

Theater renovation is underway

By John Mathews
Viewpoint staff writer

Long awaited renovations on the 24th Street Theatre are moving forward. The theater was built in 1929 from plans by landmark architects Dean and Dean. Since the last building updates in 2005, the theater has held more than 600,000 people, 3,000 shows and 42,000 hours of activity.

First up is replacement of the roof. The work could not start until it was tested for asbestos; fortunately, none was found. The work on replacing the roof began Oct. 9 and was completed in three weeks — just in time for a performance. The cost to replace the roof will be \$25,000-27,000. This phase needed to be done first due to all the dust and debris that would fall into the theater during the roofing work.

New seats, fabric and carpet styles have been selected. The seats are expected to cost \$85,000, with \$40,000 of that amount being paid for with a matching grant. Donations to help



Photo/Heather Hogan

Sunlight streamed into the theater during roof replacement.

with the cost can be placed through the Sierra 2 website or in person at the office. We have \$3,600 from the Big Day of Giving that will go toward the roof and seating. The seat replacement phase of the project is tentatively planned to start in March. The 270 existing theater seats will be sold with the hope this sale will raise \$15,000-\$20,000.

New seats can be purchased with your name or in honor or memory of an individual.

Adding in other renovations, including carpet, microphone transmitters, curtains, sign, etc., SCNA expects to spend approximately \$150,000 on the renovation.

The project is expected to be completed by the end of next year.

Annual meeting set for Nov. 14

All SCNA members and Curtis Park neighbors are encouraged to attend the annual association membership meeting Tuesday, Nov. 14 in Curtis Hall. In addition to staff reports, neighbors will hear two new speakers. One will talk about the proposed new Central Valley route for Amtrak that would include a stop at City College.

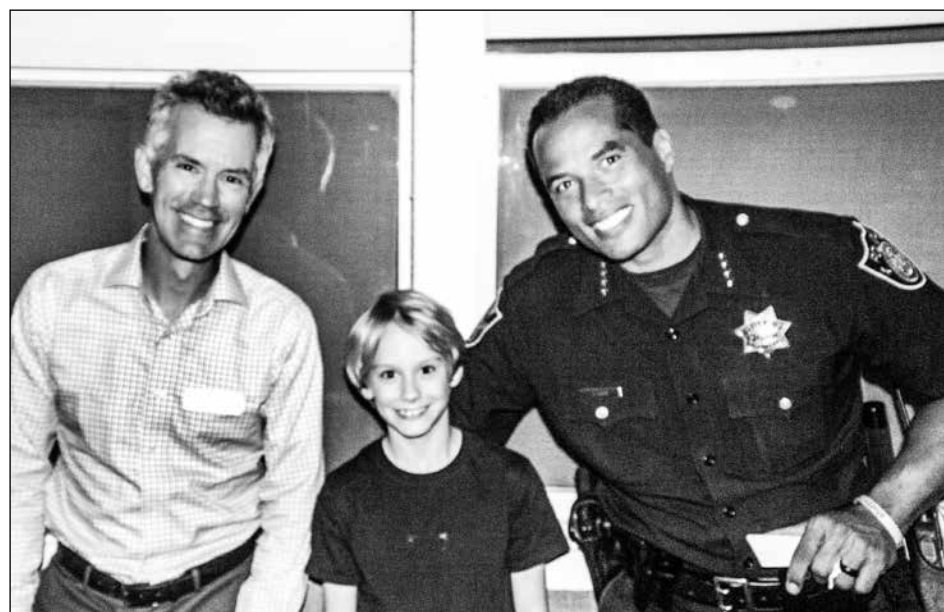
The other is Assembly member Kevin McCarty. He's expected to talk about top issues in the state.

SCNA President Eric Johnson will start the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The agenda includes the election of board members; an update on SCNA projects a financial report from Executive Director Terri Shettle and a vote on a proposed change in the bylaws that set the boundaries of the neighborhood.

If the proposed boundary change is approved, the area north of Sutterville, east of Freeport and west of the UP rail line would no longer be inside the boundary of the Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association.

This area is in the boundary of the

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Photo/Craig McCulloch

From left, SCNA president Eric Johnson with his son, Chance, pose with the new Police Chief, Daniel Hahn, at the Community Safety Meeting.

Community safety meeting featured new police chief

By Craig McCulloch,
Viewpoint staff writer

The new Sacramento Police Chief, Daniel Hahn, spoke about community safety Oct. 2 in Curtis Hall. Jointly organized by Councilmember Jay Schenirer and Eric Johnson, SCNA president, the meeting brought in six speakers who made short presentations.

Chief Hahn started by saying he was glad to be back in Curtis Hall, which was the cafeteria at Sierra Elementary School when he attended as a kindergartener and first grader.

During first grade, his family moved to Oak Park, where he grew up.

Chief Hahn served in the Sacramento city police department for 23 years before becoming the chief of police in Roseville in 2010. After a nationwide search, in August 2017 he returned to Sacramento as the new police chief.

According to Chief Hahn, the department lost 803 officers during the economic recession that forced many cutbacks in local government. These cuts reduced the number of Problem Oriented Police (POP)

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It's time to pick an Angel Tree tag to fulfill a child's wish

Even though we still have to roast our turkeys, it's time to pick-up an Angel Tree tag in the lobby at Sierra 2 and fulfill the holiday wish of a child in our community.

Angel Tree matches donors with children from qualified families through a program managed by the Salvation Army. This year Sacramento's television station



Angel Tree tags give the child's age and gift wish.

Channel 10, an ABC affiliate, has joined the program as a partner. .

Last year the program helped more than 9,000 families and 21,000 children with gifts and new clothes and coats. Curtis Park neighbors have always been generous.

For questions, call the Sierra 2 office at 451-3005.

—Faith Johnstone

Crocker Village court hearing

By Patrick Soluri
Special to the Viewpoint

After long delay, Petrovich Development Company's petition for writ of mandate challenging the city's denial of the gasoline station will be heard at 9 a.m. Dec. 15 in Department 31 of the Sacramento Superior Court. This will be a hearing on the merits and not an evidentiary trial. No witnesses will testify. Instead, the lawyers argue the merits of the case based on the administrative record and some additional documentary evidence.

The two main legal questions are (1) whether the city's decision to deny the permit was reasonable, and (2) whether the city afforded the

development company a fair hearing. The court hearing will be open to the public, and neighbors are encouraged to attend.

Much of the delay in this case resulted from the Petrovich company's protracted efforts to obtain evidence outside of the administrative record that it hoped would support its claim that the city failed to provide a fair hearing when it denied the use permit. On Oct. 13, Judge Michael Kenny ruled against Petrovich's motion for adverse evidentiary inference, which would have helped Petrovich's unfair hearing claim.

As a result, Petrovich will need to establish this legal claim based on relevant and admissible evidence.

Notes from Oct. 4th meeting

Climate change, strategic plan and water use top agenda

Citizens’ Climate Lobby

Guest **Catherine McComey** of the Sacramento chapter of Citizens’ Climate Lobby explained her group’s proposal for a carbon fee and dividend to mitigate pollution. The proposal has reached the climate solutions caucus, a bipartisan group in the House of Representatives, which, according to McComey, is warming up to the idea. In simplistic terms, the program would take money from big polluters and dispense it back to households.

Strategic Plan

Kim Tucker from the Impact Foundry submitted an outline for SCNA’s strategic plan. The executive committee will convene with Kim before next month’s meeting so she can review the details.

Annual membership meeting

President **Eric Johnson** suggested speakers for the annual membership meeting. *(Story on Page 1.)*

President’s report

SCNA President **Eric Johnson** reported about 40 people attended the Oct. 2 safety meeting. **Dave Peletta** presented information alongside sergeants, city staff and a homeless impact team. They talked about the homeless camp in Crocker Village and who is responsible for cleanup. *(Story on Page 1.)*
A meeting on homeless issues was set for 6:30 p.m. Oct. 23 in Curtis Hall. **Stephanie Duncan** of the Land Park Neighborhood Association organized the discussion

and Councilmember **Jay Schenirer** was expected to attend. Neighbors were encouraged to propose solutions. *(Story on Page 6.)*

Executive director report

Terri Shettle reported her focus was on the Wine Tasting. She thanked board members who raised nearly \$500 for the wine fridge auction item. There are 20 participating restaurants, including Oak Park Brewery, and 19 wineries.
McClatchy’s HISP group was expected to sell raffle tickets, and the McClatchy Debate Club would reconcile auction items.
Terri is meeting with a seat manufacturer to view samples of the theater seats that will be displayed at the wine tasting event.
The fundraising goal for the 24th Street Theatre improvements is \$150,000. Terri said the theater roof won’t last the winter, and repairs are underway.
Terri reported the large tree near the theater is gone because it was a safety hazard.
A cannabis education meeting was to be hosted by District 5 on Oct. 25 at Sierra 2.
Treasurer’s report
Terri reported on behalf of **Jonathan LaTurner** that revenue is continuing to grow and operations are positive.
The new tenant renting Sierra House is Learnery instructor and artist **Cate Schmiedt**.
Facilities committee
John Mathews reported that

Next meeting

The next meeting of the SCNA Board will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1 in the Garden Room at Sierra 2.

fabric and carpet choices for the theater improvements are great. There will be a total of 256 theater seats.
Ongoing talks with the city regarding SCNA’s lease brought up the need for documentation on maintenance and repairs, which has been filed in boxes.
Councilmember **Jay Schenirer** is asking for what we have spent to date and projected expenses.
SMUD is coming to help map out Sierra 2’s use of electricity and water, as there are multiple meters. There has been an increase in use, and it needs to be addressed, but there is no way to determine who is responsible. The solar provider will also be present to help with the mapping.
There was a discussion regarding replacement of the Curtis Hall walk-in cooler. It was suggested to replace it with a freezer. The current tenant, Sugarplum, is distributing to Whole Foods, the Co-op, and Nugget markets. They will soon outgrow the space.
The facility committee will come up with an 18-24 month plan. Other caterers may want the space, or Sierra 2 may start a culinary school.
There are issues with the bathrooms and parking. With city workers, FedEx drivers, postal carriers and soccer teams using the bathrooms,

it’s difficult for the staff to keep them clean and stocked. And parking by soccer team parents means patrons of Sierra 2 may not find spaces in the parking lot.

Development committee

Terri and the Development committee will be working on official policies and procedures regarding membership benefit inquiries.

Neighborhood Concerns

Kate Van Buren reported that the planting of the Peace Tree was a meaningful event, with approximately 50 people adding their positive energy to the tree. *(Story on Page 6.)*

Personnel did not meet.

Senior Center

Angela Mia reported that last week’s open house went well with a catered lunch and coffee sponsored by Eskaton. **Katie Byram** did a great job organizing classes and meetings. The new AARP representative is doing well.

Neighborhood’s boundaries

At the annual meeting Nov. 14 members will vote on the official boundaries of the neighborhood. Neighborhood Concerns will create the map. The area in question is north of Sutterville Road and between the railroad tracks and Freepoint Boulevard.
— Submitted by
Kate Van Buren, board secretary

President’s message

City invests in neighborhood upgrades

I’m looking forward to the annual SCNA neighborhood meeting Nov. 14. We’ve got a good slate of speakers, an intriguing presentation from the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (heavy rail to Sac City?), an update from Assemblyman Kevin McCarty, and board elections that promise to be completely free of foreign interference.

We’ll also have our annual State of the Center from our executive director, an update on the SCNA strategic plan and who knows what else. Oh, that’s right: “I” know! We’ll have refreshments, including beer and wine for members and for those who sign up to be members. It’s sure to be a good time, and an opportunity to hear just how your membership dollars are supporting our community plus all the programs and events that are centered on Sierra 2.
It’s my hope that by attending the meeting, you’ll get a sense of how much work is involved in running the neighborhood association and the Sierra 2 Center. One of the things we’re working on is to revitalize our corps of volunteers.
This year, for instance, through a combination of vacations, retirements and other circumstances, we did not have a volunteer committee for the Wine Tasting event. This means the majority of

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the preparation — soliciting donations, talking to wineries and restaurants, setup — was done by Sierra 2 staff.
Volunteering as part of a committee is a great way to meet your neighbors, get your hands a little dirty, and be an integral part of an event that shows off the best of Curtis Park. How often do you get to help make 500 people happy?

Speaking of making people happy, the City is investing some serious effort in improving the sidewalks and drainage in our neighborhood. They’ve completely replaced most of the drains down 26th Street, in addition to improving the curbs for handicapped access. Last year, there were several intersections that were boatable due to leaves blocking the ancient, tiny drains. With any luck, these improvements will lead to fewer incidents of residents with rakes clearing things out in the middle of the downpour.
Curtis Park continues to be a fantastic place. New neighbors, new kids, new friends, new connections. With a solid 20 years in Sacramento under my belt, I couldn’t imagine living anywhere else.
I hope to see you Nov. 14.

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What's new at Sierra 2

Celebrating our region's environmentalists

The Environmental Council of Sacramento will hold its annual awards ceremony Wednesday, Nov. 8 in Curtis Hall. The reception is from 5:30–6:30 p.m., followed by the awards ceremony from 6:30–8:30 p.m. The awards celebrate the past year's regional champions and recognize the community's sustainability successes.

The 2017 award categories and honorees are:

- **Environmentalist of the Year:** Jennifer Wood of Citizens' Climate Lobby Sacramento
- **Environmentalist of the Year – Habitat:** The Water Forum's Lower American River Salmon

and Steelhead Restoration Projects

- **Environmentalist of the Year – Innovation:** March for Science Sacramento Coalition
- **Environmentalist of the Year – Volunteer of the Year:** Robert Meagher

Proceeds benefit ECOS, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization comprised of a broad range of organizations and individuals who unite to create a single voice for local environmental concerns. For information and tickets, call 444-0022, email office@ecosacramento.net or visit www.ecosacramento.net.

— Valerie Burrows, facility administrator

Safety: Police gave ways to prevent crime

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officers, the community and neighborhood-based police units that focused on neighborhood crime. Other severely reduced coverage included officers focused on narcotics, vice, and gangs. Chief Hahn pledged to “do what it takes to have a high-quality life in every neighborhood.”

Captain Dave Peletta, commander of the South Command including Curtis Park, Land Park, and areas south to Greenhaven, had several tips to reduce crime. He strongly reminded neighbors to lock all windows, doors, garages, bicycles, and autos. Motion-detector lights are an effective deterrent to burglars. Home surveillance cameras capable of sharp photos are now becoming somewhat affordable (about \$400–\$500) and greatly assist police in capturing criminals.

Peletta told the audience, “You are the eyes and ears for the police. It is important to report suspicious circumstances to us, and to be specific as possible.” He urged the audience to report events with an immediate threat to persons or property, and crimes in progress to 911. The police non-emergency number, 264-5471, is best used when: the suspect has left, suspicious activities occur, reporting property crimes of theft or burglary and other non-urgent situations.

Online reports may be completed at www.cityofsacramento.org/Police/How-Do-I/File-a-

Police-Report. An app for smartphones to contact Sac PD is available at no cost. It's best to enter details including serial numbers and descriptions of stolen property.

As the moderator, Schenirer said: “The homeless situation is the number one issue for our community.” He introduced Emily Halcon, Homeless Services Coordinator for the city, who collaborates with a number of agencies in city, county, state governments, churches and other non-profits. Call 311 to report homeless camps.

Sgt. Greg Galliano represented the Sac PD IMPACT team. Galliano said, “The IMPACT team involves police using best practices and compassionate policing to provide outreach and engagement services to the homeless population.” They partner with a number of agencies that provide services to address the problems of homeless persons, including drug and alcohol rehab, food, temporary housing, and other resources.

The final speaker was Barbara Falcon, Community Services Officer in the chief's office. She offers a large number of training programs for the community including the effective long-standing Neighborhood Watch program. The training focus is crime prevention and teaching neighbors how to best help the police reduce crime. She also uses the NextDoor online program to provide the class schedules. Her contact number is 808-0813.

SCNA Board Member Spotlight LARRY EASTERLING



Photo/Judy Harper

Continuity and guidance with 15 years on the board

Larry Easterling, a Curtis Park resident and real estate broker with Lyon Realty, has served on the Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association board for 15 years. He created the Development Committee for the association and has served on it for most of his tenure. The committee oversees all new SCNA fundraising activities. Larry has also served on the board's Finance Committee for last few years.

Initially, he was recruited by a previous board member. He said he wanted to be more involved in the neighborhood, and he feels that he brings to the board an even keel and consistency because he is not vested in one particular SCNA issue.

He notes it's important to provide guidance and continuity for specific areas, such as Crocker Village, or for large fundraisers, such as the Home and Garden Tour. Larry also wants to make sure new neighbors know about the association and can get involved if they are interested. “I just really enjoy our neighborhood,” Larry said.

One of his hobbies is remodeling of his family's home, which was built in 1925. In addition, he appreciates that his family can live on such a close-knit block, where they enjoy progressive dinners and holiday block parties. He and his wife, Lori, have been in the neighborhood for 20 years. They live on Fifth Avenue with their 13-year-old daughter, Tessa.

— Arial Calvert

Fiscal report for period ending June 30, 2017

SCNA FY 2017	YTD Actual	Annual Budget	Prior Year Actual
Total Income	\$820,446	\$861,148	\$805,805
Total Expense	(\$893,498)	(\$907,013)	(\$791,231)
Other Income (Expense)	\$18,299		\$6,512
Net Income (Loss)	(\$54,753)	(\$45,865)	\$21,086

Details about the finances will be presented at the annual membership meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 6:30 p.m. in Curtis Hall at Sierra 2.

— Terri Shettle, Sierra 2 executive director

Meeting: Train route would have nearby stop

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Land Park Community Association and in District 4; Curtis Park is in District 5.

The financial report will show Sierra 2's annual income at \$ 820,446 for the fiscal year 2016-17. Terri will have details at the meeting.

At the meeting members can renew their membership and neighbors can join. Only members can vote in the board election. Annual membership is \$40 for an individual and \$50 for a household.

The association is planning to serve beer and wine at the meeting.

Who to call and when

It's fairly obvious when to call 911. The immediate situation is life-threatening.

For other situations, the non-emergency ones call 916-264-5471. These include suspicious activity, nuisance problems like barking dogs, leaf blowers outside allowed hours or to get info from the police.

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NOV. 11 WALK AIMS TO BOOST RESEARCH ON PANCREATIC CANCER

Susanne Zito of 6th Avenue encourages participation in the Nov. 11 Purple Stride Walk in Land Park as a way to boost research on pancreatic cancer.

Susanne lost her husband of 22 years, Michael, to the disease in 2014. Funds raised by the walk go to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

More information appears on the Purple Stride web page.



Musicians Ray Bonneville, left, and Richie Lawrence will perform at the Geery Theater.

BENEFIT CONCERT NOV. 18

Katie Thomas of Portola Way is planning a benefit concert Nov. 18 that will honor her late brother and raise funds for a nonprofit that works on tribal lands in the Southwest. The David Samuel Orr Fund for the Earth is based in Curtis Park.

The concert will feature Ray Bonneville, a musician from Austin, and Richie Lawrence of Portola Way. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Wm. Geery Theater, 2130 L Street. Tickets are \$75.

ACTIVITIES AT SIERRA 2

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Two Rivers Dance Center

Mondays & Saturdays
richard@tworiversdancecenter.com

Heels & Sass Dance class

7:30-8:30 p.m., Thursdays, Studio 1
mzballerina@gmail.com

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

Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Rooms 10 & 11
510-526-2183, katherine.kalanjali@gmail.com

Sacramento Academy of Ballet

4:30-5:30 p.m., Tuesdays
5-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Studio 1
Janelle Sebren, 971-0945

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

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Jessica Carter, movementwithmeow@gmail.com

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Gladys Callander: 743-0246

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Randi Robinson-Snaer
randirobinson@mac.com

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Abraham Contreras, pakko.zumba@yahoo.com

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richard@tworiversdancecenter.com

ART

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Tuesday, Noon-3 p.m., Room 11
karensarp51@gmail.com

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

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7-9 p.m., Wednesdays, Room 9
betsaidalebron.com, 573-0301

Cochlear Community Meetings

6:30–8:30 p.m. Nov. 16, Curtis Hall
Cochlear.com/US/events

Know Thyself as Soul – Meditation

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knowthyselfassoul.org

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7-9 p.m.
Nov. 16, Room 12
799-1354, marxistschool.org

Meditation & Energy Healing

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6:30-9 p.m., Room 10
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Stephanie Tadlock, info@
zumbinisacramento.com

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

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Kristy Oshiro, kristyoshiro.com

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SPIRITUAL SERVICES

Sacramento Native American

Believers Fellowship
Sundays, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Room 10
Lee Aviles, 203-6461

Mustard Seed Faith Ministries

Sundays, 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

Mondays, 6-9:55 p.m., Room 9, 308-7646
empowermenttheologicalseminary.com

True Life Ministries

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Holiday Craft Fair promises high quality vendors

By Katie Byram
Sierra 2 staff

With the holidays coming up, a good place to start shopping is the Holiday Craft Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9 at the Sierra 2 Center. This annual event is a great way to support local artisans and crafters in our region. Plus, it's an excellent opportunity to find gifts.

Returning artisans and new faces will join to offer handmade jewelry, soaps, ceramics, and fiber arts, items for the home and garden, and more. Fresh coffee and hot cider from Espresso Metro will be available to attendees.

Newton Booth Builds will return with its hand-crafted wood goods, including its stylish California state-shaped bottle openers. Co-owners/craftsmen Nils Reid and David Goreau are passionate about making quality, sustainable products with locally sourced and recycled wood. Potter Dania Lukey will return with her ceramic bowls, cups and vases in polka dots and natural designs.

New vendors include Joe Triglia of Tufarock Design, bringing his succulents planted in unique vessels and hypertufa pottery. Brandi and Brian Woods, owners of Driftwoods Clothing, will also join the vendors. They are known for their luxuriously soft and trendy shirts displaying neighborhood pride for Curtis Park, Land Park, Midtown and others. The couple also creates tea towels and tote bags, which make great stocking stuffers.

All proceeds from this event benefit the Sierra 2 Senior Center and its programs. The Senior Center plans



The annual Holiday Craft Fair is a great place to shop for gifts.

Photo/Laura Curry

to expand many of its popular offerings and add to its current activities in 2018. The Senior Center will continue offering relevant and much needed technology classes through its partnership with Bit Fellowship. Similarly, the Wellness Program continues to be a popular program for fitness activities. Participants can expect to see an increase in classes offered in the next 12 months.

Admission to the Craft Fair is free, and families are welcome. Free parking is available in the lots accessed from Fourth Avenue and Castro Way as well as street parking along Fourth Avenue and 24th Street.

For questions about the event or becoming a vendor, please call the Sierra 2 office at 452-3005.

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Schenirer's message

Supporting homeless people in Sacramento

Historically, the challenge of supporting people experiencing homelessness in Sacramento has been concentrated downtown and along the riverbanks. Over the past two years, the issue has impacted most neighborhoods in the City, including Curtis Park. Calls for enforcement of homeless encampments in Crocker Village, along the Broadway Corridor, and in our parks are becoming more common.



City Councilmember Jay Schenirer

While the individual problems may be becoming more neighborhood-based, the solutions stretch across the city, county and region. I thought it important to update you on what the City is doing, on its own and in collaboration with the County and others.

I continue to believe that we are on a path to finding a solution.

The challenge is immediate and long term. Over time, we know the solution is permanent housing, coupled with wrap-around services. As you may know, Sacramento

is the only city in the state to apply for and receive a Whole Person Grant award. These funds, totaling \$64 million over three years, will allow us to build a system of intensive case management and medical care.

We are in ongoing discussions with the county about how to align with the county's existing mental health and substance abuse systems for homeless individuals. The city's goal is to get 2,000 homeless people into permanent housing and also provide wrap-around services to another 1,800 folks at risk of becoming homeless.

Solving homelessness and our housing crisis go hand-in-hand. Sacramento has a two percent vacancy rate. This is forcing prices to sky-rocket and making it difficult for many people to stay in their homes. Part of the solution is increasing housing supply, and we are working to ease the permit and building processes to attract more development, particularly infill. Also, we have updated ordinances to allow for 'tiny homes' and more 'granny flats.'

I would like the city to explore how we can support community land trusts that could acquire land to be used for affordable housing. On our recent study mission to Austin, Texas, we learned that Austin has created a Housing Conservancy that will acquire and hold medium-

priced housing to keep it from being purchased, improved and rented at exorbitant rates.

In addition to a lack of affordable housing, gentrification is a real issue in Oak Park and other areas. No one in the country has solved this problem: How do we support the renaissance of neighborhoods while at the same time create an environment where people are able to maintain their homes at affordable costs?

These are some of the most important issues the council and the city face. I am committed to working with my colleagues on the council and our neighborhood leaders to look for solutions for Curtis Park and the city.

NOVEMBER 2017

ACTIVITIES

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A schedule of regular, on-going activities can be found at the Sierra 2 Center or online at Sierra2.org. Below are new, special or updated events & activities.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

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

LEISURE

Book Club
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., 2nd Monday
Nov. 13: "Hillbilly Elegy" by JD Vance
Dec. 11: "Homegoing" by Yaa Gyasi

Nonfiction Book Club
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.,
Nov. 16: "The Warmth of Other Suns" by Isabel Wilkerson
Dec. 21: "The Liars Club" by Mary Karr

Film Club
1:30-4 p.m., 3rd Tuesday
Nov. 21: "Captain Phillips" (2013)
Dec. 19: "Gas Light" (1944)
Donation: \$1-3 (includes popcorn)

EDUCATION

Computer Classes:
Nov. 20: Security
Jan. 22: Microsoft Programs
(No December class)
3rd Mondays (unless otherwise noted);
2-4 p.m. Room 12. Cost: \$20/class. Please sign up in advance; no laptop necessary.

EVENTS

Holiday Photo Memory Books & Calendars (Workshop) hosted by Judy Bujold of Captured Moments
10 a.m.–1 p.m., Nov. 6, Room 9
Fee: \$42; Register in advance: 452-3005

Lunch & Learn: Sacramento during WWII with James Scott, local historian/author
12-1:30 p.m., Nov. 9, Room 9
Lunch provided by Eskaton Monroe Lodge
Fee: \$8/in advance; \$10/at the door
Please register in advance at 452-3005

AARP Driver Safety Program
9 a.m.-1 p.m., Nov. 20 & 21, Room 10
Fee: \$15 (AARP members) or \$20 (non-members) Register: Jim Finnegan, 804-9777

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Neighbors organized the peace tree planting in Curtis Park

By Kate Van Buren
Special to the Viewpoint

The last day in September was bright and sunny, perfect for planting a tree dedicated to Peace. SCNA board members John Mathews, Dan Pskowski and Kate Van Buren collaborated with the United Nations Association Sacramento and the Greenland Foundation to plant a male Ginkgo Biloba Maidenhair tree in Curtis Park by the tennis courts.

About 50 people attended, many from the Ethiopian Community Center in Oak Park. They came to say a blessing and observe a moment of silence to contemplate peace in our communities, our country and

our world. U.S. Army Major Renee Marie brought a peace pole with a representation of flags from every country, and attendees declared, "May peace prevail on Earth." People folded cranes and hung them on the tree. Neighbors are encouraged to hang messages of peace on the branches.

Gashaw Tahir, from the Greenland Foundation, brought his 98 year old father to put the first shovel full of dirt on the peace tree. Mr. Tahir has planted a million trees through his foundation, and hopes to continue collaborating with the United Nations Association and neighborhoods all over California.

SCNA plans to install a protective fence and a stone seat for contemplation.



Photo provided by Brendan Woolley

Gashaw Tahir, at left with mic, from the Greenland Foundation calls people of every culture and faith to observe peace. SCNA board member, Dan Pskowski, with hat, at right, stands ready to plant the peace tree in Curtis Park.

Officials reported on new funding and programs to help the homeless community

By Stephanie Duncan
Special to the Viewpoint

More than 200 area residents filled Sierra 2's Curtis Hall for the Oct. 23 forum on homelessness. They heard from Councilmember Jay Schenirer and a dozen city, county and resource agencies about outreach programs in progress and the needs yet to be filled. Residents' questions ranged from barriers the homeless face in obtaining shelter and opioid addiction to what happens when people refuse services. The focus was how to help solve problems.

The panelists talked about the number of people they have served, the costs of some services (such as manned portable toilets previously offered by the City), and what they foresee happening once additional funding is available for programs, such as Whole Person Care.

Schenirer emphasized the need for additional housing.. He said the City needs about 3,000 units of housing built per year, but is instead seeing 300 units.

Sacramento Steps Forward CEO Ryan Loofbourrow highlighted his agency's lack of



Photo/Stephanie Duncan

Speaking to the group is Ryan Loofbourrow, CEO of Sacramento Steps Forward, who shared potential programs on the issue of homelessness.

capacity and requested that anyone with property or housing units who would be willing to partner to provide housing to the homeless to reach out to his group.

Housing is not the only challenge for the homeless. Some do not seek shelter because their pets or opposite sex partners cannot stay with them. Others have had negative experiences in shelters and do not want to return.

The forum, sponsored by the Land Park and Curtis Park neighborhood associations, was meant to begin the conversation between residents and those who serve the homeless population. It was meant to dispel rumors and inform the community about programs in progress. It was good start.

McClatchy branch library a busy hub

By Susan MacCulloch
Viewpoint staff writer

The Ella K. McClatchy Library on 22nd Street at T Street is the closest library branch to Curtis Park. While patrons can browse through a wealth of books, music CDs and DVDs, they can also enjoy the branch's many other services and activities designed for all ages and interests.

Among those services is help with hand-held devices and laptops. Patrons will find one-on-one technology help from 2-3 p.m. every Wednesday. At that time a librarian/technology assistant is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Each session can last up to 30 minutes. The librarian shows patrons how to download ebooks from the library and search the catalog as well as assist with basic computer skills, such as setting up an email account, setting up Microsoft Excel, or using the Internet. The service is free.

Additionally, the McClatchy Library has programs for adults, teens, and children. There's a monthly Jane Austen reading group, a monthly Teen Book Club, and a weekly Family Storytime. Regular programs include Lego Mania at 2 p.m. Saturdays and a knitters group focused on problem solving.

Coming up at 3 p.m. Nov. 18 is a program with live reptiles presented Python Ron.

To find out more about programs, go to: www.saclibrary.org/Locations/Ella-K-McClatchy.



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New bundle of joy makes first visit to Curtis Park

Longtime SCNA board member **Andrea Rosen** of Portola Way announced the birth of her first grandchild, **Hannah Clare Rosen**. She was born July 30 in Los Angeles to Andrea’s son, **Ben**, who grew up in Curtis Park, and his wife, **Madeline Wander**. They live in Northeast Los Angeles.

Ben has been a developer of affordable housing projects since completing his studies at UC Davis in 2006 and now serves as the director of development at the Skid Row Housing Trust, and Madeline is a senior data analyst at University of



Photo/Carol Conti
Dad Ben Rosen holds his daughter, Hannah Clare, with his mom, Andrea Rosen.

Southern California’s program for regional environmental quality.

On a recent visit to Sacramento, Hannah was blessed at Congregation B’nai Israel. She received her Hebrew name, Chanah Meira, at a home ceremony in Los Angeles.

Dad can only say, “She’s awesome, and I love every minute with her!”



Photo/Eben Burgoon

Accent on sculpting

Danny Scheible, formerly of Fourth Avenue in Curtis Park, traveled to Xi’an, China in July to demonstrate his Tapigami art at the Xi’an Maker Faire. Not only did Danny amaze his audiences with his artistic skills at sculpting with masking tape (a product unknown — and unavailable —

in China), he amazed them with his skill at using chopsticks. Danny expects to return to China in November to help open a new museum.

More information about Danny’s artwork is available at www.Tapigami.com



Photo/Joan Cusick

La Famiglia Catering’s Jeff Roberts serves up Italian Arancini, then adds a pumpkin chocolate chip cookie on the side.

Wine Tasting event draws 500 attendees, raises \$45,000

By Terri Shettle
SCNA executive director

Nearly 500 attendees enjoyed the 27th annual Wine Tasting, Silent Auction and Beer Garden event Oct. 14. They sampled great food and sipped wine and beer while bidding on more than 100 silent auction items. The raffle drawing for a wine cooler stocked with 21 bottles of wine brought in \$1,000.

Revenue from the ticket sales, sponsorships, neighborhood dinners and silent auction is expected to reach \$45,000. As of this writing, seats are still available for the 6 on 6th Dinner (Feb. 3) and the Curtis Park Craft Beer Crawl (Jun. 23). To purchase tickets, call 452-3005.

After all receipts and expenses have been reconciled, the wine tasting committee will consider allocation of funds to additional beneficiaries and make a recommendation to the board.

The wine tasting is SCNA’s cornerstone event. Since it provides essential funds for the association’s financial stability, SCNA relies heavily on the generous support of its sponsors, especially the major sponsors. Cook Realty has always been a sponsor at some level, and for two decades Cook has been a major sponsor.

For five years McDonald Plumbing HVAC has sponsored the beer garden. Owner Vince McDonald said, “Our business has been serving the Curtis Park neighborhood for 60 years. We appreciate how our neighbors care about their homes. My wife and I have been attending the event for several years, and we enjoy seeing our friends, neighbors, local vendors and customers for an evening of fine food, drink and fund-raising.”

Towerpoint Wealth, a new major sponsor, supports SCNA and the event because, as owner Joseph Eschleman said, “Being a newly formed, local small business, Towerpoint Wealth recognizes the diverse benefits our Curtis Park neighborhood offers, and eagerly continues to support the SCNA.”

Board member Steffan Brown stepped up his support of the event this year with two high level sponsorships.

Finally, a special thanks to Cheri Davis for organizing the neighborhood dinners, to Paul and Robyn Bergman for assisting with restaurants and wineries, Sherry Sherry and board member, Lori Harder, both for doing too many things to list.

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Bret Harte news

New PTA will provide school support

By Adriana Gonzalez
Viewpoint staff writer



Bret Harte is proud to announce the return of its Parent Teacher Association. On Oct. 16, the Bret Harte Elementary Bears PTA was chartered and officially became a part of the State and National PTA family. The organization is directed by the PTA executive board composed of four officials: president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. The unit has already reached its first goal with 50 members and hopes to reach 100 percent membership in every class with each student represented, including teacher and staff.

The new unit plans to work closely with Principal James Tucker and teachers to enhance student services and provide a forum to discuss various issues of concern to families. Additionally, the PTA will organize fundraising efforts to support various activities, such as field trips, family engagement and special events.

The PTA also plans to support the school's garden council and to bringing back events such as literacy night, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) night and math night.

The first association meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Nov. 13 in the parent resource room.

The PTA is inviting neighbors to become a member. This is a great opportunity for Bret Harte alumni to reconnect and support their local school. Anyone can join the PTA — grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors. Joining and supporting your local PTA helps Bret Harte become a better school for our community and children.

Additionally, all are welcome to attend the general association meetings that will be held on the second Monday of the month. These meetings outline what the PTA has planned for the school year. Participation is appreciated for those who can volunteer.

The cost of annual membership is \$10 per family. For more information, contact the PTA President Daniel Savala, a parent, at Daniel.savala.206@my.csun.edu or the Bret Harte office at 277-6261.

Advocate for the public good to focus on education throughout the county

By Rosanna Herber
Viewpoint staff writer

Shy and quiet in groups, Bina Lefkovitz is known for supporting others in leadership positions while she diligently works in the background. Now she needs to change her style. In September she was unanimously appointed to an open seat on the Sacramento County Board of Education, an elected position.

"I don't really see myself as a politician, but I understand that I'm taking on a new role," Lefkovitz said. "I'll have to raise money, run for re-election and get more comfortable speaking in public settings." Learning these skills will give Lefkovitz a hand in strategically reviewing and reshaping SCOE's educational programs.

The SCOE Board has many responsibilities, but is largely tasked with overseeing the learning experience of the 242,000 students enrolled in the County's thirteen school districts, and the roughly 30,000 students SCOE educates through its own special education programs, community schools and Juvenile Court school. The SCOE Board also provides fiscal and budget review for the school districts and hears appeals when a charter school application is denied. Renowned for its emphasis on continuous learning, SCOE provides cutting-edge training and mentoring to teachers and administrators.

"I love public policy and the ability to make lasting change in a system," Lefkovitz said. "Politics is often the means to get strategic policy implemented."

Lefkovitz grew up in Skokie, Illinois. She was the youngest of four children and the only girl in her middle class, Jewish family. She earned an undergraduate degree in sociology and a master's from the Lyndon B. Johnson



Bina Lefkovitz

School of Public Affairs in Austin, Texas.

In graduate school Lefkovitz joined a women's group, where she discovered the power of activism. She learned how to push policy makers to create change, and she developed a deeper respect for government and her Jewish faith.

"In the Jewish tradition, there is a term 'Tikkun Olam,' which means 'repair the world' Lefkovitz said. "Mom took me along to do volunteer projects, and a big part of our faith is


social activism and pursuing social justice." said Lefkovitz, who is now the president of Congregation B'nai Israel, Sacramento's oldest Jewish congregation.

Lefkovitz's range of public policy jobs include founding and co-directing the Youth Development Network. She is most proud of working in the city manager's office, where she created the neighborhood services department.

Graduate school was more than academics. It's where she met her husband, Jay Schenirer, councilmember for District 5. They live on 10th Avenue in Curtis Park with their Golden Retriever, Louie. They raised two sons who attended Brete Hart Elementary and McClatchy High School.

Lefkovitz and her husband have been partners in developing and implementing innovative educational programs. In her new role she wants to focus on giving students a voice in their education: closing the achievement gap between white students and black and brown students, introducing students to civic engagement, and getting students to think beyond graduation.

Lefkovitz can be reached at blefkovitz@gmail.com or 916 213-9679.



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