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Friends of Grant Park presents

5th Annual Midtown Children's Fair

Sunday, October 4th, Noon to 3:00 p.m., Grant Park

Parents, children, friends, and neighbors are invited to this wonderful annual family event that offers information, food, and fun. As in past years, representatives from local businesses, community groups, parent groups, schools, and other organizations (including Friends of the River Banks) will be gathering at Grant Park to provide information about resources for families, especially those with young children. For entertainment, there will be crafts, music, and a show presented by an exciting puppet troupe called "Voice of the Woods."

Family-friendly businesses and groups who are interested in reserving tables at the Children's Fair should contact Tiffanie Simpson at tlsimpson7@aol.com. For more information about events sponsored by the Friends of Grant Park, visit www.friendsofgrantpark.com or send an email to info@friendsofgrantpark.com to be added to the e-mailing list. All events sponsored by the Friends of Grant Park are funded by First 5 Sacramento, the Prop 10 tobacco tax that provides funds to promote the healthy development of children under five.

SOCA Home Tour, In Gratitude!

We would like to thank all the volunteers from throughout the city who helped with the annual **SOCA Home Tour** in Boulevard Park on Sunday, September 20. It took many people many hours to make this event a success, from the members of the SOCA Home Tour Planning Committee (chaired this year by **Clark Mildenhall**), to the broader SOCA membership, to the residents of the tour neighborhood, to interested citizens from throughout Sacramento. In addition, we had the pleasure of the company of a variety of talented people at the Street Fair on the 21st Street median – architectural historians, researchers, artisans, artists, and musicians. We also were the beneficiaries of local historian William Burg's current research on the original Boulevard Park neighborhood, the subject of his Masters Thesis in Public History at Sacramento State. Finally, this event would not have been possible without the generosity of the eight residents who welcomed us into their homes and who shared information with the SOCA researchers: **Jan Seaman and Mary Marks, Peter Keat and Marian Davies, George and Dorothy Niesl, Liz and Hal Edmonds, Dave Phillippp and Joe Concannon, Vince and Donna Bezdecheck, Bey Miry, and Stephanie Tucker.**

Annual Spaghetti Dinner: A Wonderful Neighborhood Gathering

BPNA's **Annual Spaghetti Dinner**, held on Saturday evening, September 12, was a terrific event for the approximately 150 people who attended. Not only did many neighbors, relatives and friends attend, including lots of people new to the neighborhood, but **Sue Brown**, the District 3 Director, and **Roger Dickinson**, representing District 1 on the County Board of Supervisors, also were there.

Magician Richard Kowaleski captivated both the young and the young-at-heart with his magic tricks, with an "onstage" performance for the children at the start of the evening followed by illusions for individual adults and children.

The BPNA Board of Directors recognized the huge volunteer efforts to our neighborhood by the **Cosentino family – Pat, Vickie, Dominic and Cameron** – with gift certificates for dinner and the movies. To name just two important contributions in a long list, Pat served on the Board of Directors for many years and the family's garage has been "commandeered" each year for the storage of donated items for the two months preceding BPNA's annual yard sale. We all owe them our heartfelt thanks for their dedication and service to the neighborhood.

Those not satiated by a delicious dinner of pasta garnished with **Jon Skarstad's** vegetarian sauce or **Eva Harriman's** and **Paul O'Neil's** meat sauce (the spaghetti was prepared by **Gail Betzing**), and accompanied by garlic bread and a mixed green salad with **Nita Davidson's** delicious dressing, had the opportunity to choose between an abundance of delicious desserts brought to the dinner by attendees. These ranged from angel food cake with strawberries and whipped cream, to bundt cake, brownies, and cheesecake, to cupcakes and cookies, to name but a few treats that vanished from the dessert table over the course of the evening.

Additionally, over \$1,000 was raised to fund BPNA's general operations and sponsored projects, such as the printing of the monthly *Park Beat* newsletter, the maintenance of our new website, grants to deserving programs, postage for mailings, supplies, etc.

This annual event would not be possible without the invaluable assistance of 40 volunteers who worked so hard to make this such a successful event, and the willingness of our hosts, **Pete, Robyn and Jesse Bramson**, to once again invite us to enjoy their beautiful home and yard. Thank you all!

Places to go, people to see

October 4 – Friends of Grant Park 5th Annual Midtown Children's Fair – 12:00 to 3:00 p.m., Grant Park, 22nd and C Streets. See details on page 1.

October 5 – 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.

October 10 – 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.

October 8 – 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.

October 15 – Copy and Ad Deadline for November 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 Rob Sperling at 444-8147.

October 19 – 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.

October 20 – Low Cost Flu Shots – 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Hart Senior Center, 27th & I Streets. See details at right.

October 24 – Friends of the River Banks Salmon Festival – 10:00 a.m., Sutter's Landing Park. See details on page 4.

October 24 – 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@hotmail.com if you would like information on traffic calming devices in need of watering – some of them may be near your home!

October 31 – Midtown Trick-or-Treat – 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. See details on page 4.

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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Hart Senior Center, 915 27th Street;
October 20th from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The County of Sacramento's Division of Public Health is sponsoring a series of low-cost flu shot clinics for qualified residents at various locations during the month of October. There will be a \$10.00 charge for this seasonal flu shot. It will be provided to individuals 50 years and older, healthcare workers, pregnant women, persons who are chronically ill, caregivers or household contacts of high-risk individuals, and children between 6 months and 18 years of age. Pneumonia shots will be offered for \$40.00. Tetanus and Tetanus with Pertussis shots will be offered for \$10.00. Persons with MediCare Part B without HMO coverage may qualify for MediCare billing. You must bring your MediCare card with you to the clinic. Some restrictions will apply.

Please note that at the "Community Flu Clinics" the flu vaccine will be provided only and will be administered to any individual over 6 months of age. For more information, call 875-7053.

2010 Nominating Committee Forming

In October of each year, an ad hoc nominations committee is formed from the voting membership of the Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association to draw up a slate of candidates for the following year's Board of Directors. The 2010 Committee is being formed now and will have its report ready for the general membership by the end of November. Please check the BPNA website or the November issue of *Park Beat* for more details.

Emmy Award Winner in Our Midst (Or Nearly!)

Dave Thomas, son of Boulevard Park resident Elaine O'Brien, won a Daytime Emmy Award this year for his direction of the Nickelodeon television series, "El Tigre" (category: Outstanding Directing in an Animated Program). Altogether, the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences assigned four Daytime Emmy Awards to "El Tigre." Dave has posted the "beat boards" used to develop this popular program on his blog at <http://ownerofwendys.blogspot.com>. Congratulations to him and to his proud family!

BPNA Holiday Party – December 12

The BPNA Holiday Party will be held in the early evening on Saturday, December 12, at the home of Marc and Angela de la Vergne at 610 22nd Street (between F and G Streets). More details will be in the November issue of *Park Beat*, but in the meantime please mark the date on your calendar and start looking through your cookbooks and kitchen files for favorite recipes for this popular potluck event!

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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.

Democracy at Work: You Can Help Review the City Charter

In February of this year, the Sacramento City Council created a Charter Review Committee to consider whether our Charter met the city's current and future needs. The Sacramento Charter Review Committee has developed a Draft Report recommending changes. By attending any one of several Town Hall Meetings scheduled this fall, you can share your thoughts with the Committee! Three meetings were held in September.

The six meetings scheduled in October will be held from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the following locations:

Thurs., Oct. 1st: Christian Brothers High School, 4315 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Mon., Oct. 5th: Tahoe Park Elementary School, 3110 60th Street

Wed., Oct. 7th: Sam Brannan Middle School, 5301 Elmer Way

Thur., Oct. 8th: Caleb Greenwood School, 5457 Carlson Dr.

Wed., Oct. 14th: Sam Pannell Community Center, 2450 Meadowview Rd.

Thur., Oct. 15th: Sierra II, 2791 24th Street

For more information about the City Charter Review project, visit www.cityofsacramento.org/charter.

Historic Homes of Boulevard Park

627 22nd Street – William L. Prichard House



This house is another variation of a Craftsman/Colonial Revival style house with a hipped roof, overhanging eaves, and a gabled tunnel entrance. There is an angled bay on the ground floor and a pierced window box upstairs. The porch has a clinker brick base, flaring square posts, and an ornate gable bracket.

It was built in 1910 for William Prichard, first a clerk and later manager of Ennis-Brown, a wholesale produce company.

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

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Great ad rates! Call 444-8147 for details.

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

Farewell to Two of Our Residents

Two long-time residents of the greater Boulevard Park neighborhood left us recently and will be sorely missed by their neighbors. **Louise Barbato Barbosa** died on August 31, just over a month past her hundredth birthday (see the article in the September issue of Park Beat). Louise was an avid gardener and birdwatcher and very independent. Her "feisty" spirit is evident in the photo printed in the *Sacramento Bee* on September 6. Taken in the 1950s, it shows her standing on the picket line outside Western Union, her "On Strike!" sign held high above her head.

Our other loss was **Isabelle Lipold**, who lived on 24th Street near E Street for over fifty years, and who died at age 85 on September 6. A native of Sacramento and a former employee of Merchants National Bank, Isabelle is remembered fondly by her neighbors for the homemade cookies that she delivered each Christmas. She also enjoyed Midtown for its accessibility to shops and businesses, where she walked regularly until shortly before her death.

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Calling All Trick-or-Treaters!

Get your costumes and candy bags ready for this fun, safe, and **FREE daytime event!** The annual Trick-or-Treat around Sacramento's Midtown shops and businesses, sponsored by the Midtown Business Association, will be held on **Saturday, October 31**, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Enjoy all the opportunities from J Street to L Street and from 16th Street to 27th Street. Participating businesses will have a special poster displayed designating their business as a place to stop to trick-or-treat!

Between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., there also will be fun activities for everyone in the Relles Florist parking lot at 2400 J Street, and at the courtyard of the 1801 L Street Lofts (enter through the stairs at the middle of the block between 18th and 19th Streets). Entertainment and activities include a performance by the Sacramento magician "Howdy Do Dat?" (with a real rabbit!), a face-painting artist, and more.

As a treat for parents, there will be a parking "freeze": free parking at meter spaces and no time limit enforcement in Midtown from I Street through Capitol Avenue, and from 16th to 29th Streets (however, handicap, fire, and loading zones will be enforced). Please remember that, even on Saturdays, vehicle traffic can be heavy in midtown. Children should play safely, and everyone should use the crosswalks and follow the signals when crossing the streets.

Check www.mbasac.com/midtownbusinessassociation closer to the event for more details or call the Midtown Business Association office at 442-150 0 with any questions.

Honor the Salmon with Friends of the River Banks

In October, as in September, the **Friends of the River Banks** will be meeting on a day other than the usual Second Saturday. In September they participated in the Annual American River Clean-up and on October 24, the fourth Saturday of the month, they will be gathering at Sutter's Landing Park at 10:00 a.m. to welcome the salmon back to the American River. With the cancellation of the traditional two-day American River Salmon Festival at the Nimbus Fish Hatchery and Lake Natoma, only our neighborhood will be honoring the salmon's annual trek upstream this fall. Rick Adams, a tribal historian and museum cultural specialist from the Maidu Interpretive Center, will join us with a performance (story-telling with Native dance, song, and music) and river craft activities (including the traditional uses of river ochre). Audience participation is encouraged! Kayaks will be on hand and there also will be a few things for children in the group.

As always, participants should dress appropriately for a waterside activity. It is a good idea to bring a snack, bottled water, and, depending on the weather, sunscreen or mosquito repellent. To learn more about this unique Salmon Festival, please contact Robert Sewell at rlsewell@earthlink.net. The Friends of the River Banks also will have a table at the Fifth Annual Midtown Children's Fair (see the article on page 1).

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