



PARK BEAT

The Pulse of Greater Boulevard Park

Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association # Box 163179, Sacramento 95816 # January 2019

Membership Meeting: Tuesday, January 8

All residents are encouraged to attend BPNA's annual membership meeting at the Ethel Hart Senior Center in Marshall Park (915 27th Street). The meeting will be held in Redwood Room East from 6:30-8:30 p.m. *There will be refreshments!* The agenda includes voting for the 2019 Board of Directors and guest presentations by Norm Leong (from the Sacramento Police Department) and Sean De Courcy (from the Community Development Department). Sean will be providing an update about the historic district planning process (see the article on **page 5** of this newsletter). There also will be opportunities for discussions about any other topics of interest or concern to neighborhood residents.

To vote in the election, you must be current in your BPNA membership dues payments (that is, have paid your dues for calendar year 2018). Dues payments for both 2018 and 2019 will be accepted at the meeting, and range from \$5 to \$15 per member (*whatever your income allows*). In alphabetical order, the seven candidates for the 2019 Board of Directors are: Ty Dockery, Liz Edmonds, Dave Herbert, Ellen Hunt, Eric Knutson, Catherine Turrill Lupi, and Steve Sander. Their personal statements appeared in the [December issue of Park Beat \(page 5\)](#). Print copies of the statements will be available at the January meeting. Please note: BPNA's bylaws permit other candidates to be proposed from the floor at the general meeting. To be eligible for nomination, any candidates must be active and informed members of the BPNA.

Brief Report from the BPNA Board

Much of the agenda of the December meeting was devoted to the final arrangements for the Holiday Party on December 15 and advance planning for the General Meeting on January 8. As stated above, the meeting will feature guest speakers from two different City departments. Volunteers from the BPNA membership also will be overseeing the ballot box during the election of the members of the 2019 Board of Directors.

After plans for the General Meeting were finalized, the Board members turned their attention to organizational issues, such as new ways to handle BPNA dues payments. There is strong interest in adopting PayPal (or a comparable system) so that members will have the option of paying their annual dues via the new BPNA website once it is fully operational.

BPNA's Annual Holiday Party: A Fun and Festive Time for All!

A happy, spirited crowd of Boulevard Park residents enjoyed a great time together on December 15, thanks to the hospitality of this year's hosts, the de la Vergne family: Marc, his wife Angela, and their three children, Evan, Maria, and Claire. Their historic home on 22nd Street was filled with holiday cheer. A large and beautifully decorated tree greeted the guests when they first entered the spacious front foyer (some fortunate guests also were greeted by a friendly pet parrot!), while the cozy fire added ambience to the elegant living room. The dining room featured a long table covered with an array of delicious food: appetizers, entrees, salads, cookies, cakes, and more. Plenty of beverages were on hand as well. Although the large front porch offered extra space for mingling, most of the guests preferred to stay inside the house that chilly evening (fortunately, the rain originally predicted for Saturday did not arrive until Sunday). Thanks to everyone who attended this popular event and thanks for the home-cooked goodies that they brought with them. All in all, the holiday party was another great opportunity for neighborhood residents to visit with old friends and to make new ones.

Special note from our party hosts: A few serving utensils were left behind at the de la Vergne house. If one of them is yours and you have not retrieved it yet, please contact Dave Herbert at (916) 444-6690.

Old New Year Concert

Holy Ascension Russian Orthodox church, the picturesque onion-domed structure at the southwest corner of 13th and G Streets, will be hosting an “Old New Year” benefit concert on **January 11th**, the Friday before the Orthodox New Year, January 14th (7-8 p.m.; tickets and seats will be available from 6:15 p.m.). All proceeds from the ticket sales will go towards the re-gilding of the church domes (adults \$15, students \$10; children 12 and under are free). The concert presented by the church choir will give listeners the opportunity to experience both liturgical hymns and seasonal folk songs while surrounded by Russian Orthodox religious art and architecture. After the concert, there will be a reception in the church hall. Souvenirs from Russia will be on sale in the church’s gift shop.

More information, go to:

https://holycathedralchurch.org/news_181203_1.html



Described as one of the “most unusual churches in Sacramento,” Holy Ascension Russian Orthodox Church dates from the 1970s and replaces an old house that had served the congregation for nearly twenty years. According to an article printed in *The Sacramento Bee* in 1973, three years before the building permit was secured, the new church was designed by two San Francisco architects, Tigran I. Kirakosian and Frank Constable. It originally was projected to have five gilded domes, as shown in this architects’ drawing from 1973 (photo above).

Holiday Tree Recycling

Once the holiday festivities are over and you are ready to say goodbye to your tree, please remember that it can be placed out on the street for collection, just like your yard waste. However, the **last day** for on-street collection of green waste of any kind in Sacramento is **January 27**. Before putting your tree on the leaf pile, please remove the stand, any nails, and all of the decorations. If you keep your tree up beyond the end of January, you still can dispose of it in your yard waste container (*be sure to cut the tree into pieces first so that it will fit completely into the bin and the lid will close*).

Note: on-street tree collection is for residential customers who receive yard waste service from the City. Businesses and residents who live in apartments or gated complexes should use one of the free drop-off events at various city locations. For more information, go to: <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/Public-Works/RSW/Collection-Services/Yard-Waste/Christmas-Tree-Recycling>

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