

Colonial Manor Neighborhood Association

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Message from Roberta Ruozzi, President

Winter, 2009

Happy New Year to all Colonial Manor residents!

Happy New Year to Colonial Manorites!

We were off and running in 2008. Our meetings featured City, County and community speakers who provided valuable information to residents regarding safety, City regulations and related future plans for retail and recreational sites. Our membership made decisions for improving Bill Bean Jr. Memorial Park. CMNA hosted a community tree planting and our first fund raiser, a book sale/swap, which not only helped promote CMNA but was greatly appreciated by The Veteran's Community Support Network (VCSN).

I hope that you'll consider joining CMNA in 2009. We need resident involvement and participation. We need ideas and input from you to better your area. Get involved and stay involved.

It was a pleasure meeting you during my tenure as president (and newsletter deliverer) and hope that we can continue to build and make CMNA a bigger and better neighborhood association. Thank you for all of your support and I look forward to a great 2009!

Roberta

November Book Sale/Swap

Great Success!!

CMNA would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who was involved in our first fundraiser on 11/15. Whether you were a customer, volunteer or donated books or spread the word, we are so grateful for your support. We raised \$200 at the book sale/swap. The VCSN received half of our proceeds. Our \$100 donation, provided gifts for 30 homeless veterans and their families. Because of your generosity, these families were able to enjoy a little holiday cheer.

This event proved to be so successful that we are planning on having another book sale in early May.



"Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!! Without CMNA's donation VCSN would not have been able to provide the gifts of basic needs to our Vets and their families".

Jan Wald –
President of the
VCSN

**FIRST 2009 CMNA
MEETING – 1/28/09**

CMNA Reduces Annual Membership Dues

CMNA is reducing their annual membership dues fee in an attempt to make it easier for residents to join the association. For one year membership in CMNA, the dues will be \$5 instead of \$7. We share your concern over this uncertain economic climate and hope you can work this small fee into your budget.

Upon becoming a CMNA member, you will receive a CMNA membership packet containing valuable community information, frequently called numbers and other useful items.

Newsletter in Jeopardy

We are hoping to attract more members through the reduced dues so that we can continue to distribute this newsletter to all residents of CM. If 22 families were to join CMNA, that would fund copying one issue of the newsletter. It costs \$110 to copy 700 newsletters front and back, without your support, we can no longer provide you a printed copy. Copies would only be available on our website, via email, at the Colonial Heights Library, a few local merchants and at the homes of CMNA officers.

CMNA leaders feel a vital component if not the most important component is community outreach. Without this, we would become paralyzed and fear that we would not be able to serve your needs.

CMNA Meetings Held Every Odd-Numbered Month in 2009/Saturday AM Meeting in May!

Colonial Manor residents spoke and CMNA listened! Starting with the 01/28/09 meeting, CMNA meetings will be held every other month (See schedule on back). We understand that sometimes residents have work or other responsibilities conflict with a week day meeting. So in May we will have a Saturday morning meeting. Watch for time and place in the April newsletter.

Message from Council Member Kevin McCarty

This past year, encouraged and inspired by the birth of my twin daughters, I decided to focus on the cultivation of family and community relationships. This desire and what it means to our district grew in importance as the year progressed. I looked for improvements to public services and amenities that would enrich the living experience of those who live in and enjoy the neighborhood. Therefore, remodeling our district parks became an important goal to which I have committed myself. This includes remodeling, improving and adding safety features to many of the parks in District 6 including Bill Bean Neighborhood Park.

These open and public spaces are areas where people can come out together and enjoy each other's company not only on special occasions, but also for everyday enjoyment. Parks are meant for the recreational use of everyone and so must be maintained and improved to fit the needs of the area. As a result, I am pleased to say there have been significant improvements to parks in the Colonial Manor, Colonial Village, Elmhurst, South East, Tallac Village, Avondale and College Glen Neighborhoods. These efforts have been in cooperation with our City Parks and Recreation Department. Significant upgrades include safety features such as perimeter fencing, safety signage with emergency contacts and an automatic locking gate for your neighborhood's Bill Bean Jr. Park. Additionally, the South East area's Camellia Park Master Plan will begin its design proposal in March 2009. In the Colonial Village neighborhood, Phase 2 for Earl Warren Park is nearly complete with the addition of amenities such as a neighborhood skate park. Granite Regional Park's Phase 2A includes camera surveillance, parking lot lighting, turnstile entrance to the skate park, soccer field bleachers and a proposed dog park expansion. Elmhurst and Tallac Village both received benches and water fountains for dog walkers and their canine companions. Elmhurst also received a shade structure over their existing playground area. Improvements to Avondale's Max Baer Park include the addition of features such as a group picnic area, barbeque pits, a skate park and basketball court expansion. In addition, we are proposing two new parks: one will serve as a water detention basin and neighborhood park, and the other will be in the Fruitridge Manor neighborhood which is currently lacking park space.

My dedication to improve connections between families and their neighbors has been realized through my efforts to restore the luster of our area's parks. As parks are important public spaces, I will remain committed to renovating them and their facilities for the benefit of the surrounding community through the end of this year and throughout the next. I wish you and your family the best in 2009.

At the January meeting we will accept nominations for new CMNA officers and Board Members. Please consider donating some time to help CMNA continue to reach out to our residents and the City.

Please email or call in any nominees for these offices if you can not attend.

You can submit your ballot at **1/28 meeting**, via email, snail mail or deliver to CMNA at 4620 67th Street. Ballots will be accepted through 02/09. Nominations and election results will be posted on CMNA website:
www.neighborhoodlink.com/sacramento/cm/main.html

First 2009 CMNA Meeting – 1/28

CMNA Contact and Meeting Info

CMNA, 4620 67th Street, 95820
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CMNAgetinfo@yahoo.com
www.neighborhoodlink.com/sacramento/cm/main.html

2009 meetings: January 28, Mar 18, May 9, place TBA, Jul 15, place TBA, Sep 16, Nov 18.

Meetings held at Joseph Bonnheim School, 7300 Marin Avenue, Sacramento at 6:30pm

Support your community! Join today! Annual Dues \$5.00

Last Name _____ First Name _____
Address _____ Sac
ramento, CA 95820
Phone (Home) _____ Cell _____
Fax _____
Email _____ Were you a
member in 2008? Yes No
Would you like to volunteer with the Association?
Phone Tree? _____
Newsletter Delivery _____ Officer? _____ Board Member?
Other? _____

**Colonial Manor Neighborhood Association
Mission Statement**

- *Sponsor Neighborhood Improvement Projects, Social and Fund Raising Events*
- *Provide a Forum to Identify, Discuss and Resolve Neighborhood Issues*
- *Educate CM Residents on City Services and Public Processes*
- *Act as Liaison between CM Residents and the City/other External Agencies*
- *Identify and Advocate CM Position on issues such as Transportation, Public Health/Safety, Land Use and Social Services.*
- *Partner with other Neighborhood Associations and Community Groups.*

