

**Sat. April 9—River Park general meeting**  
**River Park Review**



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**River Park Spring General Meeting to Focus on Budget Cuts and Public Safety**

The drumbeat of bad economic news is constant these days. The budgets of federal, state and local governments are awash in red ink, and the results are painful program cuts and increasing competition for scarce tax dollars.

The River Park spring general meeting will feature a panel discussion to explore the effects of the current economic climate and budget cuts on our neighborhood. City Councilmember Steve Cohn, County Supervisor Phil Serna, and Police Captain Dana Matthes have generously offered to participate in the panel discussion. Issues to be discussed include:

- The status of Glenn Hall pool operations and park maintenance for this summer
- The effects of reduced Ranger patrols in the American River Parkway on the River Park neighborhood
- Strategies to address homeless camping issues in the American River Parkway
- Police response during the upcoming party season at Paradise Beach
- Tips and strategies to promote public safety in River Park

We hope you can join us on Saturday, April 9 at 10:00 a.m. at Caleb Greenwood School. Please feel free to contact RPNA President Steve Harri-

man. He can be reached at [president@riverparksacramento.net](mailto:president@riverparksacramento.net)

**Pool and Park News**

by Jeff Harris, Parks Commissioner Dist. 3

- The remodeled restrooms in Glenn Hall Park will be open to the public in April. They will be ADA accessible with ramps, guardrails, and locking doors. A new ADA ramp has been installed adjacent to the baseball diamond, and new handicapped signage and parking striping will be installed when the rain stops and painting can commence.
- The pool, which was scheduled for de-commissioning this year, will actually be utilized for swim team. This means that the pool could open for recreational swim and swim lessons if enough money can be generated. RPNA is looking into the possibility of a corporate sponsor to help us form a public/private collaboration with the City of Sacramento to keep Glenn Hall pool open for the next few years until the economy replenishes the general fund. We'll keep you posted.
- There was a proposition explored to move the Sacramento Zoo to Sutter's Landing Park across I-80 from River Park. After a feasibility study was made, and public forums conducted, the idea was abandoned. Another idea being proposed is to put an array of solar cells over the previous landfill at the park. A CEQA report will be generated, and a decision on this use will likely be made in late 2011 or early 2012. The landfill site cannot be developed for any other use in the near term due to methane off-gassing and subsidence issues.
- Night Patrol - The warmer weather will soon be here, and the call for night patrol volunteers will go out in late May. The program runs from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Volunteers will agree to commit six hours of patrol time this summer.

**UPCOMING RIVER PARK EVENTS April 2011..... and beyond**

**Saturday April 9**  
**E-waste collection**  
 9 a.m - 1 p.m.  
**Caleb Greenwood School**  
 All kinds of electronic waste for recycling

**Saturday April 9**  
**Spring General Meeting**  
 10 a.m - noon  
**Caleb Greenwood School**  
 Councilman Cohn, police, clubs, discussion, issues

**Thursday April 21**  
**RPNA Meetings**  
 Block captains 6:30 p.m.  
 RPNA Board 7:30 p.m.  
**Fremont Presbyterian Church**  
 Geneva Room

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## River Park launches Neighborhood Emergency Alert System

River Park is one of the first communities in the nation to implement a neighborhood emergency alert system this April, similar to those used on college campuses.

The system will provide residents with timely information and instructions during emergencies or other urgent situations that may directly affect their well-being. Residents can now be alerted on their mobile phone by text message within minutes of an event.

“The safety of our community is a top priority to the River Park Neighborhood Association,” says Shane Parkins, newly elected RPNA Board Member. “Recent events, such as the disasters in Japan have shown the need for the timely dissemination of information in emergencies such as natural disasters and acts of violence. This emergency alert system can help meet the need for urgent communication across our community.”

Residents can sign up to receive alerts by visiting the RPNA website [www.riverparksacramento.net](http://www.riverparksacramento.net). Or you can email your name and mobile number to [riverparksacramento@gmail.com](mailto:riverparksacramento@gmail.com).

RPNA is able to provide this valuable tool to any resident of River Park free of charge, through the membership dues of its active members. If you are not yet a member of the neighborhood association, please consider becoming a member and helping to support this valuable resource. Residents are not required to be members of RPNA in order to sign up for alerts.

## High School Update

The perennial question of where to enroll our high school students has heated up again. With the election of Jeff Cuneo as our representative on the School Board there is the expectation that this issue will be put to rest at last. Currently River Park’s high school is Rosemont. The rest of East Sacramento has Hiram Johnson. If those two options don’t suit your student, you may find your choices limited. The HISP program at McClatchy, West Campus High School and The MET Sacramento High School have all had a waiting list for the last several years, and given the current fiscal climate, SCUSD is not likely to allow many students to leave the district for Rio Americano or El Camino, both of which would welcome our children. This conundrum has led many over the years to advocate for a new high school to serve Downtown, East Sac, Tahoe Park, Oak Park, and River Park. The possible solutions are not new, nor are they easy. SCUSD has commissioned a new survey to gauge public interest in a new school. You should receive this survey in the mail soon. The outcome of this survey will guide the District to a solution. Stay tuned...

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### Year to Date Sales in River Park\*

- ~5521 Carlson Dr~ 3 bedrooms 2 bathrooms 1803 sqft sales price \$285,000
- ~5632 Monalee Ave~ 2 bedrooms 1 bathroom 995 sqft sales price \$307,500

*\*source of sales is from Metrolist and includes all brokerages thru 3/15/11*

# Redistricting and River Park

Every decade following the census, our political boundaries are redrawn. This year, our city will undertake a six month public process to craft a new map of our eight City Council districts. These districts will form the basis for the allocation of political power in the city for the next decade. The redistricting process is designed to be open and fair, and to ensure that community interests are heard and represented, but, like all good government, this requires significant public participation and oversight.

The city council members have appointed 9 of the 13 city residents to serve on the Sacramento Redistricting Citizens Advisory Committee (SRCAC). The remaining 4 were appointed on March 22 and include River Park's Phil Pluckebaum. The SRCAC's fundamental purposes are to review, organize, analyze and refine the redistricting proposals submitted to the city, as well as to recommend to the city council preferred redistricting proposals. The city charter places ultimate redistricting responsibility upon the council. The SRCAC will meet every Monday night (except July 4th) from 6-8 p.m. between April 25<sup>th</sup> and July 11<sup>th</sup> to hear public comment and discuss how to best reapportion the eight council districts. At the conclusion of these 11 meetings, the SRCAC will make a recommendation to the city council. The council will then review the SRCAC's recommendation and, in September, will approve the new map.

In the last decade, Sacramento has grown by about 70,000 to a total of roughly 480,000 residents, but redistricting is not as simple as making each council district 10,000 residents larger or dividing the city into eight equal districts of 60,000 each. The city council has required the SRCAC to consider the following criteria: topography, geographic cohesiveness, continuity, integrity and compactness of territory, community of interests of the districts, existing neighborhoods, and community boundaries. Given the population growth in Natomas over the past decade, there will be significant pressure on council districts 2, 3, 4 and 5 to shift north.

The application period for the SRCAC has closed, but you can still participate in the redistricting process by: attending community, committee and council meetings, and submitting your views and plans to the city. More information can be found at <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/redistricting>.

The River Park Mothers' Club is planning neighborhood picnics this summer. First Friday Picnics will be open to all in the neighborhood, and will be a chance to meet your neighbors and enjoy the sunshine. Food will not be sold, so pack your baskets and come on down. The first picnic will be the first Friday of June, the 3rd, and will begin around 5 pm. RPMC is planning to have the Sac Police come and do a "Stranger Danger" presentation to the kids at that first gathering. Weather permitting, we will meet each First Friday of the summer, June through September, and possibly October.

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## Dogs of River Park

Daphne, a black Labrador, and Timberly, a yellow lab, were obviously right at home by their pool when this picture was taken.



Daphne tried out for Canine Companion for Independence but couldn't quite make it, so now she's a therapy pet at Shriners' Hospital and with the Read to Rover program. Timberly is a Canine Companion and left in February for advanced studies in Santa Rosa. Some day she will be a guide for a person in a wheelchair or an autistic child. Their master, Debbie Vanderford on Clyde Court couldn't be prouder.

Take a chance! Send a quality close-up digital photo of your River Park dog to [editor@riverparksacramento.net](mailto:editor@riverparksacramento.net)

## E-Waste Drop Off April 9

Caleb Fundraiser: Free e-waste collection in Caleb's parking lot. Dumpster Drop off: **Saturday, April 9th, 9 a.m.-1p.m.**

Will accept: monitors, televisions, desktop & notebook PCs, VCRs, stereo equipment, speakers, keyboards, mice, PDAs, digital cameras, zip drives, telephones, cell phones, printers, copiers, laser & multifunction scanners and fax machines, small household appliances such as toasters, mixers and blenders, and vacuum cleaners with the dust bag removed. 100% of money raised will go to Caleb Greenwood K-8 School programs.

CEAR is one of the largest electronic recyclers in California. CEAR has been in the recycling industry for over 10 years and continues to achieve a 99% recycling rate. They remove all hazardous materials from the e-waste received and dismantle everything down to the component level at their local facility. Six to ten volunteers are needed to help accept donations. Please contact Ann Gregory through the Caleb Greenwood School office if you can help for a bit that day: **277-6266**.

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Sure...a silly play on words. But what's not silly is that our Neighborhood Association membership continues to grow. And as a result, we as a community continue to become more powerful, more connected, and more able to ensure the high quality of life we all enjoy here in River Park. We are delighted that the following families have joined in just the last few weeks:

- Deborah & Shane Diller
- Jim & Sharon Drysdale
- Elisabeth Emerson & Matthew Lee
- Carol Gleeson
- Jon & Robyn Hunt
- David & Tanya Moffatt
- Jennifer & Scott Norris
- Brian Nowicki
- Carla & Raymond Swarts

At just \$10.00 per year for RPNA membership, and just \$25.00 for a full 3 year membership, it's one of the best bargains around. From the Fourth of July extravaganza now being planned, to Pops in the Park, to River Park Youth Baseball, to our River Park Night Patrol that helps keep us all safe, the list of amenities the community offers us goes on and on. So, if you're not a member yet, why wait?

**Mamma Susanna's Ristorante Italiano** on Carlson Drive is now a member of RPNA and we so appreciate the support (not to mention the amazing food we all enjoy when we drop by for pizza and pasta)!

656 homes here in River Park are now members of RPNA, and we would love to have you join us. Simply fill out an envelope, drop a few bucks inside, and we will promise to welcome you with open arms!

**SMUD** is currently replacing the meters at all homes and businesses in its service area with digital "smart" meters that enable the meters to be read remotely. Residents in River Park are tentatively scheduled to have the new meters installed in July. According to SMUD, you'll receive a letter in the mail approximately two weeks before the time period in which your meter will be replaced. You don't need to be home, but the technicians will need unobstructed access to your meter. SMUD says that the cost of the new meters are being recovered through the reduction in operating costs. Within a few months of installation of the new meter, SMUD meter readers will no longer need access to yards to read the meters.

The 2011 season of **River Park Youth Baseball** got underway March 12 with the annual parade of team floats through the winding streets of River Park. Volunteers have been working for months to upgrade Ciavarella Field and the new T-Ball diamond. Now it's "play ball" each weekend through early June.



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## Thrift Store opens in River Park

Annette and Mike Magallanes, the owners of California Laundry Centers laundromat and dry cleaner in the River Park shopping center, have ditched the idea of offering beer and wine to waiting customers. Instead they've opened Bee Thrifty, a second-hand clothing and accessories store adjacent to the laundromat itself. The laundromat has been in business for about a year and is doing well, says Annette. The tanning bed is still there as is the big screen TV and free Wi-Fi.

There are also racks of clothes. Annette says suits are priced as low as \$15 a piece; ten dollars if you buy more than one. Sport coats for men are \$5; shirts are three or four dollars a piece. She says the clothes are



Annette

not lost or leftovers from the laundromat and dry cleaning side of the business. All cleaning is held for at least 90 days for pick up. Only then might they go on the racks for sale. Besides the thrift store angle, California Laundry Centers is also now the location of the official River Park bulletin board. That's the cork and thumbtack kind. It's there for everyone to use.

This issue's typo finder is **Carol McCormick** on Shepard Avenue. And no, she did not get a double scoop, she gave back \$5 in change.

The typo in the last issue was another simple blunder, a misspelling of one of River Park's well-known Ways. Surprisingly, Carol was the only person who contacted the editor about the error. If you see (or think you see) a



typographical, grammatical, syntactical, or spelling error, just follow the instructions on the bottom of page 8. Act fast and you could be the next winner.

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## River Park crime reports: January - February 2011

<http://gis.cityofsacramento.org/website/sacpd/>

January 5	1:00 a.m.	Moddison near Teichert	Larceny Theft
January 10	2:05 a.m.	Sandburg near Dittmar	Larceny Theft
January 15	1:00 a.m.	Moddison near Gunther	Larceny Theft
January 20	noon	Callister near Betty	Larceny Theft
January 23	4:00 p.m.	H Street near Camellia	Burglary Vehicle
January 24	10:00 a.m.	Carlson near Wanda	Burglary Vehicle
January 22	12:20 a.m.	Messina near McAdoo	Burglary Vehicle
January 28	1:30 a.m.	Carlson at Sandburg (south)	Burglary Vehicle
February 2	9:00 p.m.	Shepard near Messina	Larceny Theft

### OPA! OPA! 9pm March 10

*Opa! Opa!* Greek restaurant at 56th and J Street was invaded on the evening of March 10th. Two suspects entered and robbed the business at gunpoint. A witness noticed the suspect get into a car and flee. Police units responding located the suspect vehicle and the suspects fled on foot. Officers located one suspect along with two guns and property taken during the robbery. The suspect was arrested and the investigation is ongoing for the second suspect.

*Opa! Opa!* is a favorite of East Sac residents and is owned by Phil Courey who lives in River Park.



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## In Brief:

- River Park Garden Club meets on Thursday, June 9th, 6:30 p.m. at Fremont Presbyterian Church. The speaker will be Richard Heisler who will be discussing "Growing and Caring for Cymbidium Orchids." Newcomers welcome.
- This year's Pops in the Park concert and dance will be Saturday afternoon June 11 at Glenn Hall Park. River Park's **Q-Balls** band will play and there will be a Second Saturday art showing.
- Sacramento will be hosting the 2011 World Masters Athletics Championships from July 6<sup>th</sup> through July 17<sup>th</sup>. This world class track and field event will be hosted primarily at Sac State. Approximately 5,000 top athletes from around the world will compete in more than 60 events. The Sacramento Sports Commission is asking for volunteers to help run the event. For additional information go to [www.wma2011.com/en/home.htm](http://www.wma2011.com/en/home.htm).
- Volunteers are needed to help plan and implement River Park's famous Fourth of July Festival. Contact Steve at [president@riverparksacramento.net](mailto:president@riverparksacramento.net)

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