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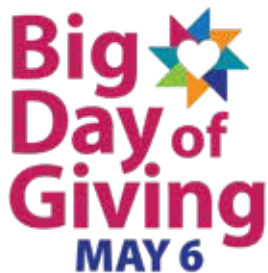
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May 2021

SCNA asks neighbors to give big on May 6

By Kathy Les

If anyone had predicted that COVID-19 would close the Sierra 2 Center for more than a year, we might have thought them crazy. In fact, by the time Big Day of Giving rolls around on May 6, Sierra 2



will have been shuttered for nearly 14 months.

During last year's Big Day of Giving, our Curtis Park community stepped up to help in a big way, donating \$53,000. SCNA has set a larger goal for this year, hoping to raise \$75,000.

We can do it with your help. The money raised will go to sustaining Sierra 2 through the summer and early fall when we hope something like

normalcy will return and revenues start to trickle in again.

The SCNA board has worked diligently month after month, hand-in-hand with Executive Director Terri Shettle to keep our organization afloat. Grants were sought, Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) money received, staff cutbacks made and more to keep us in a financial holding pattern for the day the center might

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New COVID-19 cases doubled in neighborhood over last month

By Mike Scheible

The number of new reported COVID-19 infections in the area that includes most of Curtis Park has roughly doubled over the last month, according to Sacramento County data.

The 22,000 residents of the Curtis Park, Land Park, Newton Booth and Poverty Ridge neighborhoods in the 95818 ZIP code had logged a total of 891 COVID-19 cases as of April 19. Of the total, 58 had occurred in the previous three weeks. New infections averaged 19 per week in the first three weeks of April, more than double the average of nine per week in March.

The good news is, vaccinations are increasing steadily. On March 26, Sacramento County began providing statistics on the vaccinations by ZIP code. As of April 23, about 8,400 residents in the 95818 ZIP code were fully vaccinated. Another 3,000 had received an initial dose. According to the county, 50% of the local eligible population over age 16 are fully vaccinated and 68% have had at least one shot.

The recent spike in cases, despite increased vaccinations, is troublesome and is an indication that too many people are letting their guard down prematurely.

COVID-19 predominantly affects the respiratory system, which means individuals with pre-existing conditions – asthma, cardiovascular disease, damaged lungs from smoking and air pollution – are at the greatest risk for complications once infected.

Current data may be seen at <https://sac-epidemiology.maps.arcgis.com>.

Sun-dried laundry Advocates cite many benefits of clotheslines

By John Mathews

As sunshine once again fills our days, people who enjoy the benefits of their laundry being dried outside are returning to the tried and true backyard clothesline. While a majority of homes in the United States have a dryer, outdoor clotheslines remain popular.

According to studies, a clothes dryer can account for up to 6% of a family's home energy usage and expense. Reducing your home's demand for electricity from coal or natural gas power plants also helps to reduce carbon dioxide emissions caused by its production. Drying just half of your laundry can keep about 1,000 pounds of carbon dioxide a year out of the atmosphere. Sunlight can also bleach and disinfect; clothes can smell fresher without the use of additional chemical-laden laundry fresheners.

Several Curtis Park residents have depended on clotheslines for decades.

Gerre Buehler of Third Avenue likes her umbrella clothesline because



Photo/John Mathews

Becky and Rudy Martinez of Fifth Avenue have used a clothesline that Rudy built (and has maintained) since they moved in over 45 years ago.

she can use it with an umbrella stand. It's easy to move, set up and store over the winter. Gerre notes, "I can usually get two loads of clothes on it, and on a really hot day the first load is dry by the time I go out with the second." Gerre also learned that you can burn 5.72 calories per minute hanging laundry.

Becky and Rudy Martinez of Fifth Avenue moved to Curtis Park

over 45 years ago. One of their first improvements was to install an outdoor clothesline. Rudy built a line-and-pulley system and maintained it in good working order for decades of family laundry. Becky says using the line dries the clothes faster. To avoid shrinkage, there are some clothes and linen she has never put in a dryer.

Some advocates of clotheslines

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Double-decker bus marks new Lucky's Drive-In

Opening plan is for Aug. 1 with classic burgers and fries. Page 7



Italian dinner takeout set for May 14

Enjoy another meal to go from La Famiglia Catering. Page 11



Farmers market opens May 1 at McClatchy Park

Several new vendors are expected to bring their produce and products. Page 11



MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER AGAIN:

Help Sierra 2 turn the financial corner on COVID-19

Big Day of Giving MAY 6

"For the 40 years I've lived in Curtis Park, Sierra 2 Center has anchored our neighborhood. It has enriched my life providing a space to study Italian and Spanish, learn modern dance, enjoy performances at the theater, practice yoga, drink and dine with friends and neighbors, watch my weight, attend forums about local elections and give voice to issues that matter at board meetings. I can't imagine our neighborhood without Sierra 2, although the 2020 closure gave us a taste of how sad that would be. It's more important than ever that we come together to support Sierra 2. That's why I'm donating this year on May 6. I hope you will too."

— Mimi Budd
SCNA Board Member

At a past annual Wine Tasting, Mimi Budd tastes and sips with friends and neighbors.



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Watch for emails, calls & lawn signs coming soon, welcoming your generous donations.

Ten Acres Pharmacy offers COVID vaccine

Sonya Frausto is more than busy. She said she's doing about 150 vaccinations a week. She has been guaranteed enough supply to do the second shots when they come due.



She has had Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines. Before the Johnson & Johnson vaccine was suspended, she gave about 100 injections. "It's a bummer that it's been suspended," said Frausto, adding that she has plenty of the Moderna vaccine.

"We've exhausted our wait list with the extra vaccine at the end of each day," she said. "Most days we have two to three extra, so we call people who have appointments."

SCNA board member Kathy Les shared her experience at the pharmacy when the pharmacist had nine extra doses at the end of the day. Kathy's daughter, Maggie Thomas, went next door to Taylor's Market and told customers vaccinations were available.

Frausto said she takes appointments by phone, "because people like to talk to a human," but online appointments are also available.

Ten Acres Pharmacy is at 2930 Freeport Blvd. Call 916 942-9575 or visit tenacrespharmacy.com.
— Judy Green Scheible

Giving: Financial needs are sizable

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thrive again with dancers, theater audiences, wedding attendees, artists and more.

While we know things are starting to open up around town, it's still unlikely that Sierra 2 will resume as quickly as others given restrictions on large group gatherings.

For this reason, our financial needs are real and sizable. Even closed, Sierra 2 requires \$5,000 a month in utility costs. For many months this past year we operated at a deficit of \$18,000 a month to maintain a skeletal staff and keep the building safe and secure.

PPP funds have helped considerably, but we still operate at a deficit of up to \$4,000 a month, a number that could climb as high as \$18,000 a month when the second PPP loan runs out mid-summer. To add insult to injury, the one big winter storm of 2021 caused roof damage to the building that could cost as much as \$100,000 to repair.



Help Us Gather Again

For a complete statement of Sierra 2 financial needs, visit sierra2.org.

Watch for Big Day of Giving lawn signs springing up throughout the neighborhood showing support for Sierra 2. Notice social media blasts encouraging you to donate. Expect calls and emails from board members seeking your donation.

But you need not wait to be asked.

Go directly to bigdayofgiving.org/sierra2center between April 22 and May 6 to donate. If you prefer, checks can be made to SCNA and brought directly to the front of Sierra 2 on May 6. Watch for special festivities in front of the building on the Big Day of Giving.

With your help, we can turn the corner to gather again.



Neighborhood yard sale June 26 to be confirmed

These are tricky times to set a date for a yard sale. If the neighborhood association sponsors a neighborhood wide yard sale, it will take place June 26.

With COVID-19 restrictions changing almost daily, setting a firm date is not possible. Updated information will be available in June.
— Judy Green Scheible



HOUSING SOLUTIONS

For Curtis Park & Sacramento

Hosted by Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association

May 27 • 6:30-8 p.m. via Zoom

Register at [Sierra2.org](https://sierra2.org)



Greg Chew

Part 1

Why the proposed housing goal?

The state and SACOG require Sacramento to plan for 45,580 new housing units by 2029, including 16,700 units affordable to lower-income residents. The state also requires the city to relieve patterns of housing segregation to foster inclusive communities.



Matt Hertel

Speaker

GREG CHEW – Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG)
Regional housing needs overview

Part 2

How to achieve the housing goal?

Sacramento, through updates to its 2021-2029 Housing Element and 2040 General Plan, proposes several strategies to produce more housing. Properties currently zoned R-1 (single-family) and R-2 (duplex dwellings) will be permitted to accommodate duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes if the site can meet development standards for height, setbacks and lot coverage requirements.



William Burg

Speakers

MATT HERTEL – City of Sacramento
Overview of proposed Housing Element 2021-29 and rezoning



Chris Jones

WILLIAM BURG – Preservation Sacramento
How General Plan 2040 might impact historic neighborhoods



Kirk Vyverberg

CHRIS JONES – Colonial Heights Neighborhood Assn.
City strategies that work to meet housing goals

KIRK VYVERBERG – Land Park Community Assn.
Community alternatives to rezoning

JAY SCHENIRER – City councilmember, District 5
Summary of City Council position



Jay Schenirer

Curtis Park residents are invited to attend. There will be 30 minutes for questions following the speaker presentations. SCNA conditionally supports the housing proposal but requests the city provide a stronger rationale on how the stated goals will be achieved.

Housing Forum May 27

Views of new city proposal on housing inequities

By Kathy Les and Erik Fay

SCNA will host a housing forum from 6:30 to 8 p.m. May 27 in response to a city proposal to modify R-1 single-family zoning standards to allow up to four dwelling units on properties previously zoned for single-family homes. Speakers will shed light on the city proposal.

By a state mandate, Sacramento must build 45,000 new housing units – including 16,700 affordable housing units – over the next eight years. The mandate also seeks to rectify past practices that fostered segregation and to provide equitable access to affordable housing in neighborhoods like Curtis Park.

One of the policies in the city's Draft 2021-2029 Housing Element calls for "meaningful actions to allow for a greater array of housing types throughout the city to create more inclusive and equitable neighborhoods and to affirmatively further fair housing."

The city proposes that beginning in summer 2022, properties currently zoned R-1 (single-family) and R-2 (duplex) will be permitted to accommodate neighborhood-scale "missing middle" housing types, including duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes, as long as the site can meet development standards such as height, setbacks and lot coverage requirements.

The housing forum will explore city plans to meet the housing mandate and to offer more housing types inside established neighborhoods like Curtis Park. In addition, the forum will look at concerns and proposed alternatives by other neighborhood associations, as well as potential concerns for older neighborhoods.

Speakers will offer a variety of perspectives from the Sacramento Area Council

of Governments, the city, Preservation Sacramento, Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association and Land Park Community Association.

Attendees will have a half-hour following the speaker presentations to ask questions.

SCNA's Ad Hoc Racial Justice and Neighborhood Concerns Committees planned the forum for Curtis Park residents seeking more information on this issue. Homeowners are already permitted up to two accessory dwelling units on single-family lots, thereby resulting in the possibility of as many as six units on R-1 zoned properties, including those with existing homes.

This forum follows up on two webinars hosted by SCNA last fall that showcased and discussed racial covenant exclusions widespread in Curtis Park starting in the 1920s. City officials aim to address these historic housing inequities in Curtis Park and throughout Sacramento in part with the R-1 zone change.

SCNA took a position of conditional support in two letters to the City Council regarding the R-1 zone proposal. Both letters recognized the need for more equitable and inclusive neighborhoods, requesting:

- A neighborhood-by-neighborhood survey of parcels suitable to up-zoning with residents playing a strong role in determining locations for affordable housing.
- City policies that require affordable – and not just market-rate – housing.
- Design requirements to ensure that multiplexes are compatible in height and mass with surrounding neighborhood buildings.
- Equitable allocation of permits for building additional multiplexes among neighborhoods to be impacted.

To RSVP for the housing forum, go to sierra2.org.

*President's message***Big Day of Giving proceeds can ensure survival of Sierra 2***City's 2040 General Plan deserves close scrutiny*

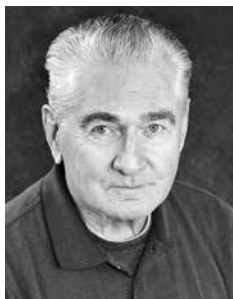
It seems I am never satisfied. As much as I love spring and the blooms it brings, those warm and fuzzy feelings result in sneezing and a runny nose. Nonetheless, spring does bring with it the promise of better days.

For Sierra 2 and SCNA, optimism is running high that things may return to some sense of normalcy sooner than later. And right now the biggest event that will help get us there is the Big Day of Giving on May 6.

The donations you have made and, hopefully, will make to SCNA are quite significant and are real difference makers. When we finally reopen the Sierra 2 Center, you can look in the mirror and congratulate yourself for stepping forward when it counted to help save a neighborhood icon. I am saving a good bottle of wine for that occasion so that I can toast everyone for a job well done.

On a separate issue, the SCNA board has been exploring the implications of the city's 2040 General Plan, which the city describes as its "blueprint for how and where Sacramento will grow over the next 20 years." At its core, the plan is intended to provide

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HOOVER**
**SCNA Board
President**



more affordable and inclusive housing. It may sound like a simple and laudatory goal, but the devil is always in the details.

The recently formed Subcommittee on Land Use is hard at work culling through and analyzing the plethora of

related documents and arranging for panels, meetings, etc. to help educate our neighborhood.

The SCNA board feels the housing issue has the potential to have a major impact on our neighborhood and wants to ensure that everyone is informed about it. To that end, the Neighborhood Concerns Committee and Ad Hoc Committee on Racial Justice are organizing a May 27 informational forum on Zoom that will be open to all.

Register for the forum at sierra2.org. I recommend early registration.

In the interim, try to learn as much as you can about the 2040 General Plan. You can also check sierra2.org periodically as Neighborhood Concerns will use the website to pass along information.

Stay tuned.

*Notes from April 7 SCNA board meeting***Glimmers of hope for a safe Sierra 2 reopening**

While Gov. **Gavin Newsom** has indicated much of the state can reopen June 15, we have no such specific indication for the Sierra 2 Center because community centers will be among the last facilities authorized to reopen.

Executive Director **Terri Shettle** reports her phone "ringing off the hook" by people who want to schedule events and classes at Sierra 2.

Subject to local and state health restrictions, if the infection rate continues to be low and the vaccination rate high, Sierra 2 will reopen on a phased basis. However, it will likely be months before the center is fully operational. Until then, SCNA's financial situation will remain precarious.

The projected fourth-quarter budget (April-July) is similar to the previous three quarters with a couple of exceptions, such as the Big Day of Giving on May 6, with a goal of raising \$75,000. Donations can be pre-scheduled through May 6. Board members were asked to raise \$1,000 each and call and email their neighbors and past donors to help raise money for Sierra 2 and for SCNA activities.

Sierra 2 received two small grants: \$15,000 from the California Arts Council Arts and Culture Fund; and \$10,000 from Sacramento County's Economic Development Office. The latter grant goes to the Sierra 2 Garden Project, planned to begin next year on a much smaller scale than originally envisioned.

The board ratified a letter drafted by the Executive Committee to the City Council expressing qualified support of the R-1 zoning change proposal within the 2040 General Plan. The letter raised important questions and concerns about a number of the plan's specifics.

The board also approved a letter to the California Air Resources Board in support of future limitations on small gas engines in California, with a special concern expressed about gas-powered leaf blowers.

Development Committee Chair **Kathy Les** reported that SCNA is hoping to schedule a modified garage sale in June and a modified Music in the Park in August.

The Neighborhood Concerns Committee is drafting a letter encouraging stronger enforcement of the city's tree ordinance.

The next SCNA board meeting will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. May 5 via Zoom.

— *Bruce Pierini, board secretary*

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Massage therapist at Figure 8 works by touch without sight

By Susan MacCulloch

Marianne Robbins provides massage therapy services at Figure 8 Women's Workout with assistance from her guide dog, Natsumi. The three-year-old Golden Labrador resides under the massage table during appointments.

Marianne lost her sight in middle age. She can't see a person's shape. She has no vision in her right eye while her left eye has some light perception "like a lava lamp," Marianne said. "I can see a blob but not detail."

Before her massage career, Marianne worked at the Society for the Blind's former location near 24th Street. She trained adults and children in the use of adaptive technology (computers and other devices that "speak") and blindness instruction.

A few years ago, she contemplated a new career. Marianne had wanted to practice massage years before and knew of other blind people who trained as massage therapists.

She trained at the National Holistic Institute's massage school in Sacramento and then spent many hours in internship and externship training.

Alicia Stephens, Figure 8's owner, was an externship supervisor. Marianne provided clients free massage services for the opportunity to practice – a standard in massage schools.

After she achieved state certification as a certified massage therapist, Marianne established her practice at Figure 8 in May 2020 during the COVID-19 shutdown. Now that restrictions have eased, "things are going well with an established client base."

Because massage therapists were included in Phase 1B of health care providers for the initial vaccine rollout, Marianne is fully vaccinated. She resumed her practice in late February.

"The state mandates very

specific protocols for practitioners," said Marianne, including special masks for clients and therapists, and sanitization protocol for cleaning the room thoroughly each time between clients – "down to every door knob, etc. that I will continue to do."

Once a client is on the table, she uses the back of her hand, tracing an outline of the body to establish a sense of where they are. "You use what you have, a kind of attentiveness in a way I didn't have before," Marianne said. "If you have a lot of tension, press really hard. You feel more if you don't have tension in your hands."

Client and Curtis Park resident Lana Gregori, a former massage therapist herself, said she "can appreciate the skill, the attention and the presence she brings to her table. She listens deeply as you tell her about your body and invites feedback so she can customize your massage and focus on any areas of concern. Her touch is strong and seamless as she helps you to release tight muscles and stretch tight joints."

Natsumi (meaning "summer" in Japanese) has been with Marianne for nearly two years, coming from Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Rafael. Natsumi is Marianne's third guide dog. "She is the pick of the litter with her personality and work ethic," Marianne said. But if a client has a severe dog allergy, her practice is not for them.



Photo/Joan Cusick

Marianne Robbins' guide dog, Natsumi, has a dog bed under the massage table in the massage room at Figure 8.

"I really care about women's health and wellness. Clients at Figure 8 want to be well," Marianne said. "Massage is a great companion to working out."

Marianne charges \$70 for a one-hour massage. She offers a reserved parking spot in the alley just north of the gym between the Bird & Bull hair salon and the Department of Motor Vehicles.

For more information, call 916 244-6779 or contact Marianne at MarianneRobbinsCMT@gmail.com. For Figure 8 Women's Workout information, contact owner Alicia Stephens at 916 704-6080 or visit <http://www.figure8ww.com>.

Music in the neighborhood

Mask up in May and hear some live music just a short bike or car ride down 24th Street, south of Sutterville Road. Two Rivers Cider Co., 4311 Attawa Ave. (a block west of 24th Street) and Fountainhead Brewing Co., 4621 24th St., are presenting live music outdoors on their patios. All live shows begin at 6 p.m. with limited seating. Call ahead to reserve tables. – *Mindy Giles*

Two Rivers Cider Co.

<https://www.tworiverscider.com>

May 7 – Phrogg (Surf rock)

May 8 – Alanna Garin & Clemón Charles Band (Pop folk)

May 15 – The Gold Souls (Fresh funk soul blues)

May 17 – Possum (Grateful Dead classics)

May 21 – Love Mischief (Jam band/psychedelic rock 'n' roll)

May 29 – The Bad Barnacles (Surf pop rock)

Fountainhead Brewing Co.

[fountainheadbrewingco.com](https://www.fountainheadbrewingco.com)

May 7 – Love Mischief (Jam band/ Psychedelic rock 'n' roll)

May 14 – The Dick Larson Band (Lyrical singer/songwriter)

The Side Door

<https://www.thesidedoor.net/livestreams> (Livestream at 7 p.m.)

May 22 – Daisy Caire CD release concert (Award-winning teen flatpicking guitarist, vocalist, fiddler, songwriter)



Daisy Caire

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SMUD can help you reduce carbon footprint, utility bill

By Nancy McKeever

Is your heating and air conditioning system hinting at retirement? Would you like a smaller carbon footprint?

SMUD has made the commitment to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2040 and is working to realize a zero-carbon power supply. Replacing your aging heating and cooling equipment with an energy-efficient system, likely to be in use for 20 years, will make your home part of the climate solution.

If your current system dates to the 1990s, it is likely about one-fourth as energy-efficient as new heat-pump technology, which produces both heating and cooling. Now is the time to compare your existing system to the high-efficiency systems available.

SMUD offers a variety of rebates, including \$3,000 for a high-efficiency heat-pump system and \$3,000 to seal and insulate your home.

Meg and Sean de Courcy of 10th Avenue were able to cut their energy bill in half, get quieter and more even heating and cooling, increase the value of their home, and dramatically reduce their carbon footprint – all in one investment.

The best-performing heat pumps employ a variable-speed compressor and can be purchased for about the same price as the old-style systems and two-stage heat pumps when you take advantage of rebates and comparison shop for a contractor from SMUD's approved list. An energy-efficient heat pump system will reduce heating and cooling costs, air pollution, and greenhouse gas emissions.

But will a heat pump keep you comfy on a cold January morning? Yes, it will. Variable-speed heat pump systems produce hotter air in heating mode,



Photo/Will Carlton

The de Courcy family received \$11,500 in SMUD rebates for a variable-speed heat pump, insulation and electrical upgrades to their heating and air conditioning system.

colder air in air conditioning mode, and more flexibility in between high and low temperatures, all while using less power than standard gas or electric systems.

We installed our heat pump system in March 2019. Since then, I have spoken with five Curtis Park neighbors who also took advantage of the SMUD rebate program. Each has a system designed to their needs, all somewhat different. All are pleased with the quiet, even heating and cooling, and energy savings.

It is important to get bids from multiple contractors. Each contractor has a different idea how to meet your heating and cooling needs, which will

educate you about options to determine the best path forward.

Contractors who offer multiple brands of equipment will likely be better able to match equipment with your needs, and offer a more precise bid. Brands such as Bosch, Mitsubishi and General Electric have been manufacturing variable-speed systems for 20 years.

Each contractor has a different idea how to meet your heating and cooling needs, which will educate you about options to determine the best path forward.

Be sure to ask each contractor to provide a bid on a variable-speed system. These systems respond seamlessly to small changes in temperature, providing the right amount of heating or cooling, keeping your home comfortable without the 2-degree temperature swings typical of non-variable systems.

Some heat pump systems may come with expensive auxiliary backup elements to calm concerns about heating on very cold days. A pro tip that applies to variable-speed systems without sacrificing comfort is to have your contractor lock out the heat strips for all but defrost cycle. During the recent polar vortex in the Midwest, variable-speed heat pumps produced as much heat as gas-fired systems without resorting to heat strips.

SMUD financing and federal tax credits are available. The city's Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program allows homeowners to put the full project cost as an assessment lien on their property, pay it off over time and, if they sell, pass the unpaid balance to the next homeowner. Check out the most recent rebate and financing information at www.smud.org/Rebates-and-Savings-Tips.

For more information, contact Nancy McKeever at nancymckeever@comcast.net or Cheri Davis at Cheri.Davis@SMUD.org.

Graduates to appear in June edition

It's time to send portraits and information about this year's high school and college graduates to *Viewpoint*.

This can be done by email to carolxo@comcast.net or by mail to *Viewpoint*, 2791 24th St., Sacramento, CA 95818.


For each graduate, please include name, parents' names, street in Curtis Park, graduate's school, plans for college, travel or employment or military service, and phone number. Please send in high resolution jpeg format.

The deadline is May 10.


Viewpoint wants your story ideas

Viewpoint appreciates neighbors who submit news about their babies, new neighbors, milestones and special events. This includes letters to the editor and opinions.

Please send your ideas to denniscusick52@gmail.com with *Viewpoint* in the subject field. Deadline for *Viewpoint* copy is the 15th of the month prior to publication.



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Lucky's Drive-In strategy: Come for double-decker bus, stay for burgers and fries

By Patti Roberts

The red, London-style double-decker bus parked beside the closed Hideaway Bar and Grill at 2565 Franklin Blvd. has already achieved its intent. Multiple times a day passersby stop to gaze or pose for photos in front of the exceptional bus.

This growing interest and curiosity about the vintage vehicle is the reason the building's new occupants bought the bus and placed it in the parking lot while transforming the old neighborhood bar into a new burger joint.

Michael Feagins and Willow Eskridge, owners of a successful hamburger restaurant in Parkland, Wash., leased the site of the shutdown Hideaway after seeing an online advertisement for the 1921 building.

"We've lived in the cloudy Northwest for years and it was time for a sunnier home base and a second restaurant," Feagins said. Though Feagins and Eskridge had no restaurant experience before opening Parkland's Lucky's Drive-In in 2015, they quickly built a following – not only because of their burgers and fries, but also because of the show-stopping 1955 bus they retrofitted to serve as indoor seating.

"When we decided to open the Sacramento location, we knew we wanted another bus," said Feagins. "We searched online and found this double-decker one in Redding. It previously served as a San



Photo/Will Carlton
Willow Eskridge, co-owner of Lucky's Drive-In, stands near the bus.

Francisco visitors center, then passed through a couple owners, and finally was the only item that survived a property devastated by one of the California wildfires. Now it's going to be a part of a burger restaurant. It's already a head-turner."

The bus also fits the "vintage modern" aesthetic that will be on display at Lucky's Drive-In Sacramento.

"We'll have oldies playing in the background, with the smell of toasted bread and French fries filling your nose when you walk in," Eskridge said.

"You'll come for the bus, but stay for our famous fries. "Our menu will have a little something for everyone: old-fashioned classic burgers, fries, milkshakes, all beef hot dogs, house-made chili," she said.

"We also have a burger salad, a bun-less option, and a veggie burger. And the fries: They have a light coating, which makes for a crisp outside with a soft inside."

The restaurant will be open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., with indoor and outdoor seating, and the red double-decker bus to draw people in.

"We're a Mom and Pop-type place, bringing our Pacific Northwest love down to sunny California," Eskridge said.

They are still in the permit process. As soon as they get final approvals, they'll begin the remodel, with a target opening date of Aug. 1.

Mother's Day Pop-Up at The Bloom Room

By Kelsey Wehls

The Bloom Room at 3444 24th St. will host another pop-up event May 8 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., featuring all things Mom on the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend.



Photo/Joan Cusick
Bloom Room owner and pop-up planner Alley Pappenberger

Local artisans specializing in jewelry, handmade goods and floral arrangements will sell gifts for Mother's Day.

Owner Alley Pappenberger is encouraging shoppers to indulge in gourmet goodies such as olive oils, cheese boards and breads. Purchase them and head to the park for a special Mother's Day weekend picnic.

A highlight at this pop-up event is Carmazzi Caramel Corn, owned by Karen Carmazzi, who was recently featured on TV Channel 31's "Good Day Sacramento" program for her award of a woman-owned business grant. She operates out of her home two blocks from The Bloom Room.

"I'm most excited to offer another opportunity for local makers to sell their goods and mingle with neighborhood shoppers," said Alley. "Offering flowers for Mom is just a bonus to creating a really nice event and shopping opportunity for the local community."

The Bloom Room hosted a successful pop-up Valentine's Day event as an introduction to the neighborhood. Alley hopes continued pop-up events will bring patrons and neighbors together.

The retail space for The Bloom Room is currently not open. However, a small outdoor space is available for up to 15 people for small events such as baby showers and birthdays.

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E-blasts from Sierra 2 continue to help with the blahs of pandemic

"Catching Up from the Couch," written by Katie Byram, the Senior Center coordinator at the Sierra 2 Center, is a special e-mail newsletter series dedicated to keeping social at a distance with events, news, self-entertainment, education and well being.

More than 40 editions of Katie Byram's e-blasts are archived at sierra2.org. You may sign up to receive e-blasts at <https://sierra2.org/subscribe/>. Here are some excerpts.

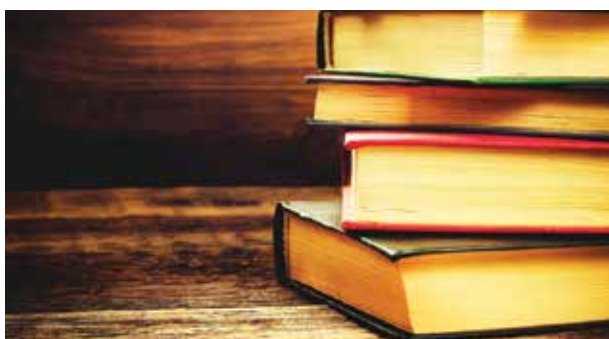
Friendly encouragement with art

Jo Anne Marquardt writes in to share her way of coping during the pandemic: "My friend and I challenge each other every week to paint five small aquarelle paintings of various subjects.

We meet on Zoom Monday morning and share our creations."

They recently challenged each other to painting plants in pots as the subject. Jo Anne adds, "The activity gives us something to think about, helps us get through the week and motivates us to practice our art."

A challenge like this keeps friends in touch while motivating each other to engage in their hobby – great for mental health and happiness.



Join a book club

Non-Fiction Book Club – via Zoom. 11 a.m. Thursday

May 20 – *Nomadland, Surviving America in the 21st Century* by Jessica Bruder.

June 17 – *Born Standing Up* by Steve Martin.

To join, contact Katie Byram at katie@sierra2.org.

Fiction Book Club

Here are the upcoming books for fiction book club:

May 10 – *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*, by Kim Michele Richardson

June 14 – *The Whistling Season*, by Ivan Doig

July 12 – *The Home Place*, by J. Drew Lanham

August 9 – *Black Gun, Silver Star*, by Art Burton

September 13 – *Transcendent Kingdom*, by Yaa Gyasi

October 11 – *The Joy Luck Club*, by Amy Tan

To join, contact Katie Byram at katie@sierra2.org.

The 'Happy Walk'

To encourage one another and keep in good physical shape, a neighbor writes that she and a friend have been meeting daily during the pandemic for an exercise workout via Zoom.

At the beginning of their workout, they both agree on a choice of YouTube workouts that they enjoy, synchronize their computers and exercise together on their home screens.

One of their favorites is "The Happy Walk," an energetic one-mile walk, using arms, legs and balance. When the weather is not conducive to walking outdoors, it works and makes them smile.



Reminder: city spring watering schedule

The spring and summer watering schedule for Sacramento city residents permits two days per week for watering: odd-number addresses can water Tuesday and Saturday, while even-number addresses can set their sprinklers for Wednesday and Sunday.

The city also recommends deep watering and hand-watering, which tends to be more mindful than automatic sprinklers.

Indulge in the funny

Humor can be a good way to work through complicated feelings. Having parsed through a number of scientific studies, author Scott Weems concludes this fact in his book, "Ha! The science of when we laugh and why."

He presents a theory: "Essentially, humor is a form of psychological processing, a coping mechanism that helps people to deal with complex and contradictory messages, a response to conflict and confusion in our brain." This explains why people make seemingly inappropriate jokes of dark or tragic subject matter or at odd times like during a funeral.

Comedy can help us during the darkest time of our lives, allowing for moments of catharsis and healing.

Letter to the Editor

Charging electric vehicles is a challenge

Re: "To impact global warming, buy an electric car," April *Viewpoint*:

I enjoyed Mike Scheible's article on electric vehicles, but found it lacking on the subject of infrastructure. Other countries apparently do battery-swapping (using robots) and I've even seen an architectural rendering of an eight-lane charging depot in South Korea that looked exactly like a gas station.

Then we get into the weeds with how good (read: fast) the charging infrastructure is (Level 1, 2, or 3). What are the charging resources in Curtis Park?

As a resident of the neighborhood, I am watching this big retail center pop up by the Sutterville Road bridge and I see no charging infrastructure. So that puts the burden of charging on individual residents,

reminiscent of the digital divide, creating haves and have-nots and a small smattering of privilege.

In my case, with a 1909 home and situated on a corner, I do not even have a driveway, and the detached garage is suitable for our Fiat 500e or a horse buggy, but that's about it. I know that newer areas of Curtis Park have larger garages and driveways. I asked the city "What's a guy to do?" and did not even get a response. Am I supposed to buy a newer house with a driveway?

If I could charge a vehicle in 45 minutes, I would drive somewhere and do it. But if asked to use a public charger and leave my vehicle somewhere for four to eight hours, that's a non-starter for me on a multitude of levels. We need to fix this. — Bill Davies

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Homelessness is not just about the homeless

Homelessness continues to be the No. 1 issue before the Sacramento City Council. I believe, as do many of my colleagues, that we have a moral imperative to support those most in need in our community. Anyone driving through the central city witnessing the way many Sacramentans are living has to see the urgency of the need.

Over the past three to four years, the city has responded in multiple ways, some more successful than others. We have spent significant resources on the challenge: constructing navigation centers in Meadowview and along the Broadway/WX Corridor (opening this summer); increasing funding for homeless youth through contracts with the City of Refuge and Wind Youth Services; supporting services for

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women and children through St. John's Shelter for Women; extending hours at other city-supported shelters; utilizing state and federal funds for hotel/motel vouchers and rental assistance; and purchasing underutilized motels.

Councilmembers are scouring their districts looking for sites for "safeground" opportunities as part of a homeless master siting plan, a step along the way to permanent housing. Despite these efforts, which have

resulted in thousands of unhoused individuals and families receiving permanent housing, the numbers of homeless continue to grow.

It's clear to me, from seeing the problem first hand and listening to you, that the impact and cost of homelessness go beyond the personal toll we see in our unhoused population. Simply put, we cannot be successful as a community and as a city if we do not continue to focus on homelessness as our No. 1 issue.

Over the years, we have invested millions of dollars in revitalizing the downtown core, but the homeless situation acts as a deterrent for people coming downtown, which hurts our restaurants and entertainment industry. We have taken many steps to provide incentives for businesses to locate in

our city, bringing jobs and economic prosperity, but many businesses look elsewhere after they see our homeless challenge.

As a city of trees, we are especially proud of our outdoors. But many families are afraid to spend time in many of our parks because of homeless encampments, needles and trash left behind. For many of our city departments, the time spent on this singular issue, which affects them all, is time away from their ongoing responsibilities, which hurts everyone.

This list goes on, but you get the point. Homelessness is not a problem just for the homeless. The challenge belongs to us all. We must understand the impacts and work together to find ways to house people if we are to succeed.

City planning board denies exception for fence over 6 feet

By Dan Murphy

The city's Planning and Design Commission has rejected Fifth Avenue homeowner Kathryn Doi's request to keep the 16-inch decorative wood lattice on the 27th Street portion of her recently constructed fence.

Doi had sought an exception to the 6-foot height limit in the city fence ordinance.

At an April 8 public hearing, no one contested other rulings by the city staff and design director that the fence could remain on the property line next to the sidewalk, and that the interior section of the fence between the homeowner and her neighbor could exceed 6 feet.

The planning commissioners discussed the fence height at length after hearing from city planning staff, Doi and several neighbors who had supported her in written comments.

Several commissioners complimented Doi on her thorough and articulate presentation and on the handsome design of the fence. They also expressed sympathy that a fence contractor misled her to believe the fence would not violate the city code.

However, the commissioners' critical concern was that if they granted an exception to Doi for the fence adjacent to the street, it would establish a precedent others would take advantage of in the future.

Under the city code, an exception could be granted only if it was determined to be "consistent with the purpose and intent" of the city fence ordinance.

The commissioners voted unanimously to deny the requested height exception. However, Doi will be allowed to finish the top of the fence rather than simply cutting it off at the 6-foot level. This could include



Photo/Jean Cusick

With city's decision, homeowner Kathryn Doi must remove top wood lattice.

decorative post tops extending a reasonable amount above the 6-foot limit.

Doi told *Viewpoint* she regretted that the person who complained to the city about the fence height did not reach out to her before doing so. She suggested she might have informally

compromised, noting the parts of the ruling in her favor.

Doi also said she was disappointed the commissioners did not give more weight to the neighbors who supported her. Those neighbors had "bolstered my sense of community during these fractured times," Doi said.

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Family and neighbors mourn Fourth Avenue neighbor Virginia Pitts

By Susan MacCulloch

Longtime neighbor **Virginia Pitts** died March 12 at age 93 of natural causes. A native Sacramentan, she taught various grades in the Los Rios School District for 39 years. In retirement she volunteered for 25 years as a server at Casa Garden restaurant, and also for a time at Loaves and Fishes.

Virginia moved into her Fourth Avenue home in the early 1960s and was beloved by her neighbors. "Virginia was a lovely neighbor of 31 years who was generous and had a very positive attitude toward life and others," said next door neighbor Doris Brown.

Although she and her former husband did not have children, she cherished time spent with her nieces and nephews and, later, their children. "Aunt Virginia," according to one nephew, made an annual fall event of taking them each year to the

pumpkin patch in Natomas, near the school where she taught. "She was more like a mother than my aunt," he recalls.

"At many a birthday pizza party, she would also have guests that were her lifelong friends from her teaching days. To have Aunt Virginia as your friend, you had a friend for life," said niece Linda Angelo.

Virginia enjoyed day trips to Red Hawk Casino to play the slots (never dropping more than \$20) and enjoyed a Manhattan with an extra shot of cherries on the side. She also collected pomanders – 500 at last count – searching for them at flea markets and sometimes purchasing by the dozen at the former SPCA thrift store.

She also adored brown skunks. One time what she thought was a family of feral cats living in her basement turned out to be skunks – luckily they didn't spray. She used to feed the skunks on weekends at Miller Park,

apparently never getting in trouble with the rangers. The wildlife attendant

who came to relocate the skunks into the wild advised he would offer the brown skunks to the Sacramento Zoo. Only two of them had ever been captured alive and the other one was in El Dorado Hills. He was able to remove the babies along with the mother to keep them together. According to her niece, none of them were brown.

Due to COVID-19, a memorial lunch will be planned at a future date.



Photo/Linda Angelo

Virginia Pitts

Clotheslines: Website offers basic rules to hang laundry

Continued from Page 1

suggest there's etiquette involved in drying clothes on a clothesline. There's even a website, clothesline.com, that offers these basic rules:

- Hang sheets and towels on the outside lines, underwear in the middle;
- Hang socks by the toes;
- Hang pants by the bottom;
- Never hang a shirt by the shoulders, always by the tail;
- Hang clothes in a certain order, "whites" with "whites," and hang them first;
- Wash the clothesline before hanging any clothes;
- Always gather the clothespins when taking down dry clothes.

Some people find clotheslines distasteful and think they lower property values. Across the country, homeowner associations, condominium committees and local legislation have banned clotheslines. In response, some states, including California, have declared they are "right to dry" states, voiding any community bans on clotheslines.

The Crocker Village HOA allows clotheslines as long as they are below the fence line and not visible when viewed from the development's streets.

Easy to install backyard clotheslines are readily available online



It's popular for many Curtis Park families to hang laundry as a means to conserve energy costs, give clothing a fresh smell and protect the environment.

Photo/
John Mathews

and in hardware stores. The basic component – 100 feet of clothesline cord – is available from various retailers as cheaply as \$7.

A commentary on the amazon.com website says a clothesline is "a

great save on energy costs, gives your clothes a fresh smell, and helps protect the environment. While dryers do have their place, on a good weather day it's a good option to air dry laundry outside."

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Leo Forget and Jeff Roberts in their La Famiglia kitchen at Sierra 2 Center.

Italian box dinners to go set for May 14

La Famiglia Catering owners Jeff Roberts and Leo Forget announce their next popular Italian box dinner on May 14.

Dinner menu will feature Lemon Chicken Piccata, cheese tortellini with broccoli and a basil pesto cream sauce, garden salad, breadsticks, and cheesecake swirled brownies for dessert. The minimum order is a dinner kit for two for \$35. Additional kits are \$17.50 per person.

To place an order, call Leo Forget at 916 470-5849. All orders must be prepaid by credit card by May 10. All major credit cards are accepted.

Again, pickup will be from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 14 in the parking lot behind Sierra 2 Center, 2791 24th St. Enter the parking lot from Fourth Avenue.

All dinner kits will be individually boxed into a grocery bag (box of plastic utensils, napkins included) and prepared using COVID guidelines.

Farmers market opens May 1, new vendors

By Judy Green Scheible

More vendors than ever are expected to bring produce and products to the Oak Park Farmers Market when it opens May 1 in McClatchy Park, 3500 Fifth Ave.

The popular Saturday market will be open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the same COVID-19 protocols as last year.

"We're anticipating more customers because of the closure of the Sunday market under the freeway," said Joany Titherington, Oak Park Farmers Market manager. (The Sunday market



Oak Park Farmers Market anticipates more customers than usual because of the closure of the Sunday market under the freeway.

Photo/Joan Cusick

temporarily moved to Arden Fair.)

"We have a ton of new vendors," she said. Titherington estimated 37 vendors for Saturdays and about 20 on Wednesdays. The midweek market's hours are 3 to 7 p.m.

Rotating food trucks will come to the Wednesday market with five trucks that will rotate weekly.

The range of food offered Saturdays

stretches from breakfast foods and coffee to yogurts, BBQ and cupcakes.

"Last year we struggled to have enough produce to last to the end of the market," Titherington said. "This year we'll have plenty."

"I'm extremely excited (about the market)," she said. "It has been such a wonderful opportunity to work with folks that are local."

Patio dining in Taylor's Kitchen parking lot

By Judy Green Scheible

Bright silver flower boxes outside Taylor's Kitchen signal changes in the restaurant's food service. With the spring weather comes lunch service from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and dinner service from 5 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday through Saturday.

Mondays are for Burger Madness from 4 to 7 p.m. The meals are also available for take-out. The restaurant has limited dine-in service.

COVID-19 has made all restaurants creative. Executive Chef Scott Macumber shared the decision to turn the parking lot into a dining patio with his staff and Taylor's Market owner Danny Johnson.

Macumber said lunches would feature one item each week. For dinner, the menu will rotate monthly.



Photo/Joan Cusick

Taylor's Kitchen Executive Chef Scott Macumber (right) prepares a sandwich in the restaurant's former parking lot. Taylor's added seating and tents for outdoor dining at lunch Fridays and Saturdays and at dinner Tuesday through Saturday.

On the last Friday of the month, the restaurant will serve a roasted pig – as a sandwich for lunch, and as an entree for dinner. Customers can also purchase meat to go. Macumber said

he plans to roast pigs all summer on the grill out front.

For now, the restaurant is not taking reservations. "It's first come, first served," Macumber said.

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Students' favorite teachers have taught generations of Bret Harte families

By Lauren Gothard
and Lindsey Sin

Few people have as much impact on a young child as their favorite elementary school teacher. Long after they move on, they remember the teacher who made them feel special or gave them confidence. Bret Harte has several teachers considered longtime favorites among the generations of students.

Each of these teachers has taught multiple grade levels during their time at Bret Harte and may have a few favorites of their own.

Music teacher Alan Cunningham, at Bret Harte for 17 years, enjoys working with third-graders because "it's like a light switch is turned on." But he loves all of the students he teaches. "I always tell the kids – we all have a special gift. Maybe it's not music, but we all have something."

Steve Peterson has taught several grades during 25 years at Bret Harte, but he is partial to kindergarten, which he currently teaches. He sees "the most growth, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year; where [students] become completely different people."

First-grade teacher Heather Bunney loves early childhood education. She has taught first, second, and third grades at Bret Harte. After 26 years at Bret Harte, she feels the school is part of her identity. "My heart is at Bret Harte," she said. She grew up in Curtis Park, her mother also taught at Bret Harte, and her parents still live in the neighborhood. "[S]ome kids we've had in our class – we now have their children," she said. "It makes me feel old, but it's happened."

Fifth-grade teacher Ted Richardson has also



Clockwise bottom left to right:
Teachers
Ted Richardson,
Alan Cunningham,
and Heather
Bunney

Photo/Lindsey Sin

taught kindergarten, fourth and sixth grades during his 30-year tenure. He said they're all his favorite. "I've liked every grade that I taught because I've noticed there's strength[s] and weaknesses in every grade."

They all love the children they educate and feel a deep affection for the school, their students, and the neighborhood that has kept them here for so long. "My mentor teacher told me 30 years ago that Bret Harte is the best kept secret in the district. I have really come to believe that and recognize that. We care about our students," Richardson said.

"It's a great school and a great community," said Cunningham, who is quick to laugh and share a joke with his students. A singer by trade, he also instructs the children on the recorder, ukulele, xylophone and keyboard.

Peterson believes Bret Harte is a generational school experience for some Bret Harte families. He has taught siblings as well as cousins, aunts and uncles, and parents. Some of his own children attended Bret

Harte as well. "It's nice to see the families and grow with them and build a relationship," he said. "Four of my six kids went to Bret Harte too. It's like a second home."

After so many years of teaching, all of the teachers point out that Bret Harte is at its best when families and the community actively participate to support the students and the school. Over the years, families have volunteered as classroom helpers, field trip chaperones, and in the school's garden.

The Curtis Park neighborhood has supported the school as well, especially during annual events such as the popular pancake breakfast.

When the school resumes its regular events, look out for these four favorite teachers and say hello. They intend to stick around a while longer.

Throughout the year, there are many opportunities to support Bret Harte and its students. Follow the school on Facebook @BretHarteElementarySchool and on Instagram @brethartesac.



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