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Thank you to all of our 2015 supporters! Your volunteer service and financial contributions provided the Association with the resources needed to support the representation and neighborhood activities of this past year for College Greens and Glenbrook. Unlike a homeowners association with mandatory fees, a neighborhood association is a voluntary group of neighbors working with local leaders for the betterment of the community. The effectiveness of the Association's representation is directly related to the number of volunteers and voluntary donations that our residents make during the year. Contributions are a reflection of community support for our efforts and provide us with the financial means to represent our neighborhood.

Our newsletters, the primary source of our communication with area residents, are financed totally from the voluntary donations received through our residential membership. The printing and delivery costs for our newsletter are approximately \$1,500 per issue. All residents residing within the boundaries of the Association receive a hand delivered newsletter four times a year. We currently have 41 routes with an average of 70 homes per route. Without the voluntary assistance of our delivery families, the cost of the newsletter would be more than double and exceed our current resources. We hope that you read and benefit from our newsletters, attend our activities and meetings during the year and that you will continue to support our efforts by making a voluntary donation to our Association.



Council District 6 Director Christine Roybal, Sac FD Fire Chief Walt White, and Councilmember Eric Guerra were on hand to celebrate neighborhood volunteers at a recent CGNA gathering.

membership form and a return envelope. Please note the 2016 Membership form asks if you would like to be given electronic notification of special events and crime alerts. To effectively provide this service, we will need both your e-mail address and a working phone number. We do not share your contact information with others and we limit our communications to that necessary to keep you informed of relevant events within the community.

The Association thanks the community again for their past For your use and convenience we have enclosed a 2016 support and encourages everyone to make a contribution.

Currently declared candidates for Mayor of Sacramento respond to an open letter regarding their potential representation of the Glenbrook and College Greens Neighborhoods.

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Preparing for Smaller Class Sizes

By Diana Curtaz, Bancroft Elementary School Principal

Just before Winter Break, Bancroft received great news: Sacramento City Unified School District is lowering K-3 class sizes next fall. Each K-3 class at Bancroft -- and throughout the district -- will have no more than 24 students. Smaller class sizes will help our youngest learners build the foundation for success later on and we are thrilled by the district's decision.

To accommodate smaller classes, we will be hiring new teachers and working with our facilities department to ensure there is space enough on campus. As of right now, it appears we will be able to expand into existing space without the addition of portable classrooms.

The 24-student limit also applies to our Early Kinder program. We are fortunate at Bancroft to be one of only eight schools in the district with Early Kinder, the first of a two-year kindergarten experience for children who will turn 5 next fall between September 2 and December 2. Classes are taught by a credentialed teacher with a developmentally appropriate curriculum. Pre-registration for the Bancroft Early Kinder program begins January 19th at Bancroft School, 2929 Belmar Street, and continues until the school office closes for the summer. For more information on Early Kinder, please visit www.scusd.edu/early-kinder-program.

Pre-registration for the Bancroft Kindergarten program will take place from January 19th through February 2nd at the Bancroft School Office. Starting February 3rd all registration for the kindergarten programs will be at the District's Enrollment and Family Services Center, 5601 47th Ave.

California Montessori Project- Capitol Campus

By Bernie Evangelista, Principal

Students returned to school from the three-week winter break with much enthusiasm and drive! Preparations are being made for the Science Fair on February 4th. Students are working on science experiments individually or in groups. In preparation for the event, we had several science assemblies presented by the SCOE STEM Van to supplement our science program. We will also have a STEM Science/Family Night on the day of the Science Fair.

Our Character Education program continues this year and the character traits focused for the coming months are as follows:

January – Forgiveness

February – Courage

March - Kindness/Compassion

April – Honesty

May - Gratitude

June - School Spirit/Loyalty

Each month, a class will lead the whole school assembly and talk about how we can practice the trait in our environment, at home and in the larger community. The students will be discussing the traits through the month during their community meetings and do some role playing, writing and singing about the specific traits.

Parent tours for the upcoming lottery are scheduled as follows:

February 2, 9 and 23 at 9:30 AM,

March 1, 8 and 22 at 9:30 AM

Evening tours are as follows:

February 16 at 6:00 PM

March 15 at 6:00 PM

Interested parents may sign up for a tour on the web at http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040949aeab2aa31-lottery or call the school office at 325-0910.

Encourage Your Child to Read - Celebrate Read Across America Day

The National Education Association's 19th annual Read Across America Day is Wednesday, March 2nd. Get ready to Grab your Hat, Read with the Cat, and Explore the Many Hats of Dr. Seuss!

The NEA's Read Across America is an annual reading awareness program that encourages every child to celebrate reading on or about the birthday of Dr. Seuss. The NEA introduced this day in an effort to build a nation of readers. The program proclaims that "You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child." Join students, teachers, parents, and administrators across the country in supporting this effort to introduce youth to a lifetime of pleasure through reading.

Librarians and educators have found that for many youth, reading to their pets and stuffed animals can strengthen reading skills by providing a nonthreatening and caring environment for the reader. Everyone is encouraged to find a good book and share it with someone you care about to celebrate Read Across America. Encourage your child to take the NEA Oath of Reading: "I promise to read each day and each night. I'll read to myself. I'll read to a crowd. It makes no difference if silent or loud. Come rain or come shine, snow, wind or sleet, each day of the week reading is a treat."



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A Season of Service at Christian Brothers High School

By Natalie Reyes, Assistant Director of Communications, CBHS

Christian Brothers High School lived its motto of "Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve" this holiday season by giving back to Sacramento-area organizations during the months of November and December. The season of giving kicked off with the *Yes We Can* food drive in November which culminated with the delivery of 2,000 canned and boxed food items to Williams Memorial Church for their Thanksgiving food drive. The items collected were handed out along with turkeys to those in need within the Oak Park community. CB's student-run Blanket Club met once a week throughout the fall semester to make blankets for children in need. On November 19, eighteen blankets were donated from the club to Sutter Memorial hospital for children undergoing medical treatment.

St. Hope Academy and Rosa Parks Elementary school were the beneficiaries of CB's Advent Almsgiving. Students and staff collected over 700 books for the kindergarten through eighth grade students at St. Hope Academy in Oak Park. Lasallian Youth, a student service club, threw a party for kindergarteners at Rosa Parks Elementary School in South Sacramento where students were visited by Santa and received donated gifts. In early December, Campus Ministry students donated and set-up Christmas trees at the Cathedral of the Blessed



Sacrament in Downtown Sacramento for their annual Festival of Trees and Lights. The trees were auctioned off to benefit the Cathedral Square Homeless Program. These Christmas traditions and other philanthropic efforts demonstrated students' compassion for and desire to make the holiday season special for those in need.

Greetings from Rosemont High School! By Elizabeth Vigil, Principal

A group of Rosemont students recently completed an exciting and rewarding project sponsored by former State Senator Gary Hart. Mr. Hart and several project partners, including the Sierra Foundation, contributed \$10,000 that would eventually be given to one, or a number of, non-profit organizations in the Rosemont area. As the students learned from Mr. Hart about the concept of philanthropy, they began to research several non-profit groups of their choosing and decided who should receive the funds. They will soon make their decision and present the donation at a special ceremony here at Rosemont HS.

Senior guard Irene Colavailu has signed to play basketball at Colorado State University! Junior forward Melvin Parker was ranked 7th in the state and 11th in the nation in rebounds going into the Winter Break! We're extremely proud of these outstanding athletes and proud of the growing sports program at Rosemont. With a host of new coaches, our state-of-the-art facilities including the turf field and Olympic-quality "fast" pool, and two gyms, students from around the city are discovering the opportunities that await them as a Rosemont student-athlete.

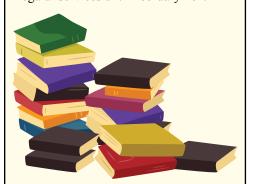
In October, several of our Culinary and Urban Agriculture (GREEN) pathway students were guests of the Sacramento Speaker Series to see Michael Pollan give the first talk of the 2015-16 season. Also in October, Common Vision, an organization that specializes in planting orchards at schools across the state, helped our GREEN students learn about planting fruit trees and creating garden art. By the end of the day, a new orchard consisting of 15 fruit trees and garden signs were installed within the Rosemont garden.

Through a partnership with the Sacramento Theater Company, Rosemont drama students performed Thornton Wilder's "Our Town." Students learned every aspect of production including set-building, technical support, marketing and acting. The performances were world-class and the house was packed all four nights.

Our LEAD criterion-based program boasts its first class of seniors! LEAD students provide community service throughout the year and recently went to Leataata Floyd Elementary School to distribute books they gathered during a winter book drive.

Arden-Dimick Library Closing for Remodel

The Arden-Dimick Library will be closed for remodeling from February 16 until June 1, 2016. The neighboring libraries Arcade, Carmichael, and Rancho Cordova will be open as scheduled while Arden-Dimick is being remodeled. The Arden-Dimick Library will keep their posted hours and provide regular services until February 16th.



Students, Parents and Educators Win Big Victory in Reducing SCUSD Class Sizes

By Nikki Milevsky, President of the Sac City Teachers Asoc.

Students, parents, and educators represented by the Sacramento City Teachers Association won a significant victory when the District announced it would implement reduced class sizes beginning in September 2016.

The District has been receiving increased funding credits from the state. But rather than spend the majority of that money on class size reduction, the District spent in other areas, including increasing the number administrators by approximately 30%.

Strong advocacy in the District's Local Control Accountability Plan (a more inclusive budgeting process that mandates community input, known as LCAP), and a parallel collective bargaining process between the District and SCTA, provided the impetus for class-size reduction.

As a result, the maximum number of students in Kindergarten through Grade 3 classes will be reduced to 24, down significantly from the current 29 in Kindergarten and 28 in Grades 1 through 3.

Although significant, this victory is merely the first stepnot the final destination--in determining the appropriate-sized classes for all Sac City students.

To accomplish implementation, the District will need to revisit re-opening schools that were closed. The District also has to make sure those classes have teachers, by paying more competitive wages. Salaries for administrators in Sac City are as much as 15% higher than surrounding school districts, but the salaries for teachers are as much as 32% lower. Today there are 45 teacher vacancies. By September, the District anticipates having to hire as many as 200 new teachers.

Board Renews Fortune Countywide Charter

Greg Geeting, Area 1 Trustee, Sac Co Bd of Ed

At its December 2015 meeting, the Sacramento County Board of Education renewed the Fortune countywide charter, under which five school sites are currently being operated in South Sacramento, Elk Grove, and Natomas. The charter was originally approved in February 2011, and began operation as a single site in August 2011 with 170 students in kindergarten through grade three. Growing steadily, the charter's five sites now have approximately 1,200 students in transitional kindergarten through grade seven. The renewed charter - extending operation to July 2021 - calls for the opening of at least two additional sites over the next five years, including a model middle-college high school that will be located at Cosumnes River College (CRC). CRC's President, Dr. Edward Bush, was among those who attended the County Board meeting and urged approval of the charter renewal.

The Fortune countywide charter is aimed at narrowing the county's significant achievement gap between white and African American students. Evidence provided to the Board clearly demonstrated that the charter's sites have delivered on the promise of high achievement, even as the state's accountability system has undergone restructuring.

The Fortune charter emphasizes "five pillars" of academic success for all students, including high expectations (using Common Core State Standards), choice and commitment (parent/guardian participation and school uniforms), more time (a substantially longer school day and year), focus on results (data-driven instruction provided by highly qualified teachers); and citizenship (a safe learning environment, character development, and community service).

For more information, please contact Fortune School at 924-8633.

The Sac County Breeze

By Jackie Levy, Area 3 Trustee Sac Co Bd of Ed

Just about everyone who lives in Sacramento has heard of our local newspaper The Sacramento Bee. Today I'd like to tell you about the Sac County Breeze, a newspaper written by journalism students from area public schools: Davis, Foothill, Gerber, Hickey, Johnson, Kit Carson, McClatchy, Rio Americano, and River City High Schools. The students and their teachers meet monthly at The Bee where professional journalists who write for The Bee serve as writing coaches.

Recent articles covered topics ranging from fires, floods, environmental issues, standardized testing, school start times, teen driving, balancing school with sports and many other current issues. The Breeze also features excellent photography and graphics so it is visually appealing to readers. And every May, an awards dinner is held to recognize outstanding student writers and their teachers and coaches.

As well as improving their writing skills, students also learn about ethical considerations, the First Amendment and laws relating to student journalism, thus extending their civic knowledge.

Teaching students to improve their communication and writing skills will help them in almost any career, and is especially important at high schools where a stand-alone journalism program no longer exists. SCOE is proud to help sponsor this worthwhile program.

Notes as School Resumes

By Christina Pritchett, Pres., SCUSD Bd of Ed – Trustee Area 3

First off, Happy New Year and welcome to the second semester of school for SCUSD. There are just a few things that you should know coming into the New Year.

The Board of Education voted to keep the calendar the same as last year for the upcoming school year. Thank you all who participated in meetings, phone calls, and the on-line survey. Mark your calendars; the 2016-17 school year will begin on September 1, 2016.

The Board of Education recently voted to lower the class size from the current 28 to 32 students per teacher to no more than 24 students per teacher for Kindergarten and Grades 1-3. This change will help tremendously with the learning process for our lower grades.

Lastly, based on a new California law that was signed into law on October 7, 2015, SB172 now mandates that school districts issue diplomas to students who have met all graduation requirements other than the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) starting with the class of 2006. If you know of someone that this affects, please have them contact the SCUSD Student Hearing and Placement Department at 643-9425.

As always, it is a pleasure to serve our community. I can always be reached at pritchett4scusd@yahoo.com.

SCOE's Foster Focus Data System Wins Prestigious Award

By David W. Gordon, Sac Co Superintendent of Schools

We are proud to announce that a Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) system that helps foster youth stay connected with school has earned special recognition. Our Foster Focus data system received a Golden Bell Award from the California School Boards Association (CSBA). This is the ninth Golden Bell Award SCOE has earned.

Frequent school moves are one risk factor threatening the education outcomes of youth in foster care. Important academic records often can lag behind or become lost. Designated school district staff, Child Protective Services, and Probation Departments may access the Foster Focus system and instantly retrieve student data that once took weeks to collect, resulting in immediate and appropriate enrollment and placement, and a smoother transition for the child.

We have all seen the studies showing that foster youth often struggle in school and are at increased risk of dropping out, but with the help of Foster Focus, we have made great strides in providing foster youth with the services and support they need.

Currently, 27 California counties and 135 agencies use Foster Focus. Through a grant from the Stuart Foundation, SCOE is linking district student information systems in multiple California counties to Foster Focus, expanding the network throughout the state and making it possible for users to retrieve data—refreshed daily—to help improve the education outcomes of foster youth.

Fair Pay Raise for Teachers

By Ellen Cochrane, Trustee Area 2, SCUSD Member

The New Year holds much promise for Sac City, as well as many challenges. It seems that better economic times will offer a boost to finances. However, the responsibilities of the district are complex and urgent and will require every new tax penny and a careful spending of resources. I consider votes on the budget to be one of the most important parts of my job.

At the beginning of last year retired teachers faced a crisis with health care when changes were abruptly made without a board vote. Under board direction the district has returned retirees' health benefits as they were at the beginning 2015. Our retired teachers are secure.

Teachers enter into contract negotiations this year. I support a fair raise in teachers' salaries and retention of solid health care benefits. This will bring SCUSD teachers into parity with surrounding districts, which pay significantly higher salaries. Last year we started the school year with more than 80 unfilled credentialed positions. We cannot attract and retain new teachers unless we can compete with other districts. This spring I will participate in university visits (with district personnel) to promote the job openings in SCUSD. If you know of anyone who is interested in a teaching career, let me know!

Thanks to the efforts of CGNA, a McClaskey Adult School extension joined the Jefferson campus. Several classes have already started!

For a wrap up of the accomplishments in Area Two go to ellencochrane.com.

Call me if you need anything school related at 457-2725.

Loose-in-the Street Pick-Up Ends & Household Junk Pick-Up Begins

The City's loose-in-the street pickup will end on January 31st and the Household Junk Pickup will resume on February 1st. City of Sacramento Solid Waste/Recycling customers are allowed two free household junk pickups a year per household during the non-leaf season.

In addition, customers may request one free dump coupon per calendar year for self-haul of debris to the Sacramento Recycling and Transfer Station as part of the Household Junk Pickup Program. Acceptable bulky items include yard waste, furniture, mattresses, carpet, toys, and four un-mounted tires. The City will collect up to 5 cubic yards of material (4'x4'x9') per appointment. An extra charge may apply if your load is in excess of 5 cubic yards. Keep in mind that piles placed out more than 24 hours before an appointment or without an appointment will be considered illegal dumping and fines may be issued. Appliances, TV's, computers, and other e-waste are no longer acceptable in the Household Junk program. Instead, you may request two curbside pickups for appliances, TV's, computers, and other e-waste.

A full list of services available and guidelines for the various programs can be found at www.sacrecycle.org.



To request an appointment, customers can call 311, make an online request at www.sac311.org, or use the Sac 311 App for your iPhone or Android.

Leaf Season officially runs from November 1st through January 31st each year. The Household Junk Pickups start February 1, 2016 and run through October 31, 2016. The dump coupons and the appliance/e-waste programs operate year-round.

Spring Classes for McClaskey Adult Center at Your Neighborhood Jefferson Branch

The Jefferson Branch of the McClaskey Adult Center is in the process of expanding its offerings beyond the parent participation toddler and pre-school programs. The goal of the McClaskey Adult Center is to bring community programs that feature health, education, and the arts. We are excited to announce that in addition to our art, music, and dance programs we are adding a beginning traditional Okinawan martial art class that will offer area adults an opportunity to improve their health and fitness, as well as, expose and educate them to an ancient physical art created in China and matured in Okinawa. For more information on the McClaskey Adult Center - Jefferson Branch classes go the CGNA website at www.collegeglen.org and click on the McClaskey Adult Center link for information and participation forms.



Beginning Traditional Uechi - Ryu Karate Mondays, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Come learn Traditional Uechi-Ryu Karate from Attorney Robert "Robb" Van Der Volgen Jr. and CSUS Professor Joan Neide, Ed.D. Both instructors are eighth degree black belts with Master teaching licenses. Robb and Joan will follow the Uechi karate tradition of blending beginners with advanced students. Beginners will be taught San Chin, basic stretching, supplemental techniques, breathing, focus, and dojo etiquette. \$20/Month Donation - Must be 18 yrs. or older. For information and registration call Robb at 801-9735 or e-mail vandervolgenjr@yahoo.com

Music & Movement for Toddlers & Preschoolers with Lisa Phenix

Tuesdays, Wednesday, Fridays, 11:00 am

Stimulate your child's development on every level; promote self-esteem, increase coordination, nurture your child's self-expression, and bring out the song in your child, with Lisa Phenix and her music and movement class. With egg shakers, bells, and drums in hand your child becomes part of the back up band as we explore nature, gravity, and the seasons. This is a parent/grandparent participation class scheduled for Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Each class begins at 11:00 am. The cost is five sessions for \$25. For additional information call Lisa at 719-6106 or e-mail lisap@winfirst.com.



Dance and Exercise with Jessica Chasko Thursdays, 7:30 – 8:30 pm

Come dance with Jessica for an hour on Thursdays starting at 7:30 pm. – Have fun and get fit while you learn different styles of dance. Jessica offers a new dance style mixed with a couple of the standby steps every evening. First class is at no cost. Enjoy an hour of dance and exercise and purchase a class card for \$25 good for 5 more classes. For registration and more information e-mail Jessica.chasko@gmail.com.



Free Friday Watercolor Mini-Workshops with Professional Artist Woody Hansen

Fresh air and hands on activities are a part of a healthier mind and body. Professional Artist Woody Hansen will offer his Free, Friday Morning Watercolor mini-workshops along the American River Parkway. Woody welcomes all level of students; beginning, intermediate, and advanced. Woody does ask that an adult accompany students under the age of 18. There is no registration fee just show up at the right time for inspiration, guidance, help, sharing of information, conversation and a morning of out-door freshness. Because this is an outdoor activity Woody asks that you check with him via e-mail by 6 pm Thursday to make sure that Free Friday is still on schedule.

Class descriptions are also listed on the CGNA website at www.collegeglen.org. Check the web site for added classes!

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Time to Register Your Child for Fall 2016 Programs

Jefferson Branch - Toddler & Pre-School Programs

Reserve a space now for Fall 2016 programs. The Jefferson Branch of the McClaskey Adult Center located at 2635 Chestnut Hill Drive in room 2 will begin accepting space holding deposits for the pre-school and toddler programs in March. During the summer deposits may be made at the McClaskey Center at 5241 J Street. The toddler class for 2 and 3 year-olds meets on Friday morning from 8:30am to 11:15am. Parent participation is required. The four-day a week morning pre-school class meets Monday through Thursday from 8:30am to 11:15am. The afternoon pre-school class meets daily, Monday through Friday from 12:00pm to 2:45pm. Both of the pre-school classes are held in Room 2 at the Thomas Jefferson Branch and both require one day weekly of parent participation. For more information about these programs contact the instructor, Paula Lynch, at 247-3335 or the McClaskey Principal, Susan Gilmore, at 277-6625.

Bancroft Early Kinder

Pre-registration for the Bancroft Early Kinder program begins January 19th at Bancroft School, 2929 Belmar Street, and continues until the school office closes for the summer. Bancroft early kinder program is one of eight in the District and is highly sought out. In the past, eligibility for this program was that a child must be 5-years-old by September 2nd and no later than December 2nd. However, the age requirements and registration process are under review and parents are encourage to contact the District's Early Kinder Coordinator, John Conway, at 643-9208 to check on the current age for requirements and the registration process. The program is academically oriented and has a prekindergarten English Language Arts and Math Curriculum designed specifically for kindergarten transitioning. For more information and to register for the Early-Kinder program call Bancroft School at 382-5940. During the summer months contact the District enrollment center at 643-2400 or online at www. scusd.edu for program and registration information.



Lisa Phenix and her music and movement class at the McClaskey Adult Center. Learn more about Lisa's classes on the opposite page. Lisa has also been a guest of the Jefferson toddler and preschool programs.



Bancroft Kindergarten

Pre-registration for the Bancroft Kindergarten program will take place from January 19th thru February 2nd at the Bancroft School Office. Starting February 3rd all registration for the kindergarten programs will be at the District's Enrollment Center, 5601 47th Ave., 643-2400. The Bancroft Kindergarten program offers all of the traditional learning opportunities for reading, writing, and number skills along with additional subjects. Students start their day as single units and then break into small groups. The progression gives each student the opportunity to develop individual and group skills. Computer skills have become an essential skill for academic success. Every student is taught how to use a computer and is encouraged to be as comfortable with that tool as they are with a pencil and paper. If your child is ready for kindergarten this is the place to be.

Neighborhood Farmers' Market Coming Soon Opening day Friday, April 1st

Opening day Friday, April 1st. 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Weekly

Look for the new Farmers' Market coming to the Power Inn Regional Transit Park and Ride site at the southeast corner of Power Inn Road near Granite Regional Park. 50+vendors from around the region as well as area food trucks will be participating. Please stop by and grab your lunch and your fruits and veggies before your weekend starts.



An Open Letter to City of Sacramento Mayoral Candidates

The College-Glen Neighborhood Association sent the letter below to the currently declared candidates for Sacramento Mayor, Angelique Ashby and Darrell Steinberg. Both candidates were offered 250 words to respond. Only the closing paragraph differed for each candidate. Please note that the nomination period for Sacramento Mayor begins February 16, 2016 at 8:00 am and closes on at 5:00 pm on March 11, 2016.

It is our observation that under the leadership of the current Mayor, the City Council has systematically been redirecting resources from our parks and other neighborhood and community oriented services to fund projects related to sports, downtown business, and a few targeted community projects. While safety and emergency services are slowly being restored, our park needs and neighborhood services continue to be under served and exploited while downtown and sports continue to consume a disproportionate amount of the City's resources. We cite two examples:

First: In 1996, when the City proposed the installation of cell towers on city property we were assured by then Councilmember Steinberg that, for as long as the cell towers were functional and in our parks, the profits from these towers would go to enhancement programs/projects within our neighborhood boundaries. Under the current Mayor, we were told the cell tower funds were needed to "assist in closing the City's budget shortfall". However, when it was determined that the funds were not needed to balance the City's budget, instead of returning those funds to our community, the funds were re-directed to the Mayor and Councilmembers' "discretionary funds," then re-directed to the general fund, and then back to the Mayor and Councilmembers' "discretionary funds."

Second: In November 2014 after redistricting was extensively discussed at public meetings, reviewed by the Law and Legislation Committee and voted on by the Mayor and City Council in 2011, the Mayor and Council, while bypassing the Law & Legislation committee process, voted to amend our Council District 6 boundaries while we were without the benefit of a sitting council member. Prior to the vote, the Mayor noted the action was being taken to right a wrong.

Final Paragraph to Candidate Angelique Ashby:

In closing, what assurance can you offer that you will be more sensitive and supportive of the City's parks, community, and neighborhood needs and services as our Mayor than you have been as a councilmember? Specifically, will you restore the initial 1996 and 1999 cell tower contracts and recover the funds that were intended for the "Oki Park Special Trust Fund"? It is our position that City Hall misrepresented their intent when taking the cell tower funds and ignored long-standing agreements with its communities. This violation of public trust needs to be addressed and made right if we are to have faith and trust in the next Mayor and City Council.

Final Paragraph to Candidate Darrell Steinberg:

In closing, we appreciate that you had no control over the actions of the Mayor and City Council regarding the cell tower fund and reduction of Council District 6 boundaries. However, will you as Mayor take actions to right the wrongs that have been imposed upon our community and Council District 6 under the leadership of the current Mayor? Will you bring about a more balanced disbursement of public funds and be more sensitive to community needs and issues? Specifically, will you restore our cell tower agreements and recover the revenues intended for the "Oki Park Special Trust Fund?" City Hall misrepresented their intent when taking the cell tower funds and ignored long-standing agreements with our community. This violation of public trust needs to be addressed and made right if we are to have faith and trust in the next Mayor and City Council.

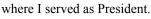
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Response from Candidate Angelique Ashby

Thank you for the opportunity to engage with your community.

As the senior member of council and the only woman, I have represented District 1 for 5 years, having served as Vice Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem for an unprecedented 4 years straight.

My pathway to City Hall was through a neighborhood association



That experience helped me set priorities.

In my first term we reduced crime by 48% in District 1. We built 53 acres of parks, improved emergency medical response time by more than 3 minutes, identified millions of dollars in parks maintenance funds allocated inappropriately, reduced property tax by restructuring bonds, returned nearly \$2 million to homeowners billed twice, and won a statewide award for innovation in park maintenance (establishing a program that engages over 400 youth per year in helping care for our parks).

Sacramento needs a leader that can effectuate these type of results citywide.

As to cell tower funds: Councilmembers Fong, Sheedy and McCarty led the effort to move those dollars into the general fund.

In 2013, I led the effort to return those funds to council districts.

Prior to 2011, District 6 received up to \$59,421 per year from cell towers.

From 2011 – 2013 council districts received no funding.

Under the formula I proposed, now codified, each council district receives \$62,500 per year.

District 6 receives \$3,079 more than they did in 2011.

I want to be your mayor & I look forward to representing every neighborhood.

Angelique

www.AshbyforMayor.com.

Response from Candidate Darrell Steinberg

Thank you for the invitation to comment issues these and what really matters when it comes to our neighborhoods and parks. I got my start in Sacramento when our neighborhood park was overrun by gangs and crime. The residents and I worked together to create the Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association and as its first President,



I worked tirelessly to successfully turn the park around. I went on to represent district six on City Council from 1992-1998 and remember fondly the Saturday neighborhood clean ups and all the work we did together from College Glen to Avondale to strengthen and support our neighborhoods.

The past 20 years of my career were rich, challenging and accomplished at the state level but my heart is committed to Sacramento and like our city, am grounded in the rich history and identity of our neighborhoods, the fabric of our city.

That is why I believe we should focus and work together on the immediate needs of our neighborhoods. Oki park needs bathrooms and proper park maintenance to address petty crimes and thefts - but while park acreage has increased throughout the city, maintenance workers and amenities have not. This kind of unsustainable planning ignores the real needs of our neighborhoods and must be addressed.

As Mayor, I will work with the council to take a more balanced and sustainable approach to the disbursement of public funds. One that is grounded in our communities' needs and prioritizes the very fabric of our city – our neighborhoods.

Information regarding the June 7, 2016 Election

Candidate Nomination Submissions Due: March 11, 2016, 5pm

Last day to register to vote: May 23, 2016

Additional information (including vote by mail) available at www.elections.saccounty.net

The College-Glen Neighborhood Association is in the process of arranging for a candidates' forum in May 2016 to facilitate all candidates seeking to represent residents of College Greens and Glenbrook who will be on the June 7th Ballot. Check the CGNA website at www.collegeglen.org for the date and time.

Welcoming the New Year with a Refreshing Blast of Winter

By Gregg Fishman, SMUD Ward 3 Director

In wishing you a Happy New Year on behalf of SMUD, it's nice to report that we're already off to a good start.

The December storms that dumped heavy snow in the Sierra were a godsend after four years of drought. At the beginning of January, snowpack in the watershed that supplies SMUD customers with hydroelectricity was about 20 percent above the historical average for this time of year.

In a normal water year, the reservoirs, dams and powerhouses of SMUD's Upper American River Project supply about 15 percent of our customers' annual power needs. Hydroelectricity is one of SMUD's cleanest, economical resources, but the drought greatly limited its availability the last few years.

It's still too early to say to say we're out of the woods, but there's finally cause for optimism.

Additionally, SMUD and the Western Area Power Administration are evaluating the feasibility of building a new transmission line through parts of Colusa and Sutter counties that imports clean power from the Pacific Northwest to Northern California. If approved, the 500-kilovolt transmission line would help SMUD meet our goal of having 50 percent of our power come from renewable resources by 2030.

SMUD's rates remain among the lowest in the state – approximately 25 percent lower than PG&E's. Rest assured, in 2016 and beyond, you'll be getting clean, green and reliable power at enviable rates.

Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act

From the Desk of Congresswoman Doris Matsui

By safely linking neighborhoods through investments in our region's transportation infrastructure, we connect residents to jobs, promote a sense of community, and ensure that no one is left behind as Sacramento continues to grow. That's why I was pleased to have voted for the five-year transportation reauthorization bill that passed Congress in early December. The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act is a transportation measure that reauthorizes highway, bridge, transportation safety, and public transit projects across the country, and provides \$281 billion in guaranteed funding for these projects over the next five years. Importantly for Sacramento neighborhoods, it injects more federal money into bus funding – a 75 percent increase over current levels. Ultimately, this will reduce traffic congestion, by providing more public transportation options for residents to get to work and school. The bill also provides resources for transportation alternatives like walking and biking, which is vital for neighborhood safety. While I'm encouraged that Congress has taken this first step by funding our transportation systems on a longer term basis, I believe we can do more, and I have joined with my colleagues to call for a more robust, longer term sustainable funding solution for our nation's roads, bridges, and transit systems. I will continue to fight in Congress for the transportation resources needed to ensure Sacramento is connected in the most effective and safest way possible.

Neighborhood Update

From the Desk of Councilmember Eric Guerra

After nearly a full year in office, I am proud to say that we have built a strong team and we're off to a good start. We are focused on delivering for the College Glen neighborhood and Sacramento as a whole. As the New Year begins, we are working tirelessly to keep our community safe, informed, and connected. We are also working to continue to solve the every-day concerns we hear about from you.

The 2016 Citizen's Planning Academy is now accepting applications to give residents an opportunity to become more engaged with the City's planning process. This is a great way for community members to be a part of the city's planning process, to gain information on the city, and to be an influential part of the planning process. The 2016 City Management Academy is also opening its' doors to community members this month, giving our community the opportunity to learn more about how our city functions and to meet other members of the community who are also committed to improving the quality of life in Sacramento.

On January 23rd, we hosted a Community Clean-up day in the Lemon Hill and Elder Creek areas where my team and I joined our fellow community members to clean up the neighborhood. I also partnered with Assemblymember Kevin McCarty to host Pathways to College. which helped provide families with information on the college admissions process and how to apply for financial aid.

I look forward to the rest of 2016 and continuing to work with you. Prospero nuevo año!

March is National Kidney Month

From the Desk of Assemblymember Kevin McCarty

March is National Kidney Month and during your next health checkup, the National Kidney Foundation suggests you talk to your doctor about kidney health.

Not many of us give much thought about their kidneys, but they play a critical role in the state of our overall health and well-being. Kidneys filter 200 liters of blood a day, help regulate blood pressure, and direct red blood cell production. But they are also prone to disease. According to the National Kidney Foundation, 1 in 3 Americans is at risk for kidney disease due to diabetes, high blood pressure, or a family history of kidney failure. Further, it is estimated that 26 million Americans suffer from kidney disease, but most people don't know it because there are often no symptoms until the disease has progressed.

During National Kidney Month, the National Kidney Foundation will offer health activities to promote kidney health and awareness of what the risk factors are for kidney disease. For more information, please visit the National Kidney Foundation website at https://www.kidney.org/.

You don't have to be a health expert to talk to your friends and family about the importance of kidney health and what you can do to protect yourself! Kidney disease is treatable if detected early. The key is to get educated, get checked, and stay informed.

Intelligent Transportation System for Sac Co Traffic Management

From the Desk of County Supervisor Susan Peters

One of the best ways to enhance safety, reduce congestion and improve the commute for motorists travelling through the unincorporated area is to optimize traffic signal timing for signalized intersections on major transportation corridors. To achieve this, the County's Department of Transportation has invested in the use of Intelligent Transportation Systems technology as a high-tech solution to maintain and continuously improve traffic flow in congested corridors and on major roadways.

The heart of Sacramento County's traffic management system is the Traffic Operations Center and this state-of-the-art facility enables DOT staff to monitor traffic conditions and make adjustments as needed to keep traffic flowing safely and smoothly, especially during heavy commute hours. The operations center is able to monitor 16 major unincorporated area transportation corridors and 300 signalized intersections, 116 of which are equipped with cameras communicating on both fiber optic and copper interconnect cable.

The control room is filled with screens showing live camera feeds and telemetry from traffic signals throughout the unincorporated area. From the control room staff can monitor multiple signal locations and adjust signal timing as needed to improve the flow of traffic. In addition, staff can respond to collisions, hazardous spills and other emergencies by changing signal timing and posting messages on any of four changeable message signs located on the corridors.

For more information about the County's Traffic Operations Center, please go online to sacdot.com

Susan Peters represents the Third District on the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. She can be reached at susanpeters@saccounty.net.

Looking Forward to 2016 With You!

From the Desk of Senator Dr. Richard Pan

Happy New Year!

I told you that as your representative, I would work hard to build healthier and safer communities. I am proud to report that by working together in my first year in the State Senate, we did just that in 2015.

Governor Brown signed nine of my bills, so we now have new laws that provide better police protection for college campuses and surrounding communities, bring hundreds of millions of federal flood-control dollars to our region, support local businesses and taxpayers, and ensure that all of us will soon be better protected against vaccine-preventable diseases. Please view our 2015 Accomplishments Report on my website: http://sd06.senate.ca.gov/.

But there is still so much work to do, and I look forward to reporting back to you in the coming months on legislative proposals and community activities I am working on. The year is already off to a promising start: just the other day, the Governor released the first draft of the state budget, and I am pleased that it continues to eliminate debt while providing more money for schools and much-needed improvements to state office buildings in Sacramento.

We accomplished so much in 2015, but by collaborating together, I know we can do even more in 2016. As always, please feel free to contact my office at 262-2904 or email at Senator.Pan@senate.ca.gov.

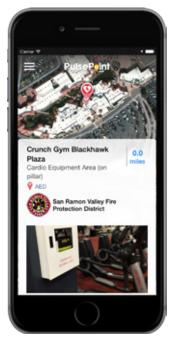
PulsePoint Now in Sacramento Area: Learn CPR, Get the App, and Save a Life

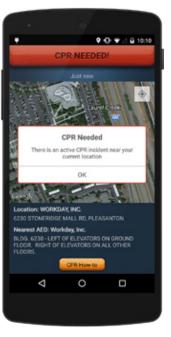
In December 2015, Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson and Sacramento Fire Chief Walt White, teamed up with other area fire departments and representatives from the PulsePoint Foundation to bring their lifesaving technology to Sacramento via a 911 integrated Mobile App.

The PulsePoint app provides a means by which local CPR-trained citizens and off-duty professionals such as doctors, nurses, paramedics, fire, and police officers can be alerted to a cardiac arrest event in their immediate area via cell phone. The PulsePoint representatives explained that sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is caused when the heart's electrical system malfunctions and the heart stops working properly. They explained that the chances of surviving a cardiac arrest event decreases rapidly every minute the victim is without resuscitation. The PulsePoint app is intended to offer assistance during that critical time while the first responders are en route.

The Association is working with the staff of Councilmember Guerra and Mayor Johnson along with the Red Cross to arrange for CPR classes at the McClaskey Adult Center as a means of supporting this life saving activity. The PulsePoint supporters want every one to Learn CPR, Get the App, and Save a Life.

If you are interested in participating in a CPR class and you are not sure the Association has your e-mail address you may use the enclosed contribution card to send us your e-mail address. When we are able to arrange for CPR classes we will post the dates and times on our website at www.collegeglen.org and send an e-mail notice to everyone on our e-mail list.





The PulsePoint images above illustrate what a potential responder would see when alerted to a cardiac arrest event. Site location directions are provided and information on where to find the AED is also provided. The Pulse Point app is available for Apple iOS and Android phones.

Annual Doggy-Dash & Bark In The Park MOVES to Saturday April 9th

The SPCA's annual Doggy Dash & Bark in the Park Festival fundraiser has been moved to Saturday, April 9th due to the often-high June temperatures. Preregister online at www.sspca.org/Dash or download and mail your registration to the Sacramento SPCA at 6201 Florin-Perkins Road. On-site registration on the morning of the event is also an option and will start at 8:30 am in the Village Green Area in William Land Park across from Sacramento City College.

Registration begins at 8:30am followed by the 2k and 5k walks at 10:00 am. The scenic and fun walk to help raise money for the shelter animals is an event that both you and your K-9 will truly enjoy. For the past 23 years, pets and their people have come out in support of Sacramento homeless animals for the Sacramento SPCA Doggy Dash.

Come rain or shine! Take an early morning walk with your best friend in William Land Park to help another animal find a best friend. An estimated 5,000 pet owners will gather both with and without their canine companions to help raise funds for the over 7,000 homeless animals that the Sacramento SPCA will care for over the next year.

So mark your calendar now for the Sacramento



This year's Sacramento SPCA Doggy Dash 2k and 5k walks begin at 10:00 am on Saturday, April 9th.

SPCA Doggy Dash on Saturday, April 9th at the William Land Park, Village Green Area. For additional information and advanced registration visit www. sspca.org/dash, e-mail events@sspca.org, or call 504-2802.

College Glen Meetup: A Group of Dedicated Neighbors Focused on

Actionable Improvements By Francesca Giovenco

Capitalizing on the success of nextdoor.com a group of neighbors have started a Meetup to focus on actionable improvements for College Greens/Glenbrook. In its infancy stages now, we have conducted our first Meetup already, with the goal of tackling important topics (priorities are determined through voting) such as: making the neighborhood more walkable (i.e. retail), improving neighborhood infrastructure and helping other neighbors. The goal is to augment nextdoor.com with an avenue for actions through an organized effort, while enjoying ourselves and getting to know each other.

There are many opportunities. Some of our ideas include: a neighborhood volunteer activity and events such as the Film Noir Festival. Already in progress is an active writing campaign to reach out to businesses such as Chipotle and Sweet Greens to secure healthier restaurants than the current cuisine at Raley's Plaza, as well as giants such as Walgreens to help anchor the Plaza. Our introductory meeting even included a discussion about how we can help the homeless community often seen at Raley's Plaza rather than criticize them. Finally, we believe that deep neighbor connections can also keep us safe during storms, etc. This takes effort and committed members and we hope you will join us! Though our action is serious we will also enjoy ourselves, because a sustainable way to improvement must keep people interested; through this we can bring about a positive and lasting impact. http://www.meetup.com/College-Glen-Neighbors/

Real Estate Update

By Linda Wood, Broker-Associate, Dunnigan, Realtors

2016 has arrived and delivered some much needed rain! I hope that you enjoyed the holidays and are looking forward to a good year. The real estate market continues to improve. We are seeing new residential construction and the new Kings Arena, Golden One Center, is contributing to a changing landscape downtown.

First-time home buyers have been called the "missing link" in our housing recovery. First-time buyers are critical to a strong housing market as they are the link allowing homeowners to buy their move-up home. According to one survey by the National Association of Realtors, first-time buyers made up 32% of the housing market in 2015, historically that number is closer to 40%.

According to data from MetroList Services, Inc. 117 homes sold in College Glen in 2015 at a median sale price of \$304,000 and 18 condos and half-plexes at a median sale price of \$158,000. By comparison, there were 103 homes at a median sale price of \$279,000 and 14 condos and half-plexes at a median price of \$175,700 in 2014. This year we had 65 homes that sold from \$300,000 to \$393,500. In 2014 we had 33 homes that sold from \$300,000 to a high of \$350,000.

It's that time! This is a reminder that the Sacramento Association of Realtors annual fundraising allows them to award scholarships to outstanding local students. If you'd like more information regarding the qualifications and application, please contact me at lwood@dunniganrealtors.com or SAR at www.sacrealtor.org. Applications are available Jan. 25-March 31.

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CGNA 2015 Annual Meeting and Year End Up Date

The Association's 23rd and the Foundation's 1st Annual Corporate Meetings drew a full house in the Fire Station 60 garage. First on the meeting agenda was the election of officers and directors for both the Association and newly formed CGNA Foundation. Annette Deglow, John Deglow, Linda Wood and Rebekah Cearley were each re-elected as President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary respectively. A list of the 2016 Officers and Board for the Association and the CGNA Foundation can be found on page 14. Of the one hundred six vote cards returned all but one supported the nominees listed.

Following the election, the CGNA president provided a summary of the corporation's financial status and some of the community activities since the last annual meeting including the CGNA 2014 Annual meeting, the 2015 Candidate Forum, and National Family Night Out. A summary was presented of the Association's survey regarding the installation of surveillance cameras along the neighborhood boundaries. More than 90 percent of those responding to the survey were in favor of the cameras and seeking donation seemed to be the most feasible means of securing the funds needed for the camera project. The Association applied for and was granted a 501c3 Corporate Tax Identification number for a sister CGNA Foundation.

Following the CGNA Annual Report, those attending heard from members of the Sacramento Police Department including Chief of Police Sam Somers Jr., Deputy Chief Ken Bernard, Captain Don Davis, Lt. Bob McCloskey and Lt. Glen Faulkner. Issues addressed included bike safety, illegal camping, surveillance cameras, and an update on the City's homeless program and Nextdoor. Academic guests included Sacramento City Unified School District Superintendent Jose Banda, Board Members Ellen Cochrane and Christina Pritchert, and Principals Elizabth Vigil (Rosemont), Diana Curtaz (Bancroft), and Andreas Agos (Cristo Rey), and Sacramento County School Board Trustees Gregg Geeting and Tomaysa Glover.

Fire Captain David Charron shared a presentation related to the type and volume of Fire Station 60's service calls and a reminder about every day fire prevention and safety. Board member and legislative advocate Rebekah Cearley followed with a legislative update on issues and activities at the State Capital. The meeting closed with brief presentations from Councilmember Eric Guerra and SMUD Board Member Gregg Fishman who then coordinated an open forum with support from Vincene Jones, Director of Neighborhood Services. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. Thanks to Station 60 for hosting our meeting again this year!



Members of the Glenbrook and College Greens neighborhoods gathered at Fire Station 60 for a report on 2015 Association activities and to hear from their community leaders.









Christina Pritchett, SCUSD Board Member; Elizabeth Vigil, Principal, Rosemont High School; and Diana Curtaz, Principal, Bancroft Elementary School

Neighborhood Crime Down Slightly at the End of 2015 By Ron Alvarado

Compared to the summer months, the last quarter of 2015 showed a decline in reported crimes in the College-Glenn neighborhoods. A total of 186 crimes were reported in June, July, and August as opposed to 138 total crimes in the three-month period of October, November, and December. Theft represented the highest number of reported crimes in the last quarter with burglary-from a Motor Vehicle the number two, and drugs and narcotics violations the number three crime reported. Residential burglary and motor vehicle theft were tied for fourth place.

It appears consistent that the summer months provide more opportunities for residential burglaries, with more doors and windows being left open. Theft from motor vehicles dropped last quarter from the summer months but unfortunately remains one of our neighborhood's consistently high reported crimes.

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Reported Crimes Q4 2015

Reported Crime	Number Reported	Percentage of Total
Aggravated Assault	3	3.2
Arson	1	.7
Burglary-Commercial	3	2.2
Burglary-From a Motor Vehicle	23	16.7
Burglary-Residential	17	12.3
Disorderly Conduct	7	5.1
Drugs/Narcotics Violations	18	13
DUI	2	1.4
Motor Vehicle Theft	17	12.3
Robbery-Commercial	2	1.4
Robbery-Individual	4	2.9
Shoplifting	4	2.9
Theft	25	18.1
Vandalism	10	7.2
Weapons Violations	2	1.4
Totals	138	100%



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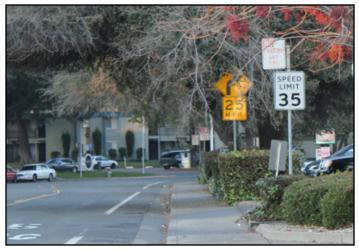
Thank you for your support!

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CGNA Requests Traffic Devices

Captain Don Davis and Councilmember Guerra's office are in the process of reviewing traffic safety in our area. The Association has submitted four letters identifying traffic issues that community members have cited as needing improvements. Copies of the four letters making the traffic suggestions and related photos can be found on the CGNA website at www.collegeglen.org.

Issue: The West End of La Riviera Drive



Conflicting and inadequate messages both on poles and the pavement combined with inadequate lighting in the evening make for increased risk for pedestrians and bike riders in the 1/4 mile stretch of that area.

Issue: Bike Safety on Occidental Drive



Bike riders consistently ignore stop signs along Occidental Drive. Bike riders come down the overpass at high speeds and ride through the intersections, some at the same time crossing over traffic lanes. White Ghost Bikes are on the rise and the City is looking to vehicle drivers to solve the problem. The Association is asking for more education and enforcement for bike regulation.

Issue: Absence of crosswalks on La Riviera Drive at Mediterranean Way-west and Stream View Way at the ball park



Crosswalks are provided at Lido Circle and Mediterranean Way-east but not at Mediterranean Way-west and Stream View Way. The Association and a number of residents that live along La Riviera who walk the area have been asking for the same level of pedestrian services at these two intersections.

Issue: Parking/No Parking at Oki Park



The parking and no parking areas along Lake Forest Drive that service Oki Park are unclear and confusing. In 2012 at the Association's request traffic painted the no parking areas red along Lake Forest to help drivers identify the no parking zones. Then two weeks later traffic came back and painted over much of the red curbing with white paint claiming they could not maintain the red curbing. The Association also asked to have some of the undeveloped easement area graded for parking to replace space that was lost to the bike lanes. We were told that was being worked on. Neighbors understandably complain about parked cars and drivers understandably complain about mixed messages and lack of adequate parking during park events.

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