

Wine Tasting event revenue expected to reach \$50,000

Viewpoint Staff

Nearly 500 people attended the 26th annual Wine Tasting, Silent Auction and Beer Garden at Sierra 2. With the combination of ticket sales, sponsorships, neighborhood dinners and silent auction items, SCNA expects revenue to reach \$50,000.

Attendees enjoyed lots of great food, wine and beer while bidding on more than 120 silent auction items. The raffle drawing for a wine cooler and 24 bottles of wine brought in \$1,400.

Seats remained available for an Italian dinner with Tom and James on Nov. 12, Curtis Park Craft Beer Crawl on May 6, Curtis Park Wine Bar on May 13, and Poker Night with Kris and Emmett on June 24. To purchase tickets, call 452-3005.

The Wine Tasting committee will discuss funding allocations for the additional beneficiaries



Photo/Will Carlton

Taylor's Kitchen attracted many Wine Tasting attendees to sample appetizers.

and will send its recommendations to the board after receipts and expenses are reconciled.

Special thanks are offered to the committee members who created a great event: Robyn Bergman, Paul Bergman, Joanne Crosta, Steve Crosta, Joan Lehman and Dennis Gunvalson.

Plans for drainage from Curtis Park Village still unclear at Portola Way alley

By Andrea Rosen
Viewpoint Staff

Two summers ago, the fence separating the northern border of the Curtis Park Village development and the Portola Way alley was demolished without notice to permit grading of the residential parcels slated for the northern edge of the development. Vegetation that had absorbed large amounts of rain and harbored myriad wild creatures was also removed.

Since the fence was removed, lots backing onto the alley have been graded according to city-approved grading plans. Neighbors recently learned that those grading requirements left the back portions of the lots draining into the alley. The lots are raised above alley elevation, further exacerbating anticipated drainage into the alley.

The immediate question about how the impending rainy season's rains would be drained is still unanswered and pending before the city and

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City rejects Fifth Avenue traffic calming again

By John Mathews
Viewpoint Staff

Over the past 11 years, residents of Fifth Avenue between Franklin Boulevard and 24th Street have repeatedly asked the city for traffic-calming measures.

They will have to wait at least a little longer. The City Traffic Department recently did a speed and car count and rejected the residents' request. "At this time, the data collected does not show a need for traffic-calming measures for Fifth Avenue," said city traffic investigator Eric Poon.

What the city rejected was a petition for traffic calming signed by 74 percent of Fifth Avenue's households. The petition requested speed lumps, a designated Class II bike lane, signs limiting

the size of trucks, a new stop sign at 27th Street, and a traffic circle at 26th street. The goals were to reduce speeding, mitigate expected increases in traffic volume by installing the same types of traffic-calming devices existing on other Curtis Park streets, mitigate expected increases in commercial truck traffic, and provide a safe lane for bicyclists.

The petition was supported by the Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association.

Residents said they want Fifth Avenue to remain a safe travel corridor for bicyclists and pedestrians within and outside our neighborhood. "I see first-hand the importance of Fifth Avenue for Curtis Park and Oak Park school kids, including my own son who bikes with his friends to California

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Two Rivers Cider opens nearby taproom

By Craig McCulloch
Viewpoint Staff

Two Rivers Cider opened a taproom in June about two blocks south of Sutterville Road at 4311 Attawa Ave. (a small street off 16th Avenue). The taproom provides a comfortable setting for sampling their hard cider products. Signs showing either an apple core or a round apple provide directions to the taproom from 24th Street south of Sutterville Road.

The owner of Two Rivers Cider, Vince Sterne, recently celebrated the company's 20th anniversary of brewing cider. Ten varieties of cider are on tap with a mixture of different apple varieties and

other fruit juices such as pomegranate, huckleberry, peach and berry.

Samples of their ciders were available at the SCNA Wine Tasting for neighbors to try out.

"All of our products are based on fresh pressed apple juices with no concentrates or sugar added," Sterne explained. Most of the apple juice comes from Barsotti Ranch in Apple Hill, with one cider variety sourced from Sonoma County and another from New Hampshire.

Hard apple cider typically has a low percentage of alcohol (4-6 percent) and

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First Friday dinner returns Nov. 4

The First Friday dinner resumes Nov. 4 after a four-month hiatus.

The event will be from 6 to 8 p.m. in Curtis Hall at the Sierra 2 Center. It is open to the public and is a great way neighbors can reconnect.

It's All About You Catering will return with a choice of penne pasta and meatballs or cheese tortellini in Milano sauce. Servings include green salad and bread.

Adult meals will be \$8 and child portions will be \$4. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be sold separately. Seasonal craft beers will be available for purchase.

SCNA annual member meeting set for Nov. 10

The annual membership meeting to elect board members will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10 in Curtis Hall.

An overview of Sierra 2's financial report is on page 8.

The agenda includes the president's report, executive director's report, a presentation from Sacramento Children's Home and the election of board members.

There will be a "Get to know your neighbors" reception with beer and wine.

Tickets go on sale at the end of November for the 3rd annual Crab Feed



Angel Tree coming to Sierra 2 lobby soon

Sierra 2 Center will participate in the Salvation Army Angel Tree program for the third year in a row. Last year the community served 200 children and received an award for outstanding service. Sierra 2 Center hopes to serve even more children this holiday season.

Angel tags will be available beginning Nov. 14 at the tree in the lobby of Sierra 2 Center. Each tag represents a specific child and lists a few items the child would like. Gifts should be returned unwrapped to the Sierra 2 Center office by Dec. 7 so they can be picked up for distribution.



Photo/Craig McCulloch

At left, Brook Hiatt, Two Rivers Cider tasting room manager, with owner Vince Sterne.

Notes from Oct. 5th meeting

Board endorses redistricting commission ballot measure

Action Item

John Mathews reported the League of Women Voters had asked to add SCNA to a list of supporters of Measure L. While SCNA is not a political body, this is consistent with past actions involving issues affecting the neighborhood. The board unanimously approved support for Measure L, which would amend the city charter to create an independent commission to redraw City Council district boundaries.

The Neighborhood Concerns Committee chair requested a letter from SCNA to the city to support traffic calming, which has been under way for 11 years. Some streets that were not as impacted by Curtis Park Village development were given traffic calming, but Fifth Avenue’s request was rejected (*see story on page one*). The board unanimously approved a motion to support traffic calming measures and a letter to the city regarding Fifth Avenue.

Discussion Items

Lori Harder and **Steffan Brown** were welcomed to the SCNA board by unanimous vote.

Website project update: Digital Gear of Rancho Cordova has been hired to create Sierra 2/SCNA’s new website. **Heather** is gathering documents, photos and letters from community members for a dynamic, vibrant site. She is also setting up a

framework of how the site will work.

Wine tasting event update: About 450 attendees were expected this year with 23 food vendors and local wineries. The event is financially on target to meet goals. SCNA board members donated a 21-bottle wine refrigerator.

The annual membership meeting takes place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10. Five board members will be on the ballot. Beer and wine will be served.

President’s Report

Eric Johnson confirmed that a strategic plan for SCNA will be completed by September 2017. **Andrea Rosen** will take the lead and has started drafting a request for proposals for facilitators. She will bring the draft to the board’s November meeting.

Executive Director’s Report

Terri Shettle provided an update about the new hire, **Terry O’Flaherty**, for the new position of operations manager. O’Flaherty is a former manager of Old Soul Co. and a current board member of Woodland Opera House.

Standing Committees

TREASURER’S REPORT

Joe Eschleman reported the balance sheet is consistent with the overall plan. The timing of some expenditures in specific months shows up at odd times which are

Next meeting

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

usually anomalies. Donations show grant income that was budgeted but not received because the Tech Lab is awaiting repairs to the cottage. Since the cottage needs ADA upgrades (up to \$75,000) to hold classes of more than 15 people, upgrades are required. If the city can’t get funding for the ADA upgrades, the cottage will need to be used for something other than the Tech Lab. **Terri** and **Katie** are working on a new business model for the Tech Lab.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS

Andrea Rosen reported on the Portola Way alley issue. The city and the Curtis Park Village developer worked together to create zoning level entitlements. There was no notice before workers started cutting down heritage trees and tearing down the fence protecting the Portola Way alley along with the vegetation and trees attached to the fence.

A dozen people met with city employee Cezar Perez and discovered the developer had not submitted a plan. If the developer decides to connect Curtis Park Village homes with Portola Way alley access, he will need to develop

the alley and include drainage. The city conducted a drainage study, but no notice or summary was provided to any Curtis Park neighbors. The developer was required to install small drains. Andrea is asking the city to develop a drainage plan, being mindful of the few trees remaining (*see story on page one*).

PERSONNEL

The committee now meets on a monthly basis. An appropriate rest area for employee breaks was discussed and an area identified. The Personnel Committee will facilitate staff exit interviews.

SENIOR CENTER

Angela Mia reported that attendance is increasing and being tracked. New committee member **Deb** volunteered to be a liaison to Curtis Park Court. She will deliver copies of the *Viewpoint* to Crocker Drive residents. The annual appeal was moved from February to December.

The December craft fair will include artisans from Curtis Fest. This will be a combined Sierra 2 and Senior Center event. Name suggestions to replace “Senior Center” are ongoing. Recent suggestions include Curtis Park Vitality Center for Seniors, Leisure Center and Freetimers Club.

— Kate Van Buren, board secretary

Executive director’s report

Last chance to cast vote at Sierra 2?

I considered having my column this month consist of nothing but the word “Vote” repeated 400 times, but rejected that in favor of a more nuanced approach. “Please Vote” times 200 and “For Heaven’s Sake, Vote” times 100 were similarly dismissed.

Many of you reading this will have already voted by mail, and due to this phenomenon, it is quite likely that this is the last chance anyone in Curtis Park will have to vote in a presidential election at the Sierra 2 Center.

Governor Brown signed SB 450 in late September, giving preference to vote by mail, and allowing counties to consolidate and eliminate the vast majority of polling places. Instead, there will be voting centers that may be open up to 10 days prior to Election Day, where you can drop off ballots.

All this makes me a little sad. I will miss bringing my kids with me to show democracy in action. I will miss the little thrill of wearing my “I voted” sticker. I will miss feeding my ballot into the machine, and the inevitability of giving the poll worker the wrong choice of “Curtis Park A” or “Curtis Park B.”

Speaking of poll workers, the folks you see do

ERIC JOHNSON
SCNA Board President



yeoman’s work. The day starts at 6 a.m., and they go until 10 p.m. or later. Their diet on Election Day consists of Cheez-Its, Pepsi and maybe a burrito, if they’re lucky. Compensation is \$125 for the day, which works out to minimum wage ... in 2007.

They take their jobs very seriously: At no time are the

ballots in the presence of less than two people. Folks who wear political shirts have to turn them inside out before they can proceed. Any inconsistencies are double- and triple-checked. And then they drive everything down to the county offices, where hundreds of cars and volunteers converge to drop off thousands of ballots.

In 2018, all that will be gone, a victim of today’s on-the-go lifestyle.

If you haven’t yet cast your ballot by mail, I implore you to exercise your right as a U.S. citizen to vote in person.

Even if you have already voted, swing by Sierra 2 on Nov. 8 to remind yourself what it’s really all about. I’ll be there — it was impossible to turn down this last opportunity to work at a polling place during this historic election. If you’re lucky, I might even give you a bite of my burrito.

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What's new at Sierra 2

By Valerie Burrows
Facility Administrator

A symphonic tasting fundraiser

Enjoy an evening of entertainment, unlimited desserts, wine and soft drinks at the Camellia Symphony Orchestra's fundraiser from 4-7 p.m. on Nov. 5 in Curtis Hall. Members of the orchestra will perform live chamber music as guests mingle and view the fantastic items on display for silent and live auctions. This fundraiser supports Camellia Symphony in its 54th season. Tickets are \$25 with beverages sold separately. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 929-6655 or visit camelliasymphony.org.

Learn ballet at any age

The Sacramento Academy of Dance ballet school offers classes for ages 5-teen weekdays in Studio 1. Instruction is grounded in the Cecchetti Method, which has produced many of ballet's greatest dancers, including Pavlova and Nijinsky.

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If you want shade, when should you plant a shade tree?

A federal benefits workshop hosted by Robin Hood Financial takes place from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 17 in Room 9. Presenter Lonnie Hood, a chartered federal employee benefit consultant, will cover aspects of federal benefits as they relate to retirement.

This workshop is free to federal employees and is beneficial for all ages, whether at the beginning, middle or end of a career. For information, call Robin at 709-1344 or www.RobinHoodFinancial.net.

Irish dance for fun or performance

Whelan-Kennelly Irish Dance Academy classes provide an environment for children and adults to learn to celebrate the culture and heritage of Irish dance. Instructor Patricia Kennelly is an accredited Irish dance teacher with the Irish Dancing Commission in Dublin, and president of the Irish Dance Teacher Association of the Western U.S. region. Classes are held on Mondays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for beginners; 4:30-5:30 p.m. for novice; and 5:30-7 p.m. for championship, all in Studio 1.

Students can participate in competitive events, as well as perform at private receptions and musical events. To learn more and enroll, call Patricia at (415) 665-0554.

Kudos to Wine Tasting, Silent Auction & Beer Garden sponsors



Curtis Way's Mimi Budd with yummy fruit kebab from Tower Cafe.

By Terri Shettle
Sierra 2 executive director

As we wrap up the 26th annual Wine Tasting, Silent Auction and Beer Garden event, let's acknowledge the major sponsors who make it possible.

Cook Realty has been a sponsor at some level for most of the event's 26 years and has served as the presenting sponsor for more than a decade. The financial support from the Cook Realty team over the years has had a significant positive effect on SCNA's stability and for this event's other beneficiaries.

Special mention also goes to Vince McDonald of McDonald Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning. McDonald's sponsorship of the beer garden almost since its inception six years ago has enabled SCNA to make the beer garden a great part of the event experience with special glasses and a dedicated tent area.

Joseph Eschleman of Wells Fargo Advisors calls "investing marketing dollars in supporting my local neighborhood a veritable win-win." Eschleman has supported the Wine Tasting event for seven years.

Melissa Heede, once a member



Photos/Judy Harper

Portola Way's Andrea Rosen, left, with 27th Street's Alyssa Ghiradelli.

of the Wine Tasting committee, has been a Merlot sponsor for three years now. This was a big step up, adding much needed funding for supplies, especially the napkins.

Rounding out the Merlot sponsor level are Steffan Brown Realty and Grateful Dog Daycare. Both returning sponsors made a strong commitment to SCNA and the event this year by moving up a couple of levels in sponsorship.

"Investing marketing dollars in supporting my local neighborhood is a veritable win-win."

— Joseph Eschleman

Supporting sponsors include Bay Alarm, Paloma Begin, Bouey Termite, Larry Easterling of Cook Realty, Councilmember Jay Schenirer and Genevieve Shiroma.

In-kind sponsors include A Leap Ahead IT, Commerce Printing and Pangaea Bier Café.

By supporting our sponsors, neighbors enable them to continue supporting SCNA and Sierra 2 Center.

Call for 'Little Free Library' photos

Viewpoint staff know of several "Little Free Libraries" in front of homes in Curtis Park, and we're curious to see how many we have throughout our neighborhood.

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Thea Krause with her Girl Scout troop set up Juliette's Book Box, a "Little Free Library," near the office at Sierra 2 last year.

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Craft fair at Sierra 2 to offer unique holiday gifts



By Katie Byram
Special to Viewpoint

Get a start on your holiday shopping list at the Holiday Craft Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10 at Sierra 2 Center.

The Craft Fair will feature vendors with handmade jewelry, soaps, ceramics, fiber arts, items for the home and garden. This is a chance to find unique holiday gifts and personal treasures. Many items have been donated by local businesses and participating artists for raffle prizes.

All proceeds from this event benefit the Sierra 2 Senior Center, which plans to expand its activities in 2017. One new program will be "Lunch & Learn," which will combine lunch with presentations on topics such as

Schenirer's message

City must invest in youth to prevent future problems

A series of tragic deaths from police use of force brought a discussion of race to the forefront nationally this year. What is the relationship between a police department and a community? What type of policing does a community want? And, what are the proper mechanisms for accountability? These are fair questions, but for me there is another question: How do we address the issues of inequality and equity of the resources our children need to be successful?

When the riots occurred in Ferguson, Mo., we said it could not happen here. Today, I am not so sure. A tide of emotion has swelled up in neighborhoods around the city that have similarities to challenges faced in Ferguson and other cities where the divide between communities of color and the police have been exposed and widened.

In recent weeks, fathers and mothers have testified before City Council of their fears about neighborhood safety and the rift between them and the Police Department. They expressed a feeling of a lack of respect by the police for residents. This is obviously a complicated and sensitive issue, deeply rooted in the social injustices of the past.

If we are to meet this challenge in a constructive way, we must look for commonality in our humanity. The Council has heard the community's pleas and seeks solutions to improve the relationships between the community and the Police Department. We are considering a number of changes in policy, specifically around use



City Councilmember
Jay Schenirer

budgeting, genealogy, nutrition and self-care. The Senior Center Garden Club will offer workshops and fun planting projects with succulents and more. The Senior Center will start partnering with tech specialists to provide computer and technology classes tailored to the needs and interests of older adults.

Admission to the Craft Fair is free; families are welcome. Frenchy's Waffles will be selling warm Belgium waffles with a variety of sweet toppings like Nutella, strawberries and bananas. Freshly brewed coffee and hot cider from Espresso Metro will be available as well. There is free parking in the lots on Fourth Avenue and Castro Way, as well as street parking along Fourth Avenue and 25th Street. For questions about the event or vendor space, call the Sierra 2 office at 452-3005.

of force. We will provide funding for additional training for police officers, and establish a police oversight commission.

This is an important issue, and I hope the changes the Council is working on will rebuild trust within the community. However, a systemic "fix" is needed to ensure that our next generation of young people has the services and supports needed to be successful in school, career and civic life. If they lack hope, feeling they have nothing to lose and act in accordance with that feeling, we will never have the Sacramento that I know we all desire.

My focus has been and will continue to be increasing the support for young people in our community. There are three facets to this discussion – the programs provided by the city, the quality of those programs, and the level of resources dedicated to those efforts. As a city, we spend slightly more than 1 percent of the general fund on kids – about \$4 million annually. Services are spread through many departments with no overall goals, framework or evaluation requirements.

This past month I brought a proposed ordinance to the Law and Legislation Committee to change that. The proposed ordinance also would create the Sacramento Children's Fund to address the resource aspect of the equation. The fund would get revenue from the city's tax on the cultivation and manufacturing of cannabis. It would be used for programs such as job training and internships, after-school programs, and other supports and services to ensure the success of our young people.

All of Sacramento's children deserve the same opportunity. I hope you will join me in ensuring that outcome. Working together, we can solve today's problems and prevent tomorrow's.

Cider: A unique taste that can be dry, not sweet

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tastes distinctly different than the cider traditionally served at Thanksgiving. For some, it is an acquired taste that can be dry and not overly sweet with an apple aroma present in the glass. The additional juices can provide either pronounced or subtle changes in the flavorings. One variety was made with hops, which imparted more of a beer-like flavor.

Preparation of cider follows a similar process to wine-making. No initial boiling is needed as in beer making.

Yeast is added to the juice before it goes into the stainless steel tanks for fermentation. Some varieties are aged in French oak barrels previously used for aging wine for an additional flavor complexity. A filtration step removes the yeast near the end of production.

Besides the new taproom, Two Rivers Cider can be found in bottles at Curtis Park Market, at Pangaea Bier Café, or on tap at Dad's Kitchen.

For more information and a map, visit www.tworiverscider.com.

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

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4 classes \$20; 8 classes/\$35
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11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., 2nd Monday
Nov. 14: "Everything I Never Told You" by Cynthia Ng
Dec. 12: "The Tsar of Love and Techno," by Anthony Marra

Nonfiction Book Club

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., 3rd Thursday

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"Big Fish"
1:30-3:30 p.m., 3rd Tuesday
Donation: \$1-3 (includes popcorn)

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1-3 p.m., 2nd Monday of the month

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Patris: 397-8958

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

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9 a.m., Thursdays
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Tai Chi

10:30-11:15 a.m., Mondays in Studio 3 and Thursdays, Room 12

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AARP Driver Safety Program

9 a.m.-1 p.m., Nov. 14 & 15, Room 10
Fee: \$15 (AARP members), \$20 (non-members)
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Trees in Curtis Park

Revised city ordinance removes ‘heritage’ tree designation

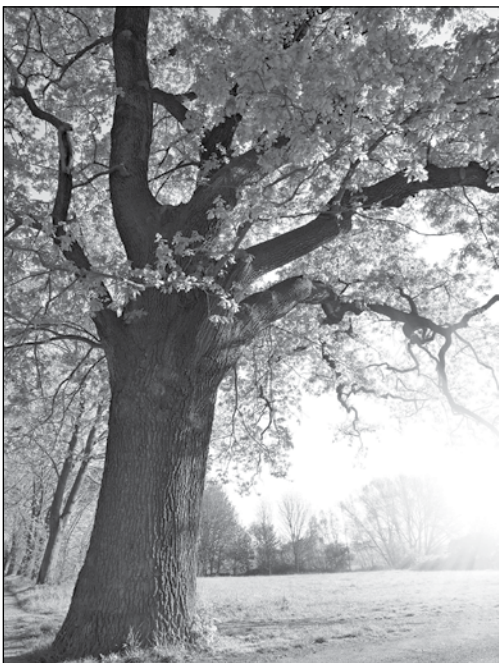
By Dan Pskowski
Viewpoint Staff

Trees on private property are now addressed in a single tree ordinance that addresses all urban forestry policies.

“The revised ordinance eliminates the historical weight of the term ‘Heritage Tree’ and replaces it with the less evocative, colorless ‘Private Protected Tree,’” said SCNA President Eric Johnson.

For single-family residences and duplexes, native trees with a diameter of 12 inches or greater are considered private protected trees. These include valley oak, blue oak, interior live oak, coast live oak, California buckeye and California sycamore.

Additionally, all other tree species with a diameter of 32 inches or greater and any tree designated by City Council resolution



Photo/On file

Tree species with a diameter of 32 inches or greater and any tree designated by City Council resolution to have special historical value, special environmental value, or significant community benefit now fall under the private protected definition.

to have special historical value, special environmental value, or significant community benefit fall under the private protected definition.

A tree’s diameter is measured by its trunk at 4½ feet up from grade. Professional arborists use a tape measure calibrated to measure the diameter. A homeowner can also use a regular measuring tape and place it around the tree to measure the circumference. The circumference must be at least 37.68 inches for native trees and 100.48 inches for all other species.

Trees with multiple trunks or ones that are difficult to measure at 4½ feet above grade should have a professional arborist inspect or complete a tree permit application form. The arborist who maintains your trees can readily identify if

any require a city permit. A city arborist will inspect and make the determination.

Permits from Urban Forestry are required to prune or remove private protected trees. Tree permit applications are available online at www.cityofsacramento.org (click Online Services). When Urban Forestry receives the completed application, a city arborist will review and process the permit application. There is a \$50 process fee for tree permits.

The director of the city’s Department of Public Works issues removal permits for private protected trees. Previously, after holding a public hearing, a hearing officer determined if a removal permit should be issued. Another change removes a written notification sent to surrounding residents within 500 feet of the tree proposed for removal.

After the Public Works director issues a removal permit, Urban Forestry will post notice of the permit for 15 days in a conspicuous place on or in the tree’s proximity. The notice will also be listed on the Urban Forestry website, which is still under development.

Any person aggrieved by the director’s decision may appeal to City Council. The appellant must file a written notice of appeal with the city clerk within 15 days of the director’s decision. There will also be an appeal fee which has yet to be determined by City Council.

Questions about private protected trees may be directed to the City Call Center by calling 311 or emailing 311@cityofsacramento.org.

Alley: Back portions of the CPV lots drain into the alley

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the neighborhood.

The alley is owned by the city and is considered a valuable asset. It also is revered for its “country road” feel and is used by many in the neighborhood for recreation.

Last winter, the developer was required to install a single drainage inlet on the alley at its 22nd Street intersection and install snake-like straw bales on a temporary basis. Those devices are now mostly destroyed and dysfunctional.

In late September, a city engineer met with several Portola Way alley neighbors to answer questions and provide an update on the status of the planned alley improvements. At that time, neighbors were told that the developer had informed the city that they did not intend to create alley access to the rear of the 23 lots backing onto the alley. This has not been confirmed in writing, however, and could change.

Neighbors called for the meeting after noticing that workers at the development had placed stakes along the alley. Neighbors learned that the developer had not yet submitted a plan to install the required drainage devices to the city.

Neighbors have asked the city to require the developer to propose an interim storm-water alley management plan that the city could consider and discuss with neighbors. Neighbors are concerned that the current single drainage inlet is insufficient.

Many issues related to alley drainage,

improvements, tree preservation and protection of Portola Way properties from unwanted water by installing effective drainage devices remain to be resolved. SCNA has taken the lead and is supportive of Portola Way neighbors’ efforts to ensure development of this interface between

the city’s alley and the Curtis Park Village development in a way that is fair for all.

SCNA’s Neighborhood Concerns Committee is forming an ad hoc committee to work with the city on addressing both temporary and permanent storm-water drainage plans.

Financial Results for Fiscal Year 2016

SCNA FY 2016	YTD Actual	Annual Budget	Prior Year Actual
Total Income.....	\$805,805.....	\$816,210	\$755,473
Total Expense.....	(\$791,231).....	(\$831,328)	(\$782,349)
Other Income (Expense)	\$6,512.....	(\$2,823)
Net Income (Loss).....	\$21,086.....	(\$15,118)	(\$29,699)

To learn more about the year-end financial results for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and the state of SCNA, attend the annual membership meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, in Curtis Hall at Sierra 2 Center.

— Terri Shettle, Sierra 2 executive director



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1952 Sierra School classmates share memories

By Sandra Barr Ries
Special to Viewpoint

Five members of Sierra School's 1952 sixth-grade class gathered last month in the garden room at Sierra 2 Center for our occasional class reunion.

Suddenly, we were transported back 65 years and once again became the 11- and 12-year-olds we were when we graduated in 1952.

We talked and laughed, giggling over funny events of so long ago. We also wondered at how fortunate we were to still have this bond from our years at Sierra even after we have traveled widely different and divergent paths.

We talked of walking to school in an ever-growing group, struggled to remember our teachers' names and the location of their classrooms, recalled how we looked forward to recess so we could play hop scotch and tetherball, the pride we felt to be selected to be a school crossing guard, and what we had learned in those

We were so fortunate to be raised in such a lovely area and to feel such freedom.

years that stayed with us for life.

Plans for class reunions are usually made around Buddy Stafford Tucker's times in the area to visit her family. She now lives in Washington state.

The garden room apparently used to be the teacher's lounge. Buddy commented that when her mother was a teacher at Sierra, students were never allowed in that room.

We all graduated together from



Photo/Jessie Hinchman

Members of the 1952 Sierra School sixth-grade class are, from left, Buddy Stafford Tucker, Bill Ries (not a class member), Sandra Barr Ries, Linda Lucot Jarvis, Linda Kaiser Williams-Dowling, and Frank Baumgartel shared memories at Sierra 2 last month. Frank holds the sixth-grade class picture, which includes teacher Mrs. Ruess, and the principal, Mr. Nugent.

McClatchy High School in 1958.

Frank said, "I remember the kids I grew up with and have maintained friendships with over the years. We were at Sierra just after World War II, so we were in a changing world. I do know our class was always integrated due to the changes of the neighborhood."

Linda Kaiser Williams-Dowling said, "I have wonderful memories of Sierra School, graham crackers and milk in the court yard, Christmas pageants in the auditorium, our sixth-grade class upstairs with the sun coming in the windows and dear Mrs. Ruess giving us such a wonderful foundation to build our lives."

Linda Lucot Jarvis said it was delightful to gather with people who were gentle and kind to each other and who got along well and had a great

time with memories and laughter.

Our neighborhood was truly more of a village. We were so fortunate to be raised in such a lovely area and to feel such freedom.

When our time was up, we were once again in 2016 — older, wiser and better for what we learned and experienced at Sierra School.

New neighbors on Castro Way

After the birth of their daughter, Emma, in 2014, Molly and Don Ricci relocated to Sacramento where Don grew up.



Photo/Judy Harper

Don and Molly Ricci with daughter Emma.

"Sacramento clearly became the obvious choice since Don's family lives in Land Park," said Molly. The family moved into their Castro Way home in April 2015. "I feel lucky that we found a neighborhood like Curtis Park," adds Molly, "It's such a family-oriented community."

After graduating from USC, Don worked there in the Strength and Conditioning Department. He has continued his career in athletics, became a sports coach and opened Delta Weightlifting in June 2015 to focus on Olympic weightlifting.

Molly is a registered nurse and works in case management from home.

Clarification

The September *Viewpoint* story about wine guru Richard Ebert incorrectly stated the number of years he organized wineries for the Sierra 2 Wine Tasting. His total is 18. For eight of those years he worked with Kevin Schell, former owner of

Taylor's Market, and for one he teamed up with David Berkley. Nine of those years he toiled solo. Although Ebert no longer organizes wines for the Sierra 2 fundraiser, he is still the wine guy for Taylor's Market, a job he has had for a decade and still loves.

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Bret Harte news

New principal seeks strong school community participation

By Fayzah Mughal
Viewpoint staff writer



James Tucker says he was attracted to the job of Bret Harte principal by the need to ensure quality education and strong school community for the students.

"As a school community, we must plan together for the bright future of our school," he says.

One of Tucker's first objectives is to reach out to the School Site Council, English Learner Advisory Committee and the PTA to get them operating consistently together. To do this, the principal must re-engage parents to have true representation in these groups. His open, accessible demeanor and frequent interactions with community members stands to foster a higher level of trust and participation among families.

A former Oak Park Neighborhood Association board member and current Oak Park resident, Tucker has a business degree from Sacramento State University, a teaching credential and a credential in educational leadership and policy.

Tucker has been busy managing a crowd-funding page on GoFundMe.com to ease the substantial financial burden placed upon families by the upcoming sixth-grade trip to Sly Park. So many neighbors have been supportive of this cause



Photo/Gary Tucker

In front of the school, new Principal Tucker greets families dropping off and picking up their students.

— and others like it — that one can't help but feel bolstered by the warm sense of caring that has come to envelope Bret Harte.

The new principal stresses the importance of being embraced by the neighboring community. "I believe in building community with our neighbors,"

Tucker says. "It takes a whole community for us to be supported and mentored to be successful."

Tucker has been in education for 14 years. He was an elementary school teacher, most recently at A.M. Winn Public Waldorf School for four years. In addition to his teaching experience, he was interim principal at James Marshall Elementary School for half a school year.

However, it is his work with the Oak Park Neighborhood Association that spurred him to step into the role of principal at Bret Harte.

"As a resident of East Central Oak Park, I had been on the board of the Oak Park Neighborhood Association for the last year, and by sitting at the OPNA table at the Farmer's Market and attending its monthly meetings, I started learning about Bret Harte," he says. "The attraction to become part of the Bret Harte community as a principal was based on my passion for Oak Park."

The new principal's nuclear family consists of a husband and two beloved dogs, Phoebe and Sidney the Labrador. He also enjoys visiting the Redwoods and the Oregon coastline. While his hobbies include gardening, cycling, cooking and community involvement, Tucker says his claim to fame is his ability of "getting things done."

Tucker can frequently be found in front of the school greeting families during drop-off and pick-up times. He encourages everyone to stop by and say hello.

Fifth Avenue: Neighborhood requests for traffic calming date to 2005

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Middle School and plays league basketball at the Salvation Army in Oak Park," said Meri Miles. "Fifth Avenue is used daily by kids attending nearby schools. This is a justifiable bikeway enhancement right now, but definitely should be done prior to the Crocker Village build out."

Fifth Avenue is the widest residential street in Curtis Park, and the only one connecting to Crocker Village without traffic calming. This avenue is actually wider than Crocker Drive, which has parking on both sides of the street, bike lanes in both directions and two lanes for cars. The new development is expected to create thousands of new

car trips per day, thereby creating a steep increase in traffic on connecting streets.

Neighborhood requests for traffic calming date to 2005, when the city's Neighborhood Traffic Management Program created a traffic-calming committee that examined traffic problems from Fifth Avenue to Sutterville Road, and from Franklin Boulevard to 24th Street. As a result, traffic-calming lumps were installed on Donner Way, Cutter Way, a section of 10th Avenue, East Curtis Way and West Curtis Way. However, the city denied placement of traffic-calming devices on Fifth Avenue and only installed planters at the east and west ends of the street.

In 2010, the Crocker Village project (then known as Curtis Park Village) went before the City Council for a vote. Anticipating a sharp increase in traffic from the new development, traffic mitigation money for traffic calming on Fifth Avenue and Donner Way was expected to be included as part of the project approval. Instead, the city decided it wasn't necessary to set aside money to mitigate the development's anticipated impact.

As one Fifth Ave resident put it, "After 11 years of frustration, neighbors on Fifth Avenue are still determined to push forward for a safer street, not only for themselves, but for all our community that uses this street for bicycling, walking and driving."

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