



# River Park Review

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## RPNA Board Elects Officers for 2011

The 2011 RPNA board of directors convened on January 20 to elect officers and discuss priorities for the coming year. The 2011 officers include Steve Harriman as president, Phil Pluckebaum as vice president, Steve Johns as secretary, and Barbara Debert as treasurer. The 2011 board also includes newly elected directors Kim Teague, Shane Perkins and Doug Brauner, and second-year directors Mike Montgomery, Andrea Schroeder, Kristin Maxim, and Frank Cirill.

The board had a lively discussion regarding priorities for 2011. These include strategies to improve the River Park Review as a neighborhood resource, a Facebook page for the River Park community, completing the conversion to a non-profit 501C3 organization, improved networking and coordination between RPNA and other organizations on neighborhood events and issues, and continuing our effort to increase RPNA membership.

The 2011 board is an energetic and diverse group, and all are committed to making River Park a wonderful neighborhood. Please feel free to email comments, suggestions, or questions to [president@riverparksacramento.net](mailto:president@riverparksacramento.net)

## RPNA Board of Directors 2011



Front row left to right: Barbara Debert, Frank Cirill, Andrea Schroeder. Rear, left to right: Mike Montgomery, Steve Johns, Kristin Maxim, Kimberly Teague, Shane Parkins, Steve Harriman, Doug Brauner, Phil Pluckebaum



Phil Pluckebaum



Kimberly Teague



Shane Parkins



Doug Brauner

## UPCOMING RIVER PARK EVENTS

February 2011..... and beyond

**Thursday Feb. 17  
2011**

### RPNA Meetings

Block captains 6:30 p.m.

RPNA Board 7:30 p.m.

Fremont Presbyterian Church  
Geneva Room

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**Saturday April 2**

Glenn Hall Park  
Workday

9:00 a.m. to noon

We all work together to  
prune, rake, and trim in  
our beautiful park

**Saturday April 9**

E-waste collection  
9 a.m - 1 p.m.

Caleb Greenwood  
School

All kinds of electronic  
waste for recycling

# RPNA launches annual membership drive

## A good deal and a good deal more

You spend your summers watching your kids and grandchildren swim at Glenn Hall Pool. Maybe you cherish walking your dogs on the bike trail, or dancing the evening away at Pops in the Park. Or you just love living in what is considered to be one of the most desirable neighborhoods anywhere.

The River Park Neighborhood Association works tirelessly to maintain and improve the quality of life for all of us here in the Park. Recent successes have included overturning the decision by the city last summer to close our beloved pool - the RPNA organized the effort to raise the money to operate the pool throughout the season. The Neighborhood Watch patrol is a significant addition to traditional police patrols and adds considerably to the safety of all of us in the Park. This newsletter and our website are amazing ways to stay current and up to date on everything that is happening in our wonderful River Park.

At just \$10.00 A YEAR, membership dues are the lowest of any neighborhood association anywhere. And at just \$25.00 for 3 full years, the savings are even greater. Memberships expire at the end of the calendar year so renew your membership now (or join for the first time) using the enclosed envelope. Payment via PayPal is available through the RPNA website at <http://www.riverparksacramento.net/aboutus/membership.htm> Questions? Contact Membership Coordinator Andrea Schroeder at 454-4200 or [membership@riverparksacramento.net](mailto:membership@riverparksacramento.net).

## Pancake Breakfast draws kids, parents and Santa

River Park's traditional Holiday Pancake Breakfast and fun runs came off without a hitch on December 11. Adults and big kids ran a 5k race while the younger bunch ran around Caleb Greenwood School where the event was being held. With appetites primed, the pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee were served in the gym to the River Park faithful. Santa Claus made his entrance and took whispered requests from children while seated on stage. A good time was had by all.



Dan Colson flips

Principal Christine Hanifen laughs

### Happy 60th Birthday Caleb Greenwood Annual PTSO auction to benefit school

by Ann Gregory and Kristin Stuart

The Parent Teacher Student Organization is an energetic group of parents, teachers and friends who have made it their mission to identify and fill the needs of Caleb Greenwood's students. Every spring, the PTSO sponsors an auction that brings in nearly fifty percent of the organization's budget for music, technology, campus improvements, materials and art programs.

This year, Caleb's auction will take place on March 18th at the Dante Club. The PTSO is reaching out to our community to help increase the number of auction items available for bid. Do you own a business that could offer a gift certificate or have a vacation home you could offer for a night or two? Can you spare a pair of Kings or River Cats tickets? If so, we'd love to hear from you! Every dollar raised goes directly to school enrichment programs and all donations are tax deductible.

Also, in celebration of Caleb's 60th birthday, we are looking for pictures and memorabilia of Caleb Greenwood to use for a history slide show of the school. If you have any items to share, we would like to use them and we will return all materials. Please contact **Ann Gregory** by email [ann\\_marcus@comcast.net](mailto:ann_marcus@comcast.net) or telephone 916-947-6188, or **Kristin Stuart** by email [jlsandkes@comcast.net](mailto:jlsandkes@comcast.net) or phone 916-213-5504 if you have something you could share to make the auction a success. More information is also available on the Caleb Greenwood website:

<http://schools.scusd.edu/calebgreenwood/newsite/index.asp>

## New business opens in River Park

Owners Dario and Jenny Rebosura were open for business January 21 with their new Butterbean Game Shop.



The store specializes in low priced used items including LPs, cassette tapes, video games, DVDs, VHS tapes, Blue Ray discs, and game players. They also stock some new items. It's just like its sister Butterbean Shop on Mack Road in South Sacramento. River Park's Butterbean Shop will be open Monday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. They'll advertise at Sac State and are open to trades and purchase of various media items. They offer no rentals at present and they promise a family friendly store with no X-rated material.



Jenny Rebosura

## Dogs of River Park Dandi (Yellow Lab) and Shadow (German Shorthaired Pointer) traveled to the

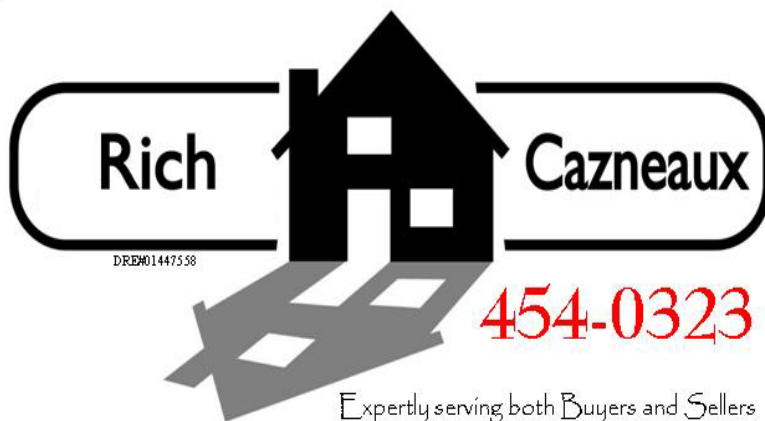
Colorado Rockies for six weeks this summer in their 19' Airstream. They are pictured here in their favorite RV park pet walk area in Leadville. They were fascinated by the many resident prairie dogs, so didn't pay much attention to the magnificent views of the Mos-



quito and Sawatch Ranges. Dandi turned 15 on September 8 and we think Shadow is about 12 (he was adopted from Sacramento county animal shelter in 2001). They have visited 43 states in their Airstream since 2006. They live on Sandburg with dad and mom, **Dennis Lloyd and Jonel Jorgensen**. Favorite activities at home are taking a walk around the block and greeting neighbors in the front yard, and Shadow likes to sleep on the couch.

Take a chance! Send a quality close-up digital photo of your River Park dog to [editor@riverparksacramento.net](mailto:editor@riverparksacramento.net)

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# Holiday Lights Winners

Ron Hermann and family on Breuner were the first place winners in this year's Holiday Lights contest. The Hermanns received a \$75 gift certificate to the new One Speed restaurant for their beautifully synchronized display of lights and music.

Second place went to Judy Whitall Lee and family on Callister for their very creative tumbleweed figures.

The second place prize was a \$50 gift certificate to Mama Susanna's.

Santa appeared to arrive by plane this year at the Stuarts on Sandburg. This beautiful display also included a moving train, a mail box which had to be seen to be appreciated and too many other fine details to mention. The Stuarts received a \$25 gift certificate for their third place win.

Fourth place went to Tonia Sterpe/Macky and family for a display which included rooftop luminarias, icicles (some of which gave the illusion of melting), deer and the ever present pooch. This was a very colorful, beautiful display. The Sterpe/Mackys received a \$20 gift certificate to OPA! OPA!

Judges for this year's event included residents Theresa Andrews and Paula Eldot as well as RPNA board members Andrea Schroeder, Kristin Maxim and Barbara Debert. In addition to Theresa and Paula, we would also like to thank Annette and Mike Magallanes, owners of the River Park Laundromat, for being a pick-up and drop-off point for this year's entry forms. Thanks, also, to Ruth Villegas at the new Wizard's Café for posting this year's winners.



Hermann home First Prize

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## Update on Glenn Hall Park

After two and a half years of planning, public meetings and setbacks due to the city budget, the CPTED improvements for Glenn Hall Park are nearing completion. So far, the children's playground has been completely fenced, the picnic area has been rebuilt, signage has been upgraded, the automatic parking lot gate has been installed, and the bathroom remodels are underway. Additionally, we will have motion detector activated lights (to illuminate the parking lot) and a camera installed by the end of February. These improvements will make our park a safer place to recreate as well as improving its aesthetic appeal.

A group of neighbors has formed a Glenn Hall Volunteer Corp to assist the city Parks Department in maintaining the park. Our activities include pruning, raking, planting and cleanup. Our first gathering last October was a great success, and a lot of fun!

We will have workdays four times per year, and each work session will last 2-3 hours, depending on the number of participants and projects.

### Schedule:

February 5<sup>th</sup> - pruning

April 2<sup>nd</sup> - planting new beds at the park entrance.

Workdays start at 9:00 a.m. and are completed by noon.

You need not commit to all of the workdays for the year. We welcome participation from all who are interested, including kids (if parents are present). I send out regular emails with parks information. To get on the distribution list, or for more information contact:

Jeff Harris, Parks Commissioner District 3  
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# Pinkhouse Gym

*The Heart of the Hood*

The **Pinkhouse Garage Gym**, run by nonagenarian (that's someone who is over 90-years old) Paul "Pinkhouse" Camerer, is **free** to all in the neighborhood who want to get fit together. The oldest certified indoor cycling instructor in America, Camerer has hosted three times-a-week rides in his garage for the past 9 years. You are invited to attend and ride or watch the workouts which are at 5:30-6:30 a.m. (yes in the wee-mornings) on Tuesdays or Thursdays or on Sundays at 8-9 a.m. every week regardless of holidays. But, don't disparage, the nonagenarian is very tech savvy and the rides involve using a gymbotron technology that allows everyone to ride to their own heart rate numbers. First timers are provided with wind-trainers (you must bring your own bike), towels, water, a heart rate monitor, instructions, and support from their neighbors who are getting fit by riding together. You can contact Pinkhouse by phone: **452-7771** just to let him know that you are coming. And, as an FYI, December 26th was his 92nd birthday and he's hard to keep up with he's so strong and fit.

**The River Park Garden Club** is meeting on Thursday, February 10th. Dr. Norman Klein will be presenting on "Cactus Collecting in Baja California."

On Thursday, April 14th Anita Clevenger will speak on "13 Days, 35 Gardens - A Whirlwind Tour of English Gardens." Anita is a Master Gardener, is very involved with the Old City Cemetery, and travels the world to visit gardens.

Both meetings will take place in Ferguson Hall at Fremont Presbyterian Church at 6:30 p.m. Those interested, please call Mary Lou Tucker at **457-9702**.

Typo finder **Evan Eickmeyer** doesn't actually live in River Park but his wife Stephanie is the president of the Caleb Greenwood PTSO and they read the River Park Review. A misordered acronym was the error Evan found in the last issue of the Review. Look closely and quickly at this issue and if you see a typographical error or misused word (misordered is a word), call or email the editor. If you're the first one, you'll win the prize. The goal is no errors, but that's only happened once in over three years, so the odds are on your side.



**The River Park Mothers' Club**, serves all mothers and expectant mothers living in the neighborhood. The Club will sponsor activities throughout the year, including social events for moms, evening picnics in Glenn Hall Park for families, play-groups, summer swim parties, a Halloween party, and a holiday party in December. Each year, the members of the RPMC support a charity that serves mothers and their children.

If you would like more information about the River Park Mothers' Club please call **860-2127** or send an email to [rpmothersclub@gmail.com](mailto:rpmothersclub@gmail.com).

To join the RPMC, please visit this website <https://www.bigtent.com/groups/rpmc>

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## River Park crime reports: November - December 2010

<http://gis.cityofsacramento.org/website/sacpd/>

November 6	7:45 a.m.	Breuner Avenue	Larceny Theft
November 21	4:45 a.m.	Breuner Avenue	Vandalism
December 2	7:54 a.m.	Caleb Greenwood School	Arson
December 4	10:00 p.m.	Caleb near Sandburg (south)	Burglary Vehicle
December 10	2:30 p.m.	Caleb Greenwood School	Burglary Vehicle
December 18	4:00 p.m.	Sandburg near State (south)	Burglary Vehicle
December 20	9:00 p.m.	Moddison at Tiechert	Burglary Vehicle

**Does the fire department still rescue cats** stranded in trees like in days of yesteryear? If you live in River Park and are fortunate enough to be served by Engine No. 8, they do. It happened on January 15, 2011 when Sandburg Drive residents Billy and Eve Martinez's cat Trixie managed to nest high in their neighbor's redwood tree and didn't want to risk one of its nine lives coming down. After two nights under the stars and conventional efforts exhausted (Billy's too short extension ladder and food at the base of the tree), the fire department was contacted and they responded. A longer ladder and a friendly fireman soon liberated Trixie and brought a smile to the Martinez's son Kellen and a sense of community pride that even small neighborhood problems aren't too much for a big city fire department. **Reported by Rob Gold.**

### FREE E-WASTE COLLECTION

Caleb Greenwood School 5457 Carlson Drive  
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All money raised will go to Caleb Greenwood K-8 School programs. For more information email Ann Gregory:  
[ann\\_marcus@comcast.net](mailto:ann_marcus@comcast.net)

### River Park Youth Baseball is in full swing

Some of the events to look forward to are:

#### Opening Day Ceremonies

Saturday, March 12th, 2011, 8:30 a.m.  
Ciavarella Field

#### Hit-A-Thon

Sunday, April 10th 2011  
Ciavarella Field

#### Broken Bat Ball

Saturday, May 7th 2011  
6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Newman Center

For more information: <http://riverparkbaseball.org>

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# In Brief:

- On January 15, volunteers with River Park Youth Baseball began prepping Ciavarella Field for the upcoming season. There are new bike racks, a steam-rolled parking area, pulled weeds and repaired sprinkler heads. The Sac State Rugby team helped out. Batter up!
- The current number of members in RPNA is 626. Since our last issue, we have welcomed the following new members:  

Brendan Belby & Amber Stott	Nena Dancer
Autumn Nguyen & James Ponder	Thomas Watson
- On January 5, a turkey knocked out electricity in River Park and part of East Sacramento. The turkey cut electricity shortly after 10 p.m. by flying into a power line at Messina and McAdoo. Approximately 2,600 SMUD customers were affected.
- Neal Graham on Carlson has orchestrated the blood donation drives in River Park for nine years. He needs to hand it off to someone else. Contact Neal Graham at [nealbear@gmail.com](mailto:nealbear@gmail.com) if you're interested.

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### NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

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