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Festive Summer Begins in River Park

Pops in Park best yet

Saturday afternoon June 14 was pleasantly warm with just enough breeze to please without scattering dust and paper napkins all across Glen Hall Park. In short, conditions were perfect for Pops in the Park 2008. The



rock oldies performed by the Q Ball Band pleased the crowd of approximately 600. Food sold well. Many folks brought their own gourmet al fresco dinners. And tickets to the beer garden flew, three dollars a brew.

Following its traditionally famous 4th of July Parade and Festival, the next major city-sponsored event is Screen on the Green on Saturday August 23. This summer's free after-dark movie is *Breakfast at Tiffany's* a 1961 classic based on a Truman Capote story and starring Audrey Hepburn and George Peppard. It's a sweet, sophisticated love story set in New York City. Men, you'll like it too.

Next in line is the Great American River Cleanup when everyone in River Park voluntarily comes to Glen Hall Park, accepts a plastic garbage bag, then sets off to fill the bag with trash left in and near our riverfront. Saturday morning September 20. See ya!



No relief lines

Night patrol On a roll

After a slow start, River Park's night patrol program is picking up steam. The schedule is filling in, so River Park has at least some volunteers assisting the police in looking for potential criminal activity. So far, most of the activity has been at Glen Hall Park, with beach parties going on after the park is closed. Police have been dispatched several times to break them up. Patrol volunteers have also noticed several open garage doors and a number of homes with no outside lighting at all. This is an open invitation to thieves!

Volunteer for the River Park Night Patrol by calling Jeff Harris **455-0996** or email him at cadence@surewest.net

No Skimfest 2008 at Paradise

At the June RPNA board meeting the situation at Paradise Beach was extensively discussed. Drinking, off-leash dogs, rowdy and menacing beachgoers all are problems for our neighborhood, but there is also a subculture of "skimboarders" who perform a kind of riverside surfboarding that is both skilled and essentially benign. However, organized skimboarding activities, such as last September's Skimfest 2007, face a crackdown by Sacramento County because organizers have not applied for and received the required legal permits. At the RPNA board meeting June 19, the organizer of Skimfest said there would be no Skimfest 2008 at Paradise Beach this Labor Day.

UPCOMING RIVER PARK EVENTS July 2008.... and beyond

Thursday July 17

RPNA Meetings

Block captains 6:30 p.m.

RPNA Board 7:30 p.m.

Geneva Room

Fremont Presbyterian Church

Everybody welcome!

Sunday August 10

Blood drive 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bloodmobile

5458 Carlson Drive

Give your blood!

It's needed

Saturday August 23

Screen on the Green *Breakfast at Tiffany's*

Glen Hall Park

Movie starts at dark

It's Free!

Saturday September 20

Great American River Cleanup

8 a.m. to noon

Glen Hall Park

Walk around and pick stuff up

Get a tee shirt

Hairy merger

Between the two of them, Linda Christensen and Mr. Zee have over 50 years' experience cutting, styling, coloring and curling hair at the River Park shopping mall. As of July 1 they are working chair by chair for the first time. Linda's *California Hair Suite* goes out of business due to her business partner Jocelynn Keenan's unfortunate illness, so Linda will take over a chair next door at *Z and Company*. Both Linda and Zee work by appointment and expect to hold on to their existing clientele.

But Mr. Zee says 80 per cent of his customers are men, while Linda says 75 per cent of hers are women. Both expect the barbershop talk to be interesting. Both acknowledge that their clients enjoy gossip and the risqué.

Some background. Zbigniew Warzecha grew up in Krakow, Poland coming to the U.S. in 1980 on a tourist visa as Poland sank into martial law following the initial Solidarity uprising. In 1981, President Reagan granted asylum to all Poles with tourist visas and "Mr. Zee" was here to stay. He studied at the Vidal Sassoon Institute in Toronto, became a Master Barber, worked in D.C. and San Diego for a while before settling in Sacramento.

In 1990 he was named by Sacramento Magazine as one of the region's top barbers and there were rumors in 2003 that he would be cutting Gov. Schwarzenegger's hair. That didn't happen, but he does proudly display a letter from Arnold next to his electric barber pole.



Linda & Zee check each others roots

Linda Christensen is a master in her own right. An Iowa native, she began doing hair at the *Wooden Comb* in River Park in 1978. She and Jocelynn established *California Hair Suite* in 1982.

So what's the future for the empty *Suite*? Mr. Zee talks of setting up a personalized exercise club and gym. Mall owner Don Ryan is looking for a tenant. Meanwhile call Mr. Zee at 455-8326 or call Linda at 453-1906. Give them both a try.

Business update

Bennett's Bread and Pastries has moved on. Pieman **Michael Bennett** has taken his business further east in Sacramento county. His new phone number is 455-0939.

Perry Georgallis is staying, but under a new name. Georgallis has been buying and selling houses for customers in River Park and elsewhere for half a century. But GBC Realtors is no more. Perry's now with Lyon Real Estate.

Strawberries, cherries, apricots, blackberries, plums, peaches, and, of course, tomatoes. All these crops and more grow spectacularly well in River Park back yards. Sometimes they all ripen at once. If you have a sudden surplus, share it with your neighbors or a church food bank. Just take a bag or a bowl next door, or let the neighbors come and pick their own.

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You owe me!

Susan Kingsbury was the first to spot the misspelled street name in the last issue of the Review and thus wins the prize. Susan was ultimately paid in full.



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May 2008 River Park crime reports:

May 3	4:10 p.m.	Larceny-Theft	Carlson near school
May 9	3:00 a.m.	Burglary-vehicle	Sandburg near Moddison
May 10	10:00 a.m.	Vandalism	State Avenue - east
May 11	3:00 p.m.	Burglary-vehicle	Glen Hall parking lot
May 12	6:00 p.m.	Larceny-Theft	near strip mall

River Park resident Theresa Barnwell offers this observation:

I have lived in River Park for twenty some years. It is a lovely place to live. The problem I have encountered lately is the lack of respect dog owners have for the leash law and poop law. The ordinance is very simple: all dogs must be on a leash when off of their own property. This includes the park, levee and property to the river. Also all dog poop must be picked up and properly disposed

In mentioning this to inconsiderate people who do not abide by the rules, I have been called crazy, told to mind my own business and one woman tried to put the dog poop in my face. She just got obstinate when I politely asked her to pick up her dog poop and put it in the bin.

I hope this friendly reminder will help keep River Park healthy, clean and safe.



How to be a good neighbor

Love thy neighbor...or at least try to be a considerate one.

- Welcome your neighbors with a nice note or friendly chat
- Keep your home neat and attractive
- Be mindful of noise, loud music, and barking dogs
- End parties at a reasonable hour
- Return what you have borrowed and express your thanks
- Replace anything you, your kids, or your pets have harmed
- Offer to collect mail or watch pets and plants when your neighbors are away
- Say hello to your neighbor and smile even if the neighbor doesn't smile back at you

New chaise lounges at pool

Four more comfy new chaise lounges are now in place at the Glen Hall Park swimming pool. The backs of the long chairs are adjustable and, being white, they don't feel so hot to the touch of bare skin. RPNA bought the four chairs for a total of \$600. The funds to purchase the chairs were allocated from the \$4000 Southern Pacific paid to RPNA in compensation for the March 2007 railroad trestle fire that blackened the skies with heavy smoke and gave everyone who saw the smoke plume a good scare.



Lounge or Longue?

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In brief:

- Rumor has it that a multi-day concerted effort to actually enforce liquor and leash laws at Paradise Beach is being planned for early July
- Three skimboarders were given citations on June 14 at Paradise Beach
- California's new cell phone law is now in force, banning the use of hand-held devices while driving. Take heed.
- It's not too early to think about candidates for the RPNA board of directors. RPNA will conduct an election late this year as five board member terms expire. Nominations are due in September.
- There are reports that green waste garden refuse is being dumped on the street near the Scottish Rite Temple. Presumably this is being done by River Park residents who pay the lower container fee for green waste but who don't want to actually use their container.
- Some Sac State students are still parking illegally in River Park.

I'm from River Park. Which one?

The Sacramento Business Journal reported a year ago that Richland Communities, Inc. is planning a subdivision of over 2300 homes in Yolo County adjacent to West Sacramento. The Business Journal report stated that the subdivision is to be called River Park. Questions have recently been raised on Sacramento County's River Park (that's us) computer list serves: is the metro region big enough for two River Parks? Besides the affront to community pride, a second River Park could bring confusion in mail service, misdirection of emergency response, computer search engine problems, and other unanticipated inconveniences.

It is not clear how serious this effort is or how committed the developer is to the name "River Park." For decades River Park has been widely known as one of the Sacramento region's best neighborhoods. It's centrally located yet isolated, almost hidden. The trees, the park, the school, the river. River Park is a unique name for a unique community. "What's in a name?" wrote the Bard. That contention may soon be tested. This issue will be discussed at the next meeting of the River Park Neighborhood Association on July 17th.

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