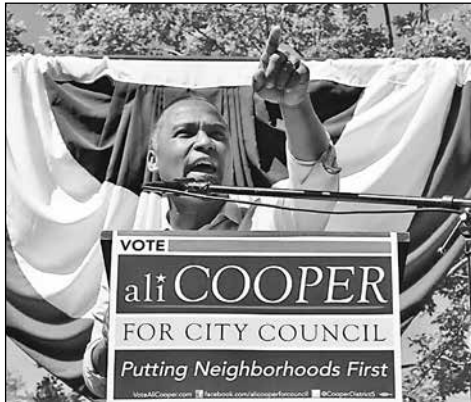
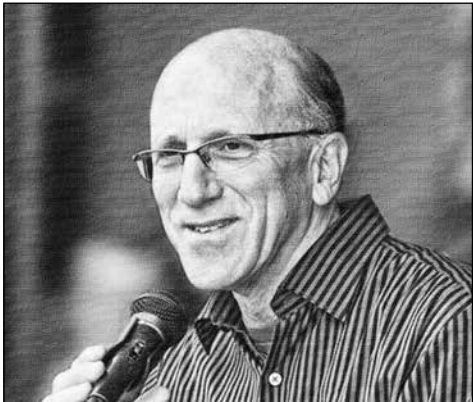


At near right is the current City Council Member Jay Schenirer and, far right is the challenger, Ali Cooper.



League of Women Voters to moderate Candidates forum May 5 in Curtis Hall

The Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association invites voters to hear the two candidates for the District 5 City Council seat. The primary election is June 3. The forum will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, May 5 in Curtis Hall.

For the election primary, the principal candidates for District 5 City Council seat are incumbent Jay Schenirer and challenger Ali Cooper. The May 5 forum is sponsored by the SCNA. The program will be conducted and

moderated by the League of Women Voters.

This forum is offered to give voters an opportunity to meet the candidates and to hear their position on a wide range of topics. To cast a more informed vote, the attending public will have the opportunity to ask questions and examine each candidate's platform.

Seated in Curtis Hall is limited, so neighbors are reminded to arrive before the start time of 6:30 p.m..

Changes in CVS plan at Sutterville and Franklin

By Andrea Rosen
Viewpoint staff writer

The CVS pharmacy planned for the corner of Sutterville Road and Franklin Boulevard has dramatically changed its placement on the property. Now, instead of being setback behind the parking, the building is sited on the corner next to the sidewalks. The move is an effort to make the 17,200-square-foot building more pedestrian-friendly and more urban. The parking is now planned on the side and at the back of the building. The building plan complies with new City codes that have reduced the front and side setbacks in the C-2 zone.

The building features a single entrance on the northwest corner, and the bike rack sought by SCNA will be close to that door, which should encourage people to ride to the store.

This pharmacy will offer a single drive-thru lane with ingress on Sutterville and egress

Please see CVS, page 6

Current watering regulations

When is my garden watering day?

Starting in early March, the City began its spring/summer watering schedules. Due to the drought, those schedules have been reduced to two days per week. The city's advice is turn off sprinklers when it is raining and leave them off for several days following rainy days.

Watering days are based on street address.

Customers with addresses ending in odd numbers (1,3,5,7,9) may water on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Customers with addresses ending in even numbers (0,2,4,6,8) may water on Wednesdays and Sundays.

No watering is allowed on Monday, Thursdays or Fridays.

Watering must take place before 10 a.m. and after 7 p.m. on your scheduled watering day.

Excessive run-off is prohibited at all times.

Car washing is only permitted with on your watering day and hoses must be equipped with an automatic shut-off nozzle.

Hands-on a quieter yard care option

By Susan MacCulloch
Viewpoint staff writer

When balancing time and money, gasoline-powered mow-and-blow lawn care service is often the lesser of two evils. However, there is an alternative that minimizes air, water and noise pollution. Called Fresh Air Yard Care, it is a yard maintenance service that uses electric and hand tools in an environmentally sound manner.

Kevin Walsh with his sister, Chris Ferrara, and her husband launched the business about two years ago. Their inspiration for an eco-friendly business was Chris' South Land Park neighbor whose home-cleaning business used only organic products. When Kevin had a chance to change his work, he worked his love of mowing lawns into an environmentally sensitive lawn care service.

Kevin describes his approach as "battery-powered and people-powered." Kevin and his crew mow, clean hardscapes, trim shrubs, repair



Photo/Joan Cusick

Kevin Walsh of Fresh Air Yard Care talks with client Kathy Les about how he manages his natural way of yard care.

sprinklers and clear flower beds. They also apply organic-based fertilizers.

Anyone who uses an electric mower understands the inconvenience of losing battery power in the middle of a mow. Kathy Les, a Portola Way client, shared this frustration. "A few years ago I started searching for a gardener who used electric equipment. They would get half way through mowing and run out of a battery and leave with the job half done." Kevin, however, takes a proactive

Please see Yard Care, page 8

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Fundraising event May 6 in Curtis Hall

Beginning at midnight May 6, you will be able to make an online donation starting at \$25. Donations will be matched, making your contributions go even farther.

We encourage neighbors to take a moment to participate in the Big Day of Giving and donate to SCNA, Sierra 2 Center and the Sierra 2 Senior Center.

Enjoy the Day of Giving at SCNA's event May 6

Join us for the Community Block Party that demonstrates the diverse, dynamic and community-enriching work of the organization from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 6 in Curtis Hall.

A variety of instructors who call Sierra 2 Center home will offer demonstrations and information as well as food, wine and beer samplings and door prizes.

Bring your friends, family and neighbors. Spread the word!

For donation convenience, there will be computers set up at this event. For more information: please visit www.sierra2.org.

—Terri Shettle, Sierra 2 Executive Director



Spurgin Alley?

To find out why this street sign suddenly appeared on the alley between Donner Way and Fifth Avenue, see page 7.

To find out what's for dinner May 3 at First Friday, see page 3.

Notes from April 9th meeting

New committee to work with group advocating small independent businesses; Senior Center is now on Facebook

Ad-hoc committee

SCNA created an ad-hoc committee composed of Robert Giblin and Andrea Rosen to work with the new Curtis Park Character Advocates group. The ad-hoc group will serve as a vehicle for communication between the advocates and the board about the advocates' proposal to limit new businesses in Curtis Park to small independent businesses.

The ad-hoc group will also evaluate impacts of the advocates' proposal or alternatives on commercial development and the historic character of the neighborhood. The advocates are also reaching out to work with nearby associations such as the Broadway Partnership and the North Franklin Business district.

2014/15 Budget in development

Board committees have already started budget conversations for next year. The SCNA budget runs from July 1 to June 30, and therefore the 2014/15 budget must be approved at the June board meeting. The executive director is now entrenched in the in-depth process of putting together a draft budget to present to each committee before presenting a draft budget to the full board this month (May).

Big Day of Giving campaign Open House

Big Day of Giving is a regional philanthropic initiative designed to encourage people to donate to participating non-profits on May 6. These non-profits will receive matching funds pooled from 50-60 participating businesses. SCNA is

hosting a block party from 6-8 p.m. May 6 at Sierra 2 so people can come and check us out.

Strong financials

As of February this year, profits are ahead of budget by approximately \$20,000. In the coming months, revenues may start to fall behind budget projections later in the year due to the Senior Center's annual appeal for donations being moved back a few months. However, actuals should catch up by June 30, the end of the budget year.

Senior Center on Facebook

Neighbors can stay up-to-date on Senior Center activities by following the center on Facebook. Search for Sierra 2 Senior Center and click the 'like' button.

Congrats, Katie Chrivia

Katie, a booking specialist at Sierra 2, has been promoted to a full-time, benefited position. She started in September 2013 in a part time position, and quickly proved to be a valuable asset to the team.

— Submitted by Nicole Quinonez,
Board Recording Secretary

The SCNA Board meets at 7 p.m. in the Garden Room on the second Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is May 14. For more information, call the Sierra 2 office at 452-3005.

Executive Director's report

Big Day of Giving on May 6 aims to raise the profile of SCNA

By now most of you have heard about the BIG Day of Giving on May 6, a 24-hour online giving challenge with matching funds for local participating nonprofits that make a difference in the Sacramento Community.

As a participating nonprofit, we have a great opportunity to raise the profile of our work in the community while generating unrestricted funds to help us continue offering dynamic and meaningful programs and activities.

Aside from our fundraising events and memberships, most of our funding comes from operating the Sierra 2 Center as a regional incubator of the arts, education, and culture and community activities. This funding is our rental income. The rents give us flexibility as well as challenges and limitations. There is a finite amount of rental income that we can earn.

With funding from philanthropic endeavors such as the BIG Day, we can ease the burden of

TERRI SHETTLE

Sierra 2 Executive Director



generating rental income and shift our focus to developing programs that further our mission and objectives of being a cultural and educational hub. These unrestricted funds can help grow the Senior Center. They can help us expand offerings dedicated to children and families, and create a dedicated technology

lab enabling digital access, education, and creative work for a variety of groups and people. We also envision exploring the culinary arts that reflect the region's bread-basket reputation. Such funds could also provide scholarships for developing artists and continue assisting with resource contributions for our schools, food banks and animal welfare groups.

For Curtis Park specifically, additional unrestricted funds will help us further our work to protect and preserve the neighborhood's character and history, ensure the sustainability of our trees, maintain a pristine and accessible park, and most importantly, provide gatherings and communications to bond neighbors and enrich quality of life here.

Our record of activity is strong and varied. We annually engage with more than 300,000 people. We host more than 4,000 classes (plus 1,000 in the Senior Center) and 250 theatrical productions. We have contributed more than \$50,000 for the protection

of the elm trees in William Curtis Park in the last decade. We have delivered more than \$30,000 to Bret Harte Elementary School's 6th graders for their annual Sly Park Nature and Science trip, and we have contributed more than \$10,000 to McClatchy High School for various teams and clubs. Last year, we coordinated tree plantings in Curtis Park and organized more than 350 volunteer hours dedicated to park clean up and maintenance activities.

We are proud of the work we do and will continue to do. It's important. With your help, we can stretch to meet the needs and interests in our community as they change.

Here's how you can help: Consider donating during the BIG Day of Giving campaign on May 6, where your donations will go further because of the matching funds. Invite your friends and associates to do the same. Attend the Block Party on May 6 at Sierra 2 Center to show your support. Become a member. Challenge your neighbors. Share our message via your social media channels.

For more information, go to www.sierra2.org.

**Join SCNA today!
Information at
www.sierra2.org.**

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In her front yard, Cathi Ellington of 26th Street motions to a customer another choice of items on her many tables at last year's yard sale.

May 17 is Yard Sale day

Whether you have stuff to sell or need stuff for your home, the day to do business is May 17. It's the designated day for the neighborhood wide garage sale. There's no better excuse to clean out closets and garages and make a little spare change for summer fun or charity.

The event grew out of the giant

market the neighbors held for years on the Sierra 2 Green. It was a great gathering that was taken over by vendors who rented so many spaces the event no longer had its neighborly feel. Bicycles are a great way to cruise the neighborhood for goods. Neighbors with questions may call the Sierra 2 office at 452-3005.

Tacos for First Friday

What better lead up to Cinco de Mayo than a taco dinner. That's the menu this month for First Friday on May 2 in Curtis Hall. Neighbors will gather from 6 to 8 p.m. to enjoy the delicious Mexican food made by the same cooks who prepared the tamales in December. These tacos will be hot off the grill.

Adult meals are \$8 and children

under 10 are \$4. Tacos will be a choice of beef, pork, or chicken and will be served with beans, rice and several authentic salsas. Veggie tacos will be made with rice and beans. Beer, wine, and soft drinks will be sold separately. S'mores will be available weather permitting. For questions, call the Sierra 2 office, 452-3005.

Farmers Market in Oak Park opens with new stands May 3

Oak Park Market Manager Joany Titherington expects 22 vendors to set up their stands for a grand reopening May 3. "We have some great returning vendors and several new ones coming in," she told the Viewpoint by phone. "Dragon mushrooms and Contreras artichokes are coming back. One of our new vendors has raw, gluten free cookies." The programs she has lined up include an expansion of nutrition education with the Food Literacy program from 10 a.m. to noon. She's also planning to have the master

preservers doing demonstrations about putting up strawberries. "We'll have live music, crafts for the children and free yoga," she added. Later in the season, she expects to have classes in Tai Chi and Akkido. She and her staff have yet to debut their new website. Produce shoppers will find the Oak Park market in McClatchy Park at 35th Street and 5th Avenue, near McGeorge Law School. The market will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays until October.

What's new at Sierra 2

By Valerie Burrows
Facility Administrator

MELT pains away

Instructors Cyndie Vasquez and Vanessa Light are teaming up to bring the 90-minute MELT Intro workshop to Sierra 2 from 2-3:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 4 in Room12. Participants can expect to experience changes in how their body looks and feels. They will learn simple, self-treatments that can be done at home to remain active, healthy and pain-free for life. This all-levels class uses specialized soft body rollers and small MELT Hand and Foot Balls to simulate the results of manual therapy. The result is relief from the aches and pains brought on by aging and active living. Participants should experience reduced inflammation, easing of chronic neck and low back strain, improved alignment. Participants must be comfortable enough to get on and off the floor and roller, and must be able to lie on the floor on their backs for short periods of time. If pain or restricted movement makes this too difficult, a private introductory session is recommended. The workshop fee is \$25. Since space is limited, pre-registration is requested by emailing to meltwith vanessa@gmail.com.

An evening with CASH

Community Against Sexual Harm (CASH), a prostitution intervention program, is hosting its third annual fundraiser "An Evening in May – A Cause for CASH" from 5:30-8p.m. on Thursday, May 29 in Curtis Hall. This event is an after-work social with dinner, beer, wine, hors d'oeuvres, silent auction and raffle. There will also be a short program about the progress many survivors have made and what our community has been able to accomplish through CASH. Tickets are \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door. They can be purchased online at www.cashsac.org or by contacting Cindy Stinson at 856-2900. For event information, contact Terri Galvan at 856-2900 or email tgalvan@cashsac.org. The CASH website is www.cashsac.org.

Intimacy from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Curtis Hall on Saturday, May 10. This women's luncheon promises to be unique. Women are encouraged to don their best spring outfit, grab their girlfriends and sip mimosas and tea while learning from love and relationship experts of various backgrounds. Tickets are \$35 and include lunch, tea and bottomless mimosas. Tickets: thelovemovement.brownpapertickets.com or call 800-838-3006. For more info, call Melinda Penny-Washington at 396-2699 or email healthybalance3@gmail.com.

All about intimacy

Healthy Balance 3 presents The Love Movement: A Lady's Luncheon Exploring the Art of



In his annual role as Constable, Dan Murphy led the pajama parade.



Photos/Joan Cusick

Luke, three, and Hannah Dunbar, six, of 4th Ave. are ready for the egg hunt.

Easter Parade and egg hunt

Once again the SCNA Spring Egg Hunt was an "eggsciting" event for neighbors of all ages. Pajama clad children and their families were led in the parade by Constable Dan Murphy and Board Member Kara Leong Olkowski from Curtis Park to the Sierra 2 Center where they had a variety of activities. Children decorated egg hunt bags, made bunny ears and beaded necklaces, colored spring mazes and nature rubbings, had their faces

painted and photos taken with the Easter Bunny. These activities were followed by a 2,000 piece egg hunt by approximately 100 children, and four of them were fortunate enough to find a golden egg which they redeemed by a special prize-filled basket. SCNA, Events Coordinator Faith Johnstone and Executive Director Terri Shettle send a huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped participate in this great event.

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help Dorothy and Toto return home, or does the Wicked Witch have the flying monkeys to stop her?

The Young Performer's Edition features all of the original songs.

Each performance is by different cast for an elementary school.

For more information, go to www.YoungActorsStage.com.



Young actors played in the young version of The Wizard of Oz last season.

Thursday, May 8, 6:30 p.m.: Shalom School cast
Friday, May 9, 7 p.m.: Crocker Riverside Emerald cast
Saturday, May 10, 1:30 p.m.: Crocker Riverside Emerald cast
Saturday, May 10, 7 p.m.: Crocker Riverside Ruby cast
Sunday, May 11, 11 a.m.: Shalom School cast
Sunday, May 11, 1:30 p.m.: Crocker Riverside Ruby cast
Friday, May 16, 7 p.m.: Sutterville cast
Saturday, May 17, 1:30 p.m.: Genevieve Didion cast
Saturday, May 17, 4 p.m.: Sutterville cast
Saturday, May 17, 7 p.m.: Holy Spirit cast
Sunday, May 18, 11 a.m.: Genevieve Didion cast
Sunday, May 18, 1:30 p.m.: Holy Spirit cast

Tickets: \$10 general; \$7 children (12 and under)

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Shows: Fridays and Saturdays at 8p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m.
Tickets: \$25 adults; \$23 seniors (60+)
Info: (916) 207-1226 or www.runawaystage.com

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Right Light Images Photography
214-9067

Hope Harris Photography
454-2111

Italian Cultural Society
Language School
482-5900

La Famiglia Catering
739-6034

River Song Meditation
212-0062

Runaway Stage Productions
207-1226

Sacramento Braille Transcribers
455-9121

Sacramento Yoga Center
996-5645

Straight Men's AA
454-1100

DANCE

Adult Ballet
Thursday, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Studio 1
Cinthia Conlon, 790-4331

Mindful Bellydance
Tribal fundamentals class for all levels
Thursday, 7 p.m., Studio 1
Sawako Ama • lovebreath@infocircle.net

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

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.
Tues: Tues/Thurs 10 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Studio 3
www.rivercitytaps.com

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

OTHER

Center for Soul Healing
2nd Thursday and 4th Tuesday
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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Speaker Series: call for schedule
799-1354, marxistschool.org

ART

Awaken My Art Collective
Glass mosaic classes
Tuesdays, Noon-3 p.m., Rm. 11
karensarp51@gmail.com

MUSIC

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

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Zumba with Annalisa
Tuesday, 7-8 p.m., Studio 1
Annalisa Brown, (530) 513-0768

Zumba
Friday, 6-7 p.m. • Studio 2
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Weight Watchers
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Saturdays, 9 a.m. • Room 10
(800) 374-9191

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Kelly Holland • www.NiaNow.com

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Wednesday, 6-7 p.m., Studio 1
For schedule, Michael Mason: 616-5452

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Martial Sword Arts of Europe
Thursday, 6:15-8:15 p.m., Studio 2
Maestro Eric Myers: 276-2247

Unified Chinese Martial Arts
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Lohan36@sbcglobal.net

Typhoon Philippine School of Martial Arts
Tues/Fri, 8:30-9:30 p.m., Studio 2
Master Maurice Gatdula: 509-6671



CHILDREN

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Infant–5 years old
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452-3005

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Jennie Ribadeneira: 990-3222
www.capitalcitymusictogether.com

Young Actors Stage
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Musical Theater: (ages 6–14)
Broadway Tap: Beginning (all ages):
Theater Dance (all ages)
Info: youngactorsstage.com

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Pastor Willie Benson: 688-8818

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

The Vibe Church of Sacramento
Sunday Services : 10-11:30 a.m., Garden Rm.
Bible Study: 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Room 11
John Macdonell, Pastor: 595-5622

New Direction Ministries
Sundays, 12:45-2:15 p.m., Room 11
Pastor Singleton, 532-5581

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Yogic breathing/meditation
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Computer class is among new offerings at Senior Center

By Phoebe Celestin
Senior Center Director

We have new classes beginning this month. All of them will be on-going. You can come by between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays to sign-up or come in on the first day of class and sign-up.

Computer class starts May 7

Seniors who want to know more about computers and the internet can take the class with Marganne Meyer. It begins at 9 a.m. Wednesday, May 7. An active member of the Senior Center, Marganne wants to help you “Make friends with your computer.” Fee for her class is: \$40 for 6 sessions.

New instructor for chair yoga class

Linda Roye’s one-hour Chair Yoga class will begin at 9 a.m. Tuesday May 6. Fee for the weekly class is \$25 per calendar month, or \$7 for a walk-in session. Linda began teaching yoga at age 69. She has 200 plus hours in a teacher training program and is registered with The Yoga Alliance. She began teaching Healthy Aging Yoga at Its All Yoga in September of 2012.

She recently travelled to North Carolina for further teacher training in Therapeutic Yoga for seniors at Duke Integrative Medicine. As a passionate believer in the therapeutic benefits of yoga for all ages, Linda’s offers a gentle and focused approach that supports balance, mobility and joint health.

New travel writing class

A weekly travel-writing class will begin at 11:15 a.m. Friday May 16. The 90-minute sessions will use a “free write” method. Senior Center Coordinator Phoebe

Celestin will facilitate the sessions. The cost will be \$3 per class.

Have a cup of Joe for 30 cents

Our new Coffee Service, called The Beverage Corner, has hot water for tea and coffee, either cup for a mere 30 cents.



Photo/Anna Andrews
Linda Roye’s chair yoga class will begin at 9 a.m. May 6.

Mark your contributions for the Senior Center on May 6

Last but not least, this month our annual appeal letter goes out to our neighbors to coincide with The “Big Day of Giving” Campaign on May 6. This year you have an opportunity to increase your generous donations by participating in the “Big Day of Giving” which has a matching funds donor. Your gifts need to be made on that day, either in person at the center or on line or by check to the Sierra 2 Senior Center. We will have donation stations set up at Sierra 2 in Room 12. Stop by to see all the good things that are happening.

Now on Facebook

And, Sierra 2 Senior Center on the sierra2.org website now has a Facebook page.

Sierra 2 Senior Center

The Senior Center is open to all seniors (age 55 and up). It is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday in Room 12 of Sierra 2. The center provides opportunities to keep learning, exercise, meet new people and be actively involved with neighbors. Free (donations accepted) and fee-based classes and activities are on the schedule. See the calendar.

Schenirer’s message

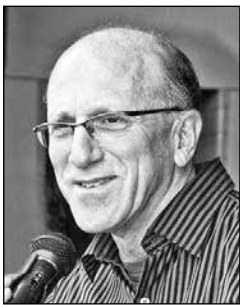
Efficient police work and alert neighbors help decrease City’s car thefts and home burglaries

There are lots of great things happening around Sacramento, but one of the best things is what is not happening, or at least happening less. Crime is down in our city. Specifically, there are fewer violent crimes, burglaries, robberies and vehicle thefts.

Sacramento Police crime statistics show that in 2013 vehicle theft was down 14 percent, burglary down 13 percent, and assaults were down 14 percent. In fact some crimes, like burglary and vehicle theft, are at their lowest reported levels in decades. This good news comes at a time when our police department is finally adding back positions following years of cuts.

While we cannot know for sure why there is a decrease in crime, some interesting things have developed in the past few years that may have helped. The first is that our police department is managed more effectively and efficiently. It has continued to do more with less, using new techniques and technologies to sometimes make up for a lack of personnel and resources. The data driven “hot spot” policing is an example of that.

The other innovations are tools for the community like NextDoor.com. If you are not on NextDoor.com, I would encourage you to check it out. It is a great tool for neighbors to connect and share what is going on in



Jay Schenirer
City Councilmember

their neighborhood.

Additionally, as a result of Measure U, we are now in the process of hiring many more police officers. Some are already on the job; some are currently in the academy. Within the next year, we should see more patrols and, we hope, the restoration of some specialty units, like the gang, narcotics, and traffic units.

Challenges with alleys and speeding on Sutterville

This does not mean that we don’t have a great deal of work to do. I have received many comments about challenges with our alleys, and speeding on Sutterville, 21st and 24th streets. My office has worked with many of you to gate some of our alleys. (If this is something you are interested in, please give my office a call.) I have also asked our traffic folks to undertake a new study of 21st and 24th streets to see what can be done about speeding, particularly with the opening of Curtis Park Village. I’ll keep you updated.

At the end of the day, crime prevention is still a responsibility of all of us. It is important that, if you see something that does not look right, you report it.

There are so many positive things happening in our City. I’m excited that crime is down, and I’m optimistic that with the addition of new police officers and additional tools that engage and empower the community, we can keep this positive trend going.

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LEISURE

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

May: “A Single Man”

by Christopher Isherwood

June: “Infidel” by Ayaan Hirsi Ali

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August: “A House in the Sky”

by Amanda Lindout

My Story Project meeting

1–4 p.m. Mondays and

12:45–2:45 p.m. Tuesdays

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Open Art Studio

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CARDS AND GAMES

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1–4 p.m. Thursdays

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EVENTS


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Last Friday of the month

Senior Committee Meeting

3 p.m. May 5, Location TBA



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New group to promote neighborhood character and businesses

By Rosanna Herber
Viewpoint staff writer

Curtis Park is known for its historic charm and traditional character. These are features a new group of neighbors wants to preserve. They’ve formed a group called the Curtis Park Character Advocates and are reaching out to key players to promote their initiative.

Principally the group wants to preserve the traditional character of the neighborhood and encourage local, independent and creative businesses to locate in Curtis Park.

The group also plans to encourage neighbors

to patronize these businesses.

Neighbor activist Kathleen Ave of 25th Street is leading the Advocates group. “So far we’ve met with the Neighborhood Concerns Committee, SCNA Board, Greater Broadway Partnership and the North Franklin District Business Association,” Ave said. “There were many opinions about how to encourage businesses and a desire to discuss ideas further.

“No endorsements were made, but both business associations expressed support for a Buy Local campaign.”

Frank Cable, president of the North Franklin District Business Association, confirmed his

association would support such a campaign.

“We’re hopeful we can work with the Curtis Park neighborhood and adjacent areas to promote the unique flavor of our communities,” he said.

The SCNA board established an ad hoc group composed of Robert Giblin and Andrea Rosen to attend the Character Advocate meetings and bring policy issues to the Board. Curtis Park’s footprint is defined as Highway 80/50 to the north, Highway 99 to the east, Sutterville Road to the south and Freeport Boulevard and 21st Street on the west.

For more information, contact curtisparkcharacter@gmail.com.

CVS: Design features were added at the request of SCNA

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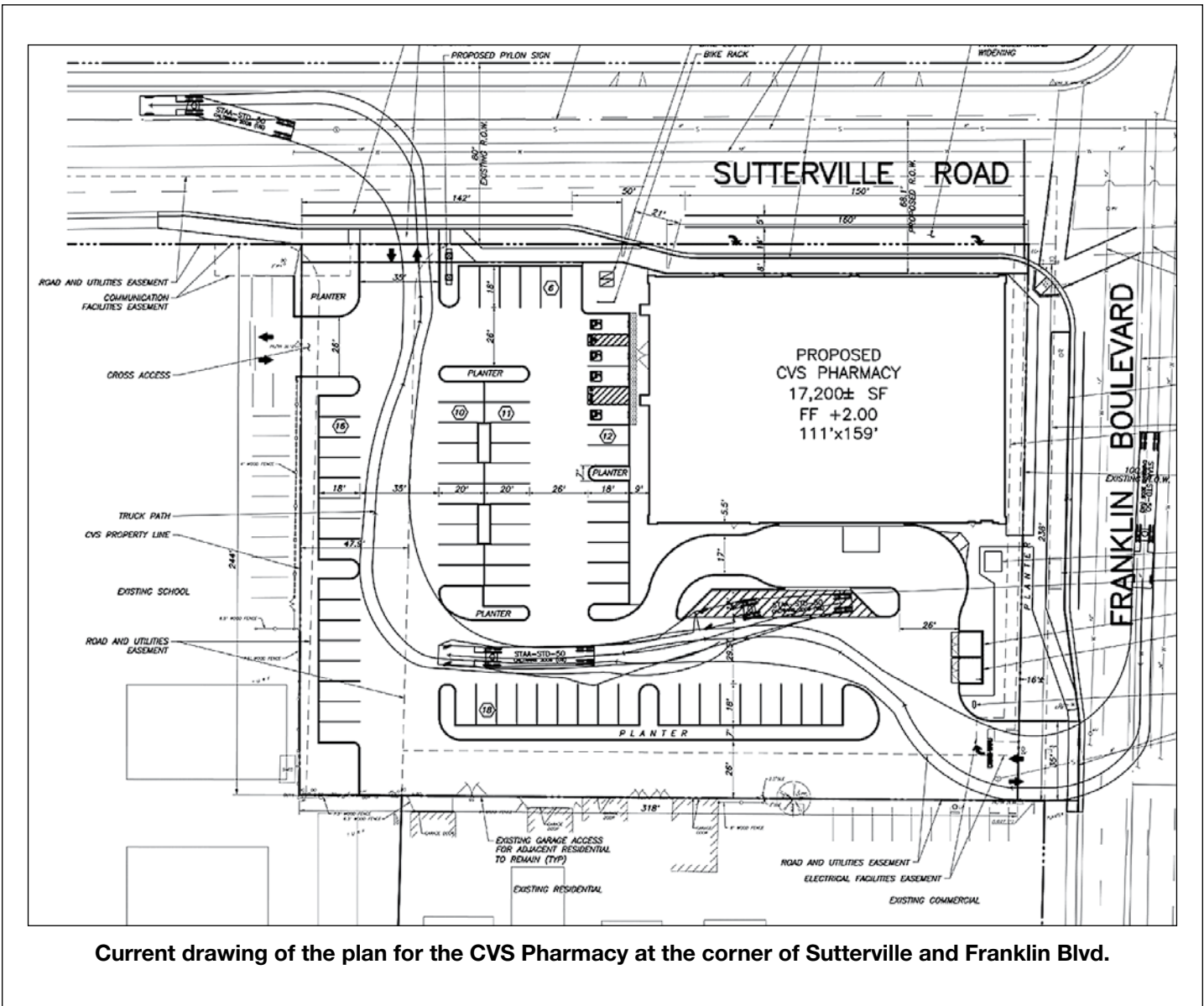
onto Franklin. Once the plans are approved, CVS developers will need to have permit from the City to build.

Mercado Loco, the current tenant, has a lease that runs through mid-2015 with the property owner, the Sacramento Children’s Home. The City must conduct a Site Plan and Design Review, which could be done by either the Planning Director or the Planning Commission.

The revised plans will be routed by City staff to neighborhood groups in the coming weeks. CVS hopes to receive approval by mid- year in order to be ready for construction next year.

The design elements of the proposed building have not changed since SCNA got involved last year. CVS developer states, “Our intent is to emulate many of the characteristics of the Children’s Home building, including arches, mansard tile roofs, brick details and cantilevered trellis elements.”

These design features were added at SCNA’s request to make the building fit in better with the neighborhood architecture, specifically echoing the most prominent design features of the Sacramento Children’s Home.



Current drawing of the plan for the CVS Pharmacy at the corner of Sutterville and Franklin Blvd.

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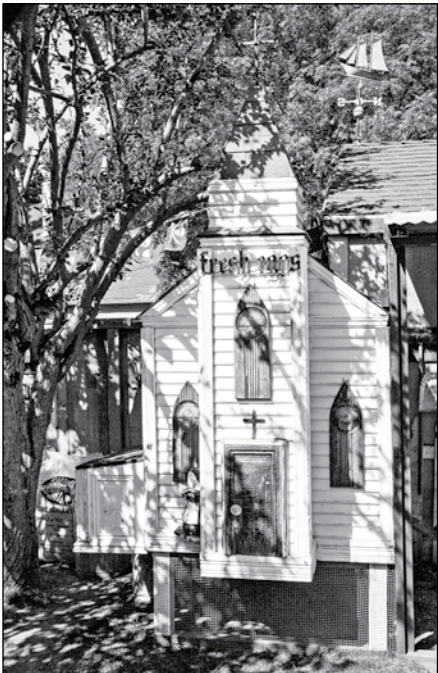
COMMUNITY CORNER

Fine feathered friends on tour May 17

Ever since the City decided in 2011 that residents could keep up to three hens in their backyard, more Curtis Park neighbors are enjoying fresh eggs. Among them is Carol Mott of Seventh Avenue.

Her chickens and coop will be among the city's mini farms on tour May 17. That day the Western Feed and Pet Supply store will host a self-guided chicken coop tour, starting at their store at 1600 34th St. The tour is from 10a.m. to 2 p.m. and is free to the public. The store will also feature vendors and sale items at the 34th Street location.

Carol Mott's coop was built by her next door neighbor Marco Colucci, a building contractor. The coop resembles a church with a 12-foot steeple.



Photo/Craig McCulloch
Carol Mott's chicken coop, "Chapel of the Sacred Hens," was built by her neighbor Marco Colucci also of Seventh Avenue.

Next to it is a fenced-in chicken run so the birds don't feel "cooped up." The coop, named Chapel of the Sacred Hens, gets its rustic looks from the re-purposed building materials used to build it. It's decorated with crosses, stained glass, and other religious icons. A secured nesting area provides easy access to gather the eggs.

Before taking on her feathered pets, Mott attended several classes and met with other backyard chicken growers to learn about raising urban chickens. One class was at Elverta Feed and one at Soil Born Farms.

Carol named her hens Sister Salt, Sister Pepper and Peeps. The first two are a large breed called Light Brahma; they have black and white feathers and feathered feet. Peeps is a Polish chicken. Her feathers are a golden reddish color.

Carol said her chickens get along well with her two Chihuahuas that are smaller than the chickens. Her chickens are often allowed to roam freely in her

yard, pecking at the bugs in her lawn and dusting themselves to keep clean. So far none has flown over the fence.

— Craig McCulloch, Viewpoint staff writer



Photo/Joan Cusick

Sally Rogers and Dennis Hock moved into their Cutter Way home in December.

New neighbors enjoy being close to the park

Sally Rogers and Dennis Hock moved into their beautiful home on Cutter Way in December. Originally from Ohio, Sally had lived in Sierra Oaks Vista for more than 10 years. Dennis, a Sacramento native, had lived on 7th Avenue in Curtis Park for 38 years.

Sally is a psychologist at UC Davis Medical Center's Mind Institute, and Dennis is a retired English professor from Cosumnes River College. They live with their friendly, energetic sheltie, Moushie.

Dennis and Sally like their home's large rooms, its windows that let in lots of natural light and its proximity to the park. They are very positive about the neighborhood and its many attributes.

Sally enjoys early morning walks around the park with Moushie, the vintage homes, and "the tunnel of trees" on most streets. Dennis likes the variety of architectural styles in the neighborhood, the many paths for walking and biking and the Coffee Garden, where he likes to hang out.

— Erik Fay, Viewpoint staff writer

With new street development, neighbor loses address, chooses new street name

Most people get a new address when they move. Bill Spurgin got one without moving. Since 1980 he's lived in Curtis Park on 24th Street between Donner Way and Fifth Avenue. With the reconfiguration of the streets for the development of the Curtis Park Village, Bill lost his address. The original plan changed. It would have pushed 24th Street through the project and some of the property was to be deeded to him and his adjacent neighbors. Then the developer renamed the new street Crocker Road and decided



Photo/Joan Cusick

Bill Spurgin named the street where he lives.

to build a house on the land that had been promised to several neighbors.

In the process, Bill lost his address. The city stepped in and told the developer to pave part of the alley. The city also let Bill name the alley, which is mostly unpaved. At first he was going to call it Awesome Alley, but his children wanted him to name it after them. So, he did.

A native of West Sacramento, Bill said he loves Curtis Park for its diversity and its activities. At one time his home was a grocery store.

Bill sells real estate through his company Tower Realty and lives in his two-story stucco home with J.R., his 6-year-old Jack Russell mix.

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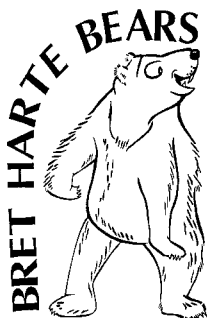
FOR THE ARTS & COMMUNITY

Bret Harte News

Students collect more than \$1,000 for children with cancer

By Char Klassen
Viewpoint Staff Writer

Last month the *Viewpoint* reported that Bret Harte students were collecting pocket change for children with blood cancers. The students collected 237 percent of their initial goal of \$500. They raised \$1,182.88 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The money will help support cancer patient services and research. Students were motivated throughout the campaign



to empty their piggy banks and contribute to the cause.

Mobile eye clinic fills needs at school

State Superintendent Tom Torlakson and Sac City School board member Jay Hansen visited campus to learn how Bret Harte partnered with Vision to Learn, a nonprofit organization that believes in bringing eye clinics to schools for eye exams. Having the mobile clinic on site is more convenient and ensures every child that needs lens receives them. Torlakson and Hansen were impressed how 47 Bret Harte students were fitted with new glasses for free.

A village effort to get ALL kids medical insurance

The Bret Harte Youth and Family Resource Center in partnership with Councilmember Jay Schenirer and Sacramento Covered has launched the 100 percent Campaign. It aims to make sure every Bret Harte student has health insurance. If successful, Bret Harte could be the first school in the district with 100 percent coverage.

Say goodbye to the STAR Test, Hello CAASPP

After Spring Break, students begin the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). This assessment replaces the STAR test students have taken for years.

No scores will be given this year because the California Department of Education is testing the system. The test is given on a computer which could cause technical difficulty for some teachers and classrooms and typing challenges for younger students. CAASP could be in the "testing" phase beyond this year.

Mark Your Calendar

CAASPP TESTING WINDOW
Through May 16
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MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
(School closed)
Monday, May 26

Yard care: Using electric and hand equipment

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approach by keeping half a dozen batteries on hand so a quick replacement is always possible.

Fresh Air Yard Care mows lawns at the highest level possible in order to retain moisture in the lawns and reduce the amount of material that ends up in yard waste bins. Their mowers also mulch clippings and organic matter.

Another tool in Kevin's arsenal is a people-powered sweeper, similar to a push mower but more efficient than a regular broom. Fresh Air Yard Care uses brooms, rakes and push sweepers to clean walkways and patios.

"We have been extremely happy with their timeliness, their thoroughness, and their follow up to special requests," Kathy Les said. "They have figured out how to keep mowers charged for

yards like ours — a double lot."

Kevin emphasizes the company is a local, sustainable business with the majority of clients in Sacramento's core neighborhoods. "We want to stay in Curtis Park, South Land Park, Land Park and East Sacramento." Kevin has a dozen clients in Curtis Park. For one customer with a double yard he charges \$85 a month.

He says his Curtis Park clients are the most enthusiastic about his business approach. Looking to the company's future growth, the owners provide part-time employment to local college students who need flexible hours.

Fresh Air Yard Care is certified as a Sacramento Area Sustainable Business. For more information, see www.freshairyard.care.com or call 916 475-7956.



Dave Knox photo

Driver taken to hospital; broken pipes flooded streets.

Car hits utility pole

About 4 p.m. on March 28 this car on W. Curtis Drive near 8th Avenue hit a wood utility pole and a metal signpost before crashing into the large water pipes just north of the tennis courts. The accident drew a couple dozen onlookers who saw the driver wheeled off to an ambulance. The broken pipes flooded the streets until the city could shut the water off. Name of the driver was unavailable.

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