

## Petrovich lawsuit update

*Hearing on the merits scheduled for October*

*By Viewpoint staff*

As reported in the May *Viewpoint*, a May hearing was scheduled before Judge Michael Kenny to review discovery issues. Since this report, the discovery hearing was continued until Aug. 25 and then cancelled because the parties were able to resolve all outstanding discovery issues.

The Court has now set a briefing schedule with a hearing on the merits scheduled in early October. Petrovich

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## Seniors Open House on Sept. 27–29 features speakers, classes, free activities and lunches

*By Katie Byram  
Sierra 2 staff*

The Senior Center Open House returns Wednesday-Friday, Sept. 27-29 in multiple rooms at Sierra 2 Center. With grant support from the Ethel Macleod Hart Trust Fund and sponsors, including Eskaton Monroe Lodge, all current classes, special activities and presentations will be free for attendees.

Along with regularly scheduled activities there are special events. The Lunch & Learn program, originally set for Sept. 7, is now at noon Sept. 27. Maryellen and Keith Burns, co-authors of “Lost Restaurants of Sacramento and Their Recipes,” will take guests back in time as they discuss dining trends over the last 150 years. Eskaton Monroe Lodge is

providing lunch.

Earlier that day (11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27) Bill Bailey of Wealth Strategies will talk about Active Retirement Investing. He

will focus on updating and learning about one’s retirement assets.

On Friday, Sept. 29 participants can enjoy a free, catered lunch from 12–1 p.m. in Curtis Hall, in place of the September potluck.

The three-day open house is intended to welcome new seniors,



Photo/Katie Byram

**Last year’s Open House lunch reception was well attended.**

recent retirees, and all older adults in Curtis Park and surrounding neighborhoods to the Senior Center with its resources, support and community. The Open House also serves as a way to give back to our current participants.

Friends, neighbors and parents are

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## Annual Curtis Park Wine Tasting marks 27 years of food, libations and community support

*By Faith Johnstone  
Events coordinator*

The annual Curtis Park Wine Tasting, Silent Auction & Beer Garden returns from 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 at the Sierra 2 Center. Original organizers of the event can talk about its humble and sometimes rocky beginning 27 years ago. Those days featured gourmet dishes made by neighbors, and festivities were exclusively held in Curtis Hall. Today the wine tasting is the largest fundraiser for SCNA. It takes the complete south end of the Sierra 2 Center to accommodate the 600 guests, 60-plus wineries, breweries, restaurants, caterers and more than 100 silent auction items.

### TICKETS

Tickets to the wine tasting are available now at [sierra2.org](http://sierra2.org) or at the Sierra 2 Center office. Prices are \$45 for SCNA members and \$50 for non-members through Oct. 11. After Oct. 11 tickets are \$60 for everyone. Interested donors, restaurants, wineries or volunteers for the event can contact [faith@sierra2.org](mailto:faith@sierra2.org).

Local businesses, large and small, have loyally supported the event over the years. Guests this year can expect to enjoy tastings from Tower Café, La Famiglia Catering, Masullo Pizza, Dad’s Kitchen, Freeport Bakery



and many more. Plus there will be a wide variety of local beer and wines. The silent auction offers the chance to bid on a wide range of gourmet gift baskets, fitness packages, dining experiences and creations by local artists, including some by artists who participated in August’s Curtis Fest.

Major support once again comes from Cook Realty, and from McDonald Plumbing Heating and Air

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## Peace tree comes to Curtis Park

*By Kate Van Buren  
Special to the Viewpoint*

When Gashaw Tahir (“Ga-sha Ta-heer”) returned to his homeland, Ethiopia, after decades of living in the United States, he was horrified to see that the lush landscape of his youth had been decimated by clear cutting. Tahir made a goal to make Africa green again. He convinced the government of Ethiopia to give him a few of these desolate acres, and he recruited people from his hometown to start planting trees. Tahir currently owns 11,000 acres and has planted 1 million trees.

The United Nations Association of Sacramento has invited Tahir and the Greenland Foundation to take part in planting a tree for peace in Curtis Park. The tree-planting idea grew from a suggestion by one of the local U.N. board members, Nahid Kabbani, who helped plan a similar event with Tahir and the U.N. chapter in Los Angeles.

The Curtis Park event on Sept. 30, at a time to be posted on the Sierra 2 website, will follow the annual International Day of Peace celebration from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 23 at the state Capitol.

The Curtis Park planting will take place near the tennis courts where two Elm trees were recently removed. The plan is to plant a ginkgo tree.

The UNA chapter thanks SCNA board members Dan Pskowski and John Mathews for facilitating the event and working with urban forestry.

*Editor’s note: Kate Van Buren of 24th Street is president of UNA Sacramento, which was founded in 1950 and continues to support the work of the United Nations.*

## Neighborhood artists open their studios for two days

*By Viewpoint staff*

Neighbors have a chance to visit the studios of five nearby artists from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 9 and 10. They are opening their studios as part of the Verge Center for the Arts 12th annual Sac Open Studios, a citywide event.

Works by the Curtis Park artists include paintings, prints, wearable art, drawings and dolls. The artists are listed here with their addresses. Free maps of their studio locations are available at each studio. Visitors who get a stamp on their maps from each studio will be eligible to win a basketful of artwork, gift certificates, beer and cider.

**Raffa Chavez** works at The Old

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Pugilist’s Studios at 4248 24th St, Unit B (south of Sutterville Road). Raffa explores his Mexican-American bicultural experience through his colorful paintings on unusual and weathered metal surfaces.

**Erik Niemann** will show his abstract paintings in his studio at 4311 Attawa Ave, Ste 206 (south of Sutterville Road). Erik exhibits throughout the US and internationally.

**Heather Hogan** will be printing garments in her studio, Tenacious Goods, at 3027 Montgomery Way. She will also print garments guests bring for \$10.

**Maria Morris** will exhibit her polymer clay dolls and hats in her studio at 3600 24th St.

**Judith Johnson**, a newcomer from Austin, TX, will show her paintings and Prismacolor drawings in her studio off of Freeport Boulevard at 2183 Weller Way.

More about these artists is available on their websites: Erik Niemann at [www.ErikNiemann.com](http://www.ErikNiemann.com); Tenacious Goods at [tenaciousgoods.com](http://tenaciousgoods.com); Judith Johnson at [www.judithjohnson-artist.com](http://www.judithjohnson-artist.com); and Maria Morris at <https://expattravelldolls.com>.

Notes from July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting

Satisfaction coincides with the level of communication neighbors get

Bruce Pierini was enthusiastically welcomed back to the board.

Strategic plan update

Kim Tucker of Impact Foundry shared insight into her experiences with other groups and mentioned that a neighborhood’s satisfaction with its association coincides with the level of communication neighbors receive. One of SCNA’s communication tools is the Viewpoint, the monthly newspaper that SCNA subsidizes.

The board discussed surveying the community to get feedback on our focus points for 5–10 years. It is important for the organization to hear from neighbors about their priorities.

If there is a survey, it would go out after the strategic plan is finished. It was expected to be presented to the Executive Committee in August and finalized at a later date. Neighbors will have a chance for input at a general meeting in November.

John Mathews says there are 76 people who distribute the Viewpoint throughout Curtis Park. Bruce proposed adding a dynamic

communications tool to the SCNA website and the Viewpoint. It could be an Ask the Board type column with an editorial/opinion answer in both outlets. Bruce will work with Executive Director Terri Shettle and the website developer to create it.

For a new page on the website, Eric Johnson asked board members to submit three sentences about why they serve and a photo.

President

Eric reports a meeting is coming with Jay Schenirer to talk about the facility lease.

Executive Director

Terri reported the need for a new Bret Harte teacher to coordinate the volunteer effort at the annual wine tasting event, as the previous teacher is no longer at the school. The Bret Harte Sly Park funds come from this SCNA fundraiser.

Treasurer

Jonathan LaTurner reported that the budget outline shows a \$70,000 loss, with many repairs and utility expenses. First Fridays

Next meeting

The next meeting of the SCNA Board will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6 in the Garden Room at Sierra 2.

were cancelled, leaving a revenue shortage. However, rental income is over by \$20,000. The Senior Center is holding its own and doing well.

Facilities

John Mathews reports the classes on the website are getting signups/registration. We are looking for teachers to teach a class and make an income. Teachers could offer single or multiple class events.

Development did not meet.

Neighborhood Concerns Committee

New chain link fences are now at the Crocker Village development blocking off streets. A homeless camp over the berm is still there. Viewpoints may be delivered to homes north of Broadway if we can find a volunteer to make the deliveries. A new volunteer is

needed for the 26th Street and Castro Way area.

John is removing the I-buy-houses scam signs going up on Franklin Boulevard. The four signs that appeared on 24th St. were immediately removed.

Dan Pskowski reports some Elm trees have now been treated and others were to be inspected and treated in August. Aerial inspections may not have been done as urban forestry does not maintain the park trees anymore.

The cost to treat trees has soared to about \$15,000 for a full cycle of trees in the park. SNCA shoulders the expense for the Curtis Park trees.

Personnel did not meet.

Senior Center

Angela Mia reports that volunteer Doug from AARP left. A new person may come on board but in the meantime Katie is doing well. The HartSenior Center gave the Center a grant, just like last year.

— Submitted by  
Kate Van Buren, board secretary

President’s message

Beauty is in the details of a nightly walk

Lately, I’ve been taking an Evening constitutional around the block. It tends to be sometime around 10 p.m. after the youngest is in bed and it’s truly cooled off and the mosquitoes have returned to their puddles.

It’s a short walk, to be sure, and every night is a little different. Last week, I noticed that the gall wasp eggs had disappeared from the gutters and cracks underneath the oaks. No more little hopping chattering spheres among the leaf duff. They all seem to have gone at once, but I haven’t seen a horde of stingless wasps, so I suspect their absence is due to a broom.

Around the block is a giant cedar, canted like the Leaning Tower of Pisa. The branches are thick and barky, although the needles seem to be edging toward brown. The neighbors next door are having a spirited game of ping-pong in the garage.

The swings at Sierra 2 squeak and creak as laughing teens rendezvous to do whatever teens do in a playground at night. I was more of a hidden tree fort in the hills teen myself, although I’m sure I slid down my share of slides I was too old for.

Water running into the street! My inner klaxons

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sound, and my high horse strides up, eagerly awaiting a mount. Visions of the perfectly-worded holier-than-thou note dance into view... and retreat as I realize the counterproductivity of snark. Mental note to include water-usage plea in monthly column.

Flicker, flicker, flicker. Here’s Game of Thrones through the picture window, the Giants

on plasma above the fireplace, a signal lost icon bouncing endlessly across a blue screen, couples and families and singles getting in one last screen fix before bed.

Light rail whirrs and chirps to the west. Highway 99 hums and thrums to the east. A lightless black-clad bicyclist, helmet swinging jauntily on the handlebars, tries his best to earn a trip to the hospital, but there are no cars to accommodate his unspoken request. Perhaps a collision with a cricket will have the same effect; for now, at least, there is no object lesson.

Around the last corner, and the echo of my flip-flops sends a kitten skittering. Porch lights gleam, and bang! There goes the neighbor’s security light as the fleeing feline trips a sensor. One more driveway, and I’m home, already looking forward to tomorrow night.

Open House: Many festivities scheduled

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all welcome to attend. More information on schedules and specific activities will appear online at [www.sierra2.org](http://www.sierra2.org) and at the Sierra 2 Center.

Reboot your technical knowledge with new computer classes

A series on computer know-how starts in September and promises to make participants feel comfortable around their devices, whether they are a desktop computer, laptop, phone or tablet. The first class kicks off at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18 in Room 12 with a lesson dedicated to fundamentals on hardware and the inner workings of computers. The classes are taught by dispatchers from Bit Fellowship, the non-profit counterpart of A Leap a Head IT.

Classes typically meet the 3rd Monday of the month and cost \$20 each. Participants can sign up for all or some classes. Topics include internet and email; security; Microsoft program; iPhones and iPads; and Android phones and tablets. Laptops will be provided when necessary.

Participants are asked to register in advance by calling 452-3005 or visiting the Sierra 2 office.

Free Medicare event to educate and empower

The Sierra 2 Senior Center is collaborating with United Healthcare’s Medicare Made Clear™ to take part in the fun and informative National Medicare Education Week. Speakers and activities will run from 10:30 a.m.-noon Wednesday, Sept. 20 in Curtis Hall. Prominent sponsors include Walgreens and Silver Sneakers. The latter will conduct exercise demonstrations. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Organizers of this event seek to empower beneficiaries to make informed, confident decisions about Medicare coverage during the Open Enrollment Period, Oct. 15-Dec. 7.

RSVP online at [NationalMedicareWeek.com](http://NationalMedicareWeek.com) or call 855 603-7422.

Lawsuit: Hearing set for Oct. 13

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Development Company’s opening brief was due Aug. 28, SCNA’s and the City of Sacramento’s opposition briefs are due Sept. 25, and Petrovich’s reply brief is due by Oct. 9.

The hearing on the merits is currently set for 9 a.m. on Oct. 13 in Department 31 of the Sacramento Superior Court located at 720 Ninth Street. This hearing is open to the public.

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](mailto:jgscheible@hotmail.com) with Viewpoint in the subject field or call the Sierra 2 office at 452-3005.

Deadline for Viewpoint copy is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publication.

## What's new at Sierra 2

### Chinese mind-body exercise

Tai Chi is the meditative art of internal power generation. This new class will focus on the fundamentals of relaxation, vertical alignment, and root. Students will learn the 37 posture short form and basic drills. The class is for beginners, but those experienced in movement are encouraged to attend. This court will emphasize the martial art aspect of Tai Chi for the sake of fully achieving its many health and strength benefits.

Instructor Daniel Pfister studied martial arts and Tai Chi in Taiwan with Master Liu Xiheng and in the U.S. with Master Liu Xiaoling, a well-known Master of Chinese internal martial arts from Shanghai. Daniel progressed quickly with Master Liu and was soon invited to become a disciple, or inner-door student.

Classes are \$10 each and held 10–11 a.m. Sundays in Studio 3. For more information, contact Daniel at 530 574-3684 or daniel@daviskungfu.com.

### Dip your toe in improv

Join the growing community at The Playground. Helmed by Betsaida LeBron, veteran

improviser/comedian/teacher, this is a chance to learn or polish improvisational skills. Students may come as often or as little as they like. Drop-in classes are held 7–9 p.m. Wednesdays in Room 9. Classes are for all levels of experience, from absolute beginner to seasoned pro. Show up, jump in and have some fun!

Classes are for adults; minimum age is 18. For more information, email improv.betsaida@gmail.com, visit [www.betsaidalebron.com](http://www.betsaidalebron.com), or call 573-0301.

### New name for expanded classes

River City Taps, one of Sierra 2 Center's longtime monthly renters, recently announced some exciting changes. On Sept. 1 the group will launch the name Two Rivers Dance Center. All of the adult tap classes will continue as will the annual showcase performances as River City Taps.

Two Rivers Dance Center will become the primary home of all other classes including new ones such as adult and children's ballet, Zumba Gold and children's tap. More developments are on the horizon. More class information is at [rivercitytaps.com](http://rivercitytaps.com).

— Valerie Burrows, facility administrator

## Bina Lefkovitz chosen as Area 1 trustee for county Board of Education

Bina Lefkovitz of 10th Avenue is the new trustee for Area 1 on the Sacramento County Board of Education. At her swearing-in ceremony in late August, Mayor Darrell Steinberg said she was likely the most qualified candidate to ever be appointed to the board because of her dedication to youth. Lefkovitz expects to run for the seat in the fall. She was selected from the 10 residents, including Rosanna Herber of Castro Way and Kate van Buren of 24th Street, who applied for the seat vacated by Greg Geeting of Curtis Way.

Photo/Rosanna Herber



## SCNA Board Member Spotlight ANDREA ROSEN



Photo/Judy Harper

## Advocating for quality urban design

We all watch out for and take care of one another, which is one of the most special aspects of life in Curtis Park," according to Andrea Rosen, member of the Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association (SCNA) board for most of the past 37 years. Rosen became a board member in 1980 due to her sense of civic duty and desire to give back through volunteering.

"What better place to start than in your own neighborhood," Rosen says. At that time (in 1980), Curtis Park was facing issues with Western Pacific railroad operations causing nighttime noise problems for many neighbors. Rosen believed the neighborhood needed an established means for voicing its collective concerns, and she felt her propensity to be an advocate and a negotiator would benefit her community.

Rosen's main interest is advocating for quality urban design and development in Curtis Park, and she currently devotes time to the Neighborhood Concerns Committee. Rosen indicated that her number one goal on behalf of the board is to ensure that future commercial buildout within the mixed-use Crocker Village development is consistent

with the Village's adopted Design Guidelines. The guidelines are intended to result in a commercial center that blends well with the historic character of Curtis Park.

The importance of building the neighborhood association's foundation was emphasized by Rosen. She mentions that one of the SCNA board's unique characteristics is that, through annual signature fundraising events like the Home & Garden Tour and the Wine Tasting and Silent Auction, the board is able to give back to important parts of the neighborhood such as Bret Harte Elementary School and McClatchy High School. The board is also involved on a regional level such as its assistance in helping start the Oak Park Farmer's Market.

Rosen, who has lived in Curtis Park since 1979, is proud to have raised her now-adult son and daughter in the neighborhood, noting that both have fond memories of growing up here. She greatly values the ease of walking or biking around the neighborhood to visit friends and businesses, as well as spending time with her Portola Way neighbors at block parties and wine tastings.

— Ariel Calvert, Viewpoint staff writer

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# SEPTEMBER 2017 AT SIERRA 2

## AT THE 24<sup>TH</sup> STREET THEATRE

‘PATIENCE’ OR ‘BUNTHORNE’S BRIDE’

Light Opera Theatre of Sacramento

Showtimes:

Fridays Sept. 8, 15, & 22, 8 p.m.

Saturdays Sept. 9, 16, & 23, 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Sundays Sept 10, 17, & 24, 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$20 general admission

\$15 child/senior: children (12 & under), seniors (65+)

\$18 Students and SARTA members

Info: [www.lots.company/home](http://www.lots.company/home)

“Patience” is a Gilbert & Sullivan comic opera that follows the love triangle among the Dragoon Guards who are engaged to the village’s 20 love sick maidens. The maidens are infatuated with two contrasting aesthetic poets: one “fleshly,” the other “idyllic,” who are in love with the simple milkmaid, Patience, who believes “love, to be pure, must be absolutely unselfish!” In the end, it’s all sorted out and everyone has a bride, save one who is left with a flower.

In the operatic tradition, the performances will be accompanied by a live orchestra and will not be amplified.



WILD AND SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL

Environmental Council of Sacramento

Sept. 28

Showtime: 6 p.m.

Tickets: general admission \$20; general

+ ECOS membership (save \$10) \$45

Student/Low-Income \$15

Info: [www.ecosacramento.net/](http://www.ecosacramento.net/)

[brownpapertickets.com/event/3022630](http://brownpapertickets.com/event/3022630)

Inspiring Action! The Wild and Scenic Film Festival on tour in Sacramento features a program of short films specially chosen by the council’s Habitat and Conservation Committee to focus on the ecosystems

and environmental justice struggles in our area, and to inspire action by citizens to protect the planet. Themes of the films can include water conservation, human impacts on river habitats, climate change and its effects, sustainable agriculture practices, wildlife protection, outdoor adventures and beautiful landscapes. The council continues to make this film festival a lasting and rewarding annual event to inspire communities in Sacramento to enjoy and protect wild and scenic places close to home.

## ACTIVITIES AT SIERRA 2

### YOGA

Iyengar Yoga

Tuesday, 10-11 a.m. • Studio 1

Gladys Callander: 743-0246

### DANCE

Heels & Sass Dance class — NEW!

7:30-8:30 p.m., Thursdays, Studio 1

[mzballerina@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:alohatyra@aol.com)

River City Taps – Adult Tap Dance

See Website for class schedules. Studio 1 & 3

[www.rivercitytaps.com](http://www.rivercitytaps.com)

[Richard@rivercitytaps.com](mailto:Richard@rivercitytaps.com)

Auntie Amy’s Hula

Thursday, 3-4 p.m., Studio 1

Amy Cornellier, 792-5561

Kalanjali: Dance of India

Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Rooms 10 & 11

510-526-2183, [katherine.kalanjali@gmail.com](mailto:katherine.kalanjali@gmail.com)

Sacramento Academy of Ballet

4:30-5:30 p.m., Tuesdays/4:30-6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, Studio 1

Janelle Sebren, 971-0945

West African Dance

5 p.m., Saturdays, Studio 3. All ages

205-3970 or [fenixdrumanddance.com](http://fenixdrumanddance.com)

Burlesque Dance Class

7:30-8:45 p.m., Wednesdays, Studio 1

Jessica Carter, [movementwithmeow@gmail.com](mailto:movementwithmeow@gmail.com)

### ART

Glass Mosaic Classes

Tuesday, Noon-3 p.m., Room 11

[karencsharp51@gmail.com](mailto:karencsharp51@gmail.com)

### FITNESS

Hot Hula Fitness — NEW!

7-8 p.m. & 8-9 p.m.

Fridays, Studio 2

OhanaFiit Plus, 595-3765

Fierce FUNK Dance Fitness

2nd & 4th Saturday, 10 a.m., Studio 2

\$5 at the door. All levels welcome

Jessica Brown, [jnbrown23@gmail.com](mailto:jnbrown23@gmail.com)

Zumba with Toya & Linda

Monday/Wednesday, 7:30-8:30 p.m.,

Studio 2

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Thursday, 8:30-9:30 p.m., Studio 3

[LaToyaBuffordtoybufford15@yahoo.com](mailto:LaToyaBuffordtoybufford15@yahoo.com)

Motivational Aerobic Dance Exercise

Monday/Wednesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.,

Studio 1 • Kia: [keynorrisfitness@gmail.com](mailto:keynorrisfitness@gmail.com)

Zumba

Friday, 6-7 p.m. & Sunday, 11-noon. Studio 2

Abraham Contreras, [pakko.zumba@yahoo.com](mailto:pakko.zumba@yahoo.com)

Weight Watchers

Thursdays, 9 a.m., Noon, 6 p.m.

Saturdays, 9 a.m. Room 10 . 800 374-9191

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\$12 drop in. 956-0876

### MARTIAL ARTS

Eagle Claw Kung Fu Academy of Sacramento

Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. 441-7215

Saturdays, 12:30-2 p.m., Studio 2

Sacramento Sword School

Martial Sword Arts of Europe

Thursdays, 6:15-8:15 p.m., Studio 2

Maestro Eric Myers: 276-2247

Unified Chinese Martial Arts

For schedule, e-mail Shifu Byron at

[Lohan36@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Lohan36@sbcglobal.net)

NEW! Beginning Tai Chi

10 a.m., Sundays, Studio 3. \$10/class

Daniel Pfister, 530 574-3684

### OTHER

NEW! The Playground:

An Improv Community

7-9 p.m., Wednesdays, Room 9

[betsaidalebron.com](http://betsaidalebron.com), 573-0301

Meet the Doulas

Sunday, Oct. 22

2-5 p.m., Room 10

[capitalcitydoulas.squarespace.com](http://capitalcitydoulas.squarespace.com)

Cochlear Community Meetings

10:30 a.m.–3 p.m. Oct. 17, Room 10

6:30–8:30 p.m. Nov. 16, Curtis Hall

[Cochlear.com/US/events](http://Cochlear.com/US/events)

Know Thyself as Soul – Meditation

1st Sunday of the month, 1-4 p.m. Curtis Hall

[knowthyselfassoul.org](http://knowthyselfassoul.org)

Marxist School of Sacramento

Speaker Series: call for schedule

799-1354, [marxistschool.org](http://marxistschool.org)

Meditation & Energy Healing

2nd & 4th Mondays

6:30-9 p.m., Room 10

678-0458, [divinesparkrenewal.com](http://divinesparkrenewal.com)

Guided Meditation

1st and 3rd Mondays

5:30-7 p.m., Room 10

678-0458, [divinesparkrenewal.com](http://divinesparkrenewal.com)

### CHILDREN

Capital City Music Together

Children 5 and under. For schedule:

Jennie Ribadeneira: 990-3222

[www.capitalcitymusicitogether.com](http://www.capitalcitymusicitogether.com)

Zumbini with Stephanie

Sundays, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m., Studio 1

Stephanie Tadlock, [info@](mailto:info@zumbinisacramento.com)

[zumbinisacramento.com](http://zumbinisacramento.com)

### MUSIC

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](http://kristyoshiro.com)

West African Drumming

4 p.m., Saturdays, Studio 3. All ages

205-3970 or [fenixdrumanddance.com](http://fenixdrumanddance.com)

### SPIRITUAL SERVICES

Sacramento Native American

Believers Fellowship

Sundays, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Room 10

Lee Aviles, 203-6461

Baha’is

Call for schedule: 491-5871

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# Sierra 2 Center’s Learnery program is hands-on fun

By Katie Byram  
Sierra 2 staff

The Learnery kicked off its first class Aug. 5 with a hands-on Hypertufa workshop led by Joe Triglia, Sacramento-based maker and owner of Tufarock Design. The 12 eager participants got their hands messy with the hypertufa mixture (made from sand, peat moss, and Portland cement). They made bowls, troughs, pots and planters ready for curing. Hypertufa pottery makes lightweight, rustic-looking pots that encourage healthy plant growth.

The Learnery program is dedicated to hosting classes and workshops that feed curious minds, sharpen skills, and enrich the community with interests most Sacramentans hold dear, like art, food, wine and gardening. Sierra 2 Center often partners with local businesses and topic experts to provide interesting and relevant classes for all ages. Prospective instructors can also apply online to teach with the program.

Upcoming classes and workshops include a Beginning Guitar class with classical guitar musician Greg Williams from 12–1 p.m. on Saturdays starting Sept. 9.

Individuals can unleash creativity in the new Art of

Doodling on Metal workshop with Charr Crail. This metal embossing workshop will be held from 2:30–4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23.

Spend the day mastering watercolor techniques in Watercolor Fundamentals for Beginners with artist Teresa Steinbach-Garcia from 2-7 p.m. also on Sept. 23.

Or join the culinary adventure, Curry in a Hurry from 3-5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30. In this vegetarian workshop, participants will cook up Indian delights like chana masala and potato curry with Chef Heera Kulkarni.

All classes happen at the Sierra 2 Center. To learn more about all of our classes and to register, please visit [www.sierra2.org/thelearnery](http://www.sierra2.org/thelearnery).



Photo/Faith Johnstone

**Hypertufa instructor Joe Triglia helps students with their projects.**

## Schenirer’s message

# Neighborhood safety and what we can do

I am often awakened by texts in the middle of the night, alerting me to shootings in one of the neighborhoods I represent. This past summer was no different. Four individuals were recently shot at a house party in Oak Park; thankfully all survived. I get weekly calls and social media contact about cars being broken into, bikes being stolen and illegal activity in the neighborhood. All these incidents make our community members feel fearful and unsafe in their homes and neighborhood.

Sacramento Police statistics generally show a decrease in overall crime in the Sacramento area. Nevertheless, what we see, hear and feel about our community is important. Residents need to feel safe in their homes and neighborhood regardless of where they live, and we always need to focus on having a strong neighborhood response. While we are annually increasing the number of police in our efforts to rebuild the force to pre-recession levels, the reality is we will never have enough police to monitor every street in every neighborhood. Police interventions also need to be viewed as a short-term solution to long-term challenges.

I believe that, in addition to increasing the numbers



**City Councilmember Jay Schenirer**

of police patrolling our neighborhoods, there are two long-term strategies the City should be undertaking. First, we need to continue investing in our young people, providing them the supports and opportunities they need to be successful. Keeping them out of the back of patrol cars is as important as adding more cars. Second, and critically important at this moment in time, it is my belief that only when people take responsibility for their own communities will we collectively create an environment that both feels safe and is safe. No neighborhood is better equipped to achieve this goal than Curtis Park.

There are many tools that we as members of the community have and can implement, including neighborhood watches, video surveillance, neighborhood phone trees and more proactive use of NextDoor, which will benefit us all. To better support Curtis Park and create a safer neighborhood, I have asked Eric Johnson, president of SCNA, to cohost a neighborhood safety meeting. This will take place from 7–8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20 in Curtis Hall at Sierra 2. Please attend if you can. We will post a summary of the meeting on both my website and SCNA’s [www.sierra2.org](http://www.sierra2.org).

If you have other thoughts, please get in touch at [jschenirer@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:jschenirer@cityofsacramento.org).

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Sept. 20  
Curtis Hall

# Wine tasting: Proceeds benefit many programs

(Continued from page one)

for the Pangaea Beer Garden, Steffan Brown and Towerpoint Wealth.

Funds raised by the event not only help maintain the historic Sierra 2 Center and its diverse offerings, but they help support the arts and education programs in nearby schools. In addition to assisting McClatchy High School’s

HISP program and debate team with their travel needs for enrichment and competition, the wine tasting also helps send Bret Harte sixth graders to the Sly Park Nature and Science camp, where students expand their knowledge of the natural sciences. The camp program also helps develop social skills, a sense of responsibility to community, and physical skills beyond what they learn in the classroom.

## SEPTEMBER 2017 ACTIVITIES

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(Activities are free except where noted. Donations appreciated. All activities take place in Room 12 unless otherwise noted.)

#### FITNESS

##### Gentle Yoga

10–11 a.m., Wednesdays  
\$10/drop in; \$30/4 classes  
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##### Fall Prevention

11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m., Tuesdays/Thursdays  
4 classes \$20; 8 classes/\$35  
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#### LEISURE

##### Book Club

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., 2nd Monday  
**Sept. 11:** “The Underground Railroad” by Colson Whitehead  
**Oct. 9:** “Not My Father’s Son” by Alan Cumming

##### Nonfiction Book Club

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., 3rd Thursday  
Sept. 21: “Unfamiliar Fishes” by Sarah Vowel  
Oct. 19: “H is for Hawk” by Helen MacDonald

##### Film Club

(Formerly Popcorn & Movie)  
1:30–4 p.m., 3rd Tuesday  
Sept. 19: Call for title  
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

Meets some Mondays & Tuesdays, Room 12. Capture memories on film through this unique service. Join the group or sign up for a filming, call: 455-6339.

##### 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

##### Computer Classes:

**Sept. 18:** Computers Inside and Out  
**Oct. 16:** Internet & Email  
3rd Mondays (unless otherwise noted); 2–4 p.m. Room 12  
Cost: \$20/class. Please sign up in advance; no laptop necessary.

#### CARDS & GAMES

##### Mahjong

9:30 a.m.–noon, Mondays

##### Fun Bridge

1–4 p.m., Thursdays

##### Pinochle

1–3 p.m., Fridays

#### WELLNESS PROGRAM

10-class punch card \$60;  
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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

10–11 a.m., Tuesdays, Room 12

##### 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

##### National Medicare Education Week Event

Sept. 20: 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. in Curtis Hall  
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##### Potluck

No potluck in September  
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# Oakhaus restaurant opens on Broadway

Craig McCulloch  
Viewpoint staff writer

Oakhaus, a new German-style restaurant, opened in June at 3413 Broadway. It features a number of traditional German dishes. The restaurant is part of the revival of the Oak Park neighborhood.

Over several visits this author, and spouse, enjoyed the sausage plate, schnitzel, turkey leg, roasted Brussel sprouts, prime rib, potato salad (similar to one prepared by this author’s German grandmother), au gratin potatoes, and German chocolate cupcakes. Eating at the bar, we found a friendly and attentive bartender who also took our food order.

Various sandwiches are on the menu for lunch, and salads are available all day. A small number of veggie dishes are included. Breads, including a rye for the pastrami sandwich, are baked in-house.

The owners, brothers Tom and David Schnetz, along with chef Matt Ridgeway, also founded La Venadita last year, a popular Mexican eatery that is a block to the east on Third Avenue and Broadway.

What would a German restaurant be without offering a stein of light pilsner beer to quench the thirst? To satisfy discriminating beer-drinkers there are 14 beers on draft. Four taps have German beers, including Paulaner hefeweizen and the rest are largely craft beers brewed in the Sacramento region (including Track 7 and Auburn Ale House). Over 25 additional beers are in bottle or can, including imports such as Saint Pauli Girl from Germany.

The traditional one-liter steins, with hefty handles and thick glass bottoms featured at Oktoberfest in Munich are available, as well as the tall narrow pilsner glasses and conventional pints. Several wines are also available including Riesling, a light crisp floral and fruity white wine, a variety popular in Germany and Austria.

The restaurant reminds one of a beer-hall with thick top wooden tables and benches, large ceiling beams, and posts. Smaller round tables for parties of two or four are scattered through the dining room.

One wall is full of wooden cuckoo clocks. The bar is constructed from large slabs of timbers.



Photo/Will Carlton

**Chef Matt Ridgeway, left, co-owner of the Oakhaus, and bartender Jeff Tochtermann enjoy a quiet moment before the doors open for business at their Broadway restaurant.**

Colorful ceramic beer steins decorate the shelves behind the bar. Also prominently featured is a collection of vintage audio equipment. A large dog-friendly biergarten patio with broad umbrellas and a fire pit overlooks Broadway.

Bike parking is available on the front sidewalk. Hours are: Wednesday–Thursday and Sunday Noon–9 p.m., Friday and Saturday Noon–10 p.m.

More info, including menus are at: [www.oakhaussac.com](http://www.oakhaussac.com)

## On sale at Sierra 2

# Curtis Park history comes alive in walking tour brochures

By Erik Fay  
Viewpoint staff writer

Between 2007–2014, the Curtis Park Heritage Committee produced a series of highly informative and creative brochures illustrating the history of the six subdivisions in our neighborhood. The documents are a great resource and an enjoyable read for anyone wishing to discover more about our neighborhood’s history, its subdivisions, and possibly their own house.

Many Curtis Park residents may not be aware that the neighborhood



was planned as a series of defined subdivisions. The brochures address the following subdivisions: Curtis

Oaks, Saint Francis Oaks, South Curtis Oaks, West Curtis Oaks, Heilbron Oaks, and South Curtis Oaks Hill. The brochures provide an informative resource for taking an educational and sometimes surprising walking tour of the individual subdivisions.

Curtis Oaks was the first subdivision established in 1907. This subdivision reflects the early 20th century home styles of Prairie, Arts and Crafts Bungalow, and Four

Square along with a smattering of later styles. The majority of our neighborhood was developed in the 1920s with homes built in popular and very distinctive European Revival styles. Some of Sacramento’s best examples of European Revival architecture are found in our neighborhood.

Developed in 1928, South Curtis Oaks Hill was the last subdivision, with its lots sold out in a matter of weeks reflecting the real estate boom of the period.

Our neighborhood has been home to numerous Sacramento mayors, founders of local businesses, and people like writer Joan Didion and

mid-century designer Ray Eames. Many of them went on to make their mark on our state and country. The brochures identify the building date, original owners, their professions, and other information of many individual homes in the neighborhood.

The writers and researchers of these wonderful brochures include Dan Murphy (Curtis Park Heritage Chief Emeritus), Janice Calpo, Susan MacCulloch, Doug Patton, John Johnson, Denise O’Connor, Lyn Franks, Anne Mazur, and Anne Fenker.

Four of the original six brochures are available for purchase at \$1 each at the Sierra 2 office.

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Taylor's Market's butcher Paul Carras and Danny Johnson aim to prove they're the best in the world.

## Sharpening up for world competition

By Judy Green Scheible  
Viewpoint editor

Lucky are the meat shoppers at Taylor's Market who tried the sausages prepared by the butchers on Team USA. Speaking from personal experience, these chubby, well-seasoned pork sausages tasted delicious both times.

They were products of the first practice session directed by market co-owner Danny Johnson and his butchering partner Paul Carras. Johnson is captain of the Butchers of America team, which was selected by the national butchers guild. There are four more on the team, from Texas, South Carolina, Virginia and San Francisco.

The six-man team will be a first for the States. They will compete in March in Belfast, Ireland at the World Butchers Challenge.

In the competition the team has three and a quarter hours to butcher for commercial sale half a beef, half a hog, a whole lamb, and five chickens. Teams provide their own seasonings, spices marinades and garnish to ready their products for commercial display.

Johnson has planned three more practice sessions at his market before the team takes off. He told *The Sacramento Bee* that the cutting is the easy part. To win, he says, takes planning and scheming. "We are dead set on winning this thing," Johnson told Ed Fletcher of *The Bee*.

The 250 competitors will be from Brazil, Greece, Germany, Bulgaria, Great Britain, New Zealand, Italy and South Africa. France is the current champion. Winners receive a trophy and a plaque to go with bragging rights.

## Craving for caramel corn? Call for Carmazzi

By Craig McCulloch  
Viewpoint staff writer

Have you ever started binge watching Netflix movies with a craving for popcorn and the cupboard is bare? If so, Karen Carmazzi, a Curtis Park neighbor on Eighth Avenue has a solution. She started Carmazzi Caramel Corn as a licensed, home-based food preparation business in January 2016.

The product is made from a recipe used by her grandmother four generations ago for family and friends as a holiday treat. She continues her grandmother's traditions of high quality ingredients such as olive oil, real butter, brown sugar, free of high fructose corn syrup, gluten-free, uses no GMO corn, and prepared in a totally nut-free kitchen.

"I am very concerned about food allergies, especially for children," Carmazzi said. "I have a lot of fun meeting with my business customers and interacting with their employees and customers in their shops."

Carmazzi Caramel Corn is available in several neighborhood locations such as Curtis Park Market, Taylor's Market, Vic's Café, and several coffee shops. It can also be ordered from her web site, [www.carmazzicaramelcorn.com](http://www.carmazzicaramelcorn.com) and then delivered by Uber Eats and Door Dash. Both of these food delivery services are web-based and are dispatched to her kitchen for pick-up and delivery to the



Photo/Joan Cusick

From her grandmother's recipe, Karen Carmazzi of Eighth Avenue makes Carmazzi Caramel Corn in her licensed, home-based business.

customer within about a half hour, depending on driver availability and distances involved. The delivery charge is \$3.99.

Currently there are three flavors available: caramel corn, chocolate drizzle caramel corn, and a vegan dairy-free version. Sizes vary from individual serving, packaged for two, a party bag, and a gift box. Prices range from \$4.50 to \$14.50. The preservative-free products are made fresh daily and will keep unopened for about a month.

The products will be available to sample at an upcoming "Gather" event in Oak Park the second Thursday in October (the 12th) at Broadway and Third Avenue from 5-9 p.m. The event is free with music, entertainment, local breweries, and food trucks in the Broadway Triangle.

## Fun run for Police K9 Program Sept. 17

Runners who want to support the Sac City Police department's K9 program can sign up for the Sept. 17 fun run.

Pre-registration is \$25 for adults (\$15 for ages 17 and under). It's \$5 more in each category after Sept. 10. On-site registration begins at 7 a.m. Registration includes a T-shirt.

The 5K run will start at 8:30 a.m. at 2710 Ramp Way, Miller Park.

The day will include K9 and law enforcement demos, food and prizes. Note: Pets will not be allowed on the race course.

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**Bret Harte news**

# Kindergarteners will get hands-on learning with new garden program

By Adriana Gonzalez  
Viewpoint staff writer



After the summer break, Bret Harte welcomes all new and returning students, teachers and families for an exciting 2017-18 school year.

**New kindergarten garden project**

A wonderful garden program is anticipated to start this fall for kindergarteners. New garden boxes are being installed behind the kindergarten classroom. Students will get a hands-on learning experience on the different stages of plant growth, what it takes to maintain a garden and understand the importance of eating healthy.

In preparation for the garden box installation, the Bret Harte garden counsel applied for a seed grant and received \$250 from Councilman Jay Schenirer's office. Cascade Rock donated five cubic yards of soil needed for the project. The garden boxes were built at the end of last year thanks to the sixth-grade class and the garden counsel.

Park Sol, a local garden and habitat partner of Bret Harte, held a groundwork day Aug. 19 with a crew of volunteers, including Karen and Brian Hill, to help level the uneven ground and install the garden boxes. Once installed, the boxes will be prepped with cardboard for sheet mulching and mulch will follow to make the space drought tolerant.

Students will not only be learning science standards through this wonderful program but will have a beautiful environment to play in all year long.

**Infant and Toddler Playgroup free for all families**

The Bret Harte Child Development Center play group will resume Sept. 11 and run through June 7, 2018. This free program for infants to age 3 is made possible by First 5 Sacramento. The program provides opportunities for parent and child bonding, age appropriate learning activities, and a place for parents and children to meet and make friends.

Playgroup classes are scheduled 9–10:30 a.m.



Photo/Adriana Gonzalez

**Groundwork day Aug. 19 brought a crew of volunteers to install garden boxes. From left to right, top row, Stephanie, Kyle, unknown, Brian, Ted, Dennis, Julio, Dan, Danie, and Onethia. Front: Randy, James, Jackie, Karla and Karen.**

Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room No. 3 behind the Bret Harte kindergarten class in the Child Development Center. First 5 offers this free playgroup at six locations in Sacramento.

For more information, call 916 643-7858.

**Ruthie McDonald has lived in three houses in Curtis Park. With her interest in home décor and having unique things in her homes, she decided to open her own store.**



Photo/Anne Mazur

**Midtown gift shop**

## Neighbor develops her longtime wish

By Erik Fay  
Viewpoint staff writer

Haberdasherie, a beautiful new addition to the Midtown shopping scene, is owned by Ruthie McDonald, a longtime Curtis Park resident. Ruthie has lived here for 24 years in three houses.

"Curtis Park is a great place to live," Ruthie said. "I like houses a lot so it's been fun trying out the different spaces."

Ruthie thought about opening her own store since she was in junior high school. She initially thought about selling clothing. However, as time went on, she developed an interest in décor and having beautiful but unique things in the homes

she has owned. Ruthie had long thought about a Midtown location, and this one came to her after a very short search. Formally a bike shop, the location needed a lot of hard work by Ruthie and friends to complete her vision.

When the *Viewpoint* visited, the shop featured colorful and thoughtfully arranged displays of art glass, pottery, kitchenware, cards, candles, towels, tablecloths, pillows, vintage furniture, original paintings, and much more. If you need a gift for a friend or yourself, this shop is well worth a visit.

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