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More Trees At Caleb Greenwood Needed Shade for future generations

In 2003, the Sacramento City Unified School District began removing Modesto Ash trees on the Caleb Greenwood school campus. The trees were diseased and hazardous and pruning them was not possible because of their poor health. When the tree removal was completed, the campus looked stark. There was very little shade.

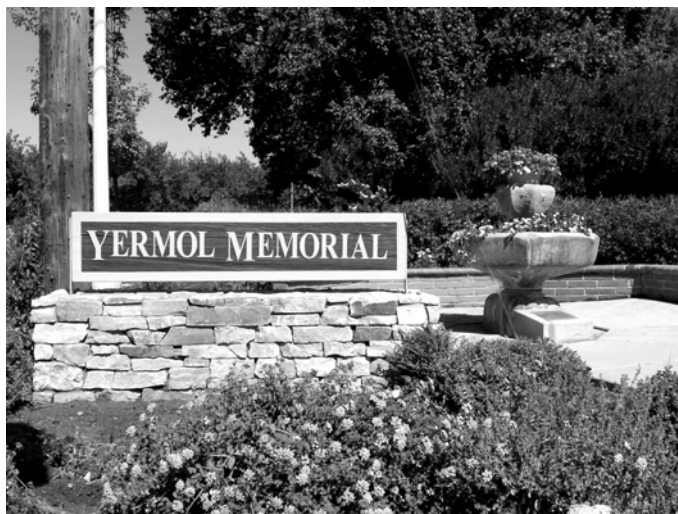
In 2004, River Park residents generously donated



This 24-gallon zelkova was planted on the Camellia Avenue side of the Caleb Greenwood campus in 2004.

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A Passion For Gardening and Beauty



The Yermol Memorial sign on its new stone base. A tribute to the dedication of Fran Yermol and her late husband Roy.

For over 20 years, Fran Yermol and her husband Roy, long time and dedicated River Park residents, could be seen hard at work landscaping the entrance to River Park. Since Roy's death in May 2000, Fran, with the River Park Garden Club, has continued her planting and working in the area around the River Park community sign and the

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UPCOMING RIVER PARK EVENTS

October 7

River Park Picnic
FREE
 Beth Duncan Trio Games—Raffle
 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 Glen Hall Park

October 8

Blood Drive
 Sunday
 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.
 Bloodmobile
 5458 Carlson Drive

October 19

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

November 4

RPNA General Meeting
 Saturday
 10 a.m. to Noon
Mayor Heather Fargo
 Fremont Presbyterian Church

Trees

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more than \$3,800 to plant new trees. Caleb Greenwood staff and parents worked with the District Maintenance Department, Sacramento Tree Foundation and Capital Nursery to plant 28 new trees, including ten 24-gallon trees. Neighbors surrounding the campus volunteered to keep the new trees watered and the trees now are thriving.

Last year the remaining Modesto Ash trees were removed. The shade from these last trees is now gone and it will be awhile before the new trees provide mature-growth shade.

Caleb Greenwood's Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) wants to plant another ten 24-gallon trees to replace the trees that were removed last year. The new trees will provide shade to the campus play structure area and the athletic fields. Twenty-four gallon trees, like those planted on the Camellia side of the campus in May 2004, will mature to shade-height faster than five-gallon trees.

The PTSO would like to begin planting trees this fall to give them an early start. The Sacramento Tree Foundation will help identify the best species to plant.

City Councilman Steve Cohn has agreed to match up to \$1,500 of funds raised by River Park and the school community for the new trees.

If you are interested in joining the effort, please send a check, payable to Caleb Greenwood PTSO, to Caleb Greenwood School, 5457 Carlson Drive, Sacramento, CA 95819. Identify on the check that it is for tree replacement.

Please join the PTSO in this effort to provide shade for generations to come. If you have questions about the tree replacement efforts, please email Kim Griffin at kgriffin1@surewest.net or call her at 455-1527.

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fountain area at Carlson Drive and H Street.

The Yermol landscaping projects started in the early 1980's when they asked the City of Sacramento to cut planters and install an irrigation line in the H Street left-turn median strip across from Fremont Presbyterian Church.

With those changes in place, they began in earnest to plant the area with shrubbery, flowers and magnolia trees. They didn't stop with the median strip. They continued down H Street and planted both sides of the street at the railroad underpass next to the animal hospital and the storage facility across the street.

The Yermols also were responsible for the planting around the CSUS parking lot along Carlson Drive between H and J Streets.

In 1989 Fran and Roy led a campaign to have the

City of Sacramento fill in a large open drainage ditch at Carlson Drive and H Street where the River Park community sign stands today. With the help of the River Park Garden Club, money was raised from River Park residents to construct the sign.

In November 1989, the City of Sacramento, in appreciation of all the work Fran and Roy had done, built the Yermol Memorial fountain area next to the community sign. This past summer when the River Park community sign was refurbished and the rock base built, the Yermol Memorial sign was moved closer to the fountain area and placed on a matching stone base.

Fran and her late husband Roy are very much appreciated for both their landscaping skills and vision and their initiative in enhancing the Carlson and H Street entrance to River Park.



The River Park community sign in 1989 before landscaping and plantings were installed. The area directly behind the sign had been a large, open storm drain ditch.



The River Park community sign today, with mature plants and the newly constructed stone base.

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River Park Picnic

A good time for all

The Fall River Park picnic is Saturday, October 7, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. This FREE event includes great live music by the Beth Duncan Trio; a bounce house; a raffle for an Ipod, dining certificate, and other great prizes; kids games; older kids games; arts and crafts show; tasty homemade desserts; and other enticements. Come join the fun!

Acknowledgements

Contributors to this month's River Park Review include articles by Kim Griffen for Caleb Greenwood trees; Lee Ruth for Gardening and Beautification; and Billy Martinez for Block Captain vacancies.

The River Park Review welcomes submissions from neighborhood residents and organizations.



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Urgent Need For Block Captains

Neighborhood Watch depends on volunteer neighbors

River Park's Neighborhood Watch program has block captain openings for the following streets and addresses. Anyone who lives on these particular blocks and is interested in serving as a block captain, call Billy Martinez, Block Captain Coordinator, at 457-7725 or e-mail: rvpk3@surewest.net.



This is a great way to get involved in River Park and get to know your neighbors. Being a Block Captain is not a difficult task and provides a real service to the River Park community.

- 1) 5020 to 5060 Sandburg and 5100, 5111, 5117, 5121 Sandburg (7 homes)
- 2) 5120 to 5180 and 5201 Sandburg (15 homes)
- 3) 5190, 5200, 5205, 5219 Sandburg; 5233 to 5244 Minerva; 5301 Spilman (20 homes)
- 4) 116 to 159 Ada (14 homes)
- 5) 280-300 Messina; 5860 to 5896 Callister (18 homes)
- 6) 5500 to 5609 Carlson; and 600, 604 Dittmar (19 homes)
- 7) 536 to 580 Sandburg; and 645 to 654 Dittmar (12 homes)
- 8) 5300 to 5351 Moddison (13 homes)
- 9) 5360 to 5391 Moddison; 100-121 Ruth Ct; 5473, 5477, 5479(8), 5481(10), and 5483(32) Carlson (91 homes/apartments)
- 10) 5500 to 5710 Caleb; 5320 and 5340 Carlson (28 homes)



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RPNA General Meeting

Annual fall meeting open to all

The River Park Neighborhood Association (RPNA) will hold it's fall general meeting Saturday, November 4, from 10 a.m. to Noon, at Fremont Presbyterian Church. The meeting agenda includes Heather Fargo, Sacramento City Mayor.

The neighborhood meeting is a great way to catch up on River Park happenings, hear about safety issues, discuss new ideas for River Park, and connect with your neighbors.



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River Park Neighborhood Association Board of Directors Election

▶ BALLOT ◀

The River Park Neighborhood Association has six Board of Director positions open for two-year terms. The following four River Park RPNA members have applied and are eligible candidates for these positions. If you are a RPNA member, you are eligible to vote.

Place a mark (X) beside each candidate you are voting for an RPNA Board of Director position.

Cut or tear off this ballot page, place it in an envelope and print your name on the back of the envelope. Return the envelope to either 1) Danny Kapic, 5500 Sandburg Drive, 2) the ballot box at the Javalicious Café or 3) mail to RPNA, P.O. Box 19866, Sacramento, CA 95819. Your name on the envelope is used to validate your RPNA membership. When validated, the ballot and envelope will be separated from each other.

BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED BY OCTOBER 31, 2006

	<p>Joel Davis – (Incumbent) Served as the Editor and Publisher of the <i>River Park Review</i>, the RPNA newsletter, for two years. He has worked as a reporter, journalism instructor, and journalist and is the author of the recently published book “Justice Waits.” Joel has been a resident of River Park since 1997.</p>
	<p>Matt Mitchell – (Incumbent) A River Park resident since 2003, Matt has a longtime interest in the design and management of parks and public spaces and is an urban planner by profession. He also was a key player in reorganizing the 4th of July parade and has been working on flood issues for River Park.</p>
	<p>David O’Toole – (Incumbent) Current president of the RPNA Board of Directors, he helps create and carry out the Board’s goals, including neighborhood events and responses to emerging issues. He is a father and four-year resident of River Park.</p>
	<p>Steve Soto -- Steve has been a River Park resident for nearly 13 years, and sees River Park as a special place to live. Steve had a previous short period on the RPNA board and would like the opportunity again to participate and ensure not only that the Park stay special and its residents stay engaged in what happens here, but to also make sure that the Park receive its fair share of assistance, services, and support from the city government and political leadership.</p>

In Brief:

River Park Artists

Whatever your medium, clay, oil, watercolor, photography, metal, glass, you will find kindred spirits each month at a meeting with the River Park Artists Group.

They meet the third Monday of every month, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Javalicious Café in the River Park shopping center. The next meeting is October 16.

Illegal Vehicles On Levee

Several River Park residents have reported seeing an off-road 4-wheel vehicle and a motorcycle on the American River levee and river paths below the levee. These vehicles are not permitted in these areas. Any violations you see need to be reported to County Park Rangers, (916) 875-6672.

You are invited to...



**A Halloween alterative
At Fremont Presbyterian Church
(Corner of Carlson and H Street)
October 31, 2006 6:00-8:00p.m.**

Open Garage Doors

Open garage doors continue to be a lucrative and easy opportunity for thieves cruising the neighborhood. Bicycles usually are the target, but also include power tools.

It appears the thieves often are driving a van or pickup truck. When they see an open garage, it doesn't take but a moment to grab something and take off.

It's a good habit to check your garage door often. If you see a neighbors garage door open, remind them with a quick phone call or knock on their front door. If they are not home, don't be hesitant about closing their door for them. They will appreciate it.

New Restaurant Owners

The Chinese restaurant in the River Park shopping center has changed owners and has a new name: Little Panda. The new owners want to improve the "take-out" and delivery services of the restaurant as well as maintain the quality of the dishes served.

Pinkhouse Gym

Want to get fit by joining an indoor cycling group? You are invited to join a fun and easy indoor cycling ride on Camellia Avenue in River Park. The ride begins at 5:30 a.m. every Monday and Thursday in the garage of long-time River Park resident Paul Camerer. It is free. It is fun. You can lose some weight or get fitter.

You need to bring your road or mountain bike. Paul will provide you with a "wind trainer" for the workout. There are about 4-10 other riders, age 24-87 years of age. They have been meeting for a long time and are looking for new members.

You can come and watch the first time to learn more or bring your bike and ride the first time. The address is: 5904 Camellia Avenue. If you want more information, call Paul at (916) 452-7771.

50's Music

Elvis and The Shindigs will perform good old 50's music live at a private residence in River Park, Saturday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m. Besides the music, Evan's Kitchen cheese cake will be served and there is a silent auction to benefit Arts In River Park.

For more information, contact Brenda Jew Waters, 457-3337 or e-mail BJewWaters@aol.com.

Emergency Phone Calls

If you are reporting fires, accidents, medical emergencies and crimes-in-progress you should dial 911.

All other non-emergency calls and calls for information should be directed to the specific agency most concerned:

- 1) Police: (916) 264-5471
- 2) Fire: (916) 228-3035
- 3) Highway Patrol: (916) 861-1300
- 4) American River

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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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