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BPNA General Meeting January 30, 2012 ✧ 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. ✧ Capital Stage, 2215 J Street

Our January General Meeting will be held on Monday, January 30th. We will have the election of the 2012 BPNA Board of Directors (see their candidate statements on pages 3 and 4). This year's meeting will be at Capital Stage at 2215 J Street. Capital Stage is a not-for-profit local theater company that recently moved to J Street from the Delta King. Jonathan Williams and Stephanie Gulate from Capital Stage joined us at last year's January General Meeting and talked about their upcoming (at that time) move to J Street from the Delta King. They are now open at their new location and well into the 2011-2012 performances (more information at www.capstage.org).

We have a great line-up of speakers scheduled for the meeting. Councilmember Robert King Fong, our new Councilmember after redistricting, will be talking about City activities and taking questions. Sacramento Police Department Captain Ken Bernard will speak about general crime issues in our neighborhood and hearing any questions or concerns you may have. And, the Sacramento Office of Emergency Services will give a presentation about how you can effectively prepare for emergencies and floods.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Yes, We Can Still NAG

The NAG (Neighborhood Advisory Group) is one of four community meetings set up by the city in the 90s to provide an important forum for residents, businesses, neighborhood and other community organizations to discuss issues with city and county staff, and for the city to do public outreach on new policies and proposed developments. The NAG has met monthly at the Hart Center, 27th & I Streets, for two decades, but deep cuts to the city budget threatened the city's participation in the NAG as well as community forums elsewhere in the city. However, thanks to donations by several neighborhood associations, including BPNA, and by the Capital Area Development Authority (CADA) which finds the NAG a useful forum for public outreach, the NAG will be able to meet at the Hart Center for two more meetings, Monday, January 23rd, and Monday, March 19th. To cut costs, the NAG will meet every other month instead of monthly to cut costs, and will be looking for another venue in the midtown area. If you'd like to be on the email list to get agendas in advance, contact Derrick Lim of Neighborhood Services, dlim@cityofsacramento.org.

Happy Holidays

Many thanks to Joe Concannon and Dave Phillips for opening their warm and welcoming home for the BPNA Annual Holiday Party. Many thanks also to all those who came to renew acquaintances, talk, and share food and drink. It was a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season, and a reminder of the pleasures of living in this very friendly neighborhood.

Park Beat Changes

Cathy LaPlante has volunteered as the graphic designer for *Park Beat* since 2000. Each month she has taken the time and effort to put together our newsletter. BPNA Chair Asha Jennings said, "Cath's graphic design talent and dedication to *Park Beat* has resulted in us being lucky enough to have a professional quality newsletter delivered to every resident's door step each and every month." Cath's dedication to *Park Beat* is even more impressive considering she moved out of the area in 2004. However, the time she lived in Boulevard Park created such a fondness for our neighborhood community that she has continued to volunteer.

Cath's many pursuits are taking up more of her time and she has had to step down as graphic designer. Among her many other talents, Cath started a bakery with her partner Dawn Bell two and half years ago. Casa LaBelle Breads & Artisan Bakery is now off and running. They are an award-winning wholesale bakery in Monte Rio. Keep a look out for their breads if you're in the area! Cath has also stepped in as the Innkeeper at the Village Inn and Restaurant, which is a beautiful bed and breakfast on the Russian River.

The BPNA Board is truly grateful to Cath for her many years volunteering.

Kevin Boyd has stepped forward to volunteer as the new *Park Beat* Graphic Designer. He has a long family history in the neighborhood, as his grandparents first moved into the neighborhood in 1948. He's lived in the neighborhood since 2001 and is excited to be getting more involved with BPNA and *Park Beat*. And, we are grateful to him for volunteering!

Places to Go, People to See

January 1 – FORB 5th annual Greet the New Year Walk – 9:00 a.m., meet at Sutter's Landing. Park at the north end of 28th Street (next to the skateboard park). For more information, visit friendsoftheriverbanks.org or contact Laurie Litman at llitman@pacbell.net. See details on page 5.

January 4 – 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.

January 14 – 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.

January 15 – Copy and Ad Deadline for February issue of Park Beat. To submit articles and calendar entries, email Margaret Buss at mbuss@jps.net or call 448-6246. To place an ad, call Jim Younkin at 997-5081 or email jayounkin@gmail.com.

January 21 – Green Thumb Brigade – 9:00 to 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 sfoneil@comcast.net—some of them may be near your home!

January 23 – Area 1 Neighborhood Advisory Group (NAG) Meeting – 6:15 to 8:30 p.m., Hart Senior Center, 27th & I Streets. See details on page 1.

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 or call Brian Malone at 715-2808 or Bernard Scoville at 447-8288.

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Please help by reporting any suspicious activity. If a non-City truck or a person without an official uniform or badge is working on wiring at public sites it should be considered suspicious. Please call the Sacramento City Police Department (911 emergency number or 264-5471 for non-emergency) or the 311 Sacramento City Call Center. Do not assume someone other than you will make the call!

Please also be on alert for persons stealing or attempting to steal catalytic converters from vehicles parked in our neighborhood. Please alert the City Police Department if you see suspicious activity. Your neighbor will be grateful if you prevent a theft of a catalytic converter from their vehicle. They are very expensive to replace.

Talini's Nursery January Garden Tips 5601 Folsom Boulevard, 451-8150

January is generally a quiet time in the garden, with a few exceptions. It's bare-root season, time for dormant pruning and spraying, and a great time for tool tune-ups.

What to Do

- Clean and sharpen your garden tools! We are fans of Bahco's Sap-X spray, Eco-Lube oil, as well as their Sharp-X mini sharpener.
- Apply a dormant spray to deciduous fruit trees to prevent diseases and overwintering insects.
- Prune deciduous trees and shrubs, including roses. Do consult Sunset pruning books because Sunset knows how to instruct, northern California-style.
- Continue protecting tender tropicals and subtropicals from frost. We carry frost cloth and frost cover bags by DeWitt and Frost Protek. Our customers use them too on potted plants, dwarf citrus, winter veggies and more.

What to Plant

It's time to plant bare-root roses, fruit trees, berries and vegetables. We've ordered a tasty assortment from L.E. Cooke, our longtime supplier. Here's what we're carrying in the way of berries and veggies:

- Navaho Blackberry
- Thornless Boysenberry
- Indian Summer Red Raspberry
- U.C. 72 Asparagus
- Victoria Cherry Rhubarb
- Chandler and Sequoia Strawberry
- Black Satin Thornless Blackberry
- Fall Gold Raspberry
- Improved Green Globe Artichoke
- Horseradish
- Misty, Blueray, Star and Reka Blueberries

There's still time to plant cool-season flowers and veggies. To add color, look for pansies, primroses, cyclamen, Iceland poppies, and ornamental Kale. If you're in the mood for edibles, try lettuce and chard from starts or seed, and we always have culinary and medicinal herb starts.

Grown your own chamomile tea lately? Plant starts now so you can harvest flower heads, the source of this relaxing tea, later.

BPNA Board Candidate Statements

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & ELECTION

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Jim Betzing

I have lived in Boulevard Park since 1990. We were rebuilding a Victorian duplex on H Street and liked the midtown area so much we moved here from Elk Grove.

I have been active in the community starting with traffic calming and then dealing with drugs in our streets and alleys. We have hosted a number of Mardi Gras balls in our home as well as feeding the homeless at Thanksgiving for several years.

I have served two terms on the BPNA board as well as time as a block captain for the newsletter. I have participated in the spaghetti dinner and other activities. I would like to serve once again to support our community and improve our neighborhood.

Roberta Franklin

I am completing my first year as a member of the Board. I have appreciated the opportunity to work on our neighborhood events and issues and would like to continue to serve for another year. We have a great neighborhood and have collectively and individually reaped benefits from the hard work of Board Members in the past who worked tirelessly on issues that were important. Issues continue to surface and it is important to advocate for our neighborhood through the Board both formally and informally. I would like to continue working on those issues.

We have lived in our home since 1994. My kids have attended neighborhood schools and are now at McClatchy. I have found our neighborhood to be far more welcoming, supportive and inclusive than all others in Sacramento. It is important to me to preserve and improve what we have already achieved. I would appreciate your vote.

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 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 in our home on 22nd Street with my husband Jim. We added one more Boulevard Park resident this year with our daughter Keira who was born in May.

I first became involved with BPNA in 2006 when I volunteered to be the *Park Beat* newsletter editor. If elected, this would be my third year on the board. This year, I was honored to serve as the Chair of the Board. I enjoyed helping with neighborhood issues and getting to know more of the great people who make our neighborhood such a special place to live. I would appreciate your vote.

Suzie Johnston

My name is Suzie Johnston and I was born at Sutter Memorial forty-six years ago, so I guess that makes me a native. I have lived in Sacramento most of my life. My husband and I bought our highwater bungalow in December of 2008, met our wonderful neighbors, and we have settled in for the long haul. I am a graduate of CSUS and currently teach at Florin High School. I have volunteered for the Spaghetti Dinner for the past two years – serving, bartending and clean-up crew. I am also a block captain. I worked with my neighbors and city councilman to stop the building of a modern three-story house in the middle of our bungalows and was successful at a compromise. I am looking forward to being more involved with BPNA and preserve our quality of life in that is so rare.

Lorna Martens

My husband Tom and I have lived in Boulevard Park for the past 12 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 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. A place where I can meet and greet passers-by from my front porch, and where families can thrive and diversity is

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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 the Director of Human Resources for Sacramento County Superior Court, I have worked on a number of community-based 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 since 1997 and am a current member of the BPNA Board.

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 want to continue to be 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 another year and ask for your support.

Catherine Turrill

I moved to Sacramento when I joined the fulltime faculty at California State University in 1995, and I settled immediately in the Boulevard Park neighborhood. Quite frankly, this part of midtown was one of the things that attracted me to Sacramento. After four years in a fourplex, I started looking seriously for a house of my own in 1999 and soon found my current home on 22nd Street. I am the proud owner of an early 1900s high-water bungalow that has been under renovation for several years. Friends and neighbors may be relieved to know that I finally have moved into my restored residence, even if not all the work is done!

Although I am a specialist in Italian Renaissance art and teach the European art history classes at Sacramento State, 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 home-tours sponsored by the Sacramento Old City Association and have been a house-captain each year for several years. I have enjoyed doing house research for the SOCA home-tours and for short articles occasionally printed in our neighborhood newsletter, *Park Beat*.

When not delving into the libraries and archives of Sacramento, I am pursuing research on Florentine Renaissance artists in the museums, libraries, and archives of Italy, where I was on sabbatical last Spring and where I taught art history to California college students this past summer (the CSU Summer Arts course on the art history of Florence is offered every other year, and is open to all). My current research project involves the reconstruction of the career and art production of the first well-known female painter of Florence, Plautilla Nelli. Our second book on her, *Plautilla Nelli, 1524-1588: The Painter-Prioress of Renaissance Florence*, was published by Syracuse University Press a few years ago.

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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.

Historic Homes of Boulevard Park

2101 G Street – Kleinsorge or Bishop’s House

Built in 1906 by W.E. Kleinsorge, a prominent local attorney (Kleinsorge and Heilbron), though there is no evidence he ever lived here. The first recorded resident was William F. Geary, Vice-President of Kirk, Geary & Co., a wholesale drug, stationery, soda fountain, and supply company located on Front St.



This 4,000 sq. foot house sitting on a slight rise, combines decorative Prairie-like window treatment and long deep eaves with Craftsman rafters, generous low slung porches and roof details resulting in a modern, almost oriental feeling (see roof detail on house and garage). The unusual use of vertical battens and rustic brick places this house in the First Bay Tradition of similar Berkeley houses designed by Morgan and Maybeck, and Greene and Greene. Note the original hitching post on G Street and that the house sits on a large double lot. Reputed to be built for the Bishop of the Catholic Archdiocese, the interior paneling has a cut-in cross motif.

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

So You Want To Be A Writer?

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The deadline for ads and copy for the February issue of Park Beat is January 15th by 5pm!

The Best Start To The New Year: Friends Of The River Banks 5th Annual Gathering At The American River

Start the new year right with a visit to the American River in our midtown backyard at Sutter’s Landing Park, over the railroad levee to the very northern end of 28th Street. The non-profit Friends of the River Banks (FORB) is sponsoring their 5th New Year’s gathering at 9 am, January 1st, rain or shine, starting with warm drinks and oatmeal cookies in the parking lot of the Skateboard Park.

We’ll walk down to the river to see what we can see, birds, bunnies, sea lions (yes, on occasion), turtles, and whatever else shows itself. Bring binoculars, if you have them, for spotting critters; some will be available to share. Dress warmly, bring water, and, if you have young ones who like to splash in the river, a change of clothes for them (those under 13 will need a life jacket if they go into the river.). There is no better way to greet the New Year.

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Polar Bear Plunge



If your family and friends think you are crazy, you can confirm that for them by joining other brave/foolhardy souls in the Polar Bear Plunge at the Clunie Pool at McKinley Park on Saturday January 7 from 10 am to noon. Other activities include a polar bear costume contest & cubs craft corner for kids. Tickets are only \$5/person, and proceeds go to help fund city pools for fiscal year 2013 and beyond. Register online at <https://parksandrecreationonline.cityofsacramento.org> or phone 808-2306 for more information.

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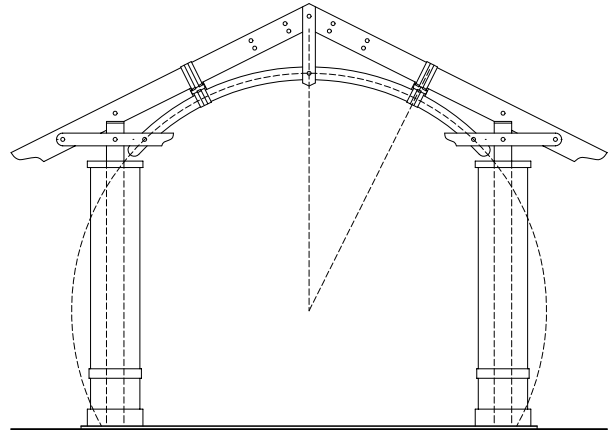
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