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CPTED Approved by City Council

On August 11 the Sacramento city council voted to approve the funding of a CIP (Community Improvement Program) account to accomplish the improvements to Glenn Hall Park as established by the CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) report. RPNA president Jeff Harris worked with Police Sergeant Chris Taylor (a former River Park resident) and Greg Narramore (City Parks Director and Safety Officer) to develop this report in response to a sexual assault at Glenn Hall Park in the summer of 2008. The report outlines improvements needed at the park to bring it up to current safety codes and to assist officers in law enforcement. Projects will include remodeled bathrooms, signage, parking lot access control, lighting, fencing and landscaping to enhance public safety at the Park. The amount approved for these projects is \$388,000 and comes from development impact fees dedicated to park improvements. The funds do not come from taxpayer monies or the city general fund. City architect Roy Tatman will now develop plans for the projects, and once ready, a public meeting will be announced to invite public comment on the design. Following public input, the design will be finalized and construction will begin. The final draft of the CPTED report will soon be available for viewing on the RPNA website at

www.riverparksacramento.net

Your chance to win election to the RPNA Board

Have you ever considered running for a seat on the RPNA Board? It's a *fantastic* way to get involved in neighborhood issues and events, make friends with your neighbors, and help make River Park a great place to live. Here's the election schedule for the two-year term that begins in January 2010:

- Submit your candidate statement no later than October 1st. You are free to submit anything you wish, however candidate statements are typically one paragraph and include information about you and your reasons for running for the Board. Submit your candidate statement to membeship@riverparksacramento.net, or by mail to **RPNA, P.O. Box 19866, Sacramento, CA 95819** or call Kate Mooney **739-0201**
- Ballots will be mailed to all active RPNA members around October 12, and completed ballots are due by November 1. Candidate statements will also be printed in the October issue of the River Park Review.
- Ballots will be tallied during the first week of November, and the election results will be printed in the November issue of the River Park Review.

This election will determine who occupies six of the RPNA board's 11 seats for the next two years. Incumbents in three of the seats are running for re-election: Frank Cirill, Steve Harriman and Kristin Wright. Two of the incumbents are retiring: Lupita Cortez Alcala and Kate Mooney. One incumbent, Jeff Harris, had not yet decided as we went to press. The top six vote-getters will be elected to the six seats.

Alex Read is working hard on behalf of the neighborhood in his first term on the RPNA Board. "The combination of a great community and good location makes River Park an ideal place to live....I wanted to contribute in order to preserve what we have....," said Read when asked why he ran for the RPNA Board. "I have had a terrific experience thus far working with some great people." It is important for the RPNA Board to represent the diversity of our neighborhood. Alex hopes to see additional enthusiastic neighbors decide to run this year.

Thursday Sept. 17

RPNA Meetings

Block captains 6:30 p.m.
 RPNA Board 7:30 p.m.
 Fremont Presbyterian Church
 Geneva Room
 Everyone is welcome

Saturday Sept. 19

Great American River Cleanup

8 a.m. to noon
 Glenn Hall Park
 Pick up trash
 Get a River Cleanup tee shirt

Saturday Sept. 19

Open house Fire station 8

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Thursday Oct. 15

RPNA Meetings

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 RPNA Board 7:30 p.m.
 Fremont Presbyterian Church
 Geneva Room

Beauty + Work = Paradise

By Joel Davis

By her own admission, Kelly Huang is a workaholic-perfectionist. She kind of has to be. As owner-operator and lone full-time hair stylist and resident beautician of Paradise Beauty Salon, a popular family oriented salon in River Park's shopping center, Huang has succeeded for more than seven years by working six-day, 65-hour weeks.

While the River Park shopping center is known for its notoriously high turnover rate with little pass-by traffic, Huang is thriving with a remodel and an expansion of Paradise's spa/beauty services.

"I have always done haircuts," says Huang, 38, who bought the salon from a cousin in 2002. "But now we are also doing a lot of facials, manicures, pedicures and massages...I like making people feel good about themselves."

To accommodate the increase in spa treatments, Huang has overseen a remodel that includes a soothing earth-tone paint job and more space devoted to spa equipment and products.

She is especially proud of her current "facial special" – four treatments for \$120. "That many facials, I think, normally run much higher," she says.

Paradise Salon welcomes all comers, and Huang says families – namely River Park families – are the cornerstone of her business, though she has loyal customers from as far as Placer County. A native of China who emigrated here at 18, she said the biggest challenge after getting licensed was mastering English, with which she still struggles from time to time.

But her work ethic is rock-solid. Huang admits that she is such a perfectionist that she often finds it easier to do everything herself rather than relying on independent contractors, whom she uses from time to time to fill in for everything from haircuts to massage. It is not uncommon to see her bouncing around the spacious salon, taking a phone appointment for one client, doing a standard clip job for another, and presiding over a wax, hair-coloring, pedicure, etc., for a third, all while making small talk with waiting customers.

Her husband, Ted, helps out from time to time, though he mainly watches their children and takes care of things on the home front.

Kelly Huang says she comes home at night and pitches in with the cooking, cleaning, and parenting, often staying up until well past midnight, only to rise at 6 a.m. for work.

Her hobby is gardening - though you get the sense that Paradise Salon IS her hobby. "I love to work," she admits.

Paradise Beauty Salon is at 5493 Carlson Drive, Suite F. It is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Appointments and further information are at **456-5892**.

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Great American River Clean Up Saturday, September 20th 2008

Great American River Cleanup Saturday morning September 19 Meet at Glenn Hall Park to get your trash bag and tee shirt

It's been a busy summer in the neighborhood. The great community effort to keep Glen Hall Pool open reminds us that we are a strong community – a core reason many RP residents moved into River Park. Another one of our great assets is Caleb Greenwood Elementary School. With budget cuts, Caleb is looking at starting the new school year on September 8th with an increase in class sizes from 20-25 students in its lower grades. Other effects of the budget have yet to be fully realized. RPNA believes it is more crucial than ever that we solidify our neighborhood/school partnership and to that end the RPNA board has voted to co-sponsor the Caleb Greenwood Holiday Breakfast to be held this December along with a fun run that met with great success last year. For more information about Caleb Greenwood, including upcoming events at the school, check out its website at:

<http://schools.scusd.edu/calebgreenwood/newsite/index.asp>

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Sac State Calendar of Events

<http://calendar.csus.edu/CampusCat.asp>

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The **Sac State Hornets football team** plays its first home game of the 2009 season on Saturday evening September 26 at Hornet Field on the south end of campus. Many River Park residents have close connections with CSUS. Anyone interested in purchasing season football tickets can do so quickly at the Hornet Sports website:

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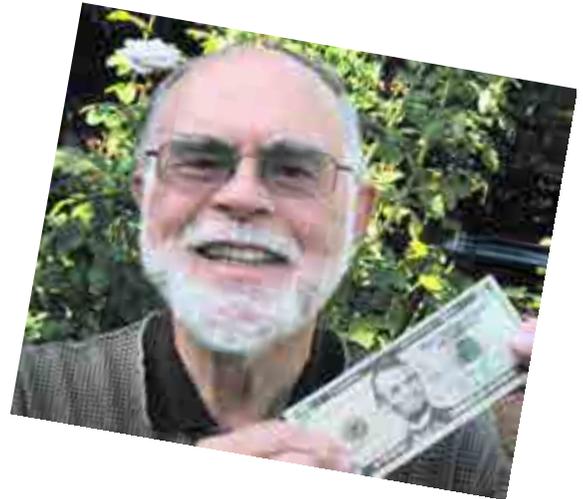
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Charity Smith on Moddison found one egregious typographical error in the most recent issue of the Review. A simple two-letter preposition was missing on page 3, but that was enough for Charity to call and claim her prize. However Charity was not necessarily the first person to sight a typo. Due to communication difficulties, several persons saw, or thought they saw, errors. Charity wins because she was among the first to call and respond to a call back. And the typo she found was indisputably a typo.



Jerry McDaniel on Messina also found an error in the August Review. Not strictly a typo but rather pointed evidence that the editor doesn't always know the days of the week and how they correspond to the date of the month. He found the disconnect so he wins. Too. Hopefully this will not be precedent for a tradition. The first person to find an error wins. Tangled lines of communication made it only fair that two prizes be awarded this one time. Never again



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July 2009 River Park crime reports:

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July 6	6:00 p.m.	Sandburg near State (south)	Burglary Residence
July 10	12:55 a.m.	Moddison at Lovella	Burglary Vehicle
July 11	1:25 p.m.	Glenn Hall lot	Burglary Vehicle
July 16	6:05 p.m.	Shopping mall lot	Burglary Vehicle
July 18	3:13 a.m.	Callister near Betty	DUI
July 24	10:00 p.m.	Moddison at Sandburg (south)	Larceny Theft
July 26	2:35 p.m.	Glenn Hall lot	Larceny Theft

Begun over 50 years ago, the **River Park Garden Club** invites all new or returning members to join in its upcoming pot-luck/speaker meetings. On Thursday September 10th the club hosts Greg Kareofelas who will speak on "Butterflies of California." On November 19th Allan Jones will share a "Virtual Tour of the Davis Arboretum." On Thursday February 11th, 2010, Mary Ose speaks about "The Buzz on Bees." On April 8th, 2010, Marsha Prillwitz will offer "Edible Lawn Alternatives" and on June 10th, 2010, Fran Clarke will present a photo tour of the "Gardens and Fjords of Norway." All meetings will take place at Fremont Presbyterian church at 6:30pm. Please bring a dish to share. These are casual events and usually end around 8:30 p.m. Also of interest, the Garden Club will be participating in a Fall Festival at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center in McKinley Park. The Festival is Saturday and Sunday, October 17th and 18th from 10.a.m. to 5.p.m. and will feature crafts and Holiday decorations, plants and seedlings, a 'white elephant' sale, and gourmet treats and baked goods. For further information on the River Park Garden Club or the above events, call Ron McCormack at **451-7246** or email rjmccormack@hotmail.com Or visit www.riverparkgardenclub.com.

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New RPNA members

Since January 1, 2009, RPNA has added **75** new memberships and now has **647** members.

Newest RPNA members:

Jacqueline Barr & Norman Laclair	Marie Angell
Rick & Colleen Bateman	Angela Brauner
Joan & Richard Herr	Beverly Sherman
A. Pero & G. Shamberg	
Amy & Micah Weinberg	

Special thanks to RP resident Janet Mason, owner of Ideas By Design, for donating her artistic talents for the 2009 RPNA membership drive. Thanks Janet!

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In Brief:

- Good news! The City Parks Dept. has decided to keep public restrooms open during normal park hours of operation. The public outcry upon the closing of the facilities was substantial, and made city officials re-think their budget priorities. This will have a very positive impact on Glenn Hall Park, since it is a very active city and regional park. So pack up the kids and enjoy it!
- The old Sweetwater location has been acquired by Evan Elsbury (Chef/Owner of Evan's Kitchen, in the antique mall) and will reopen around October 1st as the Corner Bar and Grill! Let's be sure and show our support and who knows, maybe it will become our "Cheers!"
- The second weekend in August saw a rash of car break-ins in River Park. Just a reminder: keep your car locked. These were criminals opening unlocked car doors, not smashing windows.
- Paper flyers tacked or taped to poles in River Park have gotten out of hand. If you must put up a sign, take it down in two weeks regardless. Use the two River Park computer listserves to communicate instantly with the neighborhood.

- The River Park community has two active electronic mailing lists (listserves). Using your home computer, laptop, Blackberry or iPhone, you can keep up to date with River Park bulletins and exchange ideas with other River Park residents. The first listserv, the River Park List (rplist), is free and can be joined by visiting www.riverparklist.com and following the instructions. The second is RiverParkBlog Yahoo Group. To join, send an email to the moderator at rpna-subscribe@yahoo.com. It is also free.



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