Neighbors pull together to boost theater renovation

Sierra 2 Center staff and SCNA board members have been busy organizing fundraising events and soliciting donations for the 24th Street Theatre renovation project but some neighbors have been extra busy.

Neighbors have been a great source of inspiration during this fundraising campaign with particular generosity coming from groups that have pooled their donations to represent their block or street. This group effort has been the largest part of the funds received so far and has set off a competitive spirit across the neighborhood.

Spearheading this creative endeavor was board member Bruce Pierini, who challenged his 25th Street companions to raise $4,000 to pay for a dedicated row of seats. Carol Blackman was inspired to do the same with the group representing an area of 26th Street, Fourth Avenue and Rochon Way, which has contributed more than $5,200. Curtis Way has delivered $2,300, Donner Way is in at $2,750, and 25th Street has contributed more than $2,000.

Everyone can help the cause with whatever they can offer, adding to a pool that is significant in total.

To date, $30,000 has been raised toward the $40,000 matching Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission grant. The grant will be used to replace the well-used seats and replace carpet that is part of the seat replacement phase of the project.

Another $40,000 is needed to replace the house paint the interior, replace the sign and upgrade the lighting. The latter items on the project list will occur as funds are received to pay for them.

Group donations will be recognized with engraved plates on the new seats. Details regarding the grand reveal post-project completion will be forthcoming.

Donations can be made online via sierra2.org, in the office or with a check made to SCNA.

Cycling studio opens on Freeport Boulevard

Located on the same Freeport Boulevard block as Dad’s Kitchen and Freeport Bakery, CycleLife might be the most convenient place to work off indulgent calories.

CycleLife opened in early January to offer a variety of music-themed and efficient 45-minute indoor cycling workouts with 29 bikes available per class.

“The studio is all about the music,” says owner Becca Kenyon. “We incorporate all genres into every class, so there is something for everyone.” Classes include Bear Ride, Raw Ride, and Bikes and Bubbles. The latter includes champagne and mimosas after class every Sunday.

CycleLife offers classes for women and men of all ages. So far, Becca has observed girls as young as 12 and women up to age 60 attend class. For people new to indoor cycling, she suggests the CycleStarer, which is an introduction to spin classes.

After seeking advice from friends owning local businesses and working with local real estate agents, Becca decided Land Park would be the perfect spot. “It’s such a small tight-knit community,” observes Becca. “Cycling is a great low-impact, high-intensity workout for all ages, so having the high school and

Council candidates to debate May 9

Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association will host a candidates debate for the City Council District 5 seat from 6:30 to 8 p.m. May 9 in Curtis Hall at the Sierra 2 Center. The League of Women Voters of Sacramento County will conduct the debate.

All three candidates — incumbent Councilmember Jay Schenirer and challengers Tamika L’Ecluse and Joseph Barry — have agreed to attend.

The Statewide Direct Primary Election is June 5. Ballots will be mailed to voters in April. — John Mathews
Executive director Terri Shettle reported that the 24th Street Theatre campaign has received contributions of $30,000. We are $10,000 short of our $40,000 for the matching SMAC grant for seat replacements. For this part of the fundraising, there is a friendly competition between streets in Curtis Park to sponsor the most seats. The next stage of the capital campaign will be to raise $30,000 toward stage repairs, new carpet, curtains, interior painting and new exterior sign.

Sierra 2 staff members met with Kim Tucker from Impact Foundry to share concerns and practices that would keep administration running smoothly.

Treasurer Jonathan LaTurner reported the committee will meet in April. The balance sheet shows expenses were $2,000 over budget, but the overall financial health is strong. The committee will be presenting a financial policy statement at the next board meeting. SCNA will need to continue its capital campaign for theater improvements.

Facilities
Work on the facility lease continues, with general data from years ago researched and sent to city officials. If the lease proposal is drafted, the board will finalize it and send it to Councilmember Jay Schenerer.

Development
Kat Haro is the new development chair. With her years of experience in advertising and marketing, she will bring a fresh perspective to the committee.

Personnel
Jonathan is the new committee chair. He reported he will be examining retirement plans and make recommendations to reorganize staff work stations.

Neighborhood Concerns
John Mathews and Dan Piskowski reported that the Neighborhood Concerns Committee is following up on two items from 2017. One is to contact the city’s Department of Public Works regarding unahororized driveway approaches and seek authorization to allow existing modifications to remain in place. The second item is to apply to the city parks department to install a wrought iron fence, plaque, and contemplation seat around the Peace Tree planted in collaboration last fall with the United Nations Association. The plans for the new homes in Crocker Village were submitted for board examination and comment.

Senior Center
Angela Mía reported the Sacramento Women’s Area Network donated $1,025 to the center. Intern Kate Lauster is working on new open house concepts. My Story Project is working with Heather Hogan to update marketing of the project to appeal to the children of seniors so they can encourage their parents to tell their stories.

Egg Hunt
The annual Spring Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday March 31, with a pajama parade starting at 9:30 a.m. at William Curtis Park, followed by face painting, crafts and an egg hunt at Sierra 2 Center’s Curtis Hall. Board members signed up to volunteer for shifts during both the home tour and egg hunt events.

Even our neighborhood’s problems have benefits
Every once in a while, it hits me right smack between the eyes about how lucky my family is to live in Curtis Park. Sometimes it’s a simple level of understanding: I’ll be sitting on the front porch and a neighbor will walk by and say hi and I’ll think to myself, “This is really great.”

Other times, it gets a little more convoluted. I’ll be mowing on a Wednesday morning, and I’ll hear that telltale roar about 6:30 a.m. I’ll think to myself, “Curse! I forgot to put out the recycling last night!” and I’ll drag myself out of bed to get rid of the recycling. I’ll take the bags and throw them into the garbage. I’ll turn back and see a neighbor walking by and say hi and I’ll think to myself, “This is really great.”

There have been several of these moments over the past month or so, and perhaps they are more common than I think. I could go on, but will limit the scope: Here are my two most recent Curtis Park Problems That Aren’t Really Problems.

I really enjoyed going out in the rain and mucking out the leaf-clogged, inefficient, outdateed drainage grates. The street would be two inches deep, with cars leaving rooster tails as they zipped through. I’d get my rake and some gloves and poke around in the debris. All of a sudden I’d break through. There’s be this horrific slurping sucking slippery sound, and I’d get a mini-Charybdis right on the corner of 26th and Fourth Avenue. The water would slide away and kapos! Clear street. Unfortunately, the City has upgraded all those grates, and I haven’t seen a single flooded street this year. No more self-congratulatory sense of civic duty fulfilled… but it’s really great.

Second, let’s talk about the old Sacramento Southern Railroad right of way south of the Sacramento Zoo. I love running there on weekends. It’s dirt, there’s hardly anybody out, and I get to see all the intriguing things people have done to extend their lots into that right-of-way. It gets muddy at times, but I can just hop up on the tracks. Dogs are off-leash, but they’re mostly well-behaved. Depending on where I hang a right, I can go 7 to 13 miles. It’s perfect. And now I hear the city wants to pave my trail! Everyone will be able to have a convenient urban trail from Meadowview all the way to William Land Park! I hate sharing… but it’s really great.

I say it over and over again to anyone who will listen, but I wouldn’t want to live anywhere else in Sacramento. Curtis Park—it’s people, its atmosphere, its out-of-the-way nooks and crannies—is really, really great.

Here’s how to get your graduate in the Viewpoint
For each graduate, please include name, parents’ names, street in Curtis Park, graduate’s school, plans for college or travel or employment or military, and phone number. The Viewpoint will not print the phone number, but it’s essential for checking the information.

Deadline is May 10. We cannot promise publication for late entries.
What’s new at Sierra 2

By Valerie Barnows

Self-protection class

This class is designed to provide participants with the opportunity for physical activity while acquiring the knowledge and skills necessary to have options in situations concerning self-protection. The class meets from noon to 1 p.m. the first and last Sunday of the month in Studio 1. The class focuses on women and their needs for self-protection. The class emphasizes awareness, de-escalation and proper body movement.

For further enrollment information, contact Jamie Wilson at jamie@waterforwomeninc.org.

Children’s music and fitness class

Zumbini is the ultimate musical bonding experience. Created by Zumba and BabyFirst, Zumbini is an early childhood education program using original music and movement to promote cognitive, social, fine/gross motor skills, and emotional development for children from birth to age 4, while creating the ultimate bonding experience for families.

Zumbini classes are 9:15-10 a.m.

and 10:30-11:15 a.m. on Sundays in Studio 1. Sessions are 45 minutes each for six classes. The first session, “Kalino Finds The Music,” starts April 8. The class fee is $150. Discounts are available for families with multiple children. Participants receive a free “Kalino Finds The Music” bundle that includes a plush doll, a beautifully illustrated storybook, and a CD with all the class music.

Visit zumbini.com for more information and to register for the class. Or email instructor Brianne Hidden at ZumbiniWithBrianne@yahoo.com.

Fundraiser for McClatchy baseball and softball

The McClatchy High School baseball team’s 10th annual Taste of McClatchy is from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, April 20 in Curtis Hall. Food, beer and wine tastings from local businesses are featured along with a raffle and silent auction.

The cost is $35 in advance or $40 at the door. All proceeds benefit McClatchy baseball and softball. Tickets can be purchased online at www.mcclatchybaseball.com. For information, call Mike de Necochea at 916 444-1414 or email mike@mcclatchybaseball.com.

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FLY BRAVE’S GOT TALENT
April 14
Showtime: 5-7 p.m. Free. Info: flybrave.org
The Fly Brave Foundation presents a free talent show starring individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities. Cambi Brown, from the CW31 morning news show “Good Day Sacramento,” will emcee the event and also make a special performance in the show. Donations encouraged. Fly Brave’s mission is to create an employment training program for adults with autism who have aged out of the school system, focusing on hands-on skills training within the community, social skills, and healthy living.

SING FOR JOY: A SPRING CHORAL CONCERT
April 15
Showtime: 3-4 p.m. Free
Info: 916.808.5642
This annual event showcases the talents of Hart Senior Center’s choir. Singers with Hart, led by director Christine Quick-Cleveland and accompanied by pianist Nancy Balenzano. Traditional American, world folk music, classical and popular songs, and other contemporary choral favorites will be featured. This is a ticketed event. Pick up your free concert ticket at the Ethel Hart Senior Center and Sierra 2 Center while supplies last. Space is limited.

FITNESS
Hot Hula Fitness
7-8 p.m. Fridays, Studio 2
Ohanafi, 916 595-3765

Zumba with Tonya & Linda
7:30-8:30 p.m., Monday–Wednesday,
Studio 2
LaToya Buford. tobybuford Insert@yahoocom

Bellyfit*
Tuesdays, 2 p.m., Studio ;
Wed, 3:30 p.m., Studio 2
randrobinson@mac.com

Dancehall PowerUp
Thursday, 8:30-9:30 p.m., Studio 3
LaToya Buford. tobybuford Insert@yahoocom

Motivational Aerobic Dance Exercise
Monday/ Wednesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.,
Studio 1
kia@ keynonsfitness.com

Zumba
Friday, 6-7, Studio 2
Saturday, 11-noon, Studio 2
Abraham Contreras, paklo.zumba@yahoo.com

Weight Watchers
Thursdays, 9 a.m., noon, 6 p.m.,
Saturday, 9 a.m. Room 10. 800 374-9191

All Levels Pilates Mat Class
6:30 p.m., Thursdays, Studio 1
Lauren, 916 956-0816

Zumba Gold
Tuesday, 6:30/ Thursday, 4:45 p.m. [50-min. class]
info@tworiversdancecenter.com

Stilettoes with KG – Ages 18+
8:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Studio 3
Krystal, kgstiletto@gmail.com

Floor Stretch & Conditioning
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturdays, Studio 1
Two Rivers Dance Center
info@tworiversdancecenter.com

SPIRITUAL SERVICES
Sacramento Native American Believers Fellowship
Sundays, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Room 10
Lee Aviles, 916 203-6461

Mustard Seed Faith Ministries
Sundays, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Room 9
Paster Dorothy Hayes, 916 233-0901

Good Shepherd Parish
Sundays, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Room 12
Contact: Mother Elizabeth English
916 502-6773, GoodShepherdCommunity.org

Empowerment Theological Seminary
Mondays, 6-9:55 p.m., Room 9
916 308-9764 empowermenttheologicalseminary.com

True Life Ministries
Sundays, 2-4:45 p.m., Room 9
Pastor Grant Harper. 916 382-2885

OTHER
The Playground:
An Improv Community
7-9 p.m., Wednesdays, Room 9
betsaidalebron.com, 916 573-0301

Cochlear Community Meetings
5-7 p.m., 16/17/18, Curtis Hall
cochlear.com/US/events

Knw Thyself as Soul – Meditation
1st Sunday of the month, 1-4 p.m. Curtis Hall
knowthyselfsoul.org

Good Girlfriends Monthly Social
Last Tuesday, 7 p.m., Room 10
Eula, 916 571-0482

ART
Glass Mosaic Classes
Tuesday, Noon-3 p.m., Room 11
karenssharp51@gmail.com

AN EVENING OF JAZZ & OLD SCHOOL R&B
April 27
Dinner: 5:30 p.m. Show: 7:30 p.m.
Cost: $30
Tickets & Info: Larry James, 916 308-8327
Prepare to be blown away during this special evening with some of Sacramento’s finest musicians and the vocal styling of Larry James and company. Start the evening with a savory Mexican dinner in Curtis Hall.

ACTIVITIES AT SIERRA 2

DANCE
Adult Ballet
Two Rivers Dance Center
Mondays & Saturdays
info@tworiversdancecenter.com

Heels & Sass Dance class
7:30-8:30 p.m., Thursdays, Studio 1
mbballet@gmail.com

Irish Folk Dancing
1st and 3rd Monday, 7-9 p.m., Studio 1
Liam Irish, 916 677-5549

Polynesian Dance
Tuesday, 6-7:30 p.m, Studio 2
aloahyatra@aol.com

River City Taps – Adult Tap Dance
See Website for class schedules. Studio 1 & 3
www.rivercitytapstaps.com
richardrivercitytaps.com

Auntie Amy’s Hula
Thursday, 3-4 p.m., Studio 1
Amy Cornellier. 916 792-5561

Kalanjali: Dance of India
Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Rooms 10 & 11
916 526-2183. katharine.kalanjali@gmail.com

West African Dance
5 p.m., Saturdays, Studio 3. All ages
916 205-3970 or fenixdrummanddance.com

Adult Dance Fitness with a Twist!
April 20 & 27
Theme: Jas-ercise
Adult Dance Fitness with a Twist!

MUSIC
SACRAMENTO NATIVE AMERICAN BELIEVERS FELLOWSHIP
SUNDAYS, 10-12:30 p.m., ROOM 10
LEE AVILES
916 203-6461

MARTIAL ARTS
Eagle Claw Kung Fu Academy of Sacramento
Wednesdays, 6-8:30 p.m., Studio 2
916 411-7215

Sacramento Sword School
Martial Sword Arts of Europe
Thursdays, 6:15-8:15 p.m., Studio 2
Maestro Eric Myers. 916 276-2247

UNIFIED CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS
For schedule, email Shifu Byron at
Loharide@abcglobal.net

YOGA
Iyengar Yoga
Tuesday, 10-11 a.m. Studio 1
Gladys Callander. 916 743-0246

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Workshop on organizing photo collections helps declutter

By Katie Byram

Organize your photos

Judy Bujold of Captured Moments is back with another workshop dedicated to helping people organize their photos. At 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 18 in Room 11, participants will bring their photos for organizing and digitizing. Judy will share tips for better organizing photos and then scan 100 to 150 photos into digital files, which can be stored easily on a computer for future projects (or simply peace of mind).

Digitizing photos helps declutter closets while better preserving memories. It also makes it easier to share photos via email and social media. The workshop is $25 and limited to six participants. To register, call Katie at 916 452-3005 or email Katie@sierra2.org.

Get the most out of Excel

A couple spots are left in the Excel workshop at 2 p.m. Monday, April 16 in Room 12. Knowing the ins and outs of Excel allows students to organize data. They also learn to create graphics and charts, make budgets and other financial calculations, and create simple lists. In this hands-on class, taught by experts at Big Fellowship & A Leap Ahead IT, laptops will be provided for students’ use. Call 916 452-3005 to register. The $20 fee can be paid at the door.

Senior to Senior program

The Senior Center is starting a monthly program titled Senior to Senior. This program aims to have seniors teach crafts, hobbies and other skills to other seniors. We are looking for participants who would like to sign up to teach others. Lessons can include gardening how-to’s, favorite card games, knitting, sewing, crocheting, arts and crafts, recipe exchanges, magic tricks, sign language, jewelry making and so much more. The program lessons will be based on what you know and want to share with others. Classes will be at 11:30 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month, starting May 2. Prospective teachers can sign up by calling the Senior Center at 916 455-6339.

IN THE DISTRICT

Top concerns in every neighborhood are homelessness, traffic and crime

At the beginning of each year, I host a Neighborhood Leaders meeting where we bring together folks from the 20 or so neighborhoods we represent. It’s a great way to provide updates on city issues and for leaders to meet with city staff. I also ask each neighborhood to commit to increased patrols in the neighborhoods, using bait packages and bait cars, and improving street crossings.

Unfortunately, many do not know how active the city has been on this important issue. Homelessness impacts everything we are trying to do, and for both moral and economic reasons, it’s a challenge we simply must meet. Please visit the city’s webpage at http://www.cityofsacramento.org/homeless for a rundown of the steps we have taken so far.

Second and third on the list are traffic and crime. Traffic issues are mostly about how to slow folks down, installing speed bumps, and improving street crossings. In addition, we continue to work with our police and traffic folks around enforcement and safety features on specific intersections and roads. I look forward to the implementation of the City’s Vision Zero initiative, which highlights safe engineering, enforcement and education to eliminate traffic fatalities by 2027. More details at www.VisionZeroSac.org.

For most of District 5, crime issues focus on car break-ins and packages being stolen from front porches. I have had many discussions with our police, who have committed to increased patrols in the neighborhoods, using bait packages and bait cars, and providing training for neighborhood watch initiatives. In reality, crime is down significantly over the past seven years, but we can always do more.

As always, please feel free to contact our office at 916 808-7095 with specific issues. My staff is always ready to assist. For more ways to connect, go to www.jayschenirer.com or email me at jayschenirer@cityofsacramento.org

A FEW IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Donations appreciated. All activities take place in Rooms 12 or 13 except where noted.

LEISURE

BOOK CLUB
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., 1st Thursday
April 9: “Commonwealth” by Ann Patchett
May 14: “Beartown” by Fredrik Backman

NONFICTION BOOK CLUB
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., 3rd Thursday
April 4: “The Optimist’s Guide to Thriving in the Age of Accelerations” by Thomas Friedman

FILM CLUB
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., 1st Tuesday
April 17: “Fair Game” (2010)

EDUCATION

COMPANY CLASSES
3rd Mondays (unless otherwise noted) 2-4 p.m. Room 12. Cost: $20/class. Please sign up in advance; no laptop necessary.
April: Microsoft Excel

EVENTS

You have photos? We have solutions! Workshop
April 18: 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in Room 11. Cost: $25/each.
With Judy Bujold of Captured Moments

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TREES OF CURTIS PARK

When altering landscape, top priority is irrigating existing trees

By Dan Pskowski

The March rains were a welcome relief after a dry January and February. But even with these rains, Curtis Park residents are becoming more aware of California’s water shortage and rethinking the traditional use of turf in their front and back yards. Lawns require regular watering during Sacramento’s hot summer months and, with recent installation of water meters, residents are more mindful of the cost to keep their lawns green. More yards are converting from lawn to drought-tolerant plants, patios, decomposed granite, decorative rock and occasionally artificial turf.

Yet careful consideration of the existing trees in the yard should be a top priority. With an existing automatic irrigation system, consider changing to low-pressure heads. Drip irrigation, black soaker hose and Netafim are other readily available water delivery systems. Turf removal will reduce the tree’s water requirements. However, you will need to closely monitor soil moisture because the tree regularly received water every time the turf was irrigated.

When the watering system is radically altered, especially during the hot summer months, branch dieback may occur or, in extreme cases, the tree may die. In the first year during the hot dry months, no more than a 20 percent reduction in the amount of water will allow time for the tree to develop deeper roots. Due to variations in soil types, use a moisture meter or dig down to ensure the tree is receiving the proper amount of water. Don’t wait until the leaves wilt and fall off. As roots head down, watering can be further reduced but monitoring is key to avoid wasting water.

During the lawn conversion process, care must be taken to minimize damage to the existing root system. Why? Because depending on the severity of the damage, there could be branch dieback or the tree could die. If your landscape project requires severing roots 2 inches in diameter or greater, an arborist should be on-site to ensure the root pruning will not jeopardize the tree’s stability.

Just as important are the absorbing roots that take up the water and nutrients. Avoid trenching within the dripline, which is an imaginary line on the ground directly below the outermost tips of the branches. Trenching severs a significant portion of the absorbing roots leading to a decline in the tree’s health. An arborist should also be consulted if trenching, compacting or altering the soil grade will occur within the dripline. Also, artificial turf should not be installed within the dripline.

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No more lawn means less competition for water and nutrients, which will improve the health and vigor of the trees in your yard. Remember to be aware of the tree’s water requirements and its root system.

Spin: Cycle to all genres of music

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Child care is offered for a nominal fee during certain class times with a minimum age of 9 months.

CycleLife’s website has class schedules and reservations. Bike shoes can be rented for a dollar and lockers are available. The first class is free; thereafter the fee is $20 per single class with discounts for a package of classes.

CycleLife Studio is at 2996 Freeport Blvd. For more information, visit cyclelifeSac.com or call 916.212.9396.

Irish butchers win world title

B utchers Danny Johnson and Paul Carras of Taylor’s Market were among the six U.S. competitors in the World Butchers’ Challenge on March 20 and 21 in Belfast, Northern Ireland, but were not among the top finishers, according to globalmeatnews.com. Johnson was captain of the U.S. team.

Team Ireland took the top prize, New Zealand was second, and Australia was third.

Six butchers representing Australia, Bulgaria, France, Ireland, Italy and New Zealand were chosen as the World Team.

Tour: Food, music and information booths round out the event

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by Honest Pie, Slightly Skewed and Rita’s Italian Ice. Picnic tables and chairs will be provided as well as restroom and hand-washing facilities. Sponsors are Steffan Brown Real Estate, Joseph Eschelman, Towerpoint Wealth, LLC, and SMUD. If you’re not an SCNA member, a tour ticket discount is a great reason to join. Tickets can be purchased in advance at www.sierra2.org, or at the Sierra 2 Community Center. Advance tickets are $25 ($20 for SCNA members), and day-of-tour tickets are $30 ($25 for SCNA members).

On the tour day, tickets can be purchased at the north end of Curtis Park at 26th Street and Donner Way. Tickets will not be sold at the Sierra 2 Center on tour day. Docents and volunteers are asked to purchase their discount tickets in advance at the Sierra 2 Center or on tour day at the north end of Curtis Park.

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Driver comes to rescue of blind man on Broadway

By Craig McCulloch

One morning in late March while it was still dark and the rain was pouring down, a blind man was trying to cross Broadway, got off course, and veered out into traffic, according to Debbie Greene of Land Park. A woman jumped out of her car and helped him get back onto the sidewalk before he could get hit, Greene reported.

Neighbors on Seventh and Ninth avenues and Cutter Way reported a “dramatic increase in unlicensed vehicles parked for longer than 72 hours on our streets.” They were interested in working with neighbors to arrive at a long-term solution.

An alert neighbor in Midtown found a fake bike rack in front of a liquor store. It was not bolted down or securely attached to anything and was taken apart easily to remove bikes locked to it. The neighbor inquired with the nearby store and found it was not locked to it. The neighbor inquired with the nearby store and found it was not the store's rack. It was removed with the parts disposed of in a different location to prevent future use by a clever bike thief.

It was suggested to check bike racks for a permanent attachment and welded-shut bike holders, and to use a strong U-bolt bike lock (not a chain or cable). Many of the stolen bicycle reports noted that a garage door or gate was left unlocked, with the bike also not locked up.

Bikes can be registered online with Sacramento Police Department at no cost. This greatly increases the chances for recovery of bikes when found. The website is https://rideon.sacpd.org. Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates (SABA) also has a web page with many suggestions to prevent bike theft - http://sachike.org/for-bike-riders/protect-your-ride/. Police request that all bike thefts be reported to them.

A number of posts were made in February by neighbors with photos of their yards in the large hail storm that deposited a couple of inches of small hail stones in some areas of Sacramento. Several people commented “this is the largest amount of hail I’ve seen in Sacramento.”

NextDoor.com is a social media app used by neighbors to share information with other neighbors. It is often used for reporting crime to neighbors, lost pets, contractor or handy-person repair recommendations. It is free to use and supported by advertisements.

Real Pie and Hoppy Brewing to open on 24th Street

By Craig McCulloch

The Real Pie Company has been busy renovating space formerly occupied by R & D Data Corp. at 2425 24th St. near Broadway. The locally owned pie company was formerly in a small building downtown. It was known for monthly baking of savory pies and seasonal fruit dessert pies with orders taken by email. The new location will have seating for about 33 customers in a café-type setting. The store is expected to open soon.

“Can’t wait to fire up those ovens,” the business reported on its Facebook page.

Hoppy Brewing Company, which operated a craft brewery, tasting room and restaurant at 6300 Folsom Blvd. for about 20 years, is relocating to 24th Street and Broadway adjacent to The Real Pie Company. It is expected to open in May. Hoppy Brewing beer is currently available in bottles at many shops in the Sacramento area.

Hoppy Brewing shuttered the Folsom Boulevard operation in February. Its new location is behind the pie company in a brick building, with both businesses fronting on 24th Street. The large Hoppy Brewing Company neon sign was recently removed from the Folsom Boulevard location with plans to install at its new site. Another Hoppy Brewing tap room is planned for a downtown location.

To advertise in Viewpoint, call Fran at 916 452-3005.
Pancake breakfast fundraiser set for April 28; family science night a blast

By Adrianna Gonzalez

An all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast will take place from 8 to 11 a.m. April 28 at Breet Harte Elementary School. Tickets are $5 each for pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, fresh fruit, orange juice, milk and coffee. This event is a PTA fundraiser to help build the PTA general fund. Students and parents will help sell tickets door to door in the coming weeks. You can also purchase tickets the day of the event at Breet Harte. The entire community is invited. Please contact the school at 916 914-9988 if you would like to purchase tickets.

Science night

Thanks to all the families and staff who attended the STEM (Science, Engineering and Math) Family Fun Night. Sierra Nevada Journeys, a nonprofit that delivers innovative science-based programs to low-income youth, hosted the event. Families were treated to a pizza dinner before heading off to several science stations that included challenges such as moving toothpicks in three triangle formation to create four triangles, piercing a balloon with a skewer so that it didn’t pop and a CSI table that helped discover each person’s unique fingerprints. The night concluded with a friendly family competition that had everyone helping students build a lunar landing spaceship of simple household objects with marshmallows as the passengers. Students dropped their handcrafted spacematches from heights of 3 feet and 6 feet. The object of the game was to keep the marshmallows inside the spaceship. Everyone had a blast channeling their inner scientist.

Tour includes 24th Street Tudor home rebuilt after a devastating fire

By Janice Calpo

A gracious Tudor on 24th Street stands among a row of front gabled Tudors, cohesive with the historic fabric of the neighborhood. For nearly three years, its neighbors have watched as the phoenix of this home rose from its ashes.

The home will welcome visitors during the Home and Garden Tour on April 28.

In March 2015, the original 1931 Tudor home caught fire with devastating effect, causing the Van Buren family of five to move out and begin again. Recreating the original quality of craftsmanship and integration with the neighborhood, as Patrick Van Buren was determined to achieve, would take thoughtfulness and care. Patrick managed the project, along with wife Kate, their three teenagers and two Golden Retrievers, who would embark on the journey to call this their home once again. After the fire, the house needed to be rebuilt from the ground up, recreating its Tudor traditions, including the prominent double gabled roof, arched entryway, wavy plaster walls, and splayed brick window and door surrounds. The neighborhood setting was preserved by building within the front and sides of the original footprint, while interior space was gained by extending the home 10 feet to the rear.

Craftsmen were enlisted to recreate the smooth plaster finish of the interior walls. New wood beams and paneling were built. Suspended barn-style doors were added, made from old-growth Douglas fir salvaged from the original house. Quarter-sawn wood floors display the patterns and vagaries of earlier era wood styling. Antique light fixtures mingle with modern light fixtures. New wood floors and barn-style doors were added, made from old-growth Douglas fir salvaged from the original house. The repurposing of an area of the garage into a meditation and yoga space “brings time to contemplate the blessings of home, family and neighborhood,” says Kate. “Every aspect of this home was chosen with deliberation and with a nod to our gothic taste. I love coming home through her solid front door because, from the ground up, she has taken on a protective, nurturing energy where we can relax together and connect with family and friends.”

The new kitchen features Shaker cabinetry, soapstone countertops and a La Cornue stove.

Mark Your Calendar!

April 3: Family Mindfulness Night
6:15 p.m. Multi-use room

April 9: PTA meeting
6 p.m. Parent room

April 27: Coffee with the principal
8:15 a.m. Parent Room

April 28: Pancake Breakfast
8–11 a.m.