

SCNA's letter to mayor about Clark shooting

April 9, 2018

Dear Mayor Steinberg:

I write today on behalf of the Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association and the people who call Curtis Park home, to ask for substantive change following the recent tragic shooting of Stephon Clark at his grandparents' home in the Meadowview neighborhood on March 18th.

In the 1970s, Curtis Park residents banded together to save the old Sierra School from demolition. Thus was born the Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association (SCNA) and a dynamic center for multicultural and diverse educational activities. Curtis Park is comprised of more than 2,500 households, and SCNA provides the Sierra Curtis neighborhood a common voice, family entertainment, and a community center, which is the architectural and social centerpiece of our neighborhood.

Over the past 40-plus years, the SCNA Board of Directors has continued to meet regularly to monitor and respond to a variety of issues, including those that affect the quality of life beyond our neighborhood. The board works with fellow neighborhood associations, as well as local business and community organizations to advocate for projects such as support and revitalization of the Broadway and Franklin commercial corridors, and city programs addressing issues such as services for individuals who are homeless, in need of services and more.

It is in this spirit that SCNA reaches out to you. We commend you for the leadership you have shown as events have unfolded since the shooting. We also acknowledge the difficult situation in which our police find themselves since then, upholding free speech in the streets while at the same time trying to keep people safe.

Today, for the individuals in Curtis Park, I write to make clear that we stand with our African American neighbors and all people who are advocating for justice for this young man. We insist upon a thorough review of the facts in this case by the District Attorney and the Attorney General. We expect an expedited resolution in response to the reviews currently underway. We are also calling for further review and reform by the City Council of the recently revised police policies and training protocols, particularly use-of-force, pursuit practices, and, perhaps most importantly, implicit bias. Quality training must be made available; implicit bias education and awareness training must be ongoing, substantive, and publicly disclosed.

We acknowledge with compassion the grief and frustration our neighbors are expressing as they call for change, and we think it is critical to say to you that we are united as one community in this pursuit. We do so because all of Sacramento must acknowledge that the broader on-going issues underlying this tragedy, specifically the inequities that exist within our communities of color, remain improperly addressed. It is not enough to say that work must yet be done. The work must, in fact, get done to address racial, social, and other inequities that set up the dynamics that led to a young African-American man being tragically shot to death in his grandmother's backyard holding only a cell phone.

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Photo/Joan Cusick
Jay Schenirer



Photo/Joan Cusick
Tamika L'Ecluse



Photo/Will Carlton
Joseph Barry

Candidates offer differing perspectives

By Dennis Cusick

The three candidates for the District 5 seat on City Council have traveled dramatically different paths to the race, though they agree for the most part on the challenges that lie ahead for the city.

All three say issues they would stress include homelessness and housing, fair distribution of the community's resources, and improvement in programs for children.

What they disagree about is who is in the best position to address those challenges.

The three candidates have committed to appearing together at a forum at 6:30 p.m. May 9 in Curtis Hall at the Sierra 2 Center.

The incumbent, **Jay Schenirer**, has been a councilmember since 2010, longer than any current member except Angelique Ashby, who was elected the same year.

Schenirer says he seeks election to a third term because "I think I can make a difference. I think I can improve the lives of the people I represent. I believe that's a worthy cause."

Before he became a councilmember, Schenirer worked in state government, was general manager of the Sacramento Food Bank, was a member of the city school board and ran his own consulting business.

"I don't think many people can bring the perspective I bring," Schenirer says, referring to his experience in government, nonprofits, politics and business. "I have close supporters across the board — I don't think I'm a knee-jerk anything."

Candidate **Tamika L'Ecluse** is a former president of the Oak Park Neighborhood Association. She says she decided to run "because I think it's time for a new voice

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Honor system serves well for flower sales

By Viewpoint Staff

For 28 years, neighbors Kathy Les and Hal Thomas of Portola Way have been growing a garden of fruit trees and vegetables on their 1/3-acre double lot, which was featured on this year's Curtis Park Home and Garden Tour. Now Kathy is undertaking a new endeavor turning a sizable portion of their backyard into a flower farm.

Using an honor system, she offers periodic seasonal flower bouquets for \$10 each from her front porch. She calls her effort Flowers For Food, with all proceeds donated to the Sacramento Food Bank. Her last round of bouquet sales sold out the first day.

Neighbors and friends on her Flower Fans list were tipped via email to spring bouquets of ranunculus, tulips, bridal veil, daffodils, roses and more waiting on her front porch. Throughout the day, friends and neighbors trickled over, selecting the bouquet of their choice and leaving their payment in the secret location. All bouquets are in mason jars with lids available to reuse the jar.

"This time I raised \$130," said Kathy. "I put out 10 bouquets, and then had requests for two more. One person donated an extra \$10."

"I've been wanting to do honor system front yard sales for a long time," said Kathy.

The city's new urban agriculture ordinance allows residents to sell what they grow on their property. Kathy fondly remembers growing up in Southern California, where small farmers in nearby towns placed tables out front with fresh

produce and a basket for cash payments.

Kathy credits husband Hal with doing the heavy work while she gets to select and purchase the flowers as well as assist with planting and nurturing. "This feels like what I want to do the rest of my life," she said.

The next round of bouquets likely will be sold sometime in June. Kathy hopes to have two or three more sales this year. She is busy planting a variety of colorful heirloom flowers, including scabiosa, cosmos, calendula, sunflowers, zinnias and more for the coming season.

If you are interested in getting on Kathy's Flower Fans list, email her at Kathy.les321@gmail.com.



Photo/Kathy Les
Bouquets await buyers on Kathy's porch.

NOTES FROM APRIL 4TH MEETING

Neighbors go on record to support our community to find solutions

Councilmember Jay Schenirer spoke to the board regarding proposed council solutions to promote implicit bias training, limiting use of lethal force, and resource allocation to underserved areas of Sacramento. Longtime Curtis Park neighbors **Mimi Budd, Melissa Cirone, Lynda Ives, Muriel Rosenberg, Pam Ciarrizzo** and **Bill Harrell** supported a letter by Mimi Budd to City and County officials recognizing the inequities that exist in our community, expressing compassion and grief for the lives lost in police shootings, while recognizing the challenges law enforcement faces trying to keep the public safe. Terri Shettle stated, “We are going on record in support of our community as we find solutions.” SCNA Board members **Bruce Pierini** and **Andi Liebenbaum** will draft a letter by SCNA to city and county officials. Schenirer stated he was grateful for the letters, and they were helpful when advocating on behalf of the underserved areas of Sacramento.

Home Tour Update

Lori Harder reported that five homes and two gardens will be on the tour. SCNA Development co-chair **Kat Haro’s** home on 24th Street was featured in *Inside Land Park* magazine. A *Sacramento Bee* article was to be published April 21. Help is needed at the north end of Curtis Park at the end of the day to clean up tables and chairs. **Larry Easterling** will help with his truck.

Action Item

A proposal to consolidate employee SEP and 403b retirement plans to 403b Thrift plans was recommended by the Personnel Committee. After discussion, it was unanimously adopted.

Strategic Plan Update

Kim Tucker presented refinements to the working document which included the recommendation that the Personnel Committee will include Governance. Each committee will structure a new goal and objectives plan. Jonathan asked for an ad hoc bylaws committee to convene to modernize and update bylaws to be in compliance with state non-profit law. A motion to adopt the strategic plan was passed unanimously.

President

The Executive Committee met to discuss the executive director’s performance evaluation, salary and bonus structure.

Executive Director

Terri Shettle reported that board member **Dan Pskowski** worked on multiple trees for property owners in Curtis Park. Instead of collecting fees, he asked them to donate money to the theater renovations.

June 18 is still the start date for removing the old theater seats and carpet. For the big reveal, there will be a special donor event to say thank you. The donors will be able to sit in the chairs they sponsored.

Next meeting

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

The Big Day of Giving on May 3 will be focused on the theater capital campaign.

The Egg Hunt went very well. There are lots of new babies in Curtis Park.

Financial

Jonathan LaTurner reported SCNA is in excellent financial health, but we are still short donations. Board members were again encouraged to ask five people to donate to the theater campaign.

Expenses were down \$14,000 and income was up \$107,000 over last year. Credited for the success were: continuing growth from quality implementations such as the new website with 360-degree room views, the Learnery, and more advertisement and promotions.

Facilities

Facilities Chair **Andrew Booth** reviewed previous leases and will submit comments to Terri. City structural assessments show there are structural issues that may cost up to \$1 million over 10 years. The lease is a priority for the facilities committee.

Development

Co-chairs **Kat** and **Jonathan** met regarding the strategic plan and creating a neighborhood survey to identify who we are serving and how we can make membership events better. They will help create a database and volunteer network so that Sierra 2 staff are not doing everything. Bruce suggested asking **Carol Barnes** at the Institute for Social Research at Sacramento State University to help with the survey.

NCC

John Mathews reported the candidate debate for city council will be on May 9. Board members are needed to volunteer. The homeless camp in Crocker Village was cleaned up with a backhoe. Some campers have returned on the Union Pacific side of the fence.

John will attend a public hearing regarding the cannabis dispensary on Broadway.

A Cops, Coffee and Kids event is scheduled for June 12 at 6 p.m. in Curtis Hall.

Senior Center

Angela Mia reported that attendance is up and the pilates classes are very popular.

Viewpoint

The editor expressed an interest in board members writing articles. Send ideas to Bruce or John.

— Submitted by
Kate Van Buren, board secretary

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Strategic plan helps define neighborhood values

High on the list of things that 23-year-old Eric never would have foreseen himself saying: I’m really excited that we have a strategic plan. That guy, however, was but a callow youth who was far more concerned with short-term plans for Friday night than long-term plans for a million-dollar budget organization.

The board has been working on the strategic plan for two years, and talking about it for at least twice as long. With the help of the Impact Foundry, we talked to SCNA members, employees and other people in the community to get at what our values are, and how we think those values should be put into practice. All our efforts have produced a comprehensive, yet compact, document that will give SCNA and the Sierra 2 Center direction for the next several years.

Of course, like any good plan, this one is open to change and improvement. And much like a house or garden project, it will never truly be “done.” As the neighborhood, environment, economy and other factors change, the strategic plan will change also to stay relevant and vibrant. If you’d like to take a look, you can check it out on the Sierra 2 website.

I also had the opportunity to extend a recent

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business trip and spend a tourist day in Washington, DC. In addition to the monuments by night (no matter how many goofy high school kids are milling around chatting and yelling and texting, Lincoln is always daunting, Vietnam is always overwhelming and Korea is always haunting) and

the National Archives for a glimpse of our founding documents, I took my first trip to the Newseum.

The Newseum is one of the few paid-admittance museums in Washington, D.C., but it’s well worth the price. In addition to containing the largest section of the Berlin Wall outside Germany and every Pulitzer-prize winning photograph since the beginning of the awards, it has an incredible history of newspapers, with originals dating back to the 16th century.

The pre-revolutionary tracts by John Peter Zenger and Benjamin Franklin were the original American community newspapers, full of opinions, local items, advertisements and all the other ephemera that really make them worth reading. You can trace that lineage right down through the centuries to the newspaper you’re reading right now. I feel blessed to be in a country that allows freedom of the press, and privileged to live in a community that contributes to it.

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What's new at Sierra 2

By Valerie Burrows

How to get a song published

Nashville Songwriters Association International will hold a workshop with singer/songwriter/producer Megan Conner. Megan has had publishing deals in Nashville and New York City. Recently, she has landed songs with country, indie and international artists. Workshop participants will have the opportunity to play Megan a song or two to get mentoring and feedback. She will discuss the association's national song screening process, her career and publishing deals. The workshop will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 20, in Room 12. The cost is \$50 for association members and \$60 for non-members. To reserve a seat, contact Gabrielle Kennedy at 916 476-5073 or by email at gabrielle@gabscourt.com.

Meet the author

The River City Deaf Literary Club presents Paul W. Ogden, author of "My Life in Language: A Memoir," for a book discussion and signing from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 12, in Room 12.

Egg hunters gathered for pajama parade fun and crafts

Parade Marshal Angela Mia, at left with her dog Wicket in her bike basket, led the excited group in the pajama parade to Sierra 2. Angela said that, "It was so much fun to lead the parade. To be with them was like being seven again!"



Photo/Will Carlton

Hundreds of children, families, friends and neighbors gathered for the annual Curtis Park Spring Egg Hunt on March 30. It began with Parade Marshal Angela Mia and her dog Wicket leading the Pajama Parade from

William Curtis Park on bicycles, scooters, strollers and toddling feet to the Sierra 2 Center. This free event continued with Bunny photos, refreshments and lots of crafts for little hands to explore.

Q&A

WITH THE SCNA BOARD

Do SCNA dues and contributions pay for people outside the neighborhood at The Learnery?

How much of a market is there for all the new classes at The Learnery? Are SCNA dues and contributions going to fund activities for people outside the neighborhood?

SCNA Executive Director Terri Shettle answers:

We believe the opportunities to draw participants to The Learnery are unlimited so long as the classes and activities are fresh, relevant to market interests and affordable. We have the unique advantage of offering these classes in a well-established, historic venue that has been the foundation of the Curtis Park neighborhood. For more than 35 years, the Sierra 2 Center has been a hub for social, artistic and cultural activities,

although our role has been mostly to create the space and provide amenities to make the activities possible. With The Learnery, we are actively leading the activities, tailoring the offerings to reflect the trends and interests in the community. The Learnery was envisioned to provide visitors from Curtis Park and surrounding communities a welcoming place to enhance personal and professional capabilities. Most of these varied classes cover their costs and some even help fund SCNA operations. As long as people are interested in learning, exploring and cultivating their curiosities, there is a market for The Learnery. As with all things we do, we welcome and encourage input and ideas.

ASL/voice interpreter and beverages will be provided free of charge. Ogden has dedicated his life to educating young deaf and hard of hearing people and raising awareness of what it means to be deaf in a hearing world. He tells his story of challenges and lessons he learned, revealing that the critical guiding factors for him have always been language and successful communication. He offers reflections on the joyful and difficult periods of his life as he navigated relationships, faced discrimination, questioned his faith and found happiness in his marriage. Please RSVP by May 10 to Ellen Thielman at 916 225-5437, ellenthielman@gmail.com or visit meetogden.rsvpify.com.

Peace Corps send-off party

Calling all past, present and future Peace Corps volunteers, plus family and friends, as we gather to share stories, learn about volunteer experiences, and celebrate those preparing to depart for assignments overseas. For date and time, contact Barbara Smith at bsmith@peacecorps.gov or 510 452-8455.

Spotlight on SCNA Board Member



Photo/Judy Harper

Andi Liebenbaum is eager to resolve the development impasse with Petrovich.

Family law expert has passion for mint chip ice cream

By Judy Scheible

If Andi Liebenbaum followed her heart's desire, she'd be making ice cream every day instead of working in the legal world for the state. As a member of SCNA's board of directors, Andi's set her volunteering energy on issues that will make the neighborhood and region a better place for everyone. She's eager to help resolve the development impasse with the Petrovich Development Co. so neighbors can concentrate energy in other areas.

Andi has lived in Sacramento for 12 years. She lived in Land Park and Sierra Oaks before buying a home on 28th Street between Broadway and Second Avenue. "I had always loved Curtis Park," she said. "My street is rich in diversity. I love it."

Before Andi landed in Sacramento, she had spread her wings far and wide from her childhood in Los Angeles. Her studies at Boston University included a year in Spain, and her early employment found her managing solar cars racing in Australia. She earned her law degree at Loyola University and worked as a defense attorney for five years. Among her non-profit jobs was developing the youth conservation corps.

Now she works for the Judicial Council of California in the government affairs division with a focus on family law and juvenile delinquency.

Never far from her thoughts is the sweet taste of ice cream. She says her overall favorite is mint chip (the version she makes), but her current passion is churning out a batch of cardamom with candied lemon peel from local lemons.

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New quarterly Free Fridays begin May 18

By Katie Byram

The Sierra 2 Senior Center is starting a quarterly Free Friday event for older adults. In addition to regularly scheduled Friday activities at no cost, the center will cater a lunch and have instructors to teach special classes and give presentations. The first Free Friday event will be May 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Guests can look forward to a Pilates class, games of pinochle, art with the Open Art Studio, swing dance lessons, Zumba Gold and Writing for Self-Discovery classes by instructors from the city's Hart Senior Center. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m. Free Fridays are a re-imagining of the popular Open House multi-day events in July 2016 and September 2017. The smaller-scale Free Fridays allow the Senior Center to be free more often, which in turn allows more people to benefit and enjoy the services and social activities that continue to enrich lives. Free Fridays are made possible by partnering with

organizations that seek to support the local older population. The May date and the next event, scheduled for Aug. 17, are supported by an Ethel Hart Mutual Endowment Fund grant. A detailed schedule of activities can be found online at sierra2.org or at the Senior Center.

New women's group
Women ages 50 and up are invited to join a new women's friendship group starting in May at the Senior Center. Group members will use the Senior Center as home base, meeting on the second Wednesday of the month, to check in with each other and tend to any housekeeping needs. Group activities will include field trips around town, luncheons, item swaps, guest speakers and discussions of women's issues. The group leader is Guadalupe Gutierrez, who started this group after participating in one for many years in San Jose. The first meeting is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, in Room 11.

AT SIERRA 2 CENTER

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.

Mother's Day High Tea Celebrate the mothers in your life with three tiers of tea food and custom blended drinks. Sunday, May 13 11a.m.-1 p.m., \$45/person	Rustic Cedar Succulent Workshop Fun garden project with succulents. All supplies included. Saturday, May 19 3-4:30 p.m., \$35/person	Cacti & Succulents: Watercolor Workshop Learn watercolor skills and complete a rainbow prickly pear piece. Wednesday, May 23 6-8 p.m., \$35/person	Let's Dance: Salsa Grab a partner and learn the popular social dance Salsa! Sunday, May 20 2-3:30 p.m., \$25/couple
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Cultivating Curious Minds with Classes and Workshops for All

May 16 free workshop on restoration of old windows

By Janice Calpo

Tim White, restoration specialist with the California Department of Parks and Recreation, will give a workshop from 6 to 9 p.m. May 16 at Sierra 2 on the basics of historic window repair and restoration. Attendees will learn how to tackle repairs themselves or what to know in hiring a contractor. White is a former contractor and window restorer. Historic windows play a big role in the character of our vintage homes — handcrafted of old-growth wood, with myriad patterns and characteristically wavy old glass. They were built solid and stable, with ease of operation. The weight and balance system

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IN THE DISTRICT

From tragedy comes opportunity for positive change

To say that the past month at City Council has been challenging is a vast understatement. Issues related to the shooting of Stephon Clark have overwhelmed both the council's work as well as a significant portion of our staff time. That said, I truly believe that we will come out of this a better city. If we don't evolve this tragedy into an opportunity for positive change, then shame on us. I am incredibly proud of the city's leadership, including the work of the mayor, council, city staff, the police chief and his department, our faith leaders and many, many community-based organizations. Similar tragedies in other municipalities have led to riots, looting, cars being

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City Council Member District 5



overturned and burning tires in the streets. We have seen none of that in Sacramento. Rather, raw emotions were channeled into peaceful demonstrations, with minimal damage and arrests. I want to especially thank our leaders in the African American community as well as our men and women in uniform, for showing restraint and understanding during this emotionally charged and difficult time. We must use this as an opportunity for change. At one level, the council, with leadership from Police Chief Daniel Hahn, has begun the discussion around our practices, procedures and training. We must ask and answer questions about how our officers got to the point where a decision was made to fire their weapons. We must also look at what happened afterward. The chief has already made a change

in protocols around the audio of body cameras, which will be required to stay on following an incident. Most importantly, the council will need to make some hard decisions about our budget. We have committed to support at-risk communities, attacking some of the challenges of inequity that create and perpetuate our problems — but how can we best support these communities? Looking at prevention programs that support opportunities for our young people is a high priority for me. I am excited that the city put out \$500,000 last week for these types of programs. It is a down payment on the need, but a significant step forward. As always, I look forward to your input on these important issues. I was proud of our neighborhood leadership for submitting a letter of support citing these important matters. As always, Curtis Park shows its leadership on important matters in our community.

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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
June 11: "News of the World" by Paulette Jiles

NONFICTION BOOK CLUB
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., 3rd Thursday
May 17: "Nothing Like it in the World: The Men Who Built the Transcontinental Railroad 1863-1869" by Stephen E. Ambrose
June 21: "A Full Life: Reflections at Ninety" by Jimmie Carter

FILM CLUB
1:30-4 p.m., 3rd Tuesday
May 15: "Ninotchka" (1939)

NEW!
WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 2nd Wednesday
Room 11
All women are welcome.

EVENTS
AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM
9 a.m.–1 p.m., May 14 & 15, Room 10
Fee: \$15 (AARP members) or \$20 (non-members)
Register: Jim Finnegan, 916 804-9777

GUIDED MEDITATION AND REUNION WITH TARA STILES
10-11:30 a.m., May 4, Room 12
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Letter: SCNA board wants a better way and to be part of solution

(Continued from Page 1)

This devastating event is a painful wake-up call that we need to focus on more equitable treatment, processes, resources, and access for all Sacramentans. How we accomplish this, of course, leads to many more questions. You and the City Council have spoken articulately about this loss, and how we must come together. The Sacramento Kings have taken a positive step in this direction by partnering with the newly formed Build Black Coalition that will focus on youth education, job preparation and economic development. The city's recent economic development strategy called Project Prosper hopes to boost all neighborhoods, particularly those with the highest unemployment and poverty rates. Sacramento needs to do more.

It is our hope that out of this chaos and confusion, we will become a transformed Sacramento that is a more just, equitable and safe home for all of us. You recently said there has to be a better way. We agree and we are committed to do whatever we can to help. Please call on us to be part of the solution.

Eric Johnson, President, SCNA Board of Directors

Letter to mayor reflects frustrations in neighborhood

By Mimi Budd

At its April meeting, the SCNA board of directors approved sending a letter to Mayor Darrell Steinberg calling for substantive changes in the police practices and protocols that led to the tragic shooting of Stephon Clark on March 18.

Accompanied by several neighbors, I had asked the board to take a stand with our African American neighbors and all people who are advocating for justice for Clark and committed to helping in the future. The resulting letter expressed with compassion the grief and frustration our neighbors are expressing as they call for change and emphasized that we are united as one community in this pursuit.

In agreeing to send the letter, the board acknowledged the inequities that exist within our communities of color that set up the dynamics leading to tragedies like this. The letter called for renewed efforts to address them, such as the positive steps taken by the Sacramento Kings partnering with the newly formed Build Black Coalition to focus on youth education, job

preparation and economic development and the city's recent economic development strategy called Project Prosper.

The day after SCNA sent the letter to the mayor, I addressed a City Council meeting and urged the city to support less use of force, more non-lethal alternatives, improved de-escalation training and implicit bias awareness training. In my remarks, I referenced the SCNA letter, which had been distributed to the council members.

If you are interested in helping, some opportunities include: Oak Park Peace Walk on Friday nights, organized by the Greater Sacramento Urban League to build awareness and prevent violence by developing strong relationships (www.gsul.org/event/oak-park-peace-walk-31); Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence (www.bradycampaign.org/content/sacramento-valley-brady-campaign-chapter); and Black Child Legacy Campaign, which is working to reduce deaths of African American children in Sacramento County by 10 to 20 percent by 2020 (www.blackchildlegacy.org).

Candidates: Debate set for May 9

(Continued from Page 1)

and new perspective, and bringing my experiences to some of the discussion and decision making."

L'Ecluse worked as a teacher at a Montessori school from 2003 to 2016, when she went to work for a year in community advocacy for the Black Child Legacy nonprofit campaign.

She sees a crisis of housing affordability driving people out of the city, "people unable to keep up and make ends meet. Their safety net is crumbling and it's our job to mend them any way that we can."

Candidate **Joseph Barry**, who lives in the Freeport Manor neighborhood, is a doctoral student in education at Sacramento State University. He has a bachelor's degree in communication from Sacramento State and a master's in disability studies from California Baptist University in Riverside.

Barry describes himself as a disability

rights advocate. He says he's running because of "a plethora of issues — and it comes down to I'm dissatisfied with my representation."

Rather than spending money on downtown development, Barry thinks the emphasis should change. "I feel like we've been paying a lot in taxes and I don't see my park here upgraded since I can remember."

Barry says city officials brag about what they are doing to address the issue of homelessness "while people are sleeping outside the council building. The homeless situation has to be dealt with without draining the budget, but I think it can be done."

The irregularly shaped district includes all of Curtis Park and encompasses a number of diverse neighborhoods, roughly from Highway 50 on the north, Stockton Boulevard on the northeast, Florin Road on the south and Interstate 5 on the southwest.

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\$3,000 — Laborers Local 185

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COMMUNITY CORNER

Karin Caves was a generous neighbor

By Lori Harder

Not long after moving into the neighborhood, Karin Caves graciously opened her home for the 2017 Home and Garden Tour, a generous show of support for her new community.

The community was saddened to learn of her death in March after a short illness.

Her son Morgan Ramsey said she chose Curtis Park in 2015 for the overall feel of the neighborhood, an appreciation of the Spanish revival style of the two-story house that looks out onto Sierra 2 Park and for large spaces to garden, much to the enjoyment of her English Cocker Spaniel, Andy.

Since the late 1980s, Karin had a successful career in politics, advising California lawmakers and governors. Her



Photo/Morgan Ramsey

Karen Caves on a trip to Iceland.

last position was deputy director of the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration. She was communications director for former Attorney General Bill Lockyer when he was president of the state Senate in the 1990s, and operated her own consulting firm from 1998 to 2013.

Friends describe her as curious, passionate, fearless, beautiful, strong, tenderhearted and loyal. She made new connections easily and was always planning outings and adventures to share with them.

Gov. Jerry Brown said, “Karin was always willing to roll up her sleeves in service to her fellow Californians and this administration.”

With gratitude for her contributions, the Curtis Park community will miss her too.



In her dressing room after the Seattle performance of “Hamilton,” Taeko Carroll celebrates her birthday with her parents.

Photo/Tom Carroll

Local girl makes good in ‘Hamilton’

By Judy Scheible

Taeko Carroll, who grew up in Curtis Park, is a swing dancer with the national touring production of the Broadway musical “Hamilton.”

Taeko, 31, is the daughter of Tom and Fusae Carroll of Curtis Way. Taeko grew up dancing under the watchful eye of her dancing teacher mom and in the Visual and Performing Arts program at Sacramento High School. After a year of training at Fullerton State she entered the commercial dance world in Los Angeles and performed with Rihanna, Gwen Stefani, Usher and others. At that time, she also adopted her stage name Taeko McCarroll, which gives a nod to her paternal grandfather’s Irish roots.

As a swing dancer in “Hamilton,” she must know four roles and be ready to step into any one of them at any time. Her parents traveled to Seattle in March to see her perform. Her father called it “a mind-boggling experience.”

Annual Yard Sale May 19

The Curtis Park Yard Sale is the time to sell, toss, recycle, or donate your clutter. The annual Yard Sale is on May 19. If you wish to be placed on the Yard Sale map, please register online at sierra2.org or at the Sierra 2 office.

Oak Park market opens on Cinco de Mayo

Oak Park Farmers Market reopens at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 5 in McClatchy Park.

Since opening day in Oak Park coincides with Cinco de Mayo, market manager Joany Titherington plans a festive morning with entertainment and dancers.

Among the new Oak Park vendors are Devil May Care Ice Cream from West Sacramento and KC Kombucha, a start -up based in Oak Park. For more information: 916 704-2843.

Grads will be published in the June 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: carolxo@comcast.net; or to *Viewpoint*, 2791 24th St. Sacramento, CA 95818; or drop by the Sierra 2 office.

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.

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BRET HARTE NEWS

Food Literacy,
Open House
up next in May

By Adrianna
Gonzalez

Food Literacy
Family Night
returns to Bret
Harte from
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
May 2 on the blacktop.



More than 150 people
attended the fun-filled event
last year. It's expected to be just
as popular this year. This year's
evening will include free dinner
for the entire family, an exercise
class, interactive healthy food
demonstrations and a live DJ.

Food Literacy is a nonprofit
that inspires kids to eat their
veggies through hands-on
activities. Once a week, students
at Bret Harte learn to cook
healthy meals in the after-school
program through the Food
Literacy organization and its
volunteers.

Bret Harte's Spring Open
House will be from 5:30 to
6:30 p.m. May 30.

Come visit the campus
and meet the teachers, staff
and Principal Tucker. Find out
about the school's music, garden,
STEM (science, technology,
engineering and mathematics),
mindfulness and after-school
programs.

Nextdoor

Outpouring of support mobilized for owner of T-Rex

By Craig McCulloch

On New Year's Eve, Hai Luong of Castro
Way lost his Chihuahua dog T-Rex near
10th Avenue and 24th Street.

T-Rex has been a mascot at Track 7
Brewery. The dog is tan-colored with an
unusual pink nose that distinguishes him from
others. He had a collar with identification and
was chipped.

The day T-Rex disappeared, Luong
joined NextDoor and posted a photo and
description of T-Rex. Many pictures in the
neighborhood were attached to signs and poles
in surrounding areas. Luong learned that his
dog had been taken in a vehicle. A reward of
\$500 was offered, increased to \$1,000 by a
generous anonymous donor.

The response by neighbors on NextDoor
with possible sightings and sympathies was
overwhelming, possibly numbering more than
100 posts.

Almost three months after disappearing,
T-Rex was found on March 28 in the central
Oak Park neighborhood.



Photo/Craig McCulloch

After three months of searching
for his dog, T-Rex, Hai Luong
of Castro Way, with the help
of many NextDoor members,
found T-Rex; they all gathered
at Track 7 to celebrate.

"NextDoor has been an invaluable
resource and ultimately what brought our
little guy home," Luong posted. "Thanks
again to our amazing community's efforts and
outpouring of support." NextDoor helped with
a happy ending to this story.

T-Rex's supporters celebrated his return
at Track 7 on April 21 with well-wishers and a
decorated cake.

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The Sacramento Children's Home on
Sutterville Road posted a help-wanted notice
on NextDoor in mid-April. Founded in
1867, the Children's Home has eight separate
locations and serves more than 5,000 children
annually. A number of positions are available
with a range of pay rates. More information is
available at: www.kidshome.org/careers.

*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
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Car break-ins are top neighborhood crime in first quarter

By Erik Fay

Curtis Park continued to experience
a low crime rate in the first quarter of
2018 compared to other parts of the city
and county, according to police statistics.

Overall, 92 crimes were reported in
the neighborhood. Most notable were
increased rates of larceny and vehicle
burglary.

Car break-ins were the
neighborhood's most reported crimes
with 26 incidences, a 10 percent increase
over the previous two years. They were
scattered in the neighborhood, with
about two-thirds north of the park. A
number of them were on Portola Way
and Marshall Way. A cluster of break-ins
occurred in one evening in mid-March.

Car break-ins are primarily
crimes of opportunity. The crimes
typically involved purses, backpacks,
laptop computers or wallets visible
on a car's seat, presenting a quick and
easy opportunity for thieves. Another
common occurrence is unlocked cars
entered for money or documents that can
later be used in identity theft.

Theft of personal property was the
most reported crime in Curtis Park for
several years. The majority in the first three
months of 2018 took place from Donner

Way north. The majority of thefts involved
delivered packages, bicycles and furniture
stolen from front porches. Porch delivery
of online purchases has increased this
crime of opportunity.

National statistics indicate about
23 million Americans have experienced
package theft by "porch pirates." The
Sacramento Police wants all porch thefts
to be reported. Police need data on thefts
from porches to justify added coverage,
educate neighbors

and develop strategies to address the
crime. Porch theft crimes can be reported
through the police department website.
Items of a high value can result in an in-
person report being taken.

The department has implemented
a "theft bait" program in its Crime
Suppression Unit. The program
involves placing a package on a porch
with a Global Positioning System
inside. The system reports the package
being moved off the porch to a police
monitoring system, which then deploys
a neighborhood police cruiser to the
location of the package —
often a car with a back seat or trunk full
of other stolen packages.

The program was most effective
during the 2017 holiday season. A
number of thieves were caught after

trailing delivery trucks.

The police initiate this program in
areas with high incidences of theft, but
it can be requested by neighborhood
associations, neighborhood watch groups
and concerned neighbors. To request
this program, call the Sacramento Police
Department's District 4 Office at 916 808-
6001 and ask to speak with a representative
of the Crime Suppression Unit.

Curtis Park January 1 – March 31, 2018	
Crime Statistics	
Crimes	1st Quarter 2018
Robbery	3
Assaults	7
Burglary	8
Larceny	25
Vehicle Burglary	26
Stolen Vehicle	7
Vandalism	13
Drugs	3
Grand Total	92
Larceny = Theft of personal property. Larceny does not include robbery or burglary.	
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