



## PARK BEAT

*The Pulse of Greater Boulevard Park*

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### Annual BPNA Spaghetti Dinner – September 10th

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.; 2101 G Street

*Boulevard Park's biggest annual event is our Spaghetti Dinner, scheduled this year for Saturday, September 10th.*

Attending this event will give you not only the opportunity to enjoy a great meal, but also a chance to meet or reunite with neighbors, and have a relaxed, entertaining and enjoyable evening. If you also plan to join the Second Saturday Art Walk, make the Spaghetti Dinner part of your evening. Come early and fortify yourself before a walk around midtown.

Dinner will be served from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at 2101 G Street, the landmark home of **Pete, Robyn and Jesse Bramson**. The menu includes – surprise! – spaghetti, the usual choice of home-made Bolognese (meat) and vegetarian sauces, green salad, garlic bread, and dessert. The main course is provided by BPNA; in accordance with a long-standing tradition, guests are encouraged to bring a favorite dessert to share with others.

We will also be collecting donations – both monetary and purchased prizes – to benefit students at Washington Elementary School.

*Details about the collection are on page 4.*

This year's entertainment – for children of all ages – will begin at approximately 5:45 p.m. is **Bri** from the Bay Area. Bri specializes in face-painting, balloon twisting and juggling.

Tickets for the dinner are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. Additionally, beverages will be available for donations of \$2 and \$3.

*Don't miss this fun event!*



### Sacramento Old City Association 36th Annual Home Tour

**Sunday, September 18, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
**Marshall Park, 27th & J Street, Sacramento**

On Sunday, September 18, the **Sacramento Old City Association (SOCA)** presents its 36th annual tour of historic homes in Sacramento's central city. Each year, SOCA offers an inside look into the beautiful and historic buildings that line Midtown and Downtown streets, and some of the newest infill development projects in the city. This year's tour of the Marshall School neighborhood, in the northeastern quarter of the central city between F and J Street, features homes in the Queen Anne, Craftsman and Neoclassic styles.

The tour starts at Marshall Park, at the corner of 27th and J Street. A street fair at the park features local contractors and artisans specializing in historic home rehab and remodeling, local businesses, artists and crafters displaying their wares, local nonprofits, advocacy and history

organizations, and live local music. Local mobile food vendors Red Rooster Waffles and Dave's Pops will supplement the excellent nearby restaurants on J Street. The tour costs \$25 on the day of the event, or \$20 in advance. The street fair is free. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/187298>. For more information, visit <http://www.sacoldcity.org>

Started in 1975, the SOCA Home Tour was created to showcase historic homes in neglected central city neighborhoods. As these neighborhoods became the region's favorite destination for culture and entertainment, the home tour has grown into a celebration of central city life. The tour is also a fundraiser that helps SOCA carry out its mission to preserve and enhance a high quality of life for Central City residents, businesses, working people and visitors.

The **BPNA** will be docents for the house located at 2631 H Street. Readers of *Park Beat* who would like to volunteer as docents are asked to contact Julianne Richards at 443-6149. Docents have the opportunity to visit their assigned house before the tour, work two-hour shifts, buy a tour ticket for only \$10, and are invited to a party in the neighborhood in the afternoon.

## Places to Go, People to See

**September 7 – BPNA Board Meeting** – 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Contact Asha Jennings at 803-7409 for location and to add items to the agenda. *Open to BPNA members and other interested neighbors.*

**September 10 – BPNA Annual Spaghetti Dinner** – 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. (dinner served), 2101 G Street. *See details on page 1.*

**September 10 – Second Saturday Art Walk** – Each month, galleries around town stay open late into the evening to showcase specific artists and new showings. Many serve wine and hors d'oeuvres. *Check out their web site at [www.sacramento-second-saturday.org](http://www.sacramento-second-saturday.org).*

**September 10 – Friends of the River Banks Yoga by the River** – meet at Sutter's Landing Park at the north end of 28th Street (next to the skateboard park). *For more information, visit <http://www.friendsoftheriverbanks.org> or contact Laurie Litman at [llitman@pacbell.net](mailto:llitman@pacbell.net).*

**September 15 – Copy and Ad Deadline for October issue of Park Beat.** To submit articles and calendar entries, email Asha Jennings at [ashajennings@gmail.com](mailto:ashajennings@gmail.com) or call 803-7409. To place an ad, call Jim Younkin at 997-5081 or email [jayounkin@gmail.com](mailto:jayounkin@gmail.com).

**September 17 – Great American River Cleanup** – *For more information, contact Laurie Litman at [llitman@pacbell.net](mailto:llitman@pacbell.net).*

**September 18 – SOCA's 36th Annual Home Tour** – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. *See details on page 1.*

**September 20 – Green Thumb Brigade** – 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., meet at 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 446-3390 or [sfoneil@comcast.net](mailto:sfoneil@comcast.net) if you would like information on traffic calming devices in need of watering – some of them may be near your home!

**Every Monday – Monday Night Skate** – 7:00 p.m., Meet at the parking lot at the corner of 3rd and S Streets. *For more information, go to [www.sacramentoskating.com](http://www.sacramentoskating.com) or call Brian Malone at 715-2808 or Bernard Scoville at 447-8288.*

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## Traffic Circle at 24th & I Streets Desperately Needs Your Help

For those new to our neighborhood, the traffic calming devices that were installed between C and I Streets and 16th and 28th Streets some years ago have not been maintained by the City of Sacramento at all until the last year or so. Beginning in the fall of 2009 the City took responsibility for an approximately twice a year cleanup including pruning and tidying; this has been taking place in the fall and the spring. For the most part, a very small group of volunteers has been weeding, pruning, watering and otherwise maintaining the pedestrian islands, half-street closures and traffic circles.

The 24th and I Street traffic circle is in desperate need of adoption. For a number of years the plants were pruned by a nearby resident who is no longer able to do so. The circle does have regular watering which is great; however, as a result of being watered regularly the plants grow tall and out over the edges of the circle very rapidly and obstruct the view of both drivers and pedestrians at that intersection. A representative of Neighborhood Traffic Management Program indicated recently that unless the foliage is pruned to a safe level very regularly that this traffic circle may be "hardscaped" due to safety concerns. This means that all the plants and the tree would be removed and replaced with the materials such concrete and river rock.

*If you can help out, please contact Sally Flory-O'Neil @ 446-3390 or [sallyfo@hotmail.com](mailto:sallyfo@hotmail.com).*

## Nominating Committee Continues Work

The Nominating Committee is continuing to consider candidates for nomination to the BPNA board of directors for 2012. As of the August 1 deadline the Committee had received expressions of interest from 4 members who meet the minimum criteria of being BPNA members in good standing and having attended at least 3 BPNA events in the past year. There are expected to be at least 2 vacant board seats to be filled for the coming year.

From August 15 through September 30 the Committee will interview the candidates, who will also have the opportunity to contact other current board members to discuss their candidacies. On October 5, the Committee will present its recommendations to the board. The board's nominations will appear in the November *Park Beat* newsletter. Anyone who meets the minimum criteria who is not on the board's nomination slate is free to develop support among the membership prior to the January 2012 general meeting, at which the board's nominations and any nominations from the floor will be voted on.

*Members should contact Hal Edmonds, Greg Smith, or any of the other board members with any questions.*

### New & Renewing Members

**June 16, 2011 – August 15, 2011**

*Carol Greenwood; Jeannie Keltner;  
Corey Lake & Rob Sperling; Stephanie Baker;  
George Raya; Dorothy Rose*

# Historic Homes of Boulevard Park

## 2015 H Street – S. Warder McKim House

Built c.1906 on what was originally two lots, this large home exhibits many Greek Revival-inspired elements such as symmetry, fluted pillars, a full entablature, a classic pediment above the porch, and pilasters on the building's side. These elements embellish the early-twentieth century cube form, complete with hipped roof and dormer found on much simpler homes. Built by S. Warder McKim, a director and later president of Weinstock and Lubin Co., this is the only home in Boulevard Park that exhibits elements associated with the much earlier, mid-nineteenth century Greek Revival-style. It provides an example of adaptive re-use (as offices) as a means to save the building. Local residents call this building "Tara".

*[Adapted from "Boulevard Park: A Walking Tour" by the Historic Boulevard Park Committee.]*



## Help Harvest Sacramento!

**Harvest Sacramento** harvests unwanted fruit from neighborhood trees for donation to local food banks. This project of **Soil Born Farms** germinated from a seed planted by two area residents, **Mary McGrath** and **Robin Aurelius**, who were pained by the sight of rotting oranges piled in the streets of East Sacramento every spring. In early 2009, a grassroots campaign to harvest oranges in the McKinley Park area engaged over 30 volunteers and donated about 3000 pounds of fresh citrus to the Sacramento Food Bank. The project has grown quickly from there. In 2011, Harvest Sacramento has thus far harvested 31,704 pounds of oranges, lemons, grapefruit, tangerines, tangelos, kumquats, and pomelos. Much of that fruit is harvested from private residences, where Harvest Sacramento volunteers come and collect surplus fruit from your trees.

There are several ways you can help Harvest Sacramento. Have citrus trees with extra fruit? You can "volunteer" your fruit tree by adding it to the list of harvest trees. In addition, Harvest Sacramento needs volunteers to help harvest fruit.

*More information is available at [www.harvestsacramento.org](http://www.harvestsacramento.org).*

## BPNA Needs Your Help!

All of the events BPNA puts on every year, from the yard sale to the spaghetti dinner, are only possible due to the great neighbors who volunteer their time to help with these events. Many hands make light work. We are so appreciative of those who donate a few hours of their time at various events throughout the year.

However, we also need more people to consider volunteering their time to help. It's a great way to become involved and to get to know some of your neighbors!

*Maybe you're not sure if you're on our list of volunteers?* If you did not get an email asking you to volunteer for the yard sale and Pops in the Park, that means you are not on our list of volunteers. If you would like to be added to our list of potential volunteers, just send an email to Asha Jennings at [ashajennings@gmail.com](mailto:ashajennings@gmail.com) with your name and email address.

We will then contact you when we need help for BPNA events and you can respond if you're available. Thank you!

## August National Night Out a Success!

It was a beautiful evening. The food was outstanding. The conversation was fun. BPNA is grateful to the many residents who helped make the night special including the "hosts" of the three venues (appetizers at 22nd and G – **Roberta Franklin** and **Hal Edmonds**; entrees – **Susan Allair** and **Fred Hull**; desserts at the tot lot – **Carrie Pederson**), our many neighbors who came out to enjoy the night and our public officials who attended including **Councilman Steve Cohn**, **City Chief of Police Rick Brazier** and other city police officers.



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# Friends of the River Banks Dragonfly Adventure

Over 40 people came to learn about and observe dragonflies at the FORB event at Sutter's Landing in August. The dragonflies were present in limited numbers, but damselflies and cabbage white butterflies were abundant down by the river. There were several budding entomologists in the group who made spectacular catches (see photos). Dragonfly expert Greg Kareofelas Greg had lots of stories and information about the species present (did you know that dragonflies live for days on end in the upper atmosphere, catching bugs sent upward by the winds?) as well as about other insects. By Greg's count, there were a total of four different kinds of butterflies- Tiger swallowtail, Buckeyes, Cabbage Whites (what all the kids were catching) and *Pyrgus communis* (small gray skippers)—and five different dragonflies species: Green Darner, Blue Darner, Variegated Meadow hawk (found perched on barbed wire fences), the Spot winged Glider, and the Black Saddlebag. The most common damselfly out on the river (or caught by the kids) was the Familiar Bluet (*Enallagma civile*)

Last but not least, several moths of the *Sesia tibialis* species hovered around a small piece of pheromone-soaked plastic attached to Greg's belt. It is a moth that evolved to look like a wasp, protecting it from predators. Greg carries the patch in his trips around the world as part of a long-term research project on the moth.

Thanks to all the kids and adults who worked those nets, and thanks, especially, to Greg Kareofelas for sharing his time and expertise on a beautiful day.



## Supporting Our Neighborhood Schools

BPNA is supporting our neighborhood schools in several ways. We provided monetary assistance to Washington Elementary School during the last school year. This year we will also be providing a donation to Courtyard School for its garden and to Sutter Middle School for basic office paper needs.

We are also helping Washington Elementary School by donating prizes the kids choose in exchange for good behavior coupons. Monetary donations and purchased prizes such as fancy erasers, pens, pencils and other small prizes young kids love will be collected at the BPNA Spaghetti Dinner on September 10. All donations will help the school continue this beloved reward program. If you need suggestions for items to purchase, please call Roberta Franklin (444-8473). Cash donations will be provided to the school for direct purchase of prizes.

We will be partnering with each of the schools by notifying our neighbors about their special activities and events and notifying the schools of our events and special activities.



**FORB will have two events in September:**

**Yoga by the River on September 10th**

**Great American River Cleanup on September 17th**

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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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**The deadline for ads and copy for the October issue of Park Beat is September 15th by 5pm!**

## September Gardening Tips Talini's Nursery & Garden Center • 451-8150

September brings no shortage of activities to keep gardeners busy. With warm days and cool nights, **September is a prime month for planting, planning and renewing.**

Fall is a great time to shop for trees to add to the landscape. Most will begin changing colors later on this month.

**Perennials to plant this month include:** Coreopsis, Candytuft, Campanula, Delphinium, Dianthus, Foxglove, Penstemon, Phlox, Hollyhocks and Yarrow. Annuals planted now will last through winter and well into next spring. They include Pansies, Violas, Snapdragons and Stock. Got a sunny, dry spot? Try planting seeds of California Poppies now for a spring show.

**Planting cool season vegetables** this month will allow them to establish themselves before the days grow too short and the weather turns cold. Good choices to plant now include broccoli, cabbage, carrots, lettuce, kale, peas and spinach.

**Before planting** new shrubs, trees, vegetables or flowers, your soil could probably use some additional compost or organic mulch. Compost will supply enough nutrients for plants until the spring and will precondition the soil for spring plantings. Shrubs, trees, and groundcovers that are planted now will have time to get established before new growth begins next spring, and Mother Nature will take care of most of the watering for you.

**Early fall feeding helps to thicken and strengthen lawns**, which results in faster green up in spring and less weeds. Look for a fertilizer labeled fall/winter, which will have more slow release nitrogen, and extra

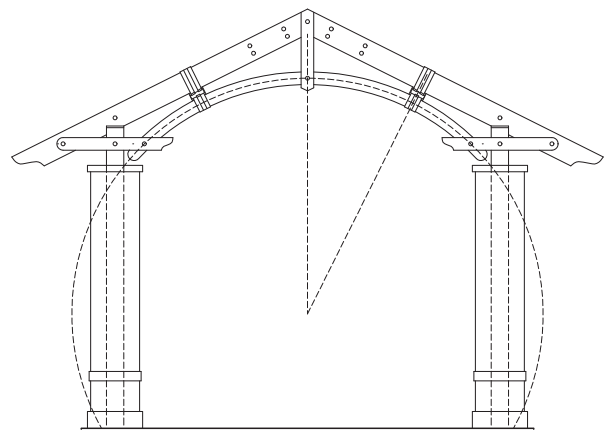
potassium to keep the lawn green through the fall. Another option is leaving clippings on the lawn. As they decompose, the nutrients will slowly be released back into the soil.

It may be tempting to do major pruning however, pruning at this time of year will stimulate new growth that will be vulnerable to winter cold. Keep the deadheading up on flowering perennials though.

**Spring flowering bulbs to plant this month** include Daffodils, Hyacinth, and Tulips. Hyacinth and Tulips can be refrigerated and planted in November. While this is not necessary, they will grow taller and bloom earlier if they are pre-chilled.

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## Looking for Park Beat Content

Upcoming events, topics of current interest, observations of the area around you – we are always looking for interesting material for *Park Beat*, your newsletter of the Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association. Please call or write Asha Jennings, *Park Beat* editor, at 803-7409 or [ashajennings@gmail.com](mailto:ashajennings@gmail.com).

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## Tips of the Month

Courtesy of Susanne Ventura

- Do not leave any information in your vehicles that identifies you and your address. Should your car be broken into, any materials of this nature can help criminals steal your identity. Criminals have ways of making fake California driver's licenses and checks and then cashing them, using your identity.
- Don't throw out leftover wine. Freeze it into ice cubes for future cooking when you only need a small amount for a recipe.
- Use a lint roller to clean up small shards of broken glass. After picking up the larger pieces by hand, roll the tacky tape of the lint roller to pick up the tiny shards.
- Avon's "Skin So Soft," in addition to keeping mosquitoes away is a mineral oil that cleans things such as sticky tag marks off plastic, ceramic and windows. This product is also great for removing gum from carpets.
- When you make cookies scoop some "extra" onto a tray and put in the freezer. When guests are arriving, put in the oven at the last minute for that fresh baked smell in the house of hot cookies.
- Some people think it's "cool" to remove the annual automobile registration sticker on your license plate and then use it themselves. After affixing the sticker to your car, put several razor slashes through the tag. It's not worth stealing, as it is harder to remove this way.

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