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## Greetings from the Sacramento Chief of Police

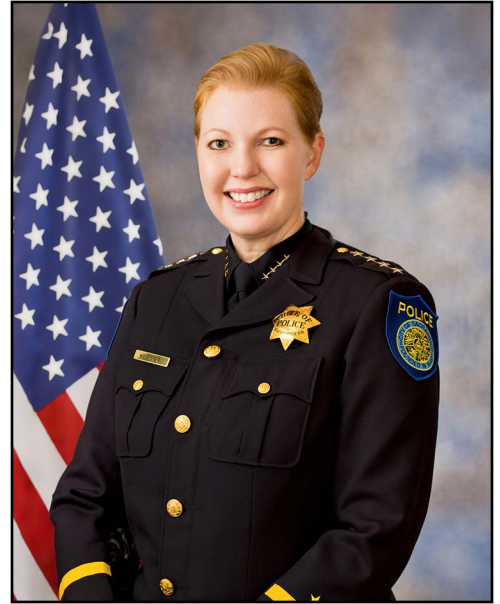
By Kathy Lester, Chief of Police

I am extremely honored to be able to serve our great City and the College Glen neighborhood as your Chief of Police. I am also deeply appreciative of the talented men and women of the Sacramento Police Department who, because of their constant and selfless dedication to our community and City, comprise an organization built on the principles of equity, justice, and public service. Recognizing that public safety cannot be achieved without strong relationships, I am inspired by and grateful for the many organizations and individuals such as the College Glen Neighborhood Association that also work tirelessly to improve the quality of life in our City.

As public safety, we first must understand that we must earn public support and respect community principles if we are to be effective. As a native to Sacramento, and having grown up in this ethnically diverse region, I feel a deep-rooted sense of connection to our community and have seen first-hand the challenges that many face in achieving their dreams.

We have many opportunities before us to do policing in a different way. We must design innovative initiatives to prevent crime, create partnerships, improve training, collect and utilize data to improve outcomes, prioritize transparency efforts, utilize technological advances, increase diversity, and establish intervention programs. As your Chief of Police, I will continue to grow on these important efforts as well as continue the progress our Department made under the leadership of our prior Chief, Daniel Hahn.

I know that together, we can all make a difference.



**Kathy Lester, City of Sacramento Chief of Police**

## Citrus Trees Covered for Winter

The 15 citrus trees planted along the decomposed granite path within the American River Access Botanical Citrus Garden were purchased as young plants to allow them to adjust to the local environment. As young trees they need a gradual introduction to area temperatures and require some protection from extremes during the early years of growth. The trees were fitted with a shade cloth cover to protect them when temperatures were forecast to drop below 35° Fahrenheit. The covers will remain for the balance of the cooler season.



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## Greetings from Rosemont High School! By Elizabeth Vigil, Principal

Congratulations to the Rosemont varsity football team for advancing to the section final game for the first time in the school's history! Their amazing accomplishment represents the second time an SCUSD high school has made it this far into the playoffs! Needless to say, we are incredibly proud of our coaching staff and our athletes. Thanks SO MUCH to everyone who came out to the game! The stands were packed with families, alumni, Rosemont staff, community members, and district personnel, including Superintendent Aguilar. Also in attendance was an athletic director from another SCUSD high school wearing Rosemont colors!! I know that the entire team appreciated all of that support.



We recently enjoyed a return of winter concerts from Rosemont Band and Orchestra, both of which were livestreamed so that all of our wolverines could enjoy the performances. Mr. Peruzzi and the musicians are now preparing for their spring concerts. Rosemont debate is in full swing, and Mr. Stafford's robotics students have kicked off the season with a recent "First Robotics" tournament on our campus. They hope to participate in more competitions throughout the school year.

In light of the many challenges brought on by the pandemic, the Rosemont staff is committed to providing our students with a safe, supportive learning environment, including a focus on social and emotional support. We will continue to do everything we can to ensure a strong finish to the 21-22 school year! As always, please reach out if you'd like to learn more about everything Rosemont High School has to offer our community!



## Updates from Sacramento City Unified School District

By Niki Kangas

Like districts across the state, staffing shortages such as substitute teacher coverage have impacted schools. Nonetheless, SCUSD is striving to remain open for safe, in-person learning at all school sites.

SCUSD and school site leaders are working hard to manage staffing shortages as they arise while keeping students and staff safe through health and safety protocols and by providing an equitable learning environment for all students. Yet SCUSD asks for the help of the community to keep schools open. If you're already cleared to volunteer for the District, please reach out to schools to find out how you can support students and staff.

In addition, following the Governor's Executive Order on January 12, the process is now streamlined for substitute teachers. Please spread the word and encourage qualified candidates to consider substitute teaching during this time of critical need.

Free COVID-19 testing for staff, students and household members continues every Monday through Friday at the Serna Center from 12-3:30 pm and at Albert Einstein Middle School from 3-6pm. Register to test at [scusd.edu/covid-19-testing](https://scusd.edu/covid-19-testing) (only required once per year). Since the New Year, SCUSD has provided over 70K tests to the community!

Check the District website at [scusd.edu/vaccinations](https://scusd.edu/vaccinations) for upcoming vaccination clinics. Get your first, second or booster COVID-19 shots for free—and some of these clinics also offer flu shots. SCUSD has hosted 66 vaccination clinics and provided over 27K immunizations to date.

Stay vigilant and safe—we'll get through this together!

## Albert Einstein MS Enriching Students

By Chase Tafoya, Principal

Albert Einstein Middle School is proud of the many enrichment opportunities our school offers, and the fantastic ways our students are showing their immense potential. Highlights from the second quarter of the school year include our flag football team finishing 2nd place overall in SCUSD, our Leadership class organizing a charity toy drive for the Shriner's Hospital, our Robotics team hosting an excellent NorCal Regional FTC qualifying tournament at RHS, celebrating our annual Medieval Fair, and starting a Student Leadership Restorative Justice Council.

Einstein students continue to shine both in and out of the classroom! Please stay updated on our school's news by following us on facebook: @AlbertEinsteinMiddleSchool. You can contact me at [chase-tafoya@scusd.edu](mailto:chase-tafoya@scusd.edu) or Assistant Principal Curtis Holmes at [Curtis-holmes@scusd.edu](mailto:Curtis-holmes@scusd.edu) with any questions about our academic and extracurricular programs.



## SCOE Continuing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Work in the Sacramento Region

By David W. Gordon, Sac. Co. Superintendent of Schools

Enhancing diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) is a major priority for the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) and all the school districts in our region. A variety of perspectives produces a more energized and inclusive school environment, and it improves teaching and learning.

That is why we at the county office are increasing our equity work in the new year, both internally and locally. For example, we are continuing our on-going partnership with the National Equity Project (NEP). NEP will continue offering professional learning opportunities to SCOE staff and expand offerings to districts and schools across our region, throughout this school year.

In addition, NEP also will continue providing consultation and support to our Sacramento County Board of Education, our leadership team, individual departments within our agency, and various committees.

Our Board recently approved a new set of Vision, Mission and Goals to help define and guide us in our work. Our mission is to ensure educational equity for all students by providing leadership, building partnerships, and continuously improving our education systems to ensure every student's health, well-being, and academic achievement. You'll find more information on our website [www.scoe.net](http://www.scoe.net).

## California Montessori Project

By Bernie Evangelista, Principal

The California Montessori Project returned to in-person school last August, 2021 with around 340 students enrolled. It was good to be back and see the students, parents and staff happy to be together again! To keep our community safe, the school has been conducting weekly pooled testing and follow up rapid antigen testing as needed and as often as we have to.

We are conducting Virtual Lottery tours during February and March. Those interested are encouraged to sign up on our website at <http://www.cacmp.org/Content2/web-tour> on the dates below:

Wednesday, 02/09/22 - 5:00-6:00pm

Wednesday, 02/16/22 - 9:30-10:30am

Wednesday, 02/23/22 - 10:00-11:00am

Wednesday, 03/02/22 - 9:30-10:30am

Wednesday, 03/09/22 - 9:30-10:30am

Wednesday, 03/23/22 - 9:30-10:30am

Wednesday, 03/30/22 - 5:00-6:00pm.

The applications for Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten are due on March 4 and the Virtual Lottery will be on March 8. The applications for Grades 1-8 are also due on March 4 and the Virtual Lottery will take place on March 22.

In spite of the challenges Covid brings, our teachers and staff are working so hard to make this year a memorable year for our students. We thank them for their commitment, dedication, resilience, and for the love and care they have for our students and community.

We also appreciate our parent/guardian community for being so understanding and supportive.

For those interested in learning more about being Substitute Teachers or Substitute Teaching Assistants, please go to [edjoin.org](http://edjoin.org) and put in an application with the California Montessori Project.

## Ground Breaking for Sac State Child Development Center

By Dixie Reid and Nathan Dietrich

In December, Sacramento State hosted a ceremonial ground breaking to signal the start of work to complete a new child development center inside a 1960s-era building on the 6000 block of Folsom Boulevard. The child care center is the result of a partnership among Sac State, SMUD, and UC Davis Health and is expected to broaden child care options in a facility close to campus.

The as-yet-unnamed child development center will ease the burden on Sac State faculty and staff, who sometimes have difficulty finding acceptable daycare opportunities for their children. Similar impact is expected on SMUD and UCD Health employees. Sac State's commercial services auxiliary, University Enterprises, Inc., bought the building in 2019 for \$4.5 million. The facility is expected to open in fall 2022 and will accommodate just over 200 children.

The Associated Students Inc. Children's Center on campus will continue to serve parents who are enrolled at Sac State. The partnership with SMUD and UC Davis represents another example of Sac State's commitment to its Anchor University initiative, which aims to establish greater ties between the University and the community.



For more information about the child development center, visit [www.folsomblvdchildcare.org](http://www.folsomblvdchildcare.org).

A note about the spring semester: While Sacramento State remains committed to delivering in-person instruction during the Spring 2022 semester, due to the current surge in COVID-19 infections, most classes will be online through February 6th. Staff have also been allowed to telework through February 6th.

## New State Seal of Civic Engagement

By Bina Lefkovitz, Trustee Area 1, Sac. Co. Board of Education

The state now allows school districts to award a “seal of civic engagement” to students upon graduation who accomplish certain types of civic involvement. The State requires school districts to adopt local criteria to qualify students for the seal. SCOE is working with districts to launch their State Seal programs. SCUSD is the first district in our county to adopt the State Seal criteria for its students. Students must be on track to graduate; complete certain courses related to government and democracy; participate in civic engagement projects; demonstrate civic knowledge, skills, and dispositions; and develop a reflection on their experience. A civic project might be a student addressing youth mental health issues through researching the problem and developing a solution, like creating a wellness center on a school campus. Students would write a proposal or create a video about their project and speak with decision makers for input and approval.

The State Seal effort is intended to be accessible to all students who want to participate. Community groups are needed to help students with their projects by suggesting a community problem to be solved, advising students as they research and find a solution, observing the student’s reflection, and signing off on the project once completed. If you are interested in helping our students, please contact Hueling Lee ([hueling\\_lee@mail.harvard.edu](mailto:hueling_lee@mail.harvard.edu)) who is helping the district implement this program.

## Los Rios Community College District Redistricting

By Tami Nelson, LRCCD Board President

Redistricting is the process of reviewing census data and drawing district lines and trustee representative areas. It is done every 10 years after the release of US Census data. In addition to congressional and legislative areas conducting redistricting, California community colleges must also engage in the process of redistricting.

Los Rios Community College District has retained Redistricting Partners to provide consultative services and to facilitate the process of determining trustee area boundaries for the seven trustee representative areas.

At the December 15, 2021 Los Rios Community College District Board of Trustees meeting, Redistricting Partners provided an overview of the redistricting process, reviewed the district’s current trustee area boundaries, and discussed strategies to proactively evaluate and address any necessary adjustments to trustee area boundaries consistent with the California Voting Rights Act. The Board of Trustees gathered public input and provided initial feedback on potential trustee area boundary changes. They then conducted an additional hearing for public feedback at the January 12, 2022 meeting and will again ask for feedback at the February 16, 2022 board meeting. These meetings are open to the public and community members are encouraged to participate in this process.

Please see the redistricting site here: <https://losrios.edu/about-los-rios/board-of-trustees/board-of-trustee-service-area-maps/board-of-trustee-service-area-redistricting-2021-2022> with links to draft maps. Please contact me with any input – I want to ensure your voices are heard and included in the decision-making process.

## Fall Fest Celebrates American River Parkway

By Lisa Phenix

The 2021 October Family Fall Fest was a great success. Supporters and neighboring communities celebrated the American River Parkway, its Rio De Los Americanos Hiking Trail, the Wild and Scenic Lower American River, and our beautiful Fall weather. The Lower American River winds from Folsom Dam through Rancho Cordova, and on into our Sacramento neighborhoods. The Lower American River is designated as a Wild and Scenic River per federal and state law because it’s so scenic, has unique recreational uses and features, and is a special braided river providing habitat for lots of birds, wildlife, and protected fish. It’s truly magnificent.



Neighbors and area hikers, walkers, nature lovers and river

fans recently celebrated the expansion of the Rancho Rio De Los Americanos Trail. Granted to the public in 1973, and finally made partly accessible, this beautiful 30-foot-wide hiking trail crosses approximately 40 acres, much of it along a protected floodplain near the Lower American River.

The Fall Fest brought area residents and families together with recreational users of area walking trails, bike trails, fishermen and women, rafters, canoers, and kayakers. Local businesses that provide for our neighbors and that benefit from the areas many recreational uses set up booths. State agencies and non-profits that support wildlife, habitat, clean air, trees and plants, connected with area neighbors interested in open space along with families who want to maximize family nature and play space.

If you are a fan of the American River Parkway you should put a visit to Rancho Rio De Los Americanos Trail on your list of things to do in 2022.





## Development, New Area Projects

From the Desk of Councilman Eric Guerra

I want to take the time to wish you a Happy New Year! This new year offers an opportunity for all of us to re-envision goals and priorities with a new sense of optimism and spirit! Despite the challenges that came with 2021, District Six has proven to be a proud and resilient community, always ready to come together to support each other when help or encouragement is needed. Together we have built strength and support systems during the pandemic years. In 2022, we are looking forward to many upcoming opportunities in our district and to building upon the work from the previous year! Below are important recent developments and exciting new projects in our community.

The Sacramento Independent Redistricting Commission (SIRC) has finalized the new redistricted maps and District Six's boundaries have expanded. The SIRC engaged in a public process for approximately one year to redistrict the City of Sacramento and their work concluded with the adoption of a new Sacramento Council District Map on December 16, 2021. The new District Six map includes all our former neighborhoods with the addition of new communities, Colonial Heights, Laurence Park, and of course my alma mater Sacramento State University! I look forward to working with all our new neighbors for the betterment of our community.

Our office is working with a newly formed Folsom Boulevard Revitalization Committee to continue to build upon the improvement of Folsom Blvd. In the last few years, we have partnered with the community and CGNA on a massage parlor ordinance, clean-up of the Raley's shopping center, and the Folsom Boulevard Special Planning District to encourage clean and safe economic growth. We are continuing this work in partnership with residents and businesses to identify improvements and beautification projects that can tell the history of our corridor and provide some needed TLC. Our first initiative entails a Community Murals project through the Office of Arts and Culture at the JK Market along Folsom Blvd. Neighbors will have an opportunity to provide insight into a mural design that best reflects the essence of the corridor; stay tuned for upcoming community meetings! Our Department of Public Works is also working on upgrades to curb ramps at the intersection of Folsom Blvd. and Highway 16, as well as reconstructing the pedestrian and median islands at the intersection. This work will alleviate accessibility, address traffic issues, and improve the aesthetics of the area.

As always, my office staff is here to help, and I am looking forward to working with you all in this New Year! Please don't hesitate to contact my staff at (916) 808-7006.

## SMUD Crews Step up to Keep the Electricity Flowing, Assist Neighbors in Power Restoration Efforts

By Gregg Fishman, SMUD Ward 3 Director

Nature's biggest threats to SMUD's power grid are winter storms and summer heat waves. The historic storm that battered Northern California over the holidays was particularly devastating to snowbound residents of neighboring Placer and El Dorado counties.

When a utility is overwhelmed by natural disasters, it's not unusual for other utilities to provide mutual aid. That's what SMUD did when more than a dozen line personnel began assisting PG&E in its power restoration efforts on December 30 in the Placerville and Auburn areas outside our normal service territory. Mutual aid is just what it sounds like - utilities helping each other in times of need.

SMUD performs preventative maintenance year-round throughout the year to reduce the possibility of storm-related outages. As we did prior to the December storm, we encourage our customers to be prepared, just in case.

It's a good idea to prepare a simple emergency kit that includes a flashlight, fully charged cell phone, extra batteries, bottled water, battery-powered clock, manual can opener, and a battery-powered radio for news reports.

If your power does go out, call SMUD's free outage line at 1-888-456-SMUD (7683). If you see a downed power line, always assume it's energized and stay away from it. Call SMUD at the same number, or dial 911.

Above all, stay safe, and be assured that SMUD crews will work around the clock to restore service as quickly and safely as possible.



### Save Friday, July 1, 2022 for National Family Night Out!

By June 2022 it is anticipated we should be able to have outdoor group activities. With that in mind we are cautiously beginning to plan for a National Family Night Out this year. We have set the date and started to contact our volunteers and supporters. The final word on this event will come from the City and County of Sacramento.

## 2021 Legislative and Budget Victories

From the Desk of Assemblymember McCarty

2021 was an incredibly successful year, both for our local community as well as legislatively. I was able to pass a number of legislative and budget victories including:

- Universal Transitional Kindergarten - After five attempts over seven years. Universal TK is now law and free for all Californian four-year-olds. This big win both helps middle class families that can't afford high tuition for preschool and lower income families stuck on waiting lists for subsidized programs.

- College Enrollment Expansion - I also was able to successfully expand enrollment in UC campuses for qualified Californians, increasing access for nearly 7,000 students.

- American River Parkway Improvements - Locally, I was able to secure over \$12 million to improve the American River Parkway. We also passed a new law to transition homeless individuals living on the Parkway to possible future shelter options near CalExpo.

- Sacramento Parks Projects – In 2018, I helped craft the Outdoor Access for All Act in an effort to expand park access in underserved communities. Of the \$548.3 million allocated, five park projects in Sacramento recently received funding providing more green space for our city.

As we move into 2022, please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 23 and join me for a walk and talk from Sutter's Landing to River Park. More details will soon be on my website.

The New Year means a new budget and legislative session. On January 3rd, I introduced the 2022 Student Housing Bill (AB 1602). California has a college and housing affordability crisis and this bill will invest \$5 billion for UC, CSU and the California Community College systems to construct 25,000 student housing beds at below market rents. In addition to other bills I'll be pursuing, I'll be working hard these next few months to build a state budget that works for Sacramentans and for all Californians.

If you'd like to stay up to date on what is happening this year during the legislative session and learn more about my 2022 legislative priorities, you can find them here <https://a07.asmdc.org/2021-2022-legislative-priorities>.

## Redistricting in Sacramento County

By Supervisor Rich Desmond

Redistricting is a word you only hear about every ten years, but it's an important process that affects every California voter. Sacramento County recently completed redistricting, which aligns with the Census to make sure that each electoral district has approximately the same number of people and complies with the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors chose to approve a map themselves with public participation throughout the process. On December 7, 2021, the Board voted on a final map after countless hours of discussion and thoughtful public comments. You can view the final map on the Sacramento County Redistricting website at [redistricting2021.saccounty.gov](https://redistricting2021.saccounty.gov).

District Three increased in population to 314,595 constituents. The District still includes Arden Arcade, Carmichael, Fair Oaks, La Riviera, Foothill Farms, and parts of North Highlands. I will now have the honor of representing Gold River and the eastern portion of the City of Rancho Cordova. Although, a portion of District Three within the City of Sacramento was drawn into District One, I am happy to say that the College-Glen Neighborhood will stay within District Three. It has been a privilege to represent your community.

Although the pandemic makes outreach difficult, my goal is to continue to hold virtual meetings on topics that are important to Sacramento County District Three residents. I look forward to hearing about what is important to you and how the County can improve the quality of life for everyone in Sacramento. Please remember to check out my website at [bos.saccounty.gov/District3](https://bos.saccounty.gov/District3) and sign up for my newsletter to hear about upcoming meetings.

## The Folsom Boulevard Coalition

By Sue Brown

The Folsom Boulevard Coalition includes Councilmember Eric Guerra, Power Inn Alliance, CGNA, neighbors, and businesses. The coalition is partnering to improve the aesthetics, travel experience, and pedestrian safety on Folsom Boulevard from Power Inn Road to Watt Avenue.

We are seeking funding for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the 2007 Folsom Blvd. Master Plan originally introduced by Councilman Dave Jones. The plan includes safety and streetscape improvements.

We are asking businesses to maintain routine weed control, including sidewalks, curbs and gutters; trim and maintain existing landscaping; add decorative, drought-tolerant landscaping in empty planters; repair or replace faded signs; and pick up trash and debris daily on their properties.

Brothers Plumbing, located at 8581 Kiefer Blvd., has been chosen to be part of the City's pilot Community Murals Sacramento program, which selected 39 local artists to create ten community-based murals across the city. The west wall facing Folsom has great visibility for motorists and light rail riders. The program's goal is to infuse and promote all Sacramento neighborhoods with art and culture. Artists John Osgood, Sharon Norton, and Jolene Russell were selected by a diverse panel to collaboratively design a mural that reflects our community's values. There is an ongoing engagement process that will culminate with a community paint day in late spring. For more information regarding this program see [www.communitymuralssacramento.org](https://www.communitymuralssacramento.org).

We are partnering with Sac State to develop a program to vinyl wrap City and SMUD utility boxes along Folsom with artwork. We plan to submit for grants and will request business and individual sponsorships to finance printing, installation, and permitting. Graphic arts students will engage the community and collaborate on concepts to help with their designs. Students have previously completed projects at Sac State and the Sacramento Airport. This project is a win-win as it is a resume builder for students while helping us with our goal to improve aesthetics along Folsom Blvd.

Contact Sue Brown 386-6016 or Maria Gutierrez 856-8769 with questions or if you would like to get involved.



## Councilmember Guerra Makes It Official

The American River Access RCA Botanical Citrus Garden is on the City of Sacramento's Park Inventory. Special thanks to Councilmember Eric Guerra, his District-6 Staff, and Tin-Wah Wong, Associate Landscape Architect for the City of Sacramento.

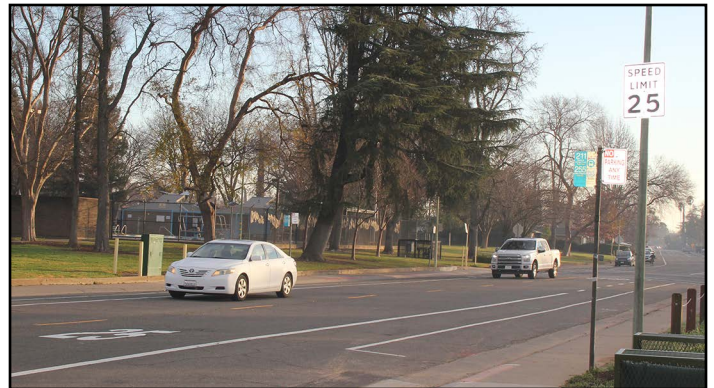
This project has been a long time in the making. Twenty-nine years ago Darrell Steinberg secured cell tower funds for area projects and this garden was proposed within the community. Twenty-two years ago Councilmember Dave Jones approved the American River Easement Project and four years later Janet Baker had the fences along the easement moved back to their official property lines. Six years ago, with the project still stalled, Mayor Kevin Johnson and the Sacramento City Council reallocated our cell tower funds to their general coffers. It took Councilmember Eric Guerra locating the funds to support the infrastructure and implementation of this project. Phase-1 of the College-Glen easement project is now complete.



**November 5, 2021, Councilmember Guerra officially announces neighborhood garden inclusion in Sacramento Park Inventory.**

## Wisemann Gets Street Speed Signs and Street Legends

After years of requests from neighbors for help with excessive speed and aggressive drivers along Wisemann Drive, the City of Sacramento Traffic Division has responded. Residents had hoped for undulation and speed bumps. However, because Wisemann is a major street used daily by emergency vehicles, the City resisted putting any type of control device on the street that would delay emergency response time. As an alternative, City Traffic relocated the existing two 25 mph signs, added two more 25 mph signs, and added two 25 mph street legends.



## Bancroft Recycling Program Ends After 11 years

In 2010, a recycling bin was delivered to Bancroft Elementary School. The Association designed the program as a fundraiser, to encourage the community to support recycling, and as a means of discouraging scavengers from coming into the community and going through the blue recycling bins. The initial program was sponsored by the four major area solid waste operators: Atlas Disposal, L & D Landfill, Sacramento Recycling, and Recycling Industries. The first bin was full of clean paper and the Bancroft Principal received \$500 for the materials collected.

Unfortunately, over the past two years while the volume of clean paper, aluminum cans, and plastic bottles have increased, so has the amount of contaminated items. We have published articles in the CGNA News and posted signs on the yellow bin asking that donors NOT put contaminated items in the bin or leave them outside the bin for the school to dispose of. Sadly, our best efforts have not reduced the volume of contaminated materials. The recyclable items being deposited in the aluminum can and plastic bottle windows include Styrofoam, other non-paper packing materials, animal waste, trash, and garbage in general which were transferred to Bancroft's trash dumpster. This occupied considerable space in Bancroft's trash dumpster and took time away from the staff's other work around the school. These items have increased to a level that exceeds the school's trash pick-up and the school has asked that we discontinue this recycling program.



**Materials left at the recycling bin whose only destination is the trash dumpster.**

The College-Glen Neighborhood Association/Foundation and Bancroft Faculty, Staff, and students thank the community for more than 10-years of support for this recycling effort. We also extend our thanks and appreciation to Atlas Disposal, L & D Landfill, Sacramento Recycling, and especially David Kuhnen the owner/operator of Recycling Industries who continued to service this program during the pandemic out of his Watt Avenue facility in North Highlands after closing their Power Inn facility.

## Roma II Recognized by Sacramento Mayor and Council

On November 17, 2021, Councilmember Guerra presented a Resolution signed by the Mayor and Council, to Maria Guerrero, owner of Roma II honoring 40 years in business at the 8491 Folsom Boulevard location.

Maria was recognized for providing employment to many immigrants and for serving excellent pizza and traditional Italian dishes along with wonderful hospitality. The Council recognized how Maria and her staff have hung in there during the pandemic with ever changing State and local regulations, as well as her pride of ownership of the surrounding property.

In 1966, Maria and her late husband Giuseppe left Southern Italy to seek opportunities in America. They arrived in Napa with no formal culinary education or business experience but understood great food and had a strong work ethic. After two years they opened their first pizzeria in Vallejo. In 1978, they opened the original Roma's on Franklin Boulevard followed by Roma II on Folsom Boulevard in 1981. Maria along with Giuseppe's son Tony and his wife Christine now own and operate Roma's on Franklin Boulevard and Roma III in Carmichael. Son Mario and his wife Trisha own and operate Via Roma Pizzeria con Cucina in Rocklin.



**Maria Guerrero in the kitchen at Roma II on Folsom Blvd.**

Roma II is a source of pride for the College Glen area. Next time you visit, check out the Resolution and remember to congratulate Maria and her staff!

## Sacramento SPCA's 29th Doggy Dash is Back in Person!

Registration for the Sacramento SPCA's 29th Doggy Dash 2k/5k Walk & Pet Festival is Now OPEN!

On Saturday, April 23rd, 2022, join thousands of walkers at William Land Park as we lace up our shoes and leash up our pups for the 29th Annual Sacramento SPCA Doggy Dash, our largest fundraiser of the year and an opportunity to celebrate the amazing commitment of our community to healthy, happy, and unconditional relationships between dogs and their people! Your registration and participation in the Doggy Dash help the Sacramento SPCA provide direct care to more than 35,000 animals each year in our community.



8:30 A.M. – Registration opens

10:00 A.M. – 5k/2k Walk begins

11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. – “Bark in the Park” Festival

Join the month of January for early bird registration! Prices increase on February 1, 2022.

- INDIVIDUAL WALKER: \$25.00 (includes event t-shirt)
- CREATE/JOIN A TEAM: \$35.00 (includes event t-shirt with team name)

For more information visit our website at [SSPCA.org/dash](https://sspc.org/dash). For questions contact Jessica Behrens, Special Events Coordinator, at [jbehrens@sspc.org](mailto:jbehrens@sspc.org)

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## Sacramento Police Department Update

By Sacramento Police Captain Greg Halstead

There are many new and exciting things happening at the police department. After 34 years of service, Chief Daniel Hahn retired in December. A nationwide search for the next chief was completed, and our very own Deputy Chief Kathy Lester was selected to be the 46th Chief of Police. Chief Lester is a 27-year veteran of the Sacramento Police Department and the first woman to hold the position.

Our current police academy started on January 3rd, 2022, and we have 27 SacPD recruits that are beginning their journey to become Sacramento Police Officers. The department recently received a federal grant to fund 15 officer positions. The 15 positions will provide additional personnel to establish and/or enhance relationships with community-based organizations that serve communities victimized by gun violence. Some of our partnerships include Cops & Clergy, Brother 2 Brother, and the Black Child Legacy Foundation.

The College-Glen neighborhood had a 33% decrease in burglaries in 2021 compared to 2020. However, thefts were up 17% in 2021. Most of the thefts were from unlocked vehicles. Always lock your car and hide or remove your valuables. The POD devices in your neighborhood have discovered nearly 500 Stolen Vehicles, At-Risk Missing person vehicles, and Outside Agency Wanted Vehicles.

Your SacPD team is always here and eager to help. This is your police department and our community. Together we can accomplish many things.

## Register Your Phone Number and Email Address with the Association

The CGNA encourages neighbors to share their email address with us so we may send notification of meetings, events, and neighborhood issues. We do not email neighbors unless they have given us permission.

Please use the enclosed contribution form (no contribution is necessary to be added to the contact list) and return envelope with your contact information including your email address, phone number, and your approval.

We do not share your contact information with others and will limit our communication to what is necessary to keep you informed of relevant events within our community. Please clearly print your e-mail address and include a phone number as a back-up.

## Holiday Crime Up, Streetlights Out. Any connection?

By Ron Alvarado

Compared to the 2020 holidays last year, this past season's holiday crime record was not a welcome Christmas gift, with overall crime in our College Greens/Glen neighborhoods up 51.5%! As usual, we continue to be an inviting target for car thieves, with an over 300% increase in motor vehicle theft over the 2021 Thanksgiving-Christmas holidays compared to the 2020 holiday season. Additionally, our neighborhoods represented 43% of all city-wide motor vehicle thefts during this period, and 50% of all city-wide burglaries from motor vehicles. Residential burglary in our neighborhoods was also up.

There are several streetlights out in our neighborhoods; take a drive around and see for yourself. This lack of street lighting cannot be helping us with this unwelcomed surge in crime. Report them using the City's online reporting site at [311.cityofsacramento.org](https://311.cityofsacramento.org), call 311, or contact Councilmember Eric Guerra's office.

## Report Darkened Street Lamps

*Several Options*

Visit the City of Sacramento online at  
[311.cityofsacramento.org](https://311.cityofsacramento.org)

Call 311

Contact Councilmember Eric Guerra  
808-7006

Reported Crime Category	Nov. 20, 2021 – January 4, 2022	Nov. 20, 2020 – January 4, 2021
Traffic Incident	59	24
Theft	35	20
Burglary from a Motor Vehicle	30	18
Motor Vehicle Theft	30	7
Assault – Simple	29	17
Narcotics Violations	16	30
Assault – Aggravated	13	8
Disorderly Conduct	13	24
Burglary – Commercial	12	9
Burglary - Residential	11	3
Weapons Violations	8	10
DUI	7	4
Robbery – Individual	6	4
Sexual Offense	5	1
Shoplifting	4	1
Fraud/Forgery	3	1
Robbery – Commercial	2	0
Alcohol Violations	1	1
Arson	1	2
Vandalism	1	2
All other crimes	11	10
<b>Total Reported Crimes</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>196</b>
<i>% Change</i>	<i>+51.5%</i>	

## 2022 Annual Meeting Speakers In-person and Virtual

The primary function of the Annual Meeting is to elect officers and board members and satisfy our state and federal obligation for financial disclosure and reporting of our activities during the past year. The CGNA Board expanded the meeting to include reports from community, school, business, and elected representatives as well City and County staff including city police and fire departments and the Sacramento County Probation Department.

Our 2021 meeting started with the election and introduction of Association and Foundation officers and directors followed by the financial reports and a summary of the year's events. A special note of thanks went to our 45 families that help with the delivery of the CGNA News during the pandemic and announcement of the pending termination of the recycling program at Bancroft school. Following the reports, guests heard from SCUSD Superintendent Jorge Aguilar and trustees Garcia and Pritchett, members of the Sacramento Police and Fire Departments; Sacramento County: Probation, Office of Education and Flood Control Board; Los Rios Community College District; SMUD; SARA; California Montessori, Bancroft, Einstein, and Rosemont schools; and Councilmember Eric Guerra. This year, in addition to our traditional guests Phil Pluckebaum outlined for us the city's process for redistricting council districts and Councilmember Angelique Ashby reviewed current options for addressing homeless issues within the city. The meeting closed with Councilmember Guerra and SMUD Board Member Fishman hosting our traditional Q & A open forum.



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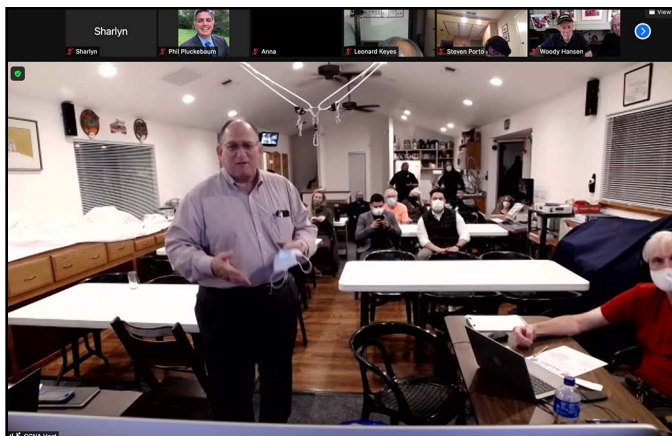
**Angelique Ashby, Councilmember**



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**Greg Fishman, SMUD Board Member**



**Jorge A. Aguilar, SCUSD Superintendent**



## McClaskey Adult Center Classes

### Free Friday Morning Watercolor Mini-Workshop

Woody Hansen has resumed his Free Friday Watercolor Mini-Workshops - weather permitting.

Woody invites you to bring your paints, pencil, or camera and enjoy a cool, morning of artistic motivation.

Weather permitting, class begins at 9 AM every Friday morning throughout the year. All levels, all ages, welcome. For information on Free Friday Watercolor Mini-Workshops and Woody's studio watercolor classes you may E-mail Woody at [watercolors@woodyhansen.com](mailto:watercolors@woodyhansen.com)



### Karate Classes Resumed In Person July 7th

The Uechi - Ryu Karate classes continue to welcome new students in both the adult and youth classes. Everyone is encouraged to come, visit, and find out if this karate class is the one for you. Karate offers personal fitness, character development and individual growth. For more information, please contact or e-mail [vandervolgenjr@yahoo.com](mailto:vandervolgenjr@yahoo.com).

Youth Traditional Uechi - Ryu Karate Mon/Wed, 6:00 – 7 :00 pm This class is designed for youth and strives to provide the same class experience one would have on Okinawa. Karate helps to increase coordination and promote self-esteem. The class is led by Henry Carino and Som Sivongxay. Youth 10 and older are encouraged to participate in the class with their parent or guardian. Both instructors are 5th degree black belts and both have their own children in the class.



Beginning & Advanced Traditional Uechi - Ryu Karate Mon/Wed, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Learn Traditional Uechi-Ryu Karate from Attorney Robert “Robb” Van Der Volgen Jr. and CSUS Professor Joan Neide, Ed.D. Both instructors are 9th degree black belts with Master teaching licenses. Robb and Joan will follow the tradition of blending beginners with advanced students. For the beginners, the initial focus is on posture, breathing, footwork and unified movement.

### Music & Movement for Toddlers & Pre-Schoolers with Lisa Phenix

Music and Movement classes with Lisa Phenix remain on hold until a vaccination program is in place for this age group. For information on the program and to reserve a space when the program returns contact Lisa at [lisap@winfirst.com](mailto:lisap@winfirst.com) or call 719-6106.



**Stay in Touch with The College-Glen Neighborhood Association!**  
**Check out the CGNA Web Site at [www.collegeglen.org](http://www.collegeglen.org)**

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

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### **Saying Goodbye**

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Carol Babby just prior to Thanksgiving. Prior to Carol's battle with cancer, she and her husband were one of our Neighborhood CGNA News delivery team members. They were also residents of the Glenbrook neighborhood. They purchased their home on Fallbrook Way on their second anniversary in 1966.

We will miss Carol and send our condolences to her husband Glen and their sons Wayne and David and their families.