



## PARK BEAT

*The Pulse of Greater Boulevard Park*

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### Clean Out the Garage: BPNA Yard Sale on June 5!

**The BPNA Yard Sale, to be held on June 5, is fast approaching!** This event is BPNA's largest fundraiser, helping us pay the costs required to publish the monthly *Park Beat* newsletter, make grants to such organizations as Friends of Grant Park, and finance such events as the Annual Holiday Party and the Annual Spaghetti Dinner.

As with any yard sale, the more items we have means the more money we earn for these important activities! We will take virtually any saleable item. Please help out by donating items for the Yard Sale and then come see what excellent items are up for grabs at the Yard Sale. 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. This Yard Sale is not to be missed!

To arrange for pick-up or drop-off of your items, please call Pat Cosentino at 444-0506. We also need people who can volunteer their time either the day of the sale, or the Friday evening before to price items (*a great opportunity to scope out what's going to be for sale at the Yard Sale!*). Your help is much appreciated. *To volunteer your time, please contact Asha Jennings at 803-7409 or ashajennings@gmail.com.*

### Come Hear Their Honors Speak!

Four of Sacramento's former mayors – **Phil Isenberg** (served 1975-1982), **Burnett Miller** (served 1982-1983), **Anne Rudin** (served 1983-1992), and **Heather Fargo** (served 2001-2008) – will be participating in a panel discussion at Time Tested Books, 1114 21st Street (between K and L Streets), on Sunday evening, **May 16** at 7:00 p.m. According to the entry on the store's website, the former mayors will be discussing their experience in office and offering their thoughts about the city's future government, including the proposal for a "strong mayor."

May's event, "*Sacramento and its Mayors: Past Present and Future*," is part of the "The Sacramento Living Library," curated by Boulevard Park resident Peter Keat (the owner of Time Tested Books) and hosted by *Midtown Monthly* editor Tim Foster. Previous speakers in the series have included Tower Records founder Russ Solomon, food and wine expert Darrell Corti, writer Ginger Rutland, and architect-planner David Mogavero. Another local writer, journalist Peter Schrag, will be speaking on June 20.

### Join Friends of Grant Park for Arts and Crafts Fun!

Come and join us for fun at Grant Park! Bring your friends and make some new ones. 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!

**Crafty Kids at the Park – May 14th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Wear something that can get messy and join us for some fun crafts and play! Grant Park is located at 21st and C Streets.

All of our events are funded by First 5 Sacramento, the Prop 10 tobacco tax using funds to promote the healthy development of children under five. *For more information go to [www.friendsofgrantpark.com](http://www.friendsofgrantpark.com).*

### Water Conservation Workshops

Although the winter and spring rains have brought our region's water gauges almost up to their "normal" level, it is still important for residents to be informed about water conservation. The Department of Utilities is continuing to offer its free series of two-hour long Water Conservation Workshops, intended to help educate residents and businesses about conservation and the city's water conservation ordinance.

The next workshop will be held in McKinley Park, at the Clunie Community Center (601 Alhambra Boulevard), on **Saturday, May 15**, from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. *For the dates of other workshops, go to the website of the Department of Utilities at [www.cityofsacramento.org/utilities/water/conservationcalendar.cfm](http://www.cityofsacramento.org/utilities/water/conservationcalendar.cfm).*

### Pops in the Park – Volunteers Needed!

Each year the city sponsors a series of concerts in our parks, which are great community events. BPNA provides volunteers to help out at the concert at McKinley Park, which this year is on Saturday evening, June 26. Some of our regulars can't make it this year, so we are need of some new blood to bartend and sell scrip tickets for beer & wine. This is a fun evening, which includes an opportunity to run into a lot of friends, listen to some good music, help out a good cause and maybe even sample a bit of the wares. *Anyone interested in volunteering a couple of hours should contact Hal Edmonds at [capnhal@gmail.com](mailto:capnhal@gmail.com).*

## Places to go, people to see

**May 3 – 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](mailto:janseaman42@comcast.net).

**May 5 – 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.

**May 5 – Discussions of the Future of Sutter's Landing Park** – 7:00 p.m., Oak Park Community Center, 3425 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. See details on page 3.

**May 8 – Friends of the River Banks Wild Plants and Herbs Walk** – 9:00 a.m., Sutter's Landing Park at the north end of 28th Street. See details on page 4.

**May 8 – 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).

**May 14 – 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 on page 1.

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

**May 15 – Water Conservation Workshops** – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Clunie Community Center, 601 Alhambra Boulevard. See details on page 1.

**May 16 – Sacramento SPCA Fundraiser at the Grateful Dog** – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Grateful Dog, 430 17th Street. See details on page 3.

**May 16 – Mayoral Panel Discussion** – 7:00 p.m., Time Tested Books, 1114 21st Street. See details on page 1.

**May 17 – 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.

**May 22 – New Era Community Garden Open House** – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., New Era Community Garden, 208 26th Street. Come tour the beautiful community garden and learn about what's growing! For more information, visit [www.bigtent.com/groups/neweragarden](http://www.bigtent.com/groups/neweragarden) or call Deniz Tuncer at 447-4457.

**May 22 – 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 [sallyfo@botmail.com](mailto:sallyfo@botmail.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.

## Graffiti Task Force

By Pat Cosentino

On Wednesday, March 24, the Graffiti Abatement Section of Sacramento's Code Enforcement Compliance Division held a meeting to inform neighborhood group representatives what they and their neighbors could do to help alleviate the massive graffiti problem that plagues our city. Noell Eusebio, the dedicated city employee that leads this small section of code enforcement informed the neighborhood representatives of Assembly Bill 576 that would require offenders to provide restitution to the victims of the graffiti perpetrator. This bill would also allow any victims, including government entities, to consolidate as one "victim." This allows for one prosecution of the offender as opposed to a multitude of cases, and the aggregate of the defaced and/or damaged properties, potentially increasing the penalty for the offender(s).

Noell also informed the attending group of the "Condition of Probation" that the Graffiti Advisory Board is requesting from the DA's office. The Assistant Chief Deputy DA, Karen Maxwell, provided insight to help develop the conditions, which for juveniles include:

1. *Wardship or jail time of at least 1 day, which can be reduced if restitution is made at time of sentencing*
2. *Hall time, electronic monitoring, or Home Supervision*
3. *Formal Probation which includes search and seizure*
4. *Non-association with members of the crew or those identified by the field Police officers as taggers*
5. *777e time*
6. *No possession of graffiti tool or paraphernalia*
7. *Restitution*
8. *9:00 p.m. curfew, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian*
9. *Minor not allowed to leave immediate vicinity of home, school, or neighborhood without the supervision of a responsible adult*
10. *Minor and his/her parent or guardian are to clean up, repair, and keep free of graffiti a specified area for up to one year*
11. *Address issues of restitution, curfew, school attendance, non-association, paraphernalia possession, clean-up efforts etc.*
12. *Driver License restriction, suspension, or delay for 1 year*
13. *Stay away from designated areas previously vandalized*

Adult conditions would include item numbers 3, 4, 6, 7, 13, stay away orders, work projects, and ankle monitoring to reduce jail time.

Our POP Officers, Doug and Ryan, are aware of the graffiti problem and are on the look-out for known suspects and activity related to graffiti. Four juvenile vandals were recently caught, cited, and released to their parents. The graffiti advisory board would like to see everyone support us as we present the District Attorney, the Conditions of Parole. Read "REPORT, RECORD, REMOVE" by Hal Edmonds in the April *Park Beat* for information on how to mitigate graffiti in our area.

On the proactive side of graffiti abatement, there is a play about gangs and graffiti. The play travels to local elementary schools. The next performance in our area will be at Theodore Judah Elementary School, on Friday, May 14, at 1:00 p.m. Call Theodore Judah at 277-6364 for performance information. The play is the brainchild of Noell Eusebio, in collaboration with the children's theater program at Sacramento City College.

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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.*

## Committees

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**Great ad rates! Call Jim at 997-5081 for details.**

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

## Grateful Dog Dogwash Fundraiser to Benefit the SPCA

Come have your dog washed and donate money to a great cause! The Grateful Dog is hosting a fundraiser for the Sacramento SPCA on **May 16** from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Grateful Dog employees will be washing dogs and accepting donations for payment, and all money will be donated to the SSPCA. Don't forget to bring treats, toys, or used towel drive to donate to the SSPCA. There will also be vendors, a raffle, food, and drinks at the event. The Grateful Dog is located at 430 17th Street, at the corner of 17th and E Streets.

## May Gardens To-Do List

By Julianne Richards

### Planning

- Buy bulbs for Fall – catalogs have sales now for Fall planting
- Buy a plant for Mom for Mother's Day

### Planting

- Flowers for cutting
- Japanese maples
- Vegetables (if it ever stops raining)
- Now is a good time to plant almost any perennial, shrub, tree, or vine.
- Watermelon

### Maintenance

- Aerate lawns

If you want more detail or "how-to" recommendations, your local nursery or any of the *Sunset Western Garden Annuals* are great resources for detailed information. My favorite nurseries for advice are Capital Nursery and Talini's.



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## Join the Discussions of the Future of Sutter's Landing Park

The **Friends of the River Banks** have become concerned about some aspects of the Sutter's Landing Feasibility Study, now being presented at public forums throughout the city. If you missed the April 21 meeting at the Belle Cooledge Community Center or the April 28 meeting at the Hart Multipurpose Senior Center, you may want to attend the next (and last) public meeting this Spring. It is being held in Oak Park on Wednesday evening, May 5 (Oak Park Community Center, 3425 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard; 7 p.m.). The purpose of these meetings is to give the public the opportunity to ask questions and voice their opinions about the long-term plans for Sutter's Landing Park. The May 5 meeting will be hosted by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

One controversial component of the proposal, which has been under consideration by the city and the Zoological Society for the past two years, involves building an entirely new zoo in Sutter's Landing Park. As noted by Laurie Litman in a recent message that was posted on the website of the Sacramento City Guide Examiner in mid-April, several points need to be considered before the City takes this step.

The Zoo Feasibility Study actually notes many problems with relocating to the site, and says that it would be cheaper to buy virgin land for the zoo than to use Sutter's Landing. The new road access plans being discussed by the city would profoundly affect the entire area around Sutter's Landing, including residential neighborhoods and would bring large numbers of people through the area (as many as one million people are projected to have access to the site using the new roads)

A survey of the Sacramento community showed that the public prefers passive recreational activities, like hiking, for the area. We already have a zoo at Sutter's Landing park – a "freedom zoo," to use Robert Sewell's phrase, of animals living freely in their natural habitat. This area and habitat could be restored, enhanced and loved as it is.

You can read the entire Master Plan and Feasibility Study on the web at [www.cityofsacramento.org/dsd/planning/new-growth/SuttersLanding.cfm](http://www.cityofsacramento.org/dsd/planning/new-growth/SuttersLanding.cfm).

## Sunday Jazz in the Park – Free Concert on June 6th

Come enjoy "Sunday Jazz in the Park" at Winn Park at 28th & P Streets on June 6th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Children's activities and music begin at 4:00 p.m. and the event features The Hucklebuck's from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Don't miss out on the raffle for gift baskets provided by Midtown Businesses and beer and wine garden. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs for seating and your picnic!



## NEWS FROM Friends of the River Banks

Delisse Vargas, who has conducted workshops on growing and using herbs at Soilborn Farm in Sacramento, will be sharing her knowledge of edible plants and herbs found in the wild on Saturday morning, May 8. If you are interested in joining this informative (and savory!) walk, be at Sutter's Landing at 9:00 a.m. that morning. You also may want to bring a pair of binoculars, because the Swainson's Hawks have been very active in that part of the neighborhood this season. Please wear appropriate clothing, bring some bottled water, and (if you are a dog-owner) leave your canine companions at home.

*For additional information about these and other events sponsored by the Friends of the River Banks, please contact Laurie Litman at [litman@pacbell.net](mailto:litman@pacbell.net).*

Friends of the River Banks is pleased to partner with Friends of Grant Park to encourage everyone, especially families and children, to enjoy and appreciate wildlife and 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 available online at [www.first5sacramento.net/default.htm](http://www.first5sacramento.net/default.htm) or by calling 876-5865.

## Historic Homes of Boulevard Park 2117 F Street

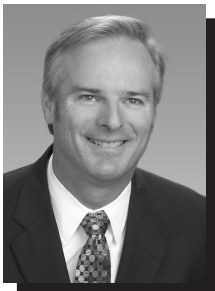
Percy Pratt, a Freight and Passenger Agent for the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, spent the round sum of seven hundred dollars to build this spacious home in 1910 and lived here until his death in 1921. According to the entry in the 2009 SOCA Home Tour Brochure, the Pratt house has some elements of the Prairie Style of American architecture, which flourished in the late 1800s and early 1900s, and which also is called "American Foursquare" by writers. Characteristic features of the style, which enjoyed some popularity among the residents of Boulevard Park (there are several other examples of "Foursquare" houses in our neighborhood), are the low-pitched roof, the very deep eaves, and the emphasis on horizontal lines. Other distinctive features of the Pratt house include the rounded and notched brackets below the overhanging eaves, the full front porch with sturdy wooden pillars, and the canted bay window on the second story. No less historic are two of the heritage trees in the backyard, each nearly a century old: a Valencia orange tree that is still producing juice-filled fruit and a tall Western Red Cedar, described by the current owners as the last remaining of three huge trees that were almost as old as the house they shaded.

*This article was adapted from the 2009 SOCA Home Tour Brochure.*

### NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS – 3/16/2010 - 4/15/2010:

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