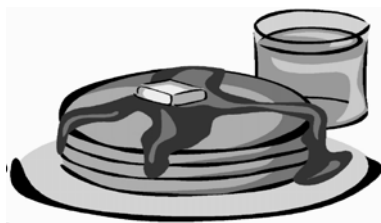




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## Pancake Breakfast June 3

The annual River Park Pancake Breakfast will be held at Caleb Greenwood School, June 3 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Both adults and kids enjoy this event for the breakfast of pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, milk and coffee and for the chance to meet and chat with new and long-time neighbors.

Adults are \$5 and kids \$3. The pancake breakfast is sponsored by the River Park Neighborhood Association. Proceeds are used for a variety of enhancement projects in River Park.

## Rummage Sales June 3

The River Park Mothers' Club and the River Park Garden Club will hold joint rummage sales on June 3 at Caleb Greenwood School during the RPNA pancake breakfast. The

Mothers' Club sale includes 'gently' used furniture. The Garden Club sale includes all manner of household and garden items.

Proceeds help support Mothers' Club activities and projects and Garden Club projects. This is a good time to get some good stuff while supporting good causes.

## 4th of July Parade Is Backward?

This year, the parade will start where it once ended and end where it once started. The annual River Park 4th of July Parade will *begin* at Caleb Greenwood School and *end* at Glen Hall Park.



Families, kids and decorated bicycles, tricycles, and other movable tributes to Independence Day will assemble in front of the school at 10 a.m. At 10:30 a.m. the parade will head down Carlson Drive toward the park lead by a Sacramento City fire truck. The River Park Mothers' Club will hand out participation ribbons, and judge the best entries in several categories. Winners will be announced at the park.

The RPNA plans to host the car parade this year and needs your help. If you'd like to participate in the car parade, call 456-0945 or e-mail [president@riverparksacramento.net](mailto:president@riverparksacramento.net). The car parade assembly will begin at Caleb Greenwood at 9:30 a.m.

The 4th of July Festival begins at 11 a.m. at Glen Hall Park and features Howdy's Famous Hot Dogs, Mother's Club Ice Cream, a Bounce House, Games, Prizes, and lots more. Volunteers are needed to run kids games and sell tickets. If you can share an hour, contact [secreary@riverparksacramento.net](mailto:secreary@riverparksacramento.net).

## UPCOMING RIVER PARK EVENTS

### JUNE 3

Neighborhood Pancake Breakfast  
 Mothers' Club Rummage Sale  
 Garden Club Rummage Sale  
 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
 Caleb Greenwood

### JUNE 10

Pops-In-The-Park  
 Garratt Wilkin And the Parrotheads  
 Glen Hall Park  
 6 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.  
 Dancing for All Ages  
 Food, Ice Cream, Beverages

### JUNE 15

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

### JULY 4

Independence Day Parade And Festival  
 Parade 10:30 a.m.  
 Festival 11 a.m.  
 Carlson Drive  
 Glen Hall Park



Visitors to the Arts in River Park enjoyed browsing the many arts booths and talking with the artists.



Kids at the Arts in River Park were absorbed in construction projects using tooth picks and gum drops.

## Arts in River Park Festival

### A successful arts event.

The first ever, Arts in River Park Festival, in the River Park Shopping Center, drew large crowds for music, arts and crafts browsing, kids activities, cultural and lifestyle information and food from River Park restaurants.

Visitors said the music was great with some really fine talent. Visitors and participants attending the event said they enjoyed the neighborhood feeling and friendliness of the arts show.

The Arts in River Park Festival was a great success and a worthwhile new event for River Park.

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## Hérons On The Wane

### Hard work pays off for area.

Jeff Harris, who has led the way in working to return the River Park night herons to the American River Parkway says the herons are still around but they are much less of a problem this year than last.

The low tech efforts by neighbors to create noise and lights and the extensive tree trimming are working. Many of the herons seem to be returning to the river trees.

However, the work must continue next year to be fully successful. A few people did not trim trees and some herons have started some new nests in other nearby River Park trees. But, said Harris, the mitigation efforts have been shown to work. Many of the remaining herons have reestablished their nests for this year. These nests cannot be harmed until they are vacated in the fall.



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## “I’ll Be Aware” Walk Walk for breast cancer testing.

The third annual “I’ll Be Aware” Walk takes place June 24 at Glen Hall Park. This year’s walk will feature a welcome by City Councilman Steve Cohn and a famous warm-up with the highly energetic and delightful Pepper Von of Step One Dance and Fitness. Additionally, immediately following

## County Citizen’s Award River Park resident acts on neighborhood nuisance.

Ken Vanderford, River Park resident, recently received a Sacramento County citizen’s award for his efforts to return normalcy to his street.

Two years ago, Vanderford and his neighbors were tormented by a neighboring house that had quickly become a site for trash, noise, constant day and night traffic and apparent drug dealing. Vanderford called police, began documenting the situation and worked with the City of Sacramento Neighborhood Response Team (NRT). The offending neighbor eventually was arrested and imprisoned for drugs. The house has been sold.

At the same time, neighbors a few blocks away were following Vanderford’s example and taking steps to resolve a similar nuisance house. That house has since been vacated and recently sold.

the walk there will be a special performance by the Sacramento State Cheer-leading Dance Team.

Albie Carson, a long-time resident of River Park, passed away from breast cancer in July 2002. Her family and friends established the Albie Carson Breast Cancer Foundation to further awareness of the need for continual testing following any breast cancer treatment.

Recruit a team of co-workers, family or friends for the walk. A special pizza party will be held for the team collecting the most donations. Call Cindy Love at 927-1592 or Mary Walters at 383-8110 for pledge envelopes. Registration is \$25.



## How fast is too fast? River Park neighbors resigned to area’s traffic conditions.

How fast is too fast? The May River Park Review asked about perspectives on traffic and speed in the neighborhood. Seven people responded with differing views but little consensus. One resident summed it up as essentially a non-problem. He said, “There are and always will be people who speed and ignore traffic rules... it is the responsibility of each driver to change his or her own behavior.”

City traffic enforcement has increased its presence along Carlson Drive, citing speeders and other traffic offenders and, at various times, set up a radar speed clocking device to remind drivers of their actual speed.

All the accepted actions for controlling traffic are in place: speed limit signs, street humps, pedestrian islands, motorcycle patrols and radar reminders.

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## In Brief:

### River Park Sign

The River Park sign at Carlson Drive and H Street has been restored, painted and returned. The RPNA and Garden Club has applied for a construction permit to erect a stone base for the sign. Pending issuance of the permit, availability of the stone and the stone mason, work should begin soon.

### Burglars Caught

Monday, May 1, 11:30 a.m., a home on Roger Way was being broken into when an alert neighbor called 911. The police responded with weapons drawn and two burglars were caught in the act.

These same two also were, allegedly, responsible for an earlier burglary in River Park and the property returned. A special thanks for this alert neighbor being willing to act on a suspicious activity.

### Dogs and Snail Bait

Snail bait constitutes the most common poisoning agent in dogs in California. Not that malicious poisoning is the issue; most cases are inadvertent as many gardens have both dogs and snail problems. Snail bait is commonly formulated in pellets (which can resemble dog food) and flavored with molasses or bran to attract snails (and, unfortunately, is attractive to dogs as well).

A River Park couple's dog recently experienced this kind of poisoning after escaping from their backyard. A veterinarian was able to save the dog. More internet information: use 'Google' and search "snail bait dogs".

### Patty Cake, Patty Cake

Loana Sparrevohn, proprietor and baker at Javalicious Café, hosted three Caleb Greenwood kindergarten classes in May for a bread making class. Shouts of glee and dashes of flour made for good learning and fun. The kids, Loana and Javalicious customers had a great time.

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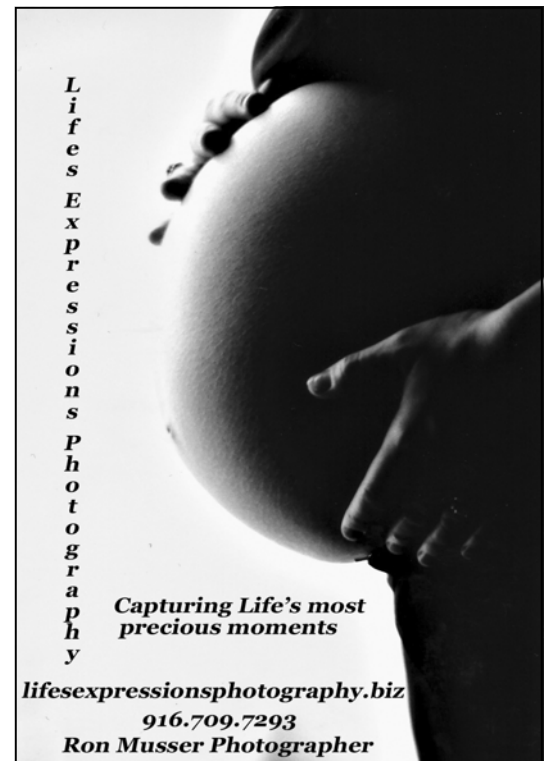
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