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Campaign volunteers and members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers surround Rosanna Herber in front of Hop Gardens Taproom on election night. Herber, of Third Avenue, won 50 percent of the vote to become the new SMUD director.

Photo/
Rene Cruz Martinez



Crocker Village update Variance sought for 65-foot sign in Crocker Village

Viewpoint Staff

Petrovich Development Co. is seeking a zoning variance so it can place a 65-foot-tall shopping-mall-style sign along the Sutterville Road overpass in the Crocker Village commercial development.

The Crocker Village Planned Unit Development (PUD) guidelines state that signs in the shopping area are to be simple in design, enhance the aesthetic environment through design and color consistency and highlight the unique character of the neighborhood. The guidelines prefer signs that are attached blade, awning and window signs similar to other shops in the area.

The primary purpose for the guidelines is to produce a development that respects and protects the traditional neighborhood.

The developer has asserted that the governing policy reverts “by right” to shopping center/highway commercial zoning because the PUD guidelines and other adopted policy governing the area do not specifically set a sign height limit.

There are no known 65-foot-tall signs anywhere in the city. Approving the variance would set a precedent for signs wherever there is an elevated road in the city, including the opposite side of Sutterville Road.

On Nov. 14, the developer attached two small black balloons to the corner of the future grocery building. The balloons were meant to allow the city and community to assess the visual impact of a 65-foot sign. The balloons are about 70 feet north of the correct location, reducing the value of the simulation.

Please see Sign, Page 2

Neighborhood vote helped Herber to secure SMUD seat

By Mike Scheible

Curtis Park voters helped former SCNA President Rosanna Herber to win a position on the SMUD board in the November election.

Herber won 75 percent of the vote in the neighborhood and 50 percent district-wide.

Runner-up Angela Spease had 39 percent of the vote districtwide. Mark Graham had 11 percent. Spease and Graham are residents of Elk Grove.

Lisa Murawski received 57 percent of the neighborhood’s vote in winning a seat on the Sacramento City Unified School District board over Anna Molander.

About 61 percent of voters in the neighborhood voted for Measure U, the city sales tax increase. It passed with 56 percent approval citywide.

On key statewide issues, 77 percent in the neighborhood voted against Proposition 6, which would have repealed a gas tax. Some 60 percent of neighborhood voters favored Proposition 7, which could lead to permanent daylight savings time. About 55 percent voted for Proposition 10, which would have allowed cities to pass rent-control ordinances. Proposition 7 passed statewide, while Propositions 6 and 10 were defeated.

In the race for governor, 80 percent

of neighborhood residents favored Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, a Democrat, over Republican businessman John Cox. Newsom was favored by 58 percent of voters statewide.

Democratic U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein received 62 percent of the neighborhood vote. She was re-elected with 53 percent of vote statewide, to 46 percent for fellow Democrat Kevin de Leon, a state senator.

Final percentages may differ somewhat as ballot counting was not finished by late November. Later results, including precinct-level tallies, can be found at the Sacramento County election website, <http://sacresults.totalvote.com>.



**SCNA annual meeting
rescheduled for Jan. 15**
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Angel Tree offers spirit of giving

Kids can choose their own “angel” to shop for a gift. See Page 5.



NextDoor posts pros and cons about raccoons

Some think they're cute; others report their chickens and rabbits killed. See Page 9.



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The developer refused the city's request to place a second balloon at the northwest corner of Sutterville Road and Crocker Drive, where Petrovich plans "by right" to place a 35-foot-tall sign that the developer claims will not be visible to eastbound drivers on the overpass.

The development company claims it can place nine 35-foot-tall signs in the Crocker Village shopping center "by right."

A flyer was distributed to some doorsteps in Curtis Park a few days after the balloons went up asking the community to support approval of the 65-foot overpass sign and 35-foot corner sign, stating that the developer will only erect two signs if the variance is approved.

The flyer and the justification submitted to the city for the 65-foot-tall sign variance both claim that the sign will support traffic safety. The sign would promote the names, colors and logos of eight stores but would provide no directional information.

City planning policy says this type of sign "is designed to be viewed from far away and by fast moving traffic." City policy calls for low signs at the entrances to



In a November 2018 submission to Sacramento City Council, Petrovich Development Corp. included a rendering of Crocker Village, a "Safeway anchored urban infill" development. The rendering is also available at www.petrovichdevelopment.com, which links to an animation posted on YouTube. In addition to naming Safeway as the supermarket anchor, the rendering names

several potential tenants, including Noah's Bagels, Magpie's and Selland's. A spokesperson for Selland Family Restaurants said Petrovich Development did not have permission to use the Selland's name in its marketing materials. The rendering and animation also show a Safeway gas station on Crocker Drive. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1m7rz1eznNs&sns=em>

Rendering/Petrovich Development Co.

the commercial area that identify individual shops and their locations.

A public hearing on the requested variance is scheduled for 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at 300 Richards Blvd, third floor. Public comments can be submitted

up to the time of the hearing and may be emailed to Zoning Administrator Evan Compton at ecompton@cityofsacramento.org.

SCNA's letter in opposition to the variance will be posted at sierra2.org.



Safeway reposts for off-sale liquor license for the grocery store under construction

Safeway Inc. has requested a "21 off-sale general" liquor license for the grocery store under construction in Crocker Village.

The public notice of the application, affixed to a piece of plywood leaning against the west side of the building, was posted Oct. 12. It said any "verified protest" against the application must be received by the state Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control "within 30 days of date posted."

The notice was reposted Nov. 12, meaning the time for opposing comments had been extended to Dec. 12.

The license would be a transfer from another Safeway location.



Safeway posted this liquor license application notice on the west end of its building.

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Annual meeting rescheduled to Jan. 15 due to poor air quality

Viewpoint Staff

The SCNA annual meeting will take place Tuesday, Jan. 15, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Curtis Hall.

The board will present the Strategic Plan. SCNA President Eric Johnson says, “The plan centers around three of SCNA’s core values – community, stewardship and environmental sustainability, with four ‘headline goals’ that give us guidance on where we should be expending our efforts.”

SCNA Executive Director Terri Shettle and board President Eric Johnson will make presentations about the state of SCNA and where it is headed.

Guest speakers City Councilmember Jay Schenirer and County Supervisor Phil Serna have been asked to speak about city and county issues that relate to the neighborhood.

There will be light refreshments.

To help us get an accurate number of attendees, please RSVP 916 456-3005.

Strategic Plan 2018

Vision Statement

Curtis Park is a community of residents working together to affirm and grow our quality of life; and Sierra 2 Center for the Arts & Community is a cultural resource in the social and architectural fabric of Curtis Park and Sacramento.

Mission Statement

SCNA promotes inclusiveness, awareness and involvement for a safe, vibrant neighborhood and actively participates in preserving the heritage of and enhancing the quality of life in the Curtis Park neighborhood and throughout Sacramento by operating the Sierra 2 Center for the Arts & Community.

Core Values

1. Community

We believe in a neighborhood that is inclusive beyond our borders and celebrates diversity, where neighbors get to know one another and work together for our quality of life.

2. Stewardship

We believe it is a privilege to serve, and pledge to be open and responsive in our leadership of SCNA, and in our protection and management of the historic Sierra 2 building.

3. Environmental Sustainability

We believe that the outdoor spaces, passageways and public landscapes of Curtis Park are to be protected, preserved and enhanced so that residents and visitors enjoy a healthy environment in which to gather and recreate.

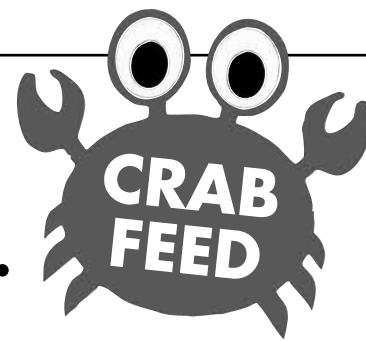
The full plan is posted on the SCNA website, sierra2.org.

No Viewpoint in January

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

The staff will start up in 2019. The next edition will be in February. The deadline for that one is Jan. 15.

**It's Back!
Save the Date!
SCNA presents...**



Saturday, Feb. 9 at 6 p.m.

**Curtis Hall. Tickets go on sale Dec. 1.
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Decisive leadership vital for next SCNA president

Q. Which qualities would be most necessary and welcome in a new president? In what directions should the new president take SCNA?

John Mathews:

Being the board president is far beyond attending two or three meetings a month. A total commitment to the job. That person should have a clear understanding of how Sierra 2 manages its day-to-day operations, finances, etc. A good working relationship with Executive Director Terri Shettle and the staff. Also a good working relationship with Councilmember Jay Schenirer and other city officials and a willingness to represent SCNA at city meetings and neighborhood events. That individual should also commit to protecting SCNA board members from lawsuits stemming from the Crocker Village development.

Angela Mia:

A desire and ability to collaborate with others. A problem solver. To have the time to devote to SCNA committees and events. To keep the board and executive director focused on the Strategic Plan.

Andi Liebenbaum:

The next president should have ambitious goals and objectives and the natural optimism to encourage the board to share that optimism and achieve new heights. High standards of accountability, honesty and transparency. To be open about the strengths and weaknesses of the organization. I'd like to see the individual get broader representation on the board, young people, tenants of multiplex apartments, and individuals from diverse ethnic and racial backgrounds. I'd also like to see more engagement with neighborhood associations of Oak Park, Hollywood Park and Land Park, and the Broadway Corridor Business Association.

Kate Van Buren:

A sense of humor. A vision to enhance and sustain our quality of life. Courage to stand up for our interests publicly. A collaborative spirit. Enthusiasm to encourage a diverse board to empower neighbors. An appreciation and understanding of maintaining the success of Sierra 2.

Andrew Booth:

Decisiveness and an open mind. A president needs to be more concerned about making sure the general consensus of the group is represented and pushed for, not their own. They need to be able to deal with a lot of different personalities both on and off the board, and behave appropriately.

Kat Haro:

The president provides a level-headed sounding board and decisive presence to guide the board and assure decisions are made. Diplomacy and ability to consider and occasionally mediate an array of opinions. The president will help steward the direction of our dual organizations – balancing SCNA and Sierra 2 needs and objectives.

Bruce Pierini:

The most important quality is the determination to follow through with the board in implementing the recently adopted 10-year Strategic Plan. The individual needs to be an articulate, effective spokesperson on behalf of SCNA – to advocate for neighborhood issues to the city and the wider public.

Notes from Nov. 7 meeting

SCNA favors letter opposing Crocker Village sign

The SCNA board unanimously agreed at its Nov. 7 meeting to send a letter to the city in opposition to Petrovich Development Co.'s request to the city for a variance to install a 65-foot-tall sign in the Crocker Village shopping center.

Neighborhood resident Marian Moe joined board member John Mathews in presenting a draft letter to the board.

The proposed sign identifying Crocker Village businesses is intended to be visible from the Sutterville Road overpass. SCNA President Eric Johnson accepted amendments and agreed to further edit the letter prior to sending it to the city Planning Department on SCNA letterhead.

SCNA budget

Treasurer **Jonathan LaTurner** presented the proposed 2018-2019 SCNA budget. Discussion included:

- The cost of publishing Viewpoint;
- The hiring of an accounting firm to manage the finances of SCNA and the Sierra 2 Center;
- The hiring of a new employee for development/event management;

Next meeting

The next regular meeting of the SCNA board will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5 in the Garden Room at Sierra 2.

- The relocation of several budget items out of the Neighborhood Concerns budget to more accurately reflect that those expenditures are the responsibility of the board;
- Proposed revenue targets for the Senior Center.

The year-end budget shows a planned deficit of about \$18,000. Jonathan explained that this intentional deficit positions SCNA to grow in the future by removing day-to-day financial management from Terri's responsibilities to a professional accounting firm, and by hiring another employee to focus on generating new revenue from SCNA events, preparing grant applications and seeking other revenue sources.

The board unanimously approved the proposed 2018-19 budget.

President's report

Now that SCNA has a strategic plan, the committees are charged with meeting prior to the Jan. 9 board meeting to assess their progress toward meeting SCNA's goals.

Eric recently met with City Councilmember **Jay Schenirer** to talk about updates to the Petrovich Development Co. lawsuit, and the developer's request for a signage variance. Eric said Jay asked about the Sierra 2 Center lease. Eric asked **Andrew Booth**, chair of the Facilities Committee, to submit three options for SCNA to consider at the January meeting.

Eric asked the Governance Committee to come up with a plan for a performance review of Executive Director **Terri Shettle** by the Jan. 9 board meeting.

Eric encouraged all board members to bring at least one person to the annual meeting, or to encourage one or more new people to join in 2019.

Facilities

Andrew reported that Terri is gathering information that will help

SCNA negotiate with SMUD for a return of payments for water and electricity that were improperly billed to SCNA.

Neighborhood Concerns

John Mathews reported that the December Cops N' Coffee will have to be postponed because he was serving on a long-term jury. He also mentioned that there have been lots of NextDoor posts about the dog park, most of which are incorrect. (Updated correct information was in the November issue of *Viewpoint*.) John said he had reached out to the city about appropriate signage for the dog park.

Miscellaneous

Lori Harder presented Eric with a gift basket in recognition for his years of service as SCNA president.

The board agreed to make a contribution to Wounded Warriors in memory of Terri's father. Angela agreed to collect contributions from board members.

— Submitted by Andi Liebenbaum

President's message

Always late... but never short of warm feelings

This column was always late. A day late, a week late, but always late.

Hence, I start off my last column as SCNA president by offering a huge apology and thanks to the staff of *Viewpoint*, specifically editors Judy Scheible and Dennis Cusick, and production coordinator Carol Blackman. Without their patience, there would be a lot less of me in print.

This column, however, was always fun. It has been a pleasure to take a few hundred words to talk about whatever was on my mind. Most often, what was on my mind was how thankful I am to live in Curtis Park amid the beautiful trees and lovely neighbors.

When I first assumed the mantle of the president in 2013, I had two goals for my one-year term, with no idea there would end up being six years at the helm. My first goal was to put together a strategic plan for the organization. My second goal was to see some decent development in Curtis Park Village.

I am pleased to have accomplished the first. Our Strategic Plan gives SCNA and Sierra 2 a path to the future, come what may. That's a pretty decent legacy in and of itself.

The status of the second goal is less clear. The striking Black Pine homes continue to fill up, with more than 60 occupied the last time I did an informal count. There are foundations and walls at the south end of the village, and Safeway has applied with the state Department of Alcohol Beverage Control for an off-sale liquor permit. The aesthetics

ERIC JOHNSON
SCNA Board President



of the Crocker Village commercial buildings leave something to be desired, but I suppose it comes down to the developer's choice as to the legacy he leaves.

I've been lucky enough to have the support of a great rotating cast of board members, some of whom have served the neighborhood for more than a dozen years. New members have been incredibly helpful in

looking at things in new ways and bringing ideas (and sometimes delicious brownies) to the table. Much of the joy has been in getting to know new people around Curtis Park whom I can honestly call good friends.

None of what we've accomplished would have been possible without SCNA Executive Director Terri Shettle and her staff. They do amazing work from a tiny space, and I'm continually in awe of how many projects and events, dinners and classes spring from their creative minds.

Of course, as with any volunteer position that requires nights and weekends, the support and encouragement of my family were paramount. I scarfed a lot of Wednesday night dinners and stayed up late, reading obscure land-use court cases. Thanks a million to my lovely wife for putting up with getting served in the gas station lawsuit, and to my kids for always asking, "How was the meeting?"

The final piece of the puzzle has been all of the members of the Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association. Your support of what we do — whether through membership, donations, attendance and volunteering at

events — has made the past six years extremely rewarding for me. I can't thank you enough for the emails, NextDoor notes, conversations and other interactions.

My time as SCNA president has made me a better, more well-rounded person, and I hope Curtis Park is better off as well.

Happy holidays to you and yours. We live in the best neighborhood in Sacramento.

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SIERRA 2DAY



Angel Tree project allows neighbors to show generosity

By Judy Scheible

With the Salvation Army Angel Tree project, staff at the Sierra 2 Center makes the neighborhood's natural generosity easy to express.

For the fourth year, the Sierra 2 Center staff has volunteered to host a tree in the center's lobby with gift-wish tags.

Neighbors will find 100 tags on Sierra 2's holiday tree. Each tag represents a wish from a child selected by the Salvation Army, and includes the child's clothing and shoe sizes, as well as a few gift ideas. Each child has a unique tag number; siblings are all included under the same number with different letters. For example, Ariana and Alex would be numbered 501A and 501B.

Once you select a tag or two, you register your "angel" by signing up on the nearby log sheet. You list the child's name, his or her tag number, as well as your name and contact information. After you go shopping, you return the unwrapped gifts to the Sierra 2 office with the bottom section of the tag. You may keep the top section to use as a tree ornament.

Some neighbors bring their kids or grandkids so that each child can choose their angel and shop for one special person. It encourages the giving spirit.

The Sierra 2 staff then collects and bags the gifts with the tag and stores them until the Salvation Army comes to pick all of the gifts up in time to be distributed at Cal Expo on Dec. 20. Gifts this year are



Photo/Heather Hogan

Again, this holiday season, in Sierra 2's Center's lobby is the Angel Tree with "angel" tags to fulfill gift wishes for children selected by the Salvation Army.

due at Sierra 2 by Saturday, Dec. 15.

Last year, the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program assisted more than 6,300 families and 15,000 children in our community, providing gifts and toys during the

holiday season. The need is expected to be even greater this holiday season.

For any questions, please contact Rose in the Sierra 2 Center office: 916 452-3005 or rose@sierra2.org.

Holiday crafts fair on Dec. 8 will benefit Sierra 2 programs

By Katie Byram

Holiday Gifts & Goods takes place from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8 at the Sierra 2 Center with vendors selling hand-forged jewelry, soaps, candles, fiber arts, succulent arrangements, planters, winter wear and furniture.

"What I love about the Sierra 2 events is that many of the attendees will visit our shop in Midtown for more gifts by our various local artisans," says Susan Sipe Rabinovitz of Little Relics, who will display handmade jewelry in the \$20-\$25 range. "The community support is wonderful and helps keep our little brick and mortar in business."

The young and young-at-heart can engage in a fun, five-minute ornament

craft experience with Cate Schmiedt, a resident artist, funmaker and operator of the Sierra Art Parlor.

All proceeds from this event benefit two Sierra 2 Center programs – The Learnery and the Senior Center.

The Learnery provides educational and enrichment opportunities for all ages in a comfortable environment. The program promotes skill-building, encourages hobbies and passions, and favors lifelong learning by connecting students with experts, artists and local businesses.

The Senior Center provides life-enriching activities including book and film clubs, Life Story writing class, bridge and mahjong groups, fall prevention classes and the popular Wellness Program. The Senior Center strives to offer engaging

and relevant activities and classes for people over age 50.

The Senior Center relies on the support of members, neighbors and local

businesses. Online donations can be made at www.sierra2.org/senior-center or you can mail a check to 2791 24th St., Sacramento, 95818.



DECEMBER 2018



SIERRA 2 CENTER FOR THE ARTS & COMMUNITY



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Lee Aviles, 916 203-6461

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Pastor Dorothy Hayes, 916 213-0901

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Sundays, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Room 12
Contact: Mother Elizabeth English
916 502-6773, GoodShepherdCommunity.org

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

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alohatyra@aol.com

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www.rivercitytaps.com
richard@rivercitytaps.com

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OTHER

Cochlear Community Meetings

6-8 p.m. 2/21, 5/23, 8/15, 11/7 Curtis Hall
cochlear.com/US/events

Know Thyself as Soul – Meditation

1st Sunday of the month, 1-4 p.m. Curtis Hall
knowthyselfassoul.org

MUSIC

Nashville Songwriters Association

2nd Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Room 12
Free • Gabrielle Kennedy: 916 476-5073

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Intermediate, 8-9 p.m.
Kristy Oshiro, kristyoshiro.com

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Eagle Claw Kung Fu Academy of Sacramento

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

Sacramento Sword School

Martial Sword Arts of Europe
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Maestro Eric Myers: 916 276-2247

Unified Chinese Martial Arts

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Thursdays, 8:15-9:15 p.m.
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Studio 2
Shifu Byron, lohan36@sbcglobal.net

Beginning Tai Chi

12:30-1:30 p.m. Sundays, Studio 2
embodytaichi.com

T'ai Chi Ch'uan

8-9 a.m. Saturdays, Studio 1
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ART

Glass Mosaic Classes

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karensarp51@gmail.com

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Kia: keynorrisfitness@gmail.com

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6:30 p.m., Thursdays, Studio 1
Lauren, 916 956-0876

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Tuesdays/Thursdays, 4:45 p.m. (50-min. class)
info@tworiversdancecenter.com

Stilettos with KG – Ages 18+

8:45 p.m., Wednesdays, Studio 3
krystal, kgstilettos@gmail.com

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AT THE 24TH STREET THEATRE



FAMILY BONDED CHRISTMAS

Dec. 14 and 15

Showtimes: Friday, 6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 p.m.

Tickets: \$20/general admission
ticketderby.com/event/251040

Sea Fields Productions and Rising Growth Productions present this gospel musical stage play that portrays family dramas during the holidays. A portion of the ticket proceeds benefits Home At Last Inc., a nonprofit family resource agency for neglected and abused children.



GRINCHMAS REMIXED

Dec. 22

Showtimes: 3 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$15 general; \$25 preferred; \$50 VIP
grinchmas.brownpapertickets.com
Info: 916 752-9492, dancekast@att.net

Enjoy a night of holiday cheer with the entire family as KAST Academy of the Arts brings this spectacular Dr. Seuss-inspired production to the stage.

4TH ANNUAL UNITY TALENT SHOW FUNDRAISER

Jan. 19

Showtimes: Family-friendly talent show: 3-5:30 p.m.; \$10 Advance; \$15 Door
Adult comedy show: 7-9 p.m.; \$10 advance; \$25 VIP; Door \$15

Tickets: : eventbrite.com

Info: 916 470-7349, fb@feedsacramentohomeless

All proceeds benefit Feed Sacramento Homeless program, which supplies families with food, clothing, hygiene, blankets and companionship year round.



EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Activities are free except where noted.
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Room 12 • 916 455-6339
seniorcenter@sierra2.org

LEISURE

BOOK CLUB

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 2nd Monday

Dec. 10: "A Gentleman in Moscow"
by Amor Towles

Jan. 14: "Hunger" by Roxane Gay

NONFICTION BOOK CLUB

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 3rd Thursday

Dec. 20: "The Revenge of Geography:
What the Map Tells Us About Coming
Conflicts and the Battle Against Fate"
by Robert D. Kaplan

Jan. 17: "The Soul of America: The Battle
for Our Better Angels" by Jon Meacham

FILM CLUB

1:30-4 p.m., 3rd Tuesday

Dec. 18: "Casablanca" (1942)

Jan. 15: "Belle Epoque" (1994)

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This class is intended for children ages 3-14. Younger children (ages 3-6) must have a parent/guardian dance partner present to help them out (make it a family dance). Kids 6 years old and up can be dropped off. Parents are always welcome.

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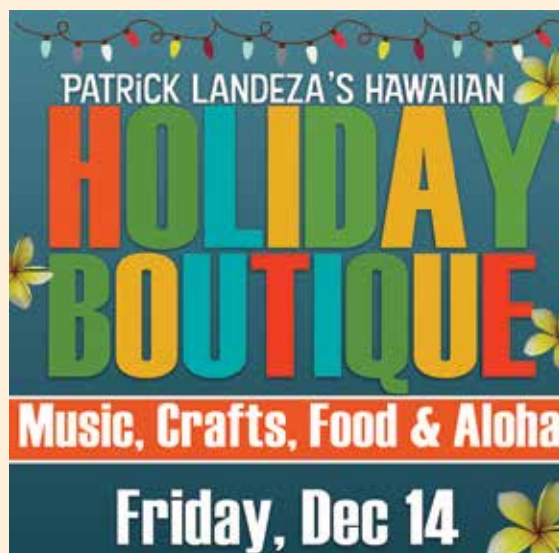
What's new at Sierra 2

By Valerie Burrows

Human Rights Day

Amnesty International hosts its largest annual human rights campaign, "Write for Rights," from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10 in Room 10. On Human Rights Day, people around the world write letters, emails and tweets to government officials on behalf of people who need urgent help. Through the power of collective action, these letters try to persuade officials to free people unjustly imprisoned and end other abuses. This year's 11 cases are women human rights defenders under threat.

All materials will be provided; just drop in during the scheduled hours. Bring a computer if you like – Wi-Fi is available. For more information, email amnestysacramento@gmail.com or visit amnestysacramento.org.



Ahi poke, fresh poi

Join musician, chef and jeweler Patrick Landeza at his Hawaiian holiday pop-up boutique featuring music, jewelry, jams, food and aloha from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14 in Room 10. For information, call 510 423-305 or email landezapresents@gmail.com.

Life after death?

Join Medium Kelley Eckhardt for a six-week Foundations of Mediumship course designed to help you become more spiritually aware. Designed for those who want to learn more about their intuition and connecting with the Spirit World and/or feel a calling to it. Classes are 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 19 to Feb. 13, in Room 9.

This course offers an interactive experience with your intuitive and spiritual sides through group exercises and individual instruction, using hands-on techniques. By the end of this course, you will be surprised at your own ability to connect, and by the ways you can use this connection to enhance your life.

If you already have a working knowledge with psychic and mediumship from being in a development circle or taken a beginner's course, Medium Kelley is also offering the Mediumship Next Level intermediate course from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 8 to Feb 13, in Room 9. Kelley will guide you through techniques and exercises to take your skills to that next level.

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NextDoor

Raccoons may seem cute, but they transmit disease

By Craig McCulloch

The raccoons must be on the prowl again in the neighborhood and nearby areas, as indicated by a multitude of NextDoor posts. A neighbor north of the freeway was able to capture some photos on his “raccoon cam” and shared them on NextDoor, stirring much discussion.

Raccoons have supporters who think they are cute and should be protected, as they were in this part of the state before it became an urban community.

Other neighbors reported raccoons killing chickens, a pet rabbit and koi fish in their ponds. Several reported significant

damage by these critters in attics and basements. Prevention includes sealing up all potential home access points with heavy-duty screening material. Other recommendations for control include not leaving pet food outside at night and securing garbage lids.

Raccoons carry disease that can spread to other animals and possibly humans. Connie Fanos of Marshall Way posted, “They ubiquitously carry a disease called raccoon roundworm (baylisascaris procyonis), which is very often fatal in humans. It is found in 70 percent of adults and 90 percent of juvenile raccoons.” Later she added, “Infection of the eyes may

result in permanent visual damage and loss.” This fact was mostly confirmed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which reported on its web site, “Human infections are rare but can be severe if the parasites invade the eye.”

The roundworm is carried in the intestines of raccoons and is spread to other animals or people through feces. If raccoon feces are encountered in your yard, be very cautious when cleaning. Use rubber gloves and masks to avoid any contact with the microscopic worm eggs. Soak the area with boiling water to kill the worm eggs. Thorough hand cleaning is also important to prevent infection.

Plastic recycling

Yogurt cups, ketchup bottles, and plastic takeout containers may again be placed in the blue recycling containers rather than trash cans, the Sacramento Recycling and Solid Waste Division announced on NextDoor.

“This past June, due to severe market



Photo/Will Carlton

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shifts in recycling, the city instructed residents that many plastic items were not being accepted by the city’s recycling processor, Waste Management,” the post said.

Somewhere on the plastic container is a number, ranging from 1 to 7, inside of the recycling symbol (a triangle with arrows). According to the city, “The lower the number, the easier it is to re-purpose the type of plastic into another product. All plastics with numbers 1 to 7 can now be recycled in Sacramento.”

Visit the Waste Wizard at <http://sacrecycle.org/> to see if an item is recyclable. Plastic bags and Styrofoam egg cartons are not recyclable.

Kudos to local runner Jenny Hitchings

Tenth Avenue neighbor **Jenny Hitchings** was just named USA Track and Field athlete of the week. She broke the womens’ 10K record for her age group in the Run to Feed the Hungry on Thanksgiving Day. Her time, 37.27, sliced almost a minute off the previous record.

Jenny said, “It’s been a whirlwind eight months. I’m so deeply proud and humbled to get selected as USATF Athlete of the Week, as this is truly an honor that goes to the best runners in the country. Hard to believe that I’m one of them.”

City sets public meeting Dec. 11 for input of proposed transit-oriented development ordinance

By Viewpoint staff

The City of Sacramento is considering an ordinance to incentivize transit supportive uses near light rail stations, and to preserve transit areas for appropriate development opportunities.

The City Council has scheduled a public meeting to discuss the proposed ordinance at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11 at the City Hall Council Chambers at 915 I St., first floor.

The ordinance will affect, through a zoning change, what a property owner can do, in the future, with their property if it is located within a ½ mile of an existing or future light rail station. Existing uses will not be affected.

The proposed zoning change will ban any new gas stations, car shops, car dealerships, drive-through restaurants, warehouses and businesses that grow cannabis on property within ¼ mile of an existing or future light rail station.

If the property is within a ½ mile of an existing or future light rail station, a conditional use permit must be obtained for any of the following uses: automobile sales, storage, rental, service or repair; cannabis cultivation and non-volatile cannabis manufacturing; drive-through restaurants; equipment rental and sales yards; gas stations; manufacturing, service and repair; mini storage; locker building; plant nursery; warehouse; distribution

center and wholesale store.

Councilmember Jay Schenirer was asked about the proposed ordinance and expressed his view that: “As a policy maker, I am always looking for win-win issues. Transit-oriented development is a perfect example. Done well, it supports affordable housing, public transit, infill development, and improves quality of life and better places to live and work. I have been working on the City’s TOD ordinance for some time and look forward to its implementation.”

Neighbors are invited to attend the meeting Dec. 11 to express their views and concerns. For more detailed information: www.cityofsacramento.org/SacTOD.

In the District

A note of gratitude and thanks for friends and supporters

I generally spend time around the holidays letting those with whom I work and play know how much I appreciate their friendship and support. Here is my list:

To those who have put their trust in me to represent them on City Council, thank you. I appreciate your support in my re-election and do not take it for granted. I will continue to work hard to represent each of the neighborhoods and all the residents and businesses in District 5.

I will work on projects such as the

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Mercado on Franklin Boulevard, the Del Rio Trail in the south area, the Med Zone in Oak Park, the tree nursery in Mangan Park and many others. My staff and I will be responsive to the daily needs

and desires of all of our constituents, whether speed bumps or saving trees in our neighborhoods.

To my staff at City Council and WayUp, thank you for your dedication to the issues we care deeply about, particularly

increasing support for Sacramento’s young people. We will focus on improving and increasing the skills, capacities, resources and opportunities young people need to be successful in school, career and life.

To those I work with on City Council and in the community, thank you for all you do for our city. I look forward to working collaboratively and compassionately on the tough issues before us. I hope we can be creative and innovative as we seek to eradicate the issues that keep others from succeeding.

To my wife, Sacramento County School Board member Bina Lefkowitz, thank you for what you do every day to support young people throughout the state.

Thank you for the sacrifices you have made to support my career and allow me to do this job. I have learned over the last year that it can be difficult to be the spouse of an elected official, but I am glad to let you have the spotlight. You deserve it.

This is a pivotal time for our city. With the passage of Measure U, we will have significant new resources with which to attack our largest challenges. We must work together to ensure that those resources are spent thoughtfully and carefully in a manner that expands our economy and supports those most in need.

To everyone, I wish you happy holidays, a healthy new year, and much success.



Photo/Joan Cusick

Canine coiffure

Pet Stylista owner Peni Wilson checks the grooming for one of her canine clients. Wilson opened her “green” pet grooming business in November 2013 in Oak Park and moved to 2717 Broadway last March. “The Curtis Park community has recognized our efforts to provide services above and beyond grooming,” Peni says. “We are grateful for your support since our beginning.” Pet Stylista has a staff of 11 and is open seven days a week. The neighborhood business offers bathing and grooming services for dogs and cats as well as cat boarding.

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Tai Chi Mondays, 11:00 a.m. - noon in Studio 3

All Levels Thursdays, 10 - 11 a.m. in Room 12

ZUMBA TONING WITH KELLY

Wednesdays & Fridays 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. in Studio 3

PILATES WITH LAUREN

Mondays & Fridays 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. in Studio 2

Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. in Studio 2

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Photo/Carla Meyers

Ken Lambert and Kristin Meyers are enjoying their first home on Coleman Way after two years of marriage.

You can go home again, former resident discovers

By Carla Meyers

Just a short walk from her childhood home on Curtis Way, Kristin Meyers and her husband Ken Lambert have bought their first home on Coleman Way.

The millennials, who met at Sutter Middle School and attended McClatchy High School, left Sacramento to explore the world beyond, attending college in Colorado (Kristin) and Santa Barbara (Ken).

They took their studies farther afield

for a semester abroad before deciding after graduation to return to Northern California. They both moved to San Francisco about seven years ago.

They married two years ago and felt pulled back to Sacramento. It felt natural to look at homes for sale in Curtis Park. Ken and Kristin love the neighborhood's older homes and strong sense of community. The two enjoy travel, food and wine.

They look forward to the arrival of a new puppy. You'll likely see the three of them playing in the park soon.



Photo/John Mathews

Jennifer Bannon, with her pug Mia in their Curtis Park studio, prefers painting from photos rather than have dogs sit for portraits.

Resident artist specializes in portraits of dogs

By John Mathews

Mia, a year-old energetic pug living in Curtis Park with her canine portraitist mom, Jennifer Bannon, meets daily with other dogs and dog lovers at the Sierra 2 Green. After chasing balls and running with the pack, Mia leads her mom back to their home, where Jennifer spends the day in her studio painting impressionistic portraits of local pooches.

Growing up in Indiana, Jennifer shared her days with a wide variety of dogs from Saint Bernards to mutts. Jennifer has loved painting her whole life, developing a bold self-taught style. Her early subject matter ranged from bright landscapes and street scenes to softer, more muted floral images.

She retired early to pursue her lifelong dream of becoming a full-time artist. Jennifer moved to the neighborhood in 2016 after marrying Tom Bannon, and is

enjoying becoming a part of the Curtis Park artistic community.

Jennifer started on dog portraits when a friend who is blind asked her to donate a painting for Canine Companions for Independence. Her golden lab portrait was a hit, and she decided to focus on dogs from that point forward. Her acrylic paintings bring out the personality of the dogs, with special attention given to their eyes.

Dog lovers can have a portrait created in various sizes. Jennifer finds it easier to work from photos rather than trying to get a dog to sit still for hours. Prices depend on size and composition. People who have lost their pets find a painting by Jennifer a perfect way to memorialize their departed companion.

For those interested in a dog portrait, Jennifer Bannon can be reached at bannonpaints@gmail.com.

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Curtis Park doing its share with most trees in a city; second in the U.S.

Photographer Rudy Calpo, of Donner Way, walked through the neighborhood in mid-November and captured dozens of streets tunneled by trees in full autumn color. Rudy told *Viewpoint* his Flickr link is available so that neighbors can download and print if they want. All rights are given to readers without conditions by Calpo Photography. FLICKR: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/rudycalpo/albums/72157673936897907>

Photo/Rudy Calpo

Bret Harte news

Young children learn to socialize in playgroup

By Adrianna Gonzalez



Bret Harte Child Development Center infant and toddler playgroup offers more play sessions with a new schedule for the 2018-19 school year.

Playgroup classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m., 11 to 12:30 p.m. and 3 to 4:30 p.m.

This free program, sponsored by First 5 Sacramento, is open to children up to 3 years old and their parents, grandparents or caregivers. There is no enrollment or attendance requirement other than families must reside within the boundaries of the Sacramento City Unified School District.

A typical playgroup session begins with free play, and then children and parents gather around for circle time that includes singing and story time. After circle time, kids get to try out new imaginative and creative activities in the play kitchen or

play dress up, read in the library area, and participate in art and craft activities and outside play. The session ends with snack time.

Children get to practice how to play with other children and learn how to interact with adults other than parents and caregivers. This program offers many opportunities for infants and toddlers to try different age-appropriate activities. It is a place for parents and children to make new friends.

The playgroup classroom is in Room 2 in the Child Development Center right behind the kindergarten classroom. It will run until June 7, 2019.

First 5 Sacramento offers this free program in nine school districts in the Sacramento area. For more information, call 916 643-7858.



USO-themed gala at McClatchy

Viewpoint Staff

Music, dance and drama designed to entertain the troops during World War II will fill McClatchy High School's renovated stage Feb. 2. The evening gala will highlight the school's Visual and Performing Arts program.

Guests are encouraged to wear uniforms and attire from the 1940s to the USO-themed event.

A silent auction and dessert will start at 6 p.m. Auditorium doors will open at 6:45 p.m. Performances will begin at 7:15 p.m. It will be open seating in the 800-seat auditorium.

Tickets are on sale at ckmvpa.eventbee.com. Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door; \$20 for teachers and students. Admission is free for all military veterans and active service members. For details: CKMGALA@gmail.com.

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