



# River Park Review

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## River Park Community Meeting

Open to all community residents. April 22, 10 a.m. to Noon.

Chat with county Supervisor Susan Peters and Councilman Steve Cohn, at the April 22 General Meeting at Caleb Greenwood School. In addition to hearing about the latest neighborhood issues and initiatives from the RPNA, Councilman Cohn and Supervisor Peters want to hear your ideas, concerns, and plans for River Park and the City of Sacramento. All community residents and businesses are invited and encouraged to attend.



## River Park 2006 Youth Baseball Season Opens

Ciavarella Field again echoes with the sounds of spring

Saturday, March 11, kids, parents, grandparents and neighbors lined up along Moddison Avenue with cars parked bumper to bumper along both sides of the street. It was opening day for River Park Youth Baseball and the crowd cheered loudly for the players in the annual teams parade.

This year, River Park Youth Baseball is fielding 16 teams with 192 players and has scheduled 192 games. Most games are held at Ciavarella Field at the west end of Moddison Avenue.

Youth Baseball has been a River Park tradition for more than 40 years. Many of today's coaches were once players themselves on River Park teams and now their own children are continuing in this neighborhood tradition.

Another tradition is the snack shack. It's always a busy attraction.

## UPCOMING RIVER PARK EVENTS

### APRIL 8

Monthly Bike Ride  
Glen Hall Park  
9 a.m.

River Park and Bike  
Trail Route  
8 to 10 miles

(See 'In Brief' p. 4)

### APRIL 20

RPNA  
Neighborhood  
Watch  
Block Captains  
Meeting  
Geneva Room  
Fremont Presbyterian  
Church  
6:30 p.m.

### APRIL 20

River Park  
Neighborhood  
Association  
Monthly  
Board Meeting  
Geneva Room  
Fremont Presbyterian  
Church  
7:30 p.m.

### APRIL 22

River Park  
General Meeting

Caleb Greenwood  
School  
10 a.m. to Noon

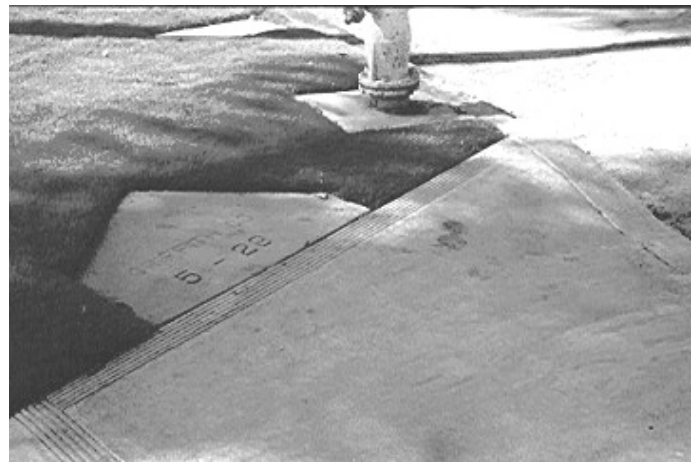
Councilman Steve Cohn  
Supervisor Susan Peters

## Night Herons Are Back Homeowners continue work to discourage nesting

Jeff Harris is the neighborhood coordinator working to discourage Night Herons from nesting in neighborhood trees. Harris thanks all the homeowners who recently took the initiative to have their trees trimmed and de-nested. The next step is to discourage the birds from building new nests. Products can be purchased to scare off the birds before they build a nest and start a new brood cycle.

Biologists say that persistence is the key to discourage repeated Night Heron nesting. But, remember, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act protects these birds. This means that homeowners can discourage the birds from nesting as long as eggs are not present. Once the herons have built a nest, and laid an egg in it, they cannot be harassed in any way. The idea is to scare the birds off to encourage them to return to their natural river habitat. This will certainly be a program that will take a couple of seasons, but again, persistence is the key.

For information about deterrents call Jeff Harris at 455-0996 or e-mail [cadence@surewest.net](mailto:cadence@surewest.net).



An example of a homeowner's effort to preserve a piece of sidewalk history. The contractor's 1928 stamp was removed and installed next to the replacement sidewalk.

## Historical Sidewalk Stamps Can Be Saved

Thinking about replacing your sidewalk or has the City of Sacramento sent you a notice to replace it? What are the options available to a homeowner when they have to replace a sidewalk? Can you save the original sidewalk contractor's name and date stamp? Can you curve the sidewalk around a tree to avoid cutting tree roots?

A City of Sacramento sidewalk policy states that sidewalk replacement should match the texture, color and alignment of the original sidewalk. Special considerations such as saving an historical contractor's stamp or avoiding tree roots can be discussed with the city inspector named in the city's letter to the homeowner requesting that a sidewalk be replaced. The inspector can work with the homeowner and the sidewalk contractor to determine what accommodations can be made. The homeowner pays all costs incurred.

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Garden Club and RPNA removed the entrance sign March 18 in preparation for restoration.

## River Park Entrance Sign Being Restored

The River Park community sign in the Yermol Memorial at Carlson Drive and H Street has been taken down in preparation for a \$1500 restoration and painting. The redwood sign, erected by the River Park Garden Club in 1988, has deteriorated over the years and is cracked and weather-damaged. The sign will be removed for two to three weeks for the restoration work.

A partnership between the River Park Neighborhood Association and the Garden Club will pay for the sign restoration.



In addition, RPNA has obtained a commitment from Councilman Steve Cohn to construct a new stone base for the sign and add lights to illuminate the enhancements.

## ‘Dining in Denim’ for Caleb Greenwood

### Help provide art, science and music enrichment for students

The Parents, Teachers, and Students Organization (PTSO) of Caleb Greenwood School extends an invitation to all of the school’s neighbors and friends to come to the ‘Dining in Denim’ event, Friday, April 28.

This annual event helps fund art, science and music enrichment programs for all the students of Caleb Greenwood. The evening's program includes a Western barbeque dinner, exciting silent and live auction and music and dancing.

The event will be held at St. Mary's Church, Giovani Hall, on 58th & M streets. Please come support the children of the River Park neighborhood. For more information, or to purchase tickets in advance for \$25 (\$30 at the door), please contact the Caleb Greenwood office at (916) 277-6266 or Susan Curiel-Contreras at (916) 457-2516.

## Easter Sunrise Service

River Park resident and pastor of Fremont Presbyterian Church, Geordie Ziegler and the church Worship Band invite River Park residents to the annual Easter Sunrise Service on the riverbank at Glen Hall Park.

The service begins at 6:30 a.m. Dress warmly and bring a blanket or lawn chair (even your dog). Hot coffee, fresh fruit and bagels will be provided. The site is wheel-chair accessible.

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## In Brief:

### Easter Brunch

Javalicious Café is providing an Easter morning brunch buffet, April 16, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids age 12 and under. Call (916) 736-1215 for reservations.

### Coyotespotting

Spilman and Messina; Moddison along the railroad levee. This is where coyotes have been seen (spotted).

Recently Union Pacific cleared away some of the brush on the sides of the railroad levee where neighbors report coyotes have been living for several years.

### Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15  
10:00a.m. to Noon  
Fremont Presbyterian Church  
Community Life Center  
Games, crafts and lots of  
Easter eggs

### Arts in River Park

The May 13 Arts in River Park festival will bring several musical groups and many local artists and crafts people together in front of the River Park shopping center. Merchants also will be open during the event. Activities and things to see and hear for everyone. Admission is free.

### Monthly Bike Ride

Join a new monthly bike ride on the second Saturday of each month at Glen Hall Park at 9 a.m. The bike route will vary but mostly in River Park and on the bike trail. Helmets are required. Bikes with training wheels are not permitted.

The first scheduled ride will be April 8 and will be 8 to 10 miles.

### CSUS Library Book Sale

Friends of Sacramento State Library will hold a library book sale, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, April 19 to 21. CSUS Campus Library.

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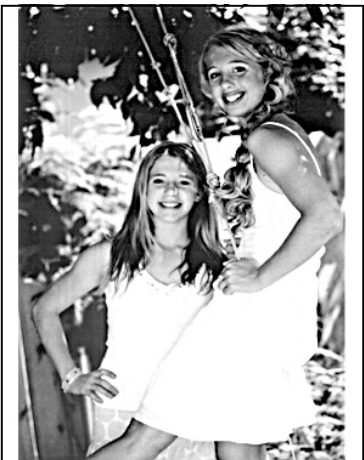
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