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Welcome Our New HPNA Board Members

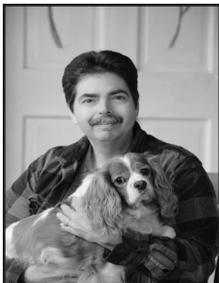


The Holiday Social was enjoyed by all! We shared tasty refreshments, good conversation and joined in electing our new Board of Directors. Our two new directors are Karla Fung and Jon Sevier. Re-elected members are Chantel Elder, Pat Pederson, John Reiger and Irene Wilson. Continuing HPNA Board Members are Ben Anders, Matt Bistis and Becky McReynolds.



Several members were acknowledged at the Holiday Social for their dedicated service in HPNA. Cindy Cunningham (above) has done an exceptional job as our secretary and web site liaison for the past two years. Pearl Schultz (upper right), was an active member of the Neighborhood Improvement Committee and has distributed Holiday Bows in Carlton Tract for the past eight years. She also participated in the plant sales, mistletoe removal, Ice Cream Social and Fourth of July Parade. Mike Walker (bottom), a member of the Newsletter Committee, delivered each issue of over 90 newsletters and flyers to homes for many years. Thank you all for your work in HPNA!





Words from the Prez!

Matt Bistis

As we usually do, this issue has been hand delivered only to current HPNA Members. That is just one of the many benefits for HPNA Members. Our membership dropped a little last year, and most activities require money (from your dues - a mere \$10/year). Let's all work to increase membership by inviting our neighbors to leap into the fun!

We're looking forward to another great year, with lots of activities and improved methods of communication regarding neighborhood issues. Some of these issues can affect you directly. For instance, did you know there have been raccoons in certain areas that may be a threat to your pets? Or that we've been occasionally locked out of the school fields which so many people enjoy for walks, sports and general family fun? We also had a temporary quarantine on plants due to an invasive moth.

We used to have a Safety Committee that looked into slowing traffic, and monitoring parking during school drop off and pickup times. With more volunteers, we can revive the committee and work towards positive solutions when problems occur.

Hollywood Park has been a great place to live and we want to keep it that way. The Board is working to this end, and we are thankful to the many loyal volunteers who pitch in when needed.

Speaking of the Board, let's welcome our two new Directors: Karla Fung and Jon Sevier. They both bring some great positive energy and new ideas and possess the kind of skills and experience I'm sure will be invaluable to HPNA.

I'm proud to continue as President this year and look forward to serving the community as we all work together to keep it one of the most desirable neighborhoods in Sacramento.

Lastly, here is another reminder to support your local businesses. That includes the Sunday Farmer's Market at 8th & W, where a photographer caught me (see the February edition of Inside The City, P. 15) on a very cold morning. More importantly, the article also mentions a new supermarket coming soon to our area.

Thanks, Matt

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Next street side pick up for containerized
yard waste customers is May 28-31.

Residents may report mosquito breeding sources,
such as abandoned swimming pools and ditches,
by calling (800) 429-1022. This can help prevent
West Nile virus in our area.

To find out more visit www.FightTheBite.net

2012 Hollywood Park Neighborhood Association Membership Form

Join us in making good things happen within our community.

Fill out the form below and bring it and \$10.00 to a membership meeting or add a check
payable to HPNA and mail it to: HPNA, PO Box 22278, Sacramento, CA 95822

Dues are \$10 per household, per calendar year for individual or family. Please make checks payable to HPNA.

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Membership is open to any person or family residing or owning a house or business within the boundaries of the Hollywood Park Neighborhood Association. Members are entitled to vote at HPNA meetings, become HPNA officers and serve on HPNA committees. Members will also receive our HPNA newsletter delivered to their home four times per year.

HPNA is a 501 (c) (4) nonprofit corporation.

Garden Light

By Valeriejeanne Anderson

A gardener's work is never done. Get those weeds while they are young and haven't gone to seed. Throw out some spring wildflower seed for quick early color while weeding. Divide the day lilies, agapanthus and other perennials to get better flowers this summer. Share the extra plants with neighbors at the HPNA garden exchange and sale. Work, work, work!

Get a jump on snails and slugs. As I totter around my garden refilling tuna cans with beer to trap them, I wonder if my neighbors think "Bless her heart, drinking again." I find non-alcoholic beer attracts snails best – more yeast, I guess.

It is last call to get spring bulbs into the ground. They may bloom late, but better late than never. Also, it's time to consider planting summer-blooming bulbs. Bulbs are so reliable, once they are planted in a spot they love. Just remember to feed them annually and divide them. They don't bloom well when crowded.

It is also time to think about spring and summer veggies! Do you have a spot in the garden with six hours of sun? That's perfect for growing your own healthy vegetables, berries, and salad greens. A raised bed will also help keep the garden warm and tidy. I am adding all those wonderful fall leaves, now turning a rich black, to the soil. Think about what you need to get that spot ready to grow your own nutrition. Now is the time to start seeds. Experiment indoors with tomatoes that are not available in the store like Violet Jasper. Sow seeds outdoors for crops of broccoli, greens and mesclun mix. If you have room for artichoke, rhubarb or asparagus, now is the time to plant those, too.

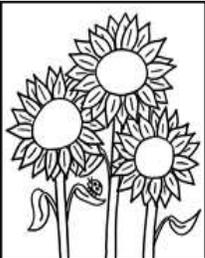
We just went through "Juneuary" and La Nina seems to be intent on holding back the rain. So, while digging, I am re-contouring my gardens to catch any extra water. I find pulling the soil up higher next to the walkway makes an even surface and eliminates a tripping spot. This makes an indentation in the center of the garden that can become a puddle. But, puddles are good. The water has time to slowly soak in and allow deeper water penetration, as well as renew the underground aquifer. I changed the center plantings to iris and other plants that will not rot, and now water on my sidewalk drains into the garden and not the street. This will be especially important when hot summer days return.

How is your watering system? Now is a good time to check irrigation systems for leaks or bad sprinkler heads. Repairs now may save plants once the hot summer returns, and replacement parts are plentiful.

Need a quick low bouquet for the dining table? Pick some succulent "flowers" and arrange them in a low vase or bowl with no water. Add a center candle if you wish. The plants will last quite a while, and after about 5 days (when the cut stem has "healed over") each one will root in damp potting soil. No waste! I call them recycled bouquets.

Happy gardening!

Do you have questions about Hollywood Park's History or Gardening?



Quite often we're asked, "When was our neighborhood built?" or "What will grow in my yard?" Two volunteers have offered to answer questions on the history of the neighborhood and local gardening. You will find Val Anderson and Kathy Duncan at a table in the back of the room at our general meetings. If you have a question, take it to them! If they don't have an answer, they will try to find one and get back to you.

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NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Winners of the 2011 Holiday Decorating Contest

*The 3 judges of the contest had a difficult time
picking only three homes!*

*****THE WINNERS*****

*The Kevin Schultz Family on 16th Avenue
The Cherman Family on Irvin Way
The Bonifield Family on Harte Way*

*Each winner will receive a gift certificate purchased by the HPNA from
one of our neighborhood businesses.*

Maybe this could be your house in 2012!

Thank you to our Volunteers!

The Board of Directors extends a big thank you to all the volunteers who work so hard every year to make HPNA a successful organization with many activities for our residents. We encourage others to volunteer and meet their neighbors, because this is how we keep our community connected.

Committees and events that always need volunteers include:

Newsletter and Newsletter Distribution, Neighborhood Improvement, Business, Ice Cream Social, Fourth of July Parade, Mega Yard Sale, Holiday Lamp Pole Decorating, Refreshments, Web site and National Night Out.

Our volunteers who make it happen:

Val Anderson, Ben Anders, Toshi Akiyama, Artemio Armenta, Eloise and Matt Bistis, Heather Bowdish, Mike Bowdish, Cindy Cunningham, Barbara Cox, Shirley Cabrera, Nicolette Caperello, Wanda Christensen, Catherine Duncan, Evelyn and Ted Dowell, Chantel Elder, Mike Essery, Mitzi Eiri, David Fraga, Lois Gray, Mary Giebel, John Gomez, Phil Guidera, Sandy Hampton, Cindi, Merle and Kenzie Jones, Edna Johnson, Mary Kennedy, Patrick Kennedy, Debbie Keller, Gina and Chris Knepp, Mike Kubota, George Lee, Cecelia Longera, Joan and Tomio Masaki, Jo Matranga, Elizabeth and Eric Miura, Becky McReynolds, Christopher and Tom McGinnes, Linda Oliveras, Pat Pederson, Sue Pezone, John Reiger, Janelle Rattigan, Charles Rainoldi, Bev Richardson, Mona Royster, Randy Rubiales, Blake Rushworth, Carolyn and Bob Rutherford, Kathy Spitzer, Mike Saab, Joseph Sapsis, Pearl Schultz and family, Andrea Sexton, Sarah Schubert, Jon Sevier, Traci and Juan Torres, Val and Peter Turella, Kathy and Steve Twibell, Delores and Vincent Valdez, Lisa and Terry Viega, Tim Weisbeck, Irene Wilson, Dennis Wright and any others whose names we have missed.

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<http://www.facebook.com/groups>

Hollywood Park School Events

Hollywood Park School and Leonardo da Vinci School, Spring Vacation - April 2- April 6

St. Robert School
452-2111, 2251 Irvin Way
Saturday, March 17th

St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance, 6:00 p.m. - midnight \$15- adults, \$7.50-children, call 424-4313

Friday, May 18- Annual Country Fair, 3-7:45pm, food, games, student performances

Local Community Events

Centennial United Methodist Church
5401 Freeport Blvd. 452-4477
March 21 and June 10th:

The West Sacramento Community Orchestra will perform a concert, at 7:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall,

This event is free.

Saturday, April 21st:

Community Health Fair, food, entertainment and free screenings, 10-2 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Saturdays

Zumba Exercise class, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall
Free Community Lunch every 4th Saturday at noon

Join us for fun, fellowship and food!

<http://www.centennialumc.com>

Nichiren Buddhist Church,
456-8371, 5191 24th St.

Saturday-Sunday, June 9 & 10

Summer Food Bazaar, food, dance performances, music and games.

11-5 p.m. Call 428-8142 for more information

Sacramento Zoo

Saturday, April 7th

Earth Fest and Rummage Sale, 9-4 p.m.

Join in games, crafts and activities all day long, proceeds benefit conservation efforts

Sunday, April 15th

Zoo Zoom, Thousands of runners will join together to raise funds for the zoo. 5K, 10k, and "Kids Fun Run"

www.saczoo.org

Sacramento Police Department Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Police Headquarters on Freeport Blvd. March 22, 2012

Email Barbara Falcon for time and details at

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Urban Raccoons

Cute or a nuisance?

Well, from a dog's perspective, Raccoons are annoying masked creatures that enter my yard, eat my food and encourage a good chase! On occasion they have been ready for a fight, but since I'm bigger, they wisely choose to hit the road. However, that was not the case for a smaller neighborhood dog. He was attacked by the raccoon, taken up over a fence and was luckily rescued by a neighbor. He did survive, but was badly injured. This is not the first we've heard of raccoons attacking small dogs and cats if challenged in our hood.

These raccoons have gotten smart. They have adapted to living on the urban streets, eating trash, small animals, dog food and sometimes food humans leave especially for them. That's not a good thing! Raccoons are strong and they are problem solvers. They can open latches, open doors and remove lids. They also like attics, chimneys and crawl spaces under your house, so keep the doors on the crawl spaces secure. Do not try to remove a raccoon on your own. Raccoons carry rabies and other diseases. If you are bit or scratched, seek treatment right away.

Here are some tips from: <http://simonesmith.hubpages.com/hub/How-do-You-Get-Rid-of-Raccoons>, by Simone Smith

- Keep all food waste locked up once you dispose of it outside of your home.
- Get a magnet locking cat door • Get motion detectors that set off lights: This is a convenient feature for deterring uninvited humans as well as raccoons - unfortunately, the raccoons will quickly get more bold and stop caring, so this should not be your one and only measure.
- Generally batten down the hatches: Make sure that your attic and chimney are sealed off to prevent raccoons from sneaking in, and check for any other structural weaknesses or holes in your home that might make it possible for raccoons to edge in.

Also, if you have cats or small dogs that are outside at night, make sure they are not caged. If they have an outside bed, make sure they have an escape route. Most fights occur over food, so please feed your animals indoors and keep them safe inside at night.



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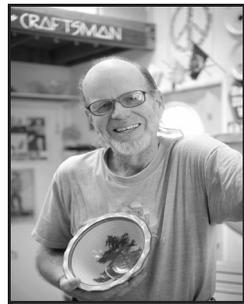
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Local Businesses in the News

By John C. Reiger
Business Committee

We have four new business members: **Tech Hero** offers computer technical support for those of us who are not technical wizards. Check him out at www.tech-hero.com. **Avon** products are available through Jan Jett, who can be reached at 916-457-5224. We also have a very talented wood sculptor in the neighborhood, **Adam Bradley (DAB Art)** who creates masterful art in his 4701 24th Street studio, it's best to call him (775-292-1979) to make sure he's there before you stop by and **Christina Maradik** (916-524-2754) who offers a number of musical services including Viola-Violin Lessons, and Classical Music for Events.

A number of economic gurus seem to be upbeat about the prospects for this year. There are many small hints that 2012 will be better than the last few dismal years. I'm sure you share my wish that we are indeed coming out of the recession. While there is not a lot that each of us individually can do about speeding a recovery, we can speed the recovery of local businesses by shopping in our own neighborhood. If you start looking around you will be surprised at the range of things that are available right here, no need to go gallivanting around town or fighting the mobs at the big box stores.

Sunflower Farmers' Market is still planning to open a supermarket this year in the shopping center across from the Sacramento Zoo. This Colorado-based chain tries to work with local farmers to offer locally grown foods. It will be nice to have a second super market option near by even if they are not exactly next door.

Look for the ads in this newsletter for our new and old business members. Find all our business members on our web site www.hollywoodpark95822.org - click on "membership" then "business members."

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