



PARK BEAT

The Pulse of Greater Boulevard Park

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

4th of July BBQ and Water Fight

3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Join your neighbors for this year's 4th of July celebration at Grant Park (C Street between 21st & 22nd).

This year we are partnering with **Friends of Grant Park** to throw a BBQ, games and water fight event with water gun soakers. BBQ's, water, croquet, volleyball and bocce ball will be provided. Bring a blanket, something for the grill and something to share for an afternoon of fun at the park. It will be a great way to kick off the 4th of July weekend and don't forget your ballot (*see incorporation article*).

For questions or more information contact Rob at robsperling@sbcglobal.net or 444-8147.

Meet our New Neighbor

By Rob Sperling

I always enjoy meeting new neighbors and a recent business that relocated to Boulevard Park has been no exception. In fact, Green Sacramento is a great fit for our area and many neighbors experienced it first hand at the grand opening celebration which took place on Saturday, June 14th.

Josh Daniels, owner of **Green Sacramento**, had been looking for the right opportunity to move downtown from the Arden area. Green Sacramento is a retail showroom selling environmentally friendly building materials such as paint, flooring, countertops, carpeting, and a lot more. It is located in what is being called the Green Living Center located at 20th & H Streets, which is the home to three businesses: Green Sacramento, GreenBuilt Construction and LJ Urban, a high density urban infill developer.

If you are looking for home improvement products or ideas then Green Sacramento is a great first stop and just a short walk away. The showroom is located at 1931 H Street and open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (*the entrance to the showroom is on 20th Street*).

Save the Date! National Night Out, August 5th



Tuesday, August 5, is the 25th anniversary of **National Night Out (NNO)**, when thousands of residents of towns and cities across the country will gather together in the yards, parks, and streets in their neighborhoods. This social event also has a serious side, as it is intended to promote crime and drug prevention awareness (*for more information, see: <http://www.nationalnightout.org/nno/about.html>*). In Sacramento's Boulevard Park and Marshall Park neighborhoods, **National Night Out** has been celebrated with a "moveable feast" for the past several years, with three courses of a potluck dinner served at three separate locations located between 22nd and 28th Streets, starting at 6:00 p.m. Bring an appetizer to the hors d'oeuvres tables on the 22nd Street median between F and G Streets, or a favorite dinner or dessert recipe to one of the tables at the next two venues for this progressive neighborhood meal (*exact locations will be printed in the August issue of Park Beat*).

As an added attraction, thanks to the collaboration of the Friends of Grant Park, this year's NNO also will include an "ice cream social" for children and adults in Grant Park. Residents are welcome to participate in any or all of these events. Even if you cannot join us that evening, you can help illuminate the way for strolling neighbors by turning on an outside light.

Save the Date! BPNA Spaghetti Dinner, September 13th

On Saturday evening, **September 13**, Boulevard Park residents will be gathering in the backyard of Pete and Robyn Bramson (2101 G Street) for the annual BPNA Spaghetti Dinner. This family-friendly event has been an early autumn tradition for many years and includes free children's entertainment. Everyone is welcome.

Watch the next issues of *Park Beat* for additional information.

Places to go, people to see

July 3 – 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.*

July 4 – 4th of July BBQ and Water Fight – 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., Grant Park (C Street between 21st & 22nd). *See details on page 1.*

July 7 – 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.*

July 13 – Green Thumb Brigade – 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., meet at 711 22nd Street. Come help keep our traffic circles in tiptop shape! We also need volunteers to water the traffic calming devices. *Please contact Sally Flory-O'Neil at 446-3390 or sallyfo@hotmail.com if you would like information on traffic calming devices in need of watering-some of them may be near your home!*

July 13 – 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.*

July 15 – Copy and Ad Deadline for August issue of Park Beat. To submit articles and calendar entries, email Asha Jennings at ashajennings@gmail.com or call her at 803-7409. To place an ad, call Jessica Mazur at 765-0621.

July 21 – 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 for information.*

July 25 – Children's Music Play Day with Music Matt –10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Grant Park (C Street between 21st & 22nd). *See details on page 3.*

Every Monday – Monday Night Skate – 7:00 p.m. Meet at the parking lot at 3rd and S Streets. *For more information, go to www.sacramentoskating.com or call Brian Malone at 715-2808 or Bernard Scoville at 447-8288.*

City Operator 311 Up and Running

Having trouble figuring out who to call in the city? The City Operator can help you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week! You can now access the City Operator by calling 311 (264-5011 is still operational). The following phone companies now offer 311 dialing to city residents: AT&T (residential/business), AT&T (wireless), Sprint Nextel, Comcast, Vonage, Virgin Wireless, T-Mobile, Sure West (residential/business) (some areas in north Sacramento are experiencing problems due to Sure West routing). 311 anticipates Metro PCS, Verizon Wireless and Frontier to be functioning within the next 30 days.

Sacramento City 311 enters calls for service for the following areas: Code Enforcement, Animal Control, Development Services, water, sewer, drains, and Solid Waste, parking extension requests, street maintenance, trees (as needed), and a variety of other services. 311 is definitely growing! *If there are any services you feel 311 might be able to assist you with, please contact Gina Knepp at 808-8333 or geknepp@cityofsacramento.org.*

BPNA to Incorporate

BOULEVARD PARK

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 mailed ballots 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.

Annual Yard Sale

On Saturday, June 7 BPNA held our annual neighborhood yard sale. With the generous donations from all over Sacramento, we raised over \$1200. Those dollars go towards your monthly newsletter, plants for the traffic calming devices, donations to organizations such as Friends of Grant Park and Washington School, and improvements to the neighborhood, such as our Welcome to Boulevard Park signs.

But raising that kind of money is not an easy job. A special thanks goes out to Pat Cosentino who led the charge in organizing this event. Without his efforts from storing sale items to picking up couches in South Sacramento, we would not have the same amount of money to keep our neighborhood looking great. Thanks also go out to all our volunteers: **Vicki Cosentino, Dominic Cosentino, Sam Pacheco, Tye Scarabino, Linda Klieman, Catherine Turrill, Marsha McCormick, Rob Sperling, Corey Lake, Ken Ventura, Suzanne Ventura, Steve Rodgers, Nita Davidson, Barbara Nobriga, Sally Flory-O'Neil, Margaret Buss, Lydia Shevtsova, Eva Harriman, Tim Danby and Anna Adams.**

As you can see, it takes a lot of people to pull off this event!

LANDSCAPE DESIGN & INSTALLATION

Looking for an environment outside of the box? Static lawns, pruned hedges, tired groundcovers got you down? We invite Earth stewards and nature enthusiasts to reform their landscapes into dynamic, diverse environments. The intent: to attract birds, bees and butterflies by restoring native plants to our bioregion, one ecotone at a time. No space too small!

Interested? Call Bob or Bonni at 916-383-3626

BPNA Board of Directors 2008

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Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association purpose: The BPNA is created to support, promote, and improve the quality of life for the residents of the greater Boulevard Park neighborhood. By achieving this goal we strive thereby to improve the quality of life for others who work and live in and around Boulevard Park and for Sacramento as a whole.

— In Memoriam —

Bonnie Fitzpatrick Armstrong, 1931-2008

By Liz Edmonds

Bonnie Fitzpatrick, as we all knew her, died on Thursday, June 12, in Owensboro, Kentucky. She was 76, and had been courageously battling some health issues. She had moved from Sacramento back to her native state in 2001 to marry John Armstrong, her high school sweetheart, with whom she reconnected at a 50th year reunion after they had both been widowed.

Bonnie was one of a handful of genuine pioneers who sparked the rebirth of midtown before it was even called midtown. After her husband, Col. Thomas Fitzpatrick, died in the early 1970s, Bonnie and their sons Michael, Timothy and Sean restored a beautiful Italianate Victorian at 18th and P Streets. In 1978, with her passion for architectural gems, Bonnie bought & began restoring her landmark Federalist at 2100 F Street. From then until she sold it in 2001 it was widely known as the Fitzpatrick Mansion, and was the site of many community events, political fundraisers and legendary parties which live in the memories of those lucky enough to have attended.

Because of her success as a Realtor, Bonnie was a Senior Vice President at Lyon Real Estate. She opened the first downtown office for Lyon in 1977 and served as its manager for many years, having convinced Michael Lyon that our area had the potential to increase in value. She also convinced skeptical lenders to write mortgages on residential properties in the Central City. She was very active in the Save the Alhambra campaign, the Sacramento Old City Association (of which she was president), and of course BPNA; she made a practice of paying the first year's BPNA dues for new neighborhood residents to whom she sold homes. She also served on the Preservation Review Board, and the Capitol Area Development Authority Board.

On a personal note, Bonnie was my mentor as a Realtor, and we worked together from the mid-1970s until she left Sacramento. She was a great leader, and I think in spirit she is still patrolling our neighborhood in her trademark big Cadillac, cigarette in hand, making sure we stay true to her vision.

Thanks to Jon Marshack for his thoughtful input.

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Great ad rates! Call Jessica at 765-0621 for details.

The deadline for ads and copy for the July issue of Park Beat is August 15th by 5pm!

Friends of Grant Park Presents:

July 25, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Children's Music Play Day with Music Matt

Come join the fun as Music Matt entertains us with a fun interactive concert for kids. Matt sings original songs as well his own versions of cover songs revised for the kids of all ages. Matt will play the first hour, then the kids will have an opportunity to interact with Matt and play with instruments.

August 2, Screen on the Green

(sponsored by Councilmember Steve Cohn)

Join us for an outdoor movie on the big screen. Charlotte's Web is this year's featured movie. Movie starts at sundown.

October 5th - 4th Annual Midtown Children's Fair

Save the date!

All events are FREE! Please contact Cynthia Torres at 492-0470 for more information or visit friendsofgrantpark.com. Thanks to BPNA, First 5 Sacramento, Councilmember Steve Cohn, and Courtyard School for their support and sponsorship of our activities.

Historic Homes of Boulevard Park

2119 H Street - George W. Smith House

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

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



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

Save the Date!

SOCA Home Tour, September 21st

The Annual Home Tour sponsored by the Sacramento Old City Association (SOCA) will be on Sunday, September 21 (10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.).

This year the Tour will feature old and new residences in the Winn Park and Capitol Avenue Neighborhood (focusing on the district bordered by N, K, 22nd, and 27th Streets). There also will be a street fair with artisans, entertainment, and historic exhibits. Each year, residents of Boulevard Park have volunteered their time as docents in one or more of the houses included in the SOCA Tour. Docents work two-hour long shifts, are eligible for discounted tickets for the entire Tour, and are invited to a group dinner at a home in the Tour's neighborhood at the end of the afternoon.

If you would like to serve as a docent this year, please contact the BPNA House Captain, Catherine Turrill at turrillc@csus.edu.

Additional information about the Annual Home Tour will be posted on the SOCA website <http://sacoldcity.org/>.

New and Renewing BPNA Members

Brent & Linda Dorey; Fred Hull & Susan Allair;
Mary Krucik; Jon Marshack & Rik Rasmussen;
Jere Owen; Rob Sperling & Corey Lake; Nancy Yamada

News from the City of Sacramento

Police Department: The Crime and Case Log

The crime and case log is up and running on the police's web blog. You can now access daily crime reports, citywide, using the blog. This is a work in progress and the Police Department is soliciting any comments and suggestions. Please go to <http://blog.sacpd.org/?cat=21> to access the blog.

Code Enforcement: Status of Code Cases

You can now check the status of code cases you have reported online at or by calling 808-5404. Please be sure to provide the case number or exact property address, or the address that is related to the problem. Please keep in mind that cases are read as they are entered, therefore you may need to switch "Street" with "ST", etc. to find an existing case online. Please visit <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/code/check-cases-online.html> for more information.

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.

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