

# Around the Pocket

SOUTH POCKET HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION | NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AUGUST 6 @MARRIOTT PARK 6PM

Turn on your porch lights and head over to Marriott Park on **August 6 at 6pm**. Plans include visits from **Sac PD, Sac Fire**, and a **booth from our DA's office** (Thien Ho), **pizza, watermelon, sno-cones**, and **cold beverages**. Get to know your neighbors and hang out in our beautiful park for a wonderful evening. We hope to see you there!!

**What is National Night Out?** National Night Out culminates annually on the **first Tuesday in August**. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

*-Your SPHA Board: Sue, Paulo, Sabrina, Hilary, Pat, Michael, Lisa, Lori, and Hailey.*

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - RECAP AND UPCOMING (AUG 28)

We held our first general membership meeting of the year on June 5 and re-elected our full slate of board members. Many thanks to this amazing team for continuing to volunteer their time for our neighborhood. In addition to elections, we also had two guests from the Park Rangers. They spoke about what they did, how they prioritized calls (311), and their small staff.

- They are a law enforcement arm of the state (via the city), but carry no firearms.
- The volume of calls or cases logged to 311 determines when and where they respond, so squeaky wheels WORK to get them to our park!
- They are staffed at 15 officers (currently only 12 filled due to a vacancy and 2 reassignments to the Incident Management Team) for the entirety of the city: 129 neighborhood parks, 56 community parks, 25 Regional/Citywide Specialty Parks, 14 Open Space areas, and 115 miles of shared-use paths.

One big revelation is that staffing is not increased when new parks or trails are opened. For example, Delta Shores will have 7 parks, but the Park Rangers will not see an increase in staffing. We will need to continue to be vigilant on issues related to the park and levee and log 311 cases as needed.

## ----- UPCOMING General Membership Meeting on August 28 from 7-7:30pm

Ever wonder how our **311 Service** works for the City of Sacramento, or when to use it versus the Sac PD non-emergency number? Or why use the App versus logging your case online or making a call? All these answers and more will be answered by Ivan from 311. Come to learn and ask questions! We want all of you to be knowledgeable about this great service.

In addition, members in attendance will **vote** on a proposed amendment to the by-laws regarding the frequency of general membership meetings. Please plan to attend!

**184**

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UPDATE

We ended our drive with **184 member households** this year, which is **very good** for an all-volunteer neighborhood association. We have 387 homes in our little community, putting us at 46% of all homes. Thank you to those who continue to support all that we do.

*-Sue Ruiz, President*



## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

Our annual *Neighborhood Watch* meeting was held on June 13<sup>th</sup> on Roman Oak Way. A small group of neighbors attended with 4 members of SPD, including our POP Sgt. and district Lieutenant. The focus of the meeting was to address recent incidents of trespassing and loitering in our small pocket of homes. Just this week a person tried sleeping on a resident's front porch. We discussed how neighbors should stay involved and how to prepare for changes in our neighborhood that are already affecting others nearby.

By now we recognize that the city prefers the statistic-driven 311 reporting system for non-emergencies. Both trespass-noticing and 311 reporting have been addressed in prior newsletters and are on our website. At our recent meeting the system was discussed including adequate and inadequate results we have experienced. We reiterated what SPD already knew: Our neighbors and residents will continue to be extremely proactive requesting services from city agencies. We will repeat our requests until issues are properly resolved.

When neighbors are visibly enjoying the outdoors, walking, jogging, dog walking, biking, etc., it serves to reduce potential neighborhood crime, theft and break-ins. SPD reminded us of this finding.

The officers also noted that many of our properties and homes appear dark and unlit at night. They suggested keeping front porches lit overnight as it assures increased safety for home occupants, personal property on porches, as well as neighboring properties. They also recommended LED lighting for cost savings. We then researched the issue.

The general assumption is that LED lighting is the most efficient of all lighting, lasting 5-10 times longer and using a quarter of the energy.

According to numerous websites and info on SMUD rates, using a 10-watt LED bulb (= to 60W incandescent)... for 9 hours (9pm – 6am) ... costs a mere 27 cents per month. [And according to ChatGPT: If your home has 3 exterior lights on porch and garage, "the average monthly cost of using (3) 10-watt LED bulbs for 9 hours every night in Sacramento would cost approximately 96 cents."]

The bulbs are not expensive. A 4-pack is priced as low as \$7.10 at *Walmart*, *Home Depot* and *Amazon* a bit higher. LED bulbs are incredibly long-lasting. On average, they last for 14 years or 50k hours!!! Certain types of LED bulbs last double that amount.

While we continue to strive for more neighbors to join in our safety pursuits, this seems like a small price to invest in neighborhood safety.

-Hilary Bagley Franzoia

## SPHA EVENT CALENDAR

**August 6**, National Night Out, Marriott Park, 6pm

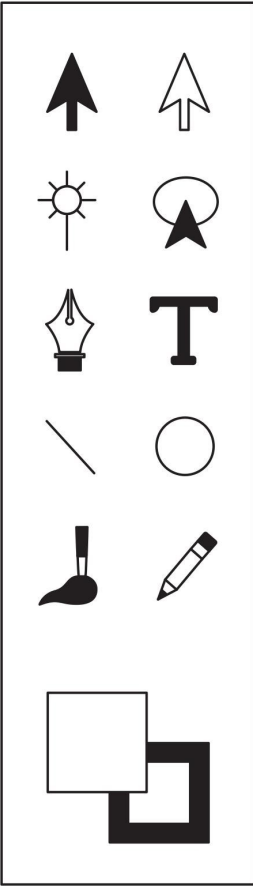
**August 28**, General Membership Meeting, Marriott Park, 7pm

**TBD** Holiday Party, Cocoa and Coffee

## POCKET ROAD WELCOME SIGN REPAIRED!

Thanks to Paulo Ferreira and Pat Clark for working with the city to get this work completed!





# HELP WANTED

THE SPHA IS LOOKING TO FILL TWO VOLUNTEER POSITIONS:

- A volunteer **graphic designer** to assist with occasional work creating flyers, signage, and other fun projects. Must be comfortable using Canva and or Adobe Software (Illustrator/InDesign)
- An **IT professional** to manage technical issues for the SPHA website.

***This is a great opportunity to provide a few hours of time to help support your neighborhood!***

Interested candidates please reach out to:

Christie at [christieg75@gmail.com](mailto:christieg75@gmail.com) or Sue at [ruizsue@gmail.com](mailto:ruizsue@gmail.com)



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**MARRIOTT PARK OAK RESTORATION PROJECT - Thank You to Marriott Park Watering Team**

A big “thank you” to each person on our amazing watering team this year. These neighbors are keeping the young oak trees alive with supplemental water this summer. And think back to the early July heatwave – certainly we would have lost some trees without the extra help. The next time you see one of these folks, let them know you appreciate their work. Bravo, Team!

**2024 Marriott Park Oak Restoration Project Watering Team**

Pat Clark	Allison Espinosa	Karina Flinn	Gary Fortney	Karen Fortney	Cindy Fowler	Gary Funk	Jake Garcia
Lori Johnson	Mike Koshell	Raymond Lew	Don Nevis	Tricia Nevis	Sue Ruiz	Lance Uyeda	

**TAKE GARBAGE CANS IN - IT'S A CITY CODE VIOLATION IF YOU DON'T**

We’ve noticed that many residents are not properly storing their refuse containers (garbage, recycle, and green waster). Per city code 13.10.100 , B. *Containers* shall be placed for collection service **no earlier than twelve (12) hours prior to the scheduled collection day**, and shall be **removed from the public right-of-way not later than twelve (12) hours after the scheduled collection day**.

C. Except when *containers* are placed for collection service in accordance with subsection B of this section, **containers shall be placed out of view** from any street, sidewalk, or other public right-of-way by fence, landscaping, building, or other barrier approved by the solid waste manager, except that *storage* of *containers* immediately adjacent to the residential building shall satisfy the requirements of this section.

**CURB PAINTING KIT**

Legible house numbers are **critical** for emergency personnel to quickly locate your home. Your SPHA organization has a **Curb Painting Kit Lending Program** for our neighbor-hood.

Contact **Hilary Bagley Franzoia** at [bagleyhg@yahoo.com](mailto:bagleyhg@yahoo.com) to borrow the kit.

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### SOLD



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### SOLD



7427 Rio Mondego, Greenhaven/Pocket

### SOLD



5509 Oak Hills Court, Carmichael

### PENDING



9 Lourdes Court, Greenhaven/Pocket

# Elevate Your Home's First Impression

Over the years in my capacity as a real estate agent, I have visited many homes and learned that the impression made while standing at the front door is not always the same impression I have when I enter. But what I also know is that this first impression has a major impact on what I expect to see on the inside. To be sure your entry is equally impressive and welcoming both inside and out, you might want to consider implementing some of the following expert ideas on how to accomplish that goal...

**Add a Splash of Color** - One of the quickest ways to make a huge impact is to add bold or complementary color to the exterior palette. Sherwin Williams 2024 color of the year is called "upward," but they have other colors to help infuse that pop of pizzazz at the entry too.

**Adding some lush greenery is a winning idea** - Plant colorful flowers, trim overgrown bushes and add potted plants to create a vibrant, inviting atmosphere. Consider incorporating hanging planters to add interest and color at a different level.

**Lighting will set the mood** - Illuminate your entry with stylish outdoor lighting fixtures. There are so many ways to spark a mesmerizing allure when the sun goes down.

**Make a statement with prominent, easy to read house numbers** - Choosing house numbers that align with your home's aesthetics can add a touch of personality and interest. Consider different materials, placements and surrounding finishes that work with your home's unique style.

**Clean and tidy walkway** - Pressure-wash your entry path, repair cracks or add decorative stones for an extra expression of elegance. Also consider walking around your property to make a list of other areas that could also use a little TLC.

**Charming furniture and décor** - If your entry or front porch space allows, add a cozy outdoor bench or lounge chair to make the area stand out, more inviting and welcoming.

**Bring the inside out** - Bring the inside look and feel outside to the entry by adding cushions, throws, decorative wreaths or monograms for an inviting ambiance.



## REAL ESTATE SNAPSHOT

Sacramento County, June '24 vs. '23

**# of Sales:**  
Down 10.67%

**New Listings:**  
Down 1.15%

**Average List Price:**  
Up 2.64%

**Average Sale Price:**  
Up 2.23%

## Coming Soon



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- 5 Bed/3.5 Bath including a NextGen Suite w/Private Entry
- Home Features \$150,000 of Stylish & Unique Post-Purchase Upgrades



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