

Home Tour to feature the South Curtis Oaks Hill subdivision

By Erik Fay
Viewpoint Staff Writer

The annual Curtis Park Home & Garden Tour — held this year on April 26 — is a great opportunity to view some of Sacramento’s finest historic homes. This year’s tour also offers an additional opportunity to learn about the South Curtis Oaks Hill subdivision, its planning, development and its original homeowners. The Curtis Park Heritage Committee is currently developing a new walking tour brochure and presentation on this subdivision that will be among the highlights of tour day.

South Curtis Oaks Hill was the last subdivision to be built in Curtis Park. Planned as an “executive” neighborhood in its day, most of the homes are two stories, over 2,000 square feet, and many were designed

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Shown above is the original 1929 ad in *The Sacramento Bee* for the South Curtis Oaks Hill subdivision featured in this year's Home & Garden Tour. The Spanish Revival style house pictured here at 10th Avenue and Cutter Way is included on this year's tour.

Opening of new road through Curtis Park Village

Special to the Viewpoint
from The Neighborhood Concerns Committee

The Neighborhood Concerns Committee has received an update from the City of Sacramento’s Public Works Department regarding the new road through Curtis Park Village.

This road is scheduled to open in mid- to late April. It will run from the intersection of Fifth Avenue and 24th Street to Sutterville Road. The Public Works Department has talked to the contractor and developer about getting the work done as soon as possible, however there is still considerable work necessary to open Crocker Drive (the new main street through the development).

SMUD must provide power to the new signals, pull all new wiring, then program the signal cabinets. There is still work needed to microsurface and restripe Sutterville Road for the new intersection. Currently, the microsurfacing material is not being produced while nighttime temperatures are too cold for the material to be placed. Microsurfacing cannot be done until late March or April when the material will become available. Also, the current signal at 24th Street must be taken down and a median constructed in Sutterville Road.

Cut water waste with a recirculating hot water pump

Special to the Viewpoint
By Leslie Goodbody

Running the tap for almost five minutes before the hot water finally reached their upstairs bathroom was mostly an inconvenience for Peter and Carol Blackman of 26th Street. But as the notion of a serious drought became reality, they knew they had to take action. Filling buckets for later use in the garden was not a viable option.

Peter did his homework and learned that a recirculating hot water pump was just the solution.

Most older homes have one-way plumbing, so that when the hot water tap is turned on, the water has to travel from the water heater all the way to the tap. The water that got cold sitting in the hot water pipe must completely empty out before



Photo/Carol Blackman

Peter Blackman of 26th Street programs the hot water pump he installed under the bathroom sink.

one can enjoy a hot shower.

This is not the case with a recirculating hot water pump system, which allows you to get hot water within seconds after turning on the tap. And, according to Peter, it’s not that complicated.

The first step is to create a closed loop system at the faucet farthest from the water heater. In the Blackman’s case, this was the upstairs bathroom sink. With this system, a small pump makes hot water flow slowly but continuously from the water heater through the main hot water pipe, then backwards through the cold water pipe

and back into the water heater.

With Peter’s system, he can program when he wants the recirculating pump to kick on (mornings and evenings), so that it doesn’t run continuously, thus, saving energy. This way, you have hot water instantly when you need it without wasting several gallons of precious water. When the recirculating pump is cycled off, the hot and cold water pipes operate as they were originally designed.

The Natural Resources Defense Council estimates that Americans waste 280 million gallons of water each day waiting for hot water to flow from the shower. A recirculating hot water pump system is a simple and inexpensive way to

cut water waste and eliminate the inconvenience of waiting for the shower to heat up. Systems cost anywhere from \$100 to \$500, plus 2–3 hours of handyman time for the installation (Peter installed the system himself). Although it’s not possible to do the math on actual water savings with a recirculating hot water pump until the city starts metering water use in Curtis Park, it helps to know that there are simple and inexpensive ways to do the right thing.

If you have good ideas for conserving or cutting water waste, send them to viewpoint@sierra2.org.



Photo/Joan Cusick

With several other neighbors, Dan Pskowski of Castro Way planted trees in Curtis Park last year.

Join neighbors for the Curtis Park cleanup day on March 8

There will be another William Curtis Park cleanup day from 9 a.m. to noon on March 8.

We will be working in the garden area just north of the tennis courts and playground. New drought tolerant plants will be added and some plants will be moved to shaded areas to help them survive. We will also clean and weed the garden.

To volunteer, please contact NCC@sierra2.org. You will receive an email listing tools to bring.

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Notes from February 12th meeting

Board plans candidate debates; negotiates new lease with the city; works with city and SMUD on alternatives to removing palm trees

Upcoming candidate debates

The Neighborhood Concerns Committee plans to host two candidate debates in the coming months. The first will be for District 5 City Council candidates. At a later date, the committee is planning a forum for candidates for State Assembly District 7 and State Senate District 6, all of which include Curtis Park. Details will be published in the *Viewpoint* at a later time.

The SCNA Board meets at 7 p.m. in the Garden Room on the second Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is March 12. For more information, call the Sierra 2 office at 452-3005.

Board considers hiring independent consultant

SCNA will gather bids for an independent consultant to conduct an analysis of the storm water retention needs in Curtis Park Village. The consultant would examine the timeline of information provided by the city to developer Paul Petrovich and look for possible alternatives to the detention basin proposed by him. Councilmember Jay Schenirer is conducting his own review with city staff and SCNA will decide if it is necessary to move forward with a consultant based on the outcome of that review.

Palms on 21st Street get continuance

SMUD requested more time to discuss various options for

the trees with SCNA, so the Feb. 6th City Parks and Recreation hearing was postponed. Board members, SMUD officials and city representatives subsequently met, and SMUD agreed to look at a number of possibilities, including using power in nearby Curtis Park Village, under grounding and transplanting the trees if they can't reasonably remain.

SCNA negotiates new Sierra 2 lease

The city provided SCNA with a new lease, which includes a number of changes. For instance, the city proposed a 10-year lease instead of five years. The executive director will follow up with the city on the board's questions and requested changes to the lease.

Egg Hunt date changed

The annual Egg Hunt will be held April 12, one week before Easter instead of the day before. This will give volunteers more time between the Egg Hunt and the Home Tour on April 26.

Board holds successful retreat

Each year, the board meets for five hours on a Saturday to plan for the upcoming year. The focus of this year's retreat was setting goals for each committee.

After a day of robust discussions the board has a clear path forward for 2014, and we're excited to serve the neighborhood. — Submitted by Nicole Quinonez, Board Recording Secretary

Executive Director's report

Setting a strong plan to guide SCNA toward a productive 2014

Day in and day out we think of and field ideas for improving operations, marketing, membership outreach, events, activities, funding... you name it, we've probably had a conversation about it. One thing we know: There is no shortage of ideas or passionate pleas for action for SCNA and the Sierra 2 Center.

This is not a unique position for nonprofit organizations. Many organizations, however large or small, find it a full time job wading through the overwhelming supply of suggestions, requests and urgent needs. And, most of the suggestions and requests are really good, really important, and independently, the right thing to do. However, in a complex economic environment with simultaneous demands on an organization's resources, one more

TERRI SHETTLE
Sierra 2 Executive Director



project or activity might mean steering off course or lead to distractions, inefficiencies, diluting the quality of work, or neglect of core priorities. We have occasionally been guilty of taking on more than we should. For these reasons, we took a different approach to planning at the SCNA Board retreat in February. Instead

of adding new things to an already overflowing plate, the board set priorities that will help us shore up the foundation on which we are building. In 2014, priorities are focused on efficiencies within the board's work, strengthening member relations, and working to broaden our community business relationships. Additionally, Curtis Park Village will continue to be the focus of a lot of the work of the Neighborhood Concerns Committee. Staffing

structures and updating administrative activities in 2014 will be important building blocks for future growth. Each committee now has a work plan. I now have my priorities for the year and so do staff. Setting priorities is not and was not an easy undertaking. There are so many things important to the neighborhood and to the operation of the Sierra 2 Center and some of those great ideas mentioned earlier were left off the list. That said, with priorities in place and a strong plan to guide us, I believe we will be more efficient and more productive than ever.

Harvest Sacramento to host Best Friend Friday March 14



Sierra 2 Center will present the Best Friend Friday event from 5:30 to 7 p.m. March 14 in the Garden Room.

This event will be hosted by Harvest Sacramento, a project of Soil Born Farms. Join neighbors and friends to enjoy beverages and appetizers and learn about

Harvest Sacramento's collaborative effort to harvest unused fruits and vegetables. Learn about ways this vital organization is feeding the hungry by harvesting excess fruit right in your own neighborhood and donating

it to local food assistance agencies. To date, the organization has harvested over 52,000 pounds of produce with the help of over 540 volunteers. Curtis Park residents can come to Best Friend Friday to sign up to have their trees harvested, volunteer for the next local harvest on March 22, or simply pick up door tags to pass out to neighbors who have an abundance of fruit on their trees. Admission is \$5 and includes appetizers. Beverages will be sold. Proceeds help the organization pay for tools and transportation of harvested food.



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Deadlines
Deadline for *Viewpoint* copy is the 15th of the month. Neighbors who have an interesting story or event in our neighborhood are encouraged to submit ideas or articles to the editor via the Sierra 2 office at 452-3005.

Wonderful day planned for the April 26th Home & Garden Tour

The annual SCNA Home & Garden Tour never disappoints. This year will be no exception with another special Saturday in spring right here in Curtis Park. Join the tour and partake of beautiful houses in Monterey, Tudor and Foursquare styles along with music and food at the north end of the park. The Capitol A's Model A Ford Club will tour the neighborhood throughout the event, recalling the era when Curtis Park was just taking shape.

Several neighbors are graciously preparing their homes and gardens for your enjoyment. Interiors vary from contemporary to traditional, from neutral tones to rich red hues. For chefs, there are several epicurean kitchens in a variety of sizes and color palettes. Outdoor spaces range from serene gardens to striking entertainment areas and swimming pools.

The tour will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 26. Ticket purchases happen at Sierra 2, on-line at www.Sierra2.org or at local shops listed at the Sierra 2 website. There is a price break for those purchasing tickets in advance. Advance General Admission tickets are \$20 (\$15 for SCNA members). The day of the tour tickets are \$25 (\$20 for SCNA members). This discount is a great reason to join the neighborhood association.

Call for docents

How about VOLUNTEERING for a few hours as a way to show your neighborhood support? Volunteers are needed to monitor the homes for two-hour shifts as well as to help with set-up and clean-up in the park. Volunteers may purchase their tickets for just \$10. If you can help with this event, please contact Andrea Azevedo at 284-1170 or at andreaazevedodds@gmail.com.

For more information on the Home Tour, call Sierra 2 at 452-3005 or visit www.Sierra2.org.

Consider being a sponsor or advertise in the program

The tour typically draws 1,000 people from the near and far. SCNA is seeking program ADVERTISERS and SPONSORS to help with this fundraising event. For opportunities and deadlines, please contact Terri Shettle, SCNA Executive Director, at 452-3005 or by e-mail at terri@Sierra2.org. Tour proceeds benefit the Sierra 2 Center, printing of the *Viewpoint* and other SCNA expenses.



Photo/Rudy Calpo

One of the backyard garden patios on the Home Tour brings an exotic tone to the home.

What's new at Sierra 2

By Valerie Burrows
Facility Administrator

Mosaic fun

Want to bring your inner artist to life in a fun and supportive atmosphere? Awaken My Art Collective teaches an ongoing series of glass mosaics classes from noon-3 p.m., Tuesdays in Room 11. Creating mosaics is a fun way to explore colors and shapes while sharing ideas with other artists. All levels of artistic abilities are welcome, from beginners to experienced artists. The class fee is \$30 for four sessions with supplies included. For information, contact Karen Sharp at karensarp51@gmail.com.

Yoga and meditation

This free introductory talk on Kriya Yoga philosophy will be followed by a 30-minute group meditation from 6 to 7 p.m. March 11 in Room 9. Instructor Ryan Strong, an Ayurvedic practitioner and teacher of Kriya Yoga, teaches this class in affiliation with The Center for Spiritual Awareness in Lakemont Georgia,

whose founder, Roy Eugene Davis, is a direct disciple of Paramahansa Yogananda. Donations welcome. For additional information, contact Ryan at (928) 607-7588 or strongveda@gmail.com.

Children's ballroom dance

Would your child love to learn ballroom dance? Classes are held from 4 to 4:45 p.m., Saturdays in Studio 1. Dance is an exciting way for children to develop important social skills that lead to success, both at school and throughout their lives.

In this fun, 12-week session students will learn Salsa, Tango, Swing, and Waltz, as well as build their confidence and receive a sense of joy and accomplishment. This class is open to girls and boys, age 7-10 years old. For info and to register, contact instructor Naja Davis at (219) 707-2382 or Nm_davis84@hotmail.com.

Free kid's music class

Capital City Music Together will be holding two free trial classes for families interested in discovering the fun of family music classes.

Bring your children ages 0-4 years and join the fun from 10:45-11:45 a.m. on March 19 or 20 in Room 9. To attend, please RSVP at (916) 990-3222 or ccmusictogether@gmail.com.

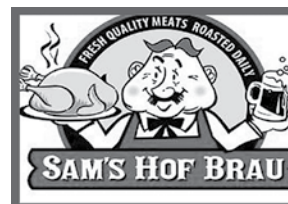
Anyone can dance

"If you can talk you can sing; if you can walk you can dance." This Zimbabwe proverb defines the spirit of African style dances and anyone can participate with no dance experience necessary. The dance moves are grounded and are part of a lifestyle in Africa. Set your body, mind and soul afloat with the sultry sounds of the African Djembe (drum) from 6 to 7 p.m. every Friday beginning March 14

in Studio 3. The rhythms will entice every inch of your body to wake up and move. This is a communal style of dancing; participants get in a circle for warm-ups, then dance across the floor in unison with one another's energy. Modifications are always provided and this is a non-impact class that builds strength and will make you smile. Instructor Karen Devaney has been studying and dancing African, Brazilian, and Haitian dance since 1989. She has taught for over 10 years and loves the joy of meeting new dancers and believes, "We all have a little dancer waiting in the wings." The fee is \$12 per class. For information, call (707) 360-5263.

First Friday dinner March 7

A Sacramento landmark restaurant since 1959, Sam's Hof Brau will provide the First Friday dinner from 6 to 8 p.m. on March 7. It will be a delicious meal of corned beef, cabbage and a carrot/potato medley. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be sold separately. Dinner costs \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. There will also be free S'mores after dinner.



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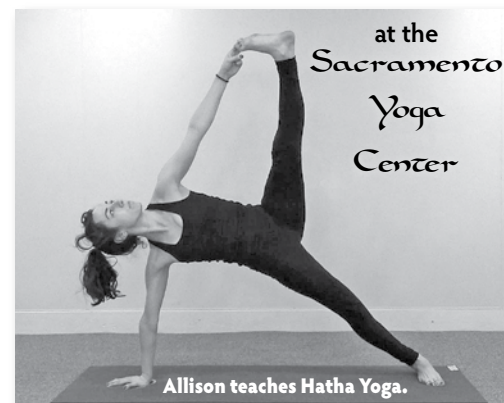
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Italian Cultural Society
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River Song Meditation
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www.rivercitytaps.com

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

YOGA

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Natalie, (917) 501-0206

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Lee Aviles: 203-6461

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

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Maestro Eric Myers: 276-2247

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OTHER

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knowthyselfassoul.org

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799-1354, marxistschool.org

New Senior Center coordinator on board

By Valerie Burrows
Facility Administrator

The Sierra 2 Senior Center has a new coordinator: Meet Phoebe Celestin. If her name sounds familiar, it's not a coincidence. Phoebe has already distinguished herself in the Sacramento community for many years. She and husband Patrick founded and operated their family-owned business, Celestin's Caribbean Restaurant in Midtown.

"We loved serving our community fresh, delicious and diverse cuisine from the West Indies and Southern Creole cooking," she says.

The experience of operating a restaurant contributed greatly to her communication and customer service skills, as well as her marketing and promotional expertise. These administrative activities allowed she and her husband to keep a successful business running for 28 years.

But that's just part of the rich background Phoebe brings to her new role at the Senior Center. In addition to her experience with business management and marketing, Phoebe has worked as a counselor and as an advocate on behalf of nonprofits.

"With such a strong background, what we are most excited about is Phoebe's passion for working with seniors and developing programs and activities for our Senior Center that will generate a new level of attendance and vibrancy," said Terri Shettle, SCNA executive director.

Phoebe comes to SCNA with a B.A. in organizational communication, minor in Fine Arts, and an M.A. in clinical psychology. "Her restaurant experience helped her hone her communication and customer service skills,

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Photo/Joan Cusick

With a passion for developing programs and activities, Phoebe Celestin began leadership of the Senior Center last month.

Sierra 2 Senior Center in March

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.

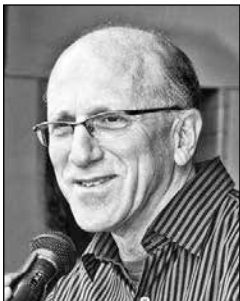
Schenirer's message

Building community is an ongoing process

Four years ago when I was knocking on your doors, I talked about how we could jointly build a healthier community, together.

Among other things, we discussed the need for more open and green spaces, the need for increased public safety, further support for the arts, and also renewing the City's commitment to addressing the needs of the homeless, in addition to the need for more support and services for our young people.

Four years on, my work remains ongoing. However, I wanted to provide an update on a number of recent issues important to Curtis Park and our community.



Jay Schenirer
City Councilmember

ago. The funding allocation to eliminate the final brownout was made during our mid-year budget review, which showed a small but promising surplus.

Researching pilot project to help our homeless population

As an additional part of the mid-year budget review, the City Council decided to allocate \$1 million to address our homeless population. While I do not think the sum can comprehensively address our current challenge, my hope is that we can implement a pilot project using the best practices from around the country, which could potentially then be taken to scale. The city is currently evaluating several programs to see which might be most appropriate for Sacramento.

Proposal to change open space in Curtis Park Village remains in question

First, I was hoping to provide an update on Curtis Park Village, but analyzing the facts and developing solutions is still a continuing process. I have had several very productive meetings with senior city staff since the Jan. 15th neighborhood meeting at Sierra 2. We have been working together on developing ways to design more open space for the Curtis Park Village project. I will share more information and create more venues for input once I know more.

Good news for police and fire departments

On the public safety front, the deputy chief of police has informed me that the police department has added 87 officers to the force, thanks to the passage of Measure U. The department is still a long way away from being fully staffed, but these officers are long overdue and quite necessary.

Additionally, the city council recently voted to eliminate the final "browned out" fire station, used to preserve jobs and reduce costs. This is in significant contrast to the four brownouts we had just a few years

WayUp initiative funds functional public art

Through my WayUp initiative, we have just committed to funding a piece of functional public art. The art fence will be used on the Broadway side of the Oak Park Sol Garden, a community garden that my office has helped to develop. The garden wonderfully exemplifies the spirit of community partnership, and we believe that the fence will do the same. The owner of the land is Curtis Park's own Earl Withycomb, and the garden was brought together with help from Earl, along with many other community members, to transform a vacant lot into a community space.

Considering a new ordinance to ban smoking on outdoor patios

Finally, I would like your input on an ongoing city issue. The City Council is considering a new ordinance that would ban smoking on outdoor patios. One idea is to limit the ban to those restaurants that serve food, others want to ban it on all outdoor seating, some don't want any change. Please send your thoughts on this or anything else you feel is important to: jschenirer@cityofsacramento.org.

SIERRA 2 SENIOR CENTER

March 2014
Room 12
Info: 455-6339.
Everyone is welcome.
Activities are free (donations accepted) except where noted.

FITNESS
Community Acupuncture Clinic
9:45-11:15 a.m. (\$15)
March 11 & 15
Zoë Griffin: 212-2170

Fall Prevention
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Tuesdays/Thursdays
(4 classes \$20; 8 classes \$35)
Pat Shaw: 856-0136

Gentle yoga
Wednesday, 10-11 a.m. (6 classes \$40)
Feb. 19-Mar. 26. Tara Stiles: 454-5526

Tai Chi
Wednesday, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
(6 classes \$40)
Feb. 26-Apr. 2. Tara Stiles: 454-5526

Walking and Polewalking Clinic
9 a.m. Thursdays

Meditation and Chi Kung
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LEISURE
Beginning Drawing
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3-5 p.m. Last Friday of the month

Book Club
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 2nd Monday
March: Life After Life" by Kate Atkinson

My Story Project meeting
1-4 p.m. Monday/Tuesday

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

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Sierra 2 Jewels
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Life History Writing
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Open Art Studio
10 a.m. - noon Fridays Room 11
Bring projects to work on

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

Pinochle
1-3 p.m. Fridays

EVENTS
Potluck
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Last Friday of the month

Senior Committee Meeting
1st Monday, 3 p.m. (March 3)

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Living and Working in Curtis Park

Trees of Curtis Park

Sacramento tree ordinances update

Special to the Viewpoint
By Dan Pskowski

The City of Sacramento Urban Forestry section is currently in the process of updating the city's tree ordinances. The project team is comprised of Urban Forestry staff, Economic & Planning Systems Inc., city department representatives, and a Stakeholder Advisory Committee. The Stakeholder Advisory Committee was formed to provide feedback and guidance to the project team and to ensure that a proposed updated tree ordinance is responsive to community needs and input. I represent SCNA on the Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

The first two advisory committee meetings were an overview of the ordinance revision process in addition to a field tour of Sacramento's urban forest to show committee members firsthand the various challenges faced in the management of Sacramento's urban forest. The third meeting held in January discussed the responsibility of plant maintenance and removal, tree removals and

development related preservation and removal. Currently, there is no transparency with regard to removal of city trees. Park trees can be removed without notification. City street trees require the posting of a removal sign for 10 days. It should be noted that trees that pose an eminent danger are removed immediately and require no notification. Previously it had been a 30-day posting period for all public trees and these tree removals were published in *The Sacramento Bee*.

The city's urban forester, Joe Benassini, introduced the reduction in the notification process. Furthermore, Benassini in 2012 put forth an ordinance proposal to restrict the public's right to appeal the decision to remove a city tree. Under this proposal, which was approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission, only the property owner adjacent to the city street tree could appeal its removal. This proposal was put on hold when residents, who became aware of losing their right to appeal a city tree removal, voiced their concerns.

My input to the consultant is that Urban



Photos/Dan Pskowski

This London plane, one of seven trees on the "K" St. Mall that was slated for removal but saved because a resident appealed.

Forestry should re-instate the posting of all public trees removal for a minimum of 30 days. Proposed tree removals should also be posted on Urban Forestry's Web site with a tree photo and removal evaluation form. In addition, I have proposed that the local neighborhood association within the tree's location should be sent a removal notification.

Why is public notification for tree removals so important? If the public doesn't weigh in, trees are needlessly removed. One example is the recent reintroduction of cars on the K Street Mall downtown. This 2011 project proposed to remove seven 24-year-old city street trees to allow the installation of passenger drop off zones. These were permanent removals with no replacement trees being planted back on the K Street Mall. Fortunately, this did not occur because a resident appealed the tree removals to the city. This objection forced the city to redesign and the seven trees were preserved. As your representative on the Stakeholder Advisory Committee, please contact me at 451-1033 or danielpskowski@gmail.com with any concerns.



These three American liquidambar at 16th & O streets, left, were removed, right, because residents were unaware of removal plans.



Help save the environment

E-waste drop off on March 22 to benefit McClatchy Debate Club

For the benefit of the McClatchy High School Speech and Debate Club, parent volunteer Flor Gutierrez has coordinated the E-Waste fundraiser from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 22 in the front parking lot of the school. The CKM Debate Club is one of the volunteer groups at the annual Curtis Park Wine Tasting.

Flor says, "Participants won't even have to get out of their car. Pop the trunk or open the door and we will unload for you!"

The McClatchy Speech and

Debate Club is a nationally recognized competitive team of students. The team travels throughout the United States to compete for the most prestigious awards and national recognition. The CKM Speech and Debate Club inspires these young adults to pursue higher education leading to careers in political arenas and public speaking.

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Marisol Lopez (left) and Sarah McCamman of Heavy Dirt Farm in Davis prepare CSA boxes.

Three farms deliver produce to Curtis Park

Curtis Park residents can enjoy a farm-to-fork connection with local farmers through Community-Support Agriculture (CSA). By subscribing to the CSA program at a local farm, individuals pledge to support that farm financially in exchange for a share of the farm's harvest. Most CSA subscriptions are for a six-month or 12-month term with prices starting around \$16 to \$20 per week for a basic box of vegetables and fruits. Larger box sizes and bi-weekly delivery schedules may be available.

Although some farms offer door-to-door delivery, most drop off their CSA boxes at a designated pickup spot. In Curtis Park, CSA deliveries are available from three local farms.

Eatwell Farm: Pickup from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursdays near 21st Street and Third Avenue. Call (866) 627-2465 or organic@eatwell.com.

Heavy Dirt Farm: Pickup after 4 p.m. Tuesdays on Portola Way near 27th Street. Call (916) 205-3619 or heavydirtcsa@gmail.com.

River Dog Farm: Pickup on Fridays at the Sierra 2 Center, 2791 24th Street. Call (530) 796-3802 or csa@riverdogfarm.com.

Del Rio Botanical, Full Belly Farm, Good Humus Produce and Terra Firma Farms offer CSA pickup points at nearby Land Park locations. Soil Born Farms offers Wednesday pickup at the Sacramento Natural Foods Co-op at 1919 Alhambra Blvd.

— Joan Cusick

Another photo award for Rudy Calpo

For the fourth year in a row, Rudy Calpo of Donner Way won a photography award from *Hawaii Magazine*. Rudy's "Lahaina Harbor Reflection — Maui" won second place in the contest's abstract category. This award is one of nine photographs honored in the magazine's 15th annual Reader's Photography issue.

Rudy's first entry four years ago, depicting the Hanalei taro fields in Kauai, earned the grand award. Rudy's affinity for Hawaiian culture and scenery is noted by the magazine where, to date, he has won nine awards in its annual photography contest.

The magazine's 15th annual Reader Photography award winners are displayed in the Feb. 2014 issue and at its website, hawaiimagazine.com.

— Susan MacCulloch



Photo/Rudy Calpo
"Lahaina Harbor Reflection" won second place in Hawaii Magazine contest's abstract category

Participants at First Friday event created valentines

Neighbors who came to the February First Friday enjoyed fabulous soup from Café Dantorels. Special recognition goes to Curtis Park Market for supplying the beverages, the volunteers who helped serve, Gwynnae Byrd and Sherry Richter for donating valentine supplies and local Girl Scout troop 1028 — and all the families who helped make valentines for the Star 106.5 Cards for Kids program. Over 50 cards were made that night and were delivered to the radio station, which collected over 30,000 cards in all. The cards were delivered to children currently in U.C. Davis Medical Hospital.

— Faith Johnstone



Photo/Faith Johnstone
Valentines created by First Friday attendees.



Photo/Craig McCulloch
Moved in six months ago, Dana and Shawn Bouey have already made renovations to their home.

Welcome to new neighbors on 25th

New neighbors Shawn and Dana Bouey moved into their home on 25th Street in July, after extensive renovation work. Shawn is the president of Bouey Termite and Construction, and Dana handles the accounting and bookkeeping for the firm on Fourth Avenue near 36th Street. The company deals with general construction contracting, in addition to termite inspections and repairs. The family moved to Curtis Park from Roseville to be closer to their business. They both enjoy the five minute commute to work just across the freeway.

The couple has three children with two currently attending college at UCLA and the University of Nevada, Reno, and the third is living in Portland with his family. Two friendly dogs complete the household, a twelve-year-old Pug, Cooper, and a younger Papillion, Scout.

— Craig McCulloch

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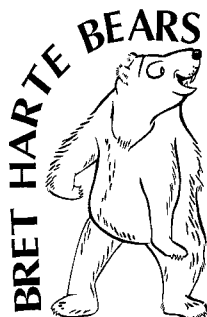
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Parent Power Hour provides tools and camaraderie

By Char Klassen
Viewpoint Staff Writer



A presentation led by SCUSD Bully Prevention Specialist, Jessica Wharton helped parents recognize signs of bully behavior and symptoms of a student being targeted by bullying. Attendees were able to ask questions, get tips and tools and voice concerns. The one-hour workshop was held on Wednesday, Feb. 12, and is part of a series called "The Parent Power Hour" that will continue on the second Wednesday of

the month from 5–6 p.m. in the cafeteria. Topics selected for presentation will come through a recent parent survey. For more information, contact Bret Harte YFRC Coordinator, Liz Sterba at 916 277-7070.

Inspiring reading, celebrating Dr. Seuss

Monday, March 3 is "Read Across America," a nationally recognized reading encouragement program sponsored by the National Education Association. The day also serves as

a nod to beloved children's author Dr. Suess. Students and teachers will spend the day reading books, rhyming words and celebrating the joy of reading. Younger grades often wear pajamas for the day.

In addition to a whole lot of reading, students will be taking a "Reader's Oath," and will welcome guests from the community into their classrooms to learn why reading is important to them. If you or someone you know would like to participate in this important day of reading, contact Liz Sterba and she will provide you with information you need.

Vision to Learn Project sets sights on campus

Learning is not fun and downright difficult if you are constantly straining to see. Ensuring that all students have good vision required for learning Bret Harte has partnered with the Vision to Learn program which will fit students in need of corrective eyewear with a pair of prescription glasses. Every student on campus was recently screened by school nurse Nho Le-Hinds and letters were sent home informing parents of children with vision issues that should be addressed.

Historic homes: Have a self-guided walking tour brochure in hand

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with a maid's room. Some homes originally sold for around \$12,000, which was quite a sum in 1928. The subdivision borders include 10th Avenue, Sutterville Road, East Curtis Drive, and Franklin Boulevard. The distinctive Sacramento Children's Home is considered part of the subdivision. Many well-known

Sacramento residents, including several mayors, have lived in the South Curtis Oaks Hill subdivision over the years.

The South Curtis Oaks Hill subdivision has an eclectic collection of architectural styles with the Spanish Revival style especially well represented. In fact, this subdivision may have the finest collection of late

1920s Spanish homes in Sacramento.

For this year's subdivision walking tour Curtis Park Heritage Committee members scouted the area in January. They photographed homes, identified architectural elements, and planned the tour around area highlights. Committee members are busy researching the subdivision streets, homes, and

original families in 1920s and 1930s editions of *The Sacramento Bee* and *The Union*, reverse phone directories, and other resources in the downtown library's Sacramento Room.

On home tour day, Dan Murphy will give a presentation featuring many rare photos and newly discovered information on the subdivision.

In addition, the subdivision walking tour brochure will be available for purchase on the day of the tour. It will feature a self-guided exploration of the subdivision, historic photos, architectural information about individual homes and brief profiles.

If you have any historic photos or documents you would like to share with the Heritage Committee, please contact Erik Fay at viewpoint@sierra2.org.

Coordinator: Job is a 'perfect fit' with Sierra 2

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deliver on marketing and promotion opportunities, and become an expert in all the essential administrative activities that are required to keep a successful business running smoothly," said Shettle.

Phoebe says that after being out of the restaurant business for three years, her Scottish and Finnish work

ethic called her back into service.

"When I heard about the position as Sierra 2 Senior Coordinator, I knew I had found my dream job," she said. "To serve a community who are my generation and older, to contribute to the advancement of the arts and community close to home, and to work with the staff of this excellent organization seemed a perfect fit."

Phoebe's duties as the Senior Center Director will range from overseeing the full roster of monthly programs, including art, exercise and enrichment classes and monthly potlucks, to working with the many seniors who are looking for ways to increase their social interaction while partaking of fun and fulfilling activities.

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