



PARK BEAT

The Pulse of Greater Boulevard Park

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BPNA Yard Sale

Saturday, June 5, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The 22nd Street Median, between F and G Streets

This BPNA Yard Sale is right around the corner! The yard sale will be held on June 5 between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on the 22nd street median, between F and G Streets. As always, there will be a large assortment of great finds for sale, including furniture, kitchen items, glasses, dishes, games, books, children's toys, and sports items. This event is BPNA's largest fundraiser, helping us pay the costs required to publish the monthly *Park Beat* newsletter, make grants to organizations such as Friends of Grant Park, and finance events such as the Annual Holiday Party and the Annual Spaghetti Dinner.

Many thanks to those who have already donated items for the yard sale! We have many great things to sell at the yard sale, but are still in need of donations. We'll gladly take virtually any saleable item, such as useable furniture, sports equipment, household goods, knick-knacks and garden items. No electronics or clothing, please. *To arrange for pick-up or drop-off of your items, please call Pat Cosentino at 444-0506.*

We also still need volunteers to help with the Yard Sale. We need volunteers to work at the Yard Sale, as well as help with the pricing party on the Friday evening before the Yard Sale. *To volunteer your time, please contact Asha Jennings at 803-7409 or ashajennings@gmail.com.*

Pops in the Park is Back!

Enjoy great music at local parks throughout the month of June. Don't miss these great, free concerts!! All concerts begin at 6:00 p.m. Additional information is available at www.eastsacpopsinthepark.com.

June 5 – "Whiskey Dawn" at East Portal Park

June 12 – "Because", a Tribute to the Beatles at Glenn Hall Park

June 19 – "SwingMasters" at Bertha Henschel Park

June 26 – "The Q Balls" at McKinley Park

Family Music Festival

Sunday, June 13th, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. / Grant Park at 21st & C Streets

Come join **Friends of Grant Park** for a fun family music festival featuring the puppetry and storytelling of **Voice of the Woods** and the toe tapping music and fun of **Lisa Phenix** and her band. Bring a blanket or chairs, a picnic dinner, your family and friends and enjoy an evening of fun entertainment!

Standing the Test of Time By Margaret Buss

Peter Keat opened **Time Tested Books** about 30 years ago. Peter will say, straight-faced, that he didn't really know how to do anything else (not true – he had a successful career in health care prior to opening the store). The store has long had a reputation for its great, well-organized collection of new, nearly new, used and rare books, and a small but excellent selection of vinyl records. If you can't find something, Peter and his staff are ready to help, and, if he doesn't have an old title in stock, he would keep an eye out for it in the used book trade for you. Since moving to a space next door from its old spot on 21st Street, Peter has made the store into a community gathering place. Well-lit naturally by skylights, the store has chairs available if you want to sit and sample a book, the same helpful staff, and several other services, including a book return program: if you keep a purchased book in good condition and do not remove their pricing, they will take the book back for half-price, with that amount going toward your next purchase. Need a place for your book group to meet? Peter may be able to accommodate you, depending on time and availability; the Sacramento Women's Book Club has been meeting there for several years.

He and his wife, the well-know local artist, **Miriam Davis**, are long-time residents of Boulevard Park. Peter has always had an interest in community service, serving on the Sacramento Natural Food Coop Board for several years and on the SMUD Board, both as member and chair. This interest in the community has led to an exciting series of in-store events: not only does Time Tested Books sponsor authors and book-signings, but, in collaboration with Midtown Monthly, started the "Sacramento Living Library", with a series of speakers important in shaping the Sacramento cultural and political scene, such as local architect and urban design expert David Mogavero, and "The Four Mayors" – former mayors Burnett Miller, Phil Isenberg, Anne Rudin, and Heather Fargo in a panel discussion. Upcoming events include Zen teacher Susan Moon, author of "*This Is Getting Old: Zen Thoughts on Aging with Humor and Dignity*," June 19, at 7:00 p.m., and the next "Living Library" feature, Peter Schrag, long-time editor at the Sacramento Bee, noted for his clear-eyed and thoughtful commentary on local and national politics, June 20, at 7:00 p.m.. Time Tested Books is also official bookseller for California Lectures, Fairy Tale Town's Annual Children's Book Festival, and the Northern California Publishers & Authors 2010 Conference.

You can sign up at the Time Tested website, www.timestestedbooks.com, to be notified by email of events and book specials. Or better yet, walk in and browse through the shelves. Time Tested Books is at 1114 21st Street, between K and L.

Places to go, people to see

June 2 – BPNA Board Meeting – 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Contact Catherine Turrill at 278-5786 for location and to add items to the agenda. *Open to BPNA members and other interested neighbors.*

June 5 – BPNA Yard Sale – 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., the 22nd Street Median, Between F and G Streets. *See details on page 1.*

June 6 – Free Music & Children's Event – Winn Park 27th & P streets, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. *See details on page 2.*

June 7 – 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.*

June 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.

June 13 – Friends of Grant Park Family Music Festival – 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Grant Park at 21st and C. *See details on page 1.*

June 15 – Copy and Ad Deadline for July issue of Park Beat.
To submit articles and calendar entries, email Asha Jennings at ashajennings@gmail.com or call 803-7409. To place an ad, call Jim Younkin at 997-5081.

June 18 – Friends of Grant Park Sponsors Crafty Kids at the Park – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Grant Park, 21st and C Street. *See details below.*

June 26 – Water Conservation Workshops – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Camilla Basic Elementary, 6600 Cougar Drive. For more information, go to the website of the Department of Utilities at www.cityofsacramento.org/utilities/water/conservationcalendar.cfm.

June 26 – 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!

June 26 – Sacramento Mid-Century Modern Home Tour – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. *See details on page 3.*

June 26 – Family Treasures: Collections of the Fort – 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Items from the archive collection of Sutter's Fort will be on display at this benefit event for the Friends of Sutter's Fort. *For more information, contact Lisa Mealoy at 323-7626 or lmealoy@suttersfort.org.*

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.*

Underground Sacramento Brought to Light

Since January of this year, there have been several news stories about the launching of a series of guided tours of the old sidewalks that lie beneath those we stroll on today. Most recently, the Sacramento Bee announced that the Historic Old Sacramento Foundation was accepting applications for salaried tour guides for the new underground tour program, scheduled to start on July 10.

Crafty Kids at Grant Park

**Friday, June 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Grant Park at 21st and C Street**

Come and join **Friends of Grant Park** for fun at Grant Park! Bring your friends and make some new ones. We will host a "**Crafty Kids at the Park**" on **Friday, June 18th**, from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Wear something that can get messy and join us for some fun crafts and play. Grant Park is located at 21st and C Streets in Midtown, Sacramento.

Friends of Grant Park will be hosting events throughout the summer months in an ongoing effort to create lasting community connections. We look forward to seeing our old friends and welcoming new ones! *For more information go to www.friendsofgrantpark.com.*

Please note that all of our events are funded by First 5 Sacramento, which uses Prop 10 tobacco tax funds to support the healthy development of children ages zero to five. Additional information about the First 5 Sacramento Commission is online at www.First5Sacramento.net or by calling 876-5865.

New Arrivals in Boulevard Park!

Marc and Angela de la Vergne are pleased to announce that their daughters Claire Louise and Maria Catherine were born on April 19, 2010 at Mercy General Hospital. The girls, their brother Evan, Mom and Dad, and faithful dog Ted look forward to exploring Boulevard Park and points beyond together. Look for the double stroller!

Free Music & Children's Event

June 6 – Winn Park 27th & P streets, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Come enjoy the **8th Annual Free Music in the Park** sponsored by District 3's Council Member Steve Cohn and Neighborhood Advisory Group. There will be children's activities, jump house, great raffle prizes, and featuring thirst-quenching micro-brew from Sacramento's Brew It Up, and delicious vino from Midtown's Revolution Winery. Also, Dave's Dawgs will be selling his awesome hot dogs. Free to the public, the concert brings together people from the community to enjoy great music while dancing (or relaxing) under the lovely trees in Winn Park. Don't forget to bring a blanket or your lawn chairs. Rock/funk musicians from Sacramento's teenage band Exhale will be performing from 4:00-5:30 p.m.; they will be followed by longtime Sacramento blues musicians The Hucklebucks from 6:00-8:00 p.m. *For more information contact Monica at 628-5621.*

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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.

Sacramento Mid-Century Modern Home Tour

Boulevard Park and Bungalow Row, the respective sites of SOCA's 2009 and 2010 annual home tours, are century-old neighborhoods, but the architectural equivalent of the "Boomer Generation" also is well-represented in Sacramento, with many fine homes from the 1940s and 1950s. Land Park and South Land Park, which offer a good sampling of architecture of this vintage, have been selected as the site of the city's first **Mid-Century Modern Home Tour on Saturday, June 26** (10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.).

Architects and designers associated with buildings on view in the tour, which range in date from the 1940s through the 1960s, include the two architectural firms of Jones & Emmons and Rickey & Brooks; architects Grant D. Caywood, Harry J. Devine, Albert M. Dreyfuss, James A. Garrison, William Koblik, Sooky Lee, George Muraki, Herbert Y. Niiya, Carter E. Sparks, Donald Thaden (who worked in partnership with Sparks), and Dean F. Unger; and designers Bucky H. Fong, George W. Hackett, and Robert N. Hill. Several of the architects listed above built Eichler-style homes, which are distinguished by their clean lines and modernistic look.

Also part of the day's events will be a free display of cars from the 1940s through the 1970s, many of them on loan from the California Automobile Museum. Both the Car Show and the Home Tour have been organized by Sacramento Modern (SacMod), a non-profit association that "promotes, preserves and protects mid-century art, architecture and design in the Sacramento region." For more information about the Tour, go to <http://sacmcbometour.blogspot.com/>.

Both the "Back to the Future" Car Show and registration for the Home Tour will be at Sacramento Executive Airport, a Mid-Century Modern

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

(MCM) building designed by Sacramento architect Leonard F. Starks in the 1950s (6151 Freeport Boulevard). Registration for the Tour starts at 9:00 a.m., the program begins at 10:00, and the homes selected for the tour will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. As with the annual SOCA tours, docents will assigned to the different sites and participants will be given booklets with information and maps. Tickets are \$20 in advance at several local merchants, including Hot Italian, Parkside Pharmacy, Capital Nursery, and Blomberg Windows. On the day of the Tour, tickets can be purchased for \$25 at the registration desk.

A portion of the proceeds from the Mid-Century Modern Home Tour will be donated to the Short Center South, a neighborhood organization providing studio art and recreational opportunities for people with developmental disabilities.

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June Gardens To-Do List

By Talini's Nursery & Garden Center

Whether your garden consists of a few pots on a front porch or patio, or a sizeable front and back yard... June offers plenty of opportunities for planting and maintaining your Sacramento oasis.

PLANTING

Ornamentals – There's still time to plant annuals for a big burst of summer color. For sun: petunias, zinnias, Alyssum, marigolds, gomphrena, celosia, sunflowers and more. For shade: impatiens, begonias, coleus. Dappled sun? Many plants thrive in dappled conditions. We are happy to help you find the right plant for the right place.

Perennials, many of which persist year after year, can go in the ground and in containers now. These include: Penstemon, Echinacea, Rudbeckia, Canna, Salvia, Agapanthus, daylily, Buddleia and more.

Edibles – There's still time to plant edibles like tomatoes, peppers, beans, corn, squash, pumpkins, and herbs. Spring also happens to be the ideal time to plant citrus. And don't forget culinary herbs like basil, thyme, oregano, tarragon and chives. With Sacramento's long growing season and ideal climate, there's no reason not to grow your own!

MAINTENANCE

Pay attention to watering needs. Our Mediterranean climate means summer months are dry. It's time for watering vigilance for thirstier plants. Using drought-tolerant plant varieties like lavender, catmint, Santa Barbara daisies and more will help ease the watering demand.

Pull weeds while their root systems are small and before they set seed. **Feed** "heavy feeders" like roses, citrus, veggies and lawns if you didn't feed in May.

Deadhead annuals and perennials regularly by removing spent blossoms with bypass pruners or small garden shears.

Apply a 2-inch layer of mulch (i.e. bark) to suppress weeds and help retain soil moisture. Can you remember the last time you added compost to your flower and vegetable beds? The addition of organic matter (i.e. compost) is extremely important for adding nutrients to the soil and improving soil structure. Compost first, then bark. Your plants will thank you.

Watch for pests like aphids, slugs, snails and earwigs. Not sure how prevent them from feasting on your garden? We...and our ladybugs...can help. Mosquitoes feasting on you? Come in and ask for "dunks".

Save the Date!

We will be having a BNPA General Meeting on July 17th. We're planning a potluck BBQ for this General Meeting. Additional details will be in next month's *Park Beat*.

National Night Out is coming up on Tuesday, August 3rd. We will again be hosting a National Night Out event in Boulevard Park. Look for details in upcoming issues of *Park Beat*.

This year's BPNA Spaghetti Dinner will be on September 11th. We are already hard at work planning this event and need volunteers who can help both ahead of and at the event. *To volunteer, contact Greg Smith at lafnlupn@pacbell.net or 442-4201.*

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