



## PARK BEAT

*The Pulse of Greater Boulevard Park*

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### Message from the 2009 BPNA Chair

Each December for the past four years, I have written an article thanking the outgoing Board members for all of their work. However, this year is a little different, as I am one of those outgoing Board members. After five years on the BPNA Board, I have decided not to run again. It has been such a great experience and has given me the opportunity to meet so many of my neighbors, for which I am very thankful. Each year I have had an opportunity to serve with a great group of people, and this year's board was another great team.

**Hal Edmonds** took on the goal this year to have a BPNA website created and up by the end of this year. Well, now we have a website that we can use for many years to come ([www.boulevardparkna.org](http://www.boulevardparkna.org)).

For the third year in a row, **Sally Flory-O'Neil** organized an amazing spaghetti dinner. Sally has done so much for BPNA over the years, from her dedicated service on the Green Thumb brigade, to working closely with the Board for the incorporation of BPNA, to arranging for liability insurance to protect the Board and its members, and, finally, to chairing the Nominating Committee for next year's Board.

**Margaret Buss** and **Catherine Turrill** worked with SOCA when Boulevard Park was chosen to be the site of this year's Annual Home Tour that over 600 people attended!

**Marc de la Vergne** and his wife Angela will be hosting this year's Holiday Party and also hosted the dinner for docents, volunteers, and home-owners after the SOCA tour.

**Dave Philipp** contributed several articles to the monthly newsletter on current real estate issues in our area.

This year we had another great board. We bonded and worked well together, and I want to thank outgoing members Sally, Dave, Marc and even myself for the fun we shared and for all they (we!) contributed to the quality of our neighborhood.

*I am leaving the BPNA Board knowing that we have a dedicated group of neighbors running for the 2010 Board who will bring new values and views about what is best for Boulevard Park – which I consider the best neighborhood in Sacramento, and of which I am proud to be a part.*

*Rob Sperling*

### Annual BPNA Holiday Party

## Saturday, December 12

### 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., 610 22nd Street

It's that time of year again, time to get out the decorations and put the **BPNA Holiday Party** on your calendar. This year we'll be enjoying the hospitality of **Marc and Angela**

**de la Vergne** at their historic home at 610 22nd Street, between F and G Streets. A brass quartet will play your holiday favorites. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share (*whether appetizer, main course, or a dessert*) and a favorite festive beverage. If you are planning to visit the midtown art galleries during the Second Saturday Art Walk that evening, be sure to include the Holiday Party in your itinerary.

Marc and Angela moved into this landmark home in 2001, where they are raising their son Evan and expecting identical twins in March. The house was built in 1912, seven years after Wright and Kimbrough began selling lots in Boulevard Park. Its first owner was Thomas Madeley, founder and treasurer of the California Fruit Exchange. He lived in the house until his death in about 1929. His neighbor, Wilson C. Walker, General Manager of the Pacific Fruit Exchange, lived next door at 614 22nd Street. Thomas's wife Alice continued to live in the house until the mid-1950's.

As California agriculture transitioned from wheat and grains to fruits and nuts in the early twentieth century, the fruit exchanges emerged to provide marketing and shipping services for growers. Over 85% of the fruit and nuts grown in California at that time came from within a 90-mile radius of Sacramento. Three major exchanges that emerged in these years were the California Fresh Fruit Exchange (Blue Anchor), Pioneer Fruit Exchange, and Pacific Fruit Exchange. Walker and Madeley are featured as businessmen and homeowners in the book, *Sacramento's Boulevard Park*.

Featured as the "Historic Home" in the September 2009 issue of *Park Beat*, the de la Vergne house is unusual in its Mission Revival details, such as the deep-arched entrance porch and the upper parapet wall, that were applied to the typical Colonial Revival four-square house design. The bay windows are another style variant not usually found in Mission Revival houses. The cement finish was very modern for 1912 when this house was built.

## Places to go, people to see

**December 3 – Sacramento Neighborhood Services Holiday Reception “Reaching Neighbors Far and Wide”** – 5:30-7:30 p.m., New City Hall, 915 I Street. *For more details or to RSVP, call 808-6789 or email [vjones@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:vjones@cityofsacramento.org).*

**December 12 – Annual BPNA Holiday Party** – 6:00-9:00 p.m., 610 22nd Street. *See details on page 1.*

**December 12 – 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).*

**December 10 – BPNA Board Meeting** – 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Contact Rob Sperling at 444-8147 for location and to add items to the agenda. *Open to BPNA members and other interested neighbors.*

**December 12 – Sacramento Preservation Roundtable** – 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Schoolhouse Museum, 1200 Front Street Old Sacramento. The roundtable will feature a presentation by the director of Regional Transit. *For further information, visit the SOCA website at [sacoldcity.org](http://sacoldcity.org).*

**December 15 – Copy and Ad Deadline for January issue of Park Beat.** To submit articles and calendar entries, email Asha Jennings at [ashajennings@gmail.com](mailto:ashajennings@gmail.com) or call her at 803-7409. To place an ad, call Rob Sperling at 444-8147.

**December 21 – Area 1 Neighborhood Advisory Group (NAG) Meeting** – 6:15 to 8:30 p.m., Hart Senior Center, 27th & I Streets. Contact Janine Martindale at 808-8193 or at [jmartindale@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:jmartindale@cityofsacramento.org) for information.

**December 19 – Green Thumb Brigade** – 9:00-11:00 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 [sallyfo@hotmail.com](mailto:sallyfo@hotmail.com) 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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## SEASONAL ACTIVITIES IN MIDTOWN

Sacramento may lack the essential white ingredient to be a winter wonderland, but the **Midtown Business Association (MBA)** is doing its best to provide the right ambiance for a thriving holiday spirit.

On November 20, a **brand-new ice skating rink** hosted by the MBA and co-sponsored by Councilman Steve Cohn, Bell Brothers Heating and Air Conditioning, Harv’s Car Wash, Heller Pacific, and California Pizza Kitchen was inaugurated on 20th Street between J and K Streets. The rink will be open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (*November 20-January 18*). Fees include \$2.00 for skate rental, \$5.00 admission for children 12 and under, and \$8.00 for adults. As a special holiday treat, **Victorian Noël**, a four-person ensemble who dress in Victorian-style costumes and sing Christmas carols a cappella style, will perform on the ice rink’s stage from 6 until 8:00 p.m. on **Saturday, December 19**.

On every weekend from November 28 through December 21, **Santa’s Toy Shoppe** will be open for business in suite 70 at 1801 L Street. Admission is \$3.00 per child (under 12 years old) with a toy donation, or \$5.00 without one (adults accompanying children are admitted free of charge). The Shoppe also is a donation location for the “Good Day to Give” campaign. *For more details, including information about volunteering at the Toy Shoppe, visit the MBA website at [www.mbasac.com/midtownbusinessassociation](http://www.mbasac.com/midtownbusinessassociation).*

Other MBA-sponsored events include the **Midtown Parade of Lights** at 6:00 pm on December 5 and a “**Skate with Santa**” event at the ice rink on December 23 from 6-8:00 pm. *For more information about these and other holiday events in midtown, visit [www.ExploreMidtown.org](http://www.ExploreMidtown.org).*

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# Prospective 2010 BPNA Executive Board Candidates Presented to the General Membership

As required by the By-Laws of BPNA, the ad hoc Nomination Committee – composed this year of **Pete Bramson, Liz Edmonds and Sally Flory-O'Neil** – has prepared a slate of prospective candidates for the 2010 Executive Board. The following residents, all BPNA members in good standing, are recommended by the Nomination Committee to fill the four vacant positions on the seven-person Board: Asha Jennings, Tom Martens, Julianne Richards, and Greg Smith. The three 2009 Executive Board members who have volunteered to continue to serve are Margaret Buss, Hal Edmonds, and Catherine Turrill.

The election of the 2010 Executive Board Members will take place either on January 6 or on January 13, 2010, at the General Membership Meeting to be held at the Ethel Hart Center from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Unfortunately, because the Hart Center is unable to confirm the room's reservation prior to December 1 (*after publication of the December issue of Park Beat*), the date of the General Meeting will be announced on the BPNA website as soon as it is set, and also will be included in the January 2010 issue of *Park Beat*. **The biographies of the seven candidates are below.**

## BPNA Board Candidate Statements

### Margaret Buss

I moved into Boulevard Park in 1990, attracted by the fine old houses, beautiful tree canopy, and lively urban mix. The neighborhood when I arrived already had a strong sense of community but was still dealing with dumping on the 21st and 22nd Street medians and in the alleys, drug dealing, and prostitution, not to mention high volumes of speeding traffic. I have seen the neighborhood pull together to deal with these problems and more, and have watched with pleasure as it developed into an ever more attractive place for families, while still providing that lively urban diversity of residents and businesses.

I was one of the original members of the then newly re-formed BPNA, later serving on the Board for several years both as a Board member and as Chair. I remained an active member of BPNA, volunteering for the annual Yard Sale, Spaghetti Dinner, and graffiti clean-up. I have been a Newsletter Block Captain since BPNA's inception, and, as one of the founding members of the Green Thumb Brigade, have worked as a member of that small but valiant crew since 1997. Having served on the Board last year, I would like to continue on the Board this coming year, working on issues important to the neighborhood and the Central City.

### Hal Edmonds

It has been my privilege to serve as a member of the Board of BPNA for the past three years. During that time, I have co-chaired the annual Spaghetti Dinner and the Holiday Party and served as block captain for the distribution of the *Park Beat* newsletter. I also began the initiative to incorporate BPNA as a non-profit, assisted by the law firm of Banks and Watson led by BPNA member Larry Watson. The incorporation was completed this year. I also led the effort to develop our new BPNA web site, which went on line during the summer of 2009.

My wife Liz and I moved into midtown in 1976, and have lived in our house on 22nd Street for over 28 years. We have raised three boys here, all of whom attended local public schools before going on to college. I operate a business in Alkali Flat, a short bike ride from home. Before starting my own business, I developed and ran a jobs training program for the City and County of Sacramento. Over the years I have been involved in a number of organizations in the community, having served on the boards of the National Alliance for Business, the Volunteers of

America, the East Sacramento Little League, Blue Cross of California and the California HealthCare Foundation, and am a retired Captain in the U.S. Naval Reserve. I believe we need to be active and vigilant in protecting the unique living environment we enjoy here in Boulevard Park, and would appreciate your vote for another term on the BPNA Board.

### Asha Jennings

When I moved back to Sacramento in 2003, I chose to make my home in Boulevard Park. It did not take long for me to realize what a wonderful community this is and I soon bought my first home on 22nd and E Streets. I was initially attracted to the neighborhood by the beautiful architecture and tree-lined streets, but there is so much more to appreciate behind the scenes. I value the diversity of our neighborhood and the strong sense of community we have.

I first became involved with BPNA when I volunteered to be the *Park Beat* newsletter editor in 2006. It has been a rewarding experience to edit our neighborhood newsletter every month and let everyone know of both upcoming events and BPNA's interesting history. I hope to expand my involvement through a position on the BPNA board this year. I value the role of BPNA in fostering a sense of community through bringing neighbors together and promoting our neighborhood's interests. I hope to continue to encourage the pride we take in our unique neighborhood. I still live on 22nd Street with my husband Jim and I work as an attorney in Sacramento. I have been a volunteer for the American Diabetes Association for twenty years and have served on the planning committee for the Tour de Cure since 2004. I am excited to be running for the BPNA board and would appreciate your vote.

### Tom Martens

My wife Lorna and I have lived in Boulevard Park for the past 11 years. From the moment we arrived and were warmly welcomed by our 22nd Street neighbors we knew that this neighborhood was something special. Like you, I have come to regard Boulevard Park as the best and most distinctive neighborhood in Sacramento. Neighborhoods matter – they are the most basic community environments that affect and generate our quality of life.

As the City of Sacramento continues with development and redevelopment it will be increasingly important for our community to remain involved and engaged with the business community and local government. I want

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## BPNA Board Candidate Statements, cont.

Midtown to continue as the place where funky one-of-kind stores and restaurants can prosper and everything I need is accessible by foot or bike, where I can meet and greet passers-by from my front porch, and where families can thrive and diversity is celebrated. Living in a place steeped with history has brought me a new appreciation and awareness of the value of preservation. It goes beyond just preserving and restoring the grand house that we feel privileged to live in – it also extends to preserving Boulevard Park as a sustainable community.

I've been peripherally involved in a number of the ongoing Boulevard Park community events in the past and at this point in my life I'm ready to be more engaged in the larger planning and promotion of Boulevard Park's "community" spirit. I believe a community like ours does not just happen - it takes commitment, engagement and intention. As a High School Principal, in the Elk Grove Unified School District, I have worked on a number of a community-based educational projects with a focus on shared outcomes. It would be my pleasure to serve on the BPNA Executive Board and I would appreciate your support.

### Julianne Richards

I moved to Sacramento in July 1968, after completing four years at the University of California, Davis where I majored in history but had a true liberal arts education. Eight years later, drawn by the old houses and beautiful trees that reminded me of my childhood, I decided to make Midtown my home. I lived in the Marshall School Neighborhood for almost 20 years and played an active role in the movement against the expansion and intrusion into the neighborhood of Sutter Hospital and its satellite buildings. I was active in the Sacramento Old City Association and held several offices in that organization, including President, Vice President, and Home Tour Chair. I have been a volunteer or a house captain for the SOCA Home Tour almost every year since then. Other volunteer activities have included Habitat for Humanity, the original Midtown "traffic calming" committee, and the Sacramento Jazz Jubilee. I have lived in the Boulevard Park Neighborhood for almost 14 years. Although I have not played an active role in the BPNA, I have routinely volunteered for the annual Spaghetti Dinner.

I love Midtown and its ambience. I love the old houses and the trees. I love being able to take the bus to work. I love walking to breakfast on Sunday mornings and walking to visit my friends. I love that people sit on their front porches and socialize with their neighbors. I love the vast cross-section of cultures and interests. Midtown has been my home for over 30 years and I hope that it will be for a long time to come. Because it is my home, I would like to become more involved in the neighborhood and the efforts to enhance and protect the qualities that make Boulevard Park, Midtown, and the Central City such a wonderful place to live. Also, as a renter and an advocate for affordable housing, I feel that I can contribute a perspective to the board that will augment efforts to encourage all neighbors to participate in our membership and activities. I would deeply appreciate the opportunity to be involved in the BPNA Board and ask for your support.

### Greg Smith

I was easily lured to midtown by my beloved in 2004 from Woodland, where I had lived since 1986. We were married in 2005, and promptly began remodeling our Boulevard Park house. In late 2008, we agreed we had not done things quite right, and remodeled our master bedroom for the second time.

I appreciate the strong sense of community in, and the friendly neighbors of, Boulevard Park. My wife, Karen, and I have volunteered at the BPNA spaghetti dinner the last couple of years, have attended meetings of the BPNA, listened to concerts at Grant Park, and have watched fireworks on the Boulevard. I have helped out BPNA by delivering the monthly newsletter for the last few years.

Karen and I both work in "the grid" (as we call the area bounded by the American River and the freeways). I am a program manager for the California Department of Water Resources, coordinating statewide hydrologic data. I take pleasure in riding my bike to work. I regularly play squash at Rio Del Oro Racquet Club, and was the czar of the Sacramento Valley Squash League for four years in the early 1990s.

I enjoy the seasons of Sacramento, the August nights as well as the January storms. Karen and I delight walking around the neighborhood beneath the tree canopy at all times of the day and night, dipping our feet in the American River, and patronizing the businesses in midtown. We recently acquired a plot in a local community garden, and look forward to its bounty.

I have been a member of the Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association since 2006. While living in Boulevard Park, we have made many good friends. We are proud to call Boulevard Park home. I would like to serve on the board and continue to get to know my neighbors and strengthen our community.

### Catherine Turrill

I moved to Sacramento when I joined the fulltime faculty at California State University in 1995, and settled immediately in the Boulevard Park neighborhood. Quite frankly, this part of midtown was one of the things that attracted me to Sacramento. Never a confirmed automobile owner, I was delighted to find such a comfortable neighborhood within an easy bus or bicycle-ride of my job and gladly handed over my car and its keys to my youngest sister. After renting an apartment in an early 20th-century four-plex on 19th Street for four years, I found a gently-used bungalow of about the same vintage on 22nd Street and plunged into home ownership (although, really, I now think it is the reverse: the home owns me!).

Although I am a specialist in Italian Renaissance art and teach the European art history classes at Sacramento State, I have a long-standing interest in American architecture (it was one of my specialties as a graduate student at the University of Delaware). I am actively involved with the annual home-tours sponsored by the Sacramento Old City Association. I have enjoyed doing house research for the SOCA home-tours, BPNA's monthly newsletter, and my own records (tracking the ownership of my house, which was built for a Southern Pacific Railroad employee in about 1906, was great fun). I have been a member of the BPNA Board since January 2007 and served as secretary in 2009.

When not delving into the libraries and archives of Sacramento, I am pursuing research on Renaissance artists in the museums, libraries, and archives of Florence, Italy, where I also taught a new art history course for the CSU system last summer. For the past several years I have been reconstructing the career and art production of the first well-known female painter of Florence, Plautilla Nelli, currently the subject of a small exhibition in her native city, "Pray for the Paintress." Our second book on her, *Plautilla Nelli, 1524-1588: The Painter-Prioress of Renaissance Florence*, was published by Syracuse University Press last year.

## BPNA Board of Directors 2009

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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.*

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## News from Friends of the River Banks

By Catherine Turrill

The **Friends of the River Banks** have enjoyed some memorable activities this fall. Many adults and children gathered together on our neighborhood "beach" – the sandy strand along the south side of the American River at Sutter's Landing—and shared stories, music, crafts, and splashing on a sunny October morning. Rick Adams, a museum cultural specialist from the Maidu Interpretive Center, led the group in song and dance, using clap-sticks. They also wove and launched miniature pine-needle canoes, dabbed their faces with river ochre, reveled in the autumn colors, and watched an otter family frolic in the water. White-tailed Kites did an air-show "flutter dance" directly above the group, followed by over a dozen Canada Geese that flew up river in their classic V-formation. The only absent guests at this year's Salmon Day Celebration were the salmon themselves, although sightings of sea lions on other mornings suggest they might have been there all along, lurking beneath the water's surface.

November's outing celebrated the wild mushroom. Daryl Lindsey, an amateur mycologist, helped participants identify about five different kinds of mushroom and fungus. So successful was this event, attracting several new participants, that plans are afoot for a possible excursion by Light Rail to Folsom, where a different substrate supports different varieties of mushroom. Tentatively scheduled for December, the Folsom fungus trip would be open to all and will be confirmed by e-mail (see the contact information at the end of this article).

Neighbors also are welcome to join FORB for a spontaneous celebration of the new decade on January 1, 2010. As in past years, the gathering will begin around 9:00 a.m. just below Sutter's Landing. Hot beverages and homemade oatmeal cookies will be provided. Final details will be confirmed by e-mail. Finally, projecting further ahead, a bird watchers' walk led by a member of the Audubon Society is planned for Saturday, February 13. More details will be printed in that month's issue of *Park Beat*.

*For more information about any FORB events, or to be added to the e-mailing list, please contact Laurie Litman at llitman@pacbell.net.*

Unless otherwise announced, all FORB events start at 9:00 a.m. at Sutter's Landing Park, the north end of 28th Street by the skateboard park. All ages are welcome. To make the event more enjoyable for everyone, please be on time, leave your dog at home, and bring a change of clothes, water and a little snack for children.

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Friends of the River Banks is pleased to be partnering with Friends of Grant Park to encourage people, especially families and children, to enjoy and appreciate wildlife and to spend time with nature. These events are funded by First 5 Sacramento, which uses Prop 10 tobacco tax funds to support the healthy development of children ages 0 to 5. Additional information about the First 5 Sacramento Commission is online at [www.First5Sacramento.net](http://www.First5Sacramento.net) or by calling 876-5865.

## Putting the Zip in Sacramento

By Margaret Buss

You may have read in the *Sacramento Bee* a month or so ago about the ZipCar car-sharing program having come to Davis, sponsored by the University. UC Medical Center is using the same contract with ZipCar to bring a vehicle to Sacramento early next year, and intends to put it in a midtown location.

The principle is simple: you pay a one-time membership fee, in this case \$25. You then pay an additional fee annually, in this case, \$50. In exchange, you get a card key or, if you prefer, an iPod application, that allows you to reserve and use a ZipCar at any location anywhere in the world, for a set hourly rate. Here that rate would be \$8.00 per hour, gasoline and insurance included. The ZipCar website, [www.zipcar.com](http://www.zipcar.com), has more information on locations in other cities.

AAA calculated the cost of owning and driving a small sedan in 2008 was \$6,320.00 per year, or \$526.66 per month, not including parking costs. By contrast, a ZipCar membership would cost \$4.16 per month, once you have paid the one-time \$25.00 fee. If you live and work in the Central City, get around mostly by foot, bicycle or public transit, but might want a car for once-a-week grocery shopping trip or doctor's appointment of two to three hours, you would pay a fifth or less of the price of owning a car, with none of the risks or depreciation.

ZipCar is a great flexible option for anyone who doesn't own a car, for couples who only own one car, or for those who would like the convenience of using ZipCars in other cities. UC Medical Center is sponsoring one car; as more people sign up for membership, ZipCar will add more cars to the available pool. Stay tuned to the Park Beat as the details of the midtown location are finalized after the beginning of the year – it could be one more amenity that makes life in the Central City more livable.

## General Membership Meeting to be held in January

BPNA's first general membership meeting of 2010 will be held at the Hart Senior Center on either the first or second Wednesday of January (the 6th or 13th, 7:00-8:30 pm). Once confirmed, the final date will be posted on the BPNA website – [www.boulevardparkna.org](http://www.boulevardparkna.org) – and also announced in an article in the January issue of *Park Beat*.

Attendance at general meetings is essential for sustaining your status as a BPNA member in "good standing," and the January meeting is particularly important because this is when active members can participate in the selection of the seven members of the Executive Board (*see the article and candidates' profiles on pages 3 and 4*). Members in good standing must have paid their dues within thirty days of the January meeting (pending a confirmation of that date, the deadline for dues payment will be either December 6 or 12, 2009), and must have attended at least three meetings or events of the BPNA in the previous twelve months (these events include the annual yard sale, spaghetti dinner, and holiday party).

In addition to the election, the general meeting will include other items of interest to everyone in the neighborhood. The agenda still is being discussed, but we know that representatives of both the New Era Community Garden and the Alchemist Community Development Corporation will be making presentations about their projects (the Alchemist CDC has helped organize two urban farm stands in Sacramento). The New Era Community Garden was the topic of an article in the August issue of *Park Beat*; for more information about urban farm stands, visit [www.urbanfarmstand.org](http://www.urbanfarmstand.org).

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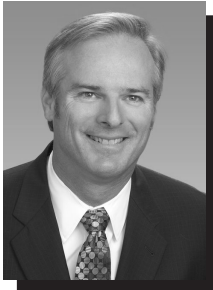
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We have been so fortunate to work with Grady for many years. He printed the 1,200 copies of the *Park Beat* newsletter for us each and every month. We will miss his warm personality and generous nature. According to former *Park Beat* newsletter editor Jon Marshack, "Grady always went the extra mile for his customers. There were times when he surprised us with free newsletter folding or assembly services when we thought we'd save money by doing those jobs ourselves, or providing rush printing for no extra charge when we were late getting him our originals. He approached every job with a smile." **He is a great friend to BPNA and was invaluable in making sure we were able to share the neighborhood news every month in *Park Beat*.**

***We wish him all the best as he embarks on new adventures!***

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## Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association Membership Form

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P.O. Box 163179, Sacramento, CA 95816-9179

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**New Member**       **Renewing Member**       **Yes! I want to help. Call me.**

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