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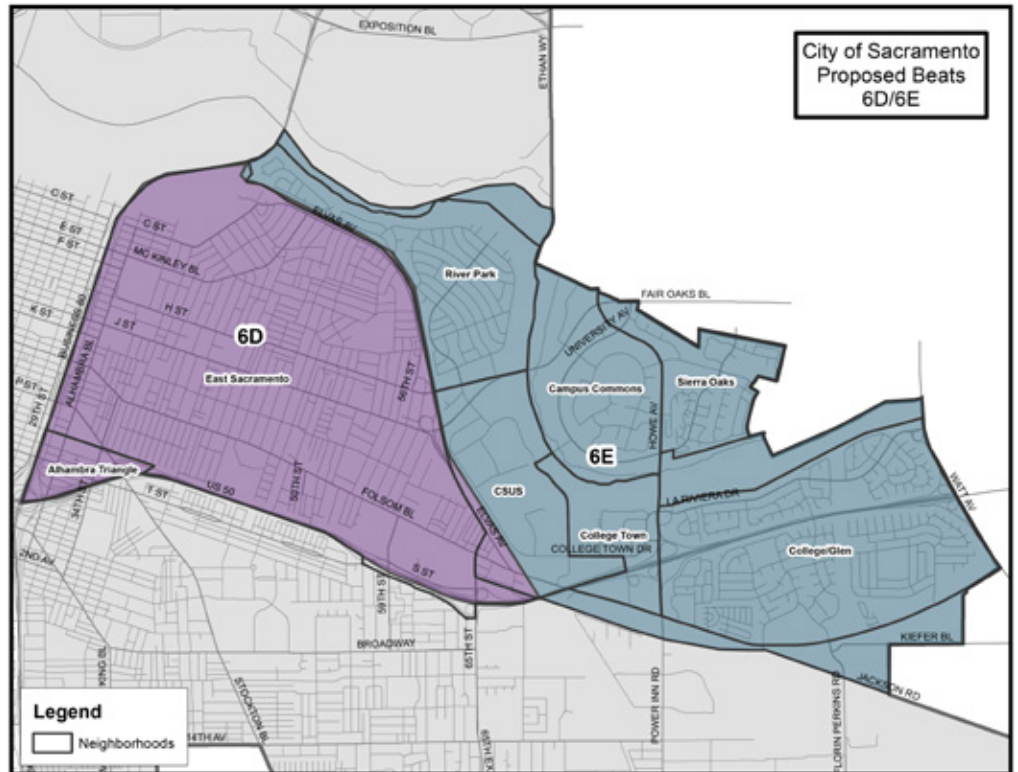
New Year Brings in Enhanced Police Patrol

By Ron Alvarado

Effective January 10 of this year, our College Glen neighborhoods became a more compact patrol district for the City Police District, ending a two year history during which our patrol district stretched all the way from Watt Avenue on the east to Alhambra Boulevard to the west. In fact, this district was the busiest police district within the City, with nearly 12,000 calls for police services from January 1 through August 21, 2014.

Our patrol district, 6E, will still be defined by Watt Avenue to the east, but will only go as far west as Elvas Avenue. There will be a minimum of two police officers assigned specifically to this area during each patrol shift, day, swing and late watch. District 6E, as seen on the map, also includes River Park, Campus Commons, Sierra Oaks, and the CSUS campus and college town areas.

The Association is grateful for the positive community relationship we have with the Sacramento Police Department and are appreciative of the efforts Police Lieutenants Alisa Buckley and Glen Faulkner, and to Chief Somers for ultimately approving the more efficient patrol district for our neighborhoods.



SPECIAL ELECTION

To Elect the Sacramento City Council Member Representing District 6
(which includes the College-Glen Neighborhood)

Tuesday, April 7, 2015

CGNA will host a forum with the two District 6 candidates on **March 5th**. Turn to page 11 for more information

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Time to Registration your Child for Fall 2015 Programs

Registration for the preschool and toddler programs begins in March in Room 2 at Thomas Jefferson School, 2635 Chestnut Hill Drive, until the end of the semester. During the summer registration for the pre-school and toddler programs will be at the McClaskey Center at 5241 J Street. Registration for the Bancroft Early Kinder and Kindergarten Programs will take place from January 20th through February 3rd at the Bancroft School Office at 2929 Belmar Street. Starting February 4th all registration will be at the District's Serna Center at 5735 47th Avenue. You may contact the enrollment center at 643-2400 or on the web at www.scusd.edu.

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 preschool class is a four-day a week class meeting Monday through Thursday from 8:30am to 11:15am. The afternoon preschool class is a daily class, Monday through Friday, meeting from 12:00 noon to 2:45pm. Both preschool 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 contact the instructor, Paula Lynch, at 247-3335 or 382-5963 or Susan Gilmore, Principal, at 277-6625.

Bancroft Elementary School is offering both Early Kinder and Kindergarten. The Bancroft Kindergarten program offers all of the traditional learning opportunities for reading, writing, and number skills along with additional subjects. Students start their day as single units and then break into small groups. The progression gives each student the opportunity to develop individual and group skills. Computer skills have become an essential skill 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.

Bancroft is in its fifth year of participating in the SCUSD's early-kinder program and it is one of the most sought out programs in the District. The Readiness Act of 2010 changed the eligibility age for kindergarten children from 5-years-old by December 2nd to 5-years-old by September 2nd. For those students displaced by the change in eligibility for kindergarten, the state established the transitional kindergarten program. The program is academically oriented and has a pre-kindergarten English Language Arts and math curriculum designed specifically for kindergarten transitioning. The class is part of Bancroft's instructional program. However, the instruction is provided in Room 1 at Thomas Jefferson School. For more information and to register for the early-kinder and kindergarten programs call Bancroft School at 382-5940.

All of these programs are in high demand and space is limited. Parents are encouraged to register early!

| Program | Where to register | |
|------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Preschool or Toddler | March-June 11 Thomas Jefferson Rm. 2 | Beginning June 12 McClaskey Center |
| Early Kinder or Kindergarten | January – February 3 Bancroft School | Beginning February 4 Serna Center |



Vision for SCUSD

By José L. Banda, SCUSD Superintendent

Sacramento is a city rich in history, diversity and creativity -- a city that respects its past while pushing toward a brighter future. As Superintendent of the Sacramento City Unified School District, I am honored to serve this vibrant community.

Our goal at SCUSD is to prepare every student to thrive in college and the workplace. As such, I am committed to ensuring equitable access, closing pervasive opportunity gaps and providing an excellent education to every single student.

Implementation of Common Core State Standards will help ensure that every student graduates with the knowledge and skills necessary to fully participate in our community. These standards detail what students should know and be able to do at every grade level. The math standards emphasize problem-solving over memorization. The English language arts standards focus on academic writing and deep reading. Although the new standards are more rigorous, we believe our teaching staff and our students are up for the challenge.

Of course, staff and students cannot perform at their highest without the support of families and the community. Engagement and involvement is critical to our success. There are many ways to become involved: Volunteer at a campus, attend school functions, join the PTA or PTO, and support fundraisers. Most importantly, take a few minutes to ask the children in your life what they are learning.

Sacramento is on the road to becoming one of the best mid-size cities in the country. It already has a truly great school district to get it started.

Making Civic Education a Central Focus in Our Schools

By David W. Gordon, Sac Co Superintendent of Schools

As a state, and as a nation, we are experiencing a political engagement crisis. This shouldn't come as much of a shock based on the dismally low voter turnout in our recent midterm elections.

I think we all agree our students need to understand more about their rights, responsibilities and duties as citizens, and realize they can make positive changes in their communities.

We must take serious and thoughtful steps to fix this problem. The recent State Task Force Report on K-12 Civic Learning is calling for a statewide program of civic education as a central focus rather than a single class typically reserved for 12th graders.

With education reform underway in California, we have an exciting opportunity to prioritize civic education in all of our schools, for all of our students. As school districts develop budgets using the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP), they can take a disciplined and concerted approach to identifying courses and programs that inspire civic engagement and instill democratic principles and dispositions in our youth.

Research shows there are broad benefits of high-quality, collaborative, robust civic learning including supporting college and career readiness, creating more positive school climates, decreasing dropout rates and supporting Common Core State Standards.

We owe it to our children to better prepare them to participate in our community.

Rosemont High School

By Elizabeth Vigil, Principal, Rosemont High School

Greetings from The New Rosemont High School! We hope all of you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season and will have nothing but good health and happiness in 2015!

We're always excited about an opportunity to share the great things that are happening for our students and staff. We hired a number of new teachers, classified staff and coaches this past fall. Every one of them brings a commitment to high expectations and a focus on social and emotional learning for all students. Our new teachers, all of whom were at the top of the field at their previous sites, are phenomenal additions to our content teams, and our faculty is working closely together to plan rigorous, high-quality instruction. Students and staff are feeling renewed positivity and a culture of community in every area of our campus. Each of our fall sports teams made it to the playoffs, and our winter sports teams are dominating their pre-season matchups. Enrollment projections are up, and families from around the district are visiting our campus to see what we have to offer! Word is spreading that "The New Rosemont" is a well-kept secret and is definitely a destination high school no matter where a student resides within SCUSD.

We will continue to provide updates and celebrations of on-going successes as we move into the second half of the school year.

Go Wolverines!

Bancroft Benefits from November Elections and Neighbors Holiday Boxes



Following the November general election, a number of candidates had offices filled with outdated election materials. These items needed to be disposed of before they could vacate their campaign offices. The Association put out the word that Bancroft Elementary School had a Big Dumpster. A number of candidates accepted the invitation to bring their paper goods to our recycling dumpster. In addition, a number of local residents brought their holiday magazines, boxes, and other paper goods to the dumpster during the winter break. As a result, Bancroft's recycling volume increased for November and December. This increased the recycling revenues being used to supplement the supply needs for the Bancroft faculty and students.

A Successful Year for Jesuit Robotics

By Mala Paul

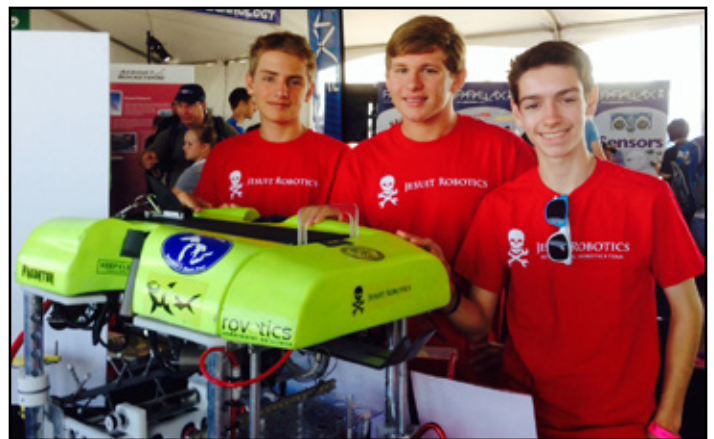
2014 was a great year for the Jesuit High School Robotics Team. Jesuit Robotics competed against 28 teams representing schools worldwide, and was named Overall Champion at the 13th annual Marine Advanced Technology Education (MATE) International Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) competition at the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary in Alpena, MI.

The 20-member team developed their ROV over the course of six months to accomplish a series of tasks and challenges defined by the MATE board, with a theme of exploring Great Lakes shipwrecks and preserving our national marine heritage sites.

The mission tasks simulated exploring, surveying and identifying a shipwreck, then conducting scientific studies and conservation activities around the wreck. Jesuit's robotics students machined nearly every major component on the vehicle, built unique printed circuit boards, wrote control software, and developed sensors and fiberglass buoyancy devices. The team also wrote a 25 page technical report and presented their ROV system to a panel of judges as a company seeking to win a business contract. Structured program management techniques were used to keep everything on track and they repeatedly practiced the many complex and time limited tasks required to successfully complete the challenge.

In addition to achieving the overall MATE championship, Jesuit High School also won the "Best Poster" competition, which presented the MATE challenge and Jesuit Robotics' solution to the general public. That poster was published in the prestigious Journal of Ocean Technology.

The team is now gearing up for this coming June, the 2015 MATE competition in Canada with the theme: "Science and Industry in the Arctic."



Operation Recognition: Honorary High School Diplomas

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

Many people don't know that service in our armed forces was not always "voluntary" as it is today. In fact, rather than waiting to be drafted during WWII, Korea and the Viet Nam conflict, many young men (and women) left high school before graduating in order to serve. To honor that sacrifice, the Sacramento County Office of Education has offered honorary high school diplomas to qualifying veterans who missed out on their own high school graduation. In addition, honorary high school diplomas are also offered to Japanese American citizens who were interned during their high school years. Over the past ten years, more than 100 honorary diplomas have been awarded in a beautiful ceremony held in May.

Do you know of a Veteran or Japanese American citizen from Sacramento County who might qualify? Even if the person is now deceased, families may honor the memory of a loved one with this recognition. Last year, one of our honorees was a young man who was killed in Viet Nam in 1965, but fondly remembered by his high school friend even after all these years.

Applications are due April 15 and this year's ceremony will be held on Tuesday, May 5. For more information, visit www.scoe.net/or or call 228-2416.

LCFF – The New State Funding System

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

I am happy to represent the residents of Trustee Area 5 on the Sacramento County Board of Education and hope that this information on the new Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) will be helpful to you.

In 2013, the State of California made significant changes to the way our public schools are funded. The new LCFF simplifies the funding process and strengthens local control and accountability. Local educational agencies (LEAs), like school districts, charter schools, and county offices of education, will receive funds based on local student demographics.

All LEAs must create a LCAP that describes annual goals and actions that will be implemented to meet eight state priorities and details how funds will be spent. LEAs are required to engage their parents and students annually in the process, creating a plan that addresses the current educational needs of all students in the local community. Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) provides training and technical support to districts in developing their LCAP. The LCFF regulations require that SCOE approve the LCAPs and budgets for districts within their county and then post links to this information on their website. You may view each of the district plans and additional information at <http://www.scoe.net/lcap/index.html>. Please plan to participate when your district begins annual updates to its LCAP this spring. This is your opportunity to have a say in the future of your community's schools.

Oluchi Okemiri named SCOE's 2015 Teacher of the Year

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

In December 2014, the Sacramento County Board of Education honored Oluchi Okemiri as the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) 2015 Teacher of the Year. Okemiri teaches a 4th-6th grade special day class for students with multiple and severe disabilities at Prairie West Elementary School, a program operated by SCOE within the Elk Grove Unified School District. She also serves as Teacher-in-Charge at Prairie West.

Okemiri earned her undergraduate degree in Linguistics at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, having originally planned to become a journalist. However, after coming to the United States, her career goal changed to education. She earned her Master of Science degree in Special Education and her teaching and administrative services credentials from National University. She joined SCOE in 2005.

"Teaching special education requires people with a particular set of qualities: professionalism, compassion, and sensitivity. Oluchi has those qualities and more," said Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools Dave Gordon. "She celebrates any and all victories in her classroom every day with her students, parents, para-educators, and colleagues."

In addition to teaching, Okemiri co-founded two nonprofit organizations that provide clean water and improved community conditions in rural African villages. Recently, she partnered with high school teachers and students in Elk Grove to build and transport "solar suitcases" to Nigeria to power a school and a clinic.

Okemiri was twice named SCOE's Certificated Employee of the Month (in 2008 and 2013), and she was chosen by KXTV News10 as its October 2014 Teacher of the Month.

California Montessori Project-Capitol Campus

By Bernie Evangelista, Principal

The students and staff of the California Montessori Project, Capitol Campus came back from winter break with enthusiasm and ready to get back to their regular routines. Our Middle School students are preparing for Internships this February; in order to gain experience in the work environment and help guide and prepare them in their future careers. All students are gearing up for the Science Fair that will happen on February 5th. They are working on experiments or research in the field of science. As a community project, we are supporting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and will have a kick-off in February.

For parents interested in our school, School Tours and Parent Orientations are being held on the following days from 9:00 to 11:00 AM: January 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 17, 24. Signups can be done on line at cap.cacmp.org.

This year, CMP will participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) in April and May. The CAASPP System replaced the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program.

For more questions or information about our program, please feel free to check out our website at cap.cacmp.org or call the office at 325-0910.

A Note From the School Board

By Ellen Cochrane, Area 2 Trustee SCUSD

Thank you Area 2 voters for electing me to the Sacramento City Unified School District School Board. I could not have done this without the community's help. I am a full-time middle school teacher and I know there is no better work than working with school children, and now I have an opportunity to help young people, parents and the community. Thank you for that.

Please follow my blog, Teacher on the School Board at <http://www.ellencochrane.com>. It's the first blog by a Sacramento School Board Trustee.

I have particular interest in foreign language instruction, school safety, teacher support, English learners, and universal pre-school. But I believe very strongly in all programs that support public school children.

I do hope that you'll stay with me for the next four years as the board and district work on huge challenges!

Register for the 2015 Softball Season!



If you are reading this newsletter, you reside within the boundaries of the Sacramento Girls Softball League. We field teams from t-ball through 16U and would love to have your daughter join us! Our teams have had great success in the last few years, including tournament and regional titles. Our 10U All Star team won the ASA Regional Championship last summer, earning them a berth in the California State Games in San Diego in July. Regular registration ends soon! We offer online registration as well as in-person registration at various locations in our area. Please see our website, www.sacgirlsoftball.com, for the latest registration information. For questions, please call (916) 254-7933 and leave a message. Your call will be returned within 24 hours.

Community Candidate Forum

Thursday, March 5, 2015

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Fire Station 60 Garage, 3301 Julliard Drive

**Meet the candidates who would like to represent
College-Glen on the Sacramento City Council!**

Encourage Your Child to Read - Celebrate Read Across America Day

The NEA's 18th annual official Read Across America Day is Monday, March 2nd. Get ready to read and participate with others during the National Education Association's Read Across America Day. This year's theme is Oh, the Places You'll Go when you read! and the book of choice is the Seuss classic, Oh, The Places You'll Go.

The NEA's Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on or about the birthday of Dr. Seuss. The NEA introduced this day in an effort to build a nation of readers. So mark your calendars now and join our local administrators, teachers, parents and students in supporting the NEA's effort to introduce youth to a lifetime of pleasure through reading. Librarians and educators have also found that for many youth, reading to their pets and stuffed animals can also strengthen reading skills by providing a non-threatening and caring environment for the reader. Everyone is encouraged to find a good book and share it with someone you care about to celebrate Read Across America.

Encourage your child to take the NEA Oath of Reading: "I promise to read each day and each night. I'll read to myself. I'll read to a crowd. It makes no difference if silent or loud. Come rain or come shine, snow, wind or sleet, each day of the week reading is a treat. So I take this oath to make reading my way of feeding my brain what it needs every day."

NEA TIPS! Help your Child Become a Good Reader

Start Early: The ideal time to begin sharing a book with your child is infancy. From early on, children should own books, be read to often, and see others reading and writing.

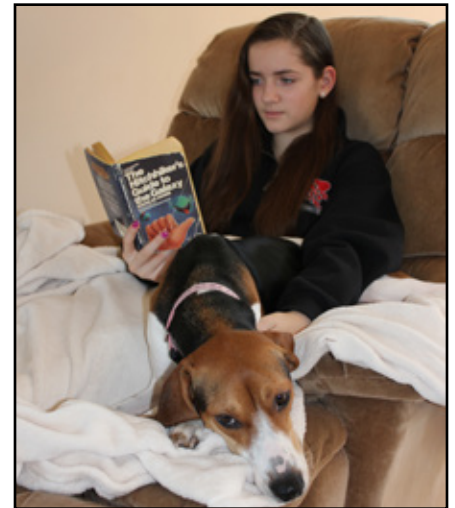
Surround Your Child with a Reading-Rich Environment: Make your home a print-rich one. Make sure to put up some signs around the house that use the Child's name. Have toys that use the alphabet such as alphabet refrigerator magnets, writing materials, and high-quality books.

Talk with Your Child: There's no substitute for a caring adult who takes time with a child. Vocabulary, language skills, and knowledge about the world are acquired during interesting conversations with responsive adults. Talking with an adult is one of the best sources of exposure to new vocabulary and ideas for your child

Teach While You Read Aloud: When you read with your child, make note of the basic rules of print. Point out how spaces separate words. Occasionally run your fingers along with the words as you read together and point out that sentences start on the left and go to the right, and there is a period at the end of the sentences. When you get to the end say "This is the end."

Help Your Child to Think Critically: As your child progresses from a toddler to school age, they should begin to understand that words have specific meanings within the language process. Stop to discuss unfamiliar words while you are reading so your child will learn what they mean.

Make Reading a Pleasure: Make reading part of your child's day every day. Provide your child with a well-supplied, comfortable reading space, and encourage your child to read to the animals both live and stuffed.



Big Valley Federal Credit Union Merges With First U.S.

Big Valley Federal Credit Union located on Wissemann Drive will become First U.S. Community Credit Union effective February 1, 2015. Big Valley members as well as State and Federal regulators have approved the merger.

The combined First U.S. will have assets of more than \$320 million and will serve more than 23,000 member-owners throughout the twelve-county Central Valley area.

“The combined credit union will continue to serve local employee groups, such as Safeway employees in the Central Valley area and Nevada, federal employees throughout California, and Pepsi employees in Northern California,” as well as local residents. According to Big Valley and First U.S. Administration the “Big Valley employees, many with tenures of 20 years or more, will continue on as employees.”

Car Insurance Tips For Newly Or Nearly Married Couples

By Moira Little, State Farm

So auto insurance savings might not be at the top of your list of reasons to get married. But there are some car insurance benefits to be reaped from your wedding.

Policy consolidation. This will simplify the billing process and could save you money. See if you qualify for additional discounts. For example, if you're going to insure more than one vehicle, you could receive a multi-car discount. Or if you insure your home with the same company, you might receive a multi-line discount. These discounts can add up to substantial savings.

Men under 25? Insurers like you much better with a ring on your finger. Car insurance rates for unmarried men under age 25 are higher than average because they're considered high-risk by insurers (the statistics bear this out). Premiums usually go down for men under 25 when they get hitched. If you've recently gotten married or are getting married soon, give your insurance agent a call to help you sort out the specifics.



**Spring
FORWARD!**
**Daylight Savings
Time begins at
2am on
Sunday, March 8th**

Remember to set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed Saturday, March 7th

Mortgage Refinancing Tips

By Valorie G. Pruitt, First U.S. Community Credit Union

Does refinancing your mortgage make financial sense? Here are some tips to help you make that decision.

Refinancing when rates are low and values are increasing may allow you to lower your payments and eliminate Private Mortgage Insurance (PMI), which could significantly lower your monthly payment.

If your income has increased or your credit score has improved, you may qualify for a lower interest rate now.

Review how many years are left on the loan, how much interest you're currently paying, and if your loan is an ARM, when your rate will adjust. These facts, along with your original purchase price and any PMI payments, will help you determine the best refinance option for you.

Use an online Mortgage Calculator to determine the true cost of refinancing. Besides the lower rate, take into account the new loan's costs, which may include fees, appraisals, legal fees, closing costs and, possibly, points.

Get a free credit report from each of the three credit bureaus at annualcreditreport.com. Knowing your score before you apply for a mortgage you can clear inaccuracies and perhaps help you to increase your credit score before applying.

Start with your credit union. Not-for-profit credit unions traditionally offer excellent rates and have their members' best interests in mind.

Follow these tips and maybe you can put some extra cash back into your pocket in 2015.

Real Estate Update

By Linda Wood, Broker-Associate, Dunnigan, Realtors

As we begin 2015 with renewed hope, we also reflect on 2014. In my opinion, we saw cautious improvement in Sacramento's Real Estate market in 2014. Buyers remember what we've been through and are taking their time deciding whether to buy or rent. If a person is committed to the long term they often decide that paying off their own home loan is wiser than paying off their landlord's loan. We see buyers coming back into the market that lost homes through short sales and foreclosures as they reestablish credit and meet lender's waiting period requirements. As first-time and re-entry buyers enter the market it will lead to an increase in those sellers moving up and should lead to a stronger market in 2015. The investor market has slowed as prices have increased.

According to data from Metrolist Services, Inc. there were 103 homes sold in College Glen in 2014 at a median sale price of \$279,000 and 14 condos at a median price of \$175,700. By comparison, there were 115 homes sold for the same period in 2013 at a median price of \$261,900 and 11 condos at a median price of \$132,000.

It's that time! This is a reminder that the Sacramento Association of Realtors® awards scholarships to deserving students each year. In 2014 The SAR Scholarship Foundation Trust awarded over \$41,000 in college scholarships to 41 students. If you'd like more information regarding the qualifications and application, please contact me at lwood@dunniganrealtors.com or SAR at www.sacrealtor.org/events/committees-clubs/scholarship.html. Applications are available Jan. 31-March 31.

Watt Avenue at HWY 50 Improvements Complete

From the Desk of County Supervisor Susan Peters

Last year Sacramento County finished the improvements to Watt Avenue where it interchanges with Highway 50 resulting in a safer way for motorists to exit and enter the freeway. In addition, the improved design should reduce congestion, facilitate transit mobility, and provide better and safer accessibility for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Watt Avenue was expanded over the highway by adding two additional through lanes and two auxiliary lanes. High occupancy vehicle lanes also were added to the freeway on-ramps. Plus the freeway off-ramps were enlarged and realigned to terminate at Watt Avenue at two signalized intersections modeled after similar successful installations for Highway 50 at Sunset and Hazel Avenues.

Another benefit is the construction of a dedicated transit lane for Watt Avenue from the interchange to the existing Watt/Manlove Light Rail Station. And continuous bicycle and pedestrian pathways now exist that are separated from vehicular traffic along the east side of Watt between La Riviera Drive and Manlove Road with grade separated undercrossing at the freeway ramps.

As someone who frequently uses that interchange as part of my commute, I know the construction posed challenges at times but now the work is done. Thus far I have found the new improvements making my trip safer, easier, and smoother – and I hope the results are the same for you.

Let's stay in touch either by email via susanpeters@saccounty.net or Facebook through my web page bos.saccounty.net by clicking on the Facebook logo.

Honored to Serve You in the State Senate

From the Desk of Senator Richard Pan

I am humbled and honored to begin my first term in the California Senate and, once again, represent the College Greens and Glenbrook neighborhoods.

As we start the New Year and new legislative session, I reflect back on the many people I have met in the neighborhood and your commitment to a healthy and safe community.

I believe that if we want to make a difference in people's lives, we should start where people live. That is why, as your Assemblymember, I worked with your association to survey the College Greens and Glenbrook Neighborhoods about your priorities. Public safety topped the list, and I went to work on legislation to help our cash-strapped communities keep fire stations open. I was proud when my legislation brought California more than \$90 million in new federal, public safety funds, including more than \$6 million to the Sacramento region.

As the year progresses, we will have many more announcements that may interest you. Please visit my website www.senate.ca.gov/pan, to learn about legislative developments as they happen.

My staff is always happy to answer questions about legislation, help solve problems with state agencies, and assist you with government forms. I want to help ensure your state government works for you, so please do not hesitate to contact my office.

You can reach my office by phone at (916) 651-1529, or by email at Senator.Pan@senate.ca.gov.

New SMUD Representative

From the Desk of Gregg Fishman, SMUD Ward 3 Director

Hello and Happy New Year to College Glen! I want to thank you for helping to elect me to serve on the SMUD Board in Ward 3, which includes College Glen, East Sacramento, and much of the Arden area.

As you may know Howard Posner was your SMUD representative for 17 years. He has been a steady influence on SMUD during a time of great change. I know I can still count on his guidance.

I worked at SMUD for several years and also at the California Independent System Operator. So, while I have a lot to learn, I think I have a pretty good head start on it.

SMUD continues to face a lot of changes in the energy industry and I won't claim to have all the answers. But I do think I can be an effective conduit of information between SMUD and all of you in Ward 3. I'll do my best to participate in your neighborhood events and to keep you up to date on what SMUD is doing to serve you more safely and reliably.

I know I have a big pair of shoes to fill. All I can promise is, that I will do my best to live up to the legacy Howard is leaving, and that includes working closely with the College Glen Neighborhood Association. If I can answer any questions, please contact me at gbfishman@gmail.com.

The 114th Congress

From the Desk of Congresswoman Doris Matsui

As we begin the 114th Congress there are big issues that must be addressed head-on, including strengthening our economy, furthering innovation, ensuring the health of all Americans, and creating jobs. I am excited to announce that I will continue to represent Sacramento on the influential House Committee on Energy and Commerce, which I was first appointed to in 2008. The Energy and Commerce Committee holds jurisdiction over issues impacting the daily lives of every American, including health care, energy policy, technology and consumer protection.

This Congress, I will be serving on the Health and Communications and Technology subcommittees. The Health subcommittee is one of the most active in the House, and has jurisdiction over public health, mental health, biomedical research and development, health information technology, privacy, health insurance including Medicare and Medicaid, and the regulation of food, drugs, and cosmetics. The Communications and Technology subcommittee takes action on the most critical technology issues of today including net neutrality, spectrum, cybersecurity and data security. These subcommittee assignments provide a great platform to allow me to address the pressing needs facing Sacramento and the nation.

Last year we saw some big successes, from the passage of the Water Resources and Reform Act that authorized levee improvements in Natomas to the passage of my Excellence in Mental Health Act, a \$1 billion investment in community based mental health services. I look forward to continue working to advance a number of key regional and national priorities this Congress.

Getting to Work in the Assembly

From the Desk of Assemblymember McCarty

I am delighted to provide you with this first update as your Assemblymember. I recently wrapped up a busy first month in the Assembly. On Monday, December 1st, my colleagues and I were sworn in as part of the 2015 – 2016 legislative session. I was also excited to be appointed by Speaker Atkins to chair the Budget Subcommittee 2, which examines the budget for preschool, K-12, and higher education.

On my first day in the Assembly, I introduced a groundbreaking legislative proposal, AB 47, to ensure that all children have access to preschool regardless of their family's income. My bill would require the California Department of Education to deliver a plan by June 1, 2016, for expanding state preschool and transitional kindergarten to all eligible low-income children who currently do not have access—estimated at approximately 32,000 kids. The report must also include an analysis of preschool facility needs required to provide access to all eligible children. By investing in success early-on, we can avoid paying for the costs of failure down the road. Other studies have found that at-risk children who attended preschool were 46 percent less likely to end up in prison and 29 percent more likely to graduate from high school. In a globally competitive workplace, we can no longer afford our children to enter school unprepared.

You are welcome to contact me at Assemblymember.McCarty@assembly.ca.gov or call my district office at 324-4676. You can also sign-up to receive my future email updates by visiting my website at <http://asmcd.org/members/a07/>.

District 6 Council Office Still Staffed

From the Office of City Council District 6

As most of you probably know, Kevin McCarty has moved to the State Assembly and you can find his new contact information in his article. If you have a city related issue though, please don't hesitate to contact us. The District 6 Council office will continue to be staffed by the District Director, Maria Alvarez with a new Executive Assistant, Darsey Varnedoe Jr.


April 7th Special Election

The City Clerk's office recently published information regarding the special election to fill the vacant District 6 Council seat. Pursuant to the Sacramento City Charter, the City Council called a special election, which will be held on April 7, 2015.

In order to be successful in the April 7, 2015 Special Municipal Election, one candidate must receive a majority of votes cast. There will not be a run-off election; the candidate receiving the highest number of votes in the special election will be elected.

Election information is available at <http://portal.cityofsacramento.org/clerk>. Information on candidate filings will be updated regularly throughout the nomination period.

As always, please contact our office with any issues or concerns at 808-7006 or via email at malvarez@cityofsacramento.org or dvarnedoe@cityofsacramento.org.



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November Election Results & Capitol Update By Rebekah Cearley

There were a number of important races and measures affecting the Collee-Glen neighborhood on the November 4, 2014 ballot, and the results are in! Below is a selection of the winners for local races:

Senate District 6: Richard Pan, former state Assembly Member for AD 9 in South Sacramento.

Assembly District 7: Kevin McCarty, Collee-Glen's former city council member.

SMUD Director, Ward 3: Gregg Fishman

Sacramento City USD School Board Member, Area 2: Ellen Cochrane, who unseated incumbent Jeff Cuneo. Ms. Cochrane will represent CGNA residents on the west side of Occidental.

Additionally, Measure L failed. This initiative was supported by Mayor Kevin Johnson and would have created a "strong mayor" governance structure for the City of Sacramento.

Due to Kevin McCarty's Assembly win, there is now a vacancy on the Sacramento City Council for District 6 that will be filled with a special election on April 7. It is important that residents of Collee-Glen turn out for that election!

The new 2015-16 legislative session kicked off in December with the swearing-in of new members elected in November.

Legislators are now getting settled, receiving their committee assignments, and introducing new bills. On January 5, Jerry Brown was sworn in for an unprecedented fourth term as Governor. In his inaugural address, he emphasized the need to meet existing obligations and address long-term liabilities. He also emphasized the need to create new state goals to address climate change by 2030. We anticipate a debate this spring between members of the legislature and the Governor regarding how to spend billions of additional revenues generated by economic recovery and temporary tax increases.

Check out the updated CGNA Web Site!

- Read a full color version of the neighborhood newsletter
- Learn more about our sponsors
- Find out dates for upcoming events

www.collegeglen.org

CGNA 2014 Annual Meeting and Candidates Forum

The Association's 2014 Annual meeting drew a full house in the Fire Station 60 garage. First on the agenda was the election of Association Officers and Directors. Annette Deglow, John Deglow, Randy Hood, and Linda Wood were re-elected as President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary respectively. Stacy Turner, Pat & Ron DeRobertis, Michelle & Won Chang, Katie-Hood Curry, Heidi & Steve O'Connor, Linda Boyles and James Lewis were elected to serve as directors. Officers for the Association are elected annually while Directors are elected to three-year terms with one-third of the Directors being elected each year. The Association received 103 vote cards all supporting the nominees listed. Following the election, the Association presented its annual update on membership. The Association received contributions from 541 residents and had 60 community business sponsors by the end of 2014.

During the past year the Association co-sponsored National Family Night Out and Movie Night in the Park with Councilmember McCarty. CGNA officers served as judges of the bands in the Sacramento Veteran's Day Parade. The Association supported school programs and activities such as NEA's Read Across America, the McClaskey Parent Participation Toddler and Pre-school programs, the Bancroft Early Kinder program, and the Bancroft recycling program. The association continued to represent the area on the Power Inn Alliance and the CSUS Traffic Advisory Committee. The Association supported community activities including the Sacramento SPCA's Doggy Dash, UC Davis K9 Blood Donor program, College Glen Little League, Fall Ball, BAC Soccer, and Sacramento Valley Youth Rugby. Lastly, CGNA officers worked closely with Sacramento City Staff, Police and Fire on issues of community concern.

Following presentation of the Annual Report, those attending heard from candidates for the 2014 State Assembly District 7 seat: Steve Cohn, and Kevin McCarty; Assemblymember Dr. Richard Pan and Assemblymember Roger Dickinson, both candidates for the 2014 State Senate District 6 seat; Jeffrey Cuneo and Ellen Cochrane for Sacramento City Unified School District Trustee Area 2; and Mario Guerrero, Carl Burton and Gregg Fishman for SMUD Board Member Ward 3. Daniel Conway spoke in favor of Measure L and Former Sacramento Mayor Heather Fargo spoke in opposition of Measure L.

After the candidate presentations, SPD Lieutenants Glen Faulkner, and Alisa Buckley addressed bike safety, illegal camping & associated fire danger, camera surveillance and the City's new homeless program. Guests also heard from Christina Pritchett Area 3 representative for the City Unified School District; Sacramento County School District trustees: Greg Geeting, Jacquelyn Levy and Tomaysa Glover; and Fire Department Captain Ghazanfari spoke on fire safety in the home. Board member Rebekah Cearley, a legislative advocate, provided an update on legislative issues activities at the State Capitol. Councilmember Kevin McCarty and Assemblymember Roger Dickinson each gave a update of their activities this past year and then facilitated a question and answer session for the balance of the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. Thanks to Station 60 for hosting our meeting again this year.



Past Sacramento Mayor Heather Fargo



Assemblymember Kevin McCarty



SMUD Board Member Gregg Fishman



SCUSD Trustee Ellen Cochrane



Senator Richard Pan

Guide to the Candidates

Special Sacramento City Council District 6 Election



Eric Guerra

As our economy rebounds, my priority is Neighborhoods First.

That means working to ensure our neighborhoods get the resources and services we need and our taxes support. You'll be hearing more from me during the campaign, but here is a bit of my public service.

As President of the Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association, I fought to keep local elementary schools, parks, and pools open.

As a former CSU Trustee and as President-Elect of the Sac State Alumni Association I've focused on affordability, quality, compatibility with surrounding neighborhoods, and scholarships for local students.

As Chair of the County Planning Commission, and a former Redevelopment Committee Member, I'll work for smart land use decisions that protect the character of our neighborhoods while tackling important projects like making Folsom Blvd a vibrant economic resource for our community.

I look forward to seeing you on the campaign trail and earning your vote. EricGuerra.org



Bruce Pomer

I have been married 43 years, raised three children and have 4 grandkids. My wife Anne and I are life long Sacramento residents. I have coached youth sports, been a neighborhood activist and served on multiple boards and commissions.

I served 20 years on the Los Rios Community College board of Trustees. During that time we increased enrollment to nearly 100,00 students. We built dozens of new facilities. We opened new campuses and graduated more students, while we managed our budgets wisely.

My 40 year career has been dedicated to improving the health of our citizens. During the past 20 years I was Executive Director of a nonprofit that developed programs providing food safety, protected us from toxic chemicals, and prevented the spread of dangerous communicable diseases.

I will use my proven experience to wisely manage our tax dollars, improve the quality of our neighborhoods and increase opportunity for citizens.

CGNA to Host Candidate Forum March 5th

With Councilmember Kevin McCarty being elected to the California State Assembly in November 2014, Council District 6 no longer has a representative on the City Council. The College Greens and Glenbrook Neighborhoods are in Council District 6. A special election will take place on April 7, 2015 to fill this seat. According to the City Clerk's office Council District 6 has 26,428 registered voters. Of those voters, 56%, or approximately 14,800, vote by mail. We scheduled our forum for March 5th to offer College-Glen residents an opportunity to meet the candidates before they cast their vote.

The turnout for this election is anticipated to be less than 10%. This means no more than 2,642 votes to determine who represents District 6. The College-Glen community has nearly 3,000 households within its boundaries. If our community turns out to vote we could be a determining factor in outcome of the election.

If we are to receive services and benefits from the City, we must stay informed and have a strong and committed representative to speak for area and our needs. The Association has scheduled this forum to give the candidates an opportunity to introduce themselves and share with us and how they can best represent us. The Association urges you to attend the forum, meet the candidates, and vote.

In addition to the candidates for Council District 6 we have invited our newly elected Assemblymember Kevin McCarty and Senator Dr. Richard Pan to share their plans for representation of this area. Lastly, Chief of Police Sam Somers Jr. will preview the recent changes in police services for this area and give an update on the City's nextdoor.com program.

Community Candidate Forum

Thursday, March 5, 2015

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Fire Station 60 Garage, 3301 Julliard Drive

AGENDA

- District 6 Candidates:
Eric Guerra and Bruce Pomer
- Assemblymember Kevin McCarty
- Senator Dr. Richard Pan
- Police Chief Somers
Changes to Neighborhood Police Services
- Open Forum

**Please join us at the Station 60 Firehouse
for the community forum and then
vote for our next City Council
representative on Tuesday, April 7, 2015**

Chief Somers & Station 60 Firefighters Attend January CGNA Meeting

Sacramento Chief of Police Sam Somers Jr., police department staff, and the Station 60 Firefighters joined the College-Glen Neighborhood Association at their January meeting. Chief Somers spoke about the new Patrol District 6E which includes College Greens and Glenbrook. The Chief answered questions about area issues including ways to avoid being a victim and what to do if you are a victim. Also attending were Kevin Gardner, Area 6 Captain; Lieutenant Alisa Buckley who is leaving our area to be the Lieutenant for the City's Major Crime Division in the Office of Investigations; Lieutenant Glen Faulkner who is on special assignment dealing with city issues; Bob McCloskey the new Lieutenant for Area 6E; and the SPD Social Media Coordinator Jena Swafford.

Following the discussions related to crime and our new service area the Chief answered questions related to the City's Nextdoor.com program and agreed to attend our March 8th Community Forum to talk about the benefits of the new Patrol Area 6E and provide an update on his effort to get residents to participate in the City's Nextdoor.com program. Station 60 Firefighters Dave, Brian, Nick, and



SPD Chief Somers addresses attendees at the CGNA January meeting.

Adam joined the discussion between service calls. The meeting closed with congratulations to Lieutenant Buckley on her new assignment and a welcome to Lieutenant Bob McCloskey.

Nor-Cal Youth Sports Flag Football



The Nor-Cal Youth Sports Flag Football offers flag football to our neighborhood youth. Teams are by grade level broken out 1st– 3rd Grade, 4th– 6th Grade, and 7th– 9th Grade. The 2014-2015 Winter Session is well under way. However, if you are interested in future participation you may want to attend a game. Regular league games began January 10th and are scheduled through February 15th. The season ends with a weekend tournament February 21st and 22nd. Practices are held at local area schools after 4pm each week. College Greens and Glenbrook students practice at the park adjacent to Einstein Middle School. Games are on Saturdays and Sundays. If your child likes to throw and catch a football you may want to check out this activity. League games are played at either the Grant High School field: 1400 Grand Avenue Sac, Ca 95838 or Sheldon High School field: 8333 Kingsridge Drive Sac, CA 95829. For game times and other information go to <http://www.ncysflagfootball.com> or call 643-5085 Tuesday through Friday 9am-5pm.

CollegeGlenSac.Nextdoor.com – The New Back Fence

By Tina Borgman, CG resident and Joe Chasko, CG
Nextdoor Lead

Nextdoor is an easy and fast exchange of information and security alerts with neighbors, endorsed by SACPD Chief Sam Somers as a neighborhood watch and for SACPD notices. Nextdoor is not affiliated with The CGNA, but includes the same homes, with 20% of homes enrolled. Choose emails of each post, or a summary of the whole day. Urgent posts, like lost pets or crime alerts, arrive by both text message and email.

Typical posts include heart-warming returns of lost pets: “Found black and white dog in College Greens near Thomas Jefferson.” The lost pup was quickly reunited with the grateful owner.

Especially valuable are security alerts: “Gold Pontiac Grand Am grabbing packages from doorsteps.” There were several posts on this suspect, who noticed the attention, and police were called. Other posts include holiday wishes, help wanted, community notices, city and school activities.

Your comfort and safety is paramount, so only verified residents can join and, of course, you may close your account at any time. The easiest way to join is to have a friend on Nextdoor send you an email invitation. You can also go to CollegeGlenSac.Nextdoor.com and click at the bottom of the login window on “Sign up.” Enter your home address and email address. You can verify residency by receiving a postcard, with a phone call, or entering other information. Even though your home address is required, you can set your profile to keep your street number private.

Register Your Support for CGNA and Help Make a Difference!

Thank you to all of our 2014 supporters! Your voluntary financial contributions and volunteer services made it possible to provide the representation and activities of this past year for the College Greens and Glenbrook Neighborhoods. Unlike a homeowners’ association with mandatory fees, we are a neighborhood association operating totally with voluntary support. We are a group of neighbors working with local leaders to encourage citizen involvement toward the resolution of problems existing within our defined boundaries and to identify and try to resolve problems in the surrounding vicinity that could have an adverse effect on our area.

The effectiveness of the Association’s representation is directly related to the number of volunteers and financial donations that our residents make during the year. Contributions, in addition to being a reflection of community support for our efforts, provide us with the financial means to represent our neighborhood. Our newsletters are the primary source of our communication with area residents and are financed totally from the annual residential donations. The printing and related costs for our newsletter is approximately \$1,500 per issue. All residents residing within the boundaries of the Association receive a volunteer delivered newsletter four times a year. We currently have 41 routes with an average of 70 homes per route. Without the voluntary assistance of our delivery families, the cost of the newsletter would double.

We hope that you read and benefit from our newsletters, attend our activities and meetings during the year, and that you will continue to support our efforts by making a voluntary donation to our Association. For your use and convenience we have enclosed a 2015 membership form and a return envelope. Please note the 2015 Membership form asks if you would like to receive e-notice of special events and area crime alerts. To effectively provide this service, we will need both your e-mail address and a working phone number. We do not share your contact information with others and limit our communications to that necessary to keep you informed of relevant events within the community. The Association encourages everyone to make a contribution and update their Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Information on the enclosed card. Thank you again for your support!

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Thank you for your support!

Actions of the Mayor and City Council are Inconsistent and Concern District 6

On December 9th City Staff proposed a modified vote-by-mail process for the District 6 election. This was based on a review of the high cost and anticipated low participation for a special election. As part of the proposal, each voter would receive a ballot by mail with the option to either return it by mail or at one of six drop off locations. On Election Day one or two polling places would be available for those wishing to vote the traditional way. City Staff supported the proposal given that 56% of District 6 registered voters historically vote-by-mail and have a high return rate. The Mayor and Council opposed the proposal because there had not been community input and the Law and Leg Committee had not reviewed it.

On December 16th the City Council had before them a proposal to modify the District 6 Boundaries. The modification had no community input or Law and Leg review. The Association formally requested that no action be taken until a councilmember is elected, seated, and provided with sufficient time to review the issue. The Mayor and Council voted to amend the District 6 Boundaries.

The inconsistency of these actions provides a strong basis for concern regarding the future of Council District 6. Week one saw a proposal affecting District 6 voted down for lack of community input and Law and Leg review. Then the following week a proposal with no community input or Law and Leg review that adversely affects District 6 is supported.

The Association urges everyone to attend the March 5th forum to meet our current State representatives and candidates for Council District 6 and then to vote on Tuesday, April 7, 2015.

Loose-in-the Street Pick-Up Ends and Household Junk Pick-Up Begins

The City's loose-in-the street pickup will end on January 31st and the household junk pickup will resume on February 1st. The City of Sacramento utility customers may have two free household junk pickups a year per household during the non-leaf season. Acceptable bulky items include yard waste, one appliance, TV's, computers, e-waste, furniture, mattresses, carpet, toys, and four un-mounted tires. The city will collect up to 5 cubic yards of material (4'x4'x9') per appointment. An extra charge may apply if the load is in excess of 5 cubic yards. The City wants everyone to be aware that piles placed out more than 24 hours before an appointment or without an appointment will be considered illegal dumping and fines may be issued. A full list of acceptable items and guidelines for the Household Junk Pickup Program can be found at www.sacrecycle.org. To request an appointment, customers can call 311, make an online request at www.sac311.org, or use the Sac 311 App for your iPhone or Android. Leaf season officially runs from November 1st through January 31st each year. The Household Junk Pickup Program will start February 1, 2015 and run through November 1, 2015.

Association Board Votes to Change Time for CGNA's Annual Meeting

The members of the CGNA Board agreed that it was significantly warmer at the October 2014 Annual Meeting than it was during the previous two annual meetings; both were held in November and after falling back to Pacific Standard Time. For these reasons, the board voted to move the annual meeting from November to October.

The Association Welcomes New Sponsors

Ellen Cochrane is our new SCUSD Area 2 Trustee. Ellen plans to provide school board blog posts no less than once or twice a month. She can be reached at ellen-cochrane@scusd.edu.

Former Councilmember Kevin McCarty will be continuing his support of the Association during his tenure as our Assemblymember and Aubrie Fong will be the Director of his District Office.

Red Dog Shred Sacramento has also taken a sponsorship for the 2015 year. Red Dog is located in a portion of the old Office Depot building at 6700 Folsom Boulevard and is ready to shred your residential and small business documents Monday through Friday, 8:30am-5:30pm and Saturday 9:00am-3:00pm.

Local resident Matt Gougé, "the Mortgage Guy" for Mountain West Financial located on American River Drive has also elected to be a sponsor of the Association.

We welcome the Quick Quack Car Wash, located at 49 Bicentennial next to AAA. They have a number of monthly plans to help you keep your cars clean. Quick Quack Car Wash is open daily from 7am - 7 pm. For more information visit DontDriveDirty.com.



Check Before you Burn

By Lori Kobza, Sacramento Metropolitan AQMD

Is it legal to start a fire in your fireplace, wood stove, firepit or chiminea? To protect public health, it may not be. Wood burning in Sacramento County may be restricted or prohibited through February when particle pollution is expected to be high.

The law requires residents and businesses to Check Before You Burn and get the daily forecast. Call 1-877-NO-BURN-5, visit www.AirQuality.org, sign up for daily Air Alert emails at www.SpareTheAir.com (select the Daily Air Quality Forecast box), read the Sacramento Bee's weather page, or follow on Twitter @AQMD.

Wood smoke is a serious health threat. It contains invisible particles that are small enough to enter your bloodstream. Breathing wood smoke increases the risk of asthma, heart attack, stroke and other health problems. It is especially harmful for children whose lungs are still developing, older adults and anyone with a pre-existing heart or lung condition such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

Thanks to compliance with Check Before You Burn over the past seven years, fine particle pollution has been reduced. This winter, please Check Before You Burn. It means healthier neighborhoods for everyone.



Waivers are available for financial need and where wood burning is the sole source of heat in the home. Also, exemptions are available for propane, natural gas and electric units, and cooking devices. First time violations will result in a \$50 fine or a requirement to complete and pass a wood smoke awareness course, with fines escalating for repeat offenders.

Everyday Heroes of the American Red Cross

By Jordan Scott, Red Cross Gold Country Region

In February of 2014, a fire broke out at a Sacramento townhouse. A father of four awoke to the smell of smoke and the kitchen engulfed in flames. He raced through the smoke-filled home to find his son and three daughters, pulling them to safety.

Speaking with the father in the aftermath of the fire, Matthew Brittain, volunteer captain of the responding Red Cross Disaster Action Team (DAT) and also a trained EMT, immediately observed the father having trouble breathing. He also noticed the man's 2-year old daughter struggling to remain conscious.

Matthew quickly called for paramedics who determined the father, daughter, and one of his sons were all suffering from smoke inhalation. They were immediately transported to the hospital, a move that ultimately saved their lives.

Matthew and his DAT crew are but a few of the 2,400 volunteers delivering critical disaster relief and humanitarian aid throughout the 24-county Red Cross Gold Country Region. Last year in Sacramento County alone, Red Cross volunteers responded to more than 160 home fires, providing shelter, food, and other assistance to affected families.

From home fires to wildfires, earthquakes and floods, these everyday heroes responded to local emergencies, on average, once every 11 hours!

As the New Year begins, the need for everyday heroes in our communities is greater than ever. To learn more about becoming a local Red Cross volunteer and supporting these critical services, visit www.redcross.org/goldcountry or call 993-7070.

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