

Words from the Prez!

We're only midway through the summer and activities have heated up in Hollywood Park. Last night I spent time with many neighbors at various locations throughout HP for a great time observing the annual National Night Out. This event happens all over the country, but my guess is HP had as much or more going on than most neighborhoods.



My first stop was on Larson and was I glad I chose that one first! There was a wonderful selection of desserts... I was able to exercise one of my favorite slogans: "dessert first". Of course the next few days I'll be exercising at the gym to work all that off...thanks for that Kathy Spitzer.

Then it was off to 23rd St, where Patrick Kennedy had prepared his (at least it should be) world famous pulled pork. There were two excellent sauces and some slaw. I noticed other neighbors were making the rounds as well...did they really like my salad that much?

Third stop was on Stover, where Becky McReynolds hosted a gathering. Becky was



the driving force, as the main organizer for HPNA, to make this year's NNO a huge success. Flyers were posted throughout the area and posts on Facebook had lots of folks informed, excited & ready for a fun night. Oh yeah, the theme there was Margaritas!

I missed a few other stops, but ended on Salvator, where Christina and John hosted a fruit & vegetable exchange. Running late, I didn't think there would be much left...wrong!

Having shared a salad at previous stops, I traded some of that for a bounty of goodies. There will be more exchanges in the future...yum!

Well, I've mentioned food & themes; but the best part was meeting new people and catching up with those I knew. There were so many folks out, it was impossible to talk with everyone. Each site also had free LED HPNA flashlights and bug repellent.

Another annual summer event, the 4th of July Parade was a huge hit as well. We even made the KCRA evening news!

Next up is our Ice Cream Social & Movie Night (the movie is a new addition to previous years), where I hope to spend more time with, in my opinion, the best neighbors around. See you there!







 $\mathcal{H}$ ow is your garden taking the heat? The secrets to getting the garden through the hot summer are to water early and often - daily if necessary - feed and deadhead the blooming plants, and mulch, mulch, mulch to keep the roots cool. In this heat, my plants (and weeds) are quickly going to seed. The peas have shriveled up, and the lettuce bolted, so I am now nursing my beans and tomatoes. It is also time to pinch back chrysanthemums and other fall blooming plants to a bushier plant with more blossom.

Desirable trees add value to your property and, properly placed, they also shade and shelter your home reducing your utility bills. Now is the time to check where a tree could help shade your home, save on your utility bills, and guard your existing trees! Do a check to catch any unsafe or broken limbs, mistletoe sprouts, or other care they might need. It takes many years to grow a desirable tree, so if one needs replacing soon, consider planting its replacement nearby before removal is necessary. The new tree will be established when the old one must go. The Sacramento Tree Foundation can help you choose the site for the new tree, and the trees are free!

### We are having a Bulb Exchange

If you have spring bulbs that did not bloom well this year, crowding may be a cause. Dividing usually helps to improve blooming on listless bulbs and tubers, and the proper time to do it is now when the tops are dry. Dig them up, replant with bonemeal to boost the flower power, and turn those extra bulbs into a new variety. Bring them to the Bulb Exchange at the Ice Cream Social. Shred some newspaper or scrap paper and place it in a lunch bag with some bulbs, bring them to the meeting, and exchange for another bag of bulbs. Bags will exchange evenly, or sell for 2 bags for \$1.00.

- 1. Write name of bulb on bag. (Narcissus, freesia, etc.)
- 2. Lay a small amount of paper in bottom of bag.
- 3. Put 3 mature/large, 6 medium or 12 small bulbs in a bag.
- 4. Exotic bulbs for a single pot, such as fancy amaryllis, just put one to a bag.
- 5. Fold top and bring to the meeting.

# Hollywood Park's Independence Day Parade

The patriotic spirit was abundant at this year's annual Hollywood Park 4th of July parade. Red, white and blue clothing and crazy hats were the theme of the day. Leading the parade was a beautifully decorated Miata, followed by a 1929 Mercedes convertible, both driven by Hollywood Park neighbors. Approximately 200 kids, parents, and grandparents walked, rode their bikes, trikes, and wagons while waving flags. Our musically-inclined neighbors played drums and other instruments (a Hollywood Park Band was suggested for next year). Even the Hollywood Park dogs joined the parade!

KCRA Channel 3 visited and shared our special parade with its viewers. After the parade, the party continued where neighbors got to know each other

while enjoying watermelon, lemonade, Mimosas, donut holes and baked goods donated by Hollywood Park neighbors.

If you'd like to volunteer to help or have suggestions for next year's event, e-mail Cindi at cindid@comcast.net.



# Azaleas to Zinnias!

The HPNA Annual Garden Exchange and Sale was a great success this year.

A main attraction was Cathy Duncan's rocks! Cathy began collecting interesting specimens as a child, and still cannot resist picking up an intriguing roadside rock. She also includes the rock's "genealogy" (type, where collected, etc.), and is pleased to see her rocks finding new homes.

Many of you brought your seedlings and plants to exchange, which added to the variety of plants we offered. Succulents went out the gate by the wagonload, and small trees also were popular. The walkways were lined with pots, and as bare spots came up they were replenished with new contributions. Our gardens got new plants, and we are happy gardeners! So as you divide your perennials this year, pot them up to exchange next spring. (Also, check out the bulb exchange article in this newsletter.)

The Neighborhood Improvement Committee thanks all that participated.

### Calling all Hollywood Park Knitters!

And crocheters too, or any handcraft for that matter... If you're interested in joining your neighbors for a monthly knit/craft social,

contact Catherine Rushworth at cat.rush@yahoo.com, or 454-4694. Knitty neighbors kicked off the group's first monthly get-together in July, and had a great time getting to know more about each other, knitting, and the neighborhood! With autumn just around the corner, it's a great time to gear up for spending cozy evenings crafting warmth and comfort. If you start now, you can get

that sweater done by Christmas!





# Wally's Gate by Wally

Here's a summer shout out to all my dog pals who pass by my gate everyday and say hello!

Mocha Dog, CeCe & Mickey, Kinley (my crazy girlfriend), Callie (the cute young blonde), Rosie the Boxer,

Buddy & Cole, Little Buddy in the morning, Mr. Dickens, Abe, Daisy, Tina (my lovely German lady-friend), Francisco, Pip, Marley & Jefe, the Schnauzers, and in remembrance of Indiana Jones, my long time buddy, I miss you.

Here is a cool dog treat recipe for these *Dog Days* of Summer from Bullwrinkle.com!

### **Frozen Peanut Butter Yogurt Treats**

1 - 32oz. Container of Vanilla Yogurt

 cup Peanut Butter

Put the Peanut Butter in a microwave safe dish and microwave it
 until melted.

2. Mix the yogurt and the melted Peanut Butter in a bowl.3. Pour mix into cupcake papers and freeze. Yummy dog treats!

Stay cool and remember to leave your dog at home and not in a hot car! Wally

### HPNA Upcoming Events

Ice Cream Social & Movie Night Saturday, September 8, 2012 Starting at 5:00 p.m. Movie starting at 8:00 p.m. Hotdog meal & Ice Cream, free Bingo 6:30 p.m. Mega Yard Sale Saturday, October 6, 2012 Starting at 8:00 a.m. thru mid afternoon Email Heather - hbeemagee@gmail.com or call (707) 580-3138 by September 26th to be included on the map. Donations appreciated for cost of ad.

Holiday Lamp Post Decorating

Saturday, December 8th, 2012 Look for details in the next newsletter

#### Local Community Events

**All Saints Episcopal Church** 2076 Sutterville Rd. 455-0643 Sunday, September 16, "Good Vibes: A Musical Mystery Tour" concert with harp, harpsichord, and organ 4:00 p.m. \$10 donation Sunday, November 4, "Quo Vadis" brass guintet concert with choral performance, 4:00 p.m. Donations accepted. **Centennial United Methodist Church** 5401 Freeport Blvd. 452-4477 AMA Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. Zumba exercise classes, Fellowship Hall. \$6 or \$4.50 with class card. Nichiren Buddhist Church 5191 24th St. Saturday, October 13, Fall Food Bazaar EST. 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Call 456-8371, to order food St. Robert Catholic Church 2243 Irvin Way, 451-1475 Saturday & Sunday, October 6 & 7

57th Annual Fall Festival. Food, games, bingo, dancing,

everyone welcome.

### **Business Member List**

#### **Freeport Boulevard**

Hollywood Hardware - 5303 Freeport - 455.6488 Crawford's - 5301 Freeport - 731.8001 Spencer's Frameworks - 5101 Freeport - 456.0282 Anders Accounting & Tax - 5001 Freeport - 346.4005 Yoshimura's Auto Service - 4971 Freeport - 454.5082 Swanson's Cleaners - 4821 Freeport - 451.7017 Grips Fast Golf - 4819 Freeport - 457.5532 King's Auto Service - 4643 Freeport - 456.7886 Eleakis & Elder Photography -4625 Freeport - 541.4892 Land Park Ski& Sports- 4207 Freeport - 451.2800 H. A. Nauman & Sons - 4041 Freeport - 452.6157 Collected Works - 4524 Freeport - 737.8188

#### **Sutterville Road**

Kline Music - 2200 Sutterville - 456.8742 Capitol City Glass & Mirror - 4080 Attawa - 451.2818

#### 24th Street

Sac. Fire Extinguisher - 4260 24th Street - 456.1331 Panama Pottery - 4421 24th Street - 452.7181 DAB ART - 4701 24th Street - 775-292-1979

#### Fruitridge Avenue

The Jointed Cue & Billiards - 2375 Fruitridge - 456.3242 Fruitridge Sewing & Vacuum Center -2491 Fruitridge - 452.2500

#### **Other Businesses**

Kaowanya Web Design - 457.7366 Matt Bistis, Realtor - 798-0822 Wanda Christensen, Realtor - 952.0780 Tim Weisbeck, Realtor - 452.5733 KittyWits, Spay and Neuter Support - 457.2385 Hollywood Park Day care - 698.7460 Viola/etc & Lessons/etc - 524.2754 Avon sales - 457.5224 TECH-HERO - 225.7500

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Local Businesses in the News By John C. Reiger Business Committee

# R.I.P. Panama Pottery & Capitol Nursery

What a blow, losing two of our favorite places at the same time! Capitol Nursery has been struggling against the economic depression for somewhile now, and they are finally throwing in the towel, closing the Freeport Blvd. location at the end of September. What will happen to the

location, now that Raley's owns the lot, is unknown at this time. It certainly won't be the site of a new supermarket - that's for sure.

**Panama Pottery** - that ancient fixture of our neighborhood - is shutting down its pottery selling business. They are another casualty of this depression we don't seem to be able to shake. The doors will close when they get rid of their pottery inventory. To do this they are offering everything (except the artist's wares) at 25% off sale prices. It appears that the artist's studios within the PP buildings will continue to be there. Good news for the artists, but they lose the opportunity for public display that the open pottery showroom affords them.

**Hollywood Hardware** - another longtime and necessary fixture of our neighborhood - is offering 20% off your next purchase for you loyal HPNA Newsletter and BizNews readers. Simply clip out their ad from this newsletter and bring it in for this one-to-a-customer offer. Most longtime neighbors already know that H. H. has just about everything you might need for your home - you new folks really do need to stop in and check them out.

**The Goodwill Donation Xpress** is getting ready to open. Yes, I know the truck parked at the old KFC location has been able to take our used items for some while now, but the building itself is finally being made ready for occupancy. The current opening date is the end of August.

Skiing may not be what you're thinking about with the current warm weather, but cooler times are not that far away, and the **Land Park Ski & Sports** store reopens from summer vacation August 15th. Now is the time to get ready for all that white stuff up in the hills.

The business climate, locally and nationally, can only be described as dismal, but most of our local stores and businesses are alive and offering you the products and services you need without wasting your gas and your drive time. Shop locally and be good to yourself, your local businesses, and your

neighborhood, and keep other stores from closing.

# Another Hollywood Park Mystery

By John C. Reiger

What do the following women's names have in common? Alma, Anita, Carmela, Carmen, Dana, Helen, Rosita, Sheila, Stacia, and Virginia. Folks who are familiar with the Hollywood Park neighborhood (all you healthy walkers and dog walkers) will recognize those names as street names in our

neighborhood. That's a lot of streets bearing women's names. Why? What happened to the men? With the exception of Joaquin (more about that in another article) there are no streets bearing men's names. You have to cross Fruitridge Rd. to find Harold, Norman, John, Jack, James and Bradd. Maybe all the guys like to be closer to the airport or the pistol and/or archery ranges. Whereas the women's side



gets all the schools. Gender stereotyping? But let's get back to all those women's names. Does anyone with insider knowledge or a long memory know why we are honored with all those distaff names? Another Hollywood Park mystery! If you have any answers, please let us know.



#### Noise, Noise, Noise!

Days & Times When Residents Can Use Gas-Powered Garden Equipment Sacramento's Laws on Noise Explained By Artemio Armenta

You're barely awake when you suddenly hear the sound of your neighbor's lawn mower, followed by the roaring sound of the gaspowered edger. Minutes later you hear the gas-powered blower, as you try, but fail, to sleep a bit longer. Perhaps it's your day off from a long week at work or you're just not feeling well and you're trying to get some rest.

You ask yourself, "Should my neighbors be mowing their lawn this early?" Answer: it depends.

We recently looked into the City of Sacramento's noise ordinances after some of our neighbors expressed concern over the noise caused by lawn equipment via a discussion on Hollywood Park's Facebook group page.

We found that the city's noise ordinances seem to vary depending on the type of noise being emitted. Rather than getting into the minutia of the city's voluminous and complicated noise ordinance (Section 8.68), here's the quick and dirty.

According to the city, noise restrictions exist between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 p.m. This also applies to construction-related noise. Loud construction work may generally only start after 7 a.m.

These "quiet hours," if you will, allow many residents to rest throughout the night and early morning. Obviously, many folks generally sleep throughout these hours. Yet, some neighbors that work late and may need or want to sleep past 7 or 9 a.m. Unfortunately, for these folks the city's noise ordinance allows for lawn mowers to be used starting at 7 a.m. from Monday to Saturday and at 10 a.m. on Sunday. Sorry night owls!

This rule, however, doesn't apply to leaf blowers, gas-powered edgers, or gas-powered weed-eaters/string trimmers. For this type of equipment, the city prohibits use before 9 a.m., Monday through Saturday and before 10 a.m. on Sunday.

Does this mean that a gardener or a neighbor can mow their lawn starting at 7 a.m., on specified days, but not use a leaf blower? This part may seem confusing but according to Maurice Chaney, media and ccommunications specialist with the city's Community Development Department, "yes, a person could use a lawn mower at 7 a.m. but not a gasoline powered leaf blower until 9 a.m., Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. on Sunday." Why the discrepancy? "Gasoline powered blowers often run at a very high pitch, thus the reason for the later hours," adds Chaney. Gasoline-powered leaf blowers, gas-powered edgers/trimmers are allowed Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. "Ultimately, we would hope that neighbors be cognizant and considerate of the surrounding area and their neighbors and use good judgment when deciding what time, within the parameters of the ordinance, is appropriate to start up the lawn mower or use the leaf blower," advises Chaney.



**Other Noise Problems** 

In terms of other noise nuisances or disturbances, neighbors can work with the city authorities to handle the situation. A noisy neighbor may create a disturbance by having a loud television, stereo, or radio, or an outof-control party. These situations are handled by the Sacramento Police Department and are best resolved by the officers assigned to your neighborhood. According to the Sacramento Police Dept., to request a police response to this kind of problem, please call their nonemergency dispatch number at (916) 264-5471.

The City's Code Enforcement Department is responsible for the investigation of complaints of ongoing and aggravated noise which require monitoring with sound level meters or which are of a habitual or mechanical nature. Two common examples are a garage or residence being used as a rehearsal hall or local bars where music or amplified sound disturbs those residing or working in the area. You can contact the Code Enforcement Division at (916) 264-5948, or you can use their Code Violation Complaint Form: http://www.cityofsacramento.org/dsd/codecompliance/complaint-forms/code/ The City's Animal Services Division handles barking dog complaints and can be contacted at (916) 264-7387.

