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Election 2024



by Karla J. Mendoza

It's Election Time!
 No, not that election. The River Park Neighborhood Association (RPNA) invites you to be a candidate in our upcoming election for Board Members.

Are you looking to become more involved in your community? Do you love River Park? A seat on the RPNA Board might be the place for you. Board members actively promote community engagement by improving the safety and quality of life for River Park residents.

Serving on the RPNA board offers an enriching and enjoyable experience while forging relationships and connecting with your neighbors. Board members are responsible for planning, organizing, and attending RPNA events, including the Fourth of July Festival, classic car parade, firecracker parade, alongside the River Park Mothers' Club, and now the newly formed River Park Marching Band, the Holiday Lights Competition, participating in general neighborhood meetings, serving as liaisons between River Park and government officials and entities, ensuring the safety of our community while partnering with Sac PD through RPNA's Neighborhood Patrol, supporting our valuable clubs such as the River Park Garden Club, the River Park Tree Canopy, and faithfully attending monthly board

meetings.

RPNA Board meetings take place in person in River Park on the third Thursday of each month (except for December) at 7:30 PM, concluding no later than 9 PM. They are open to all River Park residents.

The RPNA Board consists of eleven board members who are volunteers and serve two-year terms. There are currently two open seats on the Board for 2025. To qualify as a candidate, you must live in River Park, be an RPNA member in good standing, be able to attend, and actively participate in monthly board meetings and community events.

Ideal candidates should be organized, take initiative, have good work ethic, be able to meet deadlines, be ready to jump in and engage with fellow board members, and brainstorm on how to continue to make River Park a great place to live by improving RPNA events, growing the RPNA membership, and improving public safety.

Furthermore, once the seats on board have been filled, RPNA is looking to transition two valuable positions within the board. Those are Treasurer and the Events Chair. Should you have experience in bookkeeping or event planning, you could be a valuable asset to RPNA.

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Elections

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Please submit candidate statements via email to RPNAElections@gmail.com no later than October 25, 2024. Candidate statements should be no less than 150 words nor more than 250 words. Please share a little about yourself, your professional background, what you love about River Park, and describe what skills you possess that would make you an asset to RPNA and any ideas you might bring.

RPNA will conduct an election if the number of qualified candidates exceeds the number of open Board seats. Should the number of qualified candidates not exceed the open seats on the Board, RPNA bylaws allow the Board to appoint Board members. Results of the election will be made public through the forthcoming edition of the RPNA Review.

If you are interested, but have questions regarding the time commitment and inner workings of the Board, please do not hesitate to contact Karla Mendoza, Board President, via email at karleazy@yahoo.com. We appreciate your interest and look forward to receiving candidate statements. ■

2024 Run to Feed the Hungry

by Delainey Bright



Run to Feed the Hungry, a Sacramento tradition since 1994, holds the title of the largest Thanksgiving Day fun run in the entire nation. More importantly, however, it’s the largest annual fundraiser for

Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services (SFBFS), Sacramento County’s food bank, with every dollar going back to feeding our neighbors experiencing hunger. Thanks to a record-breaking crowd of 31,285 participants, more than \$1.3 million was raised in 2023.

This year, Run to Feed the Hungry is even more crucial because food insecurity in Sacramento County is at an all-time high. SFBFS and their network of 125 partner agencies are currently reaching over 305,000 people with food assistance every month, which is double the number they were serving in 2019. Now more than ever, SFBFS needs your help to alleviate hunger in Sacramento County.

Whether you choose to participate in-person or virtually, join a team, or donate to the event, you’ll provide food for the more than one in four Sacramentans who are at risk of hunger. Register today at runtofeedthehungry.com to make a difference for your neighbors in need this Thanksgiving!



Farm Stand Update

by Inna Tysoe

Dylan Holcomb discovered by accident that the Farm Stand at Carlson and Messina would have to close. He saw City officials taking pictures of it, went to meet them, and was told there had been an anonymous complaint. The issue was one of street-facing easement. It's the same issue most neighbors have if they (for example) construct a swing in their front yard. The difference with the Farm Stand is that someone reported it. After following up on the complaint, the city volunteered that Dylan could apply for a conditional use permit. But until it was approved, the stand had to be removed.

And then the expressions of support began. Dylan didn't expect them, but it seems that our community really supported that Stand. Dylan tells me there is a new petition or Facebook post of support or similar sentiment about the Farm Stand every four or five days.

Perhaps this support is why the Vice Mayor's Office reached out to Dylan—something else he never expected. Caity Maple's Office wanted to follow up on the status of the conditional permit which, if granted, would have enabled the Farm Stand to come back. He applied even though he thought it was at best an even shot that his application would be approved. The Farm Stand's core business is packaged, non-perishable food. Apparently, those foods have an economic value assigned to them and there may be a tax liability there.

After we spoke, Dylan heard that to qualify for the conditional permit, he would have to set up a nonprofit and go through a public hearing with the planning department. That's too many hoops for him to jump through at this time and so he is looking to give away the Farm Stand structure. It could be a great lemonade stand or play structure. If you're interested, please reach out to him at mrtylanholcomb@gmail.com.

He also tells me he is worried about the River Park residents who often used the Farm Stand. People like the gentleman with a disability who came by twice per day and would be really bummed if he didn't get something to eat. Several of our retirees used it. And, of course, Sac State students used it a lot. Dylan tells me one of the students told him that they got their "best pair of jeans there". All those people—the regulars, Dylan called them when we talked last—were counting on the Farm Stand to be there. He is trying to think of a solution just for them. Watch this space.

The Farm Stand may be gone but Dylan isn't going anywhere, and River Park is all the richer for it. Make no mistake--Dylan will stay active in our community. He would like to help resurrect the Farmer's Market at Scottish Rite Center, provide native and low-moisture plants in pop-up shops throughout the community, and maybe do pop-up food as well. He's toyed with some ideas about how he might be able to help local businesses. And so much more.

Resources for the Food Insecure in River Park

by Inna Tysoe

There are people in our community who are food insecure. Dylan Holcomb was good enough to send me a list of places in our area where they can get food.

These resources are:

The Sacramento Food Bank

Address: 1951 Bell Avenue

Phone: (916) 456-1980

River City Food Bank

Address: 1800 28th Street

Phone: (916) 446-2627

ASI Food Pantry

Address: University Union #1246

6000 J Street

Phone: (916) 278-3978

Sacramento Central SDA Church

Address: 6045 Camellia Avenue

Phone: (916) 457-6511



James McBride tells me that River Park adopted him. Or maybe Shelly Hescoek did. Shelly would put notes on his pink 1950s Chevrolet asking him to give her a call. But James never read the notes; he would just grumble a bit when they appeared and toss them. That is, until Shelly saw him about to dispose of one



of her missives and shamed him into talking to her. Turns out she wanted James to get his friends at the Sac City Muscle Car Club to ride in the Fourth of July Parade. He did as she asked. The Classic Car Parade was a success. He did it again the next year and the year after that. The year before she passed, Shelly told him she wanted James in charge of the Classic Car Parade.

James admits he was nervous. He had never been part of a neighborhood like ours. He has been a union carpenter for the past 25 years, building scaffolding under bridges such as Sacramento's Tower Bridge. You have probably seen (or driven over) his work. He's proud of what he does for a living. But that's not what lights up his eyes. He gets excited when he describes the many things he made for our community.

James is an artist. You see it, the minute you come to his house. For example, he made catios for his neighbors. Catios, I discovered, are patios for cats. He shows me photos of them and of the art he gives the neighbors when he is done with the catio. One of James'

creations catches my eye: a glossy bunch of green grapes and an adorable kitten reaching for them. The picture seemed like such incongruous fun, especially since the grapes are made of pistachio shells. But that made it all the more precious.

James does more than catios. He tells me he is



the neighborhood handyman. People call him all the time to fix something because he's local, they trust him and because he doesn't charge the earth. Neighbors commission James to build an idea they came up with for a piece of artwork that goes perfectly with their property. And sometimes they call him over just because—for a meal or a chat. Living in such a tight-knit community keeps him grounded, James tells me.

I suspect that's why he does so much to help our neighborhood. During this Spring's storm, he was driving home after a really long day. Carpentry under a bridge in the middle of nowhere is, as he puts it, "backbreaking work." A huge tree had fallen on Carlson and Moddison and, even though he was completely exhausted, James grabbed his chainsaw and went to work, clearing the tree. When the city worker showed up, he couldn't believe what a small chainsaw he was using for

such a huge tree. But that's all he had, and he couldn't let the tree stay there. It was blocking traffic, and someone might have gotten hurt.

Being part of our neighborhood has given James the mental space to finally create his art. He discovered he was an artist when he was quite young. A teacher had the kids make a shadow box. A shadow box is a box with compartments you hang on the wall. You fill the compartments with the things that are important to you or as James explained, "You put pieces of your life in there." James made the assigned shadow box and then expanded it. And, in doing so, discovered that he could look at something; some commonplace object or something people had discarded and would imagine "something different." But it wasn't until he settled into our community that he had the mental space to create. But once he could, he did.

He didn't study art formally. He is, as he puts it, a graduate of YouTube University. He must have graduated summa cum laude for, sitting in his living room, I was surrounded by art.

In front of me was a vase with copper and brass roses, each golden petal meticulously carved and bent just so. It took James weeks to make the roses to his satisfaction. In the middle of this hard-won metallic bouquet is an amazing ball that started life as an industrial sized roll of foil. The end of the roll had got smashed and it was therefore useless for industrial purposes. It was going to be discarded but James decided to make it into art. He started thinning it and making it more malleable. He stood on it, took a sledgehammer to it, took a two by four to it, hammered it. He beat it and beat it. It took forever but eventually, he was able to roll it up into a ball that, when you pick it up feels light and hollow.

Lately, he's been working on a kind of electric skateboard with a lounge chair and horns mounted atop it. This vehicle was resting peacefully in the living room corner when I was there but set it loose and it will go fast. You may have seen James whizzing about in this



fascinating contraption around town or on the levee.

And the art does not end in the living room. It spills out into the lawn and street. James's front yard is filled with bric-a-bracs you may have seen all over River Park. I loved the sculpture

of a girl holding a baseball bat with spikes behind her back while facing a boy with a bouquet behind his back. A charming metallic boy swung from a tree limb. And in between these there was everything you could think of, including pieces of electrocuted wood that looked as though lightning was trapped inside them.

And then there are James's cars. There's his truck—all pinstriped and LEDs and the body set so low to the ground I wonder how it drives at all. He built it until it was exactly what he wanted. And there is his Harley Davidson motorbike—another piece of art that matches the truck. And finally, there is the pink 54 Chevy Bel Air on which Shelly Hescocck used to leave him notes.

In a way, that pink car touches me most.

It all started when Shelly saw past James's tattoos, realized what a good person he was, and left him notes on that car. She adopted him, gave him an important role in our community, gave him odd jobs. Other neighbors followed her lead until now, James can't imagine living anywhere except River Park. Can't imagine creating his art anywhere except in our community. All because one very kind lady and neighborhood adopted him.

It's as he told me. He is River Park's adopted son.



As the Fourth of July parade went by, four families—the Fishers, Krieger-Valines, Leah Richardson, and Perez-Olsens—gathered to celebrate. Each

family has identical twin boys born in 2023. The Fisher twins were born in January, the Krieger-Valines boys were born in July, the Richardson twins were born in June, and the Perez-Olsen twins were born in July.

Perhaps drawn by that, the families like to celebrate the Fourth of July together. They gathered on Minerva Street, where the families hosted a brunch on Adam and Bridget Fisher’s lawn—a location that was prime real estate for viewing the parade.

It’s wonderful that this lucky group of friends gets to watch these boys grow up together in this amazing neighborhood.

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The River Park Soccer Club

by Theresa Martinez

Our River Park Soccer Club kicked off its 2024 season with an Opening Festival at Glenn Hall Park on September 6. The event was full of playfulness and excitement as families cheered on U6 teams in their first games and older players showed off their foot skills in 3x3 tournaments. The famous “soccer darts” and giant soccer balls were a kick as well!

So many thanks to all volunteers, parents & players for making our third annual Kick-Off Event such a success.

This year, we are proud to have a record-breaking number of young players, with a grand total of 393 registrants! Wow! The club runs entirely on volunteer support and would not be possible without the dedication and enthusiasm of our 62 coaches and board members!

We love seeing our players have fun and develop their skills throughout the season. A great way to be inspired is through watching and supporting our local professional and college teams. This year, we are excited to form a deeper collaboration with Sacramento Republic FC and Sacramento State University.

From July 29 to August 2, Sacramento Republic FC held its first-ever soccer camp at Glenn Hall Park. Additionally, on September 14, Sacramento Republic professionals hosted River Park Soccer Club for a special club game night and our players were able to visit their players on the field for a High Five Tunnel of smiles before kickoff. On October 6,

River Park Soccer Club will attend the Sacramento State Women’s Soccer game and meet the players after the game.

Come on out, be a fan, and watch our River Park teams play on Saturdays at Glenn Hall Park and Caleb Greenwood. Our season runs until mid-November. For more information and to order spirit wear, check out <https://riverparksoccer.com>.

Go River Park Soccer Club!



From field improvements and community events to an action-packed championship day, baseball was at its best during the 61st season of River Park Youth Baseball (RPYB). From February through June 2024, Ciavarella Field came to life to host 29 teams and hundreds of our favorite local youth baseball players, families, and friends. This was all made possible thanks to our supportive community, including sponsors and volunteers.

The Champs

Ciavaralla Field was a-buzz on Championship weekend in early June. Our Rookie, Minor and Major divisions sent their two top teams into championship games played on June 1st. All three games were exceptional displays of the season's hard work.

Congratulations to all the Championship games teams and coaches and to this year's division champions: Tigers (Majors), Braves (Minors) and Brewers (Rookies). It would be hard not to mention our T-Ball champs!



U12 pre-state champions

All teams on Sunday, June 2nd, played their final game on the big field and had their first taste of what it's like to dream big and hit big! What a way to round out the season.

The All-Stars

The 2024 RPYB post-season included our 9u, 10u, 11u, and 12u All-Star teams competing in Cal Ripken Youth Baseball pre-state and

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state tournaments. (RPYB hosted the 12u state tournament at Ciavarella.) Our 10u & 12u teams advanced to their respective regional tournaments, which was quite an achievement. Special mention to the 10u team, who won the State Tournament, and the 12u team, who won the pre-state tournament.

This season, RPYB also held a mini-All-Star game for our 8u players at Ciavarella Field and gave those players a taste of what's to come. Congratulations to all our All-Star teams, coaches and families!

Keeping it Going in 2024

Fall Ball at RPYB is back! Our skills clinic series will occur on five Sundays from September 22 through October 27, 2024. The clinic series is open to incoming 6 to 9 year-old Rookies & Minor Players. Learn more online at RiverParkYouthBaseball.com.

RPYB will also have 3 teams playing Fall Ball across various divisions from September through the end of October. You might see the odd game at Ciavarella; so, pop in to say "Hi" if you have time.

Thank you to the River Park neighborhood for your continued support! We are so fortunate to be part of this community. Thank you also to our dedicated players, coaches, volunteers, board members, and especially our league families for being a part of RPYB!

Learn more about RPYB online at:

RiverParkYouthBaseball.com.

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U10 state champions

PARK PETS



GROMIT



Gromit was given his name by my husband. He was born on Dec. 1, 2021. I found him at 8 weeks announced on the Next Door platform at 4 am. We love him for his wonky ear, crooked tail as Rex Hescocock says, and his underbite. He is walked by Midtown Mutts and trained by Wholistic Dog Training, who is affiliated with Paws and Play, in River Park. He has 14 breeds! ~ Brenda Waters



River Park Garden Club Update

by Ron McCormack



Yo, River Park: The Shepherd Garden and Art Center's fall sale will be on Saturday and Sunday, October 5th and 6th, between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM. This is a good opportunity to buy garden-related items and plants at reasonable prices. The River Park Garden Club will have a booth. Fall is a great time to plant and a great time to support the Garden Club.

Please make donations of garden-related items to the fall sale by calling Therese Ruth at 916-457-0822. The fall and spring sales are the principal fundraisers for the club.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, November 21, 6:30 PM, at the Shepherd Garden and Arts Center. The speaker will be Mary Jane Sutliff presenting on "Native Plants for Front and Back Landscaping."

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River Park Mothers' Club

by Michelle Elise Early

Summer is quickly transitioning into fall as the children of River Park go back to school. The days get shorter and we prepare for more seasonal fun.

As Surgeon General Murthy recently pointed out, parenting is a demanding and stressful but immensely rewarding job. The River Park Mother's Club seeks to provide companionship and support to local families to aid in this endeavor. We appreciate our friendly neighbors who are helping to give our children a safe and supportive community.

The River Park Mother's Club has been busy with events like a bike ride to Lefty's Taproom and a playdate with donuts and coffee in the park. Upcoming, we are planning a s'mores party, toy exchange, boo baskets, a Halloween parade, friends giving (food/toy drive), outdoor movie night, and a clothing exchange.

Any mother in River Park is welcome to learn more and join at <https://riverparkmothersclub.com/>.



River Park Holiday Lights 2024

by Elise Drakes



The annual tradition continues! Join your River Park neighbors on December 14th and 15th to tour the holiday-decorated homes of River Park.

Start at the Cocoa + Cider station at 5809 Callister to pick up a ballot and map (along with fireside cider or cocoa!). This year, paper ballots and a streamlined Holiday Lights route will ensure that everyone can place a vote.

This year's tour will end at the Santa Station, which was a fun and popular addition to last year's route. Votes can be deposited at the Santa Station or at the Cocoa + Cider station, with addresses noted on the ballot.

This year's Holiday Lights contest will have three categories:

- Most Traditional
- Most Unique
- Best Theme

To be included as a Holiday Lights entrant this year, please e-mail to sacramentorpna@gmail.com no later than Tuesday, December 3rd.

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback last year. Our goal is to make this year's Holiday Lights a more accessible experience for the entire neighborhood.

For any questions or additional feedback prior to this year's event, please contact Board Secretary Elise Drakes at elisedrakes@gmail.com or sacramentorpna@gmail.com

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SIR Retirement Club

by Robert Stott

As many of us approach retirement age, we may find that our activity level and social interactions start to ebb. Like myself, many may feel a sense of vacuum or void in our lives when we retire that needs to be filled. We realize that staying active physically, mentally, and socially improves our health, vigor and hopefully longevity. Becoming a member of a club or organization is often just the thing we are looking for. I joined one such group nine years ago when I retired, called SIR (formerly Sons in Retirement) with several branches in the Sacramento area.

SIR's mission is to enhance the lives of its members through fun activities and events while making friends for life. SIR has over 100 branches in California from Bakersfield to the Oregon border. The branch I belong to, SIR Branch 23, has nearly 200 members and meets monthly at the Dante Event Center, located on Fair Oaks Boulevard just past Howe Ave., behind the Pavilions Car Wash. Members of the branch reside in surrounding neighborhoods such as River Park, East Sacramento, Arden Arcade, Carmichael, and Fair Oaks, although many live in farther-flung parts of the Sacramento region.

Our monthly luncheons provide an opportunity for members to socialize, enjoy a great meal and hear from interesting speakers from our community on variety of subjects.

Our branch has many organized activities including an outstanding golf program with weekly 18-hole and 9-hole tournaments at courses around the Sacramento area (during spring, summer, and fall); bowling at Country Club Lanes (weekly league play fall and winter); bocce ball at Carmichael Park, hiking, fishing trips, a free library, a book club, poker and bridge. Annual events include the "Ladies Day" luncheon during the holiday season, and the Spring Family Picnic, also at Carmichael Park. While membership in most SIR branches is limited to men, spouses/partners are welcome to participate in many activities.

Our Branch is always looking for new members. Many new members are friends, family, neighbors,

or former co-workers of our current members. But many joined after hearing about our great program and activities.

Annual dues are very low (currently \$25) since SIR is a non-profit social organization, and joining is easy.

If you are interested, call our friendly Branch 23 membership chairman, Ray Zelinski, at (916) 961-4222; and for more information, visit SIR at <https://sirinc2.org/branch23/>. Or feel free to call me, Rob Stott, at (916) 206-1966. I live right here in River Park on Shepard Avenue and would be happy to share more information with you.

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RIVER PARK TREE NEWS—Are Your Trees Ready for Winter? Keeping River Park’s Tree Canopy Healthy

After another scorching summer, Sacramento residents look forward to fall breezes and cooler seasonal weather. Our neighborhood landscapes seek the same relief. With winter rains will come much-needed moisture for our dry and impacted lawns, ornamental plantings, and the invaluable River Park tree canopy.

Sizzling temperatures and years-long drought conditions have killed a significant number of trees throughout California. Sacramento’s trees are no exception. Initial signs of heat distress and drought damage in neighborhood shade trees often show up as wilting leaves, dieback in outer branches, and vulnerability to pests and disease. Once mature landscape trees are lost, it takes decades to replace them.

Trees Are Worth It

In Sacramento, homeowners can water a mature tree for less than \$10 per month. For less than the price of a latte, our trees clean our air, cool our homes, replenish groundwater, improve our health, and create livable and aesthetically pleasing neighborhoods. Protecting our existing tree canopy and planting new trees ensures that these benefits are passed on to future generations.

Here are some basic steps every homeowner should implement to sustain their tree’s life, especially when it is threatened by summer heat and lingering drought conditions.

When to Water Your Tree

The amount of water your tree needs depends on your soil and tree species. Rainwater is often sufficient to rejuvenates a brown and dying lawn. It may not provide adequate amounts of precipitation to revive and sustain a mature tree.

How do you know when it’s time to water your tree? A simple check of the soil should give you the answer. Using a screwdriver or soil probe, check the soil at least six inches deep near the drip line of your tree. If the soil is hard, dry, and crumbly, water the tree using a slow soak method. If the soil is wet or sticky, allow it to dry before applying more water.

Mulch Responsibly

Good news – the best mulch for your tree is usually free of charge! Cut costs and help your trees by picking up small amounts of wood chips from SMUD, or contact a local tree service to ask about delivery of an entire truckload. Landscaping materials like decomposed granite and rocks are not only expensive, they can be very harmful to trees. They do not provide any of the nutritive, insulating, or water saving benefits of wood chip mulch. Instead, they compact the soil and retain damaging heat near sensitive tree roots.

Adding natural wood chip mulch around your tree will:

- Help your tree grow faster
- Keep moisture in the soil
- Protect roots from extreme temperatures
- Release nutrients into the soil
- Discourage competition from grass and weeds

Spread mulch in a fluffy donut shape with a four-foot diameter around your tree. Keep it four inches away from the trunk, and layer it six inches thick.

AGAIN - Rocks, decomposed granite, weed block fabric, and artificial turf will increase water runoff and trap heat in the soil, and should not be placed around trees.

Send us a picture of your River Park tree. Let us know why you love it. Is it big, is it historic, does it have flowers in the Spring or colors in the Fall?

Do children play in or under it? Did the community plant your tree in one of our seven Community Tree Plantings? Please email a good quality picture (it can be a phone camera pic, if it's in focus) with your name and address. Send your picture and information to kbriley@surewest.net



River Park Puzzlers

by Inna Tysoe

There is a new Facebook community in town: River Park Puzzlers. The heat may be on its way out, but the wind and the rain are surely headed our way. If the weather forces you to stay indoors, what better way to spend an evening (or a whole week) than putting a jigsaw puzzle together? Trouble is, jigsaw puzzles take up a lot of room; and, let's face it, once you finish a puzzle, you don't want to do it again. So, Janet Mason came up with a great idea: puzzle exchange.

If you love puzzles, and have some you would like to give to one of our neighbors or would like one of our neighbors to share a fresh challenge with you, join the Facebook group River Park Puzzlers.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/336754616093985>

There you can post puzzles you want to share with our community. You can also reach out to other members of the group if there is something specific you are looking for. Or, you can just exchange jigsaw puzzles. Think of the Facebook group as a Little Puzzle Library.



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Scottish Rite Center Events

by Inna Tysoe

As ever, Jim Gray has been good enough to compile this list of events at the Scottish Rite Center. We are grateful to him for letting us know about the events in our own backyard. And, there are so many activities to choose from. Take a look:

October 5-6

Gem Faire

October 12-13

ConQuest Sac Avalon

October 19-20

Sinister Creature Con Haloween

October 26-27

Mineral Society and Kids Science Fair

November 23

Ben Ali Shriners Holiday Craft Fair

November 28

Run to Feed the Hungry

November 30-Dec. 1

Crocker Holiday Market

December 7

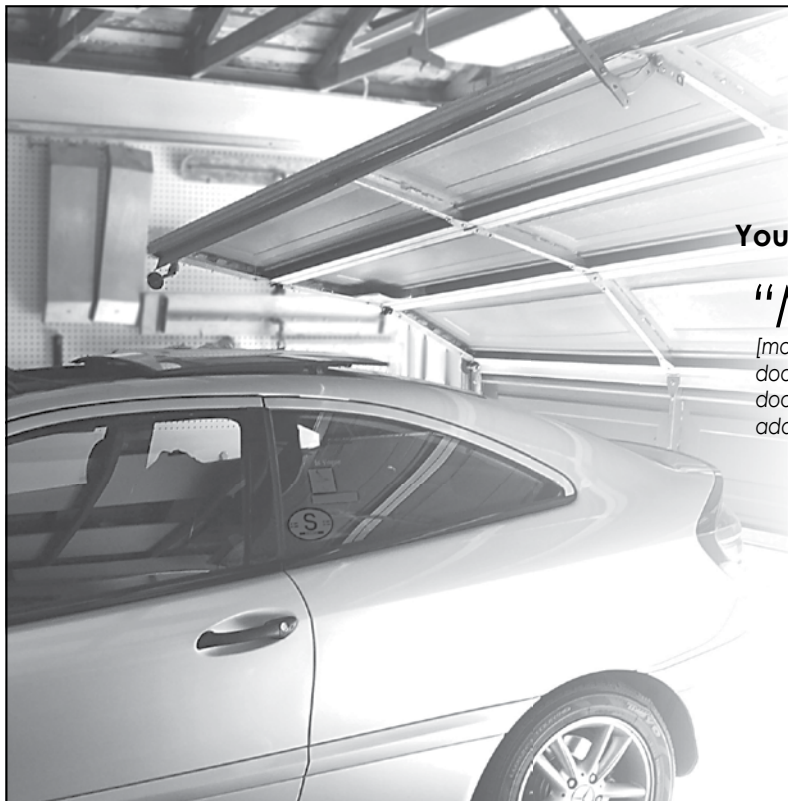
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December 14-15

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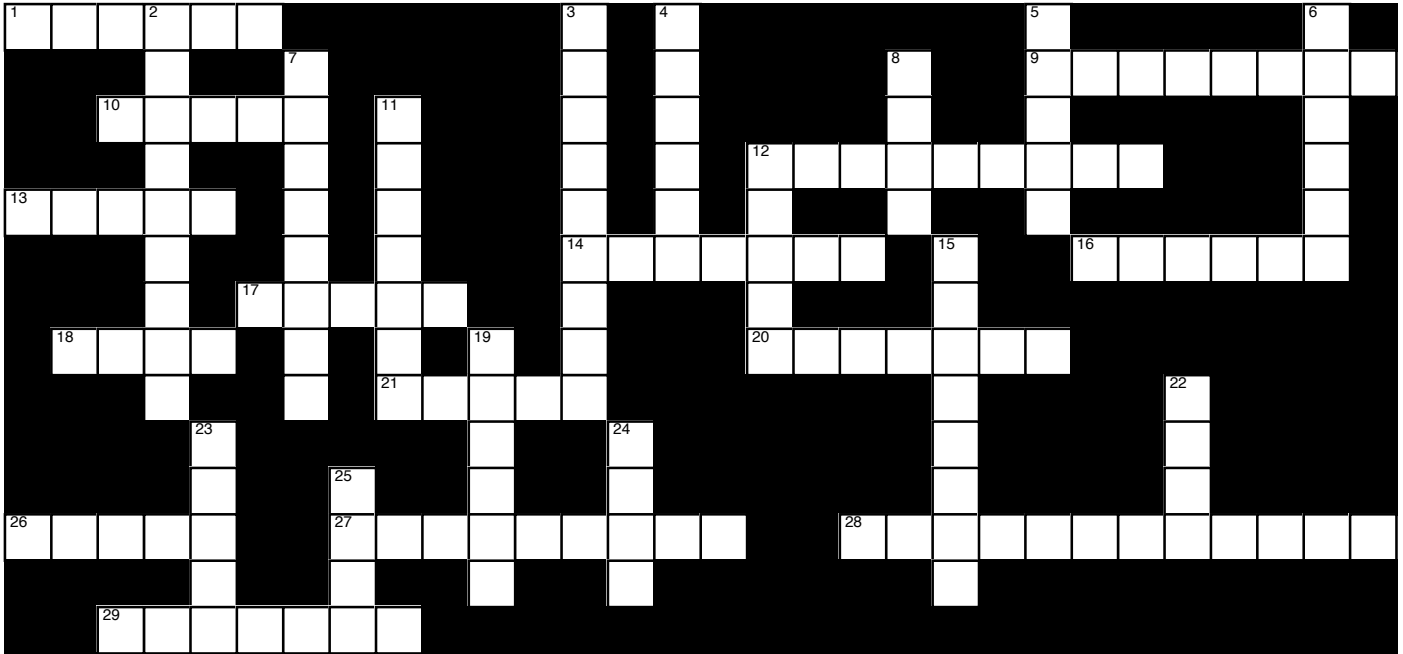
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River Park Crossword



Across

1. Every Fall, many residents of River Park participate in the annual Run to Feed the ____
9. Every Fall the River Park Neighborhood Association holds an ____
10. River Park's Norman and Anne Marks own the Sacramento ____ property on which the Six Hands Winery now stands.
12. River Park is in the City of Sacramento which is Spanish for ____
13. This year, among the many families watching the Fourth of July Parade, was a gathering of families that had these kinds of siblings born at the same time in common.
14. Most of the races through River Park are organized by the Buffalo Chips ____ Club.
16. To stand for election to the River Park Neighborhood Association Board, a resident of River Park must be a ____ of the River Park Association in good standing.
17. ____ McBride is an artist, a handyman, a car artist/mechanic and an all-round Riverparkian.
18. You can get great meals at these trucks in Glenn Hall Park.
20. River Park residents John and Miriam McCormack help the homeless find ____
21. Every year, River Park Canopy Project volunteers plant these in our neighborhood.
26. Native Americans used the wood of American River's Incense ____ or Calocedrus decurrens to make bows.
27. The University ____ is home to approximately 1,300 species of trees, shrubs and herbaceous perennials, making it a neighborhood treasure.
28. Fremont ____ Church's Band Director, Kevin Glaser, orchestrated the River Park Fourth of July marching band.
29. Dylan ____ ran the food stand on the corner of Carlson and Messina.

Down

2. Our local Caleb ____ School opened its doors on September 10, 1950 to sixty students.
3. You can tell our neighborhood is a community simply by how many people invite their neighbors over for a book and a chat by hosting Little ____ on their lawns.
4. The Ailanthus altissima commonly called the Tree of ____ is not native to the American River. Chinese Miners brought it with them to remind them of home.
5. The US Corps of Engineers is working on the ____ near Glenn Hall Park.
6. River Park ____ holds many spring and summer camps and clinics leading up to the fall season.
7. ____ is working on the Bike Trail Project.
8. River ____ Mothers' Club has been a neighborhood tradition since 1954.
11. Richard ____ is River Park Review's Copy Editor.
12. Pat ____ produces the River Park Garden Club newsletter.
15. Many long-time River Park residents are pleased that River Park is home to many young families and ____.
19. This Memorial is a plaza and fountain at H Street and Carlson Drive is dedicated to Frances and Roy.
22. The Mourning ____ or the Zenalda macroua is often seen near the American River. They usually nest in trees or shrubs but are also found in buildings or constructs.
23. Erica Thomas painted the wonderful ____ at Caleb Greenwood, transforming the side of a building near the school's entrance into a work of art.
24. Scottish ____ Center has many different events. See if you're interested in one in the Review.
25. The Carlson ____ Stand that provided food to many of our neighbors is currently closed.

Crossword Key will be posted on the website

River Park Recommends Appliance Repair

Collated by Inna Tysoe from Sacramento River Park on FaceBook and NextDoor. These recommendations appeared on Facebook and/or Nextdoor. They do not represent River Park Review's endorsement of any company; they are simply the companies that our neighbors have recommended. If you want to see a deserving business featured in "River Park Recommends", respond to a Facebook thread that has a fair number of responses, telling our neighbors about your positive experience with a specific business, and you may well see that business featured in this column.

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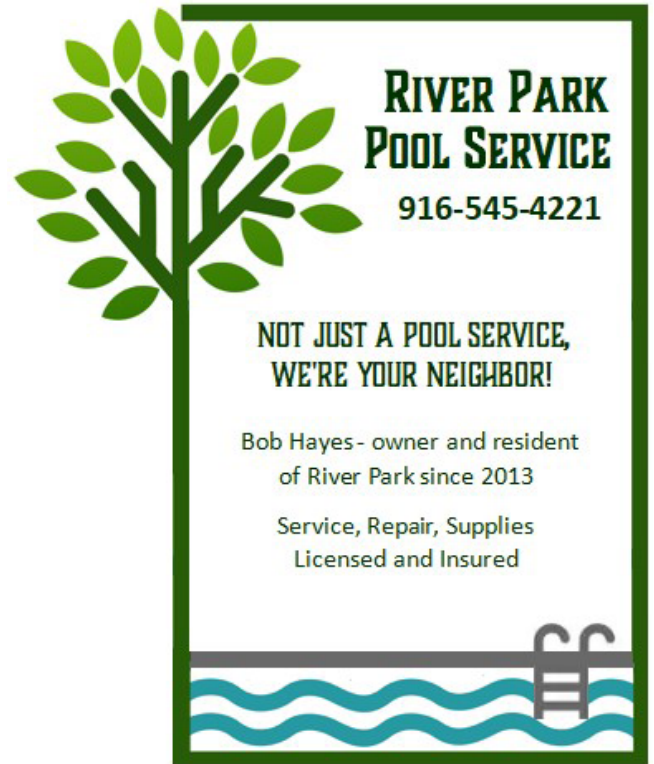
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