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4th of July Firecracker Parade drew a large turnout of families and kids on decorated bikes, scooters and wagons.

Firecracker Parade A Hit This year's parade was biggest yet

A reoriented and redirected Firecracker Parade brought a large 4th of July turnout this year. Kids on decorated bikes couldn't wait, jumped the gun and headed for Glen Hall Park for an early start. But it didn't seem to matter. Everyone joined the parade, tossed candy to bystanders and had a good time.

The cool shade and grass of the park drew more people to the festival this year. The kids games were a big attraction and Howdy's Famous Hot Dogs sold out.

The response from everyone was very positive. People said this parade and festival was the best ever.

Neighborhood Association Update

What we've done and still to come

My name is Dave O'Toole and I'm a four-year resident of River Park and current president of the River Park Neighborhood Association (RPNA). I'd like to update you on the RPNA's recent accomplishments, let you know what's ahead, and thank the folks who make it all happen.

RPNA highlights, in the first six months of 2006, include:

- Reversed the Fourth of July parade route and adopted a "cooler" venue at Glen Hall Park.
- Obtained city support to de-nest and trim trees frequented by night herons.
- Provided heron deterrence equipment for neighbors who needed it.
- Secured additional benches and shading for Glen Hall Pool.
- Replaced the sand in the Glen Hall kids' playground.
- Dialoged with property developers and interested parties on projects nearby or in River Park, like the Mercy Hospital expansion and vacant parcels along Carlson Drive.

Building on our success in saving River Park's RT bus service, we now are trying to arrange with Sacramento Paratransit a van shuttle service from River Park to the 65th Street light rail station (please see and respond to the survey in this issue).

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UPCOMING RIVER PARK EVENTS

August 6

Blood Drive
 Sunday
 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.
Bloodmobile
 5458 Carlson Drive
 Each donor will receive
 a pint of
Baskin-Robbins
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August 12

Susan B. Anthony
Women's 5K Run
Glen Hall Park
 8:30 a.m.

Information:
www.buffalochips.com

August 17

RPNA Meetings
Block Captains
 6:30 p.m.
RPNA Board
 7:30 p.m.
 Geneva Room
 Fremont Presbyterian

August 26

Screen On
The Green
 Free Movie
 In The Park
"Chicken Run"
 Glen Hall Park
 7:30 p.m.

RPNA: What's Happening

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The RPNA also has begun to develop a partnership with Sacramento State, which we hope will broaden our neighborhood's access to music, theater, sports, special events, and facilities on campus.

The RPNA has partnered with other neighborhood groups to enhance River Park. With the Garden Club we've had the River Park welcome sign refurbished and, with the assistance of Councilman Steve Cohn's office, expect to erect a rock base for the sign in a few weeks.

We partnered with the River Park Mother's Club on the Fourth of July celebration and they will be our co-host for the River Park Picnic in October, a fun, music-filled event for folks of all ages.

Looking ahead we have several neighborhood events planned:

- Paradise Beach clean-up on September 9 (partnered with the McKinley-East Sacramento Neighborhood Alliance).
- River Park Picnic on October 7 (catered by Texas West barbecue).
- Annual fall neighborhood general meeting November 4 with Mayor Heather Fargo as our guest speaker.
- Holiday Light Decorating Contest in December.

None of this could happen without the help of dozens

of generous neighbors, including the many who pitched in at the pancake breakfast and Fourth of July celebration.

We're particularly grateful for our safety-conscious Block Captains, who also deliver you this fine neighborhood paper.

The RPNA Board of Directors merits special thanks not only for committing to events and meetings, but also for their ideas and vision in continuing to improve the River Park community. The board is an all volunteer group who devote many hours to make a difference in a place they believe to be very special.

I hope this article has given you a sense of the achievements and the devotion of the RPNA volunteers. At \$10 for one year; \$18 for two years; or \$25 for three years, membership in RPNA is a very sound investment in your home and in your community.

We're always looking for ideas and feedback. Drop by for a board meeting (every third Thursday at Fremont Presbyterian Church) or shoot me an e-mail at president@riverparksacramento.net. As author Anthony D'Angelo once said, "Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community."

Annual Pick-Up of American River At Glen Hall Park Saturday morning, September 9

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New Community Liaison Officers in River Park

Two new POP Officers (Problem Oriented Police) have been assigned to the River Park area.

The POP Officers provide an easy avenue for obtaining assistance regarding non-emergency neighborhood concerns and solving neighborhood problems.

You can contact the officers by phone or e-mail for assistance with non-emergency concerns and problems.

Call (916) 808-5800 to leave a message. Please provide the officer's badge number and name to insure a timely response.

Officer Bryce Heinlein, badge #0294

e-mail: B.Heinlein@PD.CityofSacramento.org

Officer Todd Edgerton, badge #0826

e-mail: T.Edgerton@PD.CityofSacramento.org

Community Beautification Garden Club Seeking Help

The River Park Garden Club is organizing community clean-up day projects around the River Park neighborhood. The garden club has a series of ongoing projects which help beautify the neighborhood. The most prominent is the work taking place at the Yermol Memorial Fountain and around the River Park Neighborhood Community sign. The club also takes care of the plantings in the pedestrian circles in front of Caleb Greenwood School; the circle near the fire station, used as a bus turnaround by the city; the sidewalk area in front of the old Unocal lot on Carlson; and along H Street next to the Sacramento Animal Hospital.

A new project that needs several volunteers is the pathway leading to the river alongside the Seventh Day Adventist Church and adjacent to H Street.

If you are interested in helping with this new project or any of the other projects, please call Lee Ruth at 457-6529 or E-mail: LelandRuth@aol.com

Songs From The Heart Arts In River Park Fundraiser

Arts In River Park is hosting a buffet and entertainment fundraiser Tuesday, August 22, 6 p.m. at Evans Kitchen in the 57th Street Antique Row.

Galena Street East performers will provide a medley of loved *Songs From The Heart*. Entertainment also includes a performance by Michael Kollwitz, considered one of the world's top players of the Chapman Stick, a little known and unique instrument. Michael plays a blend of jazz and blues. The Chapman Stick can sound like two or three musicians at the same time.

The buffet includes Caesar salad, chicken chasseur, wild rice pilaf, and chocolate mousse for dessert.


Advance reservations are required no later than August 18. Buffet is \$25 per person. Contact (916) 567-3114, ext. 106 for information and reservations.



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In Brief:

Art Viewing And Reception

A wine and h'or deuvres reception and art showing by River Park watercolorist, Myra Steward, will be held at the Javalicious Café, the evening of August 19 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Live music also will be provided.

Myra will be showing a broad range of her work and will be available to talk about her variety of subject matter interests. Myra is a member of the recently formed River Park Artists group. This particular showing will be on display from July 30 to September 30.

River Park State Fair Entry

Photographer Ron Musser, a long time River Park resident, is a selected artist at this year's State Fair. Ron's color photograph, *Sunrise on Tamales Bay*, will be displayed August 11 through September 4.

This is the second year Ron's work has been accepted. In 2005, Ron received an Award of Merit for his black and white photograph *Remembering Dad*, a photo filled with objects that reminded him of his recently deceased father.

More of his photography can be seen on his web site at www.lifexpressionsphotography.biz.

Learning In Retirement

If you are retired, you might find the Renaissance Society at Sacramento State University a good source of mental dendrite encouragement.

The Renaissance Society is a "Center for Learning in Retirement". Members choose to study topics proposed by their peers and volunteers coordinate the seminars. Subjects constantly evolve from member interests. Renaissance provides opportunities for continued learning and fosters creative expression for members.

An introduction to Renaissance Society is September 1 at 10 a.m., Hinde Auditorium, University Union, Sacramento State campus and is followed by the Renaissance Rendezvous, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. where you can talk to seminar leaders and register for a fall seminar.

More information about the Renaissance Society can be found at www.csus.edu/org/rensoc.

Summer Alert

Two young men have been seen walking and on bicycles in various parts of River Park this summer. Observers say they appear to be roaming and possibly "checking out houses".

River Park's Neighborhood Watch is reminding all residents the summer months typically bring an influx of visitors to the park and river beaches. It is important to be alert to neighborhood strangers, keep vehicles locked and valuables out of sight, and be sure to close garage doors at night and when you are not close by during the day.

Dangerous Left Turns

The City of Sacramento recently installed a line of flexible traffic barriers separating the intersecting of H and J Streets at the approach to the H Street Bridge. This area had become a danger because some drivers were making illegal left turns from Camellia Avenue across the on-coming H Street traffic and onto the H Street bridge. Residents in the area have reported seeing several drivers still taking this risky maneuver.

Park Flicks and Mothers' Club Treats

The River Park Mothers Club is selling a variety of baked goods as well as popcorn and bottled water at two of this year's Screen-On-The-Green movies.

"Remember the Titans" will be shown at East Portal Park, August 5 and "Chicken Run" at Glen Hall Park, August 26. Both films begin at 7:30 p.m.

Quo Vadis Coyote?

The coyotes seem to have left the neighborhood. A resident along the river levee reports a deafening absence of night time howling and no big eared, dog-like creatures have been seen for several weeks.

Like the earlier mountain lion, the coyotes probably have left for a more dinner-friendly neighborhood.



2006 RPNA Contacts/Membership information

RPNA membership is on a calendar year. If you would like to check or renew your membership, call Alanna Butterworth at 457-6445 or e-mail alannab@surewest.net If you would like to become a member, send \$10 (per household) to RPNA, PO Box 19866, Sacramento, CA 95819. Make check payable to RPNA.

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