

## City commission grants use permit for proposed fuel center

By Andrea Rosen  
Viewpoint staff writer

After more than two hours of testimony in mid-June, the City Planning Commissioners approved Mr. Petrovich's application for a conditional use permit for a 16-pump fuel center proposed by Safeway for the shopping center on Crocker Road in Curtis Park Village. The Sacramento Bee had editorialized against the fuel center that morning.

Subsequently, SCNA filed an appeal of the decision to the City Council on June 19. It may be heard in late July. Date and time of the hearing will appear on SCNA's website. The City Council will make the final decision on the conditional use permit.

Many Curtis Park neighbors

### SCNA appeals gas station vote

SCNA has filed an appeal of the Planning and Design Commission's 8-3 decision to allow the Conditional Use Permit for the fuel center in Curtis Park Village. The appeal letter will appear on www.sierra2.org.

SCNA President Eric Johnson said he expects the matter will be heard at City Council after the early-July recess. He will announce the hearing date as soon as he can.

waited for the vote at 1 a.m. after they heard about 30 neighbors testify against the permit. One neighbor testified in favor and asked for a smaller number of pumps.

Following the testimony, Mr. Petrovich objected strenuously

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## Naming an alley turns into a mooving experience

By Carlos Alcala  
Special to the Viewpoint

The Whys Guy is a fan of fun names, so he was, of course, udderly delighted to look into the origins of Moo Alley, one of our neighborhood's newest street names. We often name our streets after important men (why is it usually men?), but those don't spark the imagination like Moo (or 24th Street and Fourth Avenue). The Whys Guy'd wager that few of us can remember who was the Castro (not Fidel) and who was the Markham (not Beryl) for whom those streets were named.

Moo Alley's origins actually go back to 19th century history, in a way. Neighbor Andra Kuchera moved (or maybe mooved) into our neighborhood in a house with a studio apartment on the unnamed alley between Marshall Way and Fourth Avenue. But the studio was unpermitted, she said. Like a good neighbor, she started working with the City to get it permitted. It took years.

"The City, at some point, sent me an email and said, we're going to name the alley," Kuchera said. And they let her make some suggestions. She sent those off. After the City's vetting process (the Whys Guy knows they take this seriously), they whittled it down to five options. She chose Moo. She connects it to the dairies that operated in Sacramento's south of Broadway area. (Although, we have to admit Broadway didn't



Photo/Judy Scheible

**Standing next to the new sign, Andra Kuchera named Moo Alley.**

exist then. It was Y Street.) So Moo was a nod to our neighborhood's earliest developments. The city went with it. "The sign went up in January," she said.

Not everyone was delighted, apparently. One neighbor objected on the Nextdoor Curtis Park listserve. Hey, man, don't have a, er, tantrum. It adds to Curtis Park's unique character, and it's pretty original. So's the alley itself — one of the city's few to run basically north and south, instead of east and west.

*Editor's note: Carlos Alcala, a former reporter for The Sacramento Bee, lives on Marshall Way. He wrote the witty, historically accurate "Sacramento Street Whys: The Whys Guy's Wise Guide to Sacramento Street," published in 2007.*

### No Viewpoint in August

Every July the Viewpoint staff takes its summer break, so there is no edition in August. Our deadline for the September issue is Aug. 15. You can keep in touch with neighborhood events at www.sierra2.org.



**Music in the Park regulars are anticipating another grand show from Bad Catz, who return to perform July 26.**

## Summer sizzles with friends at Music in the Park concerts

Music in the Park will rock 'n' roll Sunday, July 26 when the Bad Catz band returns to perform from 6-8 p.m. at the north end of Curtis Park. The Bad Catz are an established rock, rhythm and blues band from the Greater Sacramento area. Their upbeat, energetic sounds appeal to all ages.

Mr. Cooper will open with whimsical tunes to delight the children.

On Aug. 30, the local favorite On

Air will take the stage from 6-8 p.m. to wrap up the season. That day will begin with Curtis Fest.

On Air is renowned for its white hot rock and energetic stage shows featuring tight harmony, screaming horns and top-drawer choreography.

Opening the show that evening will be Music Matt. His interactive program engages the young and mature alike.

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## Crime wave: Neighbors meet with police to learn safety tips

By Craig McCulloch  
Viewpoint staff writer

Two Sacramento police officers and Councilmember Jay Schenirer met with Curtis Park neighbors in mid-June to discuss a dramatic increase in property crimes. The standing-room-only crowd at the Coffee Garden heard Officer Amanda Worm, dressed for action, share a number of useful tips for improving protection of property.

She and Sergeant Gerald Landberg stressed reporting crimes by calling (916) 808-5471, the new non-emergency number for the police department. Police officers may be dispatched directly to the crime scene.

**New, non-emergency police number:  
(916) 808-5471**

Emergencies needing immediate police, fire, or medical help should still be called into 911.

Reports of suspicious activities can include actions that may be vague, but raise a strong sense of suspicion. Officer Worm called this a "spidey sense" that may involve the location, time of day, persons walking slowly while looking into homes or cars, and other circumstances that trigger this reaction.

Many neighbors have recently

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## Burgers on the grill for First Friday in August

There will be no First Friday in July due to the July 4th holiday. However, First Friday returns in August. It will be from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 7 in Curtis Hall when locally owned Burgess Brothers offer a delicious summer BBQ for everyone to enjoy.

Twin brothers John and Matthew will grill up their famous quarter-pound all beef or portabella mushroom burgers along with homemade coleslaw and specialty sauces. Meals are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Beer, wine, and

non-alcoholic beverages will be sold separately. Activities will be available for the children.

**Save This Date!**

**25th annual CURTIS PARK WINE TASTING SILENT AUCTION & BEER GARDEN**

**4-7 p.m. | Saturday, Oct. 10**

Sierra 2 Center  
Please see story on page 3.



Notes from June 3rd meeting

Neighbors turn out to discuss water main replacement project

Curtis Park Water Main Replacement Project

The Board had a packed house for the meeting June 3. Many neighbors wanted to discuss the City’s proposed water main replacement project in Curtis Park. The project is slated to include the installation of water mains in the street right-of-ways, abandoning existing backyard mains, and placing water meters on new and existing services.

According to the City, most properties in the neighborhood will receive new water services constructed from the water main to the house. Fire protection will also be improved. Neighbors expressed strong concerns with the proposed project and the potential impact on many of the older trees in the

neighborhood and their proximity to the proposed construction. Several neighbors have hired an arborist to examine the impact on our trees and are awaiting the expert’s findings.

SCNA has committed to working with residents and the City to work through issues and potential impacts to the neighborhood.

Pickleball coming to Curtis Park

The Board voted to support a request to bring pickleball to Curtis Park. The proposal would add pickleball striping to the tennis courts in Curtis Park, while maintaining existing use for tennis as well. Pickleball is a paddle ball sport in which two, three or four players use solid paddles to hit a perforated plastic ball over a net. According to

several neighbors at the meeting, pickleball is a fast-growing sport, especially for the 50 and older crowd.

Budget

The Board had a robust discussion of the SCNA proposed budget. While action on the budget was postponed to the following meeting to allow for further discussion with staff, the Board focused on several aspects of the budget, including our strategic

planning process and how that will affect future investments in the programs and personnel. The Board is expected to approve the 2016 budget at its July meeting.

Business Partnership Program

The SCNA Development Committee reported on the status of the new SCNA Business Partnership Program. The Program is meant to better connect members of our community with our local businesses, while enhancing overall SCNA Membership by providing members with discounts and other incentives to shop local. The Committee is working to get the program up and running in July.

— Submitted by Cara Martinson  
SCNA Board Secretary

Next meeting

The next meeting of the SCNA Board will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 1 in the Garden Room at Sierra 2. For more information, call the Sierra 2 office, 452-3005.

Executive Director’s report

SCNA neighbors gathered scientific data to formalize the position to best serve the neighborhood regarding the proposed fuel center

On Thursday, June 11, as SCNA representatives and neighbor after neighbor appealed to the city Planning and Design Commission to deny the application for the fuel center, my pride grew stronger. I was proud not because I am against the fuel center — which I am — but because our community was so engaged,

prepared and articulate. Prior to the hearing, SCNA Board members carefully weighed the potential consequences of the fuel center addition, collected letters and comments from neighbors (record setting according the commission) and experts, and gathered scientific data in order to formalize the position that best served the neighborhood.

That is what SCNA does. It does the work necessary on behalf of the neighborhood to protect and preserve the values and quality of life we cherish.

SCNA delivers on this task in many ways. Most obvious, as in this case, is the advocacy. Other things we do to protect, preserve, and strengthen the neighborhood include coordination of community gatherings and celebrations such as the summer Music in the Park concert series, the First Friday Neighborhood Dinners, Curtis Fest Artisan Festival, the Spring Egg Hunt, park clean ups, community

TERRI SHETTLE  
Sierra 2 Executive Director



meetings, and the publication and delivery of the Viewpoint.

We do these things for the benefit of the entire neighborhood, funding them primarily through membership fees and two major fundraising events. Memberships and donations enable us to continue all the “fun” things and provide resources for necessary

expenditures. Every membership matters. Each member matters because every member is someone whose view and opinion helps us frame and balance our work. Each member contact furthers our communication lines and expands our reach. Membership fees matter because they pay for musicians and children’s entertainment and park permits and supplies for events and much, much more. Each and every member is a thread in the fabric of what we call community.

So, when we solicit you to join SCNA, it is because we need you. Each and every one of you. We need you to tell us what you want us to do on your behalf. We need your fees to help fund the community-building activities that make the neighborhood special. We need your expertise. We need you to be heard.

Most of all, we need you to enjoy where you

live, and we need you to help us preserve it for the generations that follow us. Please become a member and encourage your neighbors to be part of the work we do.

Curtis Park Strong. Curtis Park Proud. Curtis Park Together.



Curtis Fest set for Aug. 30

More than 60 artists of all formats are expected to gather from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30 in Curtis Park for the ninth annual Curtis Fest. Among the participants are ceramicists, watercolorists, jewelry artists, photographers, fabric and giclée artists.

Curtis Fest will feature delicious food from local vendors, a petting zoo, children’s fairy and live music by Jon Merriman, Jahari Sai, and duo singers Matt Lancara and Marc Del Chiaro. For more information: 452-3005.

SCNA members can benefit from new program that links up to local businesses

Whether it’s an old-fashioned soda fountain, an international beer emporium, a coffee shop or a salon, the Curtis Park neighborhood includes a vibrant selection of small businesses. Part our neighborhood association’s mission is to improve the connection between these businesses and the neighbors. To do this, SCNA is developing a Business Partnership Program that will cultivate positive ties between these two groups.

Starting this month, a group of local businesses will launch the program that will provide discounts, raffles, and similar promotions to SCNA members in return for their support of neighborhood merchants.

SCNA members will receive a new membership card in the mail that gives access to the program. Members can show their card at local businesses, such as Stephan’s Auto Haus, Kline Music and Figure 8 Salon to receive a benefit. Members will receive a complete list of businesses and discounts with their new membership card.

SCNA encourages neighbors to support local businesses by shopping local and taking advantage of this new program.

To join SCNA today with a \$50 Household membership and take advantage of these discounts, go to sierra2.org or visit the office for more details.

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4 to 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, Oct. 10**  
Sierra 2 Center

**Tickets are online** after Aug. 1, in the Sierra 2 office at the end of August (452-3005).  
**Early bird rate** is \$35 for SCNA members available only online Aug. 1-30;  
**Advance tickets** after Aug. 30: \$40 SCNA Members, \$45 nonmembers  
**Day of event:** \$50 for everyone

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*PLEASE NOTE:* This is an adult-only event; No children of any age will be allowed access.

SCNA is excited to announce the 25th Anniversary of the Curtis Park Wine Tasting, Silent Auction & Beer Garden event on Saturday, Oct. 10 at the Sierra 2 Center. Tickets will be available online starting Aug. 1 and in the office at the end of August.

To celebrate this significant milestone event, there will be special promotions, VIP packages, commemorative items and unique offerings. This is SCNA’s largest fundraiser. It helps finance local school programs and SCNA events such as Music in the Park, First Friday Neighborhood Dinners, and children’s activities and operations of the Senior Center at Sierra 2.

The committee is looking for a Volunteer Coordinator to serve on the committee as well as additional volunteers to assist with auction/ raffle, donation follow ups and organization on the day of the event.

To volunteer and get discounted (\$25) tickets: contact Cari Anderson at [linch.anderson@gmail.com](mailto:linch.anderson@gmail.com).

To donate to the Raffle or Silent Auction: contact Melissa McKenzie at [mmckenzie55@comcast.net](mailto:mmckenzie55@comcast.net).

To sponsor or advertise in the program: contact Terri Shettle at [terri@sierra2.org](mailto:terri@sierra2.org) or (916) 452-3005.

Questions: Contact Events Coordinator Faith Johnstone at [faith@sierra2.org](mailto:faith@sierra2.org) or (916) 452-3005.

## What’s new at Sierra 2

By Valerie Burrows  
Facility administrator

**Improve your communication skills**

Ever feel like other people are “speaking Greek?” Do other people misunderstand you? What would change if you learned to communicate effectively with different kinds of people? Would that affect your ability to manage well? Bring in new clients? Communicate better in your family?

The seminar “Discover the Secrets of Effective Communication” begins Aug. 1. Coach and author Cami McLaren will teach the four basic communication styles: Driver, Analytical, Amiable and Expressive. You’ll also learn how to use your own style, how to determine the styles of others, the best and most effective ways to communicate with different styles, as well as the strengths and challenges of each style.

The seminar will run from 9 a.m.–1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 1 in Room 9. For information and to register, visit [McLarenCoaching.com](http://McLarenCoaching.com), call 747-3660 or email [Cami@McLarenCoaching.com](mailto:Cami@McLarenCoaching.com).

**Celebrating life’s moments**

Are you over 50? Consider joining the class “Conscious Aging through Spiritual Practice: Cultivate Wisdom, Connect with Others, Celebrate Life.” Celebrate your life journey, harvest the

wisdom of your experiences, share what is meaningful with others, and embrace the final stage of your life’s journey. It will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays from Sept. 1–Oct. 20 in Room 11.

Those who have benefited from this course include people preparing for retirement; those wishing to explore and prepare for end-of-life; and parents and adult children who wish to be open and communicative as they enter a time of life where it is possible to grow spiritually and emotionally. It’s all about cultivating a personal road-map and learning to make each moment matter. For more information, or to register, visit [www.breadoflife.org](http://www.breadoflife.org).

**Senior hotline**

For more than 20 years, the Sacramento Senior Legal Hotline has provided advice and counsel at no cost to area residents over 60. An overview of their services will be presented from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25 in Room 12.

Among services and subjects at this presentation are the group’s hotline and programs, like pension counseling project and mediation service, and other common legal issues for seniors. Attendees will also learn about the other services available from Legal Services of Northern California for low-income seniors. Call 455-6339 to reserve a seat for this free event.

## Police: Community gathers to share their concerns over property protection and theft

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used NextDoor.com to report home burglaries and bicycle thefts. While these notices are useful to alert neighbors, the police department cannot read these reports, according to the NextDoor FAQ’s. Police officers may only view their own posts about meetings such as neighborhood watch training and the replies to those posts, but are prohibited from viewing neighbor-originated posts as a privacy protection.

Other tips for property protection suggested by Officer Worm include locking bicycles and garage doors, installing alarms and surveillance cameras. She noted that many of the recent thefts were of unlocked property. Recording serial numbers along with photos of bicycles, flat screen TVs, tools, and other high value items help the police verify the property was stolen in order to prosecute the thieves.

Councilmember Schenirer organized the community meeting with the police. He credited the police with “an overall decrease in crime statistics. The Neighborhood Watch program is an effective means of looking out for each other to reduce these property crimes,” Schenirer said.



Photo/Craig McCulloch

**Neighbors discuss recent crime with police and how to prevent it.**

Thefts may also be reported online: <http://portal.cityofsacramento.org/Police/How-Do-I/File-a-Police-Report>.

Anonymous information may be provided to the police via [www.crimealert.org](http://www.crimealert.org).

Officer Worm may be contacted by email [AWORM@SACPD.ORG](mailto:AWORM@SACPD.ORG).

*Officer Amanda Worm is assigned to the crime suppression unit that works grand theft, burglary, robbery, vehicle break-ins, and other non-violent crimes. Sergeant Landberg has responsibility for the area including south to Florin Road, west to the river, north to Broadway and east to highway 99. This area has six officers assigned.*

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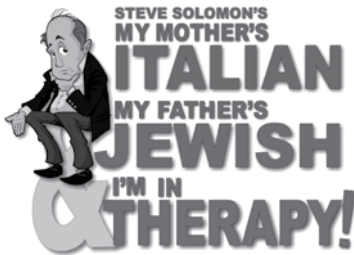


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**Tickets and info:** (916) 207-1226 or www.runawaystage.com

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Sacramento Bushido Kai  
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Monday, 6-7 p.m., Studio 2  
Wednesday, 6-7 p.m., Studio 1  
For schedule, Michael Mason: 616-5452

Sacramento Sword School  
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Thursday, 6:15-8:15 p.m., Studio 2  
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Lohan36@sbcglobal.net

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Pastor Singleton, 532-5581

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Rev. Jeff Hoji Keller, 709-1392

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MUSIC

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Second and Fourth Wednesday  
7:30-8:30 p.m., Room 9  
Krystyna Taylor, 216-0429

Japanese Taiko drumming  
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kristyoshiro@gmail.com

OTHER

Center for Soul Healing  
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6:30-8 p.m. • Room 9  
CenterForSoulHealing.com

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

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799-1354, marxistschool.org

DANCE

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Patrice Norris: 736-1730

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Monday–Thursday 5–8:30 p.m.  
Thursday, 10 a.m.–1:30 p.m.  
Saturdays, 9 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Studio 3  
www.rivercitytaps.com

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# Free program looks at options for senior living

By Valerie Burrows  
Facility administrator



According to a recent Senior Center survey, one of the most requested classes the seniors would like is the one offered this month about the options for senior living. This is Indecare Corporation's program set for 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 28 in Room 12. The free program is titled Senior Living Options: Choosing Your Path.

This 45-minute presentation will include information on how to evaluate and select from various options (In-Home Care, Independent Living, Assisted Living, Memory Care and Board and Care).

Sacramento has many living options for seniors. This seminar will help seniors and their relatives understand each one. The presenters will answer questions and offer

a free assessment of individual situations and needs.

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## Schenirer's message

# Water meters, safety and bike lanes, oh my!

### Curtis Park Village

As I am sure you are aware, on June 11, after a very late long meeting, the Planning and Design Commission voted 8-3 to approve the Conditional Use Permit for the fueling center being proposed in Curtis Park Village. I want to thank SCNA and all of our neighbors who came out to have their voices heard by the Commission. The SCNA appeal of the decision will be heard by the full Council in late July or early August, and I hope you will also attend the Council meeting to make sure that your vision of the future of the neighborhood is clearly

communicated. We will let you know once a specific date is set.

Please also remember that, because this will be a quasi-judicial hearing at the Council, I cannot take a public position on the use permit prior to the Council meeting, or I might have to recuse myself from the final decision process.

On a related note, many of you may be aware that the developer has taken down three Heritage Oak trees. My office is working with the appropriate departments in the City to ensure that all activities in this area are properly permitted, and that no trees are improperly removed.

### Water Meters

Water meters continue to be installed in the neighborhood. We are working with SCNA to address to neighborhood requests regarding Markham and Castro Way, and will coordinate with the Department of Utilities to ensure the health and safety of the trees in those areas, particularly the two oak trees in the middle of Markham Way.

### Safety and Security

If you follow NextDoor.com or read *The Bee*, you know that there has been an uptick in specific crimes in the neighborhood, primarily crimes of convenience. In conjunction with



Jay Schenirer  
City Councilmember

police department, we held a community meeting on June 12 on how to be proactive and protect our neighborhood (see related story on page 3).

Recommendations from the police included making sure your cars and gates are locked and secure. We will also be organizing

Neighborhood Watch training in the coming months for those who are interested. Dates and times to come.

### Bike Lanes

At the request of the SCNA neighborhood Concerns Committee, I have asked the City to study the possibility of putting 24th Street between 2nd and Broadway on a 'Road Diet,' specifically to reduce traffic and add bike lanes. Keep tuned.

If you have a chance, don't miss the District 5 bike rack we just installed at Sierra 2 \*see story on page 6). One of 10 being installed around the District, it was created by architect / artist and Fourth Avenue neighbor Jason Silva. I hear it is getting much use.

As usual, we will be scooping Gunther's ice cream at the upcoming Music in the Park concerts. I look forward to seeing you there!

*As always, if you need to reach me, please give me a call at 916-808-7005 or [jschenirer@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:jschenirer@cityofsacramento.org).*

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by Nicole Krauss

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# Curtis Park architect designs bike rack for District 5

By Joan Cusick  
Viewpoint Staff Writer

The Sierra 2 Center has installed a new bike rack on 24th Street. It's the second of 10 racks designed by architect Jason A. Silva, who grew up on Fourth Avenue and now lives in his family home.

The bright yellow-orange Sierra 2 rack, entitled "Anamorphosis," includes three separate racks that, when viewed from a specific vantage point, create a stylized image of a cyclist riding a bicycle. The rack is just north of the theater and south of Castro Way on 24th Street.

"The idea was to create a piece that's intriguing to people – something that creates interest because you have to figure out what's going on," said Silva, who selected the eye-catching color to be noticed from at least a block away. "It's a great way to have people interact with it as art

and make the discovery."

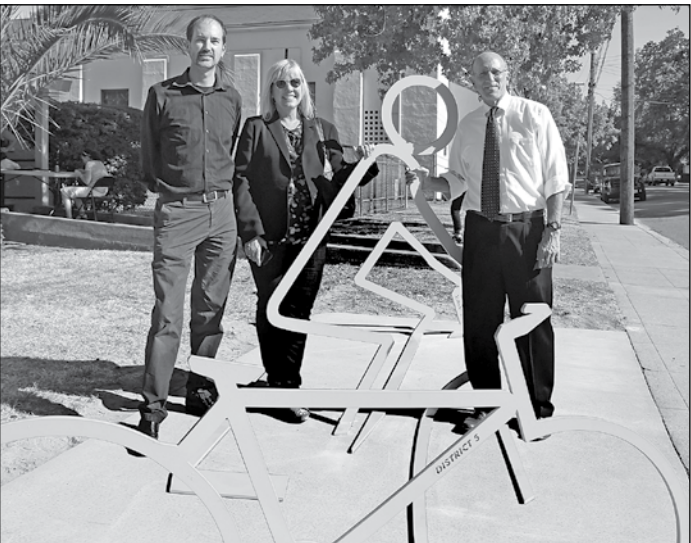
His design was selected in a competitive process as part of the Art in Public Places Program sponsored by the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission, with all 10 bike racks to be installed in Jay Schenirer's District 5. The prototype for the Sierra 2 rack was previously installed in McClatchy Park. Other versions of this design will be installed at Belle Cooleedge Library, Chorley Park, Colonial Heights Library, Gunther's Ice Cream, Lawrence Park, Mangan Park and Reichmuth Park. A custom bike rack honoring the late Rex Babin, former editorial cartoonist for *The Sacramento Bee*, will be installed in Curtis Park.

"What enticed me about public art, and this project in particular, is public art is good at creating a sense of place where there may not be one, and creating connectivity," Silva said. "The notion of having 10 pieces that are distributed throughout is really great

because it creates connectivity within the district."

Silva and his wife, Janel, moved back to Sacramento from San Francisco 14 years ago. They are raising their 8-year-old son in the home in which young Jason grew up.

Silva is partner and design principal at Dreyfuss & Blackford Architects and has served as creative director for TEDxSacramento. He is vice president of ccommunications and public affairs for the American



Photo/Joan Cusick

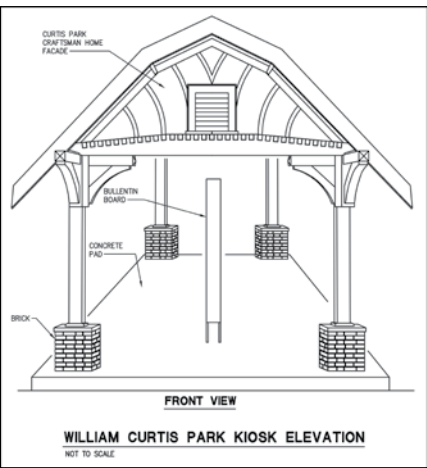
From left, Curtis Park resident/architect Jason Silva with Shelley Willis of the Sacramento Metropolitan Art Commisiion and councilmember Jay Schenirer at the May 29th dedication of the bike rack designed by Silva.

Institute of Architects, California Council, and serves on the board of the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission.

## Park kiosk in the works

The Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association is proposing to build a kiosk in William Curtis Park. It would be a place where neighbors could post notices about community events, yard sales, lost pets, general activities and so on. The kiosk area would include a children's book exchange and a section for original art.

Designed by John Matthews,



Kiosk preliminary design that the Neighborhood Concerns Committee is discussing for Curtis Park.

co-chair of the Neighborhood Concerns Committee, the style of the kiosk emulates Curtis Park's craftsman homes built in the early 1900s. The kiosk structure's front and back facades mirror the entryways of this classic American architectural style. The design calls for a bulletin board down the center and a bookcase at one end. Location of the kiosk is still under consideration.

## Neighbors succeed in altering city's water main plan

The Markham Way neighbors who teamed up to protect their treasured valley oak canopy are closer to a compromise on how the city will update the water main on their street. At a June 24 meeting chaired by SCNA President Eric Johnson, the neighbors met with staff from the City's Department of Utilities. Also in attendance were neighborhood leaders John Mathews, arborist Dan Pskowski and Councilmember Jay Schenirer.

The City has agreed not to trench through the heritage oaks. Instead, it will run two water mains from the east and west, each stopping at the drip line of the heritage oaks in the middle of the street. Homes at the center will be connected by smaller, lateral pipes that will be installed



Arborists agree that trenching would weaken Markham Way's trees.

without trenching.

One remaining issue is how two homes are connected. It is will be discussed further with DOU and the neighbors.

For months 48 neighbors in a two-block section of Markham Way have worked together to protect the trees. They had pooled their resources to hire three arborists to review the City's plans. At the June 24 meeting, there were 16 of them in attendance along with concerned neighbors from 3rd and 4th Avenue. Some of the Markham Way trees are 150–200 years old.

Neighborhood writers contributing to this story are John Johnson, Mary Ann Massenburg and Bob Purcell.



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**Brian Cook**

Brian Cook, son of Jeff and Annie Cook of Highland Avenue, graduated in May from the UC-San Francisco School of Medicine. He is an alum of McClatchy High School and UC-Santa Barbara. He is doing his residency in general surgery at the University of Washington in Seattle.



**Hannah Neville**

Hannah Neville, daughter of Becca Gonzales and Scott Neville of 6th Avenue, graduated from Duke University with a degree in biology. She plans to find a job and travel.



**Anna Marie Therese Carmazzi**

Anna Marie Therese Carmazzi, daughter of Paul and Karen Carmazzi of 8th Avenue, graduated from Christian Brothers High School. She’s heading to St. Mary’s College in Moraga and plans to play Lacrosse.



**Sarah Ferrin**

Sarah Ferrin, daughter of Jim and Lisa Ferrin of 10th Avenue, graduated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a major in child development and a minor in psychology. She’s pursuing a graduate degree in speech-language pathology.



**Kara Romani**

Kara Romani, daughter of Marcus and Annette Romani of Marshall Way, graduated from Christian Brothers High School. She plans to study anthropology at the University of Redlands.



**Megan Carmazzi**

Megan Carmazzi, daughter of Paul and Karen Carmazzi of 8th Avenue, graduated from Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo in sports management. She is working for Tenacity 10, which runs Lacrosse camps and clubs.



**Isabelle Flores-Jones**

Isabelle Flores-Jones, daughter of Dave Jones and Kim Flores of Cutter Way, graduated from C.K. McClatchy High School. In the fall she will begin studying at Harvard University.



**Maggie Thomas**

Maggie Thomas, daughter of Kathy Les and Hal Thomas of Portola Way, completed her master’s degree in Environmental Management at the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies at Yale University. She will be working on energy and climate projects for a foundation based in San Francisco.



### Bonnie Darwin moves to Kansas



Bonnie Darwin, a 20-year resident of Curtis Park on Cutter Way, has moved to Hillsborough, Kansas, where she has a large family of cousins. Bonnie purchased her mother’s home and remodeled it extensively.

Prior to retiring, Bonnie worked for the Assembly Committee on Aging. For the past several years she has taught digital photography for the Renaissance Society at Sac State. Her photography students gave her a farewell party. Bonnie will be missed by her many Sacramento friends.

— Craig McCulloch

### A sweet nod of recognition

The long line outside Gunther’s Ice Cream shop on Franklin says it all: This ice cream is the best. Pointing out the obvious was a survey by the national publication Business Insider. It rated the 75-year-old neighborhood institution with its beloved animated neon sign as the “best place for ice cream” in California. Its owners, Rick and Marlena Klopp, still make ice cream and its other products the old-fashioned way. In the summer they churn out about 3,500 gallons a week.

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# Photo exhibit features three neighbors

By Craig McCulloch  
Viewpoint staff writer

An exhibit featuring photographs by three Curtis Park neighbors will open July 10 at the Gregory Kondos Gallery on the Sacramento City College campus. Entitled “Finding Focus: Photographic Reflections on Nature,” the exhibit will open with a reception from 3-6 p.m. July 10. The exhibit will run from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, July 13-23. There is no charge except for a \$2 parking fee.

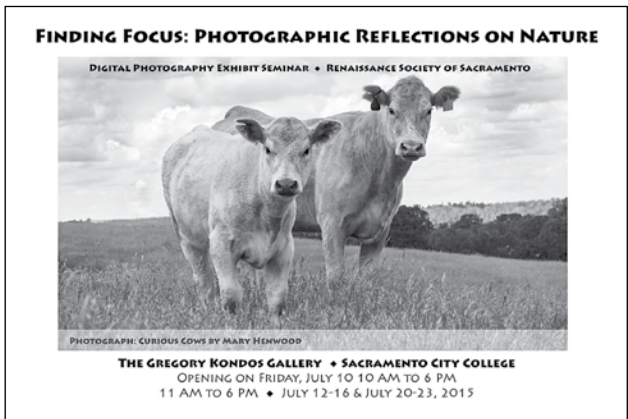
The exhibit is part of a class given by the Renaissance Society, a lifelong learning partnership for older adults at California State University at Sacramento. The Renaissance Society offers more than 80 seminars to more than 2,000 members. Seminar topics range from ancient Egyptian history

to Real Rock ‘n’ Roll, and all of them are taught by volunteers. Many classes feature arts, cultural trends, history and literature. Most classes are on Fridays at the Sac State campus.

The Curtis Park photographers are Tom Monahan, Bonnie Darwin and Craig McCulloch. They have taken, or taught, several semesters of digital photography classes in the Renaissance program. Any proceeds from the photo sales at the gallery will be donated to the City College Art Department.

Tom Monahan, leader of the Exhibit class said, “I am especially pleased this exhibit is being held at City College, which is adjacent to our neighborhood.

The exhibit includes people from all over the Sacramento area, but with several of us from the neighborhood included, use of the Kondos Gallery



enhances our sense of a community within the larger community. I look forward to sharing our photography with our neighbors, and maybe seeing more of them in future Renaissance classes.” More information about the Renaissance Society educational programs can be found at [www.csus.edu/org/rensoc/](http://www.csus.edu/org/rensoc/).

# Permit: SCNA lawyers say limit on who operates fuel center is not enforceable

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and emotionally to the neighbors’ objections. He also complained about letters and speakers from SACOG and RT that opposed the use permit. SACOG asserted that this use was not consistent with this urban infill site, and RT asserted that this use was incompatible with the RT station within ¼ mile of the proposed fuel center. It pointed out the tremendous public investment in RT and amenities, like the multi-million pedestrian bike bridge being built to connect Curtis Park with Sacramento City College, Land Park and the light rail station.

Staff supported granting the conditional use permit, but their report did not point out the discretionary nature of the decision. Their report included proposed findings in support of granting the permit, which were adopted by the Commissioners. This included findings that the use was compatible the PUD Design Guidelines and the General Plan.

City environmental staff noted that the Air Quality Management District approved the Health Risk Assessment, conducted by the consultant Environ, which was selected and paid for by the applicant. The Assessment supports fuel dispensing at this location of 7.45 million gallons per year. The site plan was also approved. One commissioner noted “this is probably the best gas

station one could hope for for design.”

The Commission voted to attach the condition that only Safeway could operate the fuel center; however the Viewpoint was later told by SCNA lawyers that this condition was unenforceable since the permit runs with the land not the applicant.

Mr. Petrovich conceded that when he approached Safeway to secure a deal to operate the grocery store as the anchor tenant, Safeway required him to include a fuel center. He stated “It wasn’t my idea.” Many neighbors have

suspected this to be true for quite a while.

Mr. Petrovich also reiterated that having 16 pumps would ease the flow of vehicles and reduce the chance of waiting cars backing up into the parking lot. Ingress into the center will be from the parking lot and egress will be to the easement road. No access is allowed from Crocker Road.

Commissioner Burchill noted the health guidance issued by the California Air Resources Board that fuel centers not be sited within 300

feet of sensitive receptors such as residences. There is no dispute that the closest homes to the fuel center are about 85 feet away.

The applicant’s argument that the zoning of this half acre lot — Shopping Center — Planned Unit Development conditionally allowed a gas station appears to have been persuasive even though a surface mining operation, drive in theater, fraternity and sorority house, heliport, standalone parking garage and correctional facility are all conditionally allowed uses in this zone.

# Concerts: SCNA will host its beer and wine garden

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Music in the Park is sponsored by Councilman Jay Schenirer, Joe Eschleman, Sacramento Municipal Utility District and Cook Realty. Gunther’s Ice Cream will be provided by Jay Schenirer, and Favorite Face Painters will be on hand courtesy of Cook Realty.

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