



PARK BEAT

The Pulse of Greater Boulevard Park

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New Water Conservation Rules

By Marc de la Vergne

The Sacramento City Council recently approved changes to the City's Water Conservation Ordinance that may affect the way you water your yard. The revised ordinance went into effect on June 12. Here is what the ordinance now requires:

- No watering on Mondays
- Watering is allowed on an Odd-Even watering schedule
Addresses ending in an ODD number (1,3,5,7,9) may water on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
Addresses ending in an EVEN number (0,2,4,6,8) may water on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday
- No watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on your watering day
- No washing of sidewalks, parking areas or driveways except for immediate fire or sanitation hazards
- No limits on amount of time during a watering day. Water run-off is prohibited.
- New landscaping may be watered every day for 21 days after installation to allow for plants to root.



- Seasonal watering schedule limits watering to 1 day per week during wet season (after daylight savings time ends)
Addresses ending in an ODD number (1,3,5,7,9) may water on Saturday
Addresses ending in an EVEN number (0,2,4,6,8) may water on Sunday
- Hoses must have an auto-shut off nozzle
- **Violations:**
1st Violation: Written notification to Property Owner and Tenant
2nd Violation: Written notification to Owner and Tenant and \$25 fine (can be waived with attending a Water Conservation Seminar)
3rd Violation: Written notification to Owner and Tenant and \$100 fine
4th Violation: Written notification to Owner and Tenant and \$500 fine

Please call the City's Utilities Department at 808-5454 if you have any questions.

BPNA Yard Sale A Huge Success

By Rob Sperling

A big thank you to all that donated, volunteered or purchased at this year's yard sale. We brought in \$992, which is the second most that we have ever earned!!! Proceeds from this event go back into the neighborhood to local organizations, Green Thumb Brigade and supporting the Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association events.

A huge thank you once again to **Pat, Vickie, Dominic & Cameron Cosentino** for the use of their garage and setting up and tearing down. This event would not be possible without these volunteers and the many others that helps. Thanks **Sam Pacheco, Joe Concannon, Dave Philipp, Bradley, Hal & Liz Edmonds, Sally Flory-O'Neil, Ken Ventura, Marsha McCormick, Rita, Kara Gail** and a few others that once again made this a huge success! This event not only cleans out our basements, but provides a huge service to the neighborhood.

Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE!

National Night Out August 4th

Tuesday, August 4th is the
26th annual National Night Out.

Once again we will be having the progressive dinner with our neighboring association Marshall School. Details in next month's issue of *Park Beat*.



Green Thumb Brigade Summer Hours!

The **Green Thumb Brigade** will be meeting from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. during the months of July, August & September in order to avoid the summer's heat. Those interested in helping weed, tidy up, water and otherwise maintain our area's should meet in the alley adjacent to 711 22nd Street. All are welcome!

Places to go, people to see

July 6 – Neighborhood Response Team (NRT) – 7:00 p.m., home of Jan Seaman, 1822 G Street. Are you aware of illegal dumping, parking problems, or other city code violations in your area? Come see what can be done about them. *For more information or to report a code violation, contact Jan Seaman at janseaman42@comcast.net.*

July 9 – 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.*

July 11 – Friends of the River Banks Nature Walk – 9:00 a.m., Sutter's Landing Park. *See details on page 2.*

July 11 – 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.

July 14 – Neighborhood Services Department Community Hours – 2:00 to 6:00 p.m., Clunie Community Center, McKinley Park. *See details on page 2.*

July 15 – Copy and Ad Deadline for August issue of *Park Beat*.

To submit articles and calendar entries, email Asha Jennings at ashajennings@gmail.com or call her at 803-7409. To place an ad, call Jessica Mazur at 765-0621.

July 20 – 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 for information.*

July 25– 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 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 or call Brian Malone at 715-2808 or Bernard Scoville at 447-8288.*

Neighborhood Services Department Comes to You

The Neighborhood Services Department is holding "Community Hours", bringing their services to the neighborhoods to help with questions, complaints, and information you may need to make your neighborhood livable. The next session will be at the Clunie Community Center in McKinley Park (601 Alhambra Blvd.) on Tuesday, July 14th from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Contact Janine Martindale at 808-8193 for more details.



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The Other Second Saturday: Friends of the River Bank Monthly Expeditions

The July meeting/expedition of **Friends of the River Bank (aka FORB)** will be **Saturday, July 11**. **Greg Kareofelas** will lead a "Dragonfly Walk," which will probably include damselflies and butterflies too. Participants are encouraged to bring their own binoculars, but FORB will supply them – and insect nets – for those who do not have any. Greg will give pointers on how to use nets properly – a useful skill for budding entomologists of all ages. Recommended pre-walk reading: the "California Natural History Guide on Dragonflies" by Tim Manolis.

It's free, and it's not just for kids and families – people of all ages are welcome. As always, participants will gather at 9:00 a.m. at Sutters Landing Park, at the very end of 28th Street by the skateboard park. Bring sun block and water, and a change of shoes or clothes for those who find the water and mud irresistible. *For more information, contact Laurie Litman at llitman@pacbell.net or 443-2976.*

Sacramento Old City Association Home Tour in Boulevard Park

We now have eight houses for the SOCA Home Tour on September 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Boulevard Park – many thanks to those homeowners willing to share their homes on the tour. We also have eight house captains, who ensure the tour in each house runs smoothly. Now we need volunteer docents to serve two-hour shifts, providing participants with information on the house history and architectural details, and ensuring visitors move through the house with no damage to house or visitor – no prior knowledge of either history or architecture needed. For their service, docents get discounted tickets for the rest of the tour and are treated to a SOCA-provided dinner, usually lasagna, salad, wine, beer or sodas at the end of the day. *If you are willing to put in two hours on the tour, please contact either Margaret Buss at 448-6246 or the Sacramento Old City Association at www.sacoldcity.org.*

BOULEVARD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION WEB SITE

The Online Resource for the BPNA – www.boulevardparkna.org

We are happy to announce the creation of the BPNA website. This will be our neighborhood online resource offering several resource areas: links, about the neighborhood and BPNA, articles and photos, business (minutes, agendas etc.), contact information and local events of interest! There is plenty to write about and...we need your involvement to keep the site fresh and inviting. We will continue to develop the site as a resource and go to place for information and fun. We welcome your neighborhood content and suggestions!

Calling All Journalists and Bloggers!

If you have a neighbor you would like to feature in a short profile "Meet a Neighbor, Make a Friend" or do you know a garden, a special home, neighborhood history or even want to share an opinion about a neighborhood issue - we look forward to hearing from you. Send your item to admin@boulevardparkna.org.

Events In and Around Boulevard Park

With your help, we will keep this up to date. Send your event details to admin@boulevardparkna.org. Special thanks to BPNA friend and neighbor, Grant Park watchdog and Web Designer **Darby Patterson** (www.writer4webpages.com) and Web Admin **Pete Bramson**.

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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

Historic Homes of Boulevard Park 2100 F Street – Joseph Marzen House

Reputed to be designed by Rudolf Herold, a prominent local architect who designed the City Hall, this house was built by Joseph Marzen in 1910 when he was 82 years old. Construction costs on the building permit were estimated at \$9,800. Joseph Marzen was a successful capitalist who first came to Sacramento during the Gold Rush in 1849. After first working in the butcher business, he made his fortune in livestock and banking in Lovelock, Nevada. He and his wife, Catherine, were active in Sacramento civic activities.

This Colonial Revival or Federalist home features Art Nouveau stylized acanthus leaves and flowers on the pilasters and capitals and also as a chimney detail. Other features include projecting cornices, wheel and cross porch railings and leaded glass windows. A full second story wrap-around porch is unique to this large formal home. Like many of the larger homes in Boulevard Park, it became a boarding house, in this case for elderly reformed alcoholics. It was purchased by a former Senior Vice President of Lyon Realty in 1979 and extensively restored to be a single family home. That owner graciously opened her home for many community events. *[Adapted from Boulevard Park: A Walking Tour by the Historic Boulevard Park Committee.]*



Property Tax Reassessment – And Scams

If you get a notice in the mail from a private company offering to help you reduce your property tax assessment for a fee, toss it or send it to the District Attorney's Office. Property tax assessments are done free by the Sacramento County Assessor's Office. Most properties in Midtown have held their value fairly well. Nonetheless, you can ask the County Assessor to review the assessed value, and, if it has fallen, your property taxes will be adjusted accordingly. They will, of course, be reassessed as property values rise again. In no case would they exceed the original Prop 13 value (factored for inflation) if that applies to your property. Call 875-0700 from Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. to request an assessment review.

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Great ad rates! Call Jessica at 765-0621 for details.

The deadline for ads and copy for the July issue of Park Beat is Aug. 15th by 5pm!

Transit Action: Regional Transit's Long-Range Plans May Disrupt Neighborhood

Although currently struggling with reduced revenues, RT is proceeding to develop long-range plans, knowing that the future may hold better things. One potentially controversial element is an electric "European-style" tram line from the Sacramento Rail Station and proposed rail yards, up H Street through East Sacramento to Sac State. Given the residential nature and relatively narrow right of way of H Street, this alignment would be disruptive to the residential integrity of the neighborhood and to the traffic calming devices from 16th Street to the Central City Freeway. Community meetings were held in May and June, and final comments on the plan are being solicited.

More information is on the RT website at www.sacrt.com/ tmpmeetings.stm and www.sacrt.com/tmpinfo.stm or you can contact Laura Washburn at lwasburn@sacrt.com or 556-0125.

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Summer in the City

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Here are a few:

Neighborhood Night in Funderland sponsored by the City of Sacramento's Neighborhood Services Department on Friday, August 7 from 4:30 p.m. to closing time at the Funderland Amusement Park in William Land Park (near the zoo). Only \$3.00 per person for unlimited rides! Call 808-6789 for more information.

"Screen on the Green – Movies in the Park" sponsored by Councilman Steve Cohn. All movies begin at sundown and are FREE! Call 808-5240 for more details.

Movie schedule is:

"Babe the Gallant Pig", Saturday August 1 in East Portal Park, 51st and M Streets, East Sacramento

"Bee Movie", Saturday August 8 in Grant Park, 21st & C Streets, Boulevard Park

"Beauty and the Beast", Saturday August 15 in Babcock Park, 2400 Cormorant Way, Swanston Estates

"The Parent Trap (1961 version)", Saturday August 22 in Glen Hall Park, Sandburg and Carlson Drives, River Park.

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Enjoy this special note about the wonders of the American River written by Paloma Freitas, a Boulevard Park resident entering 5th grade.

Come With Me by Paloma Freitas

What are you doing on this hot summer day? If you like exploring and having fun, get off that couch and come with me to the American River.

We can swim in the cold water, take a hike, play on the beach, and look for baby clams. If we go on a hike, we can look at all of the beautiful plants. If we go at night, we may spot a coyote, if we are lucky. If we take a hike in the daytime, we might see otters, turtles or birds.

If you go swimming, you will have a lot of fun, but you'll have to be careful. Some parts of the river are deep. If we play in the shallow water, we can look for clams under the sand.

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