



River Park Review

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New River Park Website

The year 2006 begins with a brand new River Park website. The website is a project of the RPNA. It still is in its infancy but gradually will expand to include information on what is happening in the River Park community and include internet links to RPNA, community groups such as the garden club and mothers' club, and other information sources.

Check out the website at www.riverparksacramento.net. Let the RPNA Board know what you think of the new website and send in your suggestions for site improvements.



Upper photo, Sacramento City firemen direct water toward night heron nests. Lower photo, Sacramento City arborist rides into the upper tree branches to knock down empty nests.

Bye, Bye Birdie Will Night Herons Really Give It Up?

Early in the morning of December 8, 2005, a large gathering of neighbors on Callister Ave. watched expectantly as Sacramento City firemen aimed their high-pressure water hose high in a tree towards a large night heron nest. But, alas, the nest held firm. They gave it a good try but finally rolled up their hoses and left.

Next, a city tree trimmer was hoisted in an hydraulic bucket high into the upper reaches of the tree and maneuvered close to several nests. Using a long pruning pole, he dislodged some nests and the neighbor spectators smiled with a sense of hope that the night herons, maybe, really could be discouraged from nesting in their trees.

This trial effort to discourage the herons from nesting in River Park trees was not totally successful. The Modesto Ash trees are accessible with the hydraulic bucket but the Zelcova trees are not and will require trimming.

Homeowners on Callister and adjoining streets will need to have their trees trimmed and cleaned of nests. A local tree service will offer a 10% discount if at least 10 homeowners have the work done.

The herons will begin returning to the trees in March. If knocking down the nests works, it still is expected to take two to three years before the herons decide to nest elsewhere; hopefully back to the American River.

UPCOMING RIVER PARK EVENTS

JANUARY 15

BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bloodmobile

Carlson Drive

Across From Caleb

Greenwood School

Information Call

454-5290

JANUARY 19

River Park

Neighborhood

Association

Monthly Meeting

Geneva Room

Fremont Presbyterian

Church

7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 19

RPNA

Neighborhood

Watch

Block Captains

Meeting

Geneva Room

Fremont Presbyterian

Church

6:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 15

DINNER AND JAZZ

Wednesday

6 p.m.

Bryan McLaughlin

Jazz Piano

Javalicious Café

Reservations

Call 736-1215

RPNA



Alanna Butterworth



Frank Cirill



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Billy Martinez



Matt Mitchell



Dave O'Toole



Pam Slater



Ginger Stimac

2005-2006 Board of Directors

Above are your elected River Park Neighborhood Association Board of Directors, led by President Dave O'Toole. They serve one and two-year terms. The board members address everything from producing festivals and fund-raisers to monitoring crime to lobbying for public funds for area enhancements to the production of this newsletter, which is overseen by Dan Keller, right. The board wishes to thank all previous members, especially Lee and Therese Ruth, who did every task imaginable in recent years on behalf of River Park and RPNA.



Dan Keller

Blood Donors Wanted

River Park resident Neal Graham and the Capital City Wings motorcycle club sponsor River Park blood drives every year. In 2006, Graham has scheduled the BloodSource bloodmobile six times. The bloodmobile always is parked in front of his house on Carlson Drive across the street from the Caleb Greenwood School.

When you see the bloodmobile drop by and donate. You also can call for a specific appointment time: 454-5290 or email nealbear@surewest.net.

The first blood drive of 2006 is Sunday, January 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donors will receive a certificate for a free pint of Baskin Robbins ice cream.

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1st Prize



2nd Prize



3rd Prize

Congratulations to the winners of
**River Park's
 Holiday Lighting
 & Decorating
 Contest**

FIRST PRIZE: \$100
 Rick Joeffling
 5412 Caleb

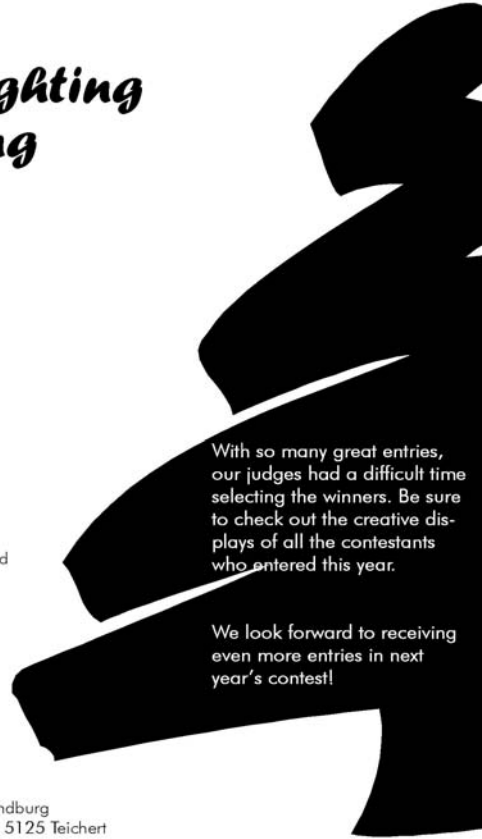
SECOND PRIZE: \$50
 Chris Pappenheim
 481 Messina

THIRD PRIZE: \$25
 Joan & Pete Aroz and
 Tim & Suzie Gorsuch
 3743 & 3749 Erlewine Cir

And thanks to the other contestants
 for showing River Park their talent and
 holiday spirit:

- John Schmidt, 5756 Moddison
- Sandy Carly, 5118 Teichert
- Bobby Silva, 5288 Minerva
- Kristin Stuart, 5341 Sandburg
- Joyce & Rob Golds, 5616 Sandburg
- Debbie Vanderford, 4171 Clyde Ct
- Julie Bianucci, 3783 Moddison
- Diana Romo, 5301 Monalee
- Sam & Carol Perri, 4971 Moddison
- Carol Smith, 5393 Hale Ct
- The Sterpe-Mackey Family, 5121 Sandburg
- Michelle Massaro & David Costeale, 5125 Teichert

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With so many great entries,
 our judges had a difficult time
 selecting the winners. Be sure
 to check out the creative dis-
 plays of all the contestants
 who entered this year.

We look forward to receiving
 even more entries in next
 year's contest!

Holiday Decorating Contest Criteria

The contest judges rated each holiday decorated home on three criteria: creativity, theme and overall display. For the winners, the judges were looking not

simply for the most lights or largest display, but something original that made the house stand out from the rest and reflected the personality of the decorator and the spirit of the holidays.

The first place winner, for example, festively decorated his vintage pickup truck with lights and loaded the back with Christmas presents. The second place winner went with a theme based on Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," complete with life-sized cameo cutouts. The third place winners were two neighbors who combined their creative forces to create a winter wonderland scene. The display was impressive not only for its scale, but also because the neighbors came together to do it.

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In Brief:

Valentine's Dinner and Jazz

Javalicious Café will host a Valentine's Day dinner and piano jazz by young pianist Bryce McLaughlin, Tuesday, February 14.

Dinner begins at 6 p.m. with appetizers, Caesar salad, salmon in pastry, roasted asparagus, chocolate mousse; \$25 per person.

Call Javalicious at 736-1215 for reservations. Seating is limited.

River Park Neighborhood Association

Please Help Support Your RPNA

2006 Membership Dues

\$10 per Household

A Membership dues envelope is enclosed with this newsletter and can be mailed to:

RPNA

P.O. Box 19866

Sacramento, CA 95819

Membership Information:

Alanna Butterworth

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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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