

# Around the Pocket

SOUTH POCKET HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION | NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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## National Night Out at Marriott Park, 6 PM, Tuesday, August 2nd

Please join us at Marriott Park for our city's 33rd Annual National Night Out starting at 6:00 PM on August 2nd. We will have Sacramento Police Department Officers from our South Area Command there to meet and discuss public safety with you. Our Sacramento Fire Department is also scheduled to attend represented by our local Station 11 Fire Officers. Their engine will be parked on Grand River Drive at the park and they will show their equipment and discuss fire safety with you.

Our Neighborhood Watch will be on hand too with good information and hand-outs for you to take home. Supporting your Neighborhood Watch is an important way to help our families enjoy a low crime environment.

National Night out gives us the opportunity to meet and increase our awareness of crime prevention efforts and techniques. Attendance and participation improves our already good relations with Police Officers and strengthen our shared responsibility to keep our families safe. It also sends the message to criminals that we are united in teaming up to thwart their activities.

We will have food and beverages there for you to enjoy so hope to see you there!

## Sacramento Police Department POD Camera Coming to our Neighborhood.

At the suggestion of our Association Board, I initiated discussion over a year ago with the Sacramento Police Department (SPD) on the possibility of purchasing and deploying one of their Police Observation Device (POD) camera systems for our neighborhood. After a long discussion we reached approval from our Board and consensus from our neighbors at the May 18 General Membership meeting to proceed. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SPHA and SPD was signed and payment of \$2.5K was delivered on June 7th. The Chief of Police has signed off on the MOU and it will take approximately 90 days to order the components, build and deploy the camera. The Sacramento Police will survey the neighborhood before deployment to determine the best location for it. The most likely location for our POD will be at the main entrance to our neighborhood at the intersection of Pocket and Greenhaven.

The benefit of having this POD will be twofold: First, a deterrent for crime as people with bad intentions know about them and avoid them. Second, the camera will provide the Police with a great tool to help solve crimes if they occur in our neighborhood. The camera records digital video of people and vehicles going through the intersection. The video has sufficient resolution to read license plates so it would be very useful in identifying suspects.

See our website for Sacramento PD news release which does a good job of describing the history and benefits of this innovative program. We will be the first neighborhood association within the city limits to have one of these crime fighting systems. The article mentions License Plate Readers (LPR) but our camera will not have one of those due to substantial increased cost. What we will have is a 24/7 sentinel standing guard for our neighborhood.

-Rick Beymer, Neighborhood Watch



## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UP- DATE

### Mail Theft Prevention

With break-ins of mailboxes a continuing problem within the city here are some important reminders to protect yourself and your identity.

-Do not use your own mailbox to send letters or bills out. Thieves are looking for any form of money (cash, checks, money orders, etc.) and anything with your sensitive personal information including names, addresses, birth dates and social security numbers. They turn around and sell what they get to someone else.

-Do mail your letters and bills in the postal drops inside the post office. Do not use the big blue USPS mailboxes on the street or even outside the Post Office as even they have been stolen in the past.

-Check and collect your mail every day and do not let it pile up.

-Use the USPS vacation hold if you are going to be gone or have a friend or relative pick up your mail.

-If you are a victim of a postal theft or fraud please report the incident to the USPS at 1-877-USMAIL5 or via their website. Please provide as much detail as you can when you make your report.

-There is no standard profile for how these crimes occur. Perpetrators can be any age or physical type. They attack both the large group mailboxes and the single ones like we have here. They may be on foot or using a vehicle and it can happen anytime, day or night.

-If you see something that looks suspicious at a mailbox, yours or a neighbor, do not approach them but do call the Sacramento Police Department emergency number (911 from your home phone / 732-0100 from your cell phone) as it would be considered a crime in progress. The best thing you can do is be a good witness and write down everything you observe especially a vehicle license plate number.

*-Rick Beymer, Neighborhood Watch*

## Free Sacramento CERT Class starts soon

CERT stands for Community Emergency Response Team and is a team of community members working and/or residing in Sacramento and surrounding communities who have been trained, in cooperation with the Sacramento City Fire Department (SFD) to respond to an emergency in their neighborhood, workplace, or wherever the need may arise. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteer program is part of the Citizen Corps program.

The Level III initial Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, Trained CERT members are able to assist themselves and their families, their neighborhood or workplace following an emergency event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

The next class starts on September 13th and will include 32 hours of free training over a three week period, with Tuesday night and Saturday sessions at the Police and Fire Headquarters Hall of Honor Classroom at 5770 Freeport Blvd., across from Executive Airport, only 4 miles away from our neighborhood. This training is free and is the entry level qualification for the Sacramento CERT Team. The training does not require you to continue with the Team if you wish to just make use of it for your family, neighbors or coworkers.

If interested in taking the training please go to [www.sfdcert.com](http://www.sfdcert.com), click on the "Join CERT" button on the left side of the page. Fill out and submit the application and you will be notified by email when the next class is open for sign-ups.

*-Rick Beymer, Neighborhood Watch*

## A LOSS OF A NEIGHBOR

On May 26, 2016, our neighborhood lost one of its long-time members, Cecilia Daniels. She was born in Texas, and eventually ended up in Sacramento where she made her home in our neighborhood. She was a branch manager at Wells Fargo and enjoyed traveling, mentorship, and shopping. She will be missed by all who knew her and we are grateful to have had her in our lives.

Don't forget we are on Facebook and Nextdoor!!



**YOU PROBABLY MISSED IT!**



On May 18, we held our semi-annual South Pocket Homeowners Association General Membership Meeting in Marriott Park.

President Pat Clark began the meeting with a recap of the accomplishments of the Association since our last meeting including Code Enforcement, CC&Rs Enforcement, the abandoned house, Easter Egg Hunt, Burglary Prevention Event, and our 162 member households, a record for SPHA. The new Board (almost full!) was elected unanimously and then we got into the meat of the agenda. We looked at the budget, discussed the proposal for the POD at the entrance (see page 1 for details) as well as improving the landscaping at our neighborhood entrance. The POD expense received an approval to move forward and the landscaping was approved to move forward with obtaining bids.

Our guest for the evening was Wayne Lewis, CalTrans Project Manager, discussing the future I-5 HOV Project and sound wall. Wayne will return for our September General Membership meeting and give us an update on progress and timelines.

Lastly, Sue Ruiz, Secretary, discussed the tree and plaque dedicated to SPHA President Greg Hatfield.

For details or a copy of the minutes, please contact Sue Ruiz at ruizsue@pacbell.net or (916)429-0727.

Please plan to attend our next General Membership Meeting on September 21!

-Sue Ruiz, Secretary

Neighborhood Event Calendar	
Event	Date
Jazz Concert in the Park	July 30, 6-8pm Marriott Park
National Night Out	August 2 6pm Marriott Park
Fall General Membership	September 21st 7pm
Holiday Party	December 8, 2016

**YARD SALE 2016**



It takes place just once per year!!!

This year we had a great turnout for traffic and participation. SPHA placed ads in the Sacramento Bee and Craigslist along with signs at the entrance. Many homes participated and fun was had by all. The threat of rain may have hindered the traffic a bit, but it held off so

everyone could put out their 'treasures.'

Board Meetings - 7pm and all are welcome!	
Date	Address
July 27	7687 El Douro Drive
September 14	1301 La Cueva Way
October 26	7705 Sleepy River Way
November 30	7609 El Douro Drive



**Jazz in July in the Park**

When: Saturday, July 30th, 6pm - 8pm

Where: Marriott Park (1235 Grand River Drive)

**The Vivian Lee Quartet**

Join us for the Jazz in July in the Park FREE concert series ! Groove to the sounds of smooth jazz.

Bring a blanket and lawn chair and enjoy!

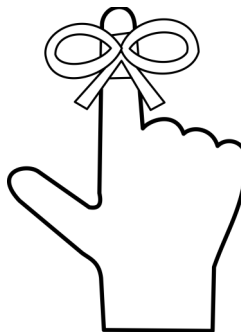
\*Note: This is an alcohol free event - no glass containers, please.

# Save the Date



## SOUTH POCKET HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Annual Holiday Party  
Thursday, December 8, 2016, 6-9pm  
Food, Fun, Entertainment, Door Prizes  
All Residents Welcome  
Reservation Details To Follow



## SAVE ANOTHER DATE!

We have a very exciting General Membership Meeting coming up on September 21 at 7pm at Marriott Park. Our featured guest speaker will be from SAFCA (Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency) who will address Improved flood protection and things we need to know with the improvements to the levee such as construction hours and nuisance mitigation. Mark your calendars—everyone needs to be concerned about our levees and flood protection!!!

## Stay Connected!

We have many ways for you to stay connected to the happenings in the neighborhood: Nextdoor—we have a dedicated group! Facebook—check it out for beautiful pictures submitted by our neighbors—and events! Our Website—check the blogs section!

## CALLING ALL PARENTS!



### RESPONSIBLE TEENAGE BABYSITTER - CPR CERTIFIED

Need an occasional babysitter to watch your little ones? I am 13, live in the neighborhood and I'm looking to make some extra cash this summer.

I've completed the Babysitters Training Course & CPR Certification with the American Red Cross.

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## SAVE ENERGY/SAVE MONEY

Home improvements may improve the value of your home, but they often cost you a lot more than the value they add. What if you could improve your home and save money at the same time? These five home projects are designed to help make your home more energy efficient - even during one of the most energy-heavy times of year.

### 1. Maintain Your HVAC Unit

Your HVAC unit needs to be serviced each year, preferably in the springtime. Doing so can not only help ensure that it's working when the temperatures hit their peak, it can also help save you money as well. Don't forget to change or clean the filter regularly too. **Annual Maintenance Cost Estimate \$100-150.**

### 2. Repair Window Leaks

Did you know that even if your windows aren't leaking water, poor air seal or a large gap around your windows can account for as much as 40 percent of the money you use to heat and cool your home. Try caulking or replacing the weather stripping. Window replacement may be necessary, but caulking is far less expensive. **Average Replacement Costs - \$830 for a single sash vinyl window to \$2650 for some wooden windows replacements.**

### 3. Install an Attic Fan

Installing an attic fan can help drop the temperature in your attic, which will prevent heat transfer back down into the rest of your home. Ave. **Cost to install: \$275-\$321.**

### 4. Install Window Shades

Living in a hot summer climate, drapes alone may not be enough to stop solar heat transfer through your windows. Window shades can help. **Ave. cost for window shades: \$63-75 per @ honeycomb shade. \$35-82 for @ Roman shades.** For top efficiency, be sure the shades have a white, reflective surface facing the windows.

### 5. Insulate Your Attic

Attics in particular are in great need of extra insulation because of the heat gain from the sun beating down on your roof. **Average Cost is around \$897 for blown-in insulation in a 1500 sq. ft. DIY roll-in for R-13 cost is less.**

For Cost Estimates on Other Improvement Projects Visit  
<http://howmuch.net/cost-guides.html>



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Tim Volf recently painted the front exterior of our home.

After his power washing preparation, we were able to determine the scope of the project. He was able to match the base color and assisted in selecting the color for the front door, an important element of the project. Tim repaired wood damage and caulked cracks to create a well-finished product. He worked quickly and timely, and his price was fair. The job certainly enhanced the architectural features of the home!

We would definitely hire Tim for future projects and would recommend him to others in our neighborhood.

Thank you, Tim!

Nancy Luke Nefsky and Dave Nefsky  
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