

Neighbors pull together to boost theater renovation

Sierra 2 Center staff and SCNA board members have been busy organizing fundraising events and soliciting donations for the 24th Street Theatre renovation project but some neighbors have been extra busy.

Neighbors have been a great source of inspiration during this fundraising campaign with particular generosity coming from groups that have pooled their donations to represent their block or street. This group effort has been the largest part of the funds received so far and has set off a competitive spirit across the neighborhood.

Spearheading this creative endeavor was board member Bruce Pierini, who challenged his 25th Street companions to raise \$4,000 to pay for a dedicated row of seats. Carol Blackman was inspired to do the same with the group representing an area of 26th Street, Fourth Avenue and Rochon Way, which has contributed more than \$5,200. Curtis Way has delivered \$2,300, Donner Way is in at \$2,750, and 25th Street has contributed more than \$2,000.

Everyone can help the cause with whatever they can offer, adding to a pool that is significant in total.

To date, \$30,000 has been raised toward the \$40,000 matching Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission grant. The grant will be used to replace the well-used seats and replace carpet that is part of the seat replacement phase of the project.

Another \$40,000 is needed to replace the house and stage curtains, to refinish and repair the stage, paint the interior, replace the sign and upgrade the lighting. The latter items on the project list will occur as funds are received to pay for them.

Group donations will be recognized with engraved plates on the new seats. Details regarding the grand reveal post-project completion will be forthcoming.

Donations can be made online via sierra2.org, in the office, or with a check made to SCNA.

Cycling studio opens on Freeport Boulevard

By Susan MacCulloch

Located on the same Freeport Boulevard block as Dad's Kitchen and Freeport Bakery, CycleLife might be the most convenient place to work off indulgent calories.

CycleLife opened in early January to offer a variety of music-themed and efficient 45-minute indoor cycling workouts with 29 bikes available per class.

"The studio is all about the music," says owner Becca Kenyon. "We incorporate all genres into every class, so there is something for everyone." Classes include Beat Ride, Rave Ride, and Bikes and Bubbles. The latter includes champagne and mimosas after class every Sunday.

CycleLife offers classes for women and men of all ages. So far, Becca has observed girls as young as 12 and women up to age 60 attend class. For people new to indoor cycling, she suggests the CycleStarter, which is an introduction to spin classes.

After seeking advice from friends owning local



Photo/Rudy Calpo

This brick Tudor overlooking the park will be on the 32nd annual home tour. It is enveloped in flower gardens.

HOME TOUR APRIL 28

Major fundraiser will feature special homes and gardens as well as offer lunch and music

By Lori Harder

It's time to celebrate spring during the annual Home and Garden Tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 28. This important fundraiser's proceeds benefit Sierra 2 Center operations and SCNA programs.

Classic Model A automobiles will parade along our streets and stop by tour sites. Piano and guitar music will be played in one of the homes and in the back yard of another.

At the north end of Curtis Park, food, music, and information displays will round out the day. A demonstration on historic window repair is planned.

This year's lineup showcases variations on Tudors, one Bungalow, and two special backyards, plus four front yard bonus highlights. Three 1920s Tudor homes

feature both modern and classic furnishings within their historic walls.

The Van Buren home (see separate article on Page 8) was rebuilt after a major fire. It features classic and modern furnishings intermingled within new walls carefully designed to replicate the historic setting.

The pre-WWI Bungalow conveys all the ideals on which it was built—many large windows, open flowing spaces, and natural woodwork, providing a gallery setting for the works of local artist Jennifer Beckman. A backyard designed for concerts and an oversize lot transformed into an orchard and flower paradise will also be on tour. In addition to these sites, a map will indicate four unique front yard gardens with tips and comments from the homeowners.

The homes and gardens on tour are located throughout the neighborhood, encompassing a loop of just over two miles. Bicycle racks will be provided for those opting to cycle the route.

At the north end of Curtis Park, several activities are scheduled, including acoustic music by Sara Karliner on flute, Matt Lancara on guitar, and the Tattered and Tied Guitar Duo. Lunch will be offered

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Photo/Will Carlton

Becca Kenyon, owner of CycleLife, offers 45-minute workout classes for all ages.

businesses and working with local real estate agents, Becca decided Land Park would be the perfect spot. "It's such a small tight-knit community," observes Becca. "Cycling is a great low-impact, high-intensity workout for all ages, so having the high school and

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Council candidates to debate May 9

Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association will host a candidates debate for the City Council District 5 seat from 6:30 to 8 p.m. May 9 in Curtis Hall at the Sierra 2 Center. The League of Women Voters of Sacramento County will conduct the debate.

All three candidates— incumbent Councilmember Jay Schenirer and challengers Tamika L'Ecluse and Joseph Barry — have agreed to attend.

The Statewide Direct Primary Election is June 5. Ballots will be mailed to voters in April.

— John Mathews

NOTES FROM MARCH 7TH MEETING

Fundraising campaign for theater renovation continues

Executive director

Terri Shettle reported that the 24th Street Theatre campaign has received contributions of \$30,000. We are \$10,000 short of our \$40,000 for the matching SMAC grant for seat replacements. For this part of the fundraising, there is a friendly competition between streets in Curtis Park to sponsor the most seats. The next stage of the capital campaign will be to raise \$30,000 toward stage repairs, new carpet, curtains, interior painting and new exterior sign.

Sierra 2 staff members met with Kim Tucker from Impact Foundry to share concerns and practices that would keep administration running smoothly.

Treasurer

Jonathan LaTurner reported the committee will meet in April. The balance sheet shows expenses were \$2,000 over budget, but the overall financial health is strong.

The committee will be presenting a financial policy statement at the next board meeting. SCNA will need

to continue its capital campaign for theater improvements.

Facilities

Work on the facility lease continues, with general data from years ago researched and sent to city officials. When the lease proposal is drafted, the board will finalize it and send it to Councilmember Jay Schenirer.

Development

Kat Haro is the new development chair. With her years of experience in advertising and marketing, she will bring a fresh perspective to the committee.

Personnel

Jonathan is the new committee chair. He reported he will be examining retirement plans and make recommendations to reorganize staff work stations.

Neighborhood Concerns

John Mathews and Dan Pskowski reported that the Neighborhood Concerns Committee is following

Next meeting

The next regular meeting of the SCNA Board will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 4 in the Garden Room at Sierra 2.

up on two items from 2017. One is to contact the city’s Department of Public Works regarding unauthorized driveway approaches and seek authorization to allow existing modifications to remain in place. The second item is to apply to the city parks department to install a wrought iron fence, plaque, and contemplation seat around the Peace Tree planted in collaboration last fall with the United Nations Association.

The plans for the new homes in Crocker Village were submitted for board examination and comment.

Senior Center

Angela Mia reported the Sacramento Women’s Area Network donated \$1,025 to the center. Intern Kate Lauter is working on new open

house concepts. The My Story Project is working with Heather Hogan to update marketing of the project to appeal to the children of seniors so they can encourage their parents to tell their stories.

Egg hunt

The annual Spring Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday March 31, with a pajama parade starting at 9:30 a.m. at William Curtis Park, followed by face painting, crafts and an egg hunt at Sierra 2 Center’s Curtis Hall. Board members signed up to volunteer for shifts during both the home tour and egg hunt events.

Strategic Plan

Kim Tucker of Impact Foundry presented the new plan in two parts—headline goals and strategies. There was a recommendation to revise our by-laws to reflect best practices for nonprofits, which will be considered and presented to SCNA members.

— Submitted by
Kate Van Buren, board secretary

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Even our neighborhood’s problems have benefits

Every once in a while, it hits me right smack between the eyes about how lucky my family is to live in Curtis Park. Sometimes it’s a single level of understanding: I’ll be sitting on the front porch and a neighbor will walk by and say hi and I’ll think to myself, “This is really great.”

Other times, it gets a little more convoluted. I’ll be snoozing on a Wednesday morning, and I’ll hear that telltale roar about 6:30 a.m. I’ll think to myself, “Curses! I forgot to put out the recycling last night!” and I’ll drag myself out of the warmth and into the cold and shuffle back inside. And then that second level will kick in and I’ll realize that I’m living in a place where someone else gets paid to haul away my refuse. All I have to do is drag a couple cans a few dozen yards. They’re plastic and on wheels, no less – none of those aluminum behemoths my parents had to deal with. And I’ll think to myself, “This is really great.”

There have been several of these moments over the past month or so, and perhaps they are more common than I think. I could go on, but will limit the scope: Here are my two most recent Curtis Park Problems That Aren’t Really Problems.

I really enjoyed going out in the rain and mucking out the leaf-clogged, inefficient, outdated drainage grates. The street would be two inches deep, with cars leaving rooster tails as they zipped through. I’d get

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my rake and some gloves and poke around in the debris. All of a sudden I’d break through: There’s be this horrific slurping sucking slippery sound, and I’d get a mini-Charybdis right on the corner of 26th and Fourth Avenue. The water would slide away and kapow! Clear street. Unfortunately, the City has

upgraded all those grates, and I haven’t seen a single flooded street this year. No more self-congratulatory sense of civic duty fulfilled...but it’s really great.

Second, let’s talk about the old Sacramento Southern Railroad right of way south of the Sacramento Zoo. I love running there on weekend mornings. It’s dirt, there’s hardly anybody out, and I get to see all the intriguing things people have done to extend their lots into that right-of-way. It gets muddy at times, but I can just hop up on the tracks. Dogs are off-leash, but they’re mostly well-behaved. Depending on where I hang a right, I can go 7 to 13 miles. It’s perfect. And now I hear the city wants to pave my trail! Everyone will be able to have a convenient urban trail from Meadowview all the way to William Land Park! I hate sharing... but it’s really great.

I say it over and over again to anyone who will listen, but I wouldn’t want to live anywhere else in Sacramento. Curtis Park—its people, its atmosphere, its out-of-the-way nooks and crannies—is really, really great.

Here’s how to get your graduate in the Viewpoint

It’s time for parents of this year’s high school and college graduates to send pictures and information to the Viewpoint.

This can be done via email to Carol Blackman: carolxo@comcast.net; by snail mail to The Viewpoint, c/o Sierra 2 Center, 2791 24th St. Sacramento, CA 95818; or drop by the Sierra 2 office, which is open weekdays.

For each graduate, please include name, parents’ names, street in Curtis Park, graduate’s school, plans for college or travel or employment or military, and phone number. The Viewpoint will not print the phone number, but it’s essential for checking the information.

Deadline is May 10. We cannot promise publication for late entries.

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What's new at Sierra 2

By Valerie Burrows

Self-protection class

This class is designed to provide participants with the opportunity for physical activity while acquiring the knowledge and skills necessary to have options in situations concerning self-protection. The class meets from noon to 1 p.m. the first and last Sunday of the month in Studio 1. The class focuses on women and their needs for self-protection. The class emphasizes awareness, de-escalation and proper body movement.

For further enrollment information, contact Jamie Wilson at jamie@waterforwomeninc.org.

Children's music and fitness class

Zumbini is the ultimate musical bonding experience. Created by Zumba and BabyFirst, Zumbini is an early childhood education program using original music and movement to promote cognitive, social, fine/gross motor skills, and emotional development for children from birth to age 4, while creating the ultimate bonding experience for families.

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and 10:30-11:15 a.m. on Sundays in Studio 1. Sessions are 45 minutes each for six classes. The first session, "Kalino Finds The Music," starts April 8. The class fee is \$150. Discounts are available for families with multiple children. Participants receive a free "Kalino Finds the Music" bundle that includes a plush doll, a beautifully illustrated storybook, and a CD with all the class music.

Visit zumbini.com for more information and to register for the class. Or email instructor Brianne Hidden at ZumbiniWithBrianne@yahoo.com.

Fundraiser for McClatchy baseball and softball

The McClatchy High School baseball team's 10th annual Taste of McClatchy is from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, April 20 in Curtis Hall. Food, beer and wine tastings from local businesses are featured along with a raffle and silent auction.

The cost is \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. All proceeds benefit McClatchy baseball and softball. Tickets can be purchased online at www.mcclatchybaseball.com. For information, call Mike de Necochea at 916 444-1414 or email mike@mcclatchybaseball.com.

Q&A SCNA's survival depends on having cash on hand in case of catastrophe

WITH THE SCNA BOARD

Why does SCNA need such a large reserve fund?
—Bruce Pierini

SCNA Board Treasurer Jonathan LaTurner answers:

SCNA has been fortunate to be able to accumulate \$435,559 in unrestricted reserves in the past decade.

Many of our members and neighbors may not know that SCNA nearly dissolved 15 years ago due to declining membership and participation, and low occupancy and community involvement at Sierra 2 Center. SCNA was spending substantially more than it was generating in revenue, forcing it to become dependent on reserves, which put the organization at risk of failure.

SCNA has managed to accumulate a healthy reserve as a result of a detailed budgeting process as well as the successful operation of the Sierra 2 Center, which accounts for about 80 percent of SCNA's annual revenue.

Our association is unusual in having the opportunity to operate such a revenue-generating asset as Sierra 2 Center, which not many other neighborhood associations have. Typically, neighborhood associations rely primarily on donations, grants and other sources of public support to fund operations and initiatives. In contrast, SCNA normally receives only about 15 percent of its revenue from such sources.

With large capital expenditures on the horizon, such as the theater renovation, a potential lease amendment with the city, possessory interest expense, and the general overall upkeep of an aging Sierra 2 Center, our reserves could be substantially depleted over the next couple of years without public support.

If the Sierra 2 Center had to shut its doors tomorrow, SCNA would only be able to survive for about six months. That's why an adequate reserve is imperative to the overall health of the association.

Time to clean out the garage!

CURTIS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE IS SET FOR MAY 19

Over 100 homes are expected to participate in the annual Yard Sale May 19. Times vary by homeowner. Neighbors interested in participating will be placed on the Yard Sale map by registering their sale online at sierra2.org or at the Sierra 2 office. SCNA will advertise the event in *The Sacramento Bee*, *Viewpoint*, Craigslist, Facebook, Twitter and other media and news outlets. For more information: sierra2.org/event/yard-sale.



Spotlight on SCNA Board Member



Photo/Hope Harris
Angela Mia cradles her dog Dottie.

An advocate for seniors wants to see more volunteers

By Carol Conti

Angela Mia moved from Alameda to Curtis Park approximately 20 years ago. She feels fortunate to have found an older neighborhood with charm, friendly people and a vibrant community center. Best of all, her home is close to the famous Gunther's Ice Cream. Angela feels like she's "in the mix" and loves her community involvement.

Angela has been with Lyon Real Estate for nine years after a long and successful career in the mortgage business. Her initial involvement with Sierra 2/SCNA was with the Senior Center, where she currently teaches fitness walking with poles. When the Senior Center wanted more representation on the SCNA board, Angela was up to the task. She has been a board member for six-plus years and thoroughly enjoys the group effort of keeping the Senior Center and all of Sierra 2 successful.

Angela has three small cuddly dogs she describes as "spoiled rotten." She rents a room in her home through Airbnb, giving her the opportunity to brag about the neighborhood and its charm. In addition to her pets and rental, Angela enjoys movies, music, dancing and, of course, Gunther's. Her mother lives nearby in Eskaton, and Angela fully enjoys precious time with her.

Being a volunteer is important to Angela, a way to give back to her community. She encourages more neighbors to get involved and share their gifts through a service commitment.

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FLY BRAVE’S GOT TALENT

April 14

Showtime: 5-7 p.m. Free. Info: flybrave.org

The Fly Brave Foundation presents a free talent show starring individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities. Cambi Brown, from the CW31 morning news show “Good Day Sacramento,” will emcee the event and also make a special performance in the show. Donations encouraged. Fly Brave’s mission is to create an employment training program for adults with autism who have aged out of the school system, focusing on hands-on skills training within the community, social skills, and healthy living.



HEDY AND HEIDI: THE LOST SISTER

April 21

Showtime: Doors: 6 p.m./Film: 7-9 p.m.

Cost: \$15 Info: norcalcenter.org

The story of twins separated at birth, this film follows the sisters who lead drastically different lives. After decades of vivid dreams and intuitions about an unknown sister, Hedy discovers the existence of her so-called twin, Heidi. (Heidi Branch plays both roles.) Determined to find closure behind the true meaning of her dreams, she leads viewers on a hilarious and charming quest to find what she hopes will be the sister she has dreamed of. Sound and captions included. This film is bound to delight audiences of all ages. Proceeds benefit the NorCal Camp Grizzly Program.



AN EVENING OF JAZZ & OLD SCHOOL R&B

April 27

Dinner: 5:30 p.m. Show: 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$30

Tickets & info: Larry James, 916 308-8327

Prepare to be blown away during this special evening with some of Sacramento’s finest musicians and the vocal styling of Larry James and company. Start the evening with a savory Mexican dinner in Curtis Hall



SING FOR JOY: A SPRING CHORAL CONCERT

April 15

Showtime: 2-4 p.m. Free

Info: 916 808-5462

This annual event showcases the talents of Hart Senior Center’s choir, Singers with Hart, led by director Christiana Quick-Cleveland and accompanied by pianist Nancy

Balenzano. Traditional American, world folk music, classical and popular songs, and other contemporary choral favorites will be featured.

This is a ticketed event. Pick up your free concert ticket at the Ethel Hart Senior Center and Sierra 2 Center while supplies last. Space is limited.

ACTIVITIES AT SIERRA 2

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Two Rivers Dance Center

Mondays & Saturdays

info@tworiversdancecenter.com

Heels & Sass Dance class

7:30-8:30 p.m., Thursdays, Studio 1

mzballerina@gmail.com

Irish Folk Dancing

1st and 3rd Monday, 7-9 p.m., Studio 1

Liam Irish, 530 677-5549

Polynesian Dance

Tuesday, 6-7:30 p.m. Studio 2

alohatyra@aol.com

River City Taps – Adult Tap Dance

See Website for class schedules. Studio 1 & 3

www.rivercitytaps.com

richard@rivercitytaps.com

Auntie Amy's Hula

Thursday, 3-4 p.m., Studio 1

Amy Cornellier, 916 792-5561

Kalanjali: Dance of India

Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Rooms 10 & 11

510 526-2183, katherine.kalanjali@gmail.com

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916 205-3970 or fenixdrumanddance.com

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Studio 1 • Kia: keynorrisfitness@gmail.com

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Friday, 6-7 p.m., Studio 2

Sunday, 11-noon, Studio 2

Abraham Contreras, pakko.zumba@yahoo.com

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Lauren, 916 956-0876

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8:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Studio 3

krystal, kgstilettoes@gmail.com

Floor Stretch & Conditioning

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturdays, Studio 1

Two Rivers Dance Center

info@tworiversdancecenter.com

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Believers Fellowship

Sundays, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Room 10

Lee Aviles, 916 203-6461

Mustard Seed Faith Ministries

Sundays, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Room 9

Pastor Dorothy Hayes, 916 213-0901

Good Shepherd Parish

Sundays, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Room 12

Contact: Mother Elizabeth English

916 502-6773, GoodShepherdCommunity.org

Empowerment Theological Seminary

Mondays, 6-9:55 p.m., Room 9, 916 308-7646

empowermenttheologicalseminary.com

True Life Ministries

Sundays, 2:45-4:15 p.m., Room 9

Pastor Grant Harper: 916 382-2885

OTHER

The Playground:

An Improv Community

7-9 p.m., Wednesdays, Room 9

betsaidalebron.com, 916 573-0301

Cochlear Community Meetings

6–8 p.m. 5/17, 8/16, 11/15, Curtis Hall

cochlear.com/US/events

Know Thyself as Soul – Meditation

1st Sunday of the month, 1–4 p.m. Curtis Hall

knowthyselfassoul.org

Good Girlfriends Monthly Social

Last Tuesday, 7 p.m., Room 10

Eura, 916 573-0482

ART

Glass Mosaic Classes

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

karensarp51@gmail.com

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Tuesday, Studio 1 • Youth Ages 7+, 6-7 p.m.

Beginning Ages 9+, 7-8 p.m.

Intermediate, 8-9 p.m.

Kristy Oshiro, kristyoshiro.com

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Saturdays, 12:30-2 p.m., 916 441-7215

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Workshop on organizing photo collections helps declutter

By Katie Byram

Organize your photos

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Digitizing photos helps declutter closets while better preserving memories. It also makes it easier to share photos via email and social media. The workshop is \$25 and limited to six participants. To register, call Katie at 916 452-3005 or email Katie@sierra2.org.

Get the most out of Excel

A couple spots are left in the Excel workshop at 2 p.m. Monday, April 16 in Room 12. Knowing the ins and outs

of Excel allows students to organize data. They also learn to create graphics and charts, make budgets and other financial calculations, and create simple lists. In this hands-on class, taught by experts at Bit Fellowship & A Leap Ahead IT, laptops will be provided for students' use. Call 916 452-3005 to register. The \$20 fee can be paid at the door.

Senior to Senior program

The Senior Center is starting a monthly program titled Senior to Senior. This program aims to have seniors teach crafts, hobbies and other skills to other seniors. We are looking for participants who would like to sign up to teach others. Lessons can include gardening how-to's, favorite card games, knitting, sewing, crocheting, arts and crafts, recipe exchanges, magic tricks, sign language, jewelry making and so much more. The program lessons will be based on what you know and want to share with others. Classes will be at 11:30 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month, starting May 2. Prospective teachers can sign up by calling the Senior Center at 916 455-6339.

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THE LEARNERY


Advance registration is required for all classes. Register at 916 452-3005, in person at the Sierra 2 Center office or online at sierra2.org/thelearnery. To see a full list of classes and workshops, visit sierra2.org/thelearnery.

Spring into Florals: Watercolor Workshop
Create different flower and foliage shapes with local artist Tonja Wilcox
Saturday, April 14
3-5 p.m. \$35/person

Intro to Watercolors Workshop
Learn & perfect painting techniques with local artist Tonja Wilcox
Saturday, April 21
3-5 p.m. \$35/person

Home Buying 101: A Class for First-Time Home Buyers
Make your homeownership dreams a reality in this informative workshop with Leanna Halldorf.
Thursday, April 26
6:30-8:30 p.m. \$10/person

Woodland Terrarium Workshop
Saturday, April 28
3-4:30 p.m. \$30/person
Plant a beautiful terrarium and learn about the best ways to maintain them. Hosted by Joe from Tufarock Design
All supplies are included.



Cultivating Curious Minds with Classes and Workshops for All

SIERRA 2 SENIOR CENTER
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seniorcenter@sierra2.org

A schedule of regular, ongoing activities can be found at the Sierra 2 Center or online at 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.)

LEISURE BOOK CLUB
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., 2nd Monday
April 9: “Commonwealth” by Ann Patchett
May 14: “Beartown” by Fredrik Backman

NONFICTION BOOK CLUB
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., 3rd Thursday
April 19: “Thank You for Being Late: An Optimists’ Guide to Thriving in the Age of Accelerations” by Thomas Friedman
May 17: “Nothing Like it in the World: The Men Who Built the Transcontinental Railroad 1863-1869” by Stephen E. Ambrose

FILM CLUB
1:30-4 p.m., 3rd Tuesday
April 17: “Fair Game” (2010)

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.
April 16: Microsoft Excel

EVENTS
You have photos? We have solutions! Workshop
April 18
10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in Room 11
Cost: \$25/each
With Judy Bujold of Captured Moments
To register, call 916 452-3005.

POTLUCK
Last Friday of each month, 12-2 p.m.

IN THE DISTRICT

Top concerns in every neighborhood are homelessness, traffic and crime

At the beginning of each year, I host a Neighborhood Leaders meeting where we bring together folks from the 20 or so neighborhoods that I represent. It’s a great way to provide updates on city issues and for leaders to meet with city staff. I also ask each neighborhood to provide me with two or three priority issues that my office can support through the year. Given limited time and resources, this is generally the most effective and efficient way of connecting with the communities that I represent.

I additionally carve out time to meet one on one with as many residents as possible. While tiring, I view this as a critically important aspect of my job.

JAY SCHENIRER

City Council Member District 5



It allows me to see first-hand what is happening in our neighborhoods and better understand the challenges we face.

As you can imagine, homelessness is the No. 1 issue in every neighborhood. Unfortunately, many do not know how active the city has been on this important issue. Homelessness impacts everything we are trying to do, and for both moral and economic reasons, it’s a challenge we simply must meet. Please visit the city’s webpage at <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/homeless> for a rundown of the steps we have taken so far.


Second and third on the list are traffic and crime. Traffic issues are mostly about how to slow folks down, installing speed bumps, and improving street crossings. In addition, we continue to work with our police and traffic folks around enforcement and safety features on

specific intersections and roads. I look forward to the implementation of the City’s Vision Zero initiative, which highlights safe engineering, enforcement and education to eliminate traffic fatalities by 2027. More details at www.VisionZeroSac.org.

For most of District 5, crime issues focus on car break-ins and packages being stolen from front porches. I have had many discussions with our police, who have committed to increased patrols in the neighborhoods, using bait packages and bait cars, and providing training for neighborhood watch initiatives. In reality, crime is down significantly over the past seven years, but we can always do more.

As always, please feel free to contact our office at 916 808-7005 with specific issues. My staff is always ready to assist. For more ways to connect, go to www.jayschenirer.com or email me at jschenirer@cityofsacramento.org

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TREES OF CURTIS PARK

When altering landscape, top priority is irrigating existing trees

By Dan Pskowski

The March rains were a welcome relief after a dry January and February. But even with these rains, Curtis Park residents are becoming more aware of California’s water shortage and rethinking the traditional use of turf in their front and back yards.

Lawns require regular watering during Sacramento’s hot summer months and, with recent installation of water meters, residents are more mindful of the cost to keep their lawns green. More yards are converting from lawn to drought-tolerant plants, patios, decomposed granite, decorative rock and occasionally artificial turf.

Yet careful consideration of the existing trees in the yard should be a top priority. With an existing automatic irrigation system, consider changing to low-pressure heads. Drip irrigation, black soaker hose and Netafim are other readily available water delivery systems. Turf removal will reduce the tree’s water requirements. However, you will need to closely monitor soil moisture because the tree regularly received water every time the turf was irrigated.

When the watering system is radically altered, especially during the hot summer months, branch dieback may occur or, in extreme cases, the tree

may die. In the first year during the hot dry months, no more than a 20 percent reduction in the amount of water will allow time for the tree to develop deeper roots. Due to variations in soil types, use a moisture meter or dig down to ensure the tree is receiving the proper amount of water. Don’t wait until the leaves wilt and fall off. As roots head down, watering can be further reduced but monitoring is key to avoid wasting water.

During the lawn conversion process, care must be taken to minimize damage to the existing root system. Why? Because depending on the severity of the damage, there could be branch dieback or the tree could die. If your landscape project requires severing roots 2 inches in diameter or greater, an arborist should be on-site to ensure the root pruning will not jeopardize the tree’s stability.

Just as important are the absorbing roots that take up the water and nutrients. Avoid trenching within the dripline, which is an imaginary line on the ground directly below the outermost tips of the branches. Trenching severs a significant portion of the absorbing roots leading to a decline in the tree’s health. An



Photo/Carol Blackman

After converting lawn to plantings or other uses, adding a soaker hose is important to continue irrigating the tree.

arborist should also be consulted if trenching, compacting or altering the soil grade will occur within the dripline. Also, artificial turf should not be installed within the dripline.

No more lawn means less competition for water and nutrients, which will improve the health and vigor of the trees in your yard. Remember to be aware of the tree’s water requirements and its root system.

Classic automobiles will cruise the neighborhood during the home tour.



Photo/Rudy Calpo

Tour: Food, music and information booths round out the event

(Continued from Page 1) by Honest Pie, Slightly Skewed and Rita’s Italian Ice. Picnic tables and chairs will be provided as well as restroom and hand-washing facilities.

Sponsors are Steffan Brown Real Estate, Joseph Eschleman, Towerpoint Wealth, LLC., and SMUD.

If you’re not an SCNA member, a tour ticket discount is a great reason to join. Tickets can be purchased in advance at www.Sierra2.org, or

at the Sierra 2 Community Center. Advance tickets are \$25 (\$20 for SCNA members), and day-of-tour tickets are \$30 (\$25 for SCNA members).

On the tour day, tickets can be purchased at the north end of Curtis Park at 26th Street and Donner Way. Tickets will not be sold at the Sierra 2 Center on tour day. Docents and volunteers are asked to purchase their discount tickets in advance at the Sierra 2 Center or on tour day at the north end of Curtis Park.

Spin: Cycle to all genres of music

(Continued from Page 1)

college nearby it made sense.”

The studio also offers special rides including a recent charity ride for the Boys and Girls Club. “What sets us apart is the community we are building around the studio beyond the classes,” says Becca. “We offer charity rides and love to give back. We have already donated to almost every school in the Land Park and Curtis Park region.”

Child care is offered for a nominal fee during certain class times with a minimum age of 9 months.

CycleLife’s website has class schedules and reservations. Bike shoes can be rented for a dollar and lockers are available. The first class is free, thereafter the fee is \$20 per single class with discounts for a package of classes.

CycleLife Studio is at 2996 Freeport Blvd. For more information, visit cycletifesac.com or call 916 212-9396.

Irish butchers win world title

Butchers Danny Johnson and Paul Carras of Taylor’s Market were among the six U.S. competitors in the World Butchers’ Challenge on March 20 and 21 in Belfast, Northern Ireland, but were not among the top finishers, according to globalmeatnews.com. Johnson

was captain of the U.S. team. Team Ireland took the top prize, New Zealand was second, and Australia was third.

Six butchers representing Australia, Bulgaria, France, Ireland, Italy and New Zealand were chosen as the World Team.



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Nextdoor

Driver comes to rescue of blind man on Broadway

By Craig McCulloch

One morning in late March while it was still dark and the rain was pouring down, a blind man was trying to cross Broadway, got off course, and veered out into traffic, according to Debbie Greene of Land Park. A woman jumped out of her car and helped him get back onto the sidewalk before he could get hit, Greene reported.

Neighbors on Seventh and Ninth avenues and Cutter Way reported a “dramatic increase in unlicensed vehicles parked for longer than 72 hours on our streets.” They were interested in working with neighbors to arrive at a long-term solution.

An alert neighbor in Midtown found a fake bike rack in front of a liquor store. It was not bolted down or securely attached to anything and was taken apart easily to remove bikes locked to it. The neighbor inquired with the nearby store and found it was not their rack. It was removed with the parts disposed of in a different location to prevent future use by a clever bike thief.

It was suggested to check bike racks for a permanent attachment and welded-shut bike holders, and to use

a strong U-bolt bike lock (not a chain or cable). Many of the stolen bicycle reports noted that a garage door or gate was left unlocked, with the bike also not locked up.

Bikes can be registered online with Sacramento Police Department at no cost. This greatly increases the chances for recovery of bikes when found. The website is <https://rideon.sacpd.org>. Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates (SABA) also has a web page with many suggestions to prevent bike theft - <http://sacbike.org/for-bike-riders/protect-your-ride/>. Police request that all bike thefts be reported to them.

A number of posts were made in February by neighbors with photos of their yards in the large hail storm that deposited a couple of inches of small hail stones in some areas of Sacramento. Several people commented “this is the largest amount of hail I’ve seen in Sacramento.”

NextDoor.com is a social media app used by neighbors to share information with other neighbors. It is often used for reporting crime to neighbors, lost pets, contractor or handy-person repair recommendations. It is free to use and supported by advertisements.



Photo/Joan Cusick

Announcement of SMUD candidacy comes with incumbent’s support

Rosanna Herber of Castro Way, former president of SCNA and a community activist, has announced her candidacy for the Ward 4 seat on the SMUD board. Current holder of the seat is neighbor Genevieve Shiroma of Portola Way. She is stepping down after two decades of service. She has endorsed Herber for the position.

To advertise in Viewpoint, call Fran at 916 452-3005.

Cops and Coffee June 12 is chance to meet local police

Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association will host a Cops and Coffee event at 6 p.m. June 12 in Curtis Hall at the Sierra 2 Center. It’s a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and meet your neighborhood police officers. There will be no agenda or speeches.

— John Mathews

Real Pie and Hoppy Brewing to open on 24th Street

By Craig McCulloch

The Real Pie Company has been busy renovating space formerly occupied by R & D Data Corp. at 2425 24th St. near Broadway.

The locally owned pie company was formerly in a small building downtown. It was known for monthly baking of savory pies and seasonal fruit dessert pies with orders taken by email. The new location will have seating for about 33 customers in a café-type setting. The store is expected to open soon.

“Can’t wait to fire up those ovens,” the business reported on its Facebook page.

Hoppy Brewing Company, which operated a craft

brewery, tasting room and restaurant at 6300 Folsom Blvd. for about 20 years, is relocating to 24th Street and Broadway adjacent to The Real Pie Company. It is expected to open in May. Hoppy Brewing beer is currently available in bottles at many shops in the Sacramento area.

Hoppy Brewing shuttered the Folsom Boulevard operation in February. Its new location is behind the pie company in a brick building, with both businesses fronting on 24th Street. The large Hoppy Brewing Company neon sign was recently removed from the Folsom Boulevard location with plans to install at its new site. Another Hoppy Brewing tap room is planned for a downtown location.



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BRET HARTE NEWS

Pancake breakfast fundraiser set for April 28; family science night a blast

By Adrianna Gonzalez

An all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast will take place from 8 to 11 a.m. April 28 at Bret Harte Elementary School. Tickets are \$5 each for pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, fresh fruit, orange juice, milk and coffee. This event is a PTA fundraiser to help build the PTA general fund. Students and parents will help sell tickets door to door in the coming weeks. You can also purchase tickets the day of the event at Bret Harte. The entire community is invited. Please contact the school at 916 914-9988 if you would like to purchase tickets.



Science night

Thanks to all the families and staff who attended the STEM (Science, Engineering and Math) Family

Fun Night. Sierra Nevada Journeys, a nonprofit that delivers innovative science-based programs to low-income youth, hosted the event. Families were treated to a pizza dinner before heading off to several science stations that included challenges such as moving toothpicks in three triangle formation to create four triangles, piercing a balloon with a skewer so that it didn't pop and a CSI table that helped discover each person's unique fingerprints. The night concluded with a friendly family competition that had everyone helping students build a lunar landing spaceship of simple household objects with marshmallows as the passengers. Students dropped their handcrafted spaceships from heights of 3 feet and 6 feet. The object of the game was to keep the marshmallows inside the spaceship. Everyone had a blast channeling their inner scientist.

Mark Your Calendar!

April 3: Family Mindfulness Night
6:15 p.m. Multi-use room

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April 9: PTA meeting
6 p.m. Parent room

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April 27: Coffee with the principal
8:15 a.m. Parent Room

◆

April 28: Pancake Breakfast
8-11 a.m.

Tour includes 24th Street Tudor home rebuilt after a devastating fire

By Janice Calpo

A gracious Tudor on 24th Street stands among a row of front gabled Tudors, cohesive with the historic fabric of the neighborhood. For nearly three years, its neighbors have watched as the phoenix of this home rose from its ashes. The home will welcome visitors during the Home and Garden Tour on April 28. In March 2015, the original 1931 Tudor home caught fire with devastating effect, causing the Van Buren family of five to move out and begin again. Recreating the original quality of craftsmanship and integration with the neighborhood, as Patrick Van Buren was determined to achieve, would take thoughtfulness and care. Patrick managed the project, along with wife Kate, their three teenagers and two Golden Retrievers, who would embark on the journey to call this their home once again. After the fire, the house needed to be rebuilt from

the ground up, recreating its Tudor traditions, including the prominent double gabled roof, arched entryway, wavy plaster walls, and splayed brick window and door surrounds. The neighborhood setting was preserved by building within the front and sides of the original footprint, while interior space was gained by extending the home 10 feet to the rear. Craftsmen were enlisted to recreate the smooth plaster finish of the interior walls. New wood beams and paneling were built. Suspended barn-style doors were added, made from old-growth Douglas fir salvaged from the original house. Quarter-sawn wood floors display the patterns and vagaries of earlier era wood styling. Antique light fixtures mingle with modern day, including several of cast iron, all handcrafted in the United States. A guiding principle of Patrick's was to incorporate as much genuine local craftsmanship as possible. Mickey Abbey was hired to create stained glass windows throughout. The kitchen cabinetry's Shaker style simplicity harkens to the bright clean lines of early kitchens, while the family enjoys the modern luxury of cooking with a La Cornue stove. The repurposing of an area of the garage into a meditation and yoga space "brings time to



Photo/Rudy Calpo

The new kitchen features Shaker cabinetry, soapstone countertops and a La Cornue stove. contemplate the blessings of home, family and neighborhood," says Kate. "Every aspect of this home was chosen with deliberation and with a nod to our gothic taste. I love coming home through her solid front door because, from the ground up, she has taken on a protective, nurturing energy where we can relax together and connect with family and friends."

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