

SCNA celebrates its 25th year with wine and silent auction

SCNA's 25th annual Wine Tasting, Silent Auction & Beer Garden event will take place from 4-7 p.m. Oct. 10 at Sierra 2. More than 20 of the area's finest restaurants, 50 wineries, and a dozen breweries will offer samples of their culinary treats and beverages.

Presented by Cook Realty, the hugely popular event is SCNA's largest fundraiser of the year. Proceeds benefit Sierra 2 Center for the Arts & Community, McClatchy High School and Bret Harte Elementary School.

Some of the confirmed returning vendors are Lucca, Aioli Bodega, Tower Café, Supper Club, Espresso Metro, Taylor's Market, American River College's Oak Café, Vallejo's, Dad's Kitchen, Gunther's Ice Cream and Freeport Bakery. Scott's Seafood will return with its renowned oyster dish.

Culinary teaching expert Roxanne O'Brien will present a Farm-to-Fork demonstration with students from American River College. The students will bring their favorite seasonal produce and take turns whipping up something special and tasty.

Taylor's Market wine buyer Dick Ebert, who is also a neighbor, will again coordinate the 50-plus wineries. Wines can be paired with the food options.

Beer drinkers can enjoy the Craft and Belgian Beer Garden, sponsored by McDonald Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning. The Garden is organized by Rob Archie, a neighbor and the owner of Pangaea Bier Cafe.

More than 150 items will be up for bid on silent auction or included in

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While earning the Girl Scout Silver Award, left to right, Mae Krause, Thea Krause and Olivia Carlton finish setting up Juliette's Book Box near the office at Sierra 2.

Photo/Joan Cusick

Girls Scouts bring 'Take a look; borrow a book'

By Pam Carlton
Special to the Viewpoint

Children coming to Sierra 2 will now find books to borrow from the book exchange box created by Girl Scout Cadette Troop 1028. The box is part of the Scouts' Silver Award project to increase children's literacy. The Silver Award is the highest award girls at this level (grades 6, 7, and 8) can earn.

After their research, planning and designing, the house-shaped box took shape with construction help from Broc Krause, a Scout dad.

A few Scouts worked with Terri Shettle, Sierra 2 executive director, to place the box near the information board. Named for Girl Scout founder, Juliette Gordon Low, the colorful box was delivered to Sierra 2 in late July. With the motto, "Take a look; borrow a book," the girls hope the book exchange box will be self-sustaining as young readers borrow, return and donate books. The box contains books of varied levels and interests to attract all readers.

The Scouts plan to increase awareness of the book box at neighborhood events, including First Friday dinners.

For more information, contact troop leader Pam Carlton, pjcarlton@me.com, 916 804-6663.

Curtis Park Village

Proposed changes to site plan are submitted to City

By Andrea Rosen
Viewpoint staff writer

In late June, Petrovich Development Company (Petrovich) submitted an application to revise the approved tentative subdivision map (P15-027) to the City of Sacramento. The proposed map will be reviewed by the Planning Commission, but so far no date has been set.

In late July SCNA submitted its comments on the proposed changes to the City.

This new application makes many changes in the configuration of the zoning compared to the original 2010 approvals. If this application is approved, multi-family units will be reduced by 112 and single family units, mostly smaller "courtyard" homes, will be increased by 95 for a net loss of 17 housing units.

Commercial square footage is

Two schematic maps of Curtis Park Village, one approved design and one proposed design, appear on page 8.

proposed to be reduced by 24,000 square feet, with a total of 235,000 square feet remaining. In 2010, SCNA asked for 120,000 maximum commercial square feet to be approved.

The new application also relocates and re-shapes the proposed park. Readers are encouraged to review the 16-page application which is posted on Sierra 2 website and on the City's website.

SCNA's comments focused on six main issues, and it proposes solutions for each one.

The applicant reported on this application that a community meeting

with SCNA had been held to discuss the proposed changes. No meeting occurred for this new application. SCNA has asked for a community meeting to fully vet the proposal, which includes a major change in the park design.

SCNA objects to the Flex Zone being referred to as Flex Zone SC-PUD, since the original purpose of the flex zone was not to determine exact zoning (commercial or residential) but instead to require that zoning of the flex zone be approved by City Council, as called for by the original 2010 City Council resolution.

The 12-foot wide pedestrian/bike route running north-south from the original neighborhood through the new development has been a linchpin of the compromise agreement since 2010. The new map proposes to cut off the walkway and force walkers/

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No First Friday in September

The next First Friday dinner will take place Nov. 6 in Curtis Hall. There is no First Friday dinner in either September or October. The menu for November will be announced in the October Viewpoint.

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

Gas station hearing at City Council is set for Sept. 24

Sacramento City Council will hear the Curtis Park Village application for a 16-pump fuel center Sept. 24. The time will be posted on www.Sierra2.org.

That week City Council will be held Thursday instead of Tuesday in recognition of the Yom Kippur holiday.

SCNA opposes the fuel center in

the proposed location. The association plans to ask the City Council to deny the conditional use permit, according to SCNA President Eric Johnson.

The City Council can consider the recommendation from the City Planning Commission, but is not required to adopt it.

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COST: Advance tickets through Oct. 7 are \$40; SCNA members and \$45 non-members. Starting Oct. 8, tickets are \$50 everyone, in the Sierra 2 office or at the door only

TICKETS: www.sierra2.org or Sierra 2 Center office, 452-3005

SCNA President's's message

Changes in Curtis Park push everyone to stay alert and get involved

Our quiet, sleepy enclave of Curtis Park has not seemed very quiet or sleepy lately. Some of that is due to the ongoing work going on next door to us in Curtis Park Village. Some of that is due to the ongoing work as water meters are installed in the north end of the neighborhood. Some of that is imprecations being raised to the sky as another bicycle is discovered missing from an unlocked garage.

Fortunately, we can light candles to deal with all these occurrences, above and beyond cursing the darkness with bitter screeds into the howling maw of NextDoor.

Elsewhere in this issue, you can read excellent discussions of what's

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going on to the west, where the single family homes, senior housing and bike/pedestrian bridge rise from the dust. Petrovich Development's application is being reviewed by the City as of this writing, and I anticipate having seen their comments by the time this is published.

Of course, the proposed fuel

station remains a concern, and I urge everyone with an opinion on the subject to write the City Council. Succinct letters are better, as councilmembers will most probably be receiving quite a bit of information on the subject prior to their meeting on the issue set for Sept. 24.

The utility crews are moving with amazing alacrity, as we work toward city-wide compliance with the state mandate for water meters. If you get a chance, thank them for their hard work in triple-digit temperatures. Heck, maybe even bring them a glass of cold lemonade. Please also be assured that the unfinished state of the repaved streets is temporary, and that our neighborhood is scheduled

for a complete re-do in 2016.

Finally, we all need to remember that despite the bucolic nature of Curtis Park, we're in a fully urban area. There are many people who are looking to make an easy buck by selling our stuff without necessarily buying it from us first. A locked gate won't stop thieves, and a dangling padlock on your garage isn't much of a deterrent either. Yes, it's a hassle to unlock it every time, and yes, it's tough to train the kids, but I know too many people first-hand who have recently lost bikes, tools, and other valuables. If you love it, you lock it.

Despite the changes, Curtis Park continues to be my favorite place I've ever lived. I hope you feel that way, too.

Tasting: Event benefits student programs and Sierra 2 Center



Delicious sushi from Kru restaurant was popular with attendees at last year's wine tasting.

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a raffle. Past auction and raffle items have included spa certificates, unique art and photography, interior design consultations, vacation home weeks, and musical instruments. Specially designed experience packages will include Date Night packages, Private wine tastings, and a chance to create the Flavor of the Month at Gunther's Ice Cream.

More than a dozen neighborhood dinners are anticipated with themes such as "Guys Night Out," "Six on 6th Progressive Dinner," "Hot August Nights Soiree," "A Night in Oaxaca"

progressive dinner, and Specialty Wine and Cheese pairings. These privately hosted events for six or more people quickly sell out, so guests need to plan to arrive early.

Beneficiaries of the 2015 event are Bret Harte Elementary School's sixth grade Sly Park trip and McClatchy High School's Debate Club and HISP program. Proceeds also support the upkeep and restoration of Sierra 2 Center and SCNA initiatives, including the Senior Center, Music in the Park, children's activities, the addition of a dedicated Technology Lab at Sierra 2 Center and Curtis Fest.

Park Design: SCNA offers solutions and requests a meeting on changes

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bikers onto busy Crocker Road. SCNA proposes a simple solution: Reinstate the walkway through Village 5 at the south edge of the park.

The new map does not clearly show street parking in the new residential areas. SCNA proposes to require street parking on all residential streets in the same way it exists in the established neighborhood.

Similarly, the proposed map is

unclear about access and circulation through the new neighborhood on streets marked "private drives." SCNA advocates compatibility with Curtis Park neighborhood by providing public access on all private drives and roads.

Lastly, SCNA asked that the City make good on its promise to install a transit overlay (TO) zone onto Curtis Park Village. In the City's application to the State Department of Housing and Community

Development, the City asserted that the entire site was within a half mile of transit stops and therefore would be designated as a Transit Overlay Zone. The Department then awarded Sacramento a grant of more than \$9 million in Transit-Oriented Development funds, which it gave in turn to Petrovich Development.

City code, however, provides that a Transit Overlay zone is only allowed to overlay C-2 or RMX zones, neither of which exists in Curtis Park


Village. The City could stay true to its application to the State by creating a look-alike zone that would serve the same purpose: recognize the development as described by the City in the application, as a transit-friendly development.

SCNA encourages interested neighbors to view its letter on the Sierra2.org website and stay tuned for more news about the upcoming Planning Commission hearing on the proposed map.

For more about how to join SCNA, visit www.sierra2.org


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Enjoying a sweet taste at the summer concert

Ruby's more interested in sharing her ice cream cone with Tag than listening to the first band to play in this summer's Music in the Park concert series. The three Sunday evening events always draw several hundred neighbors out to picnic and visit in the shady areas of Curtis Park.



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Question of traffic signal at East Curtis Drive & Sutterville

By Susan MacCulloch
Viewpoint staff writer

When the Crocker Drive traffic signal was installed at Sutterville Road, the 24th Street signal was removed. That made neighbors question whether a signal would then be installed at the East Curtis Drive intersection.

According to John Perez, supervisor for traffic investigation with the City, pedestrian and traffic volume studies conducted at that intersection and crosswalk did not yield enough pedestrian demand to qualify for a signal or a rapid flashing beacon, similar to the new one near Gunther’s Ice Cream. Pedestrian studies were conducted during normal business hours, commute times and weekends.

Consideration is being given to moving the crosswalk from East Curtis Drive to the middle of the park, between East and West Curtis drives. If this plan is approved, a pedestrian refuge or island would be constructed. A refuge is typically used on a street so wide that a pedestrian may not be able to cross during one light cycle.

For more information about pedestrian crossing guidelines, visit www.cityofsacramento.org/Public-Works/Resource/Publications.

City offers safety workshops at Sierra 2

Designing yards and park landscapes to prevent crime will be the focus of the first safety workshop in a new series offered by the City. It will begin at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 3 in Curtis Hall. The presenters will be from the Sacramento Police Department.

Next up will be self-defense at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 17 in Curtis Hall. The instructors will be from King Krav Maga, an instructional system developed for the military in Israel, according to Wikipedia.

Other workshops will cover Halloween safety presented by Safetyville USA, sex trafficking presented by W.E.A.V.E., stranger danger with Safetyville USA and neighborhood watch by the Sacramento Police Department in October, November, December and January, respectively.

For more information, call Jay Schenirer’s office at 808-7005.



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Reares Lane was named for two neighbors who combined their last names.

Two names joined together became Reares Lane

By Carlos Alcala
Special to the Viewpoint

Until he was asked to look into its name, the Whys Guy had never been down Reares Lane. It’s a single block running between Franklin Boulevard and 31st Street, just north of the Whys Guy’s street, Marshall Way.

The alley has a name, but as far as we could tell, there is only one house that fronts on the street. The rest are just back-of-the-lot garages and other secondary frontage.

But its name traces to two neighbors, John Eres and J.A. Read. City records show that the two men came to the Planning Department asking to name the alley in 1962. Rea from Read plus res from Eres gives you Reares.

Eres lived on Franklin, with the alley running along the side of his house. (His old place is painted purple today.) Read lived on Marshall, with the backside of his place on the alley.

The two fellows were neighbors, and may have been co-workers. Old newspapers indicate both were custodians with the city schools. Eres spent so

many years working at Sac High, he was recognized by former students wherever he went. According to *The Bee*, his wife told him, “You’d never make a good criminal — any place you tried to hide out, somebody’d recognize you.”

Read was pretty well known before he became a custodian. As Justus Addison “Pete” Read, he played 12 years for the Oakland Oaks. That included 1927, when they won the Pacific Coast League title, beating the San Francisco Seals, who had Lefty O’Doul on their roster that year.

The city joined the two names on the alley around the middle of 1962, but the two men themselves were soon separated. Read died a few months later at the age of 61.

The alley name itself is nearly that old now. Alley naming seems like a recent trend in Sacramento, but this one was christened long ago. When it comes to this trend, the Whys Guy might say Reares was ahead.

Editor’s note: Carlos Alcala of Curtis Park wrote “Sacramento Street Whys: The Whys Guy’s Wise Guide to Sacramento Street Names.”

What’s new at Sierra 2

By Valerie Burrows
Facility administrator

Homeschooling info night

People interested in learning more about homeschooling, un-schooling and ways of learning outside of traditional schools will want to see “Class Dismissed.” The film speaks to parents with a fresh perspective on education and how people learn. The film starts at 6:45 p.m. Sept. 22 in Curtis Hall.

Film Synopsis: Frustrated with the traditional school system, a family in Los Angeles pulls its two children out of school and takes education into their

own hands. “Class Dismissed” looks at education in the 21st century and explores the rapidly growing movement of parents providing an education outside a classroom setting.

Attendees are encouraged to invite friends or family who might benefit from the alternative education insights this film provides. The 90-minute movie is family-friendly. After the film, the director, Jeremy Stuart, will conduct a question and answer session with experienced homeschooling parents.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for ages 17 and under. To purchase tickets visit www.brownpapertickets.com. For more information, email Jeremy at jeremy@classdismissedmovie.com.

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Presented by Swell Productions & Sacramento's K-ZAP

Friday, Sept. 18

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Price: \$37.50 advanced tickets / \$40 day of the show. **Tickets:** www.inticketing.com



UNSETTLING BONES

Friday, Sept. 25: 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26: 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27: 2 p.m.

"Unsettling Bones" opens the sophomore season for TwoPoint4 Dance Theater. It features Holly Johnston's work that questions societal views of the ideal body; a Nhan Ho dance where the structure of the body interacts with space and others; and work by co-director Diego Campos that dives into the dance theater, laundry and rhythmic variation. Sharing the stage are guest performers Linda Bair Dance Company and Hawkins MODt, featuring choreography by Kelley Saia.

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Hot Topic Tuesdays

New program expected to answer seniors’ top questions

By Valerie Burrows
Facility administrator

Experts from community organizations will come to the Senior Center at Sierra 2 on designated Tuesdays to present informational sessions on issues at the top of many seniors’ lists. The new program is called Hot Topic Tuesdays. The 45-60 minute talks will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, beginning in September. Each session will include time for questions. Information about sign-ups appears below.

Topics expected to be covered include home safety, fall prevention, senior living options, advance health care directives, wills and estates, financial planning and emergency preparedness.

The series kicks off at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 8 in Room 12 with a presentation on Senior Living Options. It will cover how to evaluate both a person’s need and the various options in the Sacramento area. These include in-home care, independent living, assisted living, memory care and board and care.

The second session this month, on Sept. 22, will focus on advance health care directives. An advance health care directive lets the physician, family and friends know your health care preferences, including the types of special

treatment you want or don’t want at the end of life; your desire for diagnostic testing; surgical procedures; cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and organ donation. By considering your options early, you can ensure the quality of life that is important to you and avoid having your family guess your wishes or having to make critical medical care decisions under stress or in emotional turmoil. Hot Topic Tuesdays flyers will be posted in the Senior Center. The information will also appear on Sierra 2’s website, www.sierra2.org. Participants are encouraged to sign-up for each session that interests them in the Senior Center on the posted sign-up sheets or call 455-6339. For questions, call the Senior Center office at 455-6339.

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

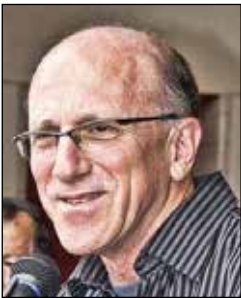
We have yet to match our words with deeds

Children are our future,” a tired cliché often heard during political campaigns. It is also a true statement that, when measured against our budget priorities, reveals how little we are investing in our future. For the past four years I have worked to change this dichotomy in the city. I have expanded or improved programs, making incremental improvements here and there, but the goal has always been large system changes that will improve the lives of thousands of children in our city.

For the past six months, my staff has worked on an analysis of the city’s spending to support programs and services for its children and youth. The results are, at best, disturbing. As an organization, our collective efforts are uncoordinated, unfocused, and underfunded.

In total, the city spends about \$17 million annually on supports and services for young people. Of this amount, only about \$4 million comes from the city of Sacramento. This is a little more than one percent of our General Fund. The remaining \$13 million comes from the Federal and State governments, and it is spent on two after-school programs: Sacramento Start and 4th R. As a whole, the city-provided youth

programs are offered by several departments, have no framework and are not evidence based. Additionally, the funding isn’t being directed at those age groups most in need. Our analysis also found that of Recreation and Parks expenditures, the department with the largest children- and youth-serving programs, only 18 percent is directed at high school students. Contrast this with San Francisco and Oakland. Those cities spend 7.5 percent and 3 percent of their General Fund dollars on youth, respectively. San Francisco also has an additional funding allocation known as the “Children’s Fund.” It provides permanent and ongoing revenue through a charter amendment that sets aside a percentage of property taxes directed to a special department within their city focused on serving children and families. Oakland has something similar. Sacramento deserves better. In last year’s Mayor and Council priorities, we included the creation of a Department of Children and Youth for the 2016-17 budget year. The idea is to pull into a single



Jay Schenirer
City Councilmember

department all of the youth-related supports and services currently being provided by various city departments. We would adopt a set of goals for our young people as well as a youth development framework within which the programs would be operated and evaluated.

The expectation is that these bureaucratic changes would lead to increased quality and effectiveness of existing programs and guide future programs. The reorganization, however, would not lead to additional funding. For that, I am working with representatives of the business, public safety, and non-profit communities to identify additional resources. My hope is to put forward a youth funding proposal this fall for the Mayor and City Council to consider.

If we truly believe what we often say, then it is time to walk the talk, focus on the needs of our young people, and find sufficient resources to provide the supports and opportunities they need and deserve. As always, if you need to reach me, please give me a call at 916-808-7005 or Jschenirer@cityofsacramento.org.

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

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Gentle Yoga
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Pat Shaw: 856-0136

Fall Prevention
11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m., Tues/Thurs
4 classes \$20; 8 classes \$40
Pat Shaw: 856-0136

Tai Chi
10:30–11:15 a.m., Thursdays
\$40 per month

Walking & Polewalking Clinic
9 a.m., Thursdays
One-time instruction fee \$5

LIESURE

Popcorn & Movie
1:30-3:30, 3rd Tuesday
\$1-3 donation

Book Club
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., 2nd Monday
Sept. 14: “The 100 Year Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared” by Jona Jonasson

My Story Project meeting
1–3 p.m., 2nd Monday of the month

Everyone Can Drum
1-2 p.m., Tuesdays. Studio 1, \$5

Life History Writing
1–3 p.m., Wednesdays

Open Art
Noon-3, Fridays. Room 11

EDUCATION

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9-10:15 a.m. Thursdays
4 classes: \$48
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CARDS & GAMES

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(not 2nd Monday)

Mahjong
10-Noon, Mondays (not 2nd Monday)

Fun Bridge
1-4 p.m., Thursdays

Pinochle
1-3:00 p.m., Fridays

EVENTS


Senior Living Options
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Trees in Curtis Park

Save water — but more importantly, save our trees with drip irrigation and mulch

By Dan Pskowski
Viewpoint staff writer

During this historic drought, trees growing in a turf situation where the irrigation is completely turned off will suffer the most. Why? Frequent watering of turf during the pre-drought years didn't require the tree to establish roots deep into the soil when there was available water in the upper 4–8 inches.

Certain drought tolerant species, like our native valley oak (*Quercus lobata*) or the Chinese pistache (*Pistacia chinensis*), inherently develop deep roots of a 2–5 foot depth due to these tree species' genetic makeup. These and other drought tolerant species are faring better.

Species with high water requirements, like the birch (*Betulus sp.*), coast redwoods (*Sequoia sempervirens*) and maples (*Acer sp.*), are not very tolerant of drought conditions. I've seen a significant number of large coast redwoods throughout Sacramento die over the past couple of years. The lawn irrigation was severely curtailed or shut off completely with no supplemental watering provided for the tree. Tree loss is a costly problem—not just the expense to remove the tree and stump—but the loss of environmental benefits such as oxygen, shade to the home and to the landscape, which reduces water needs.

Temperatures can still soar close to 100 degrees or above in September. How can your trees be saved if the turf irrigation is severely reduced or shut off completely? A slow, deep soaking of mature

trees once or twice a month with a soaker hose, bubbler, sprinkler, or drip system a couple of feet from the trunk's base under the canopy and toward the edge of the drip line. It should be applied in a uniform manner and cover as much of the canopy area as possible to a depth of at least 12-24 inches. Use a soil probe or shovel to check the depth of water penetration.

Some large trees, especially those close to the property line, might involve applying water to your neighbor's property. It is unnecessary and often impractical to irrigate a tree's entire root system.

Installation of 4–6 inches of wood chip mulch helps retain moisture. Where feasible, install mulch under the drip line to improve the tree's ability to survive the drought.

Finally, if your tree has already lost all of its leaves due to lack of water, don't cut it down



A red maple tree is failing as a result of lack of water when lawn irrigation was stopped.



Photos/Dan Pskowski

This tulip tree's leaves have turned brown and fallen off due to drought and because the lawn irrigation was turned off.

without having an arborist inspect the tree. Certain deciduous tree species will lose all leaves in an attempt to survive.

Let's hope the amount of precipitation during this upcoming winter season is above average. The groundwater needs to be replenished, and our trees could use the much needed moisture.

Pickleball demo set for Sept. 5 in the park

Neighbors can find out about the new blue stripes on the tennis courts during a special event from 8-11 a.m. Sept. 5 at the courts in Curtis Park. Those lines are for pickleball, a paddle and Wiffle ball game enjoyed by people who find running down a tennis ball just a bit much.

Vince Angell of Coleman Way is heading up the celebratory event with the help of pickleball ambassadors from Arizona and Elk Grove and city recreation staff. During the event neighbors can take a swing at learning the game, which is a combination of tennis, paddle ball and badminton.

The tennis striping remains. The nets will be replaced and have the addition of tie down anchors because pickleball is played with a lower net.

Angell credits Councilman Jay Schenirer with finding funds for the project after considerable badgering for 10 months.



After striping the new pickleball courts in blue paint, contractors from Sierra Striping Ron Johnson, left, and Salvador Ortiz, right, begin stretching a new net with the help and supervision of neighbor and pickleball enthusiast Vince Angell.

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Adventures in Aruba



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Megan McCulloch, left, and Destiny Barker show off their *Viewpoint* newspaper while in Oranjestad, Aruba. Megan, formerly of 25th Street in Curtis Park, attends law school in Atlanta, GA. She and her parents, Craig and Brenda McCulloch, traveled to Aruba in August.



From an Italian villa

Left to right, Joe Shea and Beverly Krikorian of 8th Avenue, Grace Bazua and Debby Senna of 24th Street took their years of distributing the *Viewpoint* to heart on their recent trip to Italy. They even show it off for their neighbors. The travelers stayed in a villa in Crespina in the province of Pisa in the Tuscan countryside, just outside the city of Montalcino. To experience home-cooked fare, they hired a chef to prepare meals at the villa. “It felt as though we were on a movie set,” Bev said. “There was an incredible multi-course dinner the night we arrived, and it just kept getting better every day.”

A ‘Swell’ couple returns

Although Greg LaTraille and Mindy Giles are new homeowners in Curtis Park, they are not new to the neighborhood. They’ve been renting and taking part in events here for 10 years. Now they’ve purchased a home on Franklin Boulevard near 10th Avenue and moved in with their cat, Rugby. Both Mindy and Greg have careers in the music industry. She’s a co-owner of Swell Productions and an arts publicist. Greg is a content manager/music expert for ArkivMusic.com and a visual artist. His painting “Bassoonists” hangs behind them in their living room.



Photo/Joan Cusick
Greg LaTraille and Mindy Giles recently returned to Curtis Park after buying a home on Franklin Boulevard.

From Bret Harte Elementary School



Mark Your Calendar

- Aug. 31..... Back to School BBQ, 5:30–6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 3..... First Day of School
- Sept. 4..... Principal Coffee with Parents, 8:30 a.m. in Room 35
- Sept. 7..... Labor Day (No school)
- Sept. 18..... Parent Lunch Day, parents can bring their lunch or buy a cafeteria lunch
- Sept. 23..... Back to School Night, tentatively 5:30–7 p.m.
- Oct. 16 Parent Lunch Day
- Oct. 30 Fall Festival, tentatively 4:30–6:30 p.m.

School Wish List

- If you wish to donate items to Bret Harte students, here’s what they can use:
- Composition books, with hard cover and about 50 sheets
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 - Copy paper
 - Backpacks
 - Lined paper
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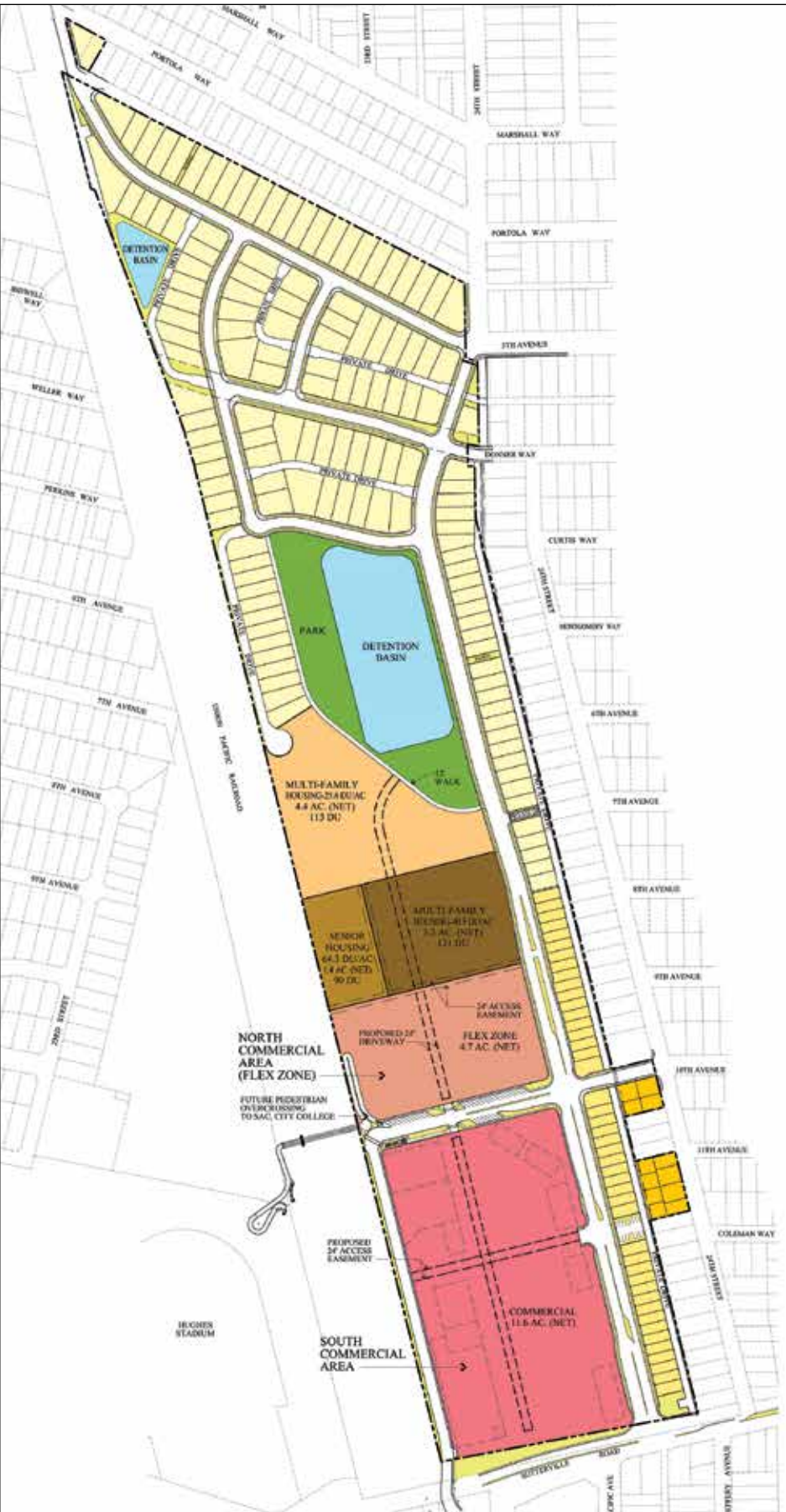
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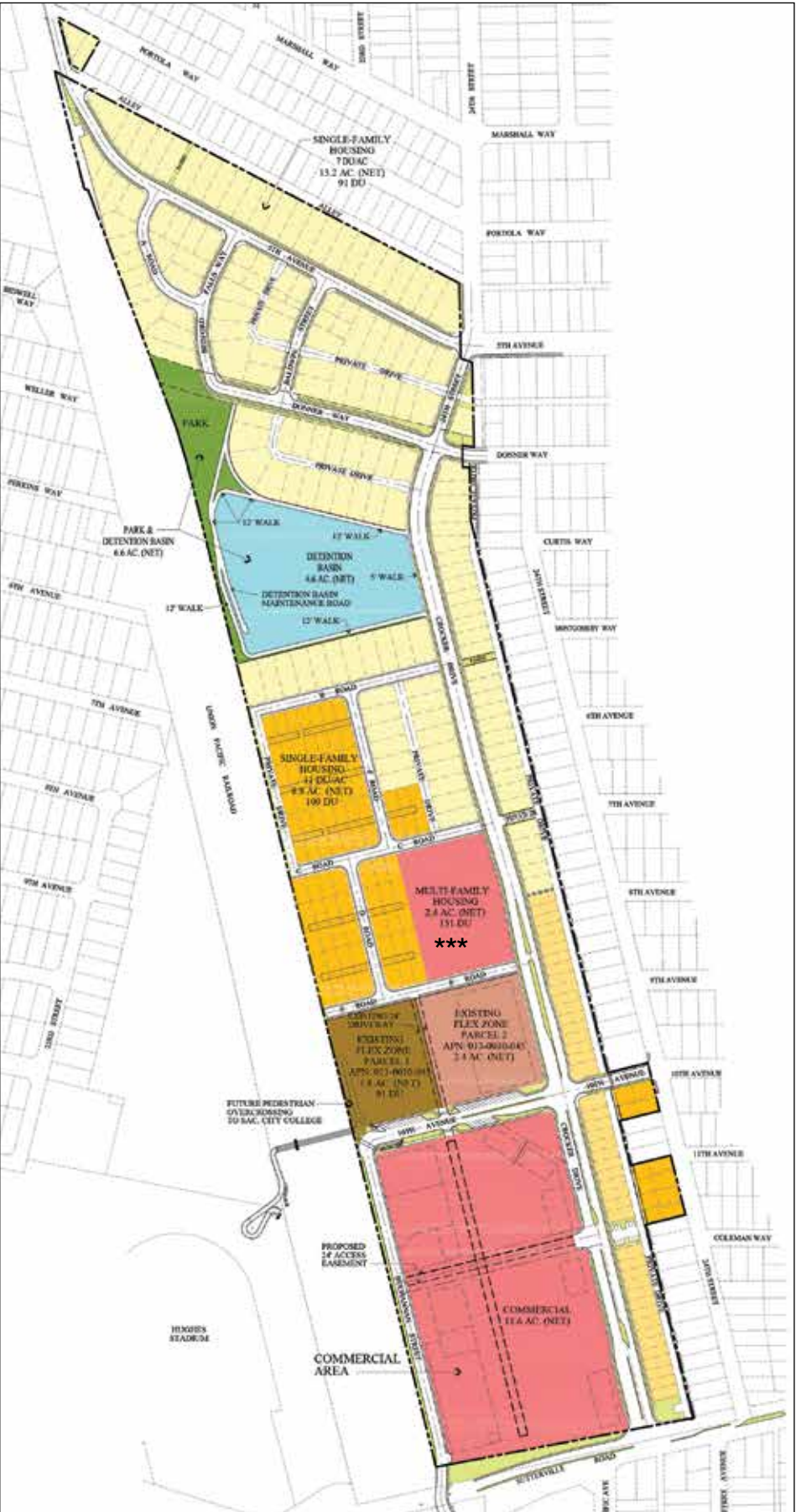
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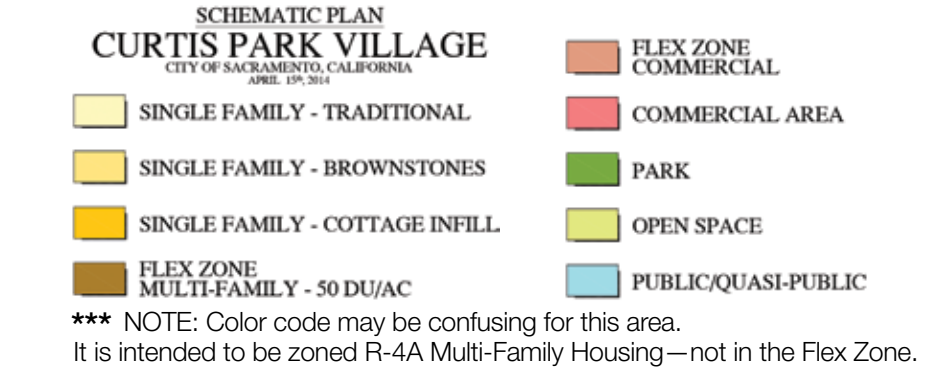
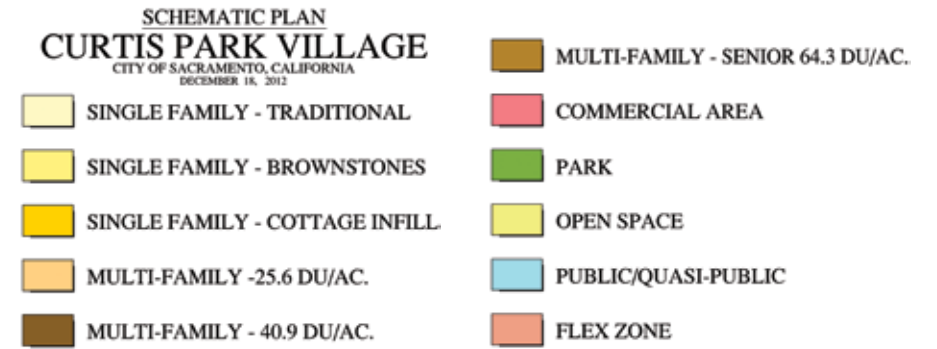




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