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Members/Neighbors:

This is a Neighborhood News Update from SLPNA...

Community Emergency Alert System

Sign up for emergency alerts from the City of Sacramento. Go to www.sacramento-alert.org This state of the art community notification system is designed to alert residents and businesses of emergencies and to provide critical public safety information.

Rain and Wind are Here!

Please remember to turn off your sprinklers, and to keep street gutters and storm drains clear of debris. Report fallen trees/branches in public areas to 311. If a tree has fallen on a power line call 911 or SMUD at 888 456-7683.

Del Rio Trail Update

The City will soon award a contract to an engineering firm to begin the necessary studies for the rail-to-trail project in South Land Park. Once the firm is chosen, SLPNA will activate its new "Del Rio Trail Committee," and will host community information meetings in the near future. The UC Davis Landscape Architecture department already has a team of students studying the trail project for class credit. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting project.

EVENTS

October 14-24: "YARD OF THE MONTH" Contest in South Land Park!

Show some neighborhood spirit by decorating your front yard in a creative Halloween theme.

Tell your neighbors about this! Entrants should send your name, address, phone number, and photo of the Halloween-themed front yard to slpna@slpna.org by 5 pm on Monday, October 24!

The winner receives a week of free coffee (one beverage per day) from Barrio Cafe, a yard sign, and bragging rights of course. The winner (and perhaps some other entrants) will be showcased on social media and our web site. The winning yard will be announced on October 28. If you know of a fantastic yard on your street, be sure to tell the homeowner about this contest.

October 15: RAIN OR SHINE: Land Parktoberfest is here!

FOOD, MUSIC, AND GREAT BEVERAGES. Grab your lederhosen and join your neighbors for a Bavarian themed community event Saturday, October 15 from 5 pm-10 pm. Land Parktoberfest will be held at Holy Spirit School in the heart of Land Park (directly behind the Zoo) and will feature a variety of beers and wines from local craft breweries and vintners. Live music will entertain guests as they dine on bratwurst, sauerkraut, pretzels and other German cuisine. This is a fundraiser for a new science building. Only persons 21 years of age and older may attend. For tickets: landparktoberfest.com

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October 29-30: All New Boo at the Zoo

The "Boo at the Zoo" has long been a favorite Halloween event for both kids and adults. This year the Sacramento Zoo will be offering a new version of this popular festivity, a "Daytime Boo at the Zoo." The kids will delight at the face painting, ghoulish games, themed stage shows, animal enrichment opportunities and keeper chats, and trick-or-treat stations located throughout the zoo grounds. Saturday and Sunday, October 29 and 30, 11 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For further information and to purchase tickets (\$10 before October 23), call (916) 808-5888. Sacramento Zoo, 3930 West Land Park Drive, Land Park.

November 2: Save the Date for "Dia De Los Muertos"

Join neighbors in Oak Park at the 1st Annual Dia de los Muertos celebration on November 2 at the Brick House. For more info, see their Facebook page at:
<https://www.facebook.com/dayofthedeadop>

**Board of Directors
South Land Park Neighborhood Association**

Please donate! Tax deductible DONATIONS accepted online at www.SLPNA.org (click "Sponsor")

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"Like" us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/SouthLandParkNA**

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Members/Neighbors,

This is the monthly email newsletter for November 2016 from the South Land Park Neighborhood Association (SLPNA). It is our goal to bring you timely information about important issues and events of interest to the residents of South Land Park Hills.

Florin West Center Slated for "Facelift" and New Shops

Plans have been submitted to the City for significant changes to the Bel Air shopping center on Florin Road at South Land Park Drive. The proposal includes updating the facades of several buildings, removing some of the covered arcade areas to provide additional light and air to storefronts, adding new landscaping and trees, reconfiguring the parking lot and some entry/exit points, and construction of two new retail buildings. The new buildings would be positioned on the Florin Road side of the lot (on and near the vacant parcel where the old 76 gas station was located). One building would be a drive-through coffee shop or restaurant, and the other would be a multiple tenant retail structure with a drive-through component. The SLPNA Board is meeting with the owner to learn more about the plan. To gauge our membership views on this project, SLPNA members may email their constructive comments, questions or concerns to slpna@slpna.org by Nov 1. Members may also attend the Nov. 2 Board meeting at Belle Cooledge library (7 pm) to express your views. Review the 36-page proposal at www.slpna.org (pages 29-36 have elevation drawings). Public comment period: residents may send comments to the City by Nov. 18 (Garrett Norman: gnorman@cityofsacramento.org)

Leaves in the Street

Residents will be permitted to place leaves and other yard waste in the street, October 31-January 29, 2017. City officials indicate that collection of the material will occur approximately every two weeks in all areas of the city. (Contact sacrecycle.org for the leaf collection schedule.) Homeowners, however, are strongly urged to continue to use the residential yard waste containers during this period. It is anticipated that more than 27,000 tons of yard waste will be collected during the leaf season by city collection vehicles.

Leaf pile guidelines:

- Yard waste piles should be no more five cubic yard in size (4'x4'x9').
- Place the material six feet from any obstruction (vehicles, etc.).
- Ensure that there is sufficient space from the pile and the curb to allow storm water to run freely.
- Do not discard pet waste in any yard waste pile or container.
- Christmas trees may be discarded in yard waste piles.
- If possible, avoid placing any yard material in a bike lane.

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Run to Feed the Hungry

"Run to Feed the Hungry," held annually on Thanksgiving Day, is a 10k run and 5k run/walk sponsored by the Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services to support the organization's various community activities. The race/walk will be held Thursday, November 24, 2016, 9:00 a.m. Entry fees range from \$20-55. Go to: runtofeedthehungry.com

Winter Watering: Once per week!

Beginning November 6, the following is the schedule times based on your address number.

Addresses Ending In

**** ODD number (1, 3, 5, 7, or 9)**

Tuesday and/or Saturday

Before 10 a.m. or after 7 p.m.

**** Even number (0, 2, 4, 6, or 8)**

Wednesday and/or Sunday

Before 10 a.m. or after 7 p.m.

No watering OR car washing is permitted on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Alice Birney's Winter Faire Set for December 3

The annual Winter Faire school and community event will be held on Saturday December 3, Noon to 5pm to celebrate the Winter Season. This fun family day offers crafts and handmade items made by parents & students with musical performances all event long. The Starlight Café will have snacks available for purchase. Everybody is invited to come celebrate.

Halloween "Yard of the Month" Winner!

Congratulations to Anya Lawler, Alan Morris and kids, for becoming SLPNA's Yard of the Month winner for their Halloween decorated home! The yard is on the corner of 43rd Ave. and Holstein (look for the spooky tiki bar theme). They received a gift certificate to Barrio Cafe good for free coffee for a week, South Land Park t-shirts, and a Yard of the Month lawn sign. Be on the look-out for our next Yard of the Month contest for the "Best Holiday Decorated Home."

SLPNA Board Meetings

The SLPNA Board of Directors meet on the first Wednesday of each month, Belle Colledge Public Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive, 7:00 p.m. Association members and area residents are welcome to attend.

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We have lots of neighborhood news for you this month!

New Raley's Coming to Freeport Blvd.

On November 22, the City Council unanimously approved the proposal to build a new 55,000 square foot flagship Raley's grocery store at the 10-acre site of the old Capital Nursery. According to Raley's, the new state-of-the-art store will reflect all the best that the chain has to offer. The plan also calls for several buildings that will house restaurants and retail tenants. Significant opposition was voiced by the homeowners that are immediately adjacent to the property, including complaints about noise due to delivery trucks. However, there were many supporters from the greater neighborhood, customers, and three neighborhood associations (including SLPNA) that were generally in favor of the plan, which had been amended several times during the planning phase to address city and neighbor concerns. The developer also agreed to Sac-Mod's request to move the iconic Raley's neon sign to the new store.

Florin West Center May Get Facelift, New Buildings

The same Bay Area team that is building the new Raley's commercial center on Freeport Blvd. spent five years acquiring the aging Florin West Center, which spans over 15 acres in South Land Park. They now plan to spruce it up and add some new retail buildings. The complex is home to Bel Air, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Round Table Pizza, Chase Bank, Rosalinda's, ABC Bakery, Kumon Math & Reading Center, Chevron, Lichines Liquor & Deli, and the vacant Hollywood Video building. The plan calls for façade improvements to the buildings, and construction of two new commercial buildings in the lot fronting Florin Road (at vacant site of the old Shell gas station). Those two buildings would include a drive-through restaurant and coffee shop, among other tenants. Based on board discussions and member input, SLPNA submitted generally supportive comments to the City, with the following requests: improved pedestrian/bike access; improved parking lot landscaping; traffic calming within the lot; new street signage; beautification of the street median; and connection to the planned Del Rio Trail (the rail-to-trail engineering studies will commence within weeks). The developer is also open to the idea of a community garden on a large vacant parcel north of the Dollar Tree store. The hope is that the Florin West "facelift" will also spur Raley's Corporation to invest in a major remodeling of the Bel Air. Stay tuned as the planning process unfolds in coming months. The proposal and our comments can be viewed at slpna.org

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UC Davis Examines Rail-to-Trail Project

Over a year ago, SLPNA asked UC Davis to get involved in our local rail-to-trail proposal, and they did not disappoint. Fifteen landscape architecture students from UC Davis spent their Fall Quarter studying the rail-to-trail project in South Land Park. The students explored the abandoned tracks, met with City staff and SLPNA representatives, and applied their book-based knowledge to this real-world project. On November 30, students unveiled their professional quality design drawings, videos, and presentations that were focused on several segments of the proposed trail. The City of Sacramento and several SLPNA Board members attended the presentations and were thoroughly impressed by the level of detail and professionalism. Plans included a variety of features, including native plantings, ground lighting, pedestrian paths, gardens, exercise areas, drinking fountains, parklets, rain gardens, new street connections, bridges, entertainment areas, and even kinetic walkways. In commercial areas like Sprouts Market (Del Rio & Sutterville), and CA Family Fitness (Florin & Freeport), some students proposed activating the backside of the buildings to accommodate customers using the trail (think: trailside cafes, and trailside access to stores). Trail engineers may eventually borrow some of these ideas; but of course budget limitations are always a factor in creating viable designs. The City will soon announce the engineering firm that will begin the trail planning in January 2017. SLPNA will also activate the Del Rio Trail Committee in coming weeks, to begin community meetings on this important neighborhood project.

City Council Approves Marijuana Ordinance

On November 22, the City Council approved an ordinance to allow cultivation of medical marijuana within the city, on a 5-3 vote (Warren, Ashby and Harris opposed). The ordinance restricts cultivation sites to the city's industrial corridors, and cultivators will be required to obtain a Conditional Use Permit that may allow them to expand into certain Commercial zoned areas and describe how they will address any negative impacts to the surrounding community. The Council asked City Staff to evaluate and recommend appropriate permit fees cultivators will pay on top of business taxes. SLPNA will be closely monitoring this issue.

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Enter your home in South Land Park's "Yard of the Month"

Enter your home in the "Best Holiday Decorated Yard"! Send us your name, address, phone number, and yard photo. Win a gift basket from Barrio Cafe! Deadline to email us your entry is Monday, Dec. 19 at 5 pm. Email us at slpna@slpna.org

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New Technology High School Event

The Annual Art Show and Exhibition will be Thursday, December 8 at 6 pm. All are welcomed. Students will share their work from the first semester as well as any questions you have about their projects and the school.

Pony Express Enrollment Schedule

Kindergarten registration for those students who live within the neighborhood boundaries will begin on January 17 through January 31, 2017. Children must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2017, to register for fall kindergarten. For those missing these dates, there will be ongoing registration at the Enrollment Center, 5601 47th Ave. If you have any questions, please call the school at 395-4690.

Open Enrollment for incoming elementary students begins online at 8 am on Tuesday, February 7 and continues through Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 5 pm.

Pony Express went through upgrades and modifications this year. There were three new portables added to the school site. These additions were installed in response to class size reduction in the kindergarten through third grade classrooms from 28 students per class to 24 students per class.

Belle Colledge Library Hosts "The Great SAC Giveback"

Join Mayor-elect Darrell Steinberg and Councilmember Jay Schenirer for a fun day of family programming at the Belle Colledge Library. Throughout the day there will be pop-up crafts stations with the kids and a special family performances. The event will be on Saturday, December 10 from 9 am to 2 pm.

No SLPNA Board Meeting in December

Per tradition, there will be no December board meeting. Happy holidays!

~SLPNA Board of Directors

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Neighborhood News from SLPNA

SAVE THE DATE For South Land Park Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars, SLPNA's annual neighborhood membership meeting is the evening of Wednesday, March 29 at Pony Express Elementary.

Del Rio Trail Committee Formed and Officers Selected

On January 4, the Del Rio Trail Committee convened and elected Chuck Hughes as Chair, Dan Weitzman as Vice Chair, and Mark Rossow as Communications Director. The committee will work with SLPNA and the City of Sacramento to provide guidance on project elements. To volunteer for Del Rio Trail committee events or to get on their email list, email Mark Rossow markthegardner156@gmail.com

SLPNA Board Member Nomination Committee

At the January 4 Board Member meeting, the Association created the Board Member Nomination Committee to notify all neighbors that there are Board Member vacancies to fill and Board Member terms expiring prior to the Annual Meeting in March. If you are interested in filling a vacancy, email SLPNA@SLPNA.org.

City Council Vote on January 17: Trail Engineering Firm

City Council is scheduled to vote to award the initial Del Rio Trail contract to Dokken Engineering. In 2017, the contractor will host community meetings and do the studies and engineering to get the trail "shovel ready." SLPNA's trail committee will be actively involved in this process and will keep the neighborhood informed.

Winter Tree Tips From Our Friends at Sac Tree Foundation (sactree.com):

Protect your trees from damage during winter storms by pruning them for strong structure! Proper pruning provides numerous benefits, including helping your tree live longer. Learn how to prune your young tree or attend a class at sactree.org Pruning shade trees is best done during the winter months when the tree is dormant and you have a better view of the branches.

It's been a pretty wet winter so far, but we don't know yet what 2017 will bring. If you built a berm around your tree to deep water in the summer, break it up now to avoid standing water against the trunk. Newly planted trees need enough water to keep the soil around the roots moist, but not soggy. If this winter rain stops, remember to check your soil moisture and water trees deeply if needed. "

Land Park and Bing Maloney Youth Golf Lessons

We are fortunate to have two city golf courses in the South Land Park area. Visit <http://www.thefirstteesacramento.org/locations/> for information on lessons

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Holy Spirit Crab Feed Fundraiser on January 21

Holy Spirit School in Land Park is hosting its annual crab feed on Saturday January 21 at 5:30 pm. For tickets, visit <https://holyspiritpspc.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/CrabFeed2017/tabid/828491/Default.aspx>

Join SLPNA's Events Committee

Calling all neighbors to join the association Event's Planning Committee. Share your thoughts on what events SLPNA can host in 2017. Participate in planning on existing events like National Night Out at Alice Birney. Email SLPNA@SLPNA.org to join.

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SLPNA Members and Friends:

SAVE THE DATE: Annual Meeting on March 29

Mark your calendars, SLPNA's annual neighborhood membership meeting is Wednesday, March 29 at Pony Express Elementary, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Guest Speakers include County Supervisor Patrick Kennedy, Council Member Jay Schenirer, Sacramento Police Department, the Del Rio Trail Committee, and more! RENEW YOU MEMBERSHIP at this meeting, OR simply go to our web site and renew online. (You may also make online tax deductible donations on our web site). Visit www.SLPNA.org

Alice Birney Earth and Vine Event

Please support Alice Birney's biggest event on Saturday March 25th from 5pm to 10pm to benefit its speciality programs. The evening will feature a delicious meal catered by Formoli's Bistro and an exciting live auction hosted by David Sobon Auctions. Also sip locally-crafted beer and wines while you enjoy the always popular silent auction, the exciting raffle of amazing class baskets and many other fun ways to support the school. The Earth and Vine event will be held at the West Sacramento City Hall Galleria. Tickets are \$65 per person. Visit <http://www.eventdaddy.net/west-sacramento/earth-vine-auction-dinner/> for more information.

Del Rio Trail Podcast Interview

Listen to Cosmo Garvin's interview with South Land Park Neighborhood Association President Brian Ebbert as they discuss the current status of the Del Rio Trail project. Visit the following links to listen: <https://soundcloud.com/cosmogarvin/ear170124a>
<https://cosmogarvin.com/blazing-a-trail-in-south-land-park-fcc835d83219#.bkfc4i4qo>

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SLPNA Bids Farewell to Board Member

Recently, SLPNA reluctantly accepted the resignation of Randall Henry, our longtime Treasurer. We will miss him and we wish him the best! He was a great asset to our association and the neighborhood.

SLPNA Board Meeting: First Wednesday of the Month

The SLPNA Board of Directors meets on February 1, from 7 pm to 9 pm at Belle Cooledge library in the community room. We discuss neighborhood news and issues, and association business