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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 email 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

****Santa on Saturday only****

Upcoming Events...

RPNA Board meetings are back IN PERSON! On the third Thursday of every month, starting at 7:30 pm., at the Fremont Presbyterian Church. Meetings are held year round (excluding December).

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**The Man Who Brings Christmas
AKA Sparky Watts...Toys For Tots**

by Inna Tysoe

Frank Perri (aka "Sparky Watts", a retired electrician) wanted to do something meaningful in retirement. He had always loved Christmas; but now, with his children grown, he only bought presents for his grandson. That just wasn't enough. He knew that Shriner's Hospital did great work and so decided to put together presents for the children there. He had no personal connection with Shriner's; he simply wanted to bring Christmas to the kids who couldn't go home.

Before he retired, Frank had been a member of Business Networking International or BNI. So, he asked his friends there for help. At first the presents weren't overwhelming, but that's OK. They came from the heart. From the very beginning, they were Frank's way of saying "here's Christmas from BNI." Every year the presents became bigger and bigger. Indeed, the whole operation grew. About four years ago, Frank got a videographer to document the endeavor.

Last year, the videographer's two girls helped Frank and his wife load the carts to take to Shriner's kids. Frank was dressed as Santa, his wife was Santa's helper, and the little helpers were dressed in the season's colors. A lady with a child was passing by, saw the operation, and asked if she could help; so, two more pairs of hands were added. This is why Frank created "**Sparky Watts, Toys for Tots**".

It's a beautiful story and Frank is a beautiful human being who, since retiring, has devoted himself to bringing joy to very sick kids. I am very glad I got to know him, if only a little. Frank can be reached at perri740@att.net.



For over 30 years, River Park has maintained a strong Neighborhood Watch program, built by neighbors who are committed to looking out for the safety of our community.

During a recent RP Board meeting, the Board was made aware of several recent thefts and break-ins in the neighborhood. In an effort to share information with all of our neighbors, we are posting helpful resources below. These phone numbers, contacts, and bullet points were shared with the RP Neighborhood Watch team by the Sacramento Police Department during an in-person meeting in June of 2023. During that meeting, the Police Department recommended that neighbors utilize the emergency and non-emergency phone numbers when a crime is being committed. For these numbers and more, please refer to the resources below.

Also, please help the neighborhood to stay aware of crime by contacting riverparkpatrol@aol.com.

Department of Community Response

In July 2020, the City Council directed the creation of Department of Community Response (DCR) to establish an alternative response model for 911 calls that do not require a police officer response.

SPD's Homeless & Mental Health Outreach Impact Team (916-808-4540)

The Homeless and Mental Health Outreach unit works with the city's chronic homeless to determine the problems and identify services that can help. This is achieved through the coordination of law enforcement, criminal justice, and many service providers.

311

Phone: 311 or (916)-808-5011. If outside City Limits (916) 808-8563 TTY. Note: When dialing 311 within city limits, please inform your telephone company's customer service department if your call is routed to the County. Email: 311@cityofsacramento.org. The typical email response time is within 72 business hours.

City Park Rangers (311)

Our mission is to provide park guests and park neighbors with a safe and trouble-free environment through "Service, Safety, and Preservation". Contact us via 311 if you have safety concerns, observations, on-site problems, or comments about City parks

<https://www.cityofsacramento.org/ParksandRec/Parks/Park-Ranger-Services>

Narcotic Tip Line (916-808-5796)

The Sacramento Police Department has established an online form for individuals to provide anonymous crime tips and information to us. This form is intended for any drug or gang activity, on-going criminal activity, and/or suspicious activity not in progress. Submit a crime tip to Crime Tips - City of Sacramento

Traffic Complaint Line

trafficcomplaints@pd.cityofsacramento.org

Crime Statistics

Uniform Crime Reporting Statistics. Crime is the primary driver of police activity. The Sacramento Police Department reports crime occurring in the city based on the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) standard. UCR data is used in law enforcement administration, operation, and management, as well as to track the fluctuations in the level of crime throughout America. See Crime - City of Sacramento

Oak Firewood For Sale!

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Winter is here...

Happy Holidays!



Lisa Cirill's parents, Doris and Frank Cirill, moved to River Park with their young son, Curtis, in 1964, and two weeks later Lisa was born.



One of Lisa's earliest memories of being a 'free range' youngster in River Park was when she was three years old. One evening she and her family went to Fall Family Night at Caleb Greenwood Elementary School. Her older brother Curtis was excited to share

his kindergarten finger paintings with his family. At some point, Lisa became separated from her family. She left the kindergarten classroom and walked three blocks home in the dark. Lisa knocked on the front door of her home, but no one answered. So, a sad little girl sat on the front porch awaiting her family. A neighbor saw her and walked her to the kindergarten classroom to be reunited with her family. "That's a great example of our caring River Park community—neighbors helping neighbors. And as you get older, you appreciate it more and more," Lisa shared.

Lisa left River Park to attend university and afterwards lived and worked in San Francisco and Santa Monica. She eventually made her way back to Sacramento and River Park. Lisa has lived forty of her sixty years in River Park. She has best friends whom she has known since kindergarten, first, and second grades at Caleb Greenwood. They too left home for university and later moved back to River Park.

Shortly after Lisa returned to Sacramento, Caleb Greenwood celebrated its 50th anniversary. To commemorate the occasion, a handful of past graduating classes held sixth- grade reunions. Lisa and her River Park childhood friends couldn't believe how easy it was to find the people they went to school with.

Nearly one third of their classmates lived in River Park. Lisa recalled, "We had twenty-five classmates attend the reunion, many of us hadn't seen each other in well over twenty years and it seemed like time hadn't even passed. That's what is so special about friends you grew up with, no pretenses."

Lisa and her husband, Kevin Shirley, bought the house next door to the home where she grew up. Through the years, Lisa has watched River Park evolve as a community.

She feels the fabric of the community is and has always been strong. However, there are changes. Lisa is pleased to see new families moving in. She believes these new residents are enriching River Park by creating a more socially and culturally diverse neighborhood.

And many of these families are moving up - literally! When Lisa was young there were ten to twenty two-story houses in River Park. Now there are fifty to sixty. The trees are taller too. Yet, sadly, River Park has lost some of its historical trees such as the white and black walnut trees that had thrived in its soil.



When Lisa was growing up, there weren't any street undulations in River Park. Apparently, residents and visitors acknowledged its residential speed limit. And there certainly weren't as many hired gardeners. In the 1960s through the 1980s, most River Park homeowners did their own yard maintenance. Lisa doesn't remember as many families with dogs either. Now it's nice to see so many neighbors walking their furry loved ones throughout the neighborhood.

The River Park Shopping Center has transformed as well. Lisa fondly remembers shopping as a child at Pantry Market in the heart of the River Park Shopping Center. Pantry Market was bigger than Compton's Market, and River Park residents were its best customers. Next to Pantry Market was the New Shanghai Cafe, a favorite family restaurant. There was Sidewalk Pizza, where River Park children flocked after school for a slice of pie and to enjoy foosball, pinball, and River Park's first Pac-Man video game. Another family destination was Happy Days Ice Cream Parlor. It served great sundaes, burgers, and other delicious foods.

The shopping center had a dry cleaner and the River Park Pharmacy and Gift Shop. There was also the Brilliant Star, a five-and-dime store, that had anything a little kid could want. As there is today, there was a laundromat, a barber shop, a hair and nail salon, and a dog groomer. There has always been a dentist in the River Park Professional Building.

However, River Park's full-service Union 76 gas station is now a three-story apartment complex. As a teenager, Lisa fondly remembers driving her light blue 1964 AMC Rambler to the "76". The gas station owner, John, would wash her windows and check her oil while he filled her tank.

You didn't have to go outside of River Park for your essentials, which is probably how River Park came to have its own identity. You would likely meet your neighbors in the grocery market, the gas station or the ice cream parlor. After meeting one another several times, you might have a conversation, and after a while, become friends. Little by little, chance meeting by chance meeting, a community with its own character was created. Thus, even though we are technically part of East Sacramento, in reality, we are a separate community.

These days, of course, we congregate in many places. Ciavarella Field has celebrated sixty years serving youth baseball in River Park. There are the Glenn Hall Park tennis and pickleball courts, children's playground, swimming pool and shaded barbecue picnic area. Some of these are newer amenities. Lisa tells me she was around twelve

when the tennis courts were installed, and later she remembers the River Park Mothers' Club playing an instrumental role in constructing the children's playground.

There have been other changes. The American River Parkway, which Lisa's father, Frank Cirill, and other residents worked for years to preserve, has benefitted from many environmentally sound improvements. And most recently, River Park is finally connected to the American River Parkway bike trail, allowing our residents to enjoy thirty-two miles of uninterrupted Class A trail.

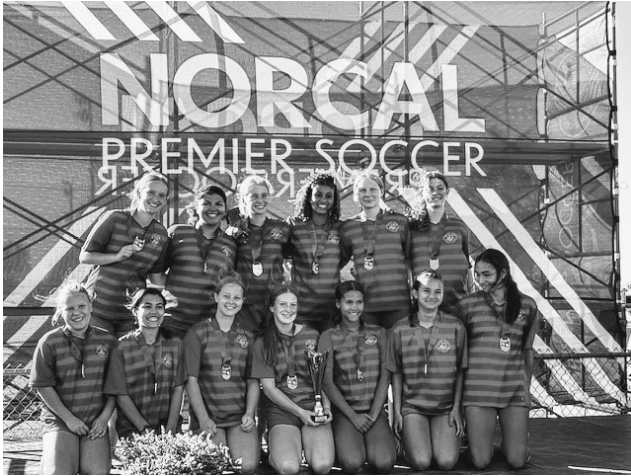
A major and extremely important addition to our community is the River Park Neighborhood Association (RPNA). The organization began around thirty-three years ago and is integral to River Park's growth and identity. Early on, the RPNA and the River Park Mothers' Club joined forces to initiate River Park's flagship annual event: its Fourth of July Parades and Festival. It's no surprise that Lisa's father was a former RPNA Board President many years ago, and Lisa a recent former Board Member, that still volunteers her time to coordinate the Fourth of July Festival!

Many things have changed in River Park. But one thing that has stayed the same is our pride in our community. Perhaps it's because of those friendships Lisa told me about, the friendships she forged as a young child. Whatever the reason, we are still the kind of place where a neighbor will notice a little girl sitting distraught on her front porch and take her to find her parents. May it long endure.



River Park Soccer

Congratulations to all River Park soccer players and coaches on an awesome 2024 season!



Our very own River Park U16 Girls “Running Rhinos” won the NorCal Premier Soccer Super Rec Cup Championship in Davis! Despite fierce competition, the team fought hard and worked together to win the tournament 2-0

on November 3, 2024. This win is particularly special for the Running Rhinos because the team has played together since the U6 level, which is a testament to the team’s comradery and dedication.

Wishing the best of luck to the rest of our River Park teams as they compete in the U10 -14 Super Rec Cup on December 7-8.

Keep an eye out for upcoming spring soccer opportunities at <https://riverparksoccer.com/> Go [River Park Soccer!](#)

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As I gained experience working with various HVAC companies, I began to notice a significant gap in the industry – a lack of exceptional customer service. This realization led me to want to make a change.

At the age of 23, I took a leap of faith and

decided to start my own business, giving it the name "Atticman".

I wanted a brand that captured my unwavering commitment to excellence and to the Sacramento community. I adopted Atticman as the embodiment of my mindset – a reminder that we're always striving to be the very best and we will always put in the hard work. This name represents more than just a brand; it's an icon that serves the Sacramento community.

I began with a modest investment – a 1997 Ford Pickup I found on Craigslist for \$1500. There was a catch, though: it **literally** would not go in reverse! Strangely enough, this seemed symbolic because I understood that building the best HVAC company in Sacramento meant always moving forward and never looking back. I keep a photo of this truck in my office - a reminder of how we started.

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Register Today For River Park Youth Baseball!

For players aged 5-12, River Park Youth Baseball is a Cal Ripken Youth Baseball League located at the one-and-only Ciavarella Field in Sacramento.

River Park Youth Baseball

by Mark Punshon

Let's play ball! Register today for River Park Youth Baseball. Register online at RiverParkYouthBaseball.com

River Park Youth Baseball is a Cal Ripken Youth Baseball League, located in the one-and-only Civarella Field, located right here in River Park, offering players aged 5-12 years an opportunity to play in one of four divisions:

- Tee Ball, for first-time players ages 5-6 (Tee ball will also allow 4-year-olds, if a parent is prepared to coach.
- Rookies, for players ages 7-8 with limited experience
- Minors, for players ages 9-10
- Majors, for players ages 11-12.

Early registration will be November 10-December 31; \$200 for Tee Ball, \$275 for all other divisions.

Regular registration will begin January 1; \$250 for Tee Ball, \$325 for all other divisions. Sibling discounts are available.

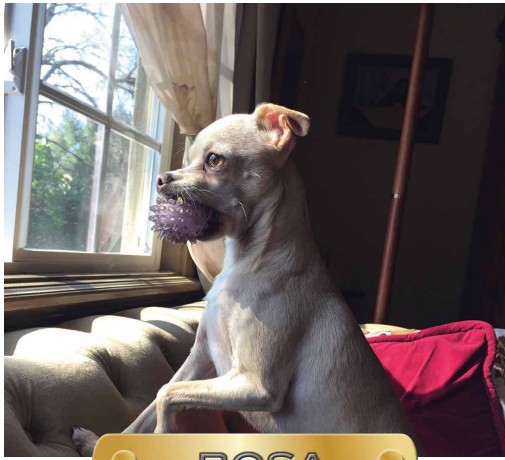
Evaluations will take place on Saturday, January 11, and Sunday, January 12. Practices will begin in February. Opening day will be March 1.

Questions? Email RiverParkYouthBaseball@gmail.com

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Send a quality close-up digital photo of your River Park pet with a description to: janet@ideasbydesign-graphics.com

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To contribute, contact: Richard Vincent at 916-228-4714 or rcvincent01@gmail.com
Please put "letter to the editor" in the subject line of your email

PARK PETS



ROSA



Here is Rosa, caught between playing and spying on her neighbors. She has been walking the streets of River Park for nearly 11 years. She was found when she was only four weeks old. She looked like a mouse. She has grown into a funny, smart chihuahua who is loved by her family and neighbors.



River Park Garden Club Update

by Ron McCormack



It's the holiday time of the year! And the River Park Garden Club is sponsoring our catered holiday brunch Sunday,

December 8, at 11:00 am at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center in McKinley Park. Invitations will be mailed out to club members, but anyone can come. The cost is \$14 adults and \$7 children. There will be live music and carol singing plus a Best Holiday Sweater/Shirt Contest--the good, the bad, or the ugliest will win it! So wear your favorite "conversation starter."

If you're not a member and are interested in attending, contact Brian (916-549-3398).

The River Park Garden Club has been busy behind the scenes making sure that the garden areas at the entrance to River Park and Glenn Hall Park are tended to. Hard-working member Lee Ruth is now in the semi-retirement from such duties. It's time for Lee (and Therese Ruth) to pass the baton, and garden club member Paul Townsend has stepped up. He will be our new beautification chair and point of contact for efforts around the Yermol Fountain at the entrance to River Park, the adjacent garden near the CSUS parking lot, and the plantings near the sign at Glenn Hall Park.

Club members have taken responsibility for planting, pruning, repairing equipment, and general tending of these public areas for more than 20 years. Loyal non-members Richard Vincent (now also in semi-retired from these jobs), Howdy Hoover, and Joe Van Sickle help with the various chores. But more help is needed. Anyone with gardening skills who is interested in helping, please email Paul at townsendpt108@gmail.com.

River Park Mothers' Club

by Michelle Elise Early

This fall has been a busy time for the families of River Park. The Mothers' Club hosted a Halloween parade, Boo Baskets for neighborhood children, a toy exchange, an outdoor movie night, and a S'mores night, among many other fun activities.

As we try to stay warm and build community through the winter we have more fun events planned. The RPMC will host a clothing swap and a fun ornament exchange. Any mothers in River Park who are interested are encouraged to visit <https://riverparkmothersclub.com> to learn more and join.



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*For all of our holiday events,
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Have you experienced Christmas at Fremont?

You, your family and friends are invited to the Glorious Sounds of Christmas Concert performed by Fremont's Christmas Choir, Orchestra, and majestic pipe organ. The free concert features traditional carols as well as pieces by Dan Forrest, G. F. Handel, Kyle Pederson, Bruce Saylor and selections from the Magnificat by John Rutter. This 90-minute program will begin at 7:00 pm on December 13th, 14th, and 15th.

Are you looking for a family activity to celebrate the holiday season?

Begin the holy season of Advent on December 1st at 4:00 pm at our Christmas ADVENTure Night. You are invited to enjoy dinner and make an Advent wreath for your family. There will be a live nativity and fun activities for all ages to celebrate the season. This event is for everyone, whether you are coming with children, roommates, or on your own! Visit our website to register.

Is the holiday season hard for you?

Fremont is hosting a Blue Christmas service on December 21st at 4:00 pm in the Chapel. This service is different from traditional gatherings as it honors those who are experiencing grief and who are struggling with loss. You can expect a quiet and contemplative service that focuses on the healing touch of the Holy Spirit and the hope found in our Lord Jesus Christ. Come and be among others who have also experienced a loss. You will find support navigating the holiday season through connecting to an understanding community.

Christmas Eve Services

- 4:00 PM** Children and Families Service in the Sanctuary
- 5:30 PM** Modern Outdoor Service in the Courtyard
- 7:00 & 9:00 PM** Evening Candlelight Services in the Sanctuary



Playground Trees Replaced

Recently, severe winter storms wrought havoc on many trees in River Park. One of the two huge Coastal Redwood trees located near the sand box area of the Glenn Hall Park children’s playground was brought down by winter winds. For safety reasons, the City removed the damaged tree and its stump.

Parents could tell that the loss of that major tree would make the sand box unusable during hot summer days. One mother, Chay Bettencourt, said her two children would like to use the playground during every season and that more shade would help. Several other parents whose kids use the playground asked Lee Ruth for help in getting some replacement trees. (Lee is a member of the River Park Tree Canopy Project steering committee and a Sacramento Tree Foundation Tree Hero). So, replacing this tree became a project of the committee.

Lee contacted City Park Supervisor Christopher Berry, who referred him to City Arborist Jodi

Carlson for permission to plant and for suggestions for the most suitable variety of trees. They decided on a Trident Maple and an Interior Live Oak. After receiving gas line clearance, on Saturday, November 9, a small group of volunteers planted the two 15-foot-tall trees. Lee donated the trees to the Park.

“Thank you” to the planting team: Tony Mader, Paul Townsend, Joe Van Sickle, Lee and Therese Ruth, and Steve Harriman and Julie Lincoln and their young family.

Look for the new trees the next time you are nearby! They are close to the tennis/pickle ball court fence.

Coming next issue: Ten years of the River Park Tree Canopy Project – a summary of the trees we have planted so far.



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



Be Informed in Winter

by Inna Tysoe

Winter is upon us and with it potential power outages, road closures, and what-not. Sacramento City is urging us to sign up for Sacramento Alert Notification System. If you google “Sacramento Alert Notification System”, it will be the first thing that comes up.

It’s a kind of reverse 911 that will only let you know about emergencies that are critical and time sensitive. I signed up because better safe than sorry. And safety begins with knowing what’s coming.



The Turkey Story

by Inna Tysoe

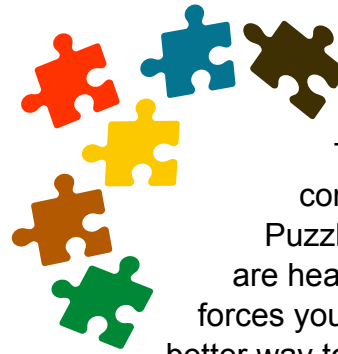
Not all wildlife stories have a happy ending.

I was working late when there was an electric buzz and a loud bang. The lights flickered but did not go out. “Must not have been our transformer,” my husband said. Whatever it was, had caused a commotion outside. I found out what had happened later that night.

A turkey had tried to roost in what our neighbors sometimes call the “turkey tree” on the corner of Messina and Monalee but was kicked out. The poor thing fell and hit the power cables, dying instantly, causing the lights to flicker, and the commotion outside as folks gathered to see what had happened.

Our neighbors said there was just not enough room in the tree to accommodate so many birds, and there is most likely some truth to that. However, turkeys join ranks with other birds in the fall and winter. At that time, birds who are ill or weak are kicked out of the flock. It is possible that this sorting is what ultimately caused the turkey to hit the power cables and die.

Sadly, this turkey will not be getting a presidential pardon on Thanksgiving.



River Park Puzzlers

by Inna Tysoe

There is a new Facebook community in town: River Park Puzzlers. The wind and the rain are 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:

November 30-Dec. 1

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December 7

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December 14-15

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January 9-10

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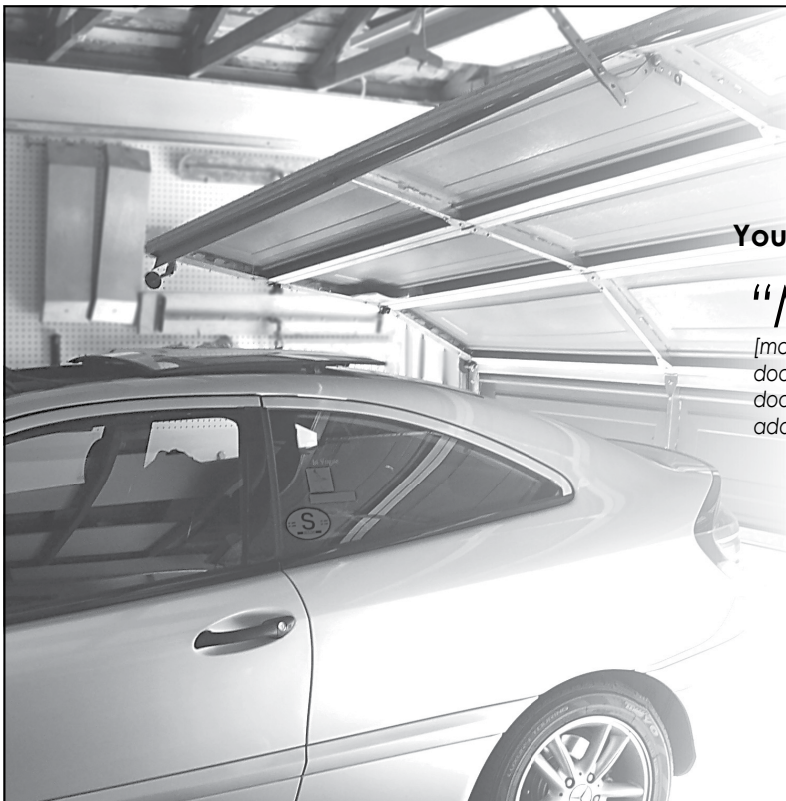
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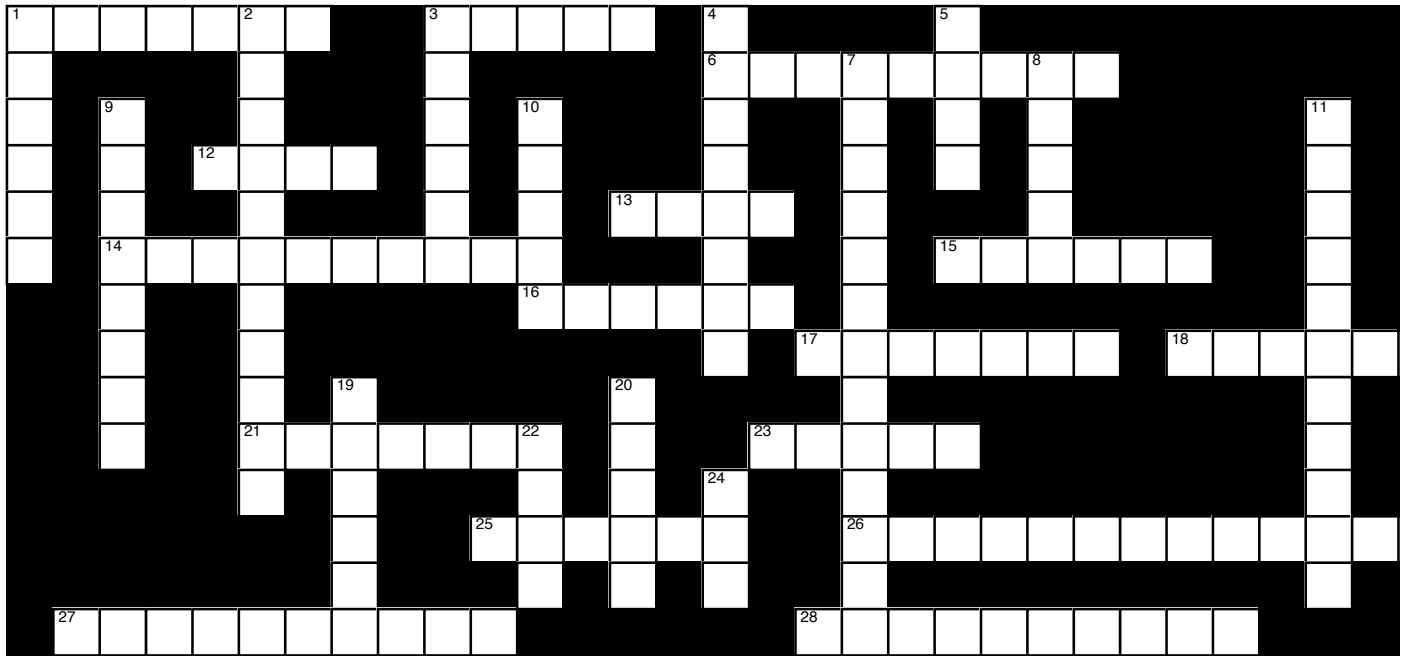
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River Park Crossword



Across

1. This years River Park ____ Lights Contest had three categories: Most Traditional, Most Unique, and Best Theme.
3. The State flower of California, the California ____ is native to the American River.
6. The Army Corps of ____ have removed many trees when working on the levee.
12. Every Friday, hungry neighbors meet up at Glenn Hall Park because that's where the ____ Trucks come.
13. Show us Your ____ is a regular column in the River Park Review.
14. SIR ____ Club's mission is enhance the lives of people who are no longer working through fun activities and events.
15. I know many love them but the wild ____ or Meleagris gallopavo is not native to California.
16. Jeff ____ used to represent River Park on the City Council.
17. ____ Drive Apartments are named after the street they are on.
18. I know they can be stinky but the Common ____ is native to the American River.
21. River Park Soccer Club had its ____ Festival at Glenn Hall Park.
23. Buffalo ____ Running Club hosts most of the runs in River Park.
25. There are two ____ shops in River Park: The Honest ____ and Paradise Beauty Salon.
26. If you or a neighbor are the victim of a crime, please contact the police and the River Park ____ Patrol.
27. River Park Youth Baseball held its mini All Star Game at ____ Field.
28. On January 1, 2025, Phil ____ will represent River Park on the City Council.

Down

1. The Black-crowned Night ____ make their home along the American River although in 2004, they decided to move to River Park Heronsfor a while.
2. River Park Neighborhood ____ puts out the River Park Review.
3. The Fourth of July ____ was one of the very first things the newly formed RPNA organized.
4. John Sutter called Sacramento New ____.
5. The Guy ____ Bridge spans the American River.
7. Caleb Greenwood is an ____ Baccaalaureate World School.
8. The American ____ Sulphur Flower is a mounding small, semi-evergreen shrub that is native to our part of the world.
9. There are two of these houses of worship in River Park.
10. Articles to the River Park Review are due on the 10th of the ____ prior to the issue date.
11. Brenda Jew-Waters oversaw the ____ Station at the Fourth of July Carnival for many years and River Park thanks her for her dedication and talent.
19. ____ Way is named after "Jerry" Carlson who was Louis D. Carlson's nephew. Carlson & Sandburg were one of the two groups who developed River Park.
20. We have many of these in River Park. Some are all about gardening, other support Moms and still others are all about poker.
22. Jim ____ at the Scottish Rite Center puts together a calendar of events for the River Park community every month.
24. Mrs. Thomas who painted the amazing mural at the front of Caleb Greenwood teaches this subject.

Crossword Key will be posted on the website

River Park Recommends Architects

Collated by Inna Tysoe from "Sacramento River Park" on Facebook

These recommendations do not represent River Park Review's endorsement of any company; they simply present the companies our neighbors have recommended to one another on Facebook.

If you want to see a deserving business featured in "River Park Recommends," respond to a Facebook thread that has a fair number of interest and share with your neighbors your positive experiences with that business.

Sometimes our neighbors want to expand their living space or add an accessory dwelling unit (ADU). Before you can do either of those things, you need an architect. Our neighbors have recommended the following:

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