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City Hall meeting on Paradise Beach problems

A March 11 meeting at Sacramento City Hall may finally bring major law enforcement changes to resolve problems that have festered at Paradise Beach for decades. City and county law enforcement officials; the county Parks Director; and City Councilman Steve Cohn met to discuss the proposed changes. RPNA President Jeff Harris and board member Mike Montgomery also attended the morning meeting.

An hour of freewheeling discussion brought agreement that both city and county patrols at Glen Hall Park and Paradise Beach will increase during the hot weather months. Much of the focus will be on suppression of alcohol use. A large new sign has already been erected at the base of the levee entrance stating clearly that alcohol, glass bottles, and campfires are prohibited. Some of the old decrepit signs have been removed.

Motion activated spotlights for the Glen Hall parking lot may be installed this spring to deter illegal nighttime activities. Construction of a tubular steel fence in Glen Hall Park near the top of the levee - with a turnstile entrance to Paradise Beach - is also under consideration for 2010. The proposed structural changes - known as **CPTED** (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) - are estimated to cost the city approximately \$200,000.

A River Park Community Meeting is scheduled for Saturday April 18 at 10 a.m. to discuss the proposals, with city and county officials expected to attend. The meeting will take place at Fremont Presbyterian Church.

River Park Neighborhood Watch is also seeking volunteers for summer nighttime patrols. Help keep your neighborhood safe by signing up for a few late night hours of crime fighting. For more information email

president@riverparksacramento.net

New sign 3/09/09



This ruined sign only encouraged disrespect for the law.



UPCOMING RIVER PARK EVENTS March 2009... and beyond

Thursday March 19

RPNA Meetings

Block captains 6:30 p.m.

RPNA Board 7:30 p.m.

Fremont Presbyterian Church

Geneva Room

everyone welcome

Thursday April 16

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come one, come all

Saturday April 18

River Park Community Meeting

10:00 a.m. — Noon

Fremont Presbyterian Church

This important meeting will focus on new efforts to combat crime in River Park
Neighborhood Watch orientation follows meeting

RPNA Membership - What your \$10.00 buys...

Jeff Harris, RPNA President

RPNA is seeking to expand its membership. We need your support to continue the effort to make River Park a great place to live. What do you get for your dues? Your neighborhood association promotes safety in River Park via Neighborhood Watch and Night Patrol. It works to beautify the neighborhood through projects such as the stone entry sign at Carlson and H, park improvements, the Great American River clean-up, Night Heron abatement and green waste containers. RPNA also gives River Park a voice in city government decisions that affect our area and helps create and promote fun activities such as the Fourth of July parade, Fall Picnic, and Arts in River Park.

We are currently working with the Mayor and Councilmember Cohn to address the rising crime rate at Paradise Beach. We have collaborated with the police in a CPTED report (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design), which will lead to safety improvements at Glen Hall Park such as new lighting, fencing and signage (look for more information on this at our April 18 Spring General Meeting). Our Night Patrol is the best of its kind in the city, and has been noted in the Bee several times. Whereas other neighborhoods like North Natomas and Sierra Oaks Vista hire private security at substantial expense to homeowners, RPNA uses volunteers to aid the police in crime deterrence at no cost.

The recent lane re-stripping on H street underneath the RR bridge to 57th street was supported and assisted by RPNA, and is expediting traffic into and out of the neighborhood while promoting bicycle safety. Although the recent addition of speed bumps on Moddison is not popular with everyone, RPNA did provide a public forum to address the issue. Our meetings are open to everyone, and we strive to represent the majority opinion in the neighborhood. The Fourth of July event is created entirely by volunteer effort and has become a tradition in River Park.

Most neighborhood associations' dues are higher than RPNA's. Land Park charges \$15/year, Sierra-Curtis charges \$40/year. Our website, www.riverparksacramento.net, is being updated to provide current information on events, issues, patrol sign-up, and commerce in River Park. The River Park Review is a great local newsletter and is distributed free to all addresses in the neighborhood. RPNA remains one of the very best values to be found at ten dollars annually.

Dues are \$10.00 PER YEAR and will now expire at the end of each calendar year. If you are currently paid through a partial year, RPNA will extend your dues to the end of that year. If you join from now through the end of 2009, you will be paid through the end of 2010 as a special offer. A two year membership is \$18.00 or three years for \$25.00. **If you are uncertain of your current status please contact: membership@riverparksacramento.net for the information. Membership forms will be provided in the next issue of the Review. A PayPal option will be available at our website soon!**

Sac State Calendar of Events

<http://calendar.csus.edu/CampusCat.asp>

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The River Park Mothers Club welcomes all mothers living in the neighborhood. Registration is still open for new and current members and dues are \$30 for the year. In January the club held its first event of the year and had a great turnout. Coming up:

March 25th - An evening of Fun & Crafts

The club also has a book club and a scrapbook club. Please check out our website for more information and instructions on how to join.

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Jan 3	Midnight	Larceny-Theft	Ruth Court
Jan 3	6:05 p.m.	Burglary-Vehicle	Fremont Church
Jan 5	1:05 a.m.	Burglary-Residence	Carrington near Sandburg
Jan 6	9:30 p.m.	Auto Theft	Shopping mall area
Jan 6	2:00 p.m.	Burglary-Business	Shopping mall
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Jan 13	1:23 p.m.	Assault-Felony	Erlewine Circle
Jan 16	8:30 a.m.	Burglary-Residence	Moddison near Breuner
Jan 17	10:00 p.m.	Burglary-Vehicle	Moddison near Bevil
Jan 21	1:30 a.m.	Burglary-Vehicle	Wanda near Carlson
Jan 28	Noon	Burglary-Vehicle	Caleb Greenwood School
Jan 28	1:50 p.m.	Burglary-Vehicle	Caleb Greenwood School
Jan 28	5:00 p.m.	Larceny-Theft	Fremont Church



RPNA hires webmaster

At its February 19th meeting, the RPNA board voted to pay Dwight Finger of Sacranet.com to serve as webmaster of RPNA's neglected website. It's hoped that with Finger's help RPNA's

www.riverparksacramento.net will offer much more and much timelier information as well as a better mechanism for encouraging membership in RPNA. A PayPal link will be added for dues payment. Take a look and watch it change!

Ginger Salmon

of State Avenue was the first person to notice one of the several typos in the last issue of the R.P. Review. As such she wins five dollars, this time in the form of 50 silver ten cent pieces wrapped in paper.



Naturally the goal of any publication is to be error-free. But even with several talented (they say) copy editors, the errors just keep on coming. Ah, but some wonderful day, a Review will emerge free of any errors of fact or typography, syntactically perfect in every way. Until that day, the challenge remains. So read slowly and carefully, perhaps back to front and right to left. The next winner could be you.



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In Brief:

- **The River Park Garden Club** holds its next Potluck Dinner Thursday April 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Fremont Church, Ferguson Hall. Bring food, a plate and a fork. Alan Jones speaks at 7 p.m. on "Nature Photography in Africa." He's just back. Details? Call John Schmidt, Publicity Chair **654-6709** or email john_h_schmidt@yahoo.com
- **Arts in River Park** is coming on Saturday May 30 from 9 a.m. til 4 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center 6151 H Street. Music all day, lots of artisans and exhibits. Kid events No admission charge. www.artsinriverpark.org
- **Pops in the Park** will be Saturday afternoon June 13 in Glen Hall Park. Sacramento's Aaron King and the Imperials will play jazz, blues, rock, funk, and country music. All at the same time.
- This summer's **Screen on the Green** outdoor movie in Glen Hall Park is now scheduled for Saturday evening August 22. City Councilman Steve Cohn's office has chosen the 1961 version of Disney's **The Parent Trap** starring Hayley Mills. This is not the more recent version with Lindsay Lohan. Mickey Rooney does not appear in this film.

- **Caleb Greenwood School Beautification Day** will be Saturday March 28 from 9 a.m. until noon. Neighbors are asked to come and join parents in pruning, raking, sweeping, and otherwise cleaning up the school grounds. PTSO President Stephanie Riley notes that volunteers, including non-parent volunteers, are also needed for library duty, fundraising, yard duty, paperwork, art docents, and technology. To volunteer at Caleb contact stephanieriley@sbcglobal.net.
- River Park's co-ed adult **softball team** still needs players, especially female players. According to organizer George Shahan, league rules require an equal number of male and female players on the field at all time. Men have been calling to volunteer, but not enough women. Call **George** at **739-8874**. This is a twi-light league that will play games in June and July. It'll be fun.
- The noisy, nefarious, and malodorous **Night herons** have been sighted again near Caleb Greenwood School. For several years area residents have fought the birds with the city's and RPNA's help. If the nasty ones are back again, then the battle will be rejoined.

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