



PARK BEAT

The Pulse of Greater Boulevard Park

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Annual BPNA Spaghetti Dinner

Boulevard Park's biggest annual event is our Spaghetti Dinner, scheduled for **Saturday, September 11th**. Don't miss this fun event!

Attending this event will give you not only the opportunity to enjoy a great meal, but also a chance to meet or reunite with neighbors, and have a relaxed, entertaining and enjoyable evening. If you also plan to join the Second Saturday Art Walk, make the Spaghetti Dinner part of your evening. Come early and fortify yourself for a tour of the galleries. Dinner will be served from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at 2101 G Street, the landmark home of Pete, Robyn and Jesse Bramson. The menu includes – surprise! – spaghetti, the usual choice of home-made Bolognese (meat) and vegetarian sauces, green salad, garlic bread, and dessert. The main course is provided by BPNA; in accordance with a

long-standing tradition, guests are encouraged to bring a favorite dessert to share with others.

This year's entertainment – for children of all ages – will begin at approximately 5:45 p.m. when a local mad scientist, Joel Schwartz will dazzle us all with his repertoire of creative chemical reactions and mystery science show 2010.

Tickets for the dinner are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. Additionally, beverages will be available for donations of \$2 and \$3.



SOCA's 35th Annual Home Tour is on Sunday, September 19

Sacramento is known for its bungalows, and these comfortable early 20th-century homes are the main feature of this year's annual home tour, situated in the Bungalow Row Historic District. From 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., residents of six houses near Winn Park will open their doors to tour participants: 1613 23rd Street, 2321 O Street, 2511 Q Street, 2515 Q Street, 1615 26th Street, and 2620 P Street. Volunteer docents, many of them residents of Boulevard Park (which hosted last year's tour), will be on hand to answer questions about the homes and their former inhabitants. Courtesy of the Sacramento Capital A's, vintage automobiles will be parked throughout the neighborhood. Tour tickets will be on sale at the street fair in Winn Park (27th and P Streets), where you also will find many artisans, historic preservation specialists, and other people involved with old homes. Local musicians will perform, too.

A highlight of this year's tour, the city fire department's former 24-hour dispatch station in Winn Park, will be visible in all of its Art Deco glory. Tour tickets will cost \$25 on September 19th (\$20 if bought in advance at selected local merchants), with a dollar discount for people who arrive on bicycles.

For more information about the tour, including locations of advance ticket sales, go to the website of the Sacramento Old City Association (<http://sacoldcity.org/>). An article about one of the bungalows, the former Caselli house on 26th Street, appeared in the August issue of Inside Sacramento (available on line at <http://www.insidepublications.org/>)



Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's National Night Out!

See story and photo on page 2.

Places to Go, People to See

September 1 – 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.

September 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.*

September 11 – BPNA Annual Spaghetti Dinner – 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. (dinner served), 2101 G Street. *See details on page 1.*

September 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.*

September 15 – Copy and Ad Deadline for October 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 or email jayounkin@gmail.com.

September 19 – SOCA's 35th Annual Home Tour – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. *See details on page 1.*

September 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.*

September 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!

September 25 – Great American River Cleanup – 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., meet at Sutter's Landing Park at the north end of 28th Street (next to the skateboard park). *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.*

Neighbors' National Night Out

With reduced participation by the city, this year's NNO event was much more about our two areas, the Boulevard Park and the Marshall School/ New Era Park neighborhoods, which shared the sponsorship of the progressive potluck dinner on the first Tuesday in August. In past years and better economies, city representatives and members of the Problem Oriented Policing (POP) team also have been able to attend and share information with residents.

This year, we were visited by a representative of Supervisor Roger Dickinson's office (who graciously provided us with a supply of mosquito repellent) and by Councilman Steve Cohn, who joined us for the entree course of the meal. BPNA is grateful to the many residents who brought food to the tables, and especially to the "hosts" of the three venues – Hal Edmonds and Tom Martens at the hors d'oeuvres course (*seen in the photo below*), Fred Hull and Susan Allair at the entree course, and Carrie Pederson, a member of the MS/NEP Neighborhood Association, at the dessert course.



10-10-10 Is Coming: Pass It On and Participate!

The **Second Sunday of October (10-10-10)** will see a convergence of regional and global events in Sacramento, with the grand reopening of the Crocker Art Museum (now tripled in size with the completion of the new building designed by Gwathmey Siegel & Associates) and the city's participation in an ambitious world-wide campaign to reduce carbon emissions by ten percent in a year.

At a planning meeting in McKinley Park in early August, midtown residents shared ideas about how they might be involved in the 10:10:10 Global Work Party. The Friends of the River Banks may be removing and replacing invasive plants along the American River for its monthly activity on October 9; Sacramento Area Bike Advocate (SABA) will oversee bike valet parking at the Crocker Art Museum opening on October 10; local

churches may encourage parishioners to car-pool, bike, or walk to worship services that same Sunday; residents may help their neighbors make easy energy efficient fixes to their homes over the weekend; and volunteers may find ways of educating the public at 10:10:10 information stations on Second Saturday.

To find out what other groups in the United States (and around the world!) are doing as their part of the Global Work Party, or to post information about you or your group's planned activity, go to the website of [350.org](http://www.350.org), "an international campaign that is building a movement to unite the world around solutions to the climate crisis" (<http://www.350.org/>). You can exchange ideas and learn more about local activities by going to the "10-10-10 Work Party Sacramento" page on Facebook.

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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.

Plant a Tree, Clean the Air

In addition to all the other benefits of our "Urban Forest," studies showing that trees have important air quality benefits led the **Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD)** and four other local air quality districts to add tree plantings as a component of their air quality plans to reduce ground level ozone. They also are studying the effects of trees on other pollutants.

According to researchers, tree leaves absorb dirty air and remove pollutants. One hundred trees remove five tons of CO2 per year, four hundred pounds of ozone, and three hundred pounds of particulates. Particulates, such as dust, are deposited on the leaves, reducing the ambient particles we might otherwise breathe. Trees also absorb carbon dioxide and produce oxygen for us to breathe. Finally, trees cool the air by releasing moisture into the air through a process called transpiration.

The **Sacramento Tree Foundation**, which partners with SMUD to provide free trees for residents, just added an air quality rating in its lists of available trees and is asking citizens in the six-county area for help by planting five million trees by 2025. Sacramento has some of the worst air quality in the country; trees will help the area achieve its air quality goals. Those goals, in turn, are worth millions of dollars in federal transportation funding.

The Foundation also is sponsoring a "Greenprint Summit" at the Radisson Hotel on September 23 to engage citizens in strategies for maintaining and expanding the region's tree coverage, which is crucial to the health of the region. For more information on how to participate in the Summit or to get help with planting your own trees, or to use the Foundation's nifty "Tree Benefits Calculator," visit its website (www.sactree.com).

And to get a long-term, illustrated perspective on our urban forest, go see the new exhibit of historic photographs called "Living With Trees" at the Robert T. Matsui Gallery in Sacramento City Hall (915 I Street). The exhibit, sponsored by the Sacramento Tree Foundation and co-presented by the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission and Center for Sacramento History, is worth a look to see how Sacramento became the City of Trees, and how we have handled living with their benefits and challenges. The exhibit continues until January 15, 2011.



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

Historic House: 2101 G Street

The only National Register Landmark (number 97001662) in a neighborhood that is in the process of being nominated as a National Register Historic District, the Cranston-Geary House (or, as we know it now, the Bramson House) was a gift to Mary Pope from her father on the occasion of her marriage to Robert E. Cranston, the manager of the Ashburton Mining Company (1909). Robert and Mary Cranston were followed by William F. Geary, vice-president of Kirk, Geary & Company, a wholesale drugs and phonograph firm with offices downtown. William and Julia Geary lived in the house from 1913 until the early 1940s. Pete Bramson's father, George Bramson, began a careful restoration of the Cranston-Geary House in 1994, bringing back many of the original features of its interior and exterior.

Described as "one of the best examples of the Craftsman style in Sacramento," 2101 G Street also is notable for its designer, George C. Sellon, a San Francisco native who was appointed the first State Architect of California in 1907, and who was responsible for a number of other important buildings, including the California Western Life ("Cal West") Building at 926 J Street, the Placer County Courthouse, and San Quentin Prison. Sellon worked as an architect in Chicago for two years, 1904-1906, before returning to California. He is said to have studied under Frank Lloyd Wright and both the Cranston-Geary House and the American Cash Store and Apartments (now known as the Bel-Vue Hotel, 1117-1123 8th Street), which also was designed by Sellon in about 1909, show signs of the famous architect's influence. Features of the house that recall Wright's Prairie Style architecture include the deep eaves; spacious porches; and tall, narrow windows.

Judging from the curving profiles of the roof and dormers, Sellon, like Wright, also may have been influenced by Japanese architecture. Finally, as noted in the entry written for the SOCA Home Tours in 2003, the "unusual use of vertical battens and rustic brick places this house in the East Bay Tradition of similar Berkeley homes designed by Julia Morgan, Bernard Maybeck, and the Greene Brothers."

New and Renewing Members

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Rob Sperling & Corey Lake

Friends of the River Banks and the Great American River Cleanup

September is the month of the **Great American River Cleanup**, so instead of meeting on Second Saturday the Friends of the River Banks are hosting a work party at Sutter's Landing Park at the north end of 28th Street (next to the skateboard park) from 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. on **Saturday, September 25**. Please join friends and neighbors in this important annual event that contributes to the preservation of the natural beauty of our environment.

On its website (<http://www.arpf.org/garcu.shtml>), the American River Parkway Foundation, sponsor of the Cleanup, explains the importance of this project: *"Removing trash and debris prevents pollutants from entering the watershed, harming the wildlife, or creating hazards for recreational users. Additionally, keeping the Parkway clean protects ocean life by preventing trash from being washed downstream during the winter rains."*

If you want to help the FORB with this year's Cleanup, please wear appropriate clothes (recommended: long pants, shirts, and closed-toe shoes), bring sunscreen, and, if you are under eighteen years of age, be sure to fill out and bring a parental/guardian consent form with you (http://www.arpf.org/pdf_files/YouthPermissionForm.pdf). Regardless of their age, all volunteers are advised to read the GARCUC's Safety Guidelines beforehand (http://www.arpf.org/pdf_files/safety.pdf).

www.boulevardparkna.org

September's Garden

By Talini's Garden Center & Nursery – 5601 Folsom Blvd.

September brings no shortage of activities to keep gardeners busy. With warm days and cool nights, September is a prime month for planting, planning and renewing. Fall is a great time to shop for trees to add to the landscape. Most will begin changing colors later on this month.

Perennials to plant this month include: Coreopsis, Candytuft, Campanula, Delphinium, Dianthus, Foxglove, Penstemon, Phlox, Hollyhocks and Yarrow. Annuals planted now will last through winter and well into next spring. They include Pansies, Violas, Snapdragons and Stock. Got a sunny, dry spot? Try planting seeds of California Poppies now for a spring show.

Planting cool season vegetables this month will allow them to establish themselves before the days grow too short and the weather turns cold. Good choices to plant now include broccoli, cabbage, carrots, lettuce, kale, peas and spinach.

Before planting new shrubs, trees, vegetables or flowers, your soil could probably use some additional compost or organic mulch. Compost will supply enough nutrients for plants until the spring and will precondition the soil for spring plantings. Shrubs, trees, and groundcovers that are planted now will have time to get established before new growth begins next spring, and Mother Nature will take care of most of the watering for you. Early fall feeding helps to thicken and strengthen lawns, which results in faster green up in spring and less weeds. Look for a fertilizer labeled fall/winter, which will have more slow release nitrogen, and extra potassium to keep the lawn green through the fall.

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