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Senior Center's Open House July 18-22 features new and free activities

By Katie Byram
Sierra 2 staff

The Senior Center will introduce its activities and services during an Open House from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 18-22 in several rooms on the south-end of the building and Studios at Sierra 2. All seniors, current members and newbies, are welcome. The free event will include classes, an orientation brunch and a closing wine and cheese reception.

The Open House aims to introduce new seniors to the Senior Center and offer current members the

chance to try new activities. For over 15 years, the Sierra 2 Senior Center has served as a welcoming environment and social network for older adults in the community.

With the opening of Curtis Park Court Senior Apartments on 10th Avenue in Curtis Park Village, our neighborhood has many new seniors. The Sierra 2 Senior Center committee members thought an Open House would be a festive way to welcome these new community members and introduce them to the Center's programs and services.

The Open House week will kick off with an

orientation brunch buffet at 10 a.m. Monday, July 18 in Curtis Hall. The orientation will include sign-ups and information about the week's activities, the Senior Center activities, and other nearby resources, such as the Hart Senior Center and Snowline Hospice.

The wide variety of leisure, fitness and educational activities currently offered will be free during the Open House week. Attendees can look forward to stretching in yoga class, engaging in a rousing game of pinochle, and making music with

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Neighbor input urged on tree policy before City vote July 19

By Rosanna Herber
Viewpoint staff writer

The City Council is expected to vote on the revised tree ordinance July 19. After two years of meetings between staff and the City's Stakeholder's Tree Advisory Committee, staff proposed a revision of the tree ordinance that upset many neighbors and their associations, including SCNA. These groups, along with several non-profits, formed Trees4Sacramento to lobby to amend the ordinance. Councilmember Jeff Harris was asked to work with both groups to find common ground. While positive changes have been made to the proposed ordinance, the tree advocates are urging neighbors to ask Council members to modify the ordinance further to protect the City's shrinking tree canopy.

SCNA Board member Dan Pskowski, an arborist and member of the City's Tree Advisory Committee, says it's important for concerned neighbors to email Councilmember Jay Schenirer at jschenirer@cityofsacramento.org and copy the Council.

Please see Tree ordinance, page 6



Neighbors cheer opening of pedestrian/bike bridge

Local politicians, the bridge engineering team, community walkers and bicyclists turned out in force May 25 to take part in the inaugural walk across the pedestrian/bike bridge. The bridge connects Curtis Park and Sacramento City College at the light rail station.

Photo/Rudy Calpo

How Curtis Park neighbors voted in June 7 Primary

By Mike Scheible
Special to the Viewpoint

Hillary Clinton, Kamala Harris and Darrell Steinberg were clear favorites with Curtis Park voters in the June 7 primary. Mayor-elect Steinberg easily bested Councilmember Angelique Ashby by winning 73 percent of the neighborhood vote. Ashby received 18 percent,

with the remaining six candidates splitting the last nine percent.

Measure Y, which would have levied a 5 percent tax on marijuana to be used in youth programs, was favored by 63 percent of Curtis Park voters, but failed to gain the needed two-thirds majority citywide and was defeated.

Clinton outpolled Bernie Sanders 58 to 41 percent among Democrats

and decline-to-state voters who opted to participate in the Democratic primary. Donald Trump was favored by 58 percent of Republican primary voters while John Kasich and Ted Cruz finished second and third at 25 and 10 percent, respectively.

In the U.S Senate race Kamala Harris was the clear winner over Loretta Sanchez by 67 to 13 percent,

Please see Primary vote, page 7

Stockton band takes the stage for July Music in the Park

By Faith Johnstone
Sierra 2 staff

Music in the Park's summer series will continue Sunday, July 31 with R&B, Old School, Jazz, Latin, Funk and Blues from Norman and the Boyz of Stockton. The concert is from 6 to 8 p.m. at the north end of Curtis Park, and a food truck may offer dinner choices for those who don't bring a picnic. However, neighbors are urged to contact the Sierra 2 office, 452-3005, to check on food plans, which were not set at press time.

The Aug. 28 concert will feature On Air at the same time and place. The band's powerfully popular horn section and energetic choreography

will follow a day of art and food at the 10th annual Curtis Fest. On Air is known for its pulsating renditions of the classics from Tower of Power, Chicago, The Doobie Brothers and Steely Dan.

Both concerts will open with Mr. Cooper entertaining the children.

Food truck plans were uncertain at press time, so neighbors again are urged to check with the office at Sierra 2, 452-3005.

Both events are free and open to the public. Many families bring picnic dinners and low-level chairs. Dogs need to be on leash. Councilmember Jay Schenirer is planning to scoop up Gunther's ice cream for music fans.

This summer the Sierra Curtis



Norman & The Boyz to perform July 31.

Neighborhood Association is no longer hosting the beer and wine garden. Neighbors are reminded that City ordinance prohibits alcohol in the park.

Music in the Park is presented by SCNA and sponsored by SMUD, Joseph Eschleman-Wells Fargo Advisors, Jay Schenirer, Cook Realty and Renewal by Anderson.

First Friday returns Nov. 4

First Friday dinners will resume in November. Until then the popular dinner has to take a back seat to awkward calendar timing and other events. The Fourth of July holiday precludes the event for July. Movie Night in the park is Aug. 5. In September the first Friday is at the start of the Labor Day Weekend, and the wine tasting falls on Oct. 8, the day after the first Friday.

No August Viewpoint

The Viewpoint editors and reporters take a break in July so there is no neighborhood newspaper for August.

The Viewpoint will resume publication in September. The deadline for that issue is Aug. 15.

Notes from June 1st meeting

Board discusses trees, budget and senior center’s open house

Revised Tree Ordinance

Board member **Dan Pskowski** reported that the revised tree ordinance will go before the City Council on July 19. He said neighborhood associations and other non-profits are opposed to some sections of the ordinance and have formed a coalition called Trees4 Sacramento to get neighbors to ask the Council for changes. SCNA is part of the coalition. Pskowski said the City is trying to make it seem that they are doing more for trees, but the new ordinance ends up doing very little to protect trees and the City’s tree canopy. *(See story on page one.)*

Executive Director’s report

Terri Shettle reported the Big Day of Giving brought in approximately \$7,000 for SCNA, after matching dollars were counted. This was about the same as last year, although staff time was significantly reduced. Terri reported the Tech Lab will be launched in July when sponsors come on board.

Board approves 2016-2017 budget

Terri presented the proposed budget for the year. The Sierra 2 Center is functioning well. The income from rentals is covering building expenses and supporting

SCNA activities that don’t have enough sponsors to break even, such as Music in the Park, the *Viewpoint*, elm tree treatments for park trees, upgrading the website and the annual Egg Hunt. The Board decided to support all these activities, and continue to seek additional sponsors to help with costs. The Board also approved money for a five-year Strategic Plan and a small, informational kiosk in Curtis Park. Funding these items will create a projected budget deficit of \$43,000. The Board voted to use 10 percent of SCNA’s reserve fund to cover the potential deficit. It was noted that last year the Board faced a deficit of over \$29,000, but budget savings meant no reserve funds were used. Board members **Dan Pskowski** and **Bruce Pierini** volunteered to explore developing a tree campaign to fund treating the elm trees in Curtis Park. Board member **Jonathan LaTurner** said he would work to find a sponsor for the Egg Hunt.

Mayoral visits

Board member **Rosanna Herber** arranged for individual visits with each of the mayoral candidates at the Sierra 2 Center. Invitations for the visits were sent to surrounding neighborhoods. In April, Tony Lopez

Next meeting

The next meeting of the SCNA Board will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 6 in the Garden Room at Sierra 2. For more information, call the Sierra 2 office, 452-3005.

spoke to neighbors, while Russell Rawlings dropped out of the race. Last month, Angelique Ashby and Darrell Steinberg came for visits, and drew over 60 people, some from the surrounding neighborhoods of Oak Park, Land Park and Hollywood Park. Questions were direct and lively. Neighbors said they appreciated the chance to informally engage with the candidates.

Standing committees

Facilities: **Terri** reported the budget includes dollars for exterior painting and resurfacing of the parking lot. *Neighborhood Concerns Committee:* Board member **John Mathews** reported that the NCC Committee will be reviewing the plan for the new Raley’s grocery store on Freepoint Boulevard., former home of Capital Nursery. The plan includes several separate commercial buildings, but no gas station.

John said the NCC has no new information about a grocery store for Curtis Park Village.

Dan Pskowski reported that the trees in Curtis Park Village along the Portola Way alley are not being cared for by the developer as required in the existing Tree Ordinance. The fill around the tree is not compliant, and the trees could be negatively impacted. City staff has not responded to SCNA’s letters on this issue, so SCNA hired a certified arborist to document the problem, and formally requested the City take immediate action.

Senior Center

Board member **Angela Mia** reported the SCNA received a grant from the Hart Senior Center for \$3,600 to underwrite the expenses of the week-long Open House at the Sierra 2 Senior Center (July 18-27) that will welcome senior residents from Curtis Park Court in Curtis Park Village to the Sierra 2 Senior Center. SCNA is considering a new name for the Senior Center, although the Committee is reserving the right to keep the name the same.

*Respectfully submitted by
Rosanna Herber, board member*

Sierra 2 Executive Director’s report

Still growing and envisioning activities to lead us into the future

Terri Shettle
Executive director, SCNA

An organization over 35 years old is usually considered established, “mature” and often past growth and development. But at SCNA and Sierra 2 Center, we are still growing, envisioning and adding to our well-established foundation with programs and activities that will lead us into the future.

With the growth in space use at Sierra 2 Center, increased attendance at most events, expansion of classes and greater attendance at the Senior Center, we are experiencing a revival as a cultural hub that has been years in the making. The shift to more events and activities, programs and community gatherings is a natural evolution of the founders’ vision that still inspires us today. This evolution keeps us relevant, interesting, and in demand. And with this shift, comes the opportunity to grow our hard-working staff who continue to dream up ways to enhance, enrich, engage and involve the community.

Staffer Katie Byram is one of those shining stars who brings great ideas, energy, and professionalism to us. Katie has been a Booking Specialist for nearly three years, raising the bar in every way to elevate the product we deliver to visitors and guests. I can think of no better way to recognize a team member of her quality than to give her the reigns to a new position, Program Coordinator, responsible for leading the way for the new Tech Lab, the Senior Center and other programs we envision adding soon.

With Katie’s move, we have also added a new Booking Specialist, Jessie Hinchman. Jessie comes to us from Whitney Ranch Community Association, where she was the activity director. She has a bachelor’s degree in computer information systems and master’s in educational technology. We look forward to all that Jessie will bring to

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our operations, building on the foundation created by Katie, Valerie Burrows, Faith Johnstone and Fran Coletti.

In addition to these changes, we have added a part-time Facility Monitor, Buddy Leland, who has quickly established himself with a fun and happy presence. We will be adding an Operations Manager in July to

assist with day-to-day oversight of daily operations and to assist with the continuing improvements we are making to our services and amenities.

I am proud of what we have accomplished in the nearly seven years I have been involved. I am equally excited about our plans for the future. I welcome all who want to go on the journey with us, as a team member, volunteer, donor, member or an otherwise interested party.

“Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go.” — T.S. Eliot

It takes a village to host the Wine Tasting

The committee responsible for organizing and delivering SCNA’s largest fundraising event, the Wine Tasting & Silent Auction, is looking for dedicated, enthusiastic people to assist with a variety of functions. SCNA relies heavily on the net proceeds from this event, which also provides funding for Bret Harte’s Sly Park trip, McClatchy High School’s HISP program and the Debate Club. The 2016 event will be 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering time and expertise as part of the committee, we are looking for someone to head up the Silent Auction/Raffle, Sponsorships, and

Volunteers. No experience necessary. Just bring your time, energy, and commitment to help Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association/Sierra 2 Center continue the 26-year tradition of great food, great wine and beer, and great fun. Interested in being on the committee but not able to champion the subcommittees above? No problem! Join us anyway. We always need extra people to support the committee and the event. For more information about the committee and the various responsibilities, please contact Events Coordinator, Faith Johnstone, at 452-3005 or faith@sierra2.org.

VIEWPOINT

Neighbors who have an interesting story (news about their babies, new neighbors, milestones and special events) are encouraged to submit ideas or articles to the editor. Please send to jgscheible@hotmail.com with *Viewpoint* in the subject field or call the Sierra 2 office at 452-3005.

Deadline for Viewpoint copy is the 15th of the month prior to publication.

Estate Sales Help Gallery moves in to build retail shop at Fourth and Franklin

By Susan MacCulloch
Viewpoint staff writer

Need help with an estate sale but don't think you have enough treasures for a sale? ESH Gallery can help. Estates Sales Help leased a former turn-of-the-century adobe grocery store earlier this year at the corner of Fourth Avenue and Franklin Boulevard.

Owner Jennie Krausse says the Gallery is "intended as an alternative to in-house estate sales, which we run weekly or bi-weekly around the Sacramento area, when folks do not have enough items for a sale, are in a gated community or simply

are in a rush to empty their home. We offer this option on a buy-out basis when it makes sense to do so."

Krausse has run estate sales for two decades. Prior to this business, she bought out storage auctions, sold at flea and antique markets and had various spaces in malls from the Delta to Antique plaza.

She opted to rent the gallery space, next door to the former Coffee Garden, because she felt this part of Franklin Boulevard has lots of local community. And, "Being near Gunther's Ice Cream is an added bonus as they are so busy," Jennie said. "It feels like you are a part of Sacramento history just by frequenting their business."



Photo/Will Carlton
Owner Jennie Krausse, right, sets up displays with her daughter Sophie Marconi.

The Gallery is at 2900 Franklin Blvd. It is open by appointment only. For more information, call 397-6504, email jennie@jenniekrausse.com or visit www.estatesaleshelp.com/sales.

La Venadita owner Thomas Schnetz is already enjoying a lively dining crowd in a beautifully renovated space in Oak Park.



Neighbors quick to take to La Venadita restaurant

By Ariel Calvert
Viewpoint staff writer

Sacramento recently got very lucky. La Venadita, at 35th Street and Broadway, is owned by Thomas Schnetz, a Sacramento native who returned to bring authentic Mexican food to the community. He's serving it in a comfortable yet beautifully renovated space. Schnetz has years of experience, having already built something of a restaurant empire in the Bay Area, including the acclaimed Doña Tomás, as well as Xolo and Flora, all in Oakland.

Opened the first week of May, La Venadita ("little deer" in Spanish) has been warmly welcomed in the neighborhood. Judging by my first visit, it's already a culinary hit. I visited for lunch on a Saturday, and it was all hustle and bustle. Nevertheless, our party of six received our food quickly, and the attentive service continued throughout our meal. Our server was friendly and efficient. Most importantly, the food was delicious.

The menu is a combination of items you would expect at a Mexican restaurant (albeit composed in more exciting ways) and more options, such as the vampiro taco with al pastor pork, fried cheese, and ranchera salsa or the corn and zucchini pudding. During my visit, our choices ran the gamut — from four different tacos (the vampiro, pescado, carnitas, and shrimp with garlic sauce) to the fundito (a dip with shrimp, tomato/habanero sauce,

and melted cheese).

The carnitas taco — the only crispy taco on offer — was an absolute standout.

The guacamole and chips were extremely fresh and simple but perfect, and the ceviche was something of a revelation. Albacore tuna, tomatoes, chiles, avocado and lime combined with vinaigrette made with chilaca chiles for a dish that was lovely and unexpected.

La Venadita's indoor space is pleasant and the seating is ample. Bar seating and a full bar are offered with many tequila and mezcal options, as well as craft cocktails, including the Carter Beats the Devil (tequila, mezcal, lime, agave and chile tincture), which has won many awards in the Bay Area.

Overall, the ambience, cocktails, and especially the food at La Venadita are not to be missed. La Venadita is open Tuesday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Breakfast and brunch are now being offered (brunch on Saturdays and Sundays only) and happy hour, which is a great time to sample cocktails and appetizers, happens Tuesday through Friday from 3 to 6 p.m.



Craft cocktails come from full bar.

What's new at Sierra 2

By Valerie Burrows
Facility Administrator

Confidence building Dancercise for beginners

YouGotThis! Fitness encourages everyone to have a healthy, happy, active life by offering lower impact, lower intensity programs that even beginners can do. This Easy 8s Dancercise class is held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursdays in Studio 1. It's a step-by-step dance routine with only 8 moves to 8 counts and enough repetition to work up a healthy sweat. Steps are choreographed to a fun country music routine.

The class fee is \$5 for the first class and \$30 for the next four classes.

For more information, contact instructor Shelly Yates at 365-6148

or shelly@yougotthisfitness.com. Her website is www.yougotthisfitness.com.

Doula awareness and education

A doula is a trained birth companion and post-birth supporter. Many doulas will gather from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, July 23 in Room 10 at Sierra 2 for social and informational time about their services.

Guests will be able to enjoy refreshments, see birth skits, win raffle prizes and receive goodie bags. This event is for women, men and their families who are considering hiring a doula. The meeting will also benefit those who want to learn more about doula services.

Space is limited, so preregistration is encouraged at eventbrite.com. For more details, visit www.capitalcitydoulas.com.

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Aug. 5–7

Showtimes:

Friday: 7 p.m.

Saturday: 1, 4 and 7 p.m. & Sunday: 1 and 4 p.m.

Cost: \$12 Adult /\$10 Child (12 and under)

Tickets: www.YoungActorsStage.com



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Desperate for a publicity stunt big enough to help them survive Birdie's departure, Albert and Rose hatch a plan: Send Conrad to small-town America to plant his goodbye kiss on one lucky fan for the world to see. Their selection of super fan Kim MacAfee sends the wholesome town of Sweet Apple, Ohio into chaos. Kim's boyfriend, Hugo, can't take the humiliation of his lady love's televised lip-lock. Rose can't take another minute of Albert's distracted ways. And Sweet Apple can't take its teens' riotous rebellion, inspired by the arrival of bad-boy Birdie.

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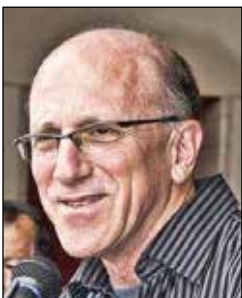
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Schenirer's message

Grateful for Johnson; eager to work with Steinberg

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Jay Schenirer
City Councilmember

In the 2008 and 2012 elections, much of Curtis Park did not support Mayor Johnson, and regardless of your individual opinion of him, Mayor Johnson should get a lot of the credit for the good that has happened. He was an unapologetic and uncompromising leader perhaps at a time when the City needed it most. His focus on the big picture and refusal to accept the status quo forced city staff to work and think differently. He may have changed the office of mayor forever. However, as the sun sets on Mayor Johnson's tenure, I believe the city and the council are ready for new leadership.

On June 7, Darrell Steinberg, a local leader with statewide influence, was elected as our next mayor with 58 percent of the overall city vote and with over 70 percent support in Curtis Park. As someone who has known Darrell for more than 20 years, I'm excited about the focus and attention he will bring to some of our City's most complex challenges, specifically homelessness, youth, and supporting our neighborhoods. Darrell has shown statewide leadership on homelessness and youth issues and success in each of these areas is critical to the long-term success of our city.

I have written before about the work I have done as chair of Mayor Johnson's committee on homelessness. I know that this is one issue that our new mayor will address directly, particularly on the need to create more affordable housing. The City of Sacramento is committed to a Housing First model and has invested in the systems to direct those experiencing homelessness into permanent housing, but for this to be successful we need to build out the system's capacity.

I have also written extensively about the need to better support our young people. Darrell's history here has been stellar, authoring numerous legislative initiatives that brought significant resources to young people across the state. I have also had extensive discussions with our incoming mayor about how to bring energy, attention and resources back to our neighborhoods. These are all goals that we share.

So, as you can tell, I am excited about our new mayor, and look forward to many years working with him to support our City's success. I applaud Mayor Johnson for what he has done for the City. He leaves a broad wake of positive change as his legacy, and we as a council need to remain attentive to maintaining the positive forward momentum. As we transition in to Mayor-elect Steinberg's term, I am renewed with optimism and energy, ready to keep our City moving forward.

Schenirer presents movie night Aug. 5

By Faith Johnstone,
Events coordinator

On Friday, August 5, Councilmember Jay Schenirer will host Movie Night in Curtis Park with support from SCNA. It's a free event.

Neighbors can opt for a dinner prepared by cooks aboard the Slightly Skewed food truck, which will arrive in the park at 6 p.m. Prices will vary.

The movie is the popular "Zootopia."

Schenirer and his staff will serve complimentary popcorn before the film starts at sundown.



Open House: Wine-cheese reception will cap week

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African drums and other fun activities.

There will also be new activities. Sam Soun, a skilled artist and our Sierra 2 chair masseuse, will teach a meditative mandala art class. This is a trial run for a mandala class where participants can have their artwork turned into a collaborative coloring book.

Another new offering is a chair-based fitness class with Allison Sabraw. Allison's chair program is designed to deliver a fun workout with weightlifting, isometrics, and a rockin' balloon-ball game. Other special events include a genealogy presentation by Beth Daugherty (Sacramento Public Library), Summer Succulents with the Garden Club, and April Carni of Support for Home, who will lead a reflective collage activity and a Cooking for 1 or 2 class.

The Open House week concludes with a wine and cheese reception from 2-4 p.m. Friday, July 22. During the reception, there will be a raffle with fun prizes as well as time for reflection and feedback.

The Senior Center Open House receives financial support through a grant from the Ethel MacLeod Hart Trust Fund for Senior Citizens to help promote community outreach, in addition to business sponsorships.

A full schedule of Open House activities is available at the Sierra 2 Senior Center, Room 12, and online at sierra2.org. For more information, call Katie at 452-3005.



Photo/Katie Byram

Seniors learn balance, strength and meditation in this tai chi class with other seniors from all parts of the city.

JULY ACTIVITIES

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

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Fall Prevention

11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Tues./Thurs.
4 classes \$20; 8 classes \$40
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LEISURE

Book Club

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 2nd Monday
July 11: "The Buried Giant"
by Kazuo Ishiguro
Aug. 8: "The Lady in the Van"
by Alan Bennett

Popcorn & Movie

"Magic in the Moonlight"
1:30-3:30 p.m., Third Tuesday
Donation: \$1-3 (includes popcorn)

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 Studio

Noon-3 p.m., Fridays. Room 11

EDUCATION

Garden Club

10-11 a.m., Second Tuesday, Room 9

Beginning Drawing

9-10:15 a.m., July 7 & 28
\$13/drop-in
Patris: 397-8958

CARDS & GAMES

Ginasta

9:30-11:30 a.m., Mondays

Mahjong

10 a.m.-noon, Mondays (not 2nd Monday)

Fun Bridge

1-4 p.m., Thursdays

Pinochle

1-3 p.m., Fridays

WELLNESS PROGRAM

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Healthy Back

4:30-5:30 p.m., Mondays, Studio 1

Yoga + You

11:30-12:30 p.m., Fridays, Studio 3

Chair Massage

2:30-4:30 p.m., Wednesdays, appointment only

Fitness Walking & Lessons

9 a.m., Thursdays
Lessons: punch card; Walking: Free

Tai Chi

10:30-11:15 a.m. Thursdays, Room 12

EVENTS

Potluck

Noon-2 p.m., Last Friday, Room 12

Senior Committee Meeting

3 p.m., Call for date

Open House

9 a.m.-5 p.m., July 18-22
All activities are free this week.
See office for detailed schedule.

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Trees of Curtis Park

SCNA takes action to protect heritage oaks along Portola Way alley

By Dan Pskowski
Viewpoint staff writer

Back in the fall of 2012 it was brought to my attention by a fellow neighborhood tree activist that in the development of the Curtis Park Village site, fill soil would have to be brought in and placed around the valley oaks at the north end of the project site along the Portola Way alley.

Of the 14 heritage oaks in this area, eleven are on the Curtis Park Village site and the rest are in the alley/private property. I walked along the alley, peering south, and immediately understood this neighbor's concerns. It appeared that five feet of fill soil had been added approximately 100 yards to the south.

Why the concern about fill soil? Six inches or more of fill soil within the dripline (outer most tips of the branches) of a tree has negative consequences on tree health. The addition of soil over the

tree's root system excludes oxygen that is necessary for root growth and function. Up to 70 percent of the absorbing roots, which supply water and nutrients to the tree, are in the top 12 inches of the soil. The availability of oxygen affects root growth, health, depth, and mineral absorption. Fill soil can also impede water infiltration and soil drainage leading to drought conditions or waterlogging. In addition, disease agents, including crown/root rot (*Phytophthora sp.*) and oak root fungus (*Armillaria mellea*) are favored under fill soil conditions.

In February 2013, SCNA Board President, Eric Johnson sent a letter, with photos, alerting the City of Sacramento's Urban Forestry section about the potential of fill being placed around the heritage oaks. The Urban Forester acknowledged our concerns. Then in July 2015 two to five feet of fill were placed around the heritage oaks. Eric sent an email updating Urban Forestry, which responded that it was



Five feet of fill soil (note yellow arrows) were placed over the root system of native oaks on Portola Way alley.

Photo/
Dan Pskowski

just rough grading. Since last July the roads and a pedestrian walkway to Portola alley have been constructed.

Concerned that this fill soil is permanent, SCNA hired ABACUS, consulting arborists, to investigate. Their findings indicate that the fill soil is in violation of the City's ordinance Chapter 12.64 Heritage Trees section 12.64.040 Protection of heritage trees during construction activity item c.

Change by more than two feet, grade elevations within thirty (30) feet of the drip line area of a heritage tree.

SCNA is requesting the City of Sacramento enforce the tree ordinance and correct this situation immediately since the fill soil is detrimental to the health and will cause the premature death of these heritage oaks. Let's hope it is sooner rather than later.

Tree ordinance: Key differences remain between City and neighbors

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"I'm very disappointed with sections of this ordinance," Pskowski said. "Many of SCNA's concerns weren't addressed; especially as (they) relate to notification to neighbors on tree removals and justification for taking trees out. I hope we can still get changes."

SCNA Board President Eric Johnson said the SCNA Board supports Pskowski's concerns and wants the City Council to modify several policies at the July 19 Council meeting. Johnson's letter to the Council is on the SCNA website.

This summary highlights the key disagreements between City staff and the SCNA and the Trees4Sacramento coalition.

Transparency for tree removals

Initially staff proposed a 10-day notice for tree removals. At the Law and Legislative hearing, Councilmember Harris amended the ordinance to a 15-day notice. SCNA wants a 30-day notice, which has been

the City's policy for 25 years. Staff recommends no longer contacting the property owner or neighbors within 500 feet of a "private protected tree" scheduled for removal because of budget constraints. Staff also does not want the ordinance to require posting tree removal information online, saying it costs staff time.

SCNA wants more transparency for tree removals, and sees no reason not to reinstate the 30-day notice period. Johnson's letter also asks that the ordinance require mailing a letter to the property owner and to neighborhood associations about proposed tree removals as well as posting proposed tree removals online. Harris said he is sympathetic to staff's budget concerns, but supports transparency.

Clear factors must be used to justify tree removals

Instead of having the Parks and Recreation Commission decide on appeals for tree removals not related to development projects, staff proposes

a City director make these decisions. (Tree removal appeals for development projects would go before the Council, which would delegate decisions to a hearing officer.)

Pskowski said giving the City director this new authority makes it much easier to remove individual trees for development. Pskowski said there should be clear guidelines the City director must use to issue tree removal permits. If poor health or potential structural damage caused by tree roots is the reason for tree removal, the Trees4 Sacramento coalition wants the City director to provide a certified report documenting that there is no reasonable alternative.

Harris said members of the Parks Commission are not qualified to decide on tree removals. He agreed there should be justification for tree removals.

Accountability for removal of trees

Pskowski and the Trees4-Sacramento coalition urge the Council to require the City director to contract with an independent certified arborist

for an independent review for non-emergency tree removals. The coalition also wants the ordinance to state that, "Tree permits are not transferrable and may not be issued until a building permit is pulled and financing for the project is assured."

Finally, before the City director can approve removal of a tree, the coalition wants the City director to verify that the tree is neither a mitigation tree nor a tree that was previously required as part of a project approval.

Harris said he would ask staff to comment on this new language. He further said the revised Tree Ordinance provides funding for a Master Plan for Sacramento's tree canopy, and adds protection for 20,000 more trees in parks and right-of-ways.

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CONVENIENT CURTIS PARK LOCATION

Curtis Fest Aug. 28 draws artists, performers, children

By Faith Johnstone
Events Coordinator

SCNA works year-round to enhance life in the region by promoting the arts. This year more than 50 artists will display their work from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 28 at the 10th annual Curtis Fest at the north end of Curtis Park. While viewing the art, visitors will be able to hear live music and eat from gourmet food trucks Mama Kim’s and Culinerdy. The event is free and open to the public.

Children can enjoy activities in the Kids Zone, including a petting zoo and a magical fairy.

New to Curtis Fest this year is the Resolute Hoop Troupe, which will perform interpretive dance routines using hula hoops in addition to providing informal instruction for those interested in participating.

Two hours after the Fest closes, the summer’s final Music in the Park concert will begin in the park.

Curtis Fest is made possible by the Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association with support from Renewal by Anderson.

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



Photo/Judy Harper

A magical fairy face paints a child's face at a previous Curtis Fest event.

Three new businesses open in Curtis Park

Two clothing shops and a newly purposed thrift shop recently opened in Curtis Park. The *Viewpoint* expects to visit them before the end of the year, but here’s a heads up for summer.

At the corner of 21st and First Avenue, Debra Wirth opened a dress shop in the home of the former Delta Workshop. Passersby on 21st Street will spot the rich purple exterior walls and a few colorful dresses on sidewalk racks.

During a recent stop one customer was getting her makeup done and another was trying on a stylish long dress with fringe. Debra’s phone is 916 573-3856.

On 24th Street just north of Second Avenue is

Fashion Surge, a dress shop with more inventory than first appears from the street. Inside are several rooms full of clothing for daytime, evening and play time. There are also plus sizes. The sales rep said the shop is an outgrowth of an online business.

The re-purposed thrift shop on 21st Street, Free Will Upscale Thrift & Boutique, is run by a nonprofit group that supports programs for homeless people and for animals needing a paw up. The group also has a shop in Folsom. Rich and Darlene Biss run the 21st Street location. The shop is clean and well organized. They accept donations. The phone number is 916 495-0528.

Primary vote: Democrats record 62 percent

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with the remaining 20 percent split among 32 other candidates.

Rep. Doris Matsui had her normal strong showing, taking 77 percent of the vote. Bob Evans was a distant second with 10 percent of the vote.

As usual, Curtis Park residents’ participation in the June 7 primary election was much higher than the county average. Based on ballots counted the day after the election, 43 percent of the neighborhood’s 3,883 registered voters cast ballots (versus 28 percent in Sacramento County).

However, a significant number of mail-in ballots remained to be counted after June 10, and the final Curtis Park turnout is expected to rise above 50 percent when all votes from the neighborhood’s precincts are tallied.

In terms of voter registration, Curtis Park remains a Democratic stronghold. Sixty-two percent of neighborhood voters are registered Democrats and 12 percent are registered Republicans. Neighbors with no party preference comprise 21 percent of voters, while the remaining 5 percent are split among the American Independent, Green, Libertarian and Peace and Freedom parties.

Complete election results, including the most recent precinct level tallies, are at the Sacramento County Election web site: www.elections.sacounty.net.

Note that the SCNA area has three voting precincts that are each divided by how one votes. The boundaries are the same. Our precinct numbers for voting by mail are 44206, 44372 and 44310, and for voting in person, 8044209, 8044372 and 804431.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Career move brings neighbor to Castro Way

Kris Gregor, a Tahoe City native, recently moved to Sacramento after taking a job with Sutter Memorial’s Cardiac Catheterization Lab. For 16 years she as an emergency room and flight nurse. When Gregor was offered the job, she checked out Folsom, Midtown and Land Park before choosing Curtis Park. She is renting a home on Castro Way.



Photo/Carol Blackman

Kris Gregor and her dog Aggie have settled in on Castro Way.

“I didn’t care for Folsom and Midtown was very noisy at night,” said Gregor. “Land Park was okay, but when I drove through Curtis Park, I knew it was for me. I loved the trees and flowers, the library boxes out in front of homes, and everyone seemed to be walking a dog.”

Gregor is joined by her dog, Agador Spartacus (a.k.a. Aggie), who is named after a character in the movie “Birdcage.” Agador is a rescue dog, and never had to be on a leash growing up in Tahoe. Now this shy, black Doberman mix, is reluctantly learning how to wear a collar and adjust to life on a leash in Curtis Park. You can find Aggie and Kris playing ball some mornings at the Green at Sierra 2.

— Rosanna Herber

Curtis Park coming to HGTV

Sixth Avenue’s Janice Fitch and Allen Wang will be featured on “Hunting Vintage” July 11.



Curtis Park’s historic homes will be featured on the July 11 episode of HGTV’s Hunting Vintage, a spinoff of House Hunters. The episode will follow new neighbors Allen Wang and Janice Fitch as they search for a home in the Curtis Park area. Viewers will find out which house they selected when the show airs at 10 p.m. July 11.

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Fountainhead Brewing Co. opens at 24th St. near Panama Pottery

By Craig McCulloch
Viewpoint staff writer

Curtis Park is lucky to have four breweries within a short biking distance. The newest one, Fountainhead Brewing Company, opened April 1. It's at 4621 24th St., just south of Panama Pottery.

All the beers they serve are brewed on site. Currently there are seven beers on tap with variety to suit a number of palates. Panama Red, an Imperial Red style, is a salute to the long standing pottery manufacturing neighbor. Other brews include a stout, a porter, an India Pale Ale and a couple of pale ales. The alcohol content ranges from 5.4 percent for the Belgian Blonde ale to 9.8 percent for the Panama Red. Their beers are \$5-\$6 per pint, and a "flight" of four 5-oz. glasses to taste several varieties is \$8.

The brewery has a machine available to make one 32 oz. can of beer — a "Crowler" — with any of

its brews, allowing customers to take home a very fresh beer to enjoy later.

In front of the main door is a spacious outdoor patio with wooden picnic tables and umbrellas for shade, and a ping pong table. More tables are inside the tap room, which has a large wooden bar. The location is a former auto mechanic shop that had been in the family, with large roll-up garage doors left in place.

One of the owners, Mark Bojescu, said planning for the brewery started about two years ago with site modifications needed for additional plumbing for the brewing process. The head brewer, Daniel Moffat, is a co-owner.

The tasting room is open Thursdays through Sundays with hours varying each day. Food is available from a variety of food trucks that park along the curb. A list of scheduled food trucks and tasting room hours is on their web site: www.fountainheadbrewingco.com.



Photo/Will Carlton

At the bar are Fountainhead owners Daniel Moffat, the head brewer, left, and Mark Bojescu serving the newest neighborhood micro-brews.

Fortune Chinese Food is a surprise hit with large portions and all-smiles service

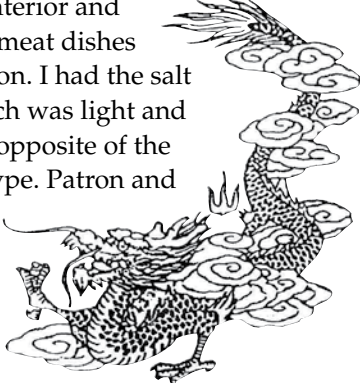
By Janice Fitch
Viewpoint staff writer

Some people say all Chinese takeout food is the same. Not true. Chinese takeout in Scotland resembles spaghetti noodles drowned in oil, and even some Sacramento standbys have deteriorated in quality over the years.

Now for Fortune Chinese Food at the corner of Franklin Boulevard and 12th Avenue. Fortune is a new entry on the takeout scene in the Yum Yum Donuts plaza. This unassuming takeout joint is mostly kitchen — with four tables. It opened this spring to a skeptical public. The location previously housed Combo King Express, which never entered

the good graces of the Curtis Park community despite its delivery service.

Fortune Chinese Food doesn't offer delivery but it's winning over Curtis Park residents with its large portions, tidy interior and friendly service. The meat dishes are particularly spot-on. I had the salt and pepper fish, which was light and delicately crispy, the opposite of the Chinese food stereotype. Patron and Curtis Park resident Brandy Brizuela commented, "the food isn't greasy or heavy."



The orange chicken and beef with snow peas were also above average in quality and served in huge portions stuffed into Styrofoam to-go boxes. If you have 20 minutes and \$40, you can feed a small army.

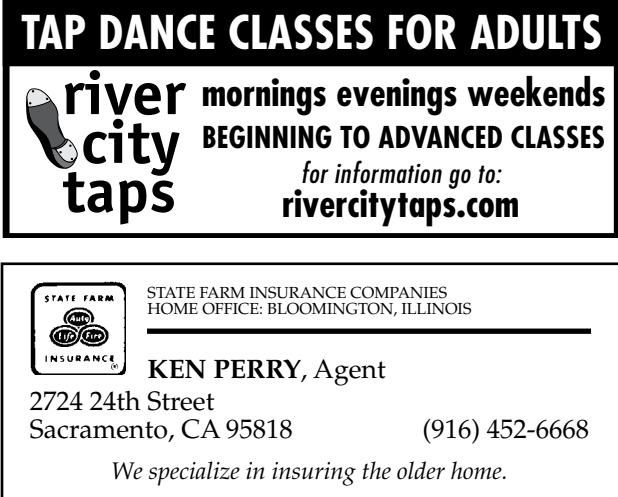
Less impressive were the appetizers and vegetarian dishes. Egg rolls were crispy outside, but mushy inside, and pot stickers were doughy. Fried rice and chow mein are solid orders for vegetarians, but the restaurant's best dishes are decidedly meat-centric.


Many neighbors have commented on the friendly service they received, and my experience was no exception. Fortune Chinese Food stands to benefit from a sense of place that would make it a truly great neighborhood haunt. The addition of a photo wall of satisfied customers or a stack of local publications for people waiting on their orders would give this restaurant the neighborhood feel it needs to go from a good Chinese takeout restaurant to a beloved mainstay.

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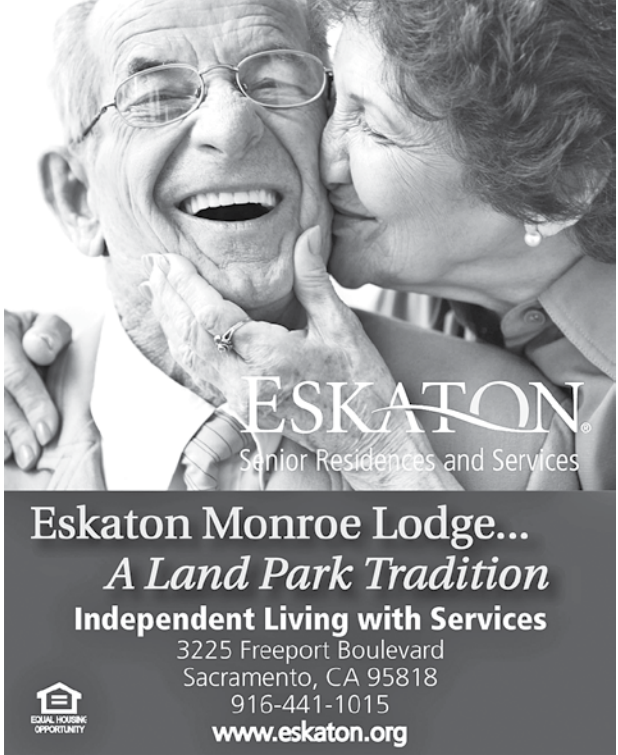


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