



PARK BEAT

The Pulse of Greater Boulevard Park

Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association # Box 163179, Sacramento 95816 # September 2018

Preservation Sacramento's 43rd Annual Home Tour (Sept. 16)

This year's Home Tour takes place in the Capitol Mansions Historic District, where six private homes will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 16. Participants also are encouraged to stroll around the neighborhood and take a look at the outsides of several other buildings of architectural and historic interest ("supplemental walking tour"). Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$30; they will cost \$35 on the day of the tour. Participants will pick up their wrist-bands (required for admission to the six houses) and an illustrated tour brochure at Preservation Sacramento's ticket booth in the parking lot at the northwest corner of 22nd Street and Capitol (starting at 9:30 a.m.). For more information, go to: <http://www.preservationsacramento.org/hometour/>

The six houses selected for the tour are all within walking distance of one another: 2219 L Street, 1215 24th Street, 2220 Capitol Avenue, 2209 Capitol, 2204 Capitol, and 1311 22nd Street. They belong to an important phase of this neighborhood's history—to the years when prominent businessmen, politicians, and physicians were eager to build homes for their families on this central boulevard, within sight of the State Capitol. All of the residences had a change in fortunes in the following decades, when rooms were rented out or converted to professional offices.

Despite the relocation or replacement of several historic homes, the neighborhood retains many buildings that represent some of the leading architectural styles of the late 1800s and early 1900s (the six houses on the tour were all built between 1898 and 1913). Furthermore, several groups of houses have survived intact, providing a record of the streetscapes that made this historic district one of the city's most desirable residential neighborhoods in the past.

Celebrate a Quarter Century of Pasta at our 25th Annual Spaghetti Dinner (Saturday, September 8)

Bar opens at 5 p.m.; dinner is served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association is once again hosting this popular event at Pete and Robyn Bramson's historic home at 2101 G Street (see the article on **page 4**). This is one of the best dining bargains in town: only **\$10** for adults and **\$5** for children ages 6-12 (*children ages 5 and younger eat for free*). Beer and wine cost \$3, soda costs \$1 (water is available at no charge). The fresh pasta, home-made sauces (both meat and vegetarian), leafy green salads, and sliced garlic bread are prepared and served by volunteers. For the dessert table, we welcome food donations from the diners—please bring a favorite treat to share.



In addition to good company and great food, the event offers old-style family recreation with rides around the block in a horse-drawn wagon (provided by Top Hand Ranch, starting around 5:30). The evening also includes the presentation of our annual award honoring an individual for outstanding service to the BPNA and our community. Please join us! Also, for the FULL spaghetti dinner experience, consider volunteering some of your time. Extra pairs of hands always are welcome (call Emily Herbert at **916-444-6690** if you are interested).

The McKinley Park “Water Vault” Project

As announced early last year, the City of Sacramento is proposing to build a large underground cistern beneath the east side of McKinley Park, where the George “Butter” Cole baseball field is located. Like similar vaults elsewhere in the city, it is intended to collect excess wastewater during a major rainstorm, when the existing sewer system is pressed beyond capacity. Because older parts of the city use a combined system (rather than a dual system) to convey both domestic wastewater and surface run-off, the underground vault is likely to receive sewage and wastewater along with surface water.

The project is controversial. Clearly some solution is needed for the street flooding that often occurs in the McKinley Park neighborhood during heavy storms. However, many residents are not convinced that the so-called “Water Vault” is the way to go. For example, it has been argued that a better solution to the problem would be a modern dual sewer system that handles sewage and surface water separately. At approximately two billion dollars (according to the City’s estimate), a new sewer system would be more expensive than the proposed cistern and, again according to the City, would take much longer to build (22 years as opposed to 1.5 years). Concerns also have been expressed about the impact of the entire construction project on both the neighborhood and the park (the baseball field, picnic areas, and jogging path on the east side of the park would be closed temporarily; mature trees will need to be removed; etc.). There was a public meeting about the project in August and another will be held in September.

For project information, FAQs, the April 18 Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), and public responses to the DEIR, go to: <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/Utilities/Sacramento-Water-Work/s/Wastewater-Project-Updates/McKinley-Water-Vault>

Send any questions to mckinleywatervault@cityofsacramento.org. Residents also may request notification of the release of the final EIR this Fall. Unless the project is delayed, construction is anticipated to begin in Spring of 2019 and to be completed within a year and a half.

SMUD Station E Project Update

The excavation and clearing of the site for the new electric substation on the other side of the Union Pacific railroad tracks (at the north end of C Street) have been underway for three months and are now expected to continue through October (Mondays through Fridays, 7 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.; Saturdays, as needed, from 7-3:30). The entire project, including construction of the substation itself, should be finished in 2020. Residents who would like more information about the project can go to SMUD’s Station E website (<https://www.smud.org/statione>). They also can ask to be added to SMUD’s email list for project updates and for announcements about public meetings. A meeting will be held later this year, after the construction contract is awarded and the contractor is on board.

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Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association purpose: The BPNA was 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 therefore Sacramento as a whole.

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Places to Go, People To See

Every Saturday:

Free Yoga in the Park: 9 a.m., McKinley Park. For information:

<http://yogamovesus.org/calendar-items/yoga-in-the-park-mckinley-park/>

Midtown Farmers' Market: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., 20th between J and L.

Sept. 1-3: Chalk It Up! Annual three-day festival, Fremont Park (16th and Q St). **Website:** <https://chalkitup.org/about/annual-festival/>

Sun., Sept. 2: 31st Annual Sacramento Rainbow Festival, 20th and K Streets (Noon-9 p.m.). **Website:** <http://sacrainbowfest.com>

Tues., Sept. 4: BPNA Board Meeting, open to BPNA members and other interested neighbors (6:30-8 p.m.). Contact Eric Knutson for location or to suggest agenda items.

Fri., Sept. 7: "First Friday Fun Flow": free yoga at Sutter's Fort State Park on the first Friday of each month, May through Sept. (6-7 p.m.)

Sat., Sept. 8: "Dragons and Damsels," with Greg Kareofelas. Friends of the River Banks event at Sutter's Landing (starting at 9 a.m.)

Sat., Sept. 8: Annual Spaghetti Dinner (starting at 5 p.m.). **See page 1.**

Sat., Sept. 8: Second Saturday ArtWalk. Galleries around town will be open to present individual and group shows of artists' work.

Website: <http://www.2ndsaturdaysacramento.com>

Sept. 8 and 9: 2018 Sac Open Studios (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.). More info

<http://www.vergeart.com/open-studios/visit-sac-open-studios/>

Sun., Sept. 9: Brazilian Day Sacramento, annual street festival on 20th Street between J and K Streets (1-7 p.m.). For information, go to:

<https://www.braziliandaysacfest.com>

Sept. 15 and 16: Sac Open Studios (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.). **See page 6.**

Sat., Sept. 15: "Medicine in the Old West," Old City Cemetery tour.

See: <https://www.historicoldcitycemetery.org/upcoming-events>

Sun., Sept. 16: Annual Historic Home Tours, sponsored by Preservation Sacramento (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.). See article on **page 1.**

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Tues., Sept. 25: National Voter Registration Day. For information, go to: <https://nationalvoterregistrationday.org/about/>.

Sept. 28 and 29: Farm-to-Fork Festival, Capitol Mall: Kick-off event on Fri., Sept. 28 (4-9 p.m.); full day of regional food, beverages, and live music on Sat., Sept. 29 (11 a.m. to 6 p.m.). See article on **page 5.**

Sept. 28 and 29: Second Annual Sacramento Outdoor Film Festival, Fremont Park (1515 Q Street; 5-10 p.m.; free admission; food and beverages will be sold on site). For more information, go to: <https://www.facebook.com/events/259566214652083/>

... *And, looking ahead to early October:*

Oct. 5 and 6: Second Annual Sacramento Outdoor Film Festival, Fremont Park (5-10 p.m.; free admission)

Oct. 5, 6, and 7: Annual Sacramento Greek Festival, 616 Alhambra Boulevard. **Website:** <http://sacramentogreekfestival.com>

Mills Act Historical Property Contract Program

Sacramento recently re-established this important economic incentive program that can make it financially easier for owners of qualified properties to restore and maintain their buildings. Under some circumstances, private individuals may receive property tax relief. The Mills Act Section of the City Code was amended to both clarify and streamline the process of applying for and obtaining a Mills Act Contract. For more information, go to the city website: <https://www.cityofsacramento.org/Community-Development/Planning/Urban-Design/Preservation/Mills-Act-Program>

Thanks & Thoughts After NNO

Despite the excessive heat and smoke of early August, many people came together for National Night Out this year. We are grateful for the neighborly collaboration of the Marshall School/New Era Park Neighborhood Association, sponsors of the dessert course (coordinated by Carrie Pederson). Our thanks go as well to the hosts of the two courses that preceded it—Suzie Johnston, who arranged for the *hors d'oeuvres*, and Fred Hull and Susan Allair, who shared their courtyard for the dinner that followed. We also want to acknowledge the BPNA members who helped with furniture storage, transport, set-up, and take-down before and after the event: Pete Bramson, Margaret Buss, Dave Herbert, Steven Johnston, Eric Knutson, Jennifer Knutson, and Catherine Turrill Lupi. Finally, thanks to all of the participants for their company and for the refreshments they brought to this popular potluck event. In the spirit of NNO, which is dedicated to making neighborhoods "safer, more caring places to live," we would like to remind everyone to be good neighbors, and to be aware of what is happening around their homes. Because there have been more crimes in Midtown recently, residents might consider setting up Neighborhood Watch groups. For tips on how to form this type of group, go to: <https://www.cityofsacramento.org/Police/Participate/Neighborhood-Watch>.

If you want to track Sacramento crime activity or find out why a helicopter is circling overhead, sign up for the Sac PD's e-mail notifications (<https://www.sacpd.org/stayinformed/enotify/>).