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Spike In River Park Burglaries

Area sees an increase in daytime neighborhood crime

An increase in residential burglaries has occurred in River Park during the past few weeks. The burglaries have been in close proximity on Sandburg, Camellia and Messina Avenues.

In one instance, the burglars entered the house by prying open a side garage door and then into the house from the garage. In another case, the burglars removed the sliding portion of a rear sliding glass patio door. In another house they entered an enclosed patio and then gained access to the house by prying out a fixed glass window near the back door and in another house they pried a window open.

In each burglary, the house was entered during the week and during daylight hours while no one was home. The burglars concentrated on small electronics, cash, jewelry and other things which are easy to carry off.

Detectives assigned to the Neighborhood Crimes Unit are following-up on a few leads and uniformed patrols in River Park have been increased.

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Community Sign Upgraded

The entrance sign to River Park was greatly enhanced in August. The River Park Neighborhood Association, River Park Garden Club and Councilman Steve Cohn's office all collaborated on refurbishing the entrance sign at Carlson and H Street, designing a new rock base for the sign and then proceeding forward with the construction.

The sign originally was installed by the River Park Garden Club. It is built of heavy redwood and sun and rain gradually deteriorated it over the years. This past spring the sign was restored back to its original condition. ► **Sign**, Page 2

UPCOMING RIVER PARK EVENTS

September 16

American River Clean-Up

Bring The Family
Enjoy The Outing
Get Free T-Shirt

9 a.m. to Noon
Glen Hall Park

September 21

**RPNA Meetings
Block Captains**

6:30 p.m.

RPNA Board
7:30 p.m.

Geneva Room
Fremont Presbyterian

September 22

**RPNA
Board Member
Applications Due**

Want To Help In
The Community?

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October 7

**Neighborhood
Picnic**

**Texas West BBQ
Live Music
Games**

4 p.m to 7 p.m.
Glen Hall Park

Paradise Beach

Help enforce no-alcohol ordinance

Early in August, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors passed an ordinance prohibiting the consumption of alcoholic beverages or the possession of an open container of an alcoholic beverage on the American River Parkway between Hazel Avenue and Watt Avenue on summer holiday weekends between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Many River Park residents wondered why the no-alcohol designated area stopped at Watt Avenue and didn't include Paradise Beach. A contact with Councilman Steve Cohn's office revealed that consumption of alcohol already is prohibited at Paradise Beach as stated in County Ordinance 9.36.057.5.

During the summer months, public drinking of alcohol and drunkenness frequently is observed by people using Glen Hall Park and the American River Parkway as people go to and leave Paradise Beach.

It is important that these incidents be reported to the County Park Rangers immediately. Call (916) 875-6672 to report illegal Parkway drinking and possession of open alcohol containers.

Sign Upgrade

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Dave O'Toole, RPNA president, initiated the effort to secure a new base for the sign. He procured designs, worked with Steve Cohn's office to secure financing and coordinated with various City officials.

Jeff Harris, RPNA board member, coordinated and oversaw the actual construction of the new base, managed the selection and purchase of the stone and worked closely with the stone mason.

Lee Ruth, Garden Club president, raised money for the restoration of the sign, negotiated funding with the RPNA and worked with the restoration craftsman.

The sign upgrade was a very successful effort.

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Burglaries: Area Increase

From Page 1

River Park Neighborhood Watch coordinator, Billy Martinez, says that residents must take a lead in preventing burglaries. Everyone needs to notify the City Police of any suspicious persons or activities in the neighborhood such as when someone unknown enters a neighbor's back yard, loiters around the area, drives down a residential street several times in a short period of time or is seen just sitting in a parked car when no one else is around.

A crime in-progress should be reported by calling 911. Non-emergency, suspicious activity can be reported by calling 264-5471. This kind of heightened awareness in the neighborhood can help deter all kinds of crime.


In addition, Neighborhood Watch needs volunteers for Night Patrol shifts. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Billy Martinez at 457-7725 or email rvpk3@surewest.net.

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RPNA Board Election in October

The River Park Neighborhood Association seeks energetic and visionary candidates for a two-year term on the Board of Directors. RPNA is the neighborhood's chief advocate, information source, and events organizer. RPNA also responds to emerging needs in the community, most recently supporting neighbors on the Night Heron problem, acquiring shade structures for the Glen Hall swimming pool and upgrading the neighborhood entrance sign at Carlson and H Streets.

In October RPNA members will elect six people to serve on the Board of Directors for two year terms. If you are interested in working with RPNA, please submit your name for the October election. Nominees must be members of RPNA and reside in River Park. All nominations must include name, address, phone number, a brief statement about your interest in serving on the Board and E-mail address (if available).

Nominations will be accepted through **Friday, September 22, 2006**. Please mail to RPNA, P.O. Box 19866, Sacramento, CA 95819 or E-mail to DannyKapic@yahoo.com.

Your participation on the RPNA Board will serve the community and help continue to make River Park one of Sacramento's premier neighborhoods.



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In Brief:

In Memoriam and Forward

Calvin Kerfoot, better known by his many friends as "Cal", passed away on July 30, 2006. He was born November 2, 1924 in McKeerport, PA.

Cal lived in River Park with his wife Hilda and raised their two sons Ronald and Kenneth. He and his wife moved here in 1951, 55 years ago. He was an active Block Captain in the River Park Neighborhood Watch Program.

About a year ago Cal asked Alan Young, a neighbor, if he would be the Block Captain because he "couldn't get around like he used to". Alan says he is proud to be the Block Captain in Cal's name and continue his neighborhood work.

Sandbox Refilled

The City of Sacramento Parks and Recreation Department delivered about two yards of nice, white, clean sand to the Glen Hall Park kids sandbox in July.

As any parent knows, the sand in a sandbox can, in time, slowly disappear as its carried away in pants, shoes, pockets and toys. The sandbox also can lose some of its attraction, for parents anyway, as dirt, leaves and lunch items are carried into it.

Not to worry. A call from a River Park Neighborhood Association board member to Sue Brown in Councilman Steve Cohn's office jump-started the sand delivery.

Healing Hands, Healing Hearts Benefit

"An Evening Under the Stars" is the theme of the 4th annual fundraising event for Healing Hands, Healing Hearts on Saturday, September 16th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Julia Morgan House and Gardens, 3731 T Street in Sacramento.

Proceeds benefit Healing Hands, Healing Hearts, a non-profit organization providing support for the terminally, critically, and chronically ill through on-site alternative therapies, regardless of ability to pay.

Tickets are \$45 per person and can be purchased online at www.healinghands-healinghearts.org or by phone at 916 442-5735.

Still Prowling

The coyotes are not gone. They continue to stalk the neighborhood in the early morning hours and have been seen running along the river levee looking for food. A River Park resident said it appears they are not afraid of people or dogs.



This same resident also has noticed an absence of rabbits and wild turkeys behind her house.

What's Up?

River Park List is a fun, interesting and informative way to keep up with a wide variety of happenings in the neighborhood. Are you looking for a good preschool or a veterinarian? Want a recommendation for a handyman, gardener or plumber? Or maybe you just wonder if anyone knows anything about a strange smell or noise you noticed. All this and more can usually be found with an email sent to members of the River Park List.

The List currently has over 100 River Park members, so there is a good chance you will find the answer to your question or read about something in River Park you didn't know about.

It's free. You can learn more and register to be on the List at www.riverparklist.com. River Park resident Larry Bogovich started River Park List to encourage community communications.

Old Photos Of River Park Needed

Photos of the earlier days of River Park are needed for the River Park community web site. Do you have early photos of your house, street, shopping center, Glen Hall Park or Caleb Greenwood School? These kinds of photos show the changes in the neighborhood and also reflect changes in our lifestyles.

Rebekah Tennis is upgrading the River Park web site and can use your help. Rebekah is a professional graphic artist, resident of River Park and is volunteering her time and talent to helping promote and facilitate life in this community. You can contact Rebekah at rebekahtennis@yahoo.com or mail photos to her address at 3818 Breuner Avenue, Sacramento, 95819.

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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