



PARK BEAT

The Pulse of Greater Boulevard Park

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It's Time for the BPNA Yard Sale!

Saturday, June 4, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The 22nd Street Median, Between F and G Streets

It's time for the annual BPNA Yard Sale! The yard sale will be held on June 4 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. Come see what great finds you can take home with you!

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. Many thanks to those who have already donated items for the yard sale! We have many great things for the yard sale, but always still in need more 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 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 Margaret Buss at mbuss@jps.net.*

SAVE THE DATE:

BPNA General Meeting on July 16

We are once again having a July General Meeting this year. The details are still being finalized, but will include a potluck dinner, guest speakers, and a movie showing after dark.

Watch for details in next month's *Park Beat*.

BPNA Donation to Washington Elementary School

In continuing with BPNA's support of Washington Elementary School, this year BPNA made donated in support of Washington Elementary School's annual Market Day.

Market Day is a big celebration at the school, where each teacher makes food or craft items that the kids can purchase using "Washington Bucks" that they are allotted. BPNA provided \$50 for each teacher to use for materials from which to make their items.

We wish them a fun and successful Market Day!

Friends of the River Banks June Event

Julie Serences will be leading the activity on **June 11**, at Sutter's Landing Park at 9:00 a.m. We'll be talking about several different Citizen Science Projects for Kids, but focusing on Ladybugs for the Lost Ladybug Project.

Please have kids bring their nets if they like- this is strictly catch and release. FORB will have some insect nets available for kids to use. This project does require a camera and an adult help to upload pictures.

Contact Laurie Iltman@pacbell.net with questions or check our website <http://www.friendsoftheriverbanks.org>.

2012 BPNA Board Nominating Process

This year, the BPNA board is starting the process of nominating the board a bit earlier than usual. The first step in the process of nominating the slate for the BPNA board of Directors is to form the Nominating Committee, who will identify a slate of candidates for the 2012 Board.

With regard to the nomination and election of Board member, the BPNA bylaws state:

"No later than October each year, an ad hoc Nominations Committee will be formed from the voting membership. The Nominations Committee shall present to the general membership the slate of prospective Executive Board candidates recommended by the voting membership. Additional nominations may be made by any voting member at the membership meeting where the slate is presented or where the election is held.

In creating the slate, it is recommended that the Nominations Committee shall take into consideration a balance between all geographic areas of the BPNA and the qualifications of the candidates, e.g., candidates for the Executive Board must be voting members in good standing, have demonstrated a willingness and ability to devote the necessary time to the job, be knowledgeable of the priority issues facing BPNA, and to be a responsible representative for the BPNA.

The election shall take place by secret ballot, with those nominations receiving the highest number of votes being elected. In case of a tie, there shall be a run-off election."

In accordance with the bylaws, the Board is forming a Nominations Committee from among Directors who are not standing for re-election to the Board, and other non-Directors. The Committee will take responsibility to solicit nominees who, in addition to the above requirements, are known to the membership and who, in the Committee's judgment, are a good fit in terms of temperament and outlook with the continuing members of the Board. As noted in the bylaws excerpt above, nominations can also be made from the floor at the General Meeting, but the Nominating Committee alone has the responsibility to present its best recommendations, and suggestions for nominees are welcome but not binding on the Committee.

In general, the recommended slate has not been contested, though that is always an option. Since we are a volunteer board, it has been considered essential that Board members are compatible and collegial in outlook.

In order to give any BPNA member who is interested in Board service every opportunity to be considered, we are beginning the nomination process earlier this year than in the past. It is our hope that this expanded timeline will give everyone the chance to resolve any potential issues or conflicts prior to the actual election, so that the Nominations Committee can present a slate of nominees who are interested, qualified and free of any conflicts with existing members.

The timeline for the nominating process will be as follows:

June 15: Nominations Committee appointed and announced by the Board.

June 15 – August 1: Expressions of interest in Board service by qualified BPNA members may be made to the Nominations Committee.

August 15 – Sept 30: Nominations Committee interviews candidates, candidates free to contact Board members to discuss candidacy.

October 5: Nominations Committee presents nominations to Board.

November: Nominations by Board announced in monthly newsletter, *Park Beat*.

November – December: Anyone not nominated who is interested in being nominated from the floor is free to develop support among the Membership.

January 2012: General meeting and Board election.

We hope this will provide ample time for anyone interested in Board service to take the necessary steps to be carefully considered. Please contact any Board member if you have questions about this process. *If you are interested in potentially serving on the Nominating Committee, or running for the BPNA Board of Directors, please contact Greg Smith at 442-4201 or lafnlupn@pacbell.net.*

Places to Go, People to See

June 1 – BPNA Board Meeting – 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Contact Asha Jennings at 803-7409 for location and to add items to the agenda. *Open to BPNA members and other interested neighbors.*

June 4 – BPNA Yard Sale – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the 22nd Street Median, Between F and G Streets. *See details on page 1.*

June 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.*

June 11 – Friends of the River Banks Walk – meet at 9:00 a.m. at Sutter's Landing Park at the north end of 28th Street (next to the skateboard park). *For more information, visit <http://www.friendsoftheriverbanks.org>. See details on page 4.*

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 or email jayounkin@gmail.com.

June 20 – Area 1 Neighborhood Advisory Group (NAG) Meeting – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Hart Senior Center, 27th & I Streets. *Contact Janine Martindale at 808-8193 or at jmartindale@cityofsacramento.org for information. See details below.*

June 25 – 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 sfoneil@comcast.net 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.*

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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 July issue of Park Beat is June 15th by 5pm!

Historic Homes of Boulevard Park

2119 H Street – George W. Smith House

A good example of the cube form Craftsman/Colonial Revival residence with a hipped roof, overhanging eaves, and notched rafter ends. The porch roof terminates with a small balustrade. The porch rests on squat rounded Doric columns with a stylized suggestion of Ionic capitals above. Finely detailed window boxes are beneath both front and side windows. The current owners have constructed a rear addition that sensitively blends into the existing building. They have also lovingly restored the interior.

This house was built in 1909 and owned by George W. Smith who was Vice-President of Ben Leonard Co.

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



Thank You!

Donna and Vince Bezdecheck would like to give a shout out to Hal Edmonds, Dave Philipp, Greg Smith, Joe Concannon, and Bradley Biorge for dropping everything and coming to their rescue recently. Vince, newly diagnosed with ALS, was trying out his new power wheelchair in their backyard when the chair kicked up a stone on the pathway bordering their koi pond, and a wheel dropped into the resulting hole. When Vince tried to drive the chair in either direction the wheels just dug themselves deeper. He was truly stuck! They called Hal Edmonds, and within minutes, Hal and a four-man posse appeared! They didn't even take time to put on their Superman capes, but proceeded instead to quickly hoist the chair and Vince out of their predicament. Donna and Vince were amazed how swiftly their neighbors came to their rescue. And a few nights later, Hal and Liz Edmonds helped out again at a moment's notice! "It's heartwarming and extremely reassuring to know that we have the kind of neighbors who would drop everything and run "to help us. We are exceedingly grateful!"

New & Renewing Members

April 16, 2011 – May 15, 2011

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Joe & Marsha McCormack;

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Kevin Wehr & Ellen Trescott;

Brenda Rnard and Tommy Dunbar

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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".

When your Boulevard Park garden is looking spiffed up and colorful, invite some friends over to share in the bounty and beauty. June is a time for grillin' and chillin'.

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Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association Membership Form

Send form with your \$15.00 check per member (or what you can afford) for the remainder of the calendar year to:
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