

Wonk Wednesday features policy discussions at New Helvetia

By Rosanna Herber
Viewpoint staff writer

Neighbors who like to discuss policy, planning and timely Sacramento topics may find Wonk Wednesdays a good place to listen, learn and speak up. Ideas start flying at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at the New Helvetia Brewing Company, 1730 Broadway. Established by owner David Gull shortly after he opened the brewery, Wonk Wednesdays attracts people who like to talk policy while drinking good beer.



Joe Devlin

This month's discussion (July 5) focuses on the city's approach to cannabis regulation and how cannabis could become an economic driver for Sacramento. The featured speaker is Curtis Park neighbor Joe Devlin, who is the Chief of Cannabis Policy and Enforcement for the city. Previous Wonk Wednesday speakers include City Manager Howard Chan; Shahera Hyatt, director of the California Homeless Youth Project; and Brook Taylor from the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development.



The next two Concerts in the Park will feature Bad Catz July 30 and On Air, above, Aug. 27. Leading up to the season finale Aug. 27 will be Curtis Fest.

Rock, rhythm, blues and horns complete free summer concerts

By Faith Johnstone
Sierra 2 events coordinator

Music in the Park returns Sunday, July 30 with the rock rhythm and blues sound of the Bad Catz. This free summer concert takes place from 6-8 p.m. in William Curtis Park. Grab a blanket, some low back chairs and enjoy a fun filled evening suitable for the whole family. Mr. Cooper will start the show with dancing songs for the kids, Cook Realty will provide face painting, and Jay Schenirer will dish out free Gunther's ice cream.

Curtis Park wraps up summer

with the final Music in the Park from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 27, following the day long Curtis Fest with artists, petting zoo and food trucks.

Sounding off in the evening will be neighborhood favorite On

Air with their classic rock band and sizzling horn section. This premier Sacramento group has entertained audiences for nearly four decades and provides a great way to celebrate summer in Curtis Park.

Concert Calendar
• July 30: Bad Catz
• Aug. 27: On Air
(after Curtis Fest)
6-8 p.m. • Curtis Park

Save the Date

27th annual Wine Tasting, Silent Auction and Beer Garden

Curtis Park's favorite fundraising event of the year returns to the Sierra 2 Center, Saturday, Oct. 14 from 4 -7 p.m. Last year the event hosted more than 20 restaurants, 26 wineries, and 13 breweries. Guests can anticipate the same exciting fare this year, along with an extensive selection of exciting silent auction items.

This event is generously sponsored by Cook Realty and McDonald Plumbing. Proceeds from the SCNA Wine Tasting, Silent Auction and Beer Garden help support community events like



the Spring Egg Hunt, Music in the Park and Curtis Fest. Additional funds go toward Bret Harte's 6th grade Nature and Science Camp and the McClatchy HISP program and the debate club.

Tickets go on sale Aug. 1 at www.sierra2.org. For information about participating, donating or volunteering, call Faith Johnstone at the Sierra 2 Center, 452-3005. No prior event planning is necessary, and it is a great way to connect with neighbors and support your community.

— Faith Johnstone

Neighbor brings hope in the aftermath of natural disasters

By Rosanna Herber
Viewpoint staff writer

Nicoletta Anselmo rode up on her bike, sporting a bright yellow vest and wearing a safety bike helmet. This project specialist for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) looked prepared for anything.

A Curtis Park resident of 19 years, Anselmo moved to the neighborhood after she married John Mathews, SCNA Board member and chair of the Neighborhood Concerns Committee. They live on Fifth Avenue with their dog, Carina.

Over the last 11 years, Anselmo's job with FEMA has taken her to some of the worst natural disasters in the country. She's seen the devastation from Hurricane Katrina, the severe 2008 flooding in Iowa and massive destruction in Oklahoma, along the infamous tornado alley.

"I usually arrive a month after the disaster to inspect the damages, take photos and begin documenting how much it will cost to put things back together," Anselmo said.

She works with cities, counties, schools and other non-profit government entities to develop detailed reports that justify what the federal government will pay to reimburse these agencies to repair or improve ruined infrastructure after a disaster. This work can take its toll. Sometimes Anselmo is away from home for three to nine months at a time. She lives out of a hotel, and her office is usually a vacant building. She must stay at a disaster site until all reimbursement reports are complete. Occasionally she faces danger, like the



Photo/Judy Harper

Nicoletta Anselmo of Fifth Avenue helps people get back on their feet after a natural disaster knocks them flat. Her job with FEMA takes her all over the country to sites of tornadoes, floods and earthquakes.

time she was working in Oklahoma and a tornado warning sounded.

"All the FEMA people ran into a shelter, and we watched the approaching tornado," Anselmo said. "I called my husband, John, who was watching the weather channel, and he would give me updates like, 'the tornado is two miles away and heading in your direction.' We were all scared."

Fortunately, the tornado dispersed before it got to their building. Anselmo said that tornados cause some of the worst destruction. She has seen cars literally wrapped around trees and whole neighborhoods reduced to piles of wooden sticks and debris.

Because the work is so demanding, Anselmo

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No August Viewpoint

There will be no *Viewpoint* in August. The volunteer staff will take July off. The deadline for copy for the September issue is Aug. 15.

Notes from June 7th meeting

Curtis Park elm trees will get treatment to prevent disease

Big Day of Giving

Executive Director **Terri Shettle** reported that SCNA should receive the BigDoG check this month. Half the proceeds will go toward the 24th Street Theatre improvements.

She also talked about SCNA’s need to work on a giving policy because nonprofits receive different types of donations such as stocks and other items from bequests or estates, and SCNA may receive these in the future.

On June 17, the SCNA board will attend a six-hour strategic plan meeting facilitated by Impact Foundry. The strategic plan will help board members focus on priorities within the mission statement in the years ahead.

Action Items

Budget approved for 2018 fiscal year: Treasurer **Jonathan LaTurner** reported we are budgeted for \$1 million in revenue, with an income surplus of \$92,000. This budget is significantly different from seven years ago, when income was half of what it is today.

Donations for the theater renovations are budgeted at \$103,000 to offset the significant expense of theater renovations. There is a projected 2 percent

increase in rental income for a total of \$445,000. Possessory interest will be included in the budget, as well as reduced administration costs of \$24,000. The budget includes elm tree treatments. LaTurner said the budget shows prudent growth. Eleven board members voted to approve the budget with one abstention.

President’s Report

The President, **Eric Johnson**, saved his report for the executive session.

Executive Director

Terri reported that new hire, **Rose Browne**, enjoys her job and is fitting in. Terri will be in Nashville to help family members June 19–25.

Treasurer’s Report

As anticipated, the balance sheet looks good, and no unexpected costs have been incurred. May and June were strong and SCNA’s 2017 budget is back on track.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the SCNA Board will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 12 in the Garden Room at Sierra 2.

Facilities

The 24 Street Theatre air conditioning system went out in the middle of a children’s play the previous Saturday. There is regular quarterly maintenance, but the breaker box was involved in this incident.

A tree needs to be removed due to safety concerns in front of Sierra 2 because a huge limb crashed down on Memorial Day.

Development Committee

It did not meet.

Neighborhood Concerns

John Mathews reported that Land Park Community Association member **Stephanie Duncan** will conduct a meeting on homelessness Oct. 23 at Sierra 2. SCNA will donate the room; Stephanie will organize the meeting. **Mayor Darrell Steinberg** and city council members will be invited. It was agreed the meeting will be promoted in the *Viewpoint* and on the SCNA website.

An area arborist recommended treating 16 trees in Curtis Park. Five trees at the north wing have sustained limb failures and could have decay. The elm tree south of the tennis courts is sick. The cost is

\$1,600 per tree. Eric recommended we get the word out to neighbors to water their big trees. The city may deliver free mulch for them.

Dan Pskowski advised not to use chips from elm trees as mulch because it attracts the bark beetle.

Personnel Committee

It did not meet.

Senior Center

Angela Mia reported that Lunch and Learn workshops have been sparsely attended, but upcoming computer classes for June and July organized by Katie may have a big draw.

The Memory and Mind club is going strong. A potential funding source for the My Story project is being looked at because new equipment is needed.

A few seniors from the new senior housing in Crocker Village have attended regular classes, and an effort is made to deliver the *Viewpoint* and calendars there. Angela advised there will be an open house twice a year and the Senior Center will continue to do outreach.

— Submitted by
Kate Van Buren, board secretary

President’s message

Your membership and donations benefit an amazing neighborhood

The Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association has grown by leaps and bounds in the past several years. We hit a financial milestone last month when the board voted to pass a plan with seven-digit expenditures and revenue — in Silicon Valley parlance, a two-comma budget.

While this may seem like chump change in these days of unicorn start-ups, it shows that SCNA has increased its reach and its grasp to benefit our community in expanding and more diverse ways. I’d like to spend my 400 words telling you a little about where your money goes when you donate — whether through your membership, the Big Day of Giving or otherwise — and how it helps Curtis Park and the surrounding community.

First, let’s talk trees. Curtis Park has an incredible urban canopy with a wide variety of trees: ginkgo, plum, lemon, sycamore, oak, redwood,

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elm... ah, the elm. SCNA has spent thousands of dollars over the past several years giving regular treatments to the towering Dutch Elms in the park, to help stave off the dreaded Dutch Elm disease. There have been several instances of Dutch Elm disease in the neighborhood already, and these expensive treatments are essential to keep these stately icons happy and healthy.

The Association also produces events over the course of each year. Some of these make money, and some don’t. Probably the highest profile net-negative event is the annual Easter egg hunt/dash at Sierra 2. SCNA funds buy the eggs, art supplies, snacks and other little things that make it so successful. First Fridays, Concerts in the Park and

other non-revenue generating community events all wouldn’t happen without your support.

Of course, the deathless prose you’re holding in your hands right now is a beneficiary of your donations. The *Viewpoint* is staffed by volunteer writers and editors, but there are layout and printing costs. Advertising defrays some, but not all of those costs. Subsidies from SCNA make it possible for this newspaper to be delivered to your doorstep 10 times a year.

If you’re not a member of SCNA — and a majority of households in Curtis Park are not — then you’re already reaping many of the membership benefits just by virtue of having access to our programs and activities. While the Free Rider is a venerable problem in most economic systems, I encourage you to become a paid rider, and help support all the amazing things SCNA does to make Curtis Park the best place to live in Sacramento.

Signs of LOVE take root

The bright red LOVE yard signs promoting diversity and tolerance are sprouting up all over Curtis Park. Neighbors who’d like one have two choices. Those who are members of the Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association can buy one at the Sierra 2 Office for \$10. Those who are not members can join and get one as a signing bonus.

The signs are weather/water resistant and are expected to last for months. They let passersby know Curtis Park is all about love and diversity.

NOTE: These yard signs will be for sale at the SCNA table at Music in the Park. For more information: www.sierra2.org/love-neighbor-show-proudly/ or call 452-3005.



VIEWPOINT

Neighbors who have an interesting story (news about their babies, new neighbors, milestones and special events) are encouraged to submit ideas or articles to the editor. Please send to jgscheible@hotmail.com with *Viewpoint* in the subject field or call the Sierra 2 office at 452-3005.

Deadline for Viewpoint copy is the 15th of the month prior to publication.

What's new at Sierra 2

Art show fundraiser

My Sister's House and its Friends for Art with a Heart will host an evening of art, good food, wine & cheese, good company, all for a great cause. This event will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m. July 12 in Curtis Hall. All proceeds benefit victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking.

Tickets purchased before July 7 are \$25; after July 7 they are \$35.

For ticket information, call 930-0626 or visit my-sisters-house.org.

Polynesian fitness workout

Hot Hula fitness is a new, fun dance workout that provides total body toning by isolating larger muscle groups and working core muscles. Inspired by the dances of the Pacific Islands, the routine incorporates easy

to perform dance movements set to the sounds of traditional Polynesian drum beats fused with funky Reggae music, resulting in a modern, hip fitness workout. All ages and fitness levels will enjoy sweating away the calories.

Two classes are offered every Friday night, one from 7-8 p.m. and one from 8-9 p.m. in Studio 2. Pre-registration is required; the class fee is \$10. To register, contact OhanaFiit Plus at 595-3765 or ohanafiiit@gmail.com.

Childbirth education and support

Meet the Doulas is a quarterly event hosted by the Capital City Doula Collective. The event aims to inform women and men about the benefits of having a doula help pregnant women and their families. These events are also a great way for couples to learn more about their birth options and meet other birth professionals, in

addition to doulas, who can assist during pregnancy, labor, birth, postpartum and parenting. Lastly, anyone looking to hire a doula will have the opportunity to speak with many doulas at the event.

The next two events will be from 2-5 p.m. on July 22 and Oct. 22 in Room 10. For details, capitalcitydoulas.squarespace.com.

Glass art class

Creating mosaics is a fun way to explore colors and shapes while sharing ideas. Glass Act Mosaics Collective welcomes all levels of artistic abilities to its weekly classes. They meet from noon to 3 p.m. Tuesdays in Room 11.

Drop-in fee is \$12, and the monthly fee is \$40 (includes supplies). For information, contact Karen Sharp at karensharp51@gmail.com.

— Valerie Burrows, facility administrator

Curtis Fest gets bigger and better

By Faith Johnstone,
Sierra 2 events coordinator

Curtis Fest returns to William Curtis Park on Sunday, Aug. 27. More than 60 artisans are expected to show their work at the 11th annual event, which will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the north end of the park under the beautiful tree canopy. Curtis Fest has become a Sacramento favorite, and many premier artists have joined the lineup this year.

This free, public event includes food from award winning chef Keith Breedlove of the Culinerdy Cruiser food truck along with delicious street tacos from the Turnt Up food



Photo/Judy Harper

Children's fairy entertained with face painting at last year's event.

truck. John Merriman, Dianna and the Cherry Kings and the Ranell Carpenter Band will perform.

An expanded petting zoo returns this year as well as the climbing station, and the children's fairy.

Curtis Fest will be followed by Music in the Park from 6-8 p.m.

Hope: FEMA job sites give neighbor sense of accomplishment

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takes time to rejuvenate. She usually dances in the summer with Balliamo, a folkdance troupe she joined 30 years ago, that performs all over Northern California. She also likes to travel and recently returned from a month in Peru.

For now Anselmo has no plans to retire. Her deployments have exposed her to some colorful cities,

like New Orleans, and to historic sites and cultures she never would have experienced. She's also proud of helping towns and cities get back on their feet. Yet, she always loves returning to Curtis Park.

"This neighborhood has such a strong sense of community," Anselmo said. "And the trees. I really notice the lack of trees in other communities. We are fortunate to live in Curtis Park."

Art: Matrix members plan reunion

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huichunchung.com/new-page.

A second show of their work will take place at the SMUD gallery from July 14 to Sept. 11. Its reception will be from 4:30-6 p.m. July 13. The SMUD Gallery is at 6301 S St. (near 65th Street). Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays. Free.

Matrix member Marty Renault, formerly of Rochon Way and now of

Monterey, said the group has rounded up 25 former members who will have work in the two shows. Also attending the reunion is Judy Schroeter, formerly of 26th Street at Marshall Way and now a Portland, Ore. resident. She was the first director of Matrix and later the first director of Sierra 2. Both of them plan to attend the reunion.

For details, contact Marty Renault at marty.renault@icloud.com.



Photo provided by Suzan Goodban

An original tenant of Sierra 2 was Matrix Women's Art group. Above, in the early-1980s are, left to right, top row are Sandy Heath, Suzan Goodban, Pam Johnson, Laureen Landau, Carol Attoe, Jorjana Holden. Middle row are Jean Roach, Diana Browning, Claudia Iudice, Marty Renault, Judy Schroeter, Elizabeth Solomon, Bev Guches, Dyana Chadwick, Janis Edwards and Jackie Laskey. Front row, from left, are Pat Osfeld, Edith Warren, Dixie Laws, Edith Meadow, Holley Junker, unknown, Theresa Rivera and Erin O'Toole.

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Showtimes:
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Sunday, July 30, 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 2, 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 5, 2 & 8 p.m. Sunday, August 6, 4 p.m.
Tickets/Info: youngactorsstage.com

In the turmoil of the Vietnam War, Chris, an American soldier, and Kim, a Vietnamese girl, fall in love and marry but are distressingly separated when Saigon falls. As years pass, Chris, unable to contact Kim, remarries and attempts to move on with his life. Kim, however, gives birth to Chris' son and waits faithfully for Chris' return. When circumstances bring Chris back to Vietnam, he learns the truth.



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Aug. 4 – 6
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Saturday, August 5, 11 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, August 6, 11 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Tickets/Info: youngactorsstage.com

This magnificently macabre musical comedy opened on Broadway in 2010. That lovable family of creepy kooks is alive and well and living in their super-spooky mansion in Central Park. The Addams family, led by the elegantly gaunt and seemingly undead Morticia and her ever-devoted husband, Gomez, is in turmoil. Their daughter Wednesday finds herself falling in love—a sensation that is unsettling for both her and her family of endearing misfits. When the teen invites her boyfriend over with his normal family, comic chaos ensues.



DARKSIDE
Showtimes: Thur. Aug. 10 & 17, 7:30 p.m.
Fri. Aug. 11 & 18, 8 p.m.
Sat. Aug. 12 & 19, 8 p.m.
Sun. Aug. 13 & 20, 2 p.m.
Wed. Aug. 16, 7:30 p.m.
Impossible Thing Productions
Tickets: General Admission: \$20
Info: <http://24sttheaterdarkside.brownpapertickets.com>
Nicole Matthews: 916 346-0881

“What Is the Good?” This is the question that Emily asks herself as she tries to find her place in a world full of selfish individuals. Based on the themes in Pink Floyd's album “The Dark Side of The Moon,” playwright Tom Stoppard created a play full of philosophy, humor and moral questions about how humans treat each other and the consequences of their actions.



ACTIVITIES AT SIERRA 2

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mzballerina@gmail.com

Awakening Bellydance
Cardio class to live music for all levels
Fourth Saturday, 11 a.m., Studio 1
Sawako Ama • lovebreath@infocircle.net

Irish Folk Dancing
1st and 3rd Monday, 7-9 p.m., Studio 1
Liam Irish, 530-677-5549

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

River City Taps – Adult Tap Dance
See Website for class schedules. Studio 1 & 3
www.rivercitytaps.com
Richard@rivercitytaps.com

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

Kalanjali: Dance of India
Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Rooms 10 & 11
510-526-2183, katherine.kalanjali@gmail.com

Sacramento Academy of Ballet
Tuesday/Wednesday/ Thursday
4:15–6:30 p.m., Studio 1
Janelle Sebren, 971-0945

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

Burlesque 1 Dance Class
June 6–July 26
7:30-8:45 p.m., Wednesdays, Studio 1
Jessica Carter, movementwithmeow@gmail.com

YOGA

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

FITNESS

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Fridays, Studio 2
OhanaFiit Plus, 595-3765

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Heather Osoy, 842-4583

Fierce FUNK Dance Fitness
2nd & 4th Saturday, 10 a.m., Studio 2
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Jessica Brown, jnbrown23@gmail.com

Zumba with Toya & Linda
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Studio 2
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Motivational Aerobic Dance Exercise
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Studio 1 • Kia: keynorrisfitness@gmail.com

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Abraham Contreras, pakko.zumba@yahoo.com

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Thursday, 6:15-8:15 p.m., Studio 2
Maestro Eric Myers: 276-2247

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For schedule, e-mail Shifu Byron at
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ART

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

OTHER

Meet the Doulas — NEW!
July 22 & Oct. 22
2-5 p.m., Room 10
Capital City Doula Collective
capitalcitydoulas.squarespace.com

Cochlear Community Meetings
6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m. Aug. 17, Nov. 16
10:30 a.m.–3 p.m. Oct. 17
Room 12 • Cochlear.com/US/events

Know Thyself as Soul – Meditation
1st Sunday of the month, 1–4 p.m. Curtis Hall
knowthyselfassoul.org

Marxist School of Sacramento
Speaker Series: call for schedule
799-1354, marxistschool.org

Meditation & Energy Healing
2nd & 4th Mondays
6:30-9 p.m., Room 10
678-0458, divinesparkrenewal.com

Guided Meditation
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5:30-7 p.m., Room 10
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CHILDREN

Capital City Music Together
Children 5 and under. For schedule:
Jennie Ribadeneira: 990-3222
www.capitalcitymusicitogether.com

Zumbini with Stephanie
Sundays, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m., Studio 1
Stephanie Tadlock, info@zumbinisacramento.com

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Nashville Songwriters Association
2nd Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Room 12,
Free • Gabrielle Kennedy: 476-5073

Japanese Taiko drumming
Tuesday, 7-9:30 p.m., Studio 1
Kristy Oshiro, kristyoshiro.com

West African Drumming
4 p.m., Saturdays, Studio 3. All ages
205-3970 or fenixdrumanddance.com

SPIRITUAL SERVICES

Sacramento Native American Believers Fellowship
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Room 10
Lee Aviles, 203-6461

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Mustard Seed Faith Ministries
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Room 9
Pastor Dorothy Hayes, 213-0901

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

Empowerment Theological Seminary
Monday, 6-9:55 p.m., Room 9, 308-7646
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Dogxilliary leadership changes as long-time manager moves on to new job in Fort Bragg

By Susan MacCulloch
Viewpoint staff writer

Management of the Dogxilliary’s off-leash dog park on the Sierra 2 Green is changing hands — or leashes. Jenn Garrison, who has managed the Dogxilliary since 2013, has accepted a job transfer to the Department of Fish & Game’s Fort Bragg office, beginning in July. She and her two Labradors will seek a new dog park on the North Coast. Portola Way neighbor Mike Abbott will assume the manager position.

A Dogxilliary member for 13 years, Jenn has participated in the group’s charitable contributions. Members gathered food and supplies for the Loaves and Fishes animal program and the Front Street animal shelter. Jenn also joined other neighbors to help organize donated sack lunches to Loaves and Fishes’ Mustard Seed school and food to the nonprofit’s holiday time food and toy drives (for humans and animals).

“It is my hope the Dogxilliary will continue to be a civic-minded group that champions giving back to our community,” Jenn said.

Jenn’s three Labradors were popular visitors during dog park hours. Siddhartha, who passed last year, was much beloved by Dogxilliary members. Jenn’s two other Labs are Ursa Sky Harbor (12) and Scout (8 months). Jenn recalls the Dogxilliary’s supportive community when Sky needed two surgeries; about 60 percent of the surgery costs were donated by Dogxilliary members and Curtis Park friends. Nearly all the donations came with a refusal to receive a thank you gift because of Jenn’s many contributions to the neighborhood.

“I’m going to miss the people who’ve welcomed me, made me a part of their daily lives, and made Curtis Park home for me and the Labs,” said Jenn. “I’m going to



Photo/Judy Harper

Leaving Curtis Park is Jenn Garrison and her two Labs Ursa Sky Harbor and Scout. Mike Abbott has taken over the Dogxilliary management with his pup, Elfie.

miss nightly walks at Sierra 2 Green, where I catch up on neighborhood news and walk my pups with friends.”
From the Fort Bragg office, Jenn, a senior environmental scientist, will work on coastal conservation planning with a focus on developing advance mitigation and installing wildlife corridors and fish passage barrier removals. She plans to rent her 25th Street bungalow, keeping ties to Curtis Park.

Schenirer’s message

Summer in the park includes free music and movies

Amid the chaos of our world, the stresses of work, and the craziness of our schedules, it is important to take moments to refresh and regenerate. For me, this may mean a bike ride along the American River with my wonderful wife or enjoying a beautiful Sacramento summer evening with my community.

One of my favorite ways to spend an evening is Music in the Park in Curtis Park. It’s a great time to kick back, catch up with your neighbors, hear good music, eat Gunther’s ice cream, and generally take a break. It’s one of the reasons I love Curtis Park.

The evening generally starts around 5 p.m. as we see folks pulling little red wagons filled with kids and food, converging on the park from all directions. Blankets are spread, corks may be popped, and the good conversation begins.

It’s a blast watching the warm-up, generally Mr. Cooper, get the little ones up and dancing in front of the stage. And then it’s time for the main act, either a



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perennial like On Air or someone new like Norman and the Boyz, but always quality. As I have done for the past six years, I’ll be scooping Gunther’s ice cream under the shade of a lovely Curtis Park tree. Mint Chocolate Chip is always first to run out, and it will be accompanied by three other flavors.

I also hope you’ll save the date for our Summer Movie in the Park. Here is the full summer schedule:
Of course, none of this would be possible without the stellar work of SCNA Executive Director Teri Shettle and her terrific staff and the financial sponsors Joseph Eschleman of Tower Point Wealth, SMUD, Cook Realty and my District 5 office.
So thanks to all, and I look forward to seeing you in the park.



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11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m., Tuesdays/Thursdays
4 classes \$20; 8 classes/\$35
Pat Shaw: 856-0136

LEISURE
Book Club
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., 2nd Monday
July 10: “Suite Francaise”
by Irene Nemirovsky
Aug. 14: “Being Mortal” by Atul Gawande
Sept. 11: Call for title

Nonfiction Book Club
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., 3rd Thursday
July 20: “Empire of the Summer Moon”
by S.C. Gwynne
Aug. 17: “The Guns of August”
by Barbara W. Tuchman
Sept. 21: “Unfamiliar Fishes” by Sarah Vowel

Popcorn & Movie
1:30–3:30 p.m., 3rd Tuesday
July 18: “National Treasure”
Aug. 15: “All the President’s Men”
Donation: \$1-3 (includes popcorn)

Memory and Mind Club
11:40 a.m.–12:25 p.m., Thursdays
(except the Third Thursday), Room 12

Beginning Drumming
1-2 p.m., Tuesdays, Studio 1
\$7/class; \$25/month

My Story Project meeting
1-3 p.m., 2nd Monday of the month

Life History Writing
1-4 p.m., Wednesdays, Room 12

Open Art Studio
Noon–3 p.m., Friday, Room 11

EDUCATION
Grief & Loss Support Group
9:30-11 a.m., 1st and 3rd Fridays, Room 12

CARDS & GAMES
Mahjong
9:30 a.m.–noon, Mondays

Fun Bridge
1-4 p.m., Thursdays

Pinochle
1-3 p.m., Fridays

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10-class punch card \$60; 5-class punch
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Pilates with Lauren
11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Studio 3
10:30-11:30 a.m., Fridays, Studio 3

Healthy Back
5-6:15 p.m., Tuesdays, Room 9

Yoga + You
Call for new day and time.

Fitness Walking & Lessons
9 a.m., Thursdays
Lessons: punch card; Walking: Free

Tai Chi
10:30–11:15 a.m., Mondays in Studio 3 and
Thursdays, Room 12

EVENTS
Potluck
Noon- 2 p.m., Last Friday of the Month

AARP Driver Safety Program
9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Aug. 14 & 15, Room 10
Fee: \$15 (AARP members) or
\$20 (non-members)
Register: Jim Finnegan, 804-9777

Congratulations

to our CURTIS PARK GRADUATES

University



Isaac Luger

Isaac Luger, son of Linda and Allen Luger of 11th Avenue, graduated with a bachelors in political science from American Jewish University. He will study Hebrew in a seven-week language immersion program in Vermont this summer. He will enter a master's program in terrorism and non-proliferation studies at Middlebury Institute of International Studies in Monterey this fall.



Hanna Catherine Mirtle

Hanna Catherine Mirtle, daughter of Dean and Vicky Mirtle of Donner Way, graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno with a degree in journalism and communication. She plans to return to Montpellier, France to work at the Centre International d'etudes pedagogiques, (CIEP) and teach at the Academie de Montpellier.



Eric van Holm

Eric van Holm, son of Les and Peggy Chisholm of Portola Way, earned his, Ph.D. in Public Policy from Georgia Institute of Technology & Georgia State University. In August he will join the faculty of Arizona State University.



Zoe Zucco

Zoe Zucco, daughter of Alex and Joe Zucco of Third Avenue, graduated from Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., with a major in art history. She's job hunting in the museum world.

High School



Dakota Josef Cooper

Dakota Josef Cooper, son of Michaela and Peter Cooper of Sixth Avenue, graduated from Sacramento Waldorf School in Fair Oaks. He will start his gap year in August by interning with the German government and with a newspaper in Stuttgart, Germany. He plans to go to college in Germany or California.



Danielle "Kiki" Velez

Danielle "Kiki" Velez, daughter of Cecilia Velez of Third Avenue, and Richard Velez, graduated from St. Francis High School as a National Merit Commended Student and National Hispanic Scholar. She plans to attend Stanford and do a double major in theoretical computer science & engineering and classical languages.



Aubree Barr

Aubree Barr, daughter of Michele Cunningham of Sutterville Road, graduated from St Francis High School and plans to attend Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska.



Madeleine Fraix

Madeleine Fraix, daughter of Sarah Miles and Marcel Fraix of Marshall Way, graduated from McClatchy High School and plans to major in sociology at UC Berkeley.

To pick up your grad photo

Neighbors who submitted a photograph of their graduate (instead of a digital version) can pick up their picture in the Sierra 2 office starting July 5. The photos will be in the *Viewpoint* mailbox.



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Lucy Hansen

Lucy Hansen of 24th Street, daughter of Mollie Moisan, graduated from Met High School, plans to travel to Mammoth Lakes and Seattle before heading off to study mathematics at Smith College in Massachusetts.



Milan Knepprath

Milan Knepprath, son of Valeri Mihanovich and Paul Knepprath of East Curtis Drive, graduated from West Campus High School. He plans to major in political science at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Ariz., after a summer pilgrimage to the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.



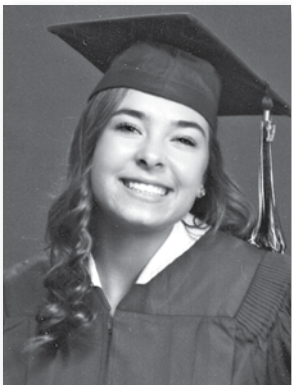
Michael Lieb

Michael Lieb, son of Jeff Lieb and Erin McDonald of Fourth Avenue, graduated from McClatchy High School. He plans to tour Japan this summer before attending at UC Berkeley in the fall.



Kat Lopez-Johnson

Kat Lopez-Johnson of 26th Street, daughter of Eric and Lara Johnson and of Cyndi and Matt Spencer, graduated Mira Loma High School and plans to attend Seattle University in the fall.



Jenna Reese McCrary

Jenna Reese McCrary, daughter of Bill and Dawne McCrary of 24th Street, graduated from McClatchy High School and plans to attend Hesston College in Kansas on an athletic scholarship (softball).



Jonathan Russell Tanihana

Jonathan Russell Tanihana, son of Russell Tanihana and Becky Botelho of 23rd Street, graduated from Kennedy High School. He plans to study at Sacramento City College and play golf for American River College with an eye on a career in the golfing industry.



Sofia Daniels

Sofia Daniels, daughter of Josh Daniels and Joy McCrea and stepmom Caroline Winata of 24th Street, graduated from Met High School and plans to study film and anthropology at UC Berkeley after a summer at Mammoth Lakes, Spain and Portugal.



Alex LeForestier

Alex LeForestier, son of Marc LeForestier and Mary-Beth Moylan of Seventh Avenue, graduated Christian Brothers High School. He plans to study sports management and play baseball at University of the Pacific.



Cristina Michael Zito

Cristina Michael Zito, daughter of Michael and Susanne Zito of Sixth Avenue, graduated from McClatchy High School in the HISP program and is deciding on a job, travel or attending UC Berkeley.

Cal Middle’s top students live in Curtis Park

Sophia Peavy of 23rd Street and **E**than Bianchi of Portola Way finished their eighth grade year at Cal Middle School in high spirits. The two Curtis Park teens were selected by the school principal as students of the year. Both had high GPAs and both had participated in sports and school activities.

Sophia, daughter of Tom and Josie Peavy, took part in the school debate team and played on the school’s soccer team.

Ethan, son of Eric Bianchi and Donna Zick, played basketball both

years and helped organize school activities, such as dances and rallies.

Both students spoke at graduation. Sophia talked about the enduring importance of the friendships made and enriched at Cal. Ethan focused on the school’s collaborative atmosphere and his hope that that environment will carry over to McClatchy High School. Both students plan to attend McClatchy after a summer of domestic travel, reading and sports.



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Sophia Peavy and Ethan Bianchi were selected as students of the year at Cal Middle School.

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Trees of Curtis Park

Duane Goosen never took Mother Nature’s shade for granted

By Dan Pskowski
Viewpoint staff writer

Urban Forestry’s City Arborist Duane Goosen is retiring after 12 years of working to enhance Sacramento’s urban forest. Duane came to the city after working at the U.C. Davis arboretum for 19 years. He brought a wealth of tree and plant knowledge and introduced new tree species to plant along Sacramento’s streets and parks.

If I had to describe Duane in two words they would be quiet excellence. He was dedicated to doing what was best for the trees, never letting politics cloud his decision making, and staying out of the limelight.

I had the pleasure of working with Duane briefly before my career with Urban Forestry abruptly ended when I was moved out. There was a paradigm shift in how existing trees would be addressed during development. The direction of Urban Forestry changed from the protection and preservation of trees to remove and replace.

Duane realized that fighting to protect trees would be futile. However, he came up with the next best option, which was to maximize growing space to allow placement of large canopy shade trees. He developed planting requirements that included minimum turf free zones around the tree, the installation of organic mulch, and irrigation

systems designed to water the entire root zone area.

Duane was relentless in fighting for planting space and would not allow the reduction in the park strip, the growing space between the curb and sidewalk. He would scrutinize parking lot shading plans to ensure the 50 percent shading requirement would be met. Duane was able to get developers to underground the overhead SMUD high voltage wires. This allowed large trees to be planted instead of the standard 25–30 foot tall small trees, which were required under the wires.

It was unfortunate that Duane did not work in our neighborhood on the Crocker Drive planting plan. The cork oaks are now leaning and some have already fallen over. Duane would never have approved of turf up against the bases of these oaks and inadequate planting space for a large canopy tree.

But Sacramento residents are fortunate because Duane and his wife are longtime Tahoe Park residents with no plans to move out of Sacramento. His tree knowledge and experience could be used assisting local tree advocacy groups. Thank you, Duane, for all the years of dedicated service to Sacramento’s Urban forest.



Photo/Urban Forestry

Duane Goosen, right, at the City’s 2009 Arbor Day Tree Planting event.

New program ideal for curious minds

The Learnery, a new program for educational and enrichment classes, starts this fall at the Sierra 2 Center. Instructors and learners interested in classes such as Abstract Art, Cyber Security, Beginning Spanish and Succulents 101 can find more information and register at sierra2.org/thelearnery.




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