



PARK BEAT

The Pulse of Greater Boulevard Park

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Spring Fling Party!

Time to welcome the end of tax season and the beginning of spring! Head on over to Jim and Gail Betzing's to dance, talk with friends and neighbors, donate a little something for the animals, and have a good time. Shake off those winter doldrums and celebrate spring!

April 14 ▫ 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. ▫ 2131 F Street ▫ Attire: Dressy Casual

Bring: Bottle of wine, appetizer or dessert

Donate (for the City of Sacramento Animal Shelter):

dry dog/cat food (partial bags ok), canned dog/cat food, cat litter, collars and leashes, bedding, doggie treats, washable toys, puppy/kitten formula, nursing bottles (4 or 8 oz.), baby gates/washable beds, X-Pens, shoe boxes, "Rescue Remedy," heating pads, 5 gallon buckets, and, of course, cash or check donations.

Flood Insurance: A Boulevard Park Necessity

by Frank Graham, Graham Insurance Agency

Whether a homeowner, renter or business owner, you shouldn't have to think twice about getting flood insurance in Boulevard Park, the midtown area, or all of Sacramento, for that matter. Both residences and businesses are at risk for flood damage, and you may be surprised to learn that your homeowners, landlord, business, or renters coverage does not cover you for the specific peril of flood. The Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) website states "Sacramento's risk of flooding is the greatest of any major city in the country." Remember: "one hundred year flood protection" does not translate literally to events happening only once-in-a-hundred-years: according to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), in the lifetime of a 30-year

mortgage, you are likely to experience a flood at least once. If your home is not technically in a flood zone, you are still at risk for disaster. It only takes an inch of water in your home to do substantial damage to walls, flooring, and personal property and can put you out of house and home for substantial periods. All primary flood coverage is done through the NFIP, administered under the umbrella of FEMA, and available from local agents. You will have a thirty day wait for coverage from the date of your initial premium payment – don't wait for a flooding event to occur. For maximum coverage available outside the designated flood zones, you will pay only about a dollar a day (or less) for coverage. An ounce of coverage is definitely worth more than a pound of regret – and costs of home repair.

Places to Go, People to See

Every Monday – Monday Night Skate – 7:00 p.m. Meet at the parking lot at the corner of 3rd and S Streets.

April 7 – EASTER EGG HUNT – 10 a.m. Southside Park, 2115 S Street – FREE – sponsored by City Parks & Recreation Dept.

April 11 – BPNA Board Meeting – 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Contact Asha Jennings at 916.803.7409 for location and to add items to the agenda. Open to BPNA members and other interested neighbors.

April 14 – Friends of the River Bank Saturday third annual “Return of the Swainson’s Hawk” Meet at Sutter’s Landing Park at the north end of 28th Street (next to the skateboard park). See details right. For more information, visit friendsoftheriverbanks.org or contact Laurie Litman at llitman@pacbell.net.

April 14 – Second Saturday Art Walk Each month, galleries around town stay open to showcase specific artists and new showings. Many serve wine and hors d’oeuvres. Check out their web site at sacramento-second-saturday.org.

April 15 – Copy and Ad Deadline for May issue of Park Beat
To submit articles and calendar entries, email Margaret Buss at mbuss@jps.net or call 916.448.6246. To place an ad, call Jim Younkin at 916.997.5081 or email jayounkin@gmail.com.

April 16 – Area 1 Neighborhood Advisory Group (NAG) Meeting – 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Hart Senior Center, 27th & I Streets. Contact City Neighborhood Services representative Derrick Lim to confirm date, time and agenda, or to get on NAG email list.

April 17 – STATE & FEDERAL INCOME TAXES FILING DATE!!

April 19 – City of Sacramento Earth Day Celebration – 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cesar Chavez Park, 10th & I. Earth-friendly exhibits and entertainments. See Earth Day article for more information

April 21 – Green Thumb Brigade – 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Meet in the alley by 711 22nd Street. Come help keep our traffic circles in tiptop shape! We also need volunteers to water the traffic calming devices. Please contact Sally Flory-O’Neil at 916.446.3390 or sfoneil@comcast.net – some of them may be near your home!

April 22 – EARTH DAY 11 a.m. to 5 p.m Southside Park – FREE celebration sponsored by the Environmental Council of Sacramento (ECOS) – see Earth Day article for more information.

May 5 and 6 – Jane’s Walks – various times and locations.
Sponsored by the Sacramento Old City Association and FREE (see article on pg. 5)

AARGH! Taxes, Taxes, Taxes!

Don’t forget – the Taxman cometh in April, this year with a two-day reprieve: instead of the traditional April 15 filing date, you have until Tuesday, April 17. As reported in last month’s *Park Beat* (boulevardparkna.org/newsletter.html), the city of Sacramento has several services to assist residents with incomes below \$57,000 (Beehive Portal free filing) or \$50,000 (Volunteer Tax Assistance program – Hart Senior Center). For details, visit cityofsacramento.org/volunteers/vita.html or contact Mary Lynn Perry, Volunteer Coordinator, 916.808.8317.

BPNA Annual Yard Sale – June 9

Reminder: Start thinking about spring cleaning and donations to the yard sale. Collection will begin the first week of May. To volunteer contact Asha Jennings at ashajennings@gmail.com or 916.803.7409.



Nature in Our Backyard: Return of the Swainson’s Hawks

Saturday, April 14, 2012 will be the Friends of the River Banks (FORB) third annual “Return of the Swainson’s Hawk” event. The Friends of the Swainson’s Hawks will be there with live “working” birds to talk about the importance of the Swainson’s Hawks and answer questions. The group will then walk to the area where the Swainson’s Hawks had nested for the last few years, except last year – during the program last year, a pair of Swainson’s Hawks flew around with nesting material but did not successfully nest in their spot for the first time in three years. The cause of the change *might* have been a Great Horned Owl nesting there.

Come and see what transpires this year! Come prepared with wet weather clothing and a change of clothes for kids, plus life jackets, if you think they will go in the water. FORB asks that dogs be left at home.

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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.

Just a Drop in the Bucket: Save Our Pools!

As announced in last month's *Park Beat*, all city swimming pools and most wading pools may be shut down this summer because of the ongoing budget crisis. The SaveMart grocery chain stepped up and offered a \$500,000 matching grant to help keep as many of the city's pools open as possible. But, as of late March, only about \$85,000 in matching contributions was received, many from other businesses – just a drop in the bucket of need.

Why should you care? You don't swim? You belong to a club or have your own pool (yes, even in midtown)? Here are a few good reasons why having the pools open benefits you: health of the citizens, health of the community, and health of the local economy. Swimming is a low-impact, highly aerobic exercise, good for people with injuries, good for fighting the obesity epidemic, good for getting kids in the habit of exercise – because it is fun, and cooling, it has more appeal in summer than playing basketball on a blacktop in the noonday sun. Learning to swim can be life-saving, especially in a city with two rivers running through it. Pools bring diverse groups of people together to play and exercise in one place – this helps build sense of community. Swimming pools offer social interaction, relaxation, and – very importantly in this hot climate – stress relief. The value of these things to the city as a whole should not be underestimated. Last, but not least, keeping the pools open and the parks operating is one of those factors that make Sacramento appealing to businesses and corporations. Corporations look for cities that have family-friendly amenities that will help them attract a good workforce at diverse income levels (from "Why Swimming Pools Are Good for the Community," www.ehow.com/about_6641360_swimming-pools-good-community.html#ixzz1pnNaj5zE).

As of the 2010 census, Sacramento had about 350,000 residents over the age of 18. If each paid just a dollar, or if 80,000 people paid \$5.00, or if 20,000 (fewer people than the population of the central city) paid \$20, the \$500,000 match would be in easy reach. Let's not leave SaveMart's money on the table in these tough times; even the smallest donations, if there are enough of them, will make a difference. There are four ways to donate: text "Pools" to 808888 to donate ten dollars; donate any amount via PayPal on the SaveMart and City of Sacramento websites; buy a Save Our Pools icon for five dollars at check-out or buy "Save Our Pools" sponsored items when shopping at SaveMart.

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Great ad rates! Call Jim at 916.997.5081 for details.

Don't forget! The deadline for ads and copy for the April issue of *Park Beat* is April 15 by 5:00 p.m.!

Honoring Your Mother

...Mother Earth, that is. April 22 is Earth Day across the country and throughout the world. The City of Sacramento is holding a transit-friendly celebration Thursday, April 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cesar Chavez Park (10th & I) and City Hall Plaza, with live entertainment and interactive exhibits on composting, recycling, and other earth-friendly activities. And the Environmental Council of Sacramento (ECOS) is sponsoring its annual Sacramento Earth Day celebration on Sunday, April 22 between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. in Southside Park, between 6th and 8th, T and W Streets. As in years past, this year's celebration will include good food, entertainment, interactive activities, and many organizations with invaluable and practical information and goods for saving money, living healthier, and protecting our environment in the Sacramento region and beyond. And, as always, the Sacramento Earth Day Celebration will be FREE!



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Eric and Jennifer Knutson moved to Boulevard Park in January 2011. They previously worked and raised their family in the Bay Area and while they enjoyed their time in San Francisco, they found it to be an anonymous kind of city. When they decided it was time to move on, Sacramento was a likely spot, as they have family in the area.

Eric and Jennifer find Sacramento to be a very workable city, with character and personality. They enjoy Boulevard Park because of its proximity to urban amenities like restaurants and theater, but like the fact that it still retains its neighborhood feeling. Like many of us that live in BP, the Knutsons love living in their old house with their two dogs, Ziggy (the blonde one) and Marley (the black one). The house is an eclectic craftsman/colonial revival with "great bones" on the corner of 23rd and H. Their home was well cared for, but they are looking to upgrade and improve a few things too. Eric, who is an architect, is designing a garage that will fit with the neighborhood. Please welcome them to the neighborhood.

Reverse 911

Reverse 911 is an emergency community notification tool designed to inform residents and business owners of significant incidents occurring in the city where health and safety is a concern in a specific area, such as evacuation notices. The City's Reverse 911® System has been upgraded. You can now register your cell or Voice over IP (VoIP) phone to receive Reverse 911 Emergency Updates. When you register, you include a home or work address, which ensures you'll be notified if there is an emergency affecting your locations.



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Changes in Bus Service on the 34 Line Proposed for September 2012

If you are a regular user of Regional Transit's 34 Bus, which has connected our neighborhood with Sacramento State and the 65th Street Light Rail Station for many years, you should know about proposed route changes that will affect almost anyone who rides this bus east or west on F Street. Effective in September 2012, if the service reductions are put into effect, Bus 34 will run on weekdays only (the weekend service is reportedly too weak to sustain). The bus also will go no further than the University and River Park. Passengers wishing to get to the 65th Street Light Rail Station will have to transfer to another bus at the CSUS Transit Center at 60th and J Streets.

In addition, Bus 34's route through East Sacramento between McKinley Park and the University will be modified. According to the "Transit Renewal" report posted on the Regional Transit website, Bus 34 will travel "east on McKinley Boulevard, east on D Street, south on 41st Street, east on F Street, south on Elvas Avenue, and then northeast on H Street to Sacramento State." It will then head "northeast on Messina Drive, west on Spilman Avenue, and southeast on Moddison Avenue to River Park." With Bus 34 serving the River Park neighborhood, Bus 31 will be eliminated.

For additional information about this and other service changes, read the report posted on the Regional Transit website, "Transit Renewal 2010-2017 – DRAFT Title VI Compliance Review," or go to the website, sacrttransitrenewal.tmdinc.net/background.html. Interested residents are encouraged to go to this site for further information about how they can get updates about service changes via e-mail or participate in what RT describes as a "comprehensive public outreach process."

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Sacramento Jane Jacobs Walk 2012: Saturday, May 5 and Sunday, May 6

Jane's Walk USA is a series of free neighborhood walking tours that help put people in touch with their environment and with each



other, by bridging social and geographic gaps and creating a space for cities to discover themselves. Since its inception in 2007, Jane's Walk (janejacobswalk.org) has happened in cities across North America, and is growing internationally. Sacramento's Jane's Walk series include urban planning, neighborhood advocacy, urban history, and architectural history to demonstrate how a neighborhood's physical form promotes its walkability, sustainability and economic and social vitality. Jane Jacobs Walks are not just about architecture and heritage: they offer a more personal take on the local culture, the social history and the planning issues faced by the residents. Jane Jacobs believed strongly that local residents understood best how their neighborhood works, and what is needed to strengthen and improve them. Jane's Walks are meant to be fun, engaged and participatory – everyone's got a story and they're usually keen to share it. Two walks are proposed in the Boulevard Park area: "Mixing Business With Pleasure" and the Seersucker Ride.

See sacoldcity.org and next month's newsletter for details. All tours are free of charge; show up at the starting point at the designated time in comfortable walking shoes. No RSVP is necessary.

Sacramento Jane Jacobs Walk Schedule

Saturday, May 5

Old City Cemetery: Police, Fire & Legal Lore, 10 a.m. – Noon. Tour Guide: Eric Bradner, Old City Cemetery Committee. Starting Point: Sacramento Old City Cemetery, main gate, 1000 Broadway.

Downtown: Sacramento Heritage Tour, Noon – 2 p.m.. Tour Guide: Melisa Gaudreau, Board Chair, Sacramento Heritage Inc. Starting Point: TBD (see sacoldcity.org).

Midtown: Mixing Business With Pleasure, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. Tour Guide: William Burg, Sacramento Old City Association Board President. Starting Point: Mondo Bizarro, 1827 I Street.

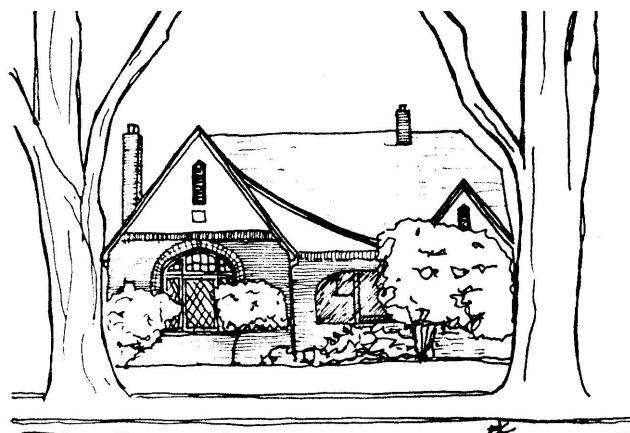
Downtown: Rock & Roll Tour, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Tour Guide: Shawn Peter, Downtown Sacramento Partnership. Starting Point: Cesar Chavez Plaza, 9th and J Street (northeast corner).

Sunday, May 6

Seersucker Ride/

Design Ride/Jane's Roll: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tour Guide: Rick Houston, Sacramento Tweed Riders; William Burg, SOCA. Starting Point: TBD (see sacoldcity.org and sactotweed.blogspot.com for details!).

Winn Park: 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.. Tour Guide: Kay Knepprath, SOCA Member Emeritus. Starting Point: 2620 P Street.



Historic Homes of Boulevard Park

607 21st Street – Harold C. Kinney House

This house is a charming English Revival or Tudor style built in the 1930s by Harold C. Kinney, chairman of a company called Shop Crafts. The leaded glass diamond-paned casement windows, arched entrance and window form, and the steep roof with jerkin-head ends characterize a style reminiscent of medieval England. It is one of the few brick houses in Boulevard Park and became a very popular style as the city expanded eastward. Unlike the older homes surrounding it, the first floor of this home and the one next door (609 21 St.) are built low to the ground. The elimination of the need to build the first floor high off the ground resulted from the completion of major flood control projects (Yolo, Sacramento and Sutter Bypass systems) just prior to 1920.

[Adapted from "Boulevard Park: A Walking Tour" by the Historic Boulevard Park Committee. For a copy of this brochure, contact BPNA Co-Chair Jon Marback.]

New & Renewing Members: February/March

*dues received after the 14th of the month will be noted in the next newsletter.

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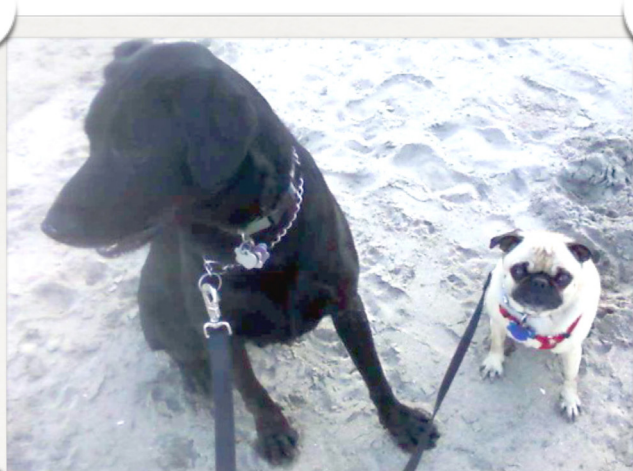
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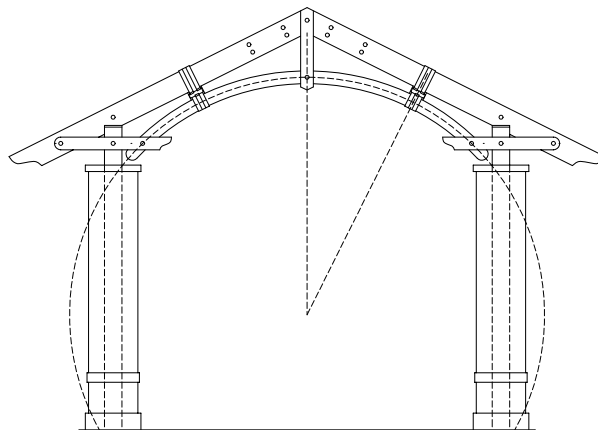


The Long and The Short of It:
Neighbor Carey Shaw's "Babies" –
Brody the Lab & Maggie the Pug

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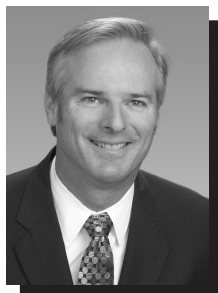
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