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Lawn And Garden Service?

Illegal dumping degrades the community



A long, ugly pile of leaves, lawn and garden clippings illegally dumped along Camellia Avenue near H Street and Sandburg Avenue.

Camellia Avenue, between H Street and Sandburg Avenue, is an entrance into River Park from the H Street bridge. This short stretch of street includes the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Scottish Rite Center, Scottish Gardens apartments, a few residences and, frequently, a large pile of lawn and garden clippings. Residents in the area have complained often about the pile of garden clippings and

insist that it doesn't belong to them. They speculate it belongs to various lawn service companies who dump the garden clippings on their way out of River Park. However, the culprits have never been seen and, therefore, the complaints have not been adequately addressed.

Recently, RPNA referred a resident to Councilman Steve Cohn's office and the resident was

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River Park

General Meeting

Fall community gathering open to all residents

The River Park Neighborhood Association is holding its annual fall meeting Saturday, November 4, from 10 a.m. to Noon, in the Community Life Center gymnasium at Fremont Presbyterian Church. Sacramento City Mayor Heather Fargo will speak on growth and development issues and answer questions. City Councilman Steve Cohn also will speak and address developments and

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UPCOMING RIVER PARK EVENTS

November 4

Neighborhood General Meeting
Saturday
10 a.m. to Noon

Mayor Heather Fargo
Councilman Steve Cohn

Fremont Presbyterian Church
Community Life Center Gymnasium

November 7



November 16

RPNA Meetings
Block Captains
6:30 p.m.

RPNA Board
7:30 p.m.

Geneva Room
Fremont Presbyterian Church

Dumping

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connected to the city's Neighborhood Code Enforcement office and was advised that it would be helpful to have some evidence as to the identity of the person(s) doing the dumping.

Within thirty minutes of talking to Code Enforcement, the River Park resident had the evidence. He observed and took a photo of a City of Sacramento Parks truck dumping shrubbery clippings. He e-mailed the photo to the Code Enforce-

ment and was assured they would follow-up with the Parks Department.

The same day, a commercial lawn and garden service truck and trailer was seen dumping lawn clippings and leaves. That information also was forwarded to the Code Enforcement.

The Camellia Avenue entrance to River Park is now cleaner than it has been but the illegal dumping problem will continue until all of the persons who dump the garden clippings have been identified. River Park residents are encouraged to report illegal dumping, especially when it is in progress and when you can identify a business name on a truck or get a license plate number. Call Code Enforcement at (916) 808-5948.

Meeting

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issues concerning the River Park area.

The meeting agenda will include an update report by RPNA President Dave O'Toole on recent accomplishments in River Park, new initiatives and upcoming events.

RPNA board members will provide treasurer and membership reports and new RPNA promotions. The River Park Neighborhood Watch coordinator will report on neighborhood safety.

This general meeting is open to all River Park residents and it is a good opportunity to learn more about the River Park Neighborhood Association and its activities and accomplishments.

Mercy Project Meeting

The East Sacramento Improvement Association and Neighborhood Groups Against Mercy Expansion (N-GAME) will host an informational community meeting to explain recent developments in the proposed Mercy Hospital project, the impact on surrounding communities like River Park, and the next steps in working with Mercy to find acceptable alternatives.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 8, at the David Lubin School, 3535 M Street.

Equater coffee, baked goods, panini, deli sandwiches, salads, hot dishes, ice cream, natural smoothies, iced chai, mocha blast

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Sacramento State Events

A River Park opportunity

River Park enjoys a special and privileged relationship to CSUS, Sacramento State. The neighborhood is within easy walking distance of the campus; a quick and short bus ride to the campus or a short drive by car to the campus. Although driving and parking can be a problem during the day, parking is readily available in the evening.

A wide range of university events is available to the general public including theater, dance and musical performances, art gallery displays and sporting events. Many of these events are free of charge.

Following is a sample of November events at Sacramento State:

(1) The Festival of New American Music, November 2 through November 12. This marks the 29th Festival of New American Music, one of the longest-running contemporary music festivals in

the country. Most Festival events are free of charge.

(2) Joe Turner's Come and Gone, Playwright's Theater, November 3 through November 18. This play examines African Americans' search for cultural identity in the early part of the 20th century.

(3) Men's basketball at Hornet Gym:

November 3, Warner Pacific, 7 p.m.

November 6, San Diego Christian, 7 p.m.

November 10, Bethany, 7:30 p.m.

November 22, William Jessup, 7 p.m.

November 25, UC Davis, 7 p.m.

(4) Women's basketball at Hornet Gym:

November 10, Bethany, 5 p.m.

November 24, North Carolina, 2 p.m.

November 26, Hawaiian Airlines Rainbow Classic, TBA

(5) Football at Hornet Stadium:

November 11, Portland State, 4 p.m.



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SMUD power poles are being replaced along Moddison Avenue next to the railroad levee.

SMUD Replacing Power Poles

SMUD is replacing old electric power poles along the railroad levee and Moddison Avenue between Messina and Carrington. The new poles are twenty feet taller.

In early November, SMUD will begin replacing the remaining poles along the railroad levee and Moddison Avenue between Carrington and Ciavarella Field at the end of Moddison.

SMUD will gain access to the old poles using a narrow right-of-way on the levee behind the Moddison Avenue homes. However, if necessary, residents will be notified when SMUD needs access through any backyards.

The new poles are placed alongside the old poles. When all 32 poles have been replaced, SMUD will install new power lines. Cut-over to the new lines will require a couple of all-day power outages. Residents will be notified of when the outages are planned.

“The Village” Project

The Area-1 Neighborhood Advisory Group, an assembly of neighborhood leaders from Midtown, East Sacramento, River Park, and other east-side neighborhoods will meet at 6:15 p.m. Monday, November 20 in the Geneva Room at Fremont Presbyterian Church.

The purpose of the meeting is to learn about and discuss the proposed “Village” development along Business 80 adjacent to River Park (an undeveloped area formerly designated as the Centrage site) and what it will mean for traffic, businesses and safety.

Pizza and drinks will be provided. Contact president@riverparksacramento.net for more information.



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River Park Mothers' Club

An important resource and fun too

The River Park Mothers' Club has supported mothers, children, and families in River Park since 1954. The RPMC is open to mothers, expectant mothers, working mothers and at-home mothers who live in River Park. They offer events for moms, children, and families throughout the year.

For additional information about the Mothers' Club, individuals may call our information line at 325-8765.

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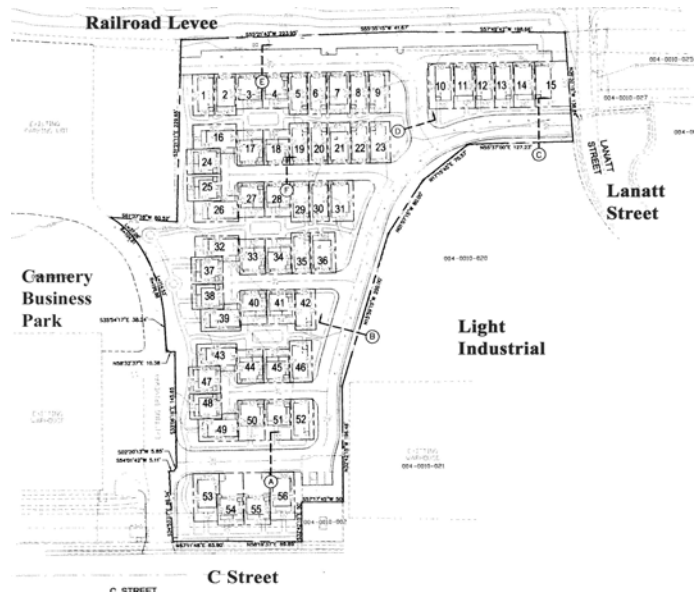
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Proposed Development In East Sacramento

A 56-unit single-family development has been proposed on 4.2 acres of the Cannery Business Park in East Sacramento. The development will face C Street, extend back to the railroad levee and include an entrance from Lanatt Street.

An alternate proposal is for 52 single-family homes and a 5,000 sq. foot retail building along C Street.

The proposed site is on a vacant portion of the Cannery Business Park land. It is bounded on the West by the Cannery, the railroad levee on the North, and a light industrial area to the East at Lanatt and C streets.



Proposed residential development on Cannery Business Park property at C Street and 40th Street.

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In Brief:

Mothers' Club Events

The River Park Mothers' Club has the following events planned for November:

- Thursday, November 2, 11 a.m.
Preschool Children's Firehouse Tour
- Friday, November 3, 6:30 p.m.
Auction Night
- Wednesday, November 29, 7 p.m.
Book Club – [Life of Pi](#)

For additional information about the Mothers' Club, call their information line at 325-8765.

Alternative Christmas Market

An "Alternative Christmas Market" will be held from 9 a.m. to 1p.m. Saturday and Sunday, November 11 and 12 at the Fremont Presbyterian Church,

The Market will feature a selection of handcrafted gifts and unique items by native artisans from many parts of the world as well as a number of Benevolence Gifts to choose from.

Several local and international charitable organizations also will be represented at the Market. Appropriate gift cards will be provided

For information call (916) 452-7132 or visit the Fremont website at www.fremontpres.org

Bulk Trash and Recycling Changes

Beginning January 1, 2007, the City of Sacramento Solid Waste Division is changing its bulk trash and recycling pick-up practices.

To reduce the amount of illegal dumping, the city is switching to a "request only" bulk trash pick-up. Every household can request a free bulk pick-up once a calendar year. Additional bulk trash pick-ups can be arranged at a cost of \$90 per service. A bulk trash pick-up can be scheduled on-line at www.cityofsacramento.org/utilities/solidwaste/waste_pages/ or by calling 808-4800.

All River Park recycling pick-up services will be increased to a weekly pick-up, starting January 1, 2007.

River Park's Holiday Lighting & Decorating Contest

Express Your Creative Self This Holiday Season by entering River Park's annual Holiday Lighting and Decorating Contest. Prizes are \$100 first place, \$50 second place, and \$25 third place. Entries are judged on creativity, theme and overall display.

Entry information will be available in the December River Park Review.

School Trees

If you haven't done so yet, there still is time to send a check to the Caleb Greenwood Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO). Any amount is welcome and will be used to provide shade for the school grounds for decades to come. The goal is 28 new trees including ten 24-gallon trees.

Send your check, payable to Caleb Greenwood PTSO, 5457 Carlson Drive, Sacramento, CA 95819.

Sex Offender Information

The California Attorney General's Office maintains an on-line sex offender neighborhood locator list called Megan's Law Mapping. The list can be accessed at www.ag.ca.gov.

Additionally, there are some privately supported lists such as www.familywatchdog.us. These non-governmental lists offer personal e-mail alerts whenever an offender moves into or out of your neighborhood. Depending on the level of service you request, there may be a service fee.

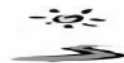
Hungry? Tired of Cooking?

Looking for good Chinese, Italian or American food? Try the River Park restaurants for good, local, neighborhood dinners of either quick or leisurely fare.

Mama Suzanna's, Little Panda and Javalicious are excellent choices for either a night out or just for getting out of the kitchen.



2006 RPNA Contacts/Membership information



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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