

## Holiday movies and Santa workshops will ring the bell for theater renovation

By Terri Shettle  
Sierra 2 executive director

Fundraising activities have begun for the renovation of the 24th Street Theatre. The theater renovation project is expected to cost \$150,000. This includes new seats, new carpet, and new curtains for the stage and house, refinishing of the stage floor, a new roof, and various updates and upgrades to the technology and interior. While we have a matching grant of \$40,000 for the seats from Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission, this does not come close to covering the cost of the overall renovation.

Fun activities are planned to engage the community while showcasing our wonderful theater. These activities include movies, concerts and performances, sale of promotional merchandise, donation requests, online giving days, purchase of existing vintage seats and sponsoring the new seats.

First up is Holiday Movie weekend Dec. 16-17. On both days, the fundraising activities will feature a movie and related activities and run from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

### Renovation drops curtain on crab feed for 2018

The Sierra 2 staff will suspend the popular crab feed in 2018 in order to maximize its resources to fundraise for the theater renovation.

In addition to the movie “Elf” (\$10 donation is requested) on Saturday, Dec. 16, we’ll host a Santa’s Workshop in the Garden Room where youngsters can decorate cookies, work on holiday crafts to take home, and enjoy holiday refreshments. We’ll also have a “sELFie” area and goodie bags that can be purchased to accompany the movie. Sacramento children’s entertainer Mister Cooper will lead a sing-along prior to the movie. Additional beverages and refreshments can be purchased.

On Sunday, Dec. 17, we’ll present the classic movie, “Miracle on 34th Street,” with a free holiday tea and cider bar. Mimosas, beer, wine, and soft drinks can be purchased. A \$10 donation for the movie is requested. Donations for the movie will be applied directly to the theater

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Photo/Will Carlton

Every year longtime 5th Avenue neighbor Lynn Pichinino brings her granddaughters, Ainsley, 11, and Lily, 10, to the Angel Tree to pick gifts tags for children with holiday wishes.

## Angel Tree Drive in full gear: Will we reach 200 this year?

By Faith Johnstone  
Sierra 2 event coordinator

Decorations on Sierra 2 Center’s Christmas tree say a lot about our neighborhood’s generosity. Those decorations are gift tags with children’s names and wishes. They are part of the Salvation Army’s Angel Tree project, which aims to make sure

every child in need has a gift. This is the fourth consecutive year of Sierra 2’s participation.

The project adds to the excitement in the air. On the first day, even before the tree was up, the Bock/Pichinino family picked up their first Angel tag and returned within hours with gifts.

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## City seeks comments on Petrovich plans for 83 single-family homes

By Dennis Cusick  
Viewpoint staff writer

City staff is reviewing a proposal by Petrovich Development Co. to build 83 single-family homes on a parcel in the center of Crocker Village.

In soliciting comments on the proposal in early November, the city distributed a 35-page packet of information, including proposed floor plans of the houses and renderings of four exterior styles: English and French cottages, Spanish mission and English country. The Sacramento Bee published a summary of the proposal the same day.

Eight days later, assistant city planner Danny Abbes said, “I have yet to receive a public comment.”

## Artists to show their creations at Dec. 9 craft fair

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 9  
Curtis Hall at Sierra 2 will buzz with shoppers checking out creations displayed by Sacramento artists and crafters. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Senior Center. Admission is free.



For the next phase of construction in Crocker Village, two of the four proposed home designs are Spanish Mission, left, and English Country.

However, he anticipated some comment because “the neighborhood associations in that area have been particularly engaged with this project.”

At the SCNA annual meeting Nov. 14, President Eric Johnson

said the SCNA board would review the Petrovich proposal “to see if it comports with neighborhood guidelines.”

The city’s review requires staff-level approval to ensure that the design of the homes and the design of the site comply with city development standards, Abbes said. The review does not require a public hearing.

The developer’s application for review calls the project Crocker Village Residential Court Lots. It is an L-shaped development to the north and east of the existing senior apartment complex and the pedestrian bridge.

The two-story homes would range from 1,620 to 2,070 square feet. They would be 24 to 28 feet wide and 49

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Photo by Laura Curry

## Neighbors heard updates on projects at annual meeting

By Erik Fay  
Viewpoint staff writer

About 50 neighbors heard updates on SCNA and Sierra 2 activities and the fundraising campaign for the 24th Street Theatre renovation at the annual membership meeting Nov. 14. They also heard about the proposal for a commuter rail expansion along the Highway 99 corridor and voted for the current board slate and a change in bylaws.

SCNA President Eric Johnson opened the meeting by recognizing two long-standing board members who are leaving. Andrea Rosen is departing Sacramento after 28 years of service and moving to Los Angeles to live near her new granddaughter, and Patrick Soluri is leaving the board after eight years of service.

At the same time, Eric encouraged neighbors to serve on the board as a way to make friends and work for the good of the neighborhood.

The board’s Strategic Plan, last updated five years ago, will be reviewed at a Dec. 13 meeting with

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Notes from Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting

Board decides to give \$2,000 to McClatchy High School programs

Annual membership meeting

The agenda for the annual membership meeting includes President Eric Johnson talking about membership and explaining the ballot to elect board members. The proposed change to the bylaws to revise neighborhood boundaries will also be on the ballot.

Executive Director Terri Shettle will go over the financials and take questions. The San Joaquin rail authority will present its proposal to add a platform at Sacramento City College that would serve a new route connecting our city to the Modesto/Fresno area.

Strategic Plan

Eric wants to hold an hour board meeting at 7 p.m. Dec. 13 to review the strategic plan.

24th St. Theatre

The theater renovation is moving along. New carpet, seats and curtains are expected to be installed in late spring. Fundraising activities for the \$150,000 project are underway. Fundraising will begin in December with two holiday movies.

In January we will have a music/variety concert, and in late March or early April there will be another headliner event.

The T-shirts and reusable cloth bags will be for sale at these events. The existing theater seats are available for the public to purchase at \$75 per seat. The new seats will include the opportunity for a personal plaque on the chair and in the lobby.

Sac City College art students will create unique pieces for generous donors. Terri is collaborating with local artists to create displays in the lobby. Among them is artist Richard Bay. More information about becoming a sponsor is on the Sierra 2 website.

Soon Sierra 2 will be in charge of the theater box office, which will aid in sales and seating.

Action Items

The proposed bylaw change to the neighborhood’s boundaries was unanimously accepted by the board. Board members are encouraged to research and endorse the request from Citizens’ Climate Lobby for a carbon fee and dividend program. The board as a whole voted to endorse and support climate action in general.

The raffle at the wine tasting netted McClatchy students \$2,000 toward their programs. The high school students showed up in full force to help with the event. The Bret Harte students did not provide much volunteer support this year, but the board still recommended allocating \$500 to the school.

The meeting on homelessness was well attended. Organizer Stephanie Duncan of the Land Park Neighborhood Association wants to continue the conversation until we find a solution.

Executive Director report

Terri gave the treasurer’s report, updating the board that the first quarter financials look good. Sierra 2 operations are up 17 percent over

Next meeting

The next regular meeting of the SCNA Board will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3 in the Garden Room at Sierra 2.

last quarter. The expenses are in line with expectations. The finance committee will focus on rewriting our investment policy in 2018. Sierra 2 staff continues to maintain relationships with tenants and visitors. The Learnerly is going well with more instructors contacting Sierra 2 to hold classes in our facility. Multiple surveys have revealed positive feedback and momentum is growing on social media.

Facilities

JohnMathews reported that the replacement of the 30-year-old water heater cost \$2,000. The city is working on the Castro Way parking lot to make sure it is ADA compliant. SMUD is still mapping out the tangled mess of meters because currently Sierra 2 pays on average \$8,000 per month in utilities. New solar panels would mitigate much of this cost.

Development

Lori Harder thanked Terri and staff for the successful wine tasting event. Because of the Napa and Sonoma fires, some of the wineries were not able to participate.

Next year’s Home Tour is set for April 28. Lori reported we have two confirmed homes. There will be a volunteer reception from 5–7 p.m.

that day, and board members encouraged to attend.

Board members were also encouraged to participate more in our community events and to encourage their neighbors to become more involved in planning committees. When staff needs to fill in, it takes them away from their regular responsibilities. Angela Mia suggested we post volunteer opportunities in the Viewpoint.

There will be no crab feed this year.

Neighborhood Concerns

Slurry sealing on 24th Street and 5th Avenue will begin before the promised traffic calming measures of speed lumps, crosswalks and traffic circle. Frustration was expressed by board members who were told by the city that mitigation would be installed after the water meter project last spring. John will contact the supervisor for updates.

Personnel

No meeting.

Senior Center

Angela Mia reported that the holiday craft fair will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 9 in Curtis Hall, and there are great artists lined up to sell their creations.

The annual appeal letter will go out in December.

— Submitted by  
Kate Van Buren, board secretary

President’s message

Feeling thankful in our part of the world

It’s hard work writing a column when all the blood in one’s body is busily diverting itself to the stomach, extracting nutrients and hurrying away fat, salt and sugar to various filtering organs. On the other hand, it lends itself to an economy of expression, as the rendering of the slurry of turkey, yams, green beans, potatoes, carrots and stuffing leaves only enough stimulation for the hardest neurons.

This marks the end of my seventh year on the board of SCNA, and I must say I have a lot to be thankful for. I’ve made a bunch of new friends, some of whom are evolving into old friends. I’ve been intimately involved with the workings of the Sierra 2 Center, and my respect and admiration for their dedicated staff keeps expanding, much like my beltline this evening.

Watching decades-old oaks come crashing down was tough, but I’m thankful that we were able to save a dozen, giving future residents of Curtis Park Village a small glimpse of natural history, and an anchor to the past. Greeting the hordes of dapper folks as they walk into the annual wine tasting never fails to put a smile on my face, even if it means I miss out on 45 minutes of restaurant sampling.

When my son Chance, 9, got his drone stuck 40 feet up in a Sierra 2 park sycamore, neighbors spent

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half an hour hurling baseballs (and curses) up into the air. When stepson Marc, 15, got it down with his laser arm the next day, I was thankful there were witnesses to gasp, “Are you @#\$% kidding? He got it down?!?”

In Curtis Park, I can borrow a caulking gun from across the street or chairs from next

door, and the neighbor over the back fence sees me pruning and asks, “Hey, you got any interest in seeing the Kings tonight?” I am not thankful for the squirrels that left us exactly two apples and zero apricots.

That’s really the essence of it: I’m thankful for the people. All the folks who gussy up their houses for the home tour. All the people who rattle around in their Model As. All the residents who show up for meetings to let others know what they think is important. All my fellow board members who devote their time and talent to taking care of details. All the neighbors who run, walk, bike, blade, skate, stroll, amble or mosey by our front porch and say, “Hi!” All the Viewpoint volunteers—especially our editor for the past two dozen years, Judy Scheible—who make this newspaper happen.

So, I appreciate this opportunity to be thankful in public. I’m looking forward to a fantastic 2018, and to thanking you, for whatever you do, in person.

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## What's new at Sierra 2

### An evening of art and fun

Soroptimist International of Metropolitan Sacramento is hosting its first Art Fest from 7-9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8 in Curtis Hall. The fundraising event will feature paintings, sculpture, ceramic, paper and fabric art from local Sacramento area artists, all for \$100 or less. There will be Art Labs where you can learn techniques or make your own art. A silent auction featuring special art items will also be held. This is a great opportunity for holiday gifts and a fun night out.

Admission is \$10 (payable at the door), which includes two \$5 "Soroptibucks" tokens that can be used to purchase art and refreshments such as champagne, sparkling soda and Cake Pops. Teens and adults welcome, however, there will be no kid activities.

All proceeds go toward supporting women and children in our community. For more information, visit [sacmetrosoroptimist.org](http://sacmetrosoroptimist.org).

### Political collectibles pin down Sacramento

Button collectors, political junkies and armchair historians can delve into their passions at a show of political memorabilia and pop culture from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10 in Curtis Hall. The gathering will offer thousands of Americana items. Experts will provide free appraisals.

Admission is \$3; children and students are free. Children receive free buttons from various dealers. The show is sponsored by the American Political Items Collectors. Information: Adam Gottlieb, 956-2030.

— Valerie Burrows, facility administrator

## Proposed commuter train service includes a stop at City College

By Erik Fay  
Viewpoint staff writer

Commuter train service for Curtis Park residents may no longer be a pipe dream. Despite strong demand, Sacramento is currently under-served by commuter rail.

Dan Leavitt, manager of Regional Initiatives, for San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority and San Joaquin Rail Commission, discussed this topic at the Nov. 14 annual SCNA meeting. He outlined the possibilities for a commuter train running between Fresno and the Sacramento International Airport with stops at a to-be-built platform at Sacramento City College and a to-be-built station in Natomas that would have a link to the airport.

An expanded commuter rail would reduce vehicle traffic along the Highway 99 corridor in the Valley. The proposed line would cover 364 miles of track in 11 counties, with stops in Lodi and Elk Grove as well as City College. Tracks exist for most of this proposed project, so it could happen



faster than usual even with track improvements. The line would also connect to the State Rail Plan and future high speed rail.

The plan's highlight includes a morning express run that would transport travelers from Fresno to midtown Sacramento in a little under three hours, arriving just before 8 a.m. Travel time from Elk Grove to midtown Sacramento would take

about 15 minutes. The proposed stop for Curtis Park (at the college) just needs construction of a platform and some adjustment to existing track.

Leavitt and his team, who work with Amtrak on routes and schedules, are presenting their proposal throughout the area to gain support for the funding grant they seek. SCNA president Eric Johnson will take the information to the board at their next meeting to consider sending a letter showing neighborhood support for the grant that they request. **If you'd like to voice your support or opposition, please email Eric Johnson at [President@sierra2.org](mailto:President@sierra2.org).** For more questions, Dan Leavitt can be reached at [dan@acerail.com](mailto:dan@acerail.com).

## Homes: All four designs would have tile roofs and face a common, landscaped walkway

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feet deep. All of the homes would have tile roofs. Exteriors would be stucco, siding or stone. The floor plans show a two-car garage on the ground floor, with an open-concept kitchen-dining-living room. The larger homes would have a downstairs den that could convert to a bedroom. All of the plans have three bedrooms and two baths upstairs.

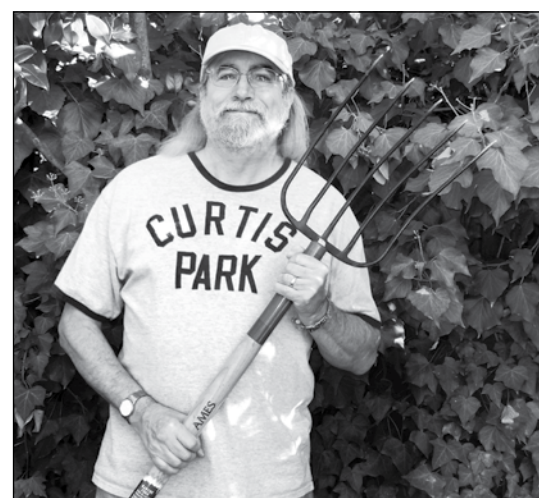
The developer's application says: "The community is designed as a rear loaded product in which each home will face a common Paseo where the homeowner will enter their home by walking down a landscaped meandering walkway."

The materials and construction are intended to comply with the development plan approved by the city on Sept. 28, 2010, "to provide a high quality residential community that continues to carry out the vision of the overall development," the application said.

Abbes said the time line for the city staff review is unclear – "as long as it takes to provide a really good project." The extent of the review will depend on the comments received from city departments, the community and the developer.

After staff approval, the next step would be for the developer to apply to the city Building Department for building permits, Abbes said.

### SCNA Board Member Spotlight JOHN MATHEWS



Photo/John Mathews

## Quality of life draws neighbor to serve on the board

With an almost bushy, gray ponytail and a plaid shirt, soft-spoken SCNA board member **John Mathews** is a man of more talent than you would expect from an engineering draftsman. He graduated from Sac State with a degree in art. When he couldn't make a go with his paintings, he tried the antique business for a decade.

Then it was back to school for a degree in engineering drafting and work with Peters Engineering, where he manages computer aided drafting.

John has lived in his grandparents' 100-year-old home on Fifth Avenue since 1985. Twelve years ago he ran for the SCNA board because his street connects to the development in the railyard.

He has held key positions that affect the neighborhood's quality of life. Currently John co-chairs the Neighborhood Concerns Committee.

Among its concerns are traffic calming and protecting trees. During elections John also sets up candidate debate nights.

He is married to Nicoletta Anselmo, and they live with Carina, a rescue dog. Next year they will celebrate 20 years of marriage with a trip to Venice.

— Judy Scheible

## Gala Jan. 20 will open McClatchy auditorium

C.K. McClatchy High School will celebrate renovation of its 788-seat auditorium with a black-tie gala concert and arts exhibition from 6-9 p.m. Jan. 20. Students in music, theater and dance will perform for the grand opening.

Organizers expect the event to sell out. Tickets are available at [EventBrite](http://EventBrite). For more information and videos of the program: [ckmvapa.org](http://ckmvapa.org).

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**Dec. 8-9**  
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**Saturday, Dec. 30**  
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**Showtime:** 6:30-8 p.m. • Free  
**Info:** Becky Wilson, 530-752-1254 or dhi.ucdavis.edu

The UC Davis Humanities Institute will launch its new series, The Conversation, with an open panel discussion on recent events in Charlottesville and New Orleans that were sparked by monuments and their removal.

Panelists will include UC Davis professors Gregory Downs (History), a leading historian of the Civil War and Javier Arbona (American Studies and Design), who will make short remarks, then take questions from the audience for discussion.

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502-6773, GoodShepherdCommunity.org

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empowermenttheologicalseminary.com

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# Looking back at the Senior Center’s year

By Katie Byram  
Sierra 2 staff

Almost everyone at the Senior Center is in disbelief that 2017 is nearly over. Now it’s time to reflect on the year’s accomplishments and identify goals for next year. Our year has been full of activities for our growing number of participants.

In February, the Senior Center flirted with the idea of finding love at any age with the film “The Age of Love.” The story followed speed daters aged 70-90 and addressed the anxieties, needs and realities of dating at an older age. After the screening, many viewers expressed interest in a local speed dating event.

The Lunch & Learn program launched in March and experienced an increase in attendance at each presentation. The Center invited experts to talk on topics such as budgeting, compassion fatigue for caregivers, lost restaurants and dining trends in Sacramento, and World War II history. Lunch, usually pasta salads or sandwiches, was generously sponsored by longtime supporter Eskaton Monroe Lodge. The success of these events suggests that Senior Center members have an appetite for practical and

## Keeping Senior Center strong

In the spirit of holiday giving, we hope you consider investing in your community by donating to the Senior Center. The center relies on the support of members, neighbors and businesses. Online donations can be made at [www.sierra2.org/senior-center](http://www.sierra2.org/senior-center) or by mailing a check to 2791 24th Street, Sacramento, CA 95818.

academic knowledge — as well as a good meal.

Other highlights include the return of Reading Our Lives, an event that showcases the voices and story writing talent of those in Life History Writing class. The Senior Center also hosted another Open House in

September with the hope of reaching new seniors with three days of free classes. There are plans to make these events bigger and better in 2018.

Computer classes covering basics, Microsoft programs, and security issues launched earlier this year, thanks to a partnership with Bit Fellowship.

The My Story Project’s Popcorn & Movie activity morphed into the new Film Club, a social group for movie lovers.

Next year the Senior Center will expand its Wellness Program offerings as well as its computer workshops, art classes and educational presentations.

The Senior Center strives to offer engaging, relevant activities and classes for all free-timers who are 50+. Generally speaking, senior centers are important agencies as they provide social interaction, encourage health and wellness, and connect individuals to key resources.

## SIERRA 2 SENIOR CENTER

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A schedule of regular, on-going activities can be found at the Sierra 2 Center or online at [Sierra2.org](http://Sierra2.org). Below are new, special or updated events & activities.

### EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

(Activities are free except where noted. Donations appreciated. All activities take place in Room 12 unless otherwise noted.)

**Senior Center will be CLOSED**  
**Monday, Dec. 25 – Monday Jan. 1.**



### LEISURE

**Book Club**  
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., 2nd Monday  
**Dec. 11:** “Homegoing” by Yaa Gyasi  
**Jan. 8:** “Last Friends” by Jane Gardam

**Nonfiction Book Club**  
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.,  
**Dec. 21:** “The Liars Club” by Mary Karr  
**Jan. 18:** “My Life on the Road” by Gloria Steinem

**Film Club**  
1:30-4 p.m., 3rd Tuesday  
**Dec. 19:** “Gas Light” (1944)  
**Jan. 16:** Film TBD – please call  
Donation: \$1-3 (includes popcorn)

### EDUCATION

**Computer Classes:**  
3rd Mondays (unless otherwise noted);  
2-4 p.m. Room 12. Cost: \$20/class. Please sign up in advance; no laptop necessary. (No December class)  
**Jan. 22:** Microsoft Programs

### EVENTS

**Potluck**  
Friday, Dec. 22, Noon–2 p.m.

## THE LEARNERY

AT SIERRA 2 CENTER

Advance registration is required for all classes. Register by phone at 452-3005, in person at the Sierra 2 Center office or online at [Sierra2.org/thelearnery](http://Sierra2.org/thelearnery). To see a full list of classes and workshops, visit [sierra.org/thelearnery](http://sierra.org/thelearnery).

**The Life-Brightening Magic of Poetry**  
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2:30-4:30 p.m. in Room 12  
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**Beginning 1 Spanish**  
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Tuesdays, Jan. 23–March 13  
6-7 p.m. in Room 12  
Fee: \$100/ person

**Home Buying 101: A Class for First-Time Home Buyers**  
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Fee: \$10/person

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## Schenirer’s message

# A day in the life of an elected official

A question that I get often is, “Are you having fun as an elected official?” Generally, my answer is that ‘fun’ may not be the right word, but that being on the council, representing my community, and supporting our city’s positive development is something I take seriously and find fulfilling. I love the range of issues and challenges. As I often say, this is an exciting time for Sacramento and one that also poses challenges. A good example of the variety of work I do as your representative occurred Nov. 14.

- My day started at 7:30 a.m. with a meeting with African-American organizations who are working with the City to find business opportunities in the emerging cannabis industry.
- At 8:30, I met with City staff over an infrastructure issue pertaining to the Downtown Railyards. As chair of the City’s Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency, we are looking for ways to front load critical infrastructure funding to support the new Major League Soccer Stadium and Kaiser Permanente Hospital.
- At 10 a.m., I met with Jorge Oseguera, our



City Councilmember  
Jay Schenirer

City auditor, concerning ongoing audits and how we can move to a continuous improvement model.

- At 10:30 I met with our interim city attorney to discuss cases pending before the city, including the lawsuit brought by Petrovich Development Company.
- At 11, I had a meeting with Mexican Consul General Liliana Ferrer, who just happens to live in Curtis Park. We discussed ways to connect some of our neighborhood schools like Bret Harte with schools in Mexico City.
- Next up at 11:30 was a meeting with the Sacramento Area Congregations Together as they look to update their work on critical issues, especially homelessness and youth.
- The noon hour included an update on the progress of Fairytale Town’s expansion plans.
- From 12:30–1, I took a walk outside and ate.
- At 1 p.m., I had a conference call with the Sacramento Public Library Authority’s budget and audit committee. As the incoming chair of the Library Board, it is important to understand the library’s finances.

- At 1:40, On the phone with people interested in supporting voter registration efforts in underserved neighborhoods.
- At 2 p.m., I met with a group working on a ballot initiative that would raise funds to support programming for youth.
- From 2:30–4:30, I chaired our Law and Legislation Committee. The packed agenda included cannabis issues, updates to City Planning and Development Code and more.
- At 4:30 the Council had a closed session on City Attorney candidates.
- Finally, 5 p.m., Council meeting included public comment equity and the cannabis industry. The agenda also had two items on aggressive panhandling and behavior in our public parks, with a good deal of passionate public comment on both sides of the proposed ordinances.
- Our meeting ended a little before nine. I went home to wait for my wife, Bina, to return from her County Board of Education meeting.

This hectic day reflects the policy issues I must keep up with to make thoughtful decisions. It was a rewarding day representing my community.

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## Nextdoor.com details info on Internet scam

Craig McCulloch  
Viewpoint staff writer

Nextdoor.com is a free community-based social media application for neighbors to share news with each other. There are currently 1,965 members residing in Curtis Park. Typical posts are often about lost/found pets, crime reports, and neighbors seeking handyman recommendations. One topic about a common scam using Craigslist has drawn many comments on Nextdoor.

Craigslist is an online service frequently used to buy and sell a variety of goods. The scam typically involves higher-priced furniture or large items needing to be moved with a truck. The buyer will respond to the ad and offer a cashier's check in a higher amount. The item is to be held a short time as they are moving or otherwise not able to get it immediately. The extra amount is an incentive to hold the item and pay for the movers when they pick it up. The check turns out to be fraudulent and the seller held responsible.

Neighbors experienced with Craigslist strongly recommend cash-only sales, or the use of PayPal with protections for buyers and sellers. Others recommend the use of a new "online exchange" area that is well-lit and just outside the Sacramento Police Department's Joseph E. Rooney Police Facility at 5303 Franklin Blvd. in south Sacramento. A police officer is not available to attend the transaction, but the area is under photo surveillance 24/7.

## Cartoonist and art teacher become tenants at Sierra 2

By Terri Shettle  
Sierra 2 Executive Director

Sierra 2 is happy to introduce two new members of the tenant family at the Center.

### Comic book designer, Eben Burgoon

In August, comic book designer, Eben Burgoon, moved in to the smaller of the two spaces upstairs in Room 16A.

Eben has published the comic books B-Squad, Volume 1 and 2 and is working on Volume 3. He is often found making sculptures out of tape, known as Tapagami, with his best friend, Danny Scheible, who grew up on Fourth Avenue. To cultivate his craft and to get ideas, Eben often visits schools to teach comic book writing and drawing classes. He also sports an amazing beard.



### Cate the Funmaker

The other addition is Cate Schmiedt, or Cate the Funmaker, occupying the Sierra House Cottage. Cate moved into the cottage in mid-September, envisioning the space as an "art gym/co-creation space." Her specialty is encaustic painting but shares her talent in other media by teaching beginner classes with The Learnery. Her first class was a well-attended Drawing 101. There are plans to add embroidery, sewing, bookbinding and printing classes.



Cate Schmiedt

Welcome Cate and Eben!

## Curtis Park children get a surprise treat for Halloween



Costumes aside, the biggest thrill of Halloween evening for two Curtis Park children was trick-or-treating at the Governor's Mansion and seeing the governor himself keeping an eye on the sweet things. Gathering up a few treats were Apollo, 9, dressed as Harry Potter, and his sister, Julianne, 6, dressed as Shimmer from "Shimmer and Shine." They live on Highland Avenue with their parents, David Gonsalves and Eileen Cubanski.

Photo/David Gonsalves

## Road work set for spring will delay traffic calming

By John Mathews  
Viewpoint staff writer

The City of Sacramento has scheduled a street resurfacing project in Curtis Park starting around the beginning of April and finishing by June. Most of the streets north of and including Fifth Avenue will receive a cape seal, which is a two-step process. First a chip seal, which is a layer of rock placed in an asphalt emulsion, will be applied and be left to sit for one to two weeks before application of a

final layer of slurry seal.

The City will have more details as the construction date approaches. Information will be on their website, flyers mailed to all residents and door hangers placed at every residence indicating the date of road work. There will also be a hotline number. SCNA will have updates on its website and in its emails.

Because of this project, traffic calming devices scheduled for Fifth Ave and 24th Street will be installed after completion of the street sealing.

Become a member of SCNA:  
[www.sierra2.org](http://www.sierra2.org) or call 452-3005

## Theater: Promo T-shirts and totes are part of fundraising campaign

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renovation project.

While details are still being finalized, there will be a musical variety show in January, a Hawaiian dinner and show with Patrick Landeza on Friday, Feb. 9, and a dance/performing arts show in March.

All proceeds will benefit the theater project.

In addition to the theater events, we are offering promotional T-shirts and totes for \$20 and \$12, respectively. The existing theater seats can be purchased with a suggested \$75 donation. New seat sponsorships range from \$250-\$1,000 per seat or

\$4,000-\$15,000 per row. Seat sponsorships include recognition name plates on each seat along with permanent recognition in the lobby of the theater.

For more information or to see other ways to help, visit the [sierra2.org](http://sierra2.org) website, or contact the Sierra 2 Center office.

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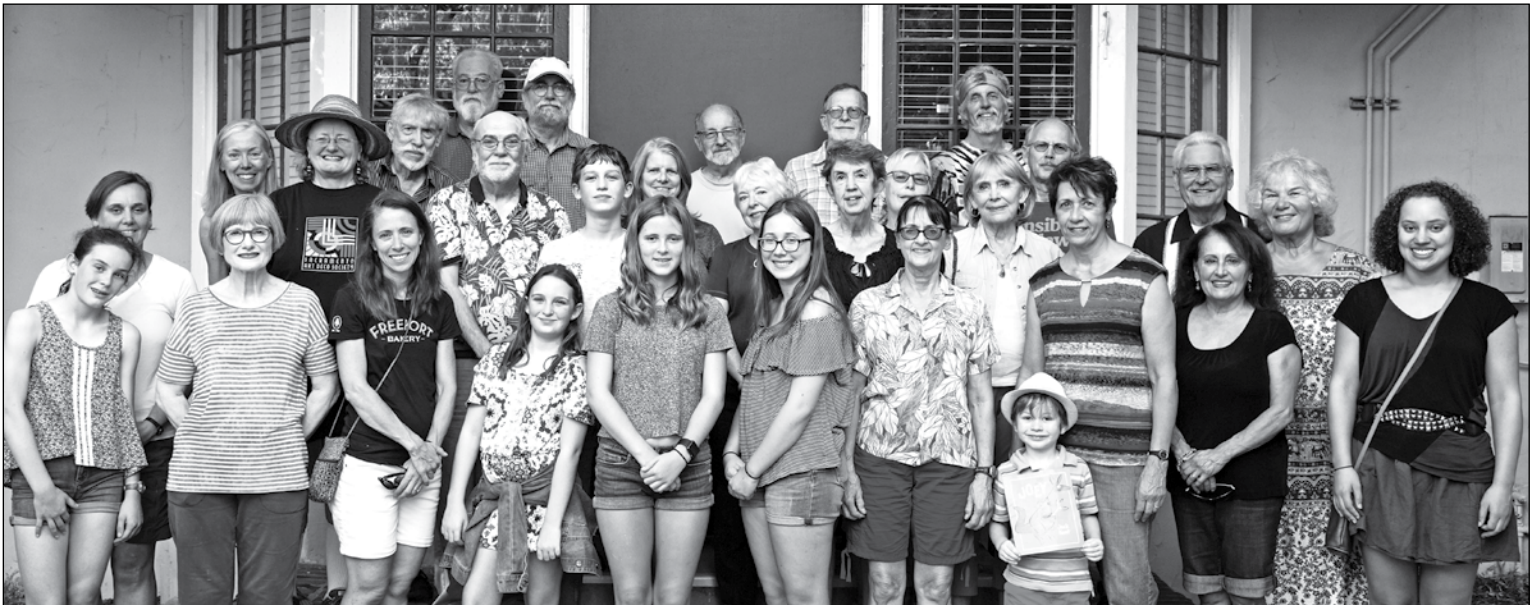
# COMMUNITY CORNER

## Castro Way family greets little sister

Curtis Park has a new resident. **Katelyn O’Neil** and **Marco Guizar** welcomed **Mikah Haze O’Neil-Guizar** on June 8. **Mikah** joins two other members of the family: brother **Jax**, who is 2 years old, and **Achilles**, the family’s Weimaraner. So far, **Mikah** loves smiling and blowing bubbles.

Katelyn and Marco and their family have lived on Castro Avenue for six years and are the owners of Fitsom Studios on Franklin Boulevard in Curtis Park. According to O’Neil, “Curtis Park is the best! We love it here.” When O’Neil and Guizar are not helping clients at Fitsom Studios, the family can likely be found eating at Pangaea (their favorite spot), running at Curtis Park, or spending time with their Achilles at the dog park.

— Ariel Calvert



Photos/Will Carlton

## Volunteer distributors are a dedicated bunch

Neighbors young and old, longtime and new are the power team that delivers the *Viewpoint* 10 times a year. Some have walked their blocks since the paper began in 1979. Everyone appreciates their dedicated volunteerism. Parts of the team showed up on two different days for a group picture.

Chief organizer of the team is Gerre Buehler, picture above, second from left in front row. The names of the distributors, in no particular order, appear below.



## No Viewpoint in January Dennis Cusick is new editor

The *Viewpoint* staff, all volunteers, will enjoy the holidays without deadlines. That means no newspaper in January.

The staff will start up in 2018 with a new lead editor. Dennis Cusick, a longtime neighbor and *Viewpoint* volunteer, will assume the editor’s duties in January. Judy Scheible, who’s done the job for most of the last 30 years, will remain on staff.

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## Bret Harte news

# Yoga at Bret Harte aims to calm students in our high tech world

By Adriana Gonzalez  
Viewpoint staff writer



At the suggestion of Principal James Tucker, Bret Harte students are learning yoga and mindfulness as part of their PE classes. The once-a-week sessions are taught through the Just Breathe Yoga and Pilates program called Youth of Promise. It consists of movement, breathe and centering.

The new program is layered with a Mindfulness-based social emotional learning method from Niroga Institutes called Transformative Life Skills.

The yoga program is unique in Sacramento public schools. A similar program is offered in one Oakland school. The Bret Harte school site council approved the Mindfulness curriculum after hearing from teachers about the students' positive response to sample classes. The program costs the school \$10,000.

The yoga curriculum is cumulative, building on each previous lesson, with the option to revisit past lessons. It combines stretching through yoga sequences, restful, guided reflection and mindfulness discussions/activities. The goal is to enhance students' stress management, self-awareness, emotional regulation and healthy relationships in the community.

Students will participate in an instructor-guided 30-minute Mindfulness session once a week. Kindergarten through third grade sessions are play-

based with activities such as reading a mindfulness story and practicing movements based on story themes like mimicking a roaring lion and jumping like a frog.

Classes will be taught by JoShanna Giannini, a former middle school Chemistry and Computer Science teacher who teaches private and community yoga sessions throughout Sacramento. As the owner of Just Breathe Yoga and Pilates, she has classes with the Sacramento Library System, City of Sacramento Parks and Recreation, Sacramento and Placer County's Juvenile Detention Systems and Placer County Office of Education.

Additionally, she teaches at Oak Park Community Center at 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays for adults and 10 a.m. Sundays in Curtis Park for Families and the Community.

For more than 10 years, Giannini has studied and practiced Hatha yoga, Yoga Nidra, Restorative Yoga, Trauma Informed Therapy, Pilates and General and Senior Fitness.

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**WINTER BREAK—No School: Dec. 25—Jan. 5**



**PTA General Association Meeting:  
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## Meeting: Sierra 2 has six years remaining on its lease with the City

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Impact Foundry, who facilitated the process. Eric observed that SCNA is unique among neighborhood associations as it runs a nearly \$1 million per year business with Sierra 2 Center. SCNA and Sierra 2 are part of the same organization. SCNA's fundraising efforts combined with Sierra 2 rental income fund programs and events.

Sierra 2's executive director, Terri Shettle, presented the 2017 annual financial report. The budget projected a loss this year, but sustained higher expenses due to legal fees, a \$10,000 increase in utility costs, and a loss of \$10,000 revenue from two tenants who left the center, plus additional repairs and maintenance.

Terri noted that Sierra 2 is the economic engine, providing 79 percent of revenue. SCNA provides 15 percent, while the Senior Center and The

Learney provide 4 percent. The Senior Center is now economically viable with its revenue up 38 percent. Sierra 2 rental income grew by 3 percent.

The newly redesigned website is now online. It's been well received and is much more interactive than before. Terri credited Heather Hogan, who guided this project.

Renovation of the 24th St. Theatre will be the big fundraising push for 2018. A Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission matching grant of \$40,000 was secured, in addition to the Hart Foundation's funding and \$14,000 from the annual Big Day of Giving. The art commission's matching grant made it possible to do more work than just updating one item at a time. Upgrades and improvements should last for 30 years. Terri reminded attendees that the next big fundraising opportunity is Giving Tuesday on Nov. 28.

(Separate theater project story is on page 1.)

Sierra 2 staff now totals 15, including a program manager who oversees the Senior Center and an operations manager. Terri noted that the Sierra 2 staff is now Red Cross certified, and an AED (automated external defibrillator) device is in the Center.

The Learney is content driven. The Center now obtains direct revenue from classes and workshops for all ages. Currently, classes are arts-centered, but future plans call for more food-focused activities and tech courses. The Learney revenue stays with Sierra 2.

Sierra 2 Center has six years remaining on its current rental lease with the City. Terri said the City is pleased with Sierra 2's stability. She is working with City Councilman Jay Scheiner's office to change some

language in the lease.

Assembly member Kevin McCarty was scheduled to speak but did not attend due to a scheduling error by his staff.

Five board incumbents were re-elected with one new member, Kat Haro, nominated from the floor and elected as a write-in candidate. There will be 13 board members to begin the new year. Members also approved a change in SCNA bylaws to reflect the updated neighborhood boundaries.

Attendees were fortified after voting with beer, wine, water and cookies during a social time.

The annual meeting concluded with a presentation about increasing Sacramento passenger rail service, along the Highway 99 corridor. (See story on page 6.)

Staff writer Susan MacCulloch contributed to this story.

## Angel: Staff revels in seeing neighborhood youngsters' joy in giving

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Last year the Sierra 2 Center had 115 donors assist 61 families and 150 children with toys and clothing for the holidays. This year the staff hopes to surpass last year's efforts. Overall, the Salvation Army, in connection with ABC's Channel 10, served 9,000 families and 21,000 children in the Sacramento region.

There's still time to make a difference in the life of a child. The deadline is Dec. 13.

The process is simple. When donors visit the

Angel Tree in the Sierra 2 Center lobby, they select a tag (or two) that represents a child. Each tag includes the child's name, age, toy preference and clothing sizes. Donors register their tag and their name on the form provided near the tree. They take the tag with them to use as a guide when shopping for as little or as much as they are able. All gifts will go to that individual child.

Donors return their gifts unwrapped with the tag to the Sierra 2 office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

If necessary, the office can reserve a tag over the phone and provide information needed to submit with the gifts upon drop off.

SCNA and the Sierra 2 Center staff take pride in giving back to the community. In addition to serving children in need, Sierra 2 staff delights in seeing the thrill children and grandchildren have in dropping off their gifts.

This year Sierra 2's goal is gifts for 200 children in need. For more information, contact Faith Johnstone at 452-3005 or faith@sierra2.org.

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