Colonial Manor Neighborhood Association Newsletter

SUMMER 2008



Billy Bean Jr. Park Funded For Improvements CM Residents Make History With Empowering Decisions

For the first time the history of the City's Department of Parks and Recreation, residents took charge of their community park improvements during a two-hour session on June 3, 2008. According to Parks and Recreation, Jonathan Rewers, "Your community is the first to make such important decisions in one sitting". During the community meeting with Department officials at Bonnheim Elementary School, CM residents decided by consensus on the following improvements:

Two canopy covers for children's play area

Three fitness stations

Picnic tables and grills

Additional landscaping and trees

Community Garden (penciled in for future improvements)

In addition to the above, "Tier II" improvements, the following "Tier I" features were approved during a meeting last February.

Install perimeter fencing on 17th Avenue entrance New automated timed gate on 17th Avenue Automatic locked gate on Hoopa Ct side Safety signage and paint parking lot curbs

Come to July 16th meeting at Vice-President, Diana Portillo's house, to hear more details. Meeting will be held at: 4160 67th Street, 6:30pm.





Army Depot Redevelopment Advisory Committee Update

As many of you know, Vice-President, Diana Portillo now serves on the Army Depot Redevelopment Advisory Committee (ADRAC). She has now attended two meetings and has some very exciting news to report to the residents of Colonial Manor.

After hearing concerns from residents at our quarterly meetings, Diana has pushed these issues forward to the City of Sacramento and her fellow ADRAC members. In addition to Target coming into our area, three other major retailers are also looking at the area that borders 21^{st} Ave. on the north side, 65^{th} St. on the west side, Florin Perkins on the east side and Elder Creek on the south side. There are also plans to improve 14^{th} Avenue road infrastructure from Power Inn to Florin Perkins.

For more information on these and other projects, come to July 16th meeting at 4160 67th St at 6:30pm. Hope to see you there. Don't miss this opportunity to find out what is going on in your neighborhood!!

Message from Roberta Ruozzi, President, CMNA

Summer is in full swing and so is CM! I am thrilled to report some exciting news about our neighborhood. In addition to the many improvements to our beloved Billy Bean Jr. Park, there are other projects in the making that could bring the retail that we so desperately need!! Come to our next meeting for details.

Plans for the new Target store are coming along. I recently attended a City Planning meeting and heard about changes to the Target design plan which I believe will ease the traffic concerns and allow better pedestrian access. In addition, I also attended the first Neighborhood Association leadership forum sponsored by the Power Inn Alliance. Association leaders discussed what was going on in their neighborhoods and there was a good exchange of information between all of us.



This fall CMNA will hold a tree-planting on October 25th 9am-noon at Billy Bean Jr. Park. The Sacramento Tree Foundation and the City will sponsor this event. **Next meeting will** be at Vice-President, Diana Portillo's house **at 4160 67th St. at 6:30pm**. We will hold a fundraising raffle an hour into the meeting so please come for a chance to win!!! Have a Happy and Safe Fourth of July!!



Neighborhood Nostalgia

There is an interest to start a club of older residents of Colonial Manor. Mrs. Bean would like to host the first meeting at her home and invites all who would like to come over and visit. Discussion will revolve around times gone by when Sacramento was known as the "Railroad Center of California", when the "Northern California Citrus Fair was held every November and you could watch harness racing at the State Fair. Did you know that the famous boxer, Max Baer.....known as "Madcap Maxie" is buried in St. Mary's Cemetery and was one of the largest attended services in Sacramento. Boxing greats Joe

Louis and Jack Dempsey were among his pallbearers.

Colonial Manor has a very rich history. Come share your stories, memories and photos. For more information, please call Mrs. Bean at (916) 456-7916.

At the next CMNA meeting on July 16th, there will be a display of vintage photos from the neighborhood and Sacramento area. At our last meeting, attendees really enjoyed looking through the newly published <u>Sacramento's Elmhurst</u>, <u>Tahoe Park</u>, <u>Colonial Heights</u> Images of America history book. So CMNA officials felt it would be nice to find more photos. Come and enjoy the photos and hear stories of CM history.



City of Sacramento New Crime and Case Log

Do you sometimes look out your window or while you are out in your front lawn, witness police pulling somebody over and then taking them into custody? Have you wondered what is going on? Should you be concerned?

Now, with the City of Sacramento's New Crime and Case Log, the answers to your questions could just be a click away. This new site is a blog where you can access daily city-wide crime reports. It is the City of Sacramento's intention to list suspect apprehensions and crimes of interest (i.e., robberies, assaults, burglaries, and homicides), traffic enforcement efforts, and conditions caused by natural events (flooding, road closures, etc.) Please come to our next meeting on July 16, and POPs (Problem Oriented Police) will demonstrate this new exciting service. Website address for Crime and Case Log is: http://blog.sacpd.org/?cat=21. This is a brand new service and a work in progress. POPs invites comments and suggestions, so please visit new site and tell them what you think!



New Map Tool Keeps your Finger on the Pulse of Your Community

City of Sacramento has launched a new mapping tool that allows the public to access information on projects working their way through the planning process. The map tool provides the location of the project and a clearer picture of other proposed development projects in the surrounding neighborhood. CMNA Vice-President, Diana Portillo, will demonstrate the website (http://www.cityofsacramento.org/dsd/reference/maps/active-projects/) at the next meeting on July 16th.



Scholarship Available

CAPITAL Foundation is accepting scholarship applications from students pursuing higher education including high school, college, graduate students, or vocational/educational programs. The CAPITAL Foundation Scholarship considers community service, diversity, academic achievements, accomplishments, merit awards, economic or other hardships, along with work and experience demonstrating leadership, civic commitment, and potential for success. For more details, visit www.sactocapital.org/scholar.html.

REMINDER - NEXT CMNA MEETING ON JULY 16 WILL BE HELD AT 4160 67th Street, 6:30pm - Refreshments will be provided



CMNA leadership want to give a thanks to our residents who have kindly volunteered to distribute our newsletters. Thank You – Karleen and Harold Hauge, Ben Gomez, Michelle Gumbs, Maggie Young, Inez Rule, Francisco Galli, Patricia Oles and Joanne Sprogis. Special thanks to Kathy Montanez.

New Cell Phone Law In Effect July 1, 2008

California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has signed legislation that prohibits the use of handheld mobile phones while driving in the state.

Effective July 1, 2008, the legislation prohibits drivers from using a wireless telephone while operating a motor vehicle unless the driver uses a hands-free device. Drivers who violate the law will face a base fine of \$20 for a first offense and \$50 for each subsequent offense.

The law allows drivers to use a wireless telephone for emergency purposes, drivers of commercial vehicles to use push-to-talk phones until July 1, 2011, and allow drivers of emergency response vehicles to use a cell phone without a hands-free device.

California joins Connecticut, the District of Columbia, New Jersey, New York, and some local jurisdictions in prohibiting the use of handheld mobile phones while driving.



Local Summer Activities

There are a lot of events happening around town this summer...with gas prices so high it's a good time to explore what's going on in our own neighborhoods!

City swimming pools open Concerts in City Parks Movie nights at City Parks Farmer's Markets activities can be found at http://www.cityofsacramento.org/parksandrecreation/

2008 CMLA Meeting Schedule

April 16, 2008 July 16, 2008 (**held at 4160 67**th **St**) October 15, 2008

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