 27th 6:30 p.m. at the Clunie Community Center in McKinley Park, 601 Alhambra Boulevard.

Spring Real Estate Update

By Linda Wood, Broker-Associate, Dunnigan, Realtors

Spring is here and the Real Estate market is hopping! We are experiencing a shortage of homes for sale with many qualified buyers looking to buy a home. We continue to see cash buyers in all price ranges. Buying a home in this market requires tenacity and patience. Homes that are priced correctly and show in their best possible way sell quickly and sometimes with multiple offers.

According to data from Metrolist Services, Inc., as of March 15, 2015, there have been 12 homes sold in College Glen this year at a median sale price of \$295,000. By comparison, there were 14 homes sold for the same period in 2014 at a median price of \$257,500.

People want to live in nice neighborhoods and College Glen fits that description in so many ways! We are centrally located with easy freeway access and public transportation. We ride our bikes and walk along the American River Parkway. We have parks, schools, shopping, and restaurants in our neighborhood. We have our own Little League and Cabana Club. All of these amenities make neighborhoods desirable. However, I believe our greatest strength is the people in our neighborhood. We have a strong neighborhood association. We enjoy neighborhood social events and attend candidate and political forums together. We support our neighborhood schools and Little League. We even meet online via sites like Nextdoor, Facebook, Little League, and Association websites. Thanks for your part in making this a great neighborhood!

CGNA Community Forum

The Association's Community District 6 Candidates Forum drew a full house in the Fire Station 60 garage. The evening began with socializing and light refreshments of brownies and sugar cookies by Linda Boyles, hot chocolate from McDonald's, and coffee from La Bou.

First on the agenda was a report on the Association's consideration of cameras at the 5 entrances into the College Greens and Glenbrook Neighborhoods. Next came the main attraction; the candidates for our District 6 Council seat, Eric Guerra and Bruce Pomer, introduced themselves. The candidates each shared how individual past experiences helped qualify them to serve our community and they discussed what each considered to be issues for our neighborhood.

After the candidate presentations, Sacramento City Police Chief Sam Somers Jr., Deputy Police Chief Ken Bernard and Lieutenant Glen Faulkner discussed the new patrol service area. The new area is about one-half that of the previous area and will have double the number of officers. Chief Somers also talked about the proposed pilot program for area security cameras and the effect Nextdoor.com has had in reducing area crime. Deputy Fire Chief Michael Bartley and Fire Captain Cathy Russell followed with a reminder to everyone that it is that time of year to change batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and to check fire extinguishers.

The formal presentations came to a close with a few words from our newly elected Senator Dr. Richard Pan and Assemblymember Kevin McCarty. Each representative provided an update on issues being discussed at the State Capitol. The remainder of the meeting time was conducted as an open forum, moderated by Senator Pan and Assemblymember McCarty, for questions and answers from the attendees.



CGNA Board Supports City Ethics and Transparency Reform

Eye on Sacramento (EOS) and the League of Women Voters of Sacramento County (LWVSC) both known for their focus on good government have joined forces in an effort to encourage public awareness, input and consideration of ethics, transparency and redistricting reforms in the City of Sacramento. The two groups have been hosting a series of meeting throughout the city.

Members of the CGNA Board attended the Council District 3 and District 6 Meetings. Subsequently, the CGNA Board was invited and agreed to support and join the other neighborhood associations endorsing this joint effort to establish a higher level of accountability and trust in our City's Governmental process.

New State Regulations for Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Effective July 1, 2014 the California State regulations for smoke detectors changed. For new and existing single and multiple family homes with repairs or alterations that require a permit for work exceeding \$1000, the smoke detectors must be upgraded. The law also applies to the transfer of any real property containing a single-family dwelling whether the transfer is made by sale or exchange.

The new code mandates the use of a unit with a 10-year life sealed battery. The law also mandates that all units, including the new 10-year life sealed units, must be replaced after 10 years beyond the manufacture's production date. Owners of existing homes may continue using their current units by changing out their batteries every 6 months for the next 10-years. However, by 2024, to be in compliance with code, every home must have units using a 10-year life sealed battery and those units must not be more than 10 years old.

The 10-year life units are now available at hardware and home supply stores. The Association hopes to include a full display of options of smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, and fire extinguishers as part of the National Family Night Out activities. The home safety industry estimates 1 in 3 homes in California needs their smoke alarms replaced and 2 out of every 5 homes in the state need carbon monoxide alarms. The Association found a number of options for compliance of these regulations. You may want to do some research before upgrading your system. Prices start at \$25.00 for basic units and go upward to \$200 plus for whole house systems.

Want to Know More About the CGNA? Go to www.collegeglen.org

If you have a question about the College-Glen Neighborhood Association you may find the answer on the CGNA website. The website has a map of the area and provides basic information such as a listing for the Association Officers and Board of Directors, current area events, Association efforts representing the community, listing of our sponsors via their business cards with a link to their website, how to become a business sponsor, colored copies of past and current CGNA Newsletters, useful area links, how to make a contribution to the Association, and how to contact the Association.

While the Association encourages area residents to participate in Nextdoor.com the media site is not part of the Association. Nextdoor is a partnership between Nextdoor and the Sacramento City Chief of Police, Sam Somers Jr. that is overseen by Jena Swafford, the SPD Social Media Coordinator. A number of individuals that participate in Association activities are also on Nextdoor.com. While the Association shares information with Nextdoor, the information posted on Nextdoor is not directed to the CGNA. The Association encourages area residents that have issues and information for the Neighborhood Association to go to the CGNA website and send their issues and information directly to the Association.

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Know Your Watering Days

IF YOUR ADDRESS IS: YOU CAN WATER ON:

Even house number → Wednesday and Sunday before 10am or after 7pm

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No watering Monday, Thursday, or Friday

State Capitol Update: The New 2015-16

Legislative Session

By Rebekah Cearley

With an improved State fiscal condition and a multitude of new members elected last November, the California State Legislature has begun its work for the new 2015-16 session. Members have introduced over 2,400 bills on a wide range of issues such as school and infrastructure funding, drought relief, public health issues, employee benefits, and more. These bills will be considered over the course of the next few months. College-Glen is represented in the State Legislature by Senator Richard Pan (SD 6) and freshman Assembly Member Kevin McCarty (AD 7), our former city council member. Both have been assigned to leadership positions: Senator Pan is chair of the Senate Public Employment and Retirement Committee, and Assembly Member McCarty is chair of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1 on Education Finance.

For his part, the Governor remains committed to fiscal restraint and prudent spending, cautioning against creating new programs until existing obligations are paid. This will be a critical issue as the Legislature and Governor decide this spring how to spend billions of additional revenues generated by economic recovery and temporary tax increases in the FY 2015-16 budget.

Regarding hot topics in legislation, Senator Pan has introduced SB 277, which would eliminate the personal belief exemption for immunizations. The bill would still permit an exemption from vaccinations for medical reasons. It has stoked significant public interest from California and beyond; even Robert F. Kennedy has weighed in to voice concern about the bill. SB 277 was set for its first hearing in the Senate Health Committee on April 8 and is sure to be a contentious issue as it moves through the legislative process.

22nd Annual Doggy Dash and Bark-in-the-Park Saturday, June 6, 2015

By Anna Zablah, Sacramento SPCA

It's time for the Sacramento SPCA's annual Doggy Dash fundraiser. Grab your pooch and head to Land Park for a scenic and fun walk to help raise money for the shelter animals. Come Rain or Shine!

Rick Johnson, Sacramento SPCA CEO, encourages everyone to come out with his or her best friends and walk or run the course. Then, stay and play with others at the Bark-in-the-Park. An estimated 5,000 pet owners will gather both with and without their canine companions to help raise funds for the over 11,500 homeless animals that the Sacramento SPCA will care for over the next year.

You do not want to miss this very special Sacramento tradition that has transformed into the largest pet-friendly event of its kind in Northern California. Mark your calendar now for the Sacramento SPCA Doggy Dash on Saturday, June 6th at the William Land Park, Village Green Area across from Sacramento City College. Site registration begins at 7:30 am with the Run/walk starting at 9:00 am with festival activities starting at 10:00 am. You may enter your canine pal in the Pup Show, Ruff Mutter or high-flying disc contest! Watch canine demonstrations, visit with pet-friendly businesses, learn about Sacramento-area animal rescue organizations, or sit back and just enjoy all of the action.

For additional information or advanced registration, visit www.sspca.org/dash. For questions about Doggy Dash, please call 504-2802 or email events@sspca.org.

150,000 and Counting!

By Lesley Kirrene, Sacramento SPCA

On Tuesday, February 24, (World Spay Day 2015) an adorable poodle-mix named Tom Cruise became the 150,000th animal to be altered by Sacramento SPCA surgeons since the shelter's high-quality, high-volume spay/neuter clinic opened its doors in 2007. The milestone surgery was cause for celebration for not only SPCA staff and volunteers, but for the greater Sacramento community as well. The SPCA's successful clinic alters more than 20,000 animals annually as the SPCA works to decrease the number of unwanted dogs and cats entering overburdened area shelters. Spay/neuter saves lives. Be a part of the solution. Spay/neuter your pets! For information on the SPCA's spay/neuter services, visit sspca.org/clinic.



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