



## PARK BEAT

*The Pulse of Greater Boulevard Park*

Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association • Box 163179, Sacramento 95816 • June 2008

### BPNA's Annual Yard Sale!

**Don't miss BPNA's biggest annual fund raiser – Saturday, June 7th!** The sale will be at its usual spot on the median of 22nd St. between G and H Streets from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Items have already started flowing in, including sports equipment, books, bikes, furniture and more. If you have any items that you want donate or you just need to clear out some items, call **Pat Cosentino** at 444-0506 to arrange to drop-off of items, or we can arrange pick-up of items.

The yard sale helps defray the costs of this newsletter, *Park Beat*, our post office box, the BPNA signs welcoming folks to our neighborhood, donations to the Green Thumb Brigade for items purchased for the traffic calming devices, as well as donations to Friends of Grant Park, and our many annual events. Come join us the night before the sale as we price all of our fabulous items. We will also need volunteers the day of the yard sale. *Call Steve Rogers at 441-4350 to volunteer with pricing or sales.*

### Old Soul at the Weatherstone

**By Rob Sperling**

As you may or may not be aware, Weatherstone on 21st between H & I Streets, was sold to the owners of **Old Soul Cafe** earlier this year. Since taking ownership, the owners have made many changes such as menu enhancements, landscaping, painting, and remodeling improvements. However, a recent request to be allowed to sell beer and wine has raised some concerns by residents and non-residents of Boulevard Park. The BPNA Board of Directors listened to the concerns both for and against the beer and wine license application and decided to write a letter of support to the Department of ABC, but include conditions.

We felt that this was the best approach to support a local business that has been a positive part of our neighborhood and at the same time address concerns of those that have expressed disapproval of the application, while allowing for a casual cafe that many support. We feel that the conditions that we have asked to be placed on the license will protect our neighborhood from noise and other nuisances that can occur when a beer and wine license is issued. They are also consistent with those in place for a neighboring business, but also address the patio area within Weatherstone. If the license is granted, we plan to monitor and work closely with, the new owners to address any concerns that may arise. If you haven't been to Old Soul at the Weatherstone, check it out, they are open seven days a week from 6a.m. to 11 p.m.

### Mark Your Bike

At our April general membership meeting, representatives of the Sacramento Police Department discussed a number of issues related to the increased presence of homeless people around Boulevard Park, due in part to the encampments north of the levee near C Street. One of the things that follows increased homeless populations is an increase in bicycle theft.

The police officers strongly recommended that citizens take the trouble to engrave their driver's license numbers somewhere on their bicycle frames. Having a positive way to identify stolen bicycles greatly increases the chances of their recovery and return, and provides the police with evidence to prosecute the thieves when they find them with identifiable stolen property. BPNA Board member **Pat Cosentino** has generously offered to lend his engraving tool to BPNA members who want to use it to mark their bike frames. Pat's home is at 2326 H Street. *Give him a call at 444-0506 to arrange a time to stop by with your bike and take this step to protect your property.*

### BPNA to Incorporate

**By Hal Edmonds**

The BPNA Board has taken steps to form a 501(c)(4) public benefit corporation, though the remarkably generous assistance of BPNA member Larry Watson of Banks & Watson Attorneys. This step will create a permanent organization for BPNA, as opposed to the more informal structure that has obtained up until now. More importantly, it will provide legal protection for the Association and for the members of the Board. Under our current structure, the individual members of the Board are legally liable for any action taken against BPNA. This means that in the unlikely event that someone should sue BPNA due to, for example, an injury suffered at a BPNA event, the personal assets of Board members, including their homes, could be at risk in case of a judgment against BPNA. This potential exposure could be a serious disincentive for someone considering serving on the Board.

The Board has voted unanimously to proceed with incorporation. However, under our current bylaws we will need the approval of at least 1/3 of our currently active members in order to complete this process. We will be mailing ballots out to all current members in June. Please take the time to mark your ballot and return it, either by mail or by bringing it to our annual July 4th party. We hope you will support this important initiative.

## Places to go, people to see

**June 2 – Neighborhood Response Team (NRT)** – 7:00 p.m., home of Jan Seaman, 1822 G Street. Are you aware of illegal dumping, parking problems, or other city code violations in your area? Come see what can be done about them. *For more information or to report a code violation, contact Jan Seaman at [janseaman42@comcast.net](mailto:janseaman42@comcast.net).*

**June 5 – BPNA Board Meeting** – 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Contact Rob Sperling at 444-8147 for location and to add items to the agenda. *Open to BPNA members and other interested neighbors.*

**June 6 – Sacramento Parenting Partnership Presents: The Apple Story Puppet Show** – 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Camellia Waldorf School, 5701 Freeport Blvd. *For more information, visit the Sacramento Parenting Partnership website at [www.bigtent.com/groups/sacpp](http://www.bigtent.com/groups/sacpp) or contact Tiffanie Simpson at [tlsimpson7@aol.com](mailto:tlsimpson7@aol.com) or Lori Ward at [grisward@sbcglobal.net](mailto:grisward@sbcglobal.net).*

**June 7 – BPNA Annual Yard Sale** – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., median of 22nd St. between G and H Streets. *See details on page 1.*

**June 8 – Concert in the Park** – 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., Sutter's Fort State Historic Park, 26th & L Streets. *See details on page 4.*

**June 13 and 14 – Sacramento Parenting Partnership Presents: Penni Sparks – Ennobling, not Enabling** – Hart Senior Center, 27th & I Streets. Master teacher Penni Sparks will discuss practical ways to inspire excellence in your children and how to parent children with confidence and respectful communication in your home. *For more information, visit the Sacramento Parenting Partnership website at [www.bigtent.com/groups/sacpp](http://www.bigtent.com/groups/sacpp) or contact Tiffanie Simpson at [tlsimpson7@aol.com](mailto:tlsimpson7@aol.com) or Lori Ward at [grisward@sbcglobal.net](mailto:grisward@sbcglobal.net).*

**June 14 – Green Thumb Brigade** – 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., meet at 711 22nd Street. *Come help keep our traffic circles in tiptop shape!*

**June 14 – 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](http://www.sacramento-second-saturday.org).*

**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](mailto:ashajennings@gmail.com) or call her at 803-7409. To place an ad, call Jessica Mazur at 765-0621.

**June 16 – Area 1 Neighborhood Advisory Group (NAG) Meeting** – 6:15 to 8:30 p.m., Hart Senior Center, 27th & I Streets. *Contact Janine Martindale at 808-8193 or at [jmartindale@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:jmartindale@cityofsacramento.org) for information.*

**June 28 – Friends of Grant Park Presents: Young at Art** – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Grant Park. Bring your kids out for a morning of creative expression (all ages welcome). The kids will have a blast exploring various art mediums such as paint, sculpture, and collage. *For more information, contact Cynthia Torres at [friendsofgrantpark@yahoo.com](mailto:friendsofgrantpark@yahoo.com) or at 492-0470.*

### New and Renewing BPNA Members

Deborah Condon; Francis & Darcy Pacheco;  
Travis Silcox & Preston Rudy; David Triche & Maga Jackson

## Monday Night Skate

Are you looking for a fun and healthy way to keep fit? How about skating? Skating is a fun, healthy, low-impact aerobic sport. It burns 570 calories an hour while bringing back childhood memories.

Monday Night Skate nights were started by Mari Tonin around 1993. The group meets every Monday in the parking lot at 3rd and S Streets in downtown Sacramento at 7:00 pm. It then leaves on a 6 to 12 mile skate. For variety, the route of the skate changes from Monday to Monday.

Skating with a group is a great way to learn skating. You'll be able to skate much better than you ever could alone.

### Required skills:

- *Able to skate for a few miles at a moderate speed. Skating lessons are available.*
- *Able to stop. If you come to the Monday Night Skate before 7:00 pm, you can usually get a free stopping lesson.*

### Suggested equipment:

- *Wrist guards. The most frequent injury skaters receive is a broken or sprained wrist.*
- *Helmet. If you fall on your head, this could save your life.*
- *Knee pads. Can prevent a lot of pain and skin rash.*
- *Elbow pads. Falling properly to avoid injury requires elbow pads. Falling on a bare elbow can be very painful.*
- *When skating is done in the dark: Battery powered lights. Flashing red lights increase visibility. A flashlight or other white light can help you see where you are skating.*
- *Bottle or Canteen of Water*

Want to learn how to skate or improve your skills? Information about inline skating lessons is available at [www.sacramentoskating.com/SkatingLessonsFlyer.html](http://www.sacramentoskating.com/SkatingLessonsFlyer.html).

For more information, go to [www.sacramentoskating.com](http://www.sacramentoskating.com) or call Brian Malone at 715-2808 or Bernard Scoville at 447-8288.

## City of Sacramento Phone Numbers

Sacramento City Operator .....	264-5011
Animal Care Services .....	808-7387
Code Enforcement .....	808-5948
Graffiti Hotline .....	264-8819
Parking Enforcement .....	808-5354
Parks and Recreation Department .....	808-5200
Police Emergency .....	911
Police Non-emergency .....	264-5471
SMUD Customer Service .....	1-888-742-7683
Streetlight Shop .....	808-6313

## BPNA Board of Directors 2008

CHAIR	<b>Rob Sperling</b>	444-8147	robsperling@sbcglobal.net
SECRETARY	<b>Sally Flory-O'Neil</b>	446-3390	sallyfo@hotmail.com
TREASURER	<b>Patrick Cosentino</b>	444-0506	
	<b>Marc de la Vergne</b>	448-6909	marcangela@comcast.net
	<b>Hal Edmonds</b>	599-5814	capnhal@aol.com
	<b>Steve Rodgers</b>	441-4350	srodgers66@comcast.net
	<b>Catherine Turrill</b>	278-7515	turrillc@csus.edu

**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.

## City Announces Cut-Backs

By Jan Seaman

The **Neighborhood Services Department** has announced that it will no longer hold monthly meetings of the Neighborhood Response Team (NRT), but rather will go to bi-monthly meetings. The reduction in face-time is, no doubt, the result of tight finances. This means that the citizenry must again, rise to the occasion and fill the gap. You have been encouraged to observe city code, hazardous housing, and violations of the law in your neighborhood and report them to your Boulevard Park NRT. Now it is even more critical that you participate in monitoring the safety and decorum of your neighborhood.

Violations such as unkempt yards (weeds, trash), broken windows or other pieces of the building in disrepair, furniture meant for inside use-outside-are all violations of the city code. Hazardous buildings violations would include a dilapidated building, roof falling off, porch in disrepair, gutters and fascia falling off. Violations of the law include loitering, selling drugs, alcohol sales by businesses to under aged individuals or living in a parked car. All of these issues are addressed by this multi-agency response team-but now, they will only be in a face-to-face meeting with your neighborhood representative, every other month.

To facilitate reporting code violations and graffiti, you can submit them on-line first. Go to <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/code/forms/complaint/> or just go to the city's web site [www.cityofsacramento.com](http://www.cityofsacramento.com) and then click on Forms Center in the left hand margin, then select Code Violation Complaint Form from the menu in the middle and fill out the on-line form. If you are not sure what constitutes a code violation you can read up on it at [www.qcode.us/codes/sacramento](http://www.qcode.us/codes/sacramento).

**If, after two months the issue isn't resolved, contact your Boulevard Park representative to the NRT, Jan Seaman at [janseaman42@comcast.net](mailto:janseaman42@comcast.net) or 446-6845 or attend one of the Area 1, Zone B (that's us) meetings on the first Monday of the month at Jan's house-1822 G Street.**

*Please patronize our advertisers!*

## Committees

**Preservation:** Pat Cosentino, 444-0506

### Park Beat Production Team

**Editor:** Asha Jennings, 803-7409, [ashajennings@gmail.com](mailto:ashajennings@gmail.com)

**Advertising Manager:** Jessica Mazur, 765-0621, [mazur\\_jessica@yahoo.com](mailto:mazur_jessica@yahoo.com)

**Graphic Designer:** Katworks Desktop Publishing, 707-865-2899, [katworks@comcast.net](mailto:katworks@comcast.net)

**Repro:** Grady's Copy Shop, 1228 H Street, 444-6166

**Block Captain Coordinator:** Corey Lake, 444-8147

**Great ad rates! Call Jessica at 765-0621 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

### 2131 H Street – Aden Hart House

2131 H Street is one of the most remarkable houses in the area and is the only structure listed as "Essential" in the City's 1978 Boulevard Park Preservation Area survey. It was built in 1909 by Aden Hart, one of the founders of Sutter Hospital and a member of the State Medical Board. Note both the male and female lion's heads adorning the front of this eclectic house. This boxy Colonial Revival form is embellished with a Palladian loggia, Ionic columns and varied surface treatments (rusticated masonry and fish scale shingles). The art glass windows were imported from Germany. The house sits on an exceptionally large lot.

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

Not getting your *Park Beat* newsletter regularly or can't remember where you put it? You can be added to the email distribution of the newsletter, just send an email to Rob Sperling at [robsperling@sbcglobal.net](mailto:robsperling@sbcglobal.net). You will still receive the paper copy, as usual.



## Concert in the Park Sunday, June 8th

It's that time-of-year again when the community gathers to listen & boogie to live music (for free) in our beautiful parks, mingle with neighbors while sipping a delicious glass of wine, or shoot the breeze over a cold one as the little ones joyfully bounce from face painters to craft tables....

**Yes, the Concert in the Park is just around the corner and we would truly love to see you there.**

It's on Sunday, June 8th from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Sutter's Fort State Historic Park at 26th and L Streets. The line up includes children's musician Lisa Phenix and then awesome blues by the Hucklebucks. We'll have children's activities, beer and wine garden, raffle with great prizes!!! Don't forget to bring your picnic.

**Tell your family & friends!!!**

*If you're interested in volunteering to for the event please contact Monica Vejar at mvejar@covad.net or 628-5621.*

Event sponsored by Neighborhood Advisory Group, Councilmember Steve Cohn, District 3, City of Sacramento, California State Parks, Sutter's Fort State Historic Park, Department of Recreation, Neighborhood Services Department (area 1, Neighborhood Advisory Group), and Sacramento Traditional Jazz Society.

## Mark Your Calendar!

**Below are the date for the many great  
BPNA events this year.**

June 7 ..... Annual Yard Sale  
July 4 ..... BBQ & Celebration  
August 5 ..... National Night Out  
September 13 ..... Spaghetti Dinner  
October 9 ..... BPNA General Meeting  
December 13 ..... Holiday Pot Luck  
January 7, 2009 ..... BPNA General Meeting

### Looking for Park Beat Content

Upcoming events, topics of current interest, observations of the area around you – we are always looking for interesting material for *Park Beat*, your newsletter of the Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association.

**Please call or write Asha Jennings, *Park Beat* editor, at 803-7409 or ashajennings@gmail.com.**

## EDMONDS AND PHILIPP: *Your Way Home*



**Whether buying or selling, call the team that lives & works in Boulevard Park.  
Recycling vintage homes in record time is our specialty!**

*Dave Philipp*  
**REALTOR**  
916.212.1322  
dave@davephilipp.com



*Liz Edmonds*  
**REALTOR**  
916.838.1208  
liz@lizedmonds.com



## Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association Membership Form

**Send form with your \$5.00 to \$15.00 check (less than 4 cents a day per household!) for the remainder of the calendar year to:  
P.O. Box 163179, Sacramento, CA 95816-9179**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ **New Member**      ☐ **Renewing Member**      ☐ **Yes! I want to help. Call me.**  
☐ **Would you like to receive the newsletter by email, as well as home delivery?**