



## PARK BEAT

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### GENERAL MEETING AND BOARD ELECTION

Wed. Jan. 8, 2014 – 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Ethel McLeod Hart Senior Center (27th and I Streets)

Every January BPNA holds a general meeting at which the membership of that year's Board of Directors is decided and topics of interest to neighborhood residents are addressed. In alphabetical order, the candidates for the seven seats on the 2014 Board are: Nita Davidson, Suzie Johnston, Eric Knutson, Lorna Martens, Marsha McCormick, James McDaniel and Dave Philipp.

You can find their statements on pages 3 and 4 of the November issue of *Park Beat*. Typically, speakers at the general meeting include city officials and other guests. Further information will be printed in January's issue.

### MCKINLEY VILLAGE PROJECT MIDTOWN IMPACT TOWN HALL

Wed. Dec. 11 – 7 to 8 p.m.

B Street Theater

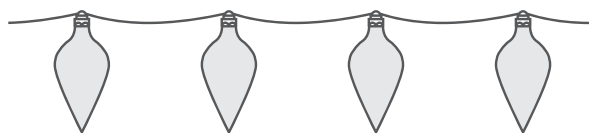
Councilmember Steve Hansen will be hosting a "town hall" for midtown residents at the B Street Theater on Wednesday, December 11 from 7 to 8 p.m.

Among the topics to be addressed is the traffic study that was conducted in connection with the McKinley Village Project. City staff have been invited to attend so that they can answer questions about the project and possible mitigations. If necessary, further information about this event will be posted on the Council District 4 Facebook site at [www.facebook.com/SacCityD4](http://www.facebook.com/SacCityD4)



### BPNA is on Facebook!

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### 'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY! JOIN US AT THE ANNUAL BPNA HOLIDAY PARTY

Sat. Dec. 14 – 6 to 9 p.m.

618 22nd Street

This year's party will be held at the home of Tom and Lorna Martens at 618 22nd Street, between F and G Streets. Whether you are a renter or homeowner, new to the neighborhood or long-time resident, you are very welcome at this annual celebration with good food and good company. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share (whether appetizer, main course, or dessert) and/or a favorite festive beverage.

Boxes will be available for donations to the animal shelter – pet goods or money may be donated. Be sure to include the Holiday Party in your Second Saturday itinerary. Hope to see you all there.



### 2014 CITY MANAGEMENT ACADEMY

Offered for the first time in 1995 and co-sponsored by the city's Neighborhood Services Division, the City Management Academy (CMA) is intended to "educate and encourage partnerships between the City of Sacramento, its residents and business owners to help maintain, revitalize, and promote healthy communities."

Each year, participants in the CMA "learn how the City is managed and operated, discuss challenges facing the City of Sacramento, and learn about strategies used to address them." The program lasts from February to May, with a graduation ceremony scheduled on May 13. Applications are due on Friday, January 10. Priority is given to Sacramento residents and business owners. For application forms, go to: [www.cityofsacramento.org/ns/get-involved/CityManagementAcademy.cfm](http://www.cityofsacramento.org/ns/get-involved/CityManagementAcademy.cfm)

# Places to Go, People to See

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**Every Saturday – Midtown Farmer's Market – 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** on J Street between 20th & 21st Streets.

**Every Saturday – Free Yoga in the Park – 9 a.m.** at the McKinley Park Clunie Center. Yoga in the Park is provided by Yoga Across America. For more information go to [www.yogaintheusa.org](http://www.yogaintheusa.org)

**Wed. Dec. 4 – BPNA Board Meeting – 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** Contact BPNA Chair Catherine Turrill by Dec. 2 at [turrillc@csus.edu](mailto:turrillc@csus.edu) or 498-0437 to add items to the agenda. Open to BPNA members and other interested neighbors.

**Fri. Dec. 6 – Children's Lantern Parade – 6 p.m.** Join the fun at the Sacramento Turn Verein (3349 J St.) making lanterns with your friends and parade around the neighborhood with music and after, hot chocolate and cookies!

## Dec. 1-23 – Holiday Music Concerts

Throughout the month of December, daily holiday concerts will be given in the first floor rotunda of California State Capitol Museum. For the schedule, go to [www.capitolmuseum.ca.gov](http://www.capitolmuseum.ca.gov)

**Sat. Dec. 14 – Second Saturday Art Walk.** Galleries open to showcase specific artists and new shows; bands and vendors line the sidewalks.

**Tue. Dec. 17 – Park Beat newsletter content due.** To submit articles and calendar entries, email Julia Marino at [julia.c.marino@gmail.com](mailto:julia.c.marino@gmail.com) or call 330-289-5758. To place an ad, call Jennifer Knutson at 925-324-1289 or email [jennifer@knutsonarchitecture.com](mailto:jennifer@knutsonarchitecture.com)

**Tue. Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve**

**Wed. Dec. 25 – Christmas Day**

**Sat. Jan. 1 – Friends of the River Banks – 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.** - Meet in Sutter's Landing Park near the skateboard park, end of 28th Street (see article) or go to FORB website [www.friendsoftheriverbanks.org](http://www.friendsoftheriverbanks.org)

## Save the Dates!

- **DEC 14** Holiday Potluck Party
- **JAN 1** Annual New Year's Day Walk
- **JAN 8** General Meeting

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## "HANDS ON HISTORY": A SIMPLE EMIGRANT CHRISTMAS AND CANDLELIGHT TOURS

**Sat. Dec. 14 – 11 a.m. – Sutter's Fort State Historic Park**

In John Sutter's day, people from around the world passed through the gates of the fort, all with their own customs and traditions for the holiday season. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on December 14, "Simple Emigrant Christmas" will present several vignettes showing holiday scenes, including foods, music, decorations, and traditions from other cultures and eras. Visitors will be able to dip candles, make corn husk dolls, and create holiday ornaments. Later that same evening, from 6:30-9 p.m., guests will be able to experience Sutter's Fort by candlelight. As explained on the museum's website, "guides will lead small groups of visitors into the Fort's more intimate rooms for intriguing glimpses into the private lives of those who uprooted their families for a better life in early California." For more information, please call 916-445-4422 or visit [www.suttersfort.org](http://www.suttersfort.org) (tickets for both events may be purchased online).

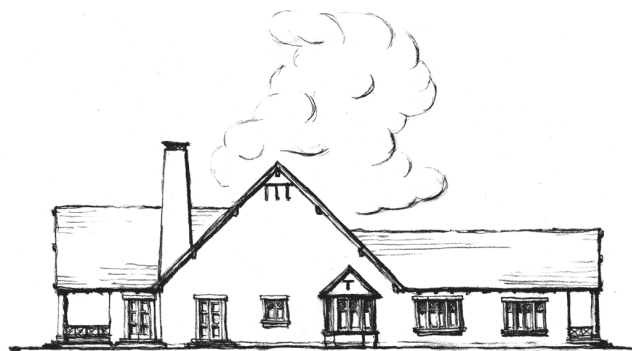
## SACRAMENTO'S 30TH SANTA PARADE

**Sat. Dec. 14 – starts off at 14th and N Streets at 10 a.m.**

**Capitol Park and Downtown Sacramento**

This traditional holiday parade, first organized by Weinstock's Department Store and KCRA television back in 1983, usually features marching bands, floats, clowns, youth groups, horses, antique vehicles, and much more. As many as 20,000 people are anticipated to line the streets, rain or shine, for the popular event this year. Word has it that Santa Claus himself also may attend! The parade will start at 14th and N Streets at 10 a.m. It then will travel west on N Street to 10th, north on 10th to L Street, and finally west on L Street to 4th Street, where it will end. For more information and a link to the Santa Parade Facebook site, go to [www.sac holidays.com](http://www.sac holidays.com)

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**Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association purpose:** The BPNA is created to support, promote, and improve the quality of life for the residents of the greater Boulevard Park neighborhood. By achieving this goal we strive thereby to improve the quality of life for others who work and live in and around Boulevard Park and for Sacramento as a whole.

## Committees

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**Don't forget!** The deadline for ads and copy for the January issue of *Park Beat* is December 17 by 5 p.m.! To submit articles and calendar entries, email Julia Marino at [julia.c.marino@gmail.com](mailto:julia.c.marino@gmail.com) or call 330-289-5758. To place an ad, call Jennifer Knutson at 925-324-1289 or email [jennifer@knutsonarchitecture.com](mailto:jennifer@knutsonarchitecture.com)

## FALLING LEAVES IN THE CITY OF TREES

Residential customers can legally place yard waste piles in the street for collection during the City's designated leaf season of November – January:

**First Day Out – November 1, 2013**

**Last Day Out – January 31, 2014**



You can help the Claw clear streets faster by filling your container first then pile leaves. The city collects 75,000 tons of yard waste a year. More than one third – 27,000 tons – are picked up just in November, December and January. By using the container along with the pile, city crews can clear streets faster and the Claw may come through your neighborhood more frequently for pile collection. The following tips will also help:

- Piles should be no more than two cubic yards in size (3'x3'x6' pile).
- Place the pile six feet from any obstruction (cars, boats, basketball hoops etc.)
- Make sure there is space between the curb and pile to allow water to flow to storm drains
- Do not put pet waste in any yard waste pile or container. Pet waste goes into the garbage container.

## TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP OUR YOUTH AND SENIORS

**Reading Partners**, a non-profit organization that provides one-on-one literacy tutoring to struggling elementary school readers, is seeking community volunteers to work with students twice a week for 45 minutes a session. No prior experience is necessary, because Reading Partners will provide initial and on-going training support for its tutors. For more information, please contact Rachael Valler, the Volunteer Coordinator for Reading Partners Sacramento, at [rachael.valler@readingpartners.org](mailto:rachael.valler@readingpartners.org).

The City of Sacramento's **Caring Neighborhoods** program is reaching out to Sacramento neighborhood associations to encourage participation of residents in a collaborative effort to promote independence, reduce isolation, and ensure the safety and well-being of elderly neighbors. Volunteers are given the opportunity to connect with senior citizens who might need a hand with some everyday tasks or enjoy a friendly conversation. Interested residents can start by recruiting at least three neighbors to form a Caring Neighborhoods group. Ongoing communications and support are provided by the Program Coordinator who will meet with each group to help its members develop effective strategies for reaching out to elderly neighbors. For more information about starting a Caring Neighborhoods group, please contact Martha Paterson-Cohen, Program Coordinator at (916) 842-7782 or [MPCohen@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:MPCohen@cityofsacramento.org).

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# HISTORIC HOUSE

**618 22nd Street  
Henderson/Martens Residence**



The holiday party will be held in this historic home, first owned by James Mitchell Henderson, Jr., who is described as “one of the most powerful financial men in northern California” in the book, *Sacramento's Boulevard Park*. The house is an excellent example of the eclectic stylistic mixture often found in California architecture of the early 1900s. Built in about 1912, it combines characteristic features from the Craftsman, Colonial Revival, and Prairie Styles, such as the deep eaves, varied window treatments, multiple dormers, stucco-covered exterior walls, and the spacious front porch with tapered pillars. It was designed by one of the city's leading architectural firms, Seadler and Hoen, which was responsible for two other Boulevard Park homes.

James Henderson was the second son of a prominent Sacramento couple, James Mitchell Henderson Sr. and Margaret Ann Sweasey Henderson, whose families had moved to California from the Midwest in the Gold Rush years. James Sr. was a rancher, but his son made a name for himself in the banking and real estate business. By 1913, the first year that he and his wife Edna listed 618 22nd Street as their home address (previously they had lived at 805 M Street), he was cashier of the Sacramento Bank, President of the Fort Sutter National Bank, and President of the Hickman-Coleman Company, the oldest real estate firm in Sacramento. James went on to hold several other important positions. By 1921, when his bank had merged with six others, he was “in control of the strongest chain of banks in this section with the exception of the Bank of Italy,” according to his obituary. Henderson died at home in Boulevard Park in March 1936. His widow Edna lived here one more year before moving to a new address.

Over the next decade, the house changed hands several times. Its later owners included Bert C. Greer, the Keeper of the Archives for the Secretary of State; Aden D. Gilder, a shipyard worker; and George V. Reynolds, assistant cashier of the Anglo-California National Bank. In the early 1950s, this single family home was converted into a boarding house, called “The Gables,” and furnished rooms were rented here for about twenty-five years. Then, after a brief existence as the “Serene Children's Home”, 618 22nd Street was returned to a residence. It now houses the Martens family, who enjoy the open floor plan and spacious rooms—a perfect setting for the holiday party!

## CALLING ALL CYCLISTS: SACRAMENTO'S BICYCLE REGISTRY HAS BEEN LAUNCHED



Councilmember Steve Hansen shared the good news of the arrival of **Ride On!**, Sacramento's new bicycle registration program. Sponsored by the city police department in partnership with the Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates and other organizations, the program will enable residents to register their bicycles online at [www.rideon.sacpd.org](http://www.rideon.sacpd.org).

If a bike registered with the City of Sacramento is stolen, the police department can search records more easily because registered bicycle are cross-referenced by name as well as by serial number and registration number. By registering their bicycles, learning proper locking techniques, and reporting bicycle thefts, city residents increase the likelihood of protecting their bicycles and getting them back if they are stolen. For useful suggestions about how to avoid bicycle theft in the first place, go to the SABA website: [sacbike.org/for-bike-riders/protect-your-ride](http://sacbike.org/for-bike-riders/protect-your-ride).

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## FORB UPDATE: FLASH MOB AT SUTTER'S LANDING

**Friends of the River Banks (FORB)** invites you to join revelers from 9 to 11 a.m. on New Year's Day for a flash mob at Sutter's Landing Park.

We'll meet in the parking lot next to the skateboard building for oatmeal (cookies), coffee and hot chocolate and then hike along the bank to admire the river.

FORB is a local non-profit group dedicated to outdoor education for children, and in particular, making it possible for kids, especially those in our neighborhood, to get acquainted with the American River and all its flora and fauna. The organization sponsors monthly nature walks on Second Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m. The walks are free and easy enough for everyone, usually with a nature expert. Check the FORB website for 2014 events: [www.friendsoftheriverbanks.org](http://www.friendsoftheriverbanks.org).

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## CRITTER CORNER: GOLDIE

Goldie appeared on the scene, alone, nearly six years ago. She was loitering at an open lot on F Street near 20th, seeking shelter in nooks and crannies. Some said she'd been staying in the lot for several weeks. But other than that, no one knew a thing about the four legged golden-haired creature. Good-hearted neighbors left her food, water, while others tried to take her home with them, but apparently the pit-bull beagle mix was too fast for some BPNA residents. A rumor exists that the animal shelter was unsuccessful in capturing her.



However, one night, after soft caresses to the side of her face, bribery (food), and a little shove here and there, the animal moved in with me. The next days' pet expenses nearly totaled \$300 for shots, grooming, doggie bed, toys and food. Neighbors often comment that "Goldie hit the Jackpot!" Well she did; but she appreciates it too and shows it by protecting our abode 24/7.

Most days she hangs over the top of the chaise peering out the front window, seeking strangers to bark at when they walk past our home. More often than

not, her fervor propels her to scurry through the house and out the doggie door to give passersby a double dose of barks from the side patio. Besides protecting her territory, another one of Goldie's favorite pastimes is going for walks, but she does have a certain amount of trepidation when traveling beyond a 3 block radius. While out for walks she often runs up the stairs to homes of some of her favorite neighbors in hopes of visiting them. Friends like Al and Chris, Dutch and June, and Emily and Dave are always so friendly when greeting her.

Goldie keeps in shape by chasing squirrels, but don't fret; she is quite curious and friendly toward cats. When it comes to dogs, she's indifferent. She does not enjoy the dog park. Instead, she prefers someone throw her a ball indoors where she can run, catch it, and scratch the wooden floors in the process. Goldie is also an excellent beggar and has very convincing facial expressions. She's become a master at obtaining almost anything she desires.

Over the years I've often wondered how she arrived at the F Street lot and what her background included. Had she belonged to a homeless person? Was she pushed out of a car during the economic downturn? Perhaps that would explain her fear of driving in cars. Plus she was already potty-trained. Like many rescued dogs, background information is unavailable. She was wearing a ragged collar when I met her but no tags. I gave her the name "Goldie" because of her golden hair. When I shared her name with a neighbor, she responded, "Oh, she's a Jewish dog." Well, maybe so.

Got an unusual pet or a great pet story you'd like featured in Critter Corner? Send information and photo to Board Member **Suzie Johnston** at [suzquincy2@sbglobal.net](mailto:suzquincy2@sbglobal.net) or *Park Beat* editor **Julia Marino** at [julia.c.marino@gmail.com](mailto:julia.c.marino@gmail.com).

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