

College-Glen News



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Nighborhood Crime Up Substantially This Summer Over 2007

By Ron Alvarado

There was a major jump in crime this summer compared to the same period last year. Crime increased by 91% in our neighborhoods during this summer over last summer, with larceny theft, vehicle burglary and auto theft topping the crimes reported. Nearly three times as many cars were burglarized this summer compared to last summer, and three times as many larceny theft crimes were reported over last summer. *Larceny theft is generally defined as theft when no use of force or violence is involved, and includes crimes such as shoplifting, purse snatching, bicycle thefts, etc.*

Who knows whether this substantial increase in crime in our area can be blamed on a more lackadaisical attitude in our neighborhoods, City budget woes, outside influences, or the overall state of the economy? One thing is certain: it is not a trend that we can be proud of, nor should we let our "guard" down. Keep an eye out and keep your cars and homes locked. Let's hope the next few months show a reversal.

CGNA Candidates' Forum & Crime Update Saturday October 25th 8:00am to 10:00am Thomas Jefferson Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room

Speak with the candidates while enjoying LaBou coffee and Linda's breakfast muffins. Presentations begin at 8:15am sharp. We are pleased to report that both mayoral candidates Heather Fargo and Kevin Johnson have accepted our invitation and assured us that they will attend. In addition, we will hear from candidates for the Fifth District U.S. House of Representatives, the Fifth State Assembly District, the Tenth State Assembly District, Sacramento City Unified School District Trustee Area 3, and Measure "O." Don't miss this opportunity to hear from the candidates who would like to represent the College Greens and Glenbrook neighborhoods. Remember to bring your voter pamphlet, coffee mug and our College-Glen News Guide to the Candidates (found on pages 8-10).

After the candidate forum, The Sacramento City Police Department will address concerns about the increase in neighborhood crime.

Crime Type	Summer 2008 6/1/08 - 8/31/08	Summer 2007 6/1/07 - 8/31/07
Arson	1	0
Assault-Felony	11	1
Assault-Misdemeanor	5	2
Auto Theft	21	16
Burglary-Business	1	3
Burglary-Residence	9	10
Burglary-Vehicle	27	11
Drugs/Narcotics	0	2
DUI	3	0
Graffiti	0	4
Larceny Theft	30	10
Robbery-Business	3	1
Vandalism	14	6
Weapon Offense	1	0
Total Reported Crimes	126	66

CGNA Annual Meeting Garbage • Energy • Floods

The College-Glen Neighborhood Association will hold its annual meeting on Thursday November 13, at 6:30pm at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School, 2635 Chestnut Hill Drive. The first 30 minutes is scheduled for registration, socializing with light refreshments and the collection of election ballots for the officers and directors of the CGNA for 2009. The 2009 Vote Card is part of the insert for this newsletter. Please vote and sign the card. Then either bring your vote card to the Annual Meeting on November 13, 2008 or mail it in.

The first item on the agenda will be a brief business meeting, which will include election results, membership, a financial report including cell tower funds, an up-date on the Solid Waste litigation, and a review of proposed facility uses for the Florin-Perkins site. Following the Association reports we will hear from a SMUD representative on how we can modify our energy usage and help SMUD reduce their dependency on expensive outside energy sources, and a Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency representative will give us a status report on the American River levee system and Folsom Dam.

The balance of the meeting will be an open forum with our elected representatives.

St. Francis High School Continues Campus Improvements

By Ingrid Niles

With a gala “kick-off” party on September 25, St. Francis High School launched its public phase of a \$12 million capital campaign dedicated to updating and modernizing the campus. The needed improvements include a new kitchen and dining hall, a new guidance center, new development offices, new classrooms and a new campus life center.

St. Francis High School experienced several major improvements to the 43-year-old campus in 2004. Arts and sports programs as well as traditional academics benefited from a new library, modern science labs, and a state-of-the-art theater and arts complex. A new gymnasium allowed the school’s championship basketball and volleyball teams to have a modern sports facility to practice and play in. The gym is also used as a community gathering place for school-wide masses and prayer services, spirit rallies, homecoming, and fundraisers. Now the school is poised to enter its second phase of campus modernization. Alumnae of St. Francis have taken the lead over the past several months as plans for the campaign unfolded. Tracy Best Demetre ’82 and her husband, Mark, serve as campaign chairpersons and another alumna donated the school’s first \$1 million gift. Due to this and other early gifts to the campaign, the school has already been able to complete two



St. Francis High School students enjoy the new Demetre and Carlsen Center for Campus Life.

of the needed improvements: renovation of the old gymnasium and the completion and modernization of the Campus-Life Center. The new Demetre and Carlsen Center for Campus Life will be dedicated on the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, October 3.

Loretto Sports Surge

By Chris Laning

It’s shaping up to be a good year for sports at Loretto High School. In one week, Loretto’s Olivia Mickle won the Capital Athletic League cross-country meet at Rio Americano, the varsity and junior-varsity water polo teams won games in Benicia, and Loretto’s golf team placed second in a four-way match among the area’s top teams.

Loretto’s freshman and junior-varsity volleyball teams surprised everyone with upset victories over traditional rival St. Francis High School. “Loretto’s young women played way above their normal level and found a way to pull off the upsets,” says Athletic Director Brian Seymour proudly. “Unfortunately, the varsity match was very one-sided, but that did not take away from the exuberance and classy display of sportsmanship by our student rooting section.”

In golf, Loretto’s team captain Jacqueline Williams (Class of 2009) won a place for the second straight year in the Walmart First Tee Open at Pebble Beach over Labor Day. Only 18 young women nationwide were selected. Her accomplishments earned her extensive coverage and a broadcast interview with Mark Lye of the Golf Channel, and a feature article in the tournament program. Loretto’s golf team also set new school records this year and appears headed for a sixth straight league championship.

Loretto plays in the Capital Athletic League, where Loretto teams won the basketball championship in 2008; the volleyball championship in 2005, 2006, and 2007; and both the tennis and golf championships in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.



Toddler and Pre-School Program Openings

The Thomas Jefferson Toddler/Pre-School is offering three programs this year. The morning pre-school class is full. The afternoon pre-school class for 3 and 4 year olds and the Friday toddler class for 2 and 3 year olds each have limited openings for the Fall 2008 Semester. If you are interested in learning more about the program and enrolling your child or grandchild, please contact the teacher, Paula Lynch at 247-3335 or 382-5963. If you have any questions about the program in general, please contact Susan Lytle Gilmore, principal, A. Warren McClaskey Adult Center at 277-6625.

College Glen Little League

By Daniel Sapata

Well its almost time for the Holidays and almost time to start thinking about the 2009 College Glen Little League Season!

Please visit www.collegeglenbaseball.com for details on how to sign your children up for an exciting and fun filled season.

If you have questions about the league please feel free to contact any board member via the website. We are always seeking volunteers to help with our awesome snack bar, field maintenance or coaching.

CB Welcomes Class of 2012

By Kristen McCarthy



On Friday, August 8, 2008, the world witnessed the majestic spectacle of the Opening Ceremony for the 29th Summer Olympics in Beijing, China. More than 10,000 athletes from 204 countries across the globe participated in the Parade of Nations, each leaving colorful footprints on

a canvas that would become the official protocol platform for the games. That same night, Christian Brothers High School welcomed 270 new freshmen students to a special celebration to meet their new classmates, learn their way around school and learn about the school's rich heritage and tradition. Each, in his or her own way, will leave unique "footprints" on the canvas that is Christian Brothers High School.

This year marks the 140th anniversary of the Christian Brothers in California and the start of CB's 133rd year of faith and education in Sacramento. If the enthusiasm and commitment of the Class of 2012 are any indication, CB will continue as Sacramento's longest-thriving Catholic high school for another 133 years or more.

If you would like to learn more about Christian Brothers High School, please plan on attending our Open House 2008 on Sunday, Oct. 5, from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, please call the school at 733-3600.

New School Year Brings Changes to Rosemont High

By Vic Ramos, Principal

Rosemont High School is off to another great school year. There have been numerous changes to all components of our staff. We wish all former Wolverines best wishes and welcome all new staff members. Additionally, we wish to extend a heartfelt welcome to the Class of 2012.

Last week, the State of California released the results of the STAR examination, taken last April. I am pleased to announce, Rosemont has met all components of the exam and our API has risen by 37 points. In fact, our API grew by a larger amount than any of the other high schools in the Sacramento City Unified School District.

Our fall sports program welcomes a new sport. Rosemont will now field a Water Polo Team. Please check out our web page to obtain information for dates and times of all of sporting events. Our students always enjoy community support. The Rosemont High School Marching Band is preparing for fall competition. This year, our Drama Department will present their rendition of *Sleepy Hollow* and *Bye, Bye, Birdie*.

In order to increase the effectiveness of our school, Rosemont would like to invite our community members to become Wolverine volunteers. Volunteers serve a variety of tasks from supervision, to sitting on panels judging senior projects. If you are interested please call me, Vic Ramos, at 228-5844 ex 1011.

Watch for future issues of this newsletter to receive highlights of our successes during the upcoming school.

Bancroft Celebrates First Day of School

With several other schools in the District, Bancroft joined the First Day of School America campaign ~ a national program designed to encourage families and communities to get involved in children's education (go to www.firstday.org for more information). Banners, balloons and breakfast welcomed a room full of parents on September 2nd. It was a great opportunity for attendees to meet with other parents, PTA members, and the principal to kick off this school year.

Do you have a child who will start kindergarten in September, 2009? If so, and if you live in our neighborhood, please call the school now so we can add you to our preliminary registration list. Official registration will begin next February. However, it is important that we know as soon as possible how many spaces will be needed for our neighborhood students. This year's kindergarten enrollment throughout the District is overflowing, so space next year could be limited. Please tell your neighbors with small children to pay attention to enrollment, and to not wait until it's too late.

We're pleased to announce that Bancroft once again increased its Academic Performance Index. The API is a measure by the State of California on standardized tests that reflects how a school and its students are doing. We are proud to be at 862, and realize that the hard work and diligence needs



Anxious and excited, new kindergartners gather for the first day of school at Bancroft Elementary.

to continue so we can raise the score even higher. Again, we thank our school community for its ongoing support.

Sacramento County Teachers of the Year 2008 Honored

By David W. Gordon, Sac. Co. Superintendent of Schools

A 5th grade GATE teacher from the Sacramento City Unified School District and a 3rd grade teacher from the Elk Grove Unified School District are the Sacramento County Teachers of the Year 2009, the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) announced September 4.

Sylvia Rodriguez, from Phoebe Hearst Elementary School in Sacramento, and Janet Anderson, from Elliott Ranch Elementary School in Elk Grove, were selected from among 18 Sacramento area teachers to represent the county in the California Teachers of the Year competition.

A community selection committee comprised of education professionals, including previous Teachers of the Year, met to interview each local district Teacher of the Year and selected the two finalists.

The Sacramento County Teachers of the Year Program is presented by SCOE in partnership with Maloof Sports and Entertainment (owners of the Sacramento Kings), the Intel Corporation Folsom and the Sacramento Scottish Rite Bodies of Freemasonry.

All 18 Sacramento area teachers will be honored during a special halftime presentation when the Kings host the Utah Jazz on Friday, February 6, 2009 at ARCO Arena. This year SCOE is honored by the fact that Intel again will sponsor the teacher appreciation event. We at



Sylvia Rodriguez speaks after being selected as one of two SCOE Teacher's of the Year.

the county office are grateful for the support that the Sacramento Kings, Intel and the Sacramento Scottish Rite Bodies of Freemasonry have for education throughout our region.

Thomas Jefferson – Welcome to the 2008-2009 School Year!

By Tonia A. Valmore

Please welcome the newest members of the Thomas Jefferson Staff: Lisa Starrett - Speech Therapist, Tonia Valmore – Office Manager, Barbara Murchison – Kindergarten/1st Grade Teacher, Charna Moore – RSP Teacher, and Annette Lee-Fernandez – Resource Specialist. Also, Margaret Piner – Clerk II has returned to our staff.

Congratulations to all of our students, parents, and staff for our spring 2008 Academic Performance Index (API) 11 point gain. Our current API is 823. We will be celebrating our gains in October 2008 and February 2009.

Sacramento Goes Back to School Campaign. Special thanks go to the following volunteers: Lisa Deines, Candice Burney, Alma & Fidel Del Valle, Vincent Martin, Delores Evans, Tashna Ward, Linda Thompson, and Deb Loper.

Thomas Jefferson PTA held a “Family Fun Run and Health Fair” to help raise money for the school library. Thank you to the following for their time and support of this event: Kaiser Permanente, American Heart Association, Home Depot, Raley's, Sacramento Police Department K-9 Unit, Sacramento Fire Department, 1-2-3 Fit, The Tire Store, Liberty Mutual, and Schools Financial Credit Union.

Thomas Jefferson will be participating in the annual KCRA 3 Kids Can Food Drive this year. We will be collecting canned and non-perishable food items from October 13th thru November 7th, 2008.

Exciting things are taking place at Thomas Jefferson! We welcome you to take part in our success by partnering with our school. Please contact us at 382-5960. Thank you!

Is Measure J&K Working?

From the Desk of Jerry Houseman, SCUSD Board Member

In 2006 The CGNA, backed by the Sacramento City Teachers Association, led a campaign to require Sacramento City School Board Members to be elected by area of the district much as are Members of the Sacramento City Council. The Sacramento County Board of Education approved the redistricting maps for seven trustee areas prior to the November 2006 election. The voters overwhelmingly approved the measure. In the upcoming November 2008 election Measure J & K got its first test. Critics of the measure feared that not enough candidates would be available if elections were held by area. That has proved for the most part untrue. Four trustee areas are up for election. The remaining three areas will be decided in November of 2010. The 2010 election will include the College Glen/Greens neighborhoods designated as Area 2.

At the end of the candidate filing period on August 8, eleven candidates had filed. That may be an all time high number of candidates for the city school board. Three areas, 3, 4, and 5 will be tightly contested. In area 7, which contains Sacramento Charter High and school east of it, only one person filed, Patrick Kennedy. That means he will take his seat as a member of the board in mid-December, 2008. David Chance, James Cramer, Vicki Simpson and Donald Terry will campaign for the Area 3 seat. This area surrounds Rosemont High School. Area 4, which includes Johnson High and the region south of it, Darlene Anderson, Gustavo Arroyo and Theresa Saecho are in the race for the seat. Area 5, which includes Burbank High and areas southeast of it, Leo Bennett-Cauchon, Toni Colley and Diana Rodriguez-Suruki are contending for the position on the board.



General Election

November 4, 2008

Polls Open 7am - 8pm

Last Day To Register For This Election Is October 20, 2008.

Representing Trustee Area 1

From the Desk of Greg Geeting, Sac Co Board of Ed

On June 3, you helped me realize a dream of representing Trustee Area 1 on the Sacramento County Board of Education. I deeply appreciate your support, and I look forward to the coming two years of my term on the County Board. I promise you that I will follow – respectfully – in the footsteps of my storied predecessor, the late Elinor Lincoln Hickey, who served on the County Board for the better part of two decades.

Like Elinor, I am committed to visiting Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) schools and programs on a regular basis. I take time to speak with our outstanding teachers, para-educators, administrators, and staff and to learn first-hand about the challenges they confront. I also speak with students and parents to better understand the “consumers’ perspective.” Most of our SCOE schools and programs serve students with complex needs, including students who are in the juvenile justice system, students who have been expelled from district schools, and students with severe disabilities. SCOE also operates the fabulous Sly Park Environmental Education Center; a visit to Sly Park is the highlight of many area students’ elementary experiences.

SCOE is highly regarded throughout California and the nation. In coming editions of the CGNA News, I hope to introduce you to more of SCOE’s functions and activities.

The County Board works – cooperatively and creatively – with County Superintendent Dave Gordon and the great SCOE staff to maintain SCOE’s well-deserved reputation for “adding value” in every effort it undertakes. Toward that end, I would really be interested in hearing any thoughts or ideas you might have.

Sac State Music and Theatre Events Fall 2008

By Sacramento State Staff

Start with a little jazz, stir in some classical, add some dance and drama and you end up with Sacramento State’s mix of fall music and theatre offerings.

Upcoming performances in the World Music Series include North Indian classical music by Rajeev Taranath on Saturday, Oct. 11; Melody of China on Sunday, Oct. 19; and South Indian classical music by violinists Mysore M. Nagaraj and Mysore M. Manjunath on Friday, Oct. 24. All World Music Series concerts are held at 8 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall of Capistrano Hall.

The annual Festival of New American Music returns Nov. 6-16 and features the Cygnus Ensemble, Betsey Biggs, and “Bang-on-a-Bass” by Robert Black. Festival performances are free and are held in the Music Recital Hall.

New Directions, Sacramento/Black Art of Dance’s fall performance will be held Oct. 23-26 and Oct. 29-Nov. 2. in Solano Hall 1010. The fall semester concludes with Dance Sites: Faculty Dance Concert in Shasta Hall Dec. 4-7 and 11-14.

Small town America in the 1950s is the focus of the department’s next production, William Inge’s Pulitzer Prize-winning Picnic, the pioneering drama noted for its cynical take on the “love conquers all” theory. Directed by Michelle Felten, Picnic will be produced in Playwright’s Theatre in Shasta Hall, Nov. 13-16 and 19-23.

Tickets are available at the Sacramento State Ticket office 278-4323 or www.tickets.com. Visit www.csus.edu/dram and <http://www.csus.edu/music/bravo/index.htm> for more information on performance dates, times and ticket costs.

Check out the Association web page at:

www.collegeglen.org

Learn more about our business sponsors!

Support the local businesses that support the CGNA!



SCC Storytime Theatre
Goldilocks and The Three Bears
 October 11th - November 9th
 Saturdays & Sundays @ 1pm
 SCC Auditorium Build, Room A-6
All Seats \$5

Sac Metro Airport Renovation

From the Desk of County Supervisor Susan Peters

Sacramento International Airport is your gateway to destinations across the U.S. and the world -- and soon the airport will be getting a whole new look!

The old Terminal B is being replaced as part of a \$1.3 billion renovation and expansion project to serve our growing region's air traveling needs. Dubbed "The Big Build" the project's ground breaking officially commenced in June.

The new terminal will be a four-story glass-and-steel structure and is expected to open in four years. Besides replacing the aged and undersized Terminal B, The Big Build will include a midrise hotel tower, a two-level roadway, an airside gate concourse and an automated people mover.

Due to construction, the Terminal B hourly parking lot was closed and the 40-year-old Host Airport Hotel is going the way of the wrecking ball.

The County Airport System has a web site that features the latest information about the project including construction schedules, contactor contact information, helpful links and more -- just go to bigbuild.org.

During your next airport visit check out the laptop stations that have been installed throughout the terminals. The bar-style stations feature dual-sided counters and 24 electrical outlets that can be used to charged electronic devices. The stations are located in the Terminal A food court, Terminal A concourse, and the pre-security restaurant in Terminal B.

And remember to view the airport's web site at sacairports.org for helpful information before your trip.

Susan Peters can be reached at susanpeters@sacounty.net.

New Senate Responsibilities

From the Desk of Senator Darrell Steinberg

As you may have recently heard, in August I was elected by my colleagues in the California state Senate to be the next President pro Tempore of the state Senate.

It is an enormous honor that my fellow senators selected me for this position, which carries with it much responsibility.

The Senate leader is one of the key positions in our state government. In my capacity as President pro Tempore of the Senate I will have increased authority over legislation in the Capitol and the responsibility to negotiate the state budget with Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and other legislative leaders.

While my duties in Capitol will expand, my important duty to my constituents, including those who live in College/Glen, won't change. I hope you continue to drop into one of my district offices, call me with your ideas, thoughts or concerns, and write me emails every chance you get.

The last time a Sacramentan was the President pro Tempore of the state Senate was 1881, when Republican state Senator William Johnson held the gavel.

I hope to use my increased responsibilities as a legislative leader to be an effective voice for the Sacramento region. In just the last two years, the Sacramento delegation in the State Capitol has done much to increase state and federal funding for local flood control measures and has fought for additional state bond money for our region's infrastructure needs. I will continue to be a strong advocate for our region.

Preventing Identity Theft

From the Desk of Senator Dave Jones

According to the Federal Trade Commission, California ranks third in the nation for the number of identity thefts that occur every year. The FTC estimates that annually over 41,000 Californians are victims of identify theft.

Part of the problem is that private companies and public entities are increasingly victimized by computer hackers who steal large data files with consumer information. To combat this problem, public and private organizations should be better protecting consumer data. That's why I've introduced legislation (Assembly Bill 1656) that will help improve the security and protection of this data.

AB 1656 will help Californians become better informed when a security breach occurs. First, it would require that security breach notices be sent to consumers in plain written language. The consumer notices will also be required to identify when the breach occurred, provide a description of the information that was exposed, a phone number for the consumer to contact, and toll-free numbers for the three major credit reporting agencies. Second, AB 1656 will require the entity responsible for the data breach to pay the costs of notifying the consumer. Third, and most importantly, to avoid future data breaches this bill implements portions of existing industry standards that require entities to only retain the personal information they need, so long as that information is adequately protected.

We must do more to protect consumers from identity theft. AB 1656 helps prevent data breaches that lead to identity theft. If you would like to support AB 1656, please call the Governor's office at 445-2841 or email him at governor@governor.ca.gov.

Stepping Toward A Fair Health Care

System From the Desk of Congresswoman Doris O. Matsui

As your representative in Congress I am committed to improving the access, affordability, and quality of health care in Sacramento and across our nation. In a step towards a more fair health care system Congress recently passed the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (H.R. 493). This long-overdue legislation prohibits employers and health insurance companies from discriminating against people on the basis of genetic test results, and protects people who could be denied health care on the basis of their genetic information. This law will ensure fairness in our health care system. It will also give people confidence that they can undergo tests that are necessary for the early treatment and prevention of genetic-based diseases without fear of being denied coverage.

Earlier this summer I was appointed by Speaker Nancy Pelosi to the Energy and Commerce Committee. This committee has jurisdiction over a wide variety of issues, from health care to consumer protection to energy policy. By serving on this committee, I will bring Sacramento's voice to the most important policy debates of our generation. I will be advocating for an increased investment in clean and renewable energy, a thoughtful response to global warming and for more affordable and accessible health care options that are long overdue. If you have any questions or concerns about matters in front of Congress please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 498-5600 or visit my webpage at www.matsui.house.gov.

"I Need Your Help To Curb Gun Violence."

From the Desk of Councilmember Kevin McCarty

Americans have a right to bear arms, but criminals most certainly do not. Sacramento's ammunition ordinance has helped police arrest 51 criminals and gang members seeking to load their weapons. 67% of these felons attempted to purchase bullets exclusively for handguns.

Because criminals operate with no regard for city limits, we need to use this tool to fight crime in every community in the county. With your help, we can convince the County Board of Supervisors and our Sheriff to act quickly to pass a similar ordinance countywide.

The ammunition ordinance is simple: gun dealers must finger print, check ID and keep a log of those who purchase ammunition. Law enforcement can then crosscheck those names with a database of known felons who are prohibited from owning weaponry. It is the only system in place which tracks ammunition sales, thereby preventing purchases by those who are legally prohibited.

This ordinance has had resounding success, with 56 guns, and over 800 rounds of ammunition confiscated from criminals, and dozens facing criminal prosecution in the first 6 months of implementation. However, the program is facing policy and legal challenges from the NRA and Gun Owners of California, who are urging the City to abandon this program.



To get involved in the campaign to expand these efforts, please contact Maria Alvarez, District Director for Councilmember McCarty at 808-7336 or via email at [MALvarez@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:MAlvarez@cityofsacramento.org)

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at 808-7006 or via e-mail at kmccarty@cityofsacramento.org.

Favorable Interest Rates And Prices Keep Home Sales Steady

By Linda Wood, Broker-Associate, Windermere Dunnigan Realtors

Real Estate continues to sell at a steady pace in College Glen. Interest rates are incredible and prices are favorable. According to the Sacramento Association of Realtors®, the August month-end housing inventory for Sacramento County and the City of West Sacramento is now at the lowest figure of the year. First time buyers are seizing this opportunity. Sellers with equity in their homes are moving up and investors are purchasing properties that make sense.

Based on data from MetroList Services, Inc. the stats for College-Glen August 2008 are as follows: There were five sales of single family homes compared to two in August 2007. The median price for single family homes for August 2008 was \$262,000 as compared to \$320,500 for August 2007.

Established, older neighborhoods like ours have fared better than others. We are centrally located with easy access to transportation and recreation. We are a community of friendly folks that care about their neighbors and their neighborhood. I speak from personal experience when I say that we have people that practice kindness and caring on a regular basis. We have neighbors that bring flowers, cards, food and even weed your flower beds and miss you when you aren't well. We have concerts and movies in the park and children playing on community baseball, soccer and swim teams. We have groups and friends that walk and bike together. It's no wonder that people move in and stay in College Glen!

SMUD customers contribute \$1 million to EnergyHELP

By Howard Posner, SMUD Ward 3 Director

These are tough economic times for many SMUD customers. Some are particularly strapped when it comes time to pay monthly bills for essential services such as electricity.

It's gratifying to know that others are coming to their aid.

EnergyHELP, SMUD's bill assistance program, has raised almost \$1 million since its inception in 2004. This year, more than 10,000 SMUD customers will donate more than \$30,000 a month, assisting more than 2,000 households throughout the Sacramento region.

Through EnergyHELP, SMUD customers may contribute automatically in their monthly bill payment to one of four charities: the Salvation Army, the Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services, Travelers Aid Emergency Assistance Agency, and the Folsom Cordova Community Partnership. Each organization is committed to efficiently serving people in need.

SMUD sends 100 percent of the donation directly to the charity, which then offers as much as \$200 in bill assistance to help low-income customers who have either had their electric service disconnected or are in danger of having it disconnected.

Customer donations are generally between \$1 and \$10 a month, although some SMUD customers contribute \$20 and more.

SMUD seeks to be a positive force in promoting community benefits. Through the benevolence of its customers, Sacramento's public utility is able to make a difference.

EnergyHELP is one way SMUD serves as a positive force in promoting community benefits. Anyone interested in contributing to EnergyHELP or in receiving assistance through the program may visit www.smud.org or call SMUD at 1-888-742-7683.

Guide to the Candidates

Editor's note: All candidates were invited to provide an individual photo and statement for inclusion in this CGNA publication. Statements have not been edited. The order in which contests and candidates are listed was determined by a random draw.

Candidates for Mayor of Sacramento



Heather Fargo

I want to start by saying thank you to the residents of College/Glen for being such a great and active neighborhood in our city. In the past few weeks, I have had the pleasure of seeing your wonderful fireworks show, attending the 80's party, and attending your neighborhood association meeting. It is a pleasure to

be a part of your community, and I couldn't be happier to represent your interests in City Hall.

Together, we have come far in making Sacramento more responsive to neighborhoods, and in my next term, I pledge to ensure that your access to the city government process continues.

Whether working to ensure public safety – fire, crime and flood control, or working to ensure that the city's services continue, even in uncertain financial times, I am committed to strengthening your neighborhood, and your concerns will always be paramount in my mind. For more information, visit www.fargoformayor.com.

I look forward to meeting with you at the CGNA forum on October 25th.



Kevin Johnson

This election is about change -- in our nation and our city.

Sacramento has the potential to be one of America's great cities. But we need new leadership - a Mayor with the vision to make our community a vibrant, safe city with a strong economy and world-class public schools.

Knocking on more than 25,000 doors, I've listened and learned from our citizens. They're hungry for a Mayor who will take Sacramento in a new direction. They want effective, accountable government.

I was born and raised in Sacramento, the grandson of a union sheet metal worker and the son of a nurse. I believe in our city and its citizens.

That's why I've worked to revitalize Oak Park. I've helped attract, plan and start 20 businesses, create over 200 jobs, and bring \$11 million in economic development and \$14 million in philanthropic giving to Sacramento.

I've led the effort to transform Sacramento High School, where nearly 80% of students were accepted to four year colleges last year compared to less than 30% before we began managing it five years ago.

Go to www.KevinJohnsonForMayor.com to find out how we can make Sacramento a city that works for all its citizens.

See you at the CGNA candidates' forum on October 25.

Candidates for State Assembly District 10



Alyson L. Huber (D)

I enjoyed meeting some of you at the CGNA Candidates Night in May and I am looking forward to seeing you in October. I am a working mother trying to ensure that our children have a bright future - one that includes quality schools and affordable health care.

My pledge is to listen, work hard and focus on real solutions - not campaign slogans. I will hear you, communicate with you and advocate for you.



Jack Sieglock (R)

I've been blessed to serve on the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors and the Lodi City Council, where I balanced 16 budgets without raising taxes. I will fight to balance the state budget without tax increases.

Government's first duty is to protect the liberties of the people, which means safe neighborhoods, excellent schools, a business-friendly economy, and an efficient transportation system.

Please visit my website www.SieglockforAssembly.com. I would be honored to have your support.



Election Day

Tuesday, November 4, 2008

Polls Open at 7:00am and Close at 8:00pm

Candidates for SCUSD Trustee Area 3



Vickie Simpson

It's time to give your community a voice. The SCUSD School Board needs to be led by active community members who understand their communities, their schools but most of all the kids. As an involved parent I have seen first hand the challenges along with the successes of our schools. This insight coupled with

my experience as an Educator will allow me to represent the best interests of the children in the SCUSD. www.vote4vicki.org.



David Chance

Our children require an education that prepares them to be productive citizens. An Extended Day Kindergarten program will give students an academic boost by providing additional instructional time in the areas of reading, writing, and math. The District's dropout rate is

unacceptably high, and a minority of our graduates qualify to enter a 4-year college. Expanded Career and Technical Education will provide students with skills necessary for a successful transition to postsecondary education or work.



Donald Terry

As a Community Development Officer I work with schools, parents and educators to help achieve student success. Education is more than taking and passing tests; students need to be prepared for real world achievement.

I am also Treasurer for the Board of Directors of Big Brothers Big Sisters.

My endorsements include the Sacramento Teachers Association, Supervisor Don Notolli and City Councilmember Kevin McCarty.

I'd be honored to serve as College Glen's representative on school board.



James Cramer

After a lifetime of learning and serving in the field of education, including earning a doctorate and serving two terms on a neighboring school board (Folsom Cordova), I've witnessed that, unlike private education, public school employee groups continually shut out volunteers and skeletonize services.

This hurts kids and must change. I am an advocate of community control, helped create our new local trustee system, and will continually work for positive change. cramerforschoolboard.com, 363-2507.

CITY OF SACRAMENTO MEASURE O

Excerpted from the IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE O Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet

Prepared by Sacramento City Attorney

Measure O would reduce the tax rate by one-half of one percent and expand the scope of communication services subject to the tax. More specifically, if enacted, Measure O would reduce the tax rate currently paid by users and land-line and cellular telephones from 7.5% to 7%, while users of other communications services not currently taxed would be subject to a 7% tax.

Source: www.elections.saccounty.net

Argument Against Measure O

Measure O places a 7% tax on text messaging. However, Measure O does not stop there. It also extends a 7% tax to other forms of communication currently enjoyed tax free such as internet communications, paging, toll free numbers, caller ID, call waiting and call forwarding, and even technology not yet available!

There is plenty of waste, fraud and abuse the City could cut to balance its budget. Millions of dollars are missing in recently reported scandals. With food and gas prices high, raising taxes would cause too much harm to working families. Vote NO on Measure O.

Argument In Favor of Measure O

Measure O updates an existing tax to protect vital funding for police, fire and other services in our community.

Sacramento's 40-year old Utility User Tax (UUT) is vulnerable to lawsuits because it doesn't reflect today's communications technology or recent changes in federal law. We need to update our UUT just like 23 other cities have done – \$12 million annually is at risk.

The solution is Measure O, which makes the necessary updates to our UUT and applies the UUT to all users fairly. Making the UUT fair allows us to permanently reduce the tax rate for everyone.

Please vote "yes."

**Candidates for
U.S. House of Representatives District 5**



Paul Smith (R)

I am running for Congress because I believe its time to elect people that actually put the needs of the country and the district first... not last. I will work to keep taxes from being increased. I will support protecting our borders from illegal immigrants and I will vote against illegal amnesty. I will work to create jobs in solar technology in Sacramento. I will introduce legislation eliminating earmark spending in Congress.



Doris O. Matsui (D)

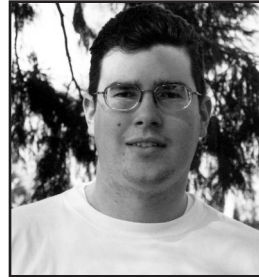
I am honored to represent the people of Sacramento in the United States Congress and I look forward to continuing to work on important district issues -- increased flood protection, ending the war in Iraq and stemming the tide of global warming. Under a new president I hope to see our country refocus our resources on domestic priorities such as -- transportation infrastructure, affordable healthcare, quality public education, and financial as well as housing security.



LR Roberts (P&F)

In congress, I would fight for veterans' benefits, housing funding, single payer health care HR676, fair trade policy, ending torture, support habeas corpus, bring troops home from most overseas postings, fix levees, return to a more progressive tax policy, abolish Medicare part D, fund education and trains it as well as Europe does, double the minimum wage and end tax breaks that encourage companies to go abroad looking for slave wage countries.

**Candidates for
State Assembly District 5**



Dan Leahy (D)

I'm running for State Assembly because our current representative is out of touch. Like you I have worked hard for everything I have. I also share the same concerns as you do; the economy, healthcare, our jobs and schools. We need someone who understands this and stands up for hard working people, families and our communities. I will never vote to balance the budget on the back of working families, seniors or students.



Roger Niello (R)

These being tough times, my priorities are to continue to work to strengthen the economy, keep good paying jobs in our state, and keep taxes down. That's why I've fought proposals that would hurt working people by raising income, payroll, and gas taxes as well as legislation that would make it even more expensive to produce gasoline in our state.

It's been an honor to serve you and I'd appreciate your support again this year.

**CGNA Candidates' Forum &
Crime Update**

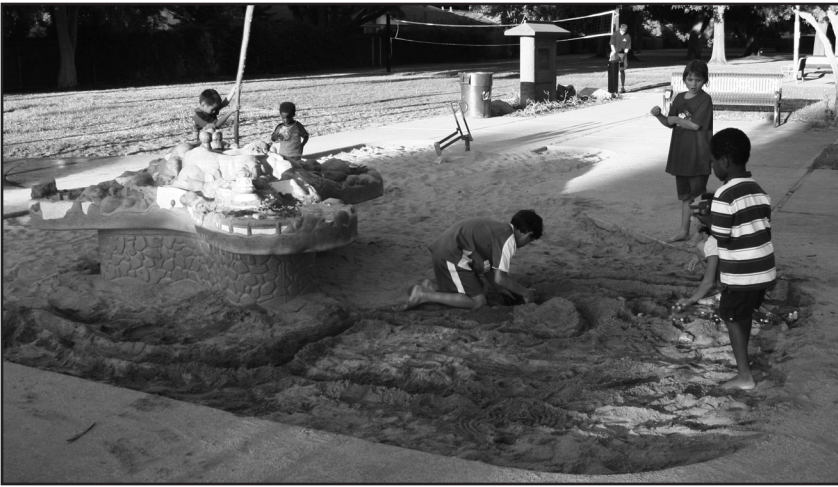


**Saturday October 25th
8:00am to 10:00am**

**Thomas Jefferson Elementary School
Multi-Purpose Room**

Presentations begin at 8:15am.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear from the candidates who would like to represent the College Greens and Glenbrook neighborhoods.



Parks improvements at Oki and Glenbrook

The old abandoned wading pool and the sand box at Oki Park have been removed and replaced with misters and an upgraded sand box with a sand castle. The misters are a new feature being added to city parks. The misters' low flow design conserves water and does not require water recycling equipment which reduces construction, operation and maintenance costs.

At Glenbrook Park, work on the new dog park next to the Highway 50 sound wall began. Opening is targeted for October 2008.

It Was a Fun Summer

In June we hosted our 15th Jazz in the Park, which featured the "Black Tuesday" Jazz Band for the adults and a bounce house for the youth. In addition Music Momma, Lisa Phenix, entertained the toddler and pre-school guests during the jazz band's intermission. Thank you Lisa for your continuing support of our youth.

Also in June, we gathered in Bowdian Court for National Family Night Out, which featured local DJ Phil Caruso. During the evening we were visited by Mayor Fargo, Councilmember McCarty, a City police K-9 unit, Fire Station 60, and some special creatures from our local College Greens Pet Center. The evening ended with our traditional TNT/Red Devil Salute to Freedom and Independence.

A special thank you to all of the Bowdian residents for allowing us to use their court for National Family Night Out, the TNT/Red Devil folks for providing the fireworks display, and the Folsom Boulevard Alliance for the apple pie. In August, Councilmember McCarty hosted his third Family Movie Night in the Park featuring Charlotte's Web.

Thanks to all who attended and supported our summer programs. We look forward to seeing you at these events next year.

Haunted House At The Cabana Club

by Mark Ravera

The College Greens Swim Club will be hosting the second annual Haunted Swamp Tour to raise funds for pool improvement. This event is open to the public and will be held on October 24th & 25th from dusk to 9:00 pm.

More than 40 volunteers transform the Club into a neighborhood haunted house with 8 scenes where people of all ages can come and be scared. "A movie plays in the clubhouse for the younger kids who might freak, so the whole family can be entertained," says Susan Quackenbush, social director of the Cabana Club.

With the pool decorated as a bayou swamp, monsters lurk both beneath the surface and around the grounds. Boat rides on the pool swamp paddled by the "Swamp Zombie" create even more excitement. The admission fee is \$4 for kids under 16 and \$7 for adults.

This is a great way for the Club to share with the neighborhood and be part of the community," says Tamie Dramer, maintenance director. "Come see the Cabana Club in a whole new way."

River City Quilters' Show

Long time area resident and CGNA Board member Elfrieda DeLany will be sharing some of her hand-quilted work at the up-coming River City Quilters' show. While most quilters machine quilt their projects Elfrieda prefers hand quilting. Last year her appliqué wall hanging won a first and best hand quilting at the River City Quilters' Guild show. This year Elfrieda is entering in the show her hand quilted Country Sampler which is mostly pieced with some hand appliqué. The River City Quilters show is October 17-19, 2008 at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center at 6151 H Street. (Friday & Saturday 10am - 5pm, Sunday 10 am - 4 pm. Admission: \$6:00 • Free Parking).

Over the years Elfrieda has donated numerous quilts to the Twin Cities Mennonite relief sale which supports relief work throughout the world and to various local hospital Pediatric wards. This year over 250 quilts have been donated to the Sutter Hospital Breast Cancer Quilt sale which will be held Saturday, November 1st at the Sutter Cancer Center at 2800 L Street in Sacramento.



Mayoral Candidates Attend CGNA Board Meeting

In June, both Mayoral candidates Kevin Johnson and Heather Fargo asked the CGNA Board if they could attend one of our summer board meetings. Kevin Johnson attended our July 2008



Board Meeting and Heather Fargo attended our August 2008 Board Meeting. Each candidate was allocated 45 minutes of agenda time to address the Board and take questions. Both used their time to make a brief statement and then answered questions. Both were advised, in advance of their coming to our meetings,

that the Association does not endorse candidates. In addition, Heather Fargo and Kevin Johnson have accepted our invitation to participate in our early morning candidates' forum scheduled for Saturday, October 25th at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School Multi-Purpose room from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. We encourage everyone to attend the CGNA forum. One of these two candidates will be our Mayor for the next four years. Come, meet, hear, and evaluate the two candidates. Make an informed choice as to who will best represent our community, our needs and interests.



Florin-Perkins To Re-Open as Garbage Dump or Green Waste Processing Center?

Solid waste continues to be an issue in our area. In 2005, City planning acknowledged that there is an over concentration of solid waste processing in our area and that the over concentration is exacerbating adverse impacts of the industry upon our area. This being the case, we view any increase in solid waste processing as significant and working against our effort to reduce the level of processing in our area.

The City's Draft 2030 Master Plan identifies portions of the Florin-Perkins/Power Inn area as Employment Center-Low Rise. However, the owners of the former Florin-Perkins Landfill property want to re-open the landfill and begin processing solid waste products. Their new operator, Zanker Road Resource Management, has three phonebook advertisements for a 7-day a week public landfill at the Florin Perkins Public Disposal Facility at 4201 Florin Perkins Road. The advertisements are in the March 2008 "The Real yellow Pages". See for yourself: one advertisement on page 497 under Dumps; one on page 599 under Garbage; and one on page 741 under Landfills. However, Zanker claims in an April 2008 e-mail that they are not applying for a landfill permit and that the advertisements are "purely for marketing". "Zanker is looking to attract individuals whom would normally take their construction/demolition wastes to a landfill for disposal."

The CGNA and the Power Inn Alliance believe the advertisements are real, and the intent and consequences are clear. Zanker wants to restore the 100 plus acre Florin Perkins site as a public Garbage Dump and Green Waste Processing Center. They also are asking to do all of this in open-air facilities, which equates to foul air for our community.

Why a Land Fill Law Suit?

When the Florin-Perkins Land fill closed, the City was absolute that the area would never reopen for solid waste processing. This belief stems from the conditions for re-opening as stipulated in the of 2002 Superior Court of Sacramento Settlement Agreement between the City of Sacramento and the owners of the Florin Perkins site. That agreement included a condition that any future use of the facility would require the submitting of a Master Plan that would be subject to review and approval by the City Zoning Administrator. To date, no Master Plan has been submitted to City Planning so any operation of the facility would be out of compliance with the court stipulation. In addition, since their permit was inactive for more than 24 months, the original permit has expired and is automatically subject to review.

When the permits were renewed without compliance with the settlement agreements and a full environmental review, the College-Glen Neighborhood Association and the Power Inn Alliance filed a law suit in the Superior Court. The intent is to force owner/operators to comply with the terms of the settlement agreement and to force the local enforcement agencies to see that the public interest are protected as intended by the California Environmental Quality Act.

Want to learn more about this issue? Want to help protect our area from more green waste processing and foul air? Attend the November 13, Annual meeting.

CGNA Opposes CSUS Reader Sign

The CGNA is on record as opposing the CSUS electronic reader sign. The Association has asked the question “How is it that Clear Channel can construct an electronic billboard in the City of Sacramento, less than 50 feet from Folsom Boulevard, four to five times the size permitted by City Code, and adjacent to a California State Highway when Caltrans’ regulations limit signage along State highways to that necessary for directions and safety?” The CGNA has asked Mayor Fargo and Senator Darrell Steinberg’s offices to look further in to this project. The Association takes exception with the right a state agency to accept funds from a private party to lease public property under their control as a means of circumventing local regulations.



In 2001, when AAA Car Care Plus applied for a sign permit along Folsom Boulevard Councilmember Dave Jones insisted that their sign comply with Sacramento City Code. It would appear that Clear Channel was able to circumvent that same City code by constructing the sign on State owned property and giving the University \$750,000 and a portion of the revenue from their advertising. The Association supported Council Member Jones’ objection to sign variances along Folsom Boulevard in 2001 and we have consistently opposed the construction of the Clear Channel electronic billboard since we were first asked to comment on it in 2005.

It continues to be the Association’s position that an electronic billboard in an area with multiple lanes of merging traffic is a distraction for the drivers and as such compromises the safety and well being of the users of the adjacent roadways. The Association Board also believes that it was inappropriate for the state to negotiate an agreement that is inconsistent with State public safety policy and permit a private corporation access to a State exemption to circumvent local regulations.

CGNA Board Briefed On Regional Issues

Proponents of a natural gas storage facility in the Power Inn/ Elder Creek area briefed the board on the proposed project at the July board meeting. The project would reclaim an abandoned gas storage reservoir in rock deep below the ground surface of the Glen Elder and Avondale neighborhoods. The reservoir would provide an emergency gas supply in the event of a shut down of current supply lines. The proponents assured the board that the technology is proven and safe. At the CGNA August meeting, representatives from neighborhoods impacted by the natural gas storage project presented their concerns citing environmental, health and safety issues with a similar facility in southern California. The CGNA position is that since the project is not beneath our neighborhood, we are not directly impacted by this project: Hence property owners over the project should have the final say on the neighborhood position.

The August board meeting also included a briefing by representatives from the City’s long range planning office on proposed plans for development of housing for faculty and students at Sacramento State adjacent to campus and development of a business park along the Ramona corridor to provide research and technology development by private vendors for support of University programs. These developments are not expected to move forward until the economy and the current market for housing improves. However, the proposed developments will be included with other studies relating to long-range development of infrastructure in Council District 6.

CGNA & Power Inn Alliance Sue City, County and State Over Landfill

By The Power Inn Alliance

CGNA has joined the Power Inn Alliance, a coalition of over 600 local business and property owners, and filed suit in California Superior Court against the City and County of Sacramento, and the California Integrated Waste Management Board over issuance of permits to reopen the Florin-Perkins Landfill. The suit alleges that they failed to follow CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) guidelines and did not call for a full environmental impact report as required by law.

“Almost 85% of the county’s landfills, transfer stations and solid waste operations are located in the Power Inn area,” said Jerry Vorpahl, executive director of The Alliance, “and we’ve set some pretty high standards for them all. But this landfill is being let in under the wire based on standards going back as far as 1992. A lot has changed since then.” He noted the absence of a covered facility in which waste and debris are processed, while existing

transfer stations are mandated to be fully enclosed.

The site, located on Florin-Perkins Road south of Jackson Highway, has had a troubled history and was closed in 2005 for illegal operations. The Power Inn Alliance has worked diligently for over 14 years for the benefit of businesses and citizens of the southeastern Sacramento community to bring new industry and economic prosperity to the area. “This project flies in the face of the efforts of The Alliance and the community at large by ignoring basic community standards,” Vorpahl said.

Since filing the suit, the owner/operators of the site have lobbied city Planning Commissioners to change the zoning requirements in the Draft 2030 General Plan to allow for future expansion of the facility as well as approving it for Green Waste Composting. “Can you imagine the stench local neighborhoods will experience on a hot summer day with a southwest wind blowing?” said Vorpahl.



Safety Alert: Anhydrous Ammonia and Propane Tanks

The National Propane Gas Association warns that propane tanks commonly used for home barbecues are also being illegally used for storage of anhydrous ammonia in the manufacturing of

methamphetamines. Some of the contaminated cylinders have been found at cylinder exchange and refilling locations.

The brass valve on a propane cylinder will be damaged if it comes in contact with anhydrous ammonia. This deterioration will lead to cracking of the valve body and can ultimately result in a violent expulsion of the valve from the cylinder causing personal injury or death.

A blue- green stain on any portion of the brass valve is evidence that the valve may have been in contact with anhydrous ammonia. The pungent odor of ammonia on or near the cylinder is also an indication. However, the NPGA notes that the Sherwood valve used on some tanks has a green coated valve stem. Additionally, a green thread sealing compound is used on some valves. These valves should not be confused with those that have been exposed to anhydrous ammonia.

If you suspect your tank has been exposed, use extreme caution and restrict access to the area. If the tank must be moved, point the valve away from yourself and others in a safe direction.

Immediately contact your local fire department, Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Unit or the United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration for information on properly disposing of the cylinder.

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Join CGNA Today!

It's not too late to register your support for the Association. Use the form below for your 2008 donation and at the same time be recognized as a supporter for 2009. We again thank all of our 2008 supporters. Your contributions are a reflection of community support for our effort and provide us with the financial means to continue to represent our neighborhood on issues of concern. The suggested amount for residents continues to be \$10 a year though any amount is always appreciated.

College-Glen Neighborhood Association 2008 Membership

Support your community! Join today. Suggested donation \$10.00.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____ Sacramento, CA _____

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Were you a member in 2007? Yes ___ No ___

Would you like to volunteer with CGNA? Phone calls ___ Newsletter delivery ___ Other ___

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Send this form and check to: CGNA, P.O. Box 276474, Sacramento, CA 95827.

Thank you for your support!

www.collegeglen.org

BAC Fall Soccer!

Come on out, cheer on the neighborhood youth and enjoy the games! Friday evening games include the co-ed toddler program, which emphasizes sportsmanship and sharing. Players take turns playing the various positions and when not on the field they are encouraged to cheer on their team. Saturday morning soccer is for the older youth. The games are a bit more structured, competitive and more predictable. Both groups are entertaining and exciting.



Sacramento SPCA Holiday Events

By Lesley Kirrene

The Sacramento SPCA will hold its Fall Book Sale Thursday, November 13th through Sunday, November 16th at the Marketplace at Birdcage, located at 5975 Birdcage Centre Lane, Suite #6187 (near Sunrise Blvd.), next to Long's Drugs. SPCA Book Sale hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, and 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday.

The popular semi-annual book sale, one of the largest in Northern California, will feature exceptional bargains on nearly 100,000 new and used books in 40 categories ranging from adventure and westerns, to fiction, mystery, children and teens, parenting, reference, home and garden, art, biography, holiday specialty books, cooking and more! Books will be available at dog-gone good prices, with all proceeds benefiting the animals at the Sacramento SPCA.

Get a jump on the holidays at the Sacramento SPCA! Have

your two and four-legged family photographed with Santa or in a winter wonderland setting on November 1-2, 2008 from 11am to 3pm. The event will also include a pet Adoptathon and Santa Paws' Village, a unique holiday boutique with gift ideas for two and four-legged family and friends.

Santa Paws Photos by DaVinci Pictures and Eleakis Photography. Photo packages start at \$25.

Pet Adoptathon features a variety of wonderful dogs, cats and small animals looking for a home for the holidays.

October 30 through November 2, 11 am to 6 pm. Special cat adoption price - \$40; special dog adoption price - \$50.

Santa Paws' Village – Unique holiday gifts for family and friends. Open 11am to 4pm, November 1.

All events take place at the Sacramento SPCA, 6201 Florin-Perkins Road, Sacramento.

For additional information, please call 383-7387, ext. 9068 or visit www.sspca.org.

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