

# VIEWPOINT

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Three bungalows, side by side on Marshall Way, are featured this year on the home tour. The home in the center is celebrating its 100th year, and its docents will wear period costumes.

Photo/Rudy Calpo

## Bungalows are the center attraction for this year's Home & Garden Tour

Vintage Model A's will parade through the neighborhood just before 10 a.m. April 25 to kick off our annual spring home tour. The classic cars will park in front of the seven beautiful homes and gardens open for tour.

Food, music, artists at work, history displays, and a Curtis Park history presentation at the north end of Curtis Park will round out the day's activities.

This year's tour features homes in characteristic Bungalow and classic Tudor Revival styles. While all homes have beautiful original features, the interiors vary from contemporary to traditional and from serene and cool tones to rich and deep colors. Kitchens and bathrooms from period to modern style vary in size and color as well. Outdoor spaces range from cozy respites to large hardscape areas surrounded by citrus trees, fountains, tiles, river rocks and pergolas.

Featured this year are three bungalows in a row on Marshall Way. Each is distinct, but all three have large welcoming porches that invite

the homeowners to relax and socialize. The center bungalow, celebrating 100 years this year, will be staffed by the Sacramento Art Deco Society in period dress for the tour. The home's original fireplace is reminiscent of Frank Lloyd Wright's Prairie School days, and its dining room is replete with crossed wood beams, and beautiful built-in leaded glass cabinets complimented by Stickley style wood furnishings.

Another bungalow on tour has an abundance of oversized windows to connect with Curtis Park and its natural surroundings. To maximize interior light flow an upper wall was opened up to incorporate "Tree of Life" stained-glass windows.

Also on tour are three 1920s Tudor homes. Although related architecturally, the distinct interiors reflect each homeowner's style. One has been fully restored by its resident master craftsman, including the huge beautiful historic windows. The home is filled with colorful paintings and fun sculptures by its resident artist and collector.

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### Curtis Park Home & Garden Tour

Date: **Saturday, April 25**

Time: **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Tickets: Advance tickets are \$25 (\$20 for SCNA members); On tour day, \$30 (\$25 for SCNA members).

TICKETS can be purchased online at [www.sierra2.org](http://www.sierra2.org); at the Sierra 2 Center; Collected Works, 4524 Freeport Blvd.; or Haus, 5601 H St.

(SCNA members may order discounted tickets online or at the Sierra 2 Center.)

Docents are asked to purchase their special discount tickets at the Sierra 2 Center. For more information, call Sierra 2 at 452-3005.

## Curtis Park Egg Hunt starts with pajama parade

The 10th annual SCNA Spring Egg Hunt on April 4 will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a Pajama Parade. Youngsters and their grown-ups will gather at the north end of the Curtis Park and follow Constable Dan Murphy on the parade route to Curtis Hall at the Sierra 2 Center.

Egg hunters and their families will enjoy some free refreshments and craft activities before it's time to hop out to the green for the hunt. Children will be divided into age groups, with the youngest going first.

Mr. Bunny will be on hand to

greet guests and pose for photos with the children, courtesy of Eleakis and Elder Photography. For a \$5 donation families will be able to download an adorable 5x7 photograph after the event.

More information is available at the Sierra 2 office, 452-3005.



Photo/Joan Cusick  
In costume, "Officer" Dan Murphy led the parade last year.

## Tree ordinances irk SCNA

By Dan Pskowski  
Special to the Viewpoint

After 19 months and \$173,138, the City of Sacramento has released its revised Tree Ordinances. Fortunately, SCNA Board President Eric Johnson was able to persuade Councilmember Jay Schenirer, chair of the Law and Legislation Committee, to extend the 10-day public review and comment period to 30 days.

However, the City has not set a timeline for completing the process.

This extension allowed SCNA time to thoroughly go over the revisions. As a member of the Stakeholders Advisory Committee representing SCNA, myself and other stakeholders were puzzled why we did not get to review and comment on these revisions before the release to the public.

How are the proposed revisions going to affect the trees in the Curtis Park neighborhood? The heritage tree ordinance, which protected native oaks greater than 11.5 inches in diameter in good condition and all other tree species greater than 31.8 inches in diameter, was repealed. The revised ordinance protects any tree 12-inches in diameter or greater in good condition, free of substantial defects and in a location that allows

long term preservation. Permits would be required to prune or remove trees that would now be classified as private protected trees. The exception would be for "minor pruning," which is defined as the removal of branches or roots less than 2-inches in diameter in a cumulative amount of up to 10 percent of a combination of the root system and crown of the tree within a 12-month period.

The definition of a private protected tree is vague, and property owners would have to hire a qualified arborist to inspect the trees on their property and submit an arborist report to the City detailing which trees on the property meet the private protected tree criteria.

SCNA opposes this as too stringent and damaging to our urban forest. A 12-inch diameter tree is not that significant, and the regulation of trees that small would discourage property owners from planting trees for fear they might not be able to remove them in the future. SCNA proposes trees 25-inches in diameter or trees older than 50 years. SCNA also proposed language to define the tree's condition / structure in measureable terms.

The second significant revision of concern would be reverting to the

*Please see Trees, page 8*

*Save the Dates!*

### Next FIRST FRIDAY Dinner Is May 1

There is no First Friday dinner in April. The next one is 6-8 p.m. May 1 in Curtis Hall. It will be Taco night, and the volunteer servers will be friends of Carol Conti.

Dinners will be \$8 for adults and \$4 for a child. For more information, call the Sierra 2 office, 452-3005.

### Neighborhood YARD SALE set for May 16

It's almost time to prepare for the Neighborhood Yard Sale on May 16. This is the day designated for the neighborhood wide garage sale and flea market.

SCNA will advertise in *Viewpoint*, *The Sacramento Bee*, Craigslist, social media sites and Sierra 2 Center banner. No registration required.



Notes from March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting

Ad hoc committee to focus on Strategic Planning Process for SCNA

Big Day of Giving

Once again, SCNA is gearing up for the Big Day of Giving. The fundraising event will take place for 24 hours, from 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, May 5.

The Big Day of Giving is an online giving event that provides nonprofit organizations the opportunity to gain exposure and start relationships with new donors, and for the people in the Sacramento region to come together to raise as much money as possible for participating organizations within a 24-hour period.

The effort is organized and implemented by a collaboration of GiveLocal Now and community foundations: Sacramento Region Community Foundation, Placer Community Foundation and Yolo Community Foundation.

Next meeting

The SCNA Board's regular meeting is the first Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. April 1 in the Garden Room at Sierra 2.

For more information, call the Sierra 2 office, 452-3005.

In 2014, the Sacramento community raised more than \$3 million for 394 nonprofits from over 12,000 donors. We were second in the country among those participating in the national Give Local America effort. In addition, SCNA received 99 donations, totaling approximately \$7,000 for various programs at Sierra 2.

The Board is planning several small events to promote the Big Day of Giving, including an event hosted by Pangea.

Business Partnership Program

The SCNA Development Committee is continuing its work on the development of a SCNA Business Partnership Program. Committee members are drafting a pilot program with the goal of creating a program that would better engage our local businesses with the community while also providing members of SCNA a better connection with local businesses.

The Committee is also discussing the development of an App to provide SCNA members with information on the programs and businesses in our community.

Strategic Plan

The SCNA Board met in February for its annual retreat to lay out goals for the year. The

broad list of its goals ranges from continuing to advocate on behalf of SCNA in the Curtis Park Village development discussions to improving facilities at the Sierra 2 Center. As part of this discussion, the Board, at its meeting in March, appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to focus on a Strategic Planning Process for SCNA. The goals developed at the Board Retreat will work to help inform this process and work to provide a longer-term path forward for the Association.

Next Meeting

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

— Submitted by Cara Martinson

Executive Director's report

Possibilities are endless with time, talent and treasury

Every day I have the opportunity to marry the history of our past with the work, relationships, and community desires of today. Every day I live the vision of the founding members of the

community who brought us to life. Every day I have the opportunity to imagine all things possible for Sierra 2 Center, SCNA, and the neighborhood of Curtis Park. And every day, for me, that means asking "What if..."

What if we had a dedicated technology lab where people could learn and play in the digital world? Where people could learn everything from computers 101 to writing code. Where graphic arts were part of the everyday curriculum, and where children could stimulate their learning through games and research? Where seniors could stay in touch with family and friends via Skype or FaceTime? Where the Senior Center's My Story project could film, edit and create their products?

TERRI SHETTLE

Sierra 2 Executive Director



What if we had a dedicated place for youngsters to create, explore and play? Where touch screen walls and interactive storytelling inspire the next generation of artists? Where math was made fun through innovative learning environments? Where being a kid in this community is the best thing ever?

What if we had kitchens that were the foundation of culinary arts programs? Where pop up restaurants could have a place to show off? Where aspiring chefs, young and old, could learn and innovate?

What if we had a teaching garden to cultivate awareness and inspiration? Where kids could learn to appreciate where food comes from and to take of the environment?

These ideas barely scratch the surface of all the things we could do. Evolution of this type takes resources, specifically, Time, Talent, and Treasury.

Time is the volunteers, people who roll up their sleeves to help the cause. Talent is the expertise needed—volunteer, pro-bono, and staff—to pull off the kind of efforts and planning required. Finally, Treasury is the funding. Donations, grants, membership, business sponsorships, and income

from events, programs and rentals bring in the funding for everything we do.

The "What if's" can become reality with the right amount of Time, Talent, and Treasury. What if every SCNA member made a \$25 donation during Big Day of Giving? What if every SCNA member encouraged someone to join SCNA? What if the volunteer pool went beyond events and board service? What if...what if...what if...

Tuesday, May 5, is the regional day of philanthropy, Big Day of Giving. Please consider making a donation to SCNA on this day—for the "what if's," for the daily operations of the Sierra 2 Center and Senior Center and to continue funding neighborhood quality of life activities.

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Deadlines

Deadline for Viewpoint copy is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Neighbors who have an interesting story or event in our neighborhood are encouraged to submit ideas or articles to the editor via the Sierra 2 office: 452-3005.

Save May 5!

May 5 is the BIG DAY OF GIVING. For 24 hours, from 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., every non-profit, including Sierra 2, will be pumping the public for donations for their programs.

SCNA Executive Director Terri Shettle urges Curtis Park neighbors to donate to help the Sierra 2 Center reach its goal of \$20,000. The funds will help support the Center's programs.

For more information, call the office at 452-3005.





# History talk starts at 1 p.m. home tour day at north end of the park



Photo courtesy of Western Railway Museum

An electric street car rounds the corner from Franklin Boulevard to Fifth Avenue in the 1930s. The building at the far right with the arched window was the original Gunther's Ice Cream building.

History buffs can get an expert's version of Curtis Park history at 1 p.m. on Home Tour day, April 25, at the north end of Curtis Park. That's when California State historian William Burg will present a talk about Curtis Park from the days when streetcars connected the growing neighborhood with workplaces and attractions throughout Sacramento.

Historic photos will show how transportation technology, climate and architecture were interrelated, resulting in design innovations, including the Craftsman bungalow, the modern electric streetcar, and park neighborhoods.

## Tour: Day includes live music, art, food and informational displays

*(Continued from page one)*

Another Tudor is rich with European style art and furnishings, along with some special local artwork. It also features a long back patio lined with the citrus trees.

The third Tudor has been meticulously restored to show off its smooth plaster walls surrounding spacious settings with a barrel vaulted ceiling over the monumental front room. Set among the historic rooms are new bathrooms fully enriched with Carrera marble tiles and a new kitchen in a classic style.

This year's history talk will feature historian William Burg. He will discuss Curtis Park from the days when PG&E streetcars connected the growing neighborhood with workplaces and attractions throughout Sacramento. Historic photos will illustrate how transportation technology, climate and architecture were interrelated, resulting in design innovations including the Craftsman bungalow, the modern

electric streetcar, and park neighborhoods.

Throughout the day home tour visitors will enjoy live music by Sarah Karliner and Matt Lancara, food from Mama Kim Cooks and El Ajicito Peruvian, historic home displays and information on home restoration. Oak Park artist Patris and other plein air artists will be painting outside the homes during the tour. Bicycling through the neighborhood is an option, and bike racks will be provided.

Key sponsors for this major fundraising event are Joseph Eschleman of Wells Fargo Advisors and SMUD, both returnees, and Steffan Brown and Greater Broadway Partnership. Their



Photo/Rudy Calpo

The owners of this 1926 Tudor have fully restored its huge historic windows, which illuminate their rich and colorful art collection.

By Valerie Burrows  
Facility administrator

### Getting to the heart of the matter

Are you ready for a new start in finding love or re-energizing your current relationship? If so, the two-hour Center Pointe Consulting seminar, 5 Keys to a Healthy and Successful Relationship, is for you. This seminar will run from 6-8 p.m. April 3 in Room 12 Its focus will be on the concepts, behaviors and tools that guide people to the path toward a harmonious and long-lasting relationship. The

## What's new at Sierra 2

principles outlined in this seminar help to better educate and encourage singles and couples about common strategies for making their relationships work.

The cost is \$15 general or \$5 for students. For information and to register, contact instructor Rashad Baadqir at (916) 233-9047 or email centerpointeconsulting@yahoo.com.

**Fundraiser for McClatchy baseball**

The McClatchy Baseball Boosters will host their 7th annual A Taste of McClatchy from 6-9

p.m. Friday April 17 in Curtis Hall. This fun social will feature food, desserts, wine and beer from local restaurants, wineries and breweries. There will be a raffle of themed gift baskets stuffed with spectacular gifts and gift cards. All alumni, friends and neighbors are welcome to attend this festive event. All proceeds benefit the C.K. McClatchy Baseball Program.

Tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. To purchase tickets: [www.mcclatchybaseball.com](http://www.mcclatchybaseball.com). For more information, contact Sue Ichiho at 813-1334 or Mike de Necochea at 769-2679 or [mike@mcclatchybaseball.com](mailto:mike@mcclatchybaseball.com).

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Contact: Mela and Nida at [deafVday2015@gmail.com](mailto:deafVday2015@gmail.com)

or (916) 626-4954

The Vagina Monologues in ASL show is a fun and educational way to spread awareness about domestic violence, sexual assault, and womanhood through American Sign Language. A part of the One Billion Rising movement. All of the proceeds will be donated to Vday ([www.vday.org](http://www.vday.org)) and DeafSAFE ([www.norcalcenter.org/deafsafe](http://www.norcalcenter.org/deafsafe)).

For mature audience only (16+).

ACTIVITIES AT SIERRA 2

**YOGA**

**Iyengar Yoga**

Tuesday, 10-11 a.m. • Studio 1

Gladys Callander: 382-9943

**Art of Living Foundation**

**Yogic breathing/meditation**

Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Room 11 • 601-3101

**MARTIAL ARTS**

**Eagle Claw Kung Fu Academy of Sacramento**

Wednesday, 6–7 p.m. 441-7215

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

**Sacramento Bushido Kai**

**Japanese Martial Arts for ages 4-Adult**

Monday, 6-7 p.m., Studio 2

Wednesday, 6-7 p.m., Studio 1

For schedule, Michael Mason: 616-5452

**Sacramento Sword School**

**Martial Sword Arts of Europe**

Thursday, 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)

**Typhoon Philippine School of Martial Arts**

Tues/Fri, 8:30-9:30 p.m., Studio 2

Master Maurice Gatdula: 509-6671

**FITNESS**

**Essentrics**

Wednesdays, 5–6 p.m.

Studio 1

Emily Wishman, (510) 299-1066

**Motivational Aerobic Dance Exercise**

Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.,

Room 10

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

**Zumba with Annalisa**

Tuesday, 7-8 p.m., Studio 1

Annalisa Brown, (530) 513-0768

**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. and 6 p.m.

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

**Nia**

Tuesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Studio 1

Kelly Holland • [www.NiaNow.com](http://www.NiaNow.com)

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Saturdays, 2–3 p.m.

Thursdays, 5:30–6:30 p.m. Studio 1

Mark Klein, 346-9788

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

**MUSIC**

**Nashville Songwriters Association**

2nd Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Room 12,

Free • Gabrielle Kennedy: 476-5073

**String orchestra lessons**

Second and Fourth Wednesday

7:30-8:30 p.m., Room 9

Krystyna Taylor, 216-0429

**Japanese Taiko drumming**

For schedule: Kristy Oshiro,

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

**OTHER**

**Center for Soul Healing**

2nd Thursday and 4th Tuesday

6:30-8 p.m. • Room 9

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

**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)

**ART**

**Awaken My Art Collective**

**Glass mosaic classes**

Tuesdays, Noon-3 p.m., Rm. 11

[karenssharp51@gmail.com](mailto:karenssharp51@gmail.com)

**Watercolor class**

Fridays, 9 a.m.-noon, Room 11

Michael Mikolon, 730-9347

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

**SPIRITUAL SERVICES**

**The Vibe Church of Sacramento**

Sunday Services : 10-11:30 a.m., Garden Rm.

Bible Study: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, Room 11

John Macdonell, Pastor: 595-5622

**New Destiny Ministries**

Sundays, 12:45-2:15 p.m., Room 9

Pastor Singleton, 532-5581

**CHILDREN**

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**Rio Valley Charter School**

**Arts Guild: K-12**

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Room 10 and Studio 3

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**DANCE**

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**Irish American Ceili Dancers**

1st and 3rd Monday, 7-9 p.m., Studio 1

Helen Healy: 444-8051

**Manasa Tribal Dance**

Sunday, 2-3:30 p.m., Studio 1

Patrice Norris: 736-1730

**River City Taps – Tap Dance**

Monday–Thursday 5–8:30 p.m.

Thurs: 10 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Studio 3

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

**Polynesian Dance**

Tuesday, 6-7:30 p.m.

Studio 2 • [alohatyra@aol.com](mailto:alohatyra@aol.com)

**West African Dance**

Fridays, 6–7 p.m., Studio 1

Jessa Cruz: [jessakaycruz@gmail.com](mailto:jessakaycruz@gmail.com)

**Auntie Amy's Hula**

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

Amy Cornellier, 792-5561

**Jo Montgomery works on her painting as instructor Michael Mikolon helps first-time students Anne Eisenberg and Alice Bauer during the Watercolor Friday class at Sierra 2 Center. The class for beginner and advanced painters is offered from 9 a.m. to noon on Fridays, and walk-ins are welcome.**

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# New classes bring new faces to the senior center

By Phoebe Celestin  
Senior Center Program Coordinator

## Retirement for Beginners

“Retirement for Beginners” is an open house to be held from 2:30 to 4 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in Room 12. It begins Tuesday, May 5. The class is for new retirees who may be setting new intentions for themselves as they begin a new chapter of their lives. Being “intentional” in your retirement is as important as it was in your work life.

Intentions, like painting, writing and staying fit can all be accomplished in one cozy, convenient location at the Senior Center.

The facilitator will be Vicki Linsley. Vicki has extensive experience helping others with “In-Home Care.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, “The first wealth is health.” You don’t need to be a millionaire to enjoy a nice walk on a beautiful day. Your health is essential for a happy retirement. This is something we will talk about at Retirement for Beginners.

Thomas Hobbes once said, “Curiosity is the lust of the mind.” So we could say Curiosity is an intense desire to learn, explore and discover. It’s an appetite for experiences and an interesting life. Money can’t buy that. “Retirement for Beginners” is a place you can share your curiosity with others.

Donald Miller once said, “If you happen to be sitting in the theater of your mind, watching through the camera lenses of your eyes and the story you’re watching is not very interesting, there’s something you can do about it. You can edit it. You can change it.” Be proactive and come visit our “Retirement for Beginners” open house. Meet seniors who participate in classes and activities now.

## Schenirer’s message

# City and neighborhood issues keep me on the run

How I spend my time as your representative is always a balancing act — neighborhood issues vs. citywide issues vs. my own initiatives. I thought it important to briefly go over those items.

Over the next six months, the Council will wrestle with a number of issues that will impact our city’s future, including strategic items such as the City budget, urban agriculture, increasing the minimum wage, and a new inclusionary hiring ordinance.

As a part of my Council-related responsibilities, I remain chair of the Law and Legislation Committee. Issues on the docket for the next 12 months include a new city tree ordinance, food trucks, bikes on sidewalks, ethics commission, neighborhood advisory committee, redistricting and more. I also serve on the Budget and Audit committee and the Good Governance Ad Hoc Committee.

Each Councilmember is also appointed to a number of Boards and Commissions. Currently, I am chair of Regional Transit, City Trustee to the Crocker Art Museum and City representative on the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, Sacramento Employment Training Agency, Sacramento City Library Board of Directors, Sacramento Transportation Agency, Metropolitan Cable Commission, and several other boards. At each of these organizations, I do my best to represent the interests of the City, the neighborhoods I represent, and the issues



Jay Schenirer  
City Councilmember

that support services to young people.

My own initiatives include continuing to support WayUp Sacramento, the revitalization of Oak Park, creating a Medical Innovation Zone along Stockton Boulevard to create jobs, and solutions to address the homeless situation within our community.

Clearly, representing the interests of each of the neighborhoods in District 5 is important. Each community has its respective issues, from parks and crime to abandoned homes. For Curtis Park, the greatest amount of time over the past four years has been Curtis Park Village. As I write this article, Petrovich has yet to reactivate his application.

As I mentioned at the Jan. 28 neighborhood meeting, a potential appeal of a Planning and Design Commission decision in which the Council becomes a quasi-judicial body, ultimately prevents me at this time from taking a formal position on the gas station. However, please know that in this and all cases, I am listening closely to the voices in our neighborhood. I have brought many ideas to the developer, but up to this point, none has been successful. I remain hopeful of finding a solution that will support the needs of development and the community.

Other neighborhood issues include making our area safer for bicycles, the new CVS on Franklin Boulevard and Sutterville Road, and the possible one-block renaming of Third Avenue between Franklin and 30th to honor Gunther’s Ice Cream.

There is more, but I have run out of space. See you in the park.

## Active Yoga

Stretch your body and mind, and find your inner potential through controlled breathing and asanas sitting positions. Bring a yoga mat to class.

The class will be led by Heera Kulkarni Yoga Shiromani, a certified yoga instructor from International Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Center, India.

Yoga can help restore and maintain one’s well-being and improve the body’s flexibility and vitality.

Active Yoga begins Friday, April 24 from 9:45–11 a.m. and will continue every Friday thereafter in Room 12. The fee is \$12 per session.

## Mandala Art

Mandalas are based on simple geometric shapes. Millions of designs are possible within a simple circle using variations of the circle, the square and the triangle. Classes are taught by Marie Taylor and scheduled for Tuesday 9:30–11:15 a.m. on April 14 and 28. Classes are \$8 each, or \$35 for 5-class series. To register call Marie Taylor at 692–5952.

## Popcorn and a movie

Please join us Tuesday, April 20 from 1:30–3 p.m. for “Popcorn and A Movie.” The film this month is a TED talk on the art form of filmmaking, which increasingly shapes the way we see our world. These masters of photography and motion pictures discuss their work.

## AARP Safe Driver Refresher Course

Monday, April 27 • 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Room 9. Info: 455-6339.

## Simply Music Free Two-Day Piano Workshop

April 16 and 17 • 9:30–10: 45 a.m. Room 11.

## APRIL ACTIVITIES

### SIERRA 2 SENIOR CENTER Room 12

455-6339 or seniorcenter@sierra2.org  
Everyone is welcome.

Activities are free except where noted. (Donations appreciated.)

## FITNESS

### Community Acupuncture Clinic

9:30–10:45 a.m. April 7 and 21  
Zoë Griffin: 212-2170

**Gentle Yoga—Instructor: Pat Shaw**  
10–11 a.m. Wednesdays

### Active Yoga

9:45–11 a.m. Starts April 24 every Friday  
Room 12 • Fee: \$12 per session  
Instructor: Heera Kulkarni

### Fall Prevention

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

### Tai Chi—Instructor: Frank Gaviola

10:30–11:15 a.m. Thursdays  
Rm. 12 • \$40 per month

### Walking and Polewalking Clinic

9 a.m. Thursdays  
One-time instruction fee \$5

## LEISURE

### Mandala Art

9:30–11:15 a.m. • April 14 and 28  
Classes are \$8 each,  
or \$35 for 5-class series.  
Instructor: Marie Taylor 692–5952

### Improvisation acting with Jetta

3–5 p.m. Last Friday of the month

### Book Club

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. 2nd Monday  
**April 13:** “Where’d You Go Bernadette?”  
by Maria Semple  
(Book club participants read the book of the month prior to each meeting.)

### Travel Writing with Phoebe Celestin

11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m. Wednesdays  
Rm. 12. Fee: \$3 per class

### My Story Project meeting

1–3 p.m. 2nd Monday of the month

### Everyone Can Drum

1–2 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5) Studio 1

### Simply Music

### Free Two-day piano workshop

9:30–10:45 a.m. • Room 11  
Thursday, April 16 & Friday, April 17  
Instructor: Dane Andrus

### Life History Writing

1–3 p.m. Wednesdays

## EDUCATION

### Beginning Drawing by Patris

9–10:15 a.m. Thursdays

### Popcorn and a Movie

3rd Tuesday of the month 1:30–3 p.m.  
Donation requested \$2. FREE popcorn

### AARP Safe Driver Refresher Course

**Instructor: Jim Finnegan**

9 a.m.–2 p.m. • April 27  
Register: 804-9777 • Room 9

### Cohousing Workshop

2–3:45 p.m. Tuesdays Feb. 10–April 28  
Registration: 995-6629 or 451-8142

## CARDS AND GAMES

### Ginasta

9:30–11:30 a.m. Mondays (not 2nd Monday)

### Mahjongg

10 a.m.–noon Mondays (not 2nd Monday)

### Fun Bridge

1–4 p.m. Thursdays

### Pinochle

1–3 p.m. Fridays

## EVENTS

### Senior Committee Meeting

3 – 5 p.m. April 6

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New tenant at Sierra 2 Center

## WarmLine Family Resource Center helps families of children with special needs with classes, training

By Craig McCulloch,  
Viewpoint staff writer

WarmLine Family Resource Center moved into offices at Sierra 2 in December. This non-profit provides resources and support at no charge to families of children with special needs in Sacramento and five nearby counties. The center offers classes, training and family activities for parents and siblings of children with a wide range of disabilities.

Kelly Young, director of WarmLine, said, “All of our employees are parents of children with disabilities. We often share our understanding and perspective with other parents and help them navigate the Special Education programs and other

community resources serving disabled children. We help the parents to be the best advocates for their children.”

The WarmLine office is in a building just north of the main Sierra 2 building and adjacent to the small parking lot on Castro Way.

Partial funding for the center’s services comes from a Department of Developmental Services grant for early interventions for children from birth to 3 years old. Additional funding for support of Placer County families with children up to 5 years old comes from Placer First 5. Donations from the community, including an annual golf tournament, provide additional support services for children ages 3 to 22.

The 12th annual golf tournament



Photo/Joan Cusick

Cid Van Koersel (left) and Kelly Young of WarmLine Family Resources Center meet with community parent Kirsten Yeates and service dog, Mabel.

is April 24 at Whitney Oaks Golf Club in Rocklin. Golfers lucky enough to hit a Hole-In-One can win a \$10,000 prize donated by River City Bank. Registration for the tournament is \$180 per golfer and includes lunch.

A portion of the entry fee is a tax-deductible donation. WarmLine is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. They can be reached at 455-9500. Their web site is [www.wamlinefrc.org](http://www.wamlinefrc.org).

## Water meter speed-up affects north end of neighborhood

By Craig McCulloch  
Viewpoint staff writer

Water meter installation and water main replacement projects are scheduled to get underway early this summer for the area is roughly bounded by Donner Way north to 2nd Avenue and between 21st Street and Franklin Boulevard. Construction will be completed by late fall of 2016, according to Rhea Serran, City spokesperson.

The water meters are required by state law (AB 2572 passed in 2004). It mandates that all cities have meters installed by 2025. The southern portion of Curtis Park has its meters and new water mains.

Due to the drought, the City Council approved

a speed up of installation of the meters. Now all meters must be in by 2020 in the City, and in parts of Sacramento where existing water mains in reasonable shape will continue to be used. Previously all water mains were to be replaced.

Curtis Park, however, has some of the oldest water main pipes in the City with corrosion that restricts the water flow to our homes and fire hydrants. New water mains will be installed throughout most of Curtis Park. In the majority of our area, the street in front of the houses will contain the new pipes. The City will connect the new water lines to the homes either in front of the house or along the side, by trenchless construction.

The water meter will be placed in the front landscaping, adjacent to sidewalks, or in the planting strip between the sidewalk and the street. Locating the meter in the lawn reduces the costs of digging up the sidewalk for the meter, and will speed up completion of the project. Maintenance of the meters will be done by the City, and the property owner is responsible for the pipeline from the meter to the house.

The City Utility Department notifies all residents in advance of

**A community meeting will be scheduled to allow individual questions.**

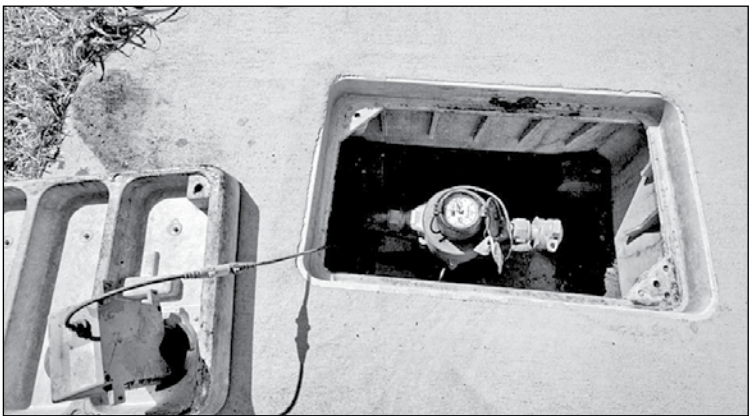
construction. A community meeting will be scheduled to allow individual questions. A door-hanger notice will be on the front door one week prior to the construction, and again 24 hours prior to the water shut off. The water is shut off for a

maximum of four hours for the installation of the meter and connection to the house.

Serran wrote in email, “Under most situations, digging will be limited to the point of connection to the home and the abandonment of the old connection at the water main. Reconnection to the new water main will vary from property to property. Reconnections will occur at the front, side, or backyards depending on the existing water piping to the property.”

Residents should anticipate restrictions on parking during the installation of the water mains in the street. Traffic will be rerouted during the construction. Additionally, dust, dirt, and noise from the construction project are to be expected. Neighbors are urged to attend the community meeting with the Department of Utilities to get specific answers to their questions.

Additional information about the water meter project may be found at [www.cityofsacramento.org/Utilities/Conservation/Water-Meters](http://www.cityofsacramento.org/Utilities/Conservation/Water-Meters).



The remaining water meters to be installed in Curtis Park will be located in the lawn or garden to reduce the cost of digging up the sidewalk and speed up completing of the project.

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# COMMUNITY CORNER

## Author gets editing help from neighbors

Portola Way’s Richard Meredith’s first novel, “Sky Dance,” was published in January. His story reached the quarter finals in Amazon’s Breakthrough Novel Contest in 2014 in the Thriller/Mystery category.

The suspenseful plot begins with an ecotourism leader trying to rescue birdwatchers who were kidnapped in a remote jungle. But the abduction isn’t what it appears, and that’s where the mystery begins.

Rick moved to California while serving in the Navy and stayed on to attend college. He has lived in Curtis Park for 10 years. He and his wife of 40 years, Carol, have two sons, Casey and Andrew. (Casey lives nearby on Marshall Way with his wife, Cassie.)

Rick and his German Shepherd,



Photo/Judy Harper  
**Rick Meredith’s book, “Sky Dance,” was just published in January.**

Bella, are early morning regulars at Sierra 2’s dog-training area. His dog park friends, Judy Maben and Linda Gonzales, helped edit early drafts, and Sage Smith created the map.

Rick is a marine scientist and wildlife biologist and an avid birder. His book title comes from the mating behavior in ospreys and other raptor species.

## Murder mystery dinner

**Robin Brewer and Richard Bay ham it up in their roles for a Roaring ’20s murder mystery at the home of Broc and Arlene Krause on Donner Way at Franklin. This neighborhood dinner, auctioned during SCNA’s annual fund-raiser last October, was co-hosted by Emmett Corbin and Kris Olesen. Pre-dinner drinks were served in the Krause home’s basement, which is rumored to have hosted a speakeasy during Prohibition.**



Photo/Joan Cusick

## Artists plan a spring fling at Sacramento Art Glass

New works by the three artists at Sacramento Art Glass will be on display during their big event from 5:30 to 8 p.m. April 30 at 2500 Sutterville Road.

This evening Maren Conrad of Prosper Design Studio is holding the Spring Fling: Artist Nomination Party Kick Off.

Artists and art enthusiasts are encouraged to attend and nominate the next artist to be featured on Prosper Design Studio linens.

During the evening guests will see new glass works by Rene Steinke and new art by Maren and by Tapigami artist Danny Scheible. Maren will also have her table designs on display as well as eco-sustainable floral arrangements.

Tickets are \$25 and are available at [www.ProspersDesignStudio.com](http://www.ProspersDesignStudio.com).

The evening will include an open bar of artisan cocktails, beer and bites, live music and an aerial acrobatics show.

## Spanish Colonial Revival house attracted new neighbors

People buy homes for many reasons. They can be as general as the number of bedrooms or as specific as the style of the home. The Smazenko family fit into the second group of buyers. They moved into their Spanish Colonial Revival house on 10th Avenue in late 2014, and they have been busy ever since.

First up was Autumn’s birth, which happened after the move. She joined parents Brian and Hillary, and brother, Declan, 3.

Brian grew up in South San Francisco in a 1920s Spanish Colonial Revival house, and Hillary grew up in Grass Valley. Brian moved to Sacramento in 2003. They lived in Natomas before moving to McKinley Park in 2012. Their rented home was a single story 1920s Spanish Colonial Revival. That house sparked their search for a Spanish home where they could raise a family.

Brian wanted a house that retained its original character. Hillary also wanted a vintage home with a park nearby. They describe themselves as “old-house people” with a variety of hobbies and interests in antiques and vintage cars. Brian, in particular, was open to restoring the



Photo/ Erik Foy  
**New on 10th Avenue are Hillary and Brian Smazenko with baby Autumn and brother Declan, 3.**

right house to its original design.

For a couple of years they looked at homes in East Sacramento, Land Park, and Curtis Park. They felt Curtis Park had the greatest selection of Spanish styled homes, and the neighborhood was also quiet.

Once in their 10th Avenue home, they used the park for play and walking. They particularly love the playground and the abundance of young children in the neighborhood.

Brian and Hillary are developing plans for restoring some of their home’s original features and to furnish it in vintage style. Their Curtis Park story is just beginning.

**Correction:**

The photo of the home on page 6, illustrating the bungalow story, in the March *Viewpoint* will not be on the home tour. The *Viewpoint* regrets the error.

**NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR CLASSIFIEDS**

**IN-HOME CHILDCARE NEEDED:** Family seeks a childcare provider for two boys, 6 and 10, 3 days/week. Hours: 2:30-6 p.m. in Hollywood Park. Call 442-1429 or [bwackford@aol.com](mailto:bwackford@aol.com).

**FOUND JEWELRY:** Ring. On 24th Street in February. 502-1699 to describe and claim.

ADS are \$5 for 25 words or less with advance payment. Deadline is the 15th of the month. Make check to Sierra 2 at 2791 24th St., Sacramento, CA 95818.

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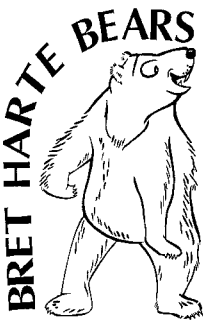


Bret Harte News

Celebrating Dr. Seuss and a love for reading

By Char Klassen  
Viewpoint staff writer

When March rolls around, students across the nation go wild over celebrating the birthday of the beloved children’s author Dr. Seuss. Many years ago a nationwide



program called “Read Across America” was implemented. It combines celebrating the author and promoting a lifelong love for reading. Bret Harte has a thriving yearly tradition of participating in the one day event. On March 2 students and staff were encouraged to come to school in cozy pajamas. Then they kicked off their shoes and enjoyed lots of reading. Parents and community members were invited into classrooms to read to and with children. Children

were given extra fun reading time and supplied with Dr. Seuss favorites to be read aloud or silently.

Students help Leukemia patients

March also kicked-off a Kindness Action Team (K.A.T.) fundraising drive. Students from K.A.T took the lead to educate, promote and head up a collection called “Pennies for Patients.” The money benefits the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. There was a school assembly focused

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on what Leukemia means and how it affects people. The school goal was to collect \$1,500 this year. The collection ended on March 20. At press time K.A.T. members were still taking and counting the donations. Estimates were that the students were well on their way to meeting their goal.

Curtis Park gets spiffed up by neighbors

More than 30 neighbors and volunteers from outside areas brought yard tools to help clean up Curtis Park on March 14. SCNA, a park parent, sponsored the tidying effort. The work force, which included sorority

members from Sac State and volunteers from various schools, raked leaves, cleaned the playground and weeded the running track. The next clean-up day will be in the fall, according to John Mathews.



John Mathews, right, and Patti Roberts, both of 5th Avenue, pitched in as park parents to help with the semi-annual clean-up.

Photos/Judy Harper



Amos Karlsen of 3rd Avenue, front left, and Emmett McMahon, center, help weed the running path in Curtis Park.



With shovels and brooms in hand, these Sigma Omega Nu sorority sisters from Sac State get ready to help clean the park. They are, from left, Vanessa Lucero, Elizabeth Garcia, Jennifer Hernandez, Carolina Salguera, Sonya Prado and Adriana Garcia.



Photo/Dan Pskowski

The trees on these front lawns within the public right-of-way illustrate trees that the City would no longer maintain.

Trees: No one likes plan to shift tree care to residents

(Continued from page one) and liability of City trees located in the front yard but within the street right-of-way. The right-of-ways vary and were established during the original street layout back in the early 1900s. SCNA opposes placing the burden of maintaining City trees on the property owners. Currently all Sacramento residents are assessed for tree maintenance under the Landscape and Lighting Assessment program. Last year Urban Forestry received \$4.8 million dollars from this program. In addition residents would no longer have the right to appeal the removal of any City street tree that Urban Forestry has decided to remove. The revised ordinance only addresses City street trees. Park and public trees are afforded no protection.

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