

Around the Pocket

SOUTH POCKET HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION | NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AT MARRIOTT PARK, 6 PM, TUESDAY, AUGUST 1ST

Please join us at Marriott Park for our city's 34th Annual National Night Out starting at 6:00 PM on August 1st. We will have Sacramento Police Department Officers from our South Area Command there to meet and discuss public safety with you. We have requested a Sac PD K-9 unit visit so keep your fingers crossed that one will be available. 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 is an annual community building campaign and 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.

Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August.

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

-Rick Beymer, SPHA Neighborhood Watch

CITY NEWS UPDATE

➡ Councilmember Rick Jennings' Office tells us that the work to replace the "Welcome to the Neighborhood" sign in the Pocket Road median just east of Greenhaven Drive has started. Many of you will remember that the old sign, which was destroyed in a May 2016 traffic accident, had a welcoming message on the side facing drivers entering Pocket and original artwork on the back side facing the Pocket. There is an effort to re-create the original artwork that was on the back of the sign, but we are unsure whether that component will be successful. As a reminder, the intent of the sign is to remind drivers that they are entering a neighborhood and to drive carefully. Thank you to Councilmember Jennings for replacing this important traffic safety sign.

➡ City Planning has no further update on the Digital Billboard sign that is proposed to be placed at the bottom of the Freeport Water Tower behind homes on El Morro Court. This proposal is for a 70' tall one-sided digital billboard that would aim advertising at northbound drivers on I-5. The proposal includes rezoning the 9.2 acre parcel from the existing Agricultural (A) zone to the General Commercial (C-2) zone.

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The billboard is part of the city's negotiated agreement over the Sacramento Kings arena, as explained in the planning notice. "The City of Sacramento and Sacramento Downtown Arena, LLC entered into a Master Lease for Digital Billboards on May 20, 2014. The Master Lease granted the right to develop and operate six digital billboards on City owned property. One of the alternative locations is the Water Tank on Freeport Blvd."

The notice from the Planning Department requested comment from our neighborhood association and SPHA submitted a comment letter on February 12 opposed to the project and outlining a number of reasons for our position. Before writing the SPHA letter, the board circulated the city notice amongst our membership via the website and email distribution list. We received several comments from neighbors, all vigorously opposed to the proposal. We did not receive a single comment in support.

Both Planning Commission and City Council approval will be required for this proposal. At this time, the proposal is not scheduled for a Planning Commission hearing or a community meeting.

VICE MAYOR JENNINGS & CALTRANS AT AUGUST 23 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Speakers at the August 23 General Membership meeting at Marriott Park are City of Sacramento Vice Mayor Rick Jennings and Caltrans. Vice Mayor Jennings will give a short update on city matters and then answer your questions. This is a wonderful opportunity to express your concerns with your city representative so don't miss it. The meeting is 7 pm on Wednesday, August 23 at Marriott Park.



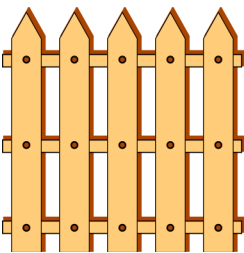
The second speaker is Mr. Wayne Lewis, Caltrans Project Manager, who will provide an update on the upcoming I-5 rehabilitation project and the proposed sound wall next to our neighborhood. The last time Mr. Lewis provided an update was May 2016 and a lot has happened in those interim months. For example, in April of this year, Governor Brown signed SB1, also known as the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, SB 1 (Beall), which may provide an additional funding source.

The \$130 million Caltrans project is primarily planned to add 13 miles of bus and carpool lanes on I-5 from Elk Grove Boulevard to Highway 50 to reduce traffic congestion. The current schedule has construction on the freeway project beginning in the spring of 2018. According to the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), the proposed sound wall would be 14 feet high and run the stretch from just north of River Ranch/Roman Oak to El Morro Court and the Freeport Water Tower.

Certainly it has been a long wait for our neighborhood and many neighbors have done their part by participating in meetings, noise studies, and contacting their elected representatives. Improvements to I-5, a primary north-south transportation route in California, should bring benefits to adjacent communities.

We will also get a chance to recognize Eagle Scout Garrett Suggs for his exemplary project in creating a new sign for Marriott Park!

-Pat Clark, SPHA President

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS!

Cheryl Sundquist, purchased her new home at **1179 Smoke River** in late February and has been busily updating and polishing her new home. At long last she has moved in all the while still putting the finishing touches on the property. Prior to her move to Sacramento, Cheryl lived in Orange County. Now she enjoys neighborhood walks here with her dog Quin and enjoying the arts...books, movies and music. Like most parents, Cheryl takes great pride in her son Jeff who has been a college professor but now is a dean at the main campus of the Atlantic University in Boca Raton, FL.

WELCOME Cheryl.

Beverly & Kiyomi Tanaka, new owners of **1285 Grand River Dr.** purchased their new home in May. **WELCOME Beverly & Kiyomi.**

Patricia & Daniel Eisenberg, new owners of **7705 Los Rancho Way.** **WELCOME Patricia & Daniel.**

-Sabra Sanchez



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 drugs, medicine, 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 (1-800-275-8777) 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.

As an added prevention tool the Sacramento PD recommends that if you have the means to install a security camera that can observe and record any actions by people or vehicles at your mailbox. Those types of cameras have been very effective in helping solve personal mail theft crimes.

-Rick Beymer, SPHA Neighborhood Watch



REFRESH YOUR CURB HOUSE NUMBERS!

Legible house numbers are critical for emergency personnel to quickly locate your home. Painting your house number on your curb makes it that much easier as it is predictable where to find them and they are easy to read.

Your SPHA organization has just put together a **Curb Painting Kit Lending Program** for our neighborhood. The kit is fully stocked, complete with instructions, stencils, (including an optional American Flag stencil) tools, tape, newspaper, and spray paint. Contact **Sue Ruiz** at ruizsue@pacbell.net or (916)834-8761 to borrow the kit. Once you have refreshed your worn and faded curb number, return the materials for the next neighbor.

ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE

On a bright, sunny Saturday May 20, 40 homes put out their wares for our Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale. Special recognition to Roman Oak and El Douro who added extra signs and grouped together to get more traffic!



GIGI NEEDS A HOME






We have been fostering this wonderful little girl for two months, and she is ready for a forever home. She is a little over a year old, is quite friendly, loves to snuggle, and is very playful. She is in great health, has been spayed and is current on all of her shots.

If you are interested in adopting this indoor-only kitty, please contact Melinda Vaughn and Jeff Molander at 916-835-4314, or email: mvaughn1280@sbcglobal.net.

STAY UP TO DATE MULTIPLE WAYS!

Sign up for email alerts:
<http://eepurl.com/9vg7j>







JAZZ IN THE PARK

Doug Martin, smooth jazz guitarist, will be playing at Marriott Park **July 29** starting at **6pm**. His music includes standards as well as R&B. You can listen to samples of his music on his website:

<http://dougmartinmusic.weebly.com>.

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy! Many thanks to Vice Mayor Rick Jennings for sponsoring this event.



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Wednesday, August 23 7pm—General Membership Meeting

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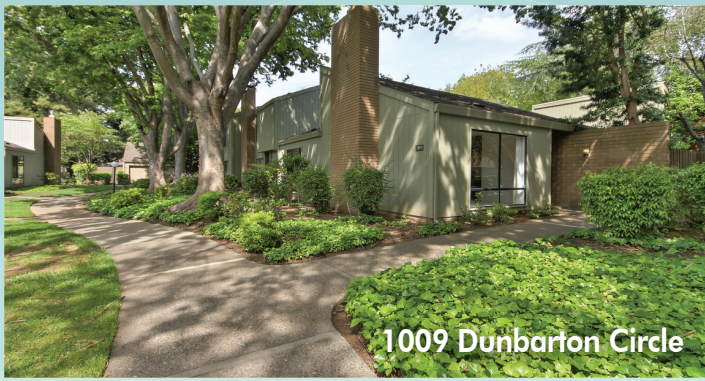
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JUST SOLD

Showing Our Colors on The 4th of July



Over the last several years, it's been an honor to celebrate our nations birthday with all of you by providing yard flags to the homes in our neighborhood. My husband, Carlos (with the occasional helper), distributes them every year a day or two before July 4th. It is gratifying to hear from many neighbors that you like the flags

and look forward to receiving them. We are pleased to know that many of you collect and reuse the flags from year to year. Should you, however, prefer to not keep the flag, we will make returning them to us easy and give you the assurance that they will be stored properly or, if damaged, disposed of in an appropriate manner. We will provide a receptacle to the left of our front door at 7676 Roman Oak Way from Wednesday, 7/26 through 7/30 should you should you want to return your flag. If you keep the flag, please take it up from your front yard and display it (or store it) in a place that minimizes potential damage.

We plan to distribute flags again next year. We hope you welcome our placing one in your yard. Should you prefer we not do so at your home, simply send me an email at Sabra@sabrasanchez.com and we will honor your request.

15 Home Modification To Making A Home Safer To Age In Place

Many of us have parents or other loved one who wish to stay in their homes but find safety obstacles in the way of reaching that objective. Without some alterations, everyday items and run-of-the mill tasks become hazards. **Here are 15 changes to consider:**

1. **Open up the space in rooms.** Make sure there is a clear path. Think purging.
2. **Remove anything that's a trip hazard.** Area rugs can be particularly hazardous.
3. **Move items used often within easy reach.**
4. **Lower the temp on the water heater.** Consider 120 degrees.
5. **Add extra lighting.**
6. **Add traction slips to the bathroom floor and floor of bath/shower.**
7. **Install an elevated toilet seat.**
8. **Add levered handles to doors and faucets vs. round knobs.**
9. **Install a doorbell and smoke detector with lights.**
10. **Get a Clapper or make your house smart.** The Echo is one such product available on Amazon. There are others.
11. **Install grab bars.** Think bathrooms, hallways, next to bed, etc.
12. **Widen doorways, especially if a wheelchair, walker or even crutches are used.**
13. **Add a stair lift.**
14. **Install a walk-in tub.**
15. **Install wheelchair ramps, if needed.**



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