

HOLLYWOOD PARK HERALD

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Kings Auto Service – Who Knew? *By Debbie Keller*

Hollywood Park is lucky to have several reputable small and big businesses in our neighborhood. One of the small businesses in our neighborhood is “Kings Auto Service” located on 23rd Avenue and Freeport Boulevard. Owner, Wayne Chen, has been a fixture in Hollywood Park for over 16 years offering various automotive services.

Wayne was born in southern China. His parents and younger brother immigrated to the United States in 1986 and selected Chicago, Illinois, as their new home. After approximately 1½ years of living in the very cold weather in Chicago, Wayne’s parents decided to move to another state that had similar weather as southern China, and that, was California. In 1988, the family decided that their new home would be in Sacramento.

Wayne went to Sac High and enrolled in the automotive program offered there at that time. He then attended Sac City where he met his wife to be. Also, Wayne attended Sac State and American River College since they offered automotive classes. Although Wayne had 2 majors, one major being electrical engineering, he chose to pursue the hands on work being an auto mechanic as he loved working on cars.

After working at Toyota, Honda and Saturn dealerships, Wayne learned from his brother, who worked at a real estate firm, that an automotive business was for sale in Hollywood Park. In 2006, Wayne purchased the automotive business from Ng’s Auto Service.

While attending Sac City College, Wayne met Shirley. After 10 years of dating, they married in 2003. Wayne and his wife have two children, ages 16 and 11 and live in Elk Grove. Besides working on cars, which he loves to do and says it is his hobby, Wayne enjoys spending time with his family, biking, hiking, kayaking, and paintball.

While speaking with Wayne, I asked what he liked most about being at Hollywood Park and he said, *(story continued on Page 4)*

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Fall Community Meeting

Wednesday, September 21st, 6:00 p.m.

Centennial United Methodist Church | 5401 Freeport Blvd

Everyone is welcome! Please bring your own seating. Join us to participate in:

- Our local businesses gift certificates and prizes giveaway!
- Guest speakers: i) Dist. 5 City Council Candidates Tamiko Heim and Caity Maple, ii) SMUD Board Member Dave Tamayo to discuss SMUD's 2030 Zero Carbon plan

Thank you to all who joined us for the Summer Meeting. And thanks to the following businesses who donated gift certificates for the giveaways: BBQ & Burgers, Buckhorn Grill, Cacio, Hollywood Hardware, Jade Fountain, Jointed Cue, and Panda Wok.

Upcoming Neighborhood Events

Subject to change. For details visit the HPNA site at www.hollywoodpark95822.org

September

- 8: HPNA Board Meeting
- 21: Fall Community Meeting

October

- 1: Mega Yard Sale*
- 13: HPNA Board Meeting
- 26-29: Halloween Home Decorating Contest Judging

November

- 10: HPNA Board Meeting

December

- 7: Holiday Community Social
- 15: HPNA Board Meeting
- 19: Caroling*
- 16-20: Holiday House Decorating Contest Judging

*Neighborhood event, not sponsored by HPNA

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

President's Letter

Hello neighbors! The summer heat is drawing to an end, bringing along the many colorful and exciting changes that the Fall weather brings. The HPNA held its first in-person Community



Meeting in the past two years in June. A huge thank you to those of you who came out to attend and a bigger thanks to those who presented. We also had

a special appearance from Councilmember Jay Schenirer at our Community Meeting and Ice Cream Social, pictured above along with myself (center) and his wife Bina Lefkowitz (right). On behalf of the HPNA, we thank you for all you do for Hollywood Park Jay! Your dedication to our community will not be easily forgotten. You will hold a special place in the heart of the community for many years to come. Jay has supported our community for many years and events, including the recent National Night Out celebration at Centennial Church. We have enjoyed seeing you at community events, appreciate your support, and will definitely miss your smile.

Speaking of community events, I am excited to announce that our Fall Community Meeting will be held outdoors at Centennial United Methodist Church on Wednesday, September 21, 2022. Find details on our website (www.hollywoodpark95822.org).

Once again, I would like to extend a huge thanks to all of those who volunteer for Hollywood Park, past and present Board members included. Our community would not be the same without you, thank you for all you do (and have done) for Hollywood Park. If you are interested in joining the HPNA or volunteering, we would love to hear from you. Please highlight any skills or volunteer assistance you would like to provide in an email to info@hollywoodpark95822.org.

Lastly, in an effort to familiarize the community with the HPNA, each member of the HPNA board will be featured in an upcoming newsletter. I am happy to present the first Board Member in this upcoming series, below, Secretary Lynn Humphries. Lynn has been a wonderful addition to the Board and her efforts with the senior population are apparent in the many hours she contributes to her business, A Sure Solution. Please see <https://www.asuresolution.com/> for further details or to reach Lynn directly. See you around the neighborhood!

Your neighbor and HPNA President, Molly Castro



The Hollywood Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA) has been working to improve our neighborhood since 2001. We are active in monitoring local and county government projects, enjoy hosting annual neighborhood events and sharing neighborhood news.

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Special thanks to Victor Vasquez and all our volunteers for coordinating the distribution of the Herald, and to Anthony Skelton for assistance on our HPNA website.

Get to Know Your HPNA Board

By Lynn Humphries

Lynn has been Secretary of the HPNA Board for 2 years. She has lived in Sacramento all of her life, with Hollywood Park being her home since 1980. She grew up in Old Land Park and attended Crocker Elementary School, California Junior High School, and McClatchy High School. Her father was also born and raised in Sacramento. He was a State Farm Insurance Agent for 35 years, most of them spent at an office in Hollywood Park.

When Lynn was a child, her parents belonged to the Iceland Skating Rink in North Sacramento. She grew up ice skating and was in several shows. The skating rink would have a costume contest each Halloween. One year, Lynn's mother made a costume for Lynn and her father as an organ grinder and his monkey. Another year, her mother made alien costumes for the whole family, complete with antennas. They won the contest both years.

Lynn's mother was born in Oklahoma, but moved to Sacramento when she was 9 years old. She was one of 7 children, which provided a huge family for Lynn and her cousins, many of whom still live in the Sacramento area. Her mother became a very talented artist and was accepted into the Pastel Society of Sacramento. Lynn was very proud of her mother and has many of her mother's paintings in her home.



NEWS CONTINUED


Lynn has served on several boards during the last 40 years, beginning with the Sacramento SPCA, on which she served as the President for two years. Most recently, she served as a Commissioner on the Adult and Aging Commission. Her son, Tyler went to Hollywood Park Elementary School, during which time Lynn served as the President of the PTA for five years. Her son now owns a pet supplies store in Old Land Park.

Lynn loves kayaking. When she was five years old, her parents built a cabin at South Lake Tahoe. Most of her childhood summers were spent there. Lake Tahoe is her favorite place to kayak, but she has also kayaked many other waters near and far. During the winter, she and her family skated outdoors in the Lake Tahoe area, including a little frozen pond at the top of Echo Summit one New Years Eve.

Lynn also loves baseball and football and played many years of softball. She is an avid supporter of the San Francisco Giants and the 49ers. Whenever there is a game on, you won't find her very far from a TV.

Lynn worked at the Office of State Printing after she completed two years of college. She left the State to work in her father's insurance office. She and her husband then owned a printing shop on Fruitridge Road for over 20 years. For the past 20 years, Lynn has worked in the senior living industry as a Consultant and Referral Agent. She assists her clients in their search for the right assisted living facility or in-home care. She loves her job and finds it extremely rewarding to be able to help people during one of the most traumatic times in their lives.

Lynn says that Hollywood Park is the best place to live in Sacramento. Everyone is so friendly and very helpful. She truly enjoys the time she spends on the HPNA Board and loves meeting new neighbors.



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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Kings Auto Service – Who Knew? continued from cover

“Hollywood Park is a very nice neighborhood and a very convenient location with a variety of businesses within walking distance or a short drive.” Wayne feels the support from many Hollywood Park neighbors and he is grateful.

Kings Auto Service is a full service auto repair shop for most foreign and domestic cars from a simple oil change to an engine rebuild. Wayne Chen takes pride in maintaining high quality services at affordable prices and caters to each of his customer's unique needs.

The CommuniTree Corner News from the volunteers of CommuniTree

By Irene Wilson

Would you like a FREE shade tree in your front yard? You get to pick the tree type, it gets delivered to your house and volunteers plant it for you. Our neighborhood CommuniTree Committee has helped the Sacramento Tree Foundation plant over 130 trees in our neighborhood since 2018. We would love to plant 130 more in the next few years.

If you don't have a tree in your front yard, we are likely to contact you and invite you to get a free tree and participate in our annual volunteer Tree Planting Day on Saturday, October 29th. Friday, September 2nd, is the deadline to sign up for your free tree if you want it planted on our annual Tree Planting Day. Call Sacramento Tree Foundation, 916-924-8733 and tell them you want a tree as part of the Hollywood Park CommuniTree Project. Let us know if you want to volunteer to help plant trees on October 29th.

SMUD and Sacramento Tree Foundation have planted more than 600,000 trees in the Sacramento area since 1990. These trees are helping to cool our homes and streets, beautify our neighborhoods, produce oxygen and store carbon. We all enjoy the benefits of living in this "City of Trees".

Sacramento summers can be brutal on young trees if not cared for properly. Remember to mulch and water your trees to help them to survive. Three to four inches depth of wood chip mulch around young trees conserves moisture and protects the young roots. In general, young trees need water 1-3 times a week to a depth of 6 inches at the drip line, not right next to the trunk. Your older established trees may also need water during our long, dry, hot summers. Watering trees is exempt from drought restrictions. For more tips on how to care for trees go to: sactree.org/tree-care-tips.

If you have questions about the Hollywood Park CommuniTree Project, please contact: Irene Wilson, 916-455-1253, eyerene625@gmail.com

Note: Planting of trees as part of Sacramento Tree Foundation/CommuniTree events in our neighborhood is not sponsored by HPNA.

Sac County Office of Education

By Bina Lefkovitz Trustee Area 1, Sac County Board of Ed

Too many of our students are below grade level in reading, especially students of color. 2019 state testing shows 59% of white students county wide were proficient in English Language Arts, while only 30% of black students and 39% of Latino students were proficient.

SCOE received the Early Literacy Support Block grant that supports 75 schools (TK/K-3) with the lowest reading scores in English Language Arts (ELA) in CA. Seven of these schools are in three districts within Sacramento County. SCOE is also the statewide lead on the California Dyslexia Initiative, an effort to help teachers identify dyslexia and provide them tools to help students. Both grants are offering school educators and county offices of education an opportunity to participate in Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS), an effective literacy professional development program based on research in the science of reading and student brain development. This research shows the effectiveness of teaching both language comprehension and word recognition in early grades. These science-based methods are being adopted as the reading methodology in various states and they are seeing good results. My son was diagnosed with dyslexia in second grade only because a teacher said she was worried about this reading and encouraged him to get tested. As thankful as we are to this teacher, she did not have the skills in addressing dyslexia to help him in class. SCOE's Dyslexia Initiative will enable more teachers to identify and help students who have dyslexia. Combined these two literacy strategies show promise to help improve reading outcomes for our youngest students.

https://www.scoe.net/media/1hyditr0/early_literacy_support.pdf

https://www.scoe.net/divisions/ed_services/curriculum/cadyslexia/

SSIP Food Closet -- All Are Welcome

The South Sacrament Interfaith Partnership (SSIP) Food Closet is an emergency food distribution program to help alleviate food insecurity for area residents. The Food Closet is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am -11:30 am (Closed Holidays), is located at 5625 24th Street and can be reached at (916) 428-5290. Please bring identification and know the names and ages of those who currently live and eat with you. For neighbors that can't get to the pickup point, a proxy is allowed to pick up food.

Wondering what's up on Attawa Ave? Here's what we know:

The warehouse was recently repainted. Tobrin Hewett recently told the Hollywood Park Neighborhood Association that he is

working on a plan to get the other two buildings painted later this year. He placed some solar lights along Attawa Avenue that will provide more lighting, making it safer for people who walk down that street.

He also put up a black windscreen along the Attawa Avenue fence. A new business, HD Performance Coaching will be opening in September. It's a youth baseball/softball facility, and will provide baseball and softball instruction, incorporating mental/mindfulness training into their instruction. It will also have batting and pitching cage rentals. They will be hosting homerun derbies and hitting leagues with some game simulation tech equipment. For additional information, you can go to their website: www.hdperformancecoaching.com

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City Investments in Youth

From the Office of District 5 City Councilmember Jay Schenirer



Councilmember Jay Schenirer

As I wind down my time as your Councilmember, I'm excited about the possibilities in the near term and for the future for us all. For 20 years as an elected leader in Sacramento, I have fought, argued for, and even begged for additional resources for our City's young people. I have long advocated for the recognition that, in addition to our City's investments in physical

infrastructure, the human infrastructure represented by our young people is as critical for the City's future as these other investments and cannot be overlooked as we make decisions.

Thankfully, the City has moved forward on a number of items that not only increase a young person's chances for success, but also point to better overall outcomes for the City. These changes include reorganizing the Parks Department to include a division focused solely on youth, developing Citywide policies that define the assets young people require to thrive, and redefining public safety to include prevention services for young people. We have also started impactful programs such as Summer at City Hall, 1000 Strong, RydeFreeRT, and others that provide critical supports and services to young people and their families. Finally, the City has recognized that we must include young people in the discussion, hear their voices and give them a meaningful seat at the table. Actions already taken by the City on this front include making the Youth Commission a chartered Commission like other adult-led Commissions, creating youth-designated seats on many of our City's Boards and Commissions, and holding joint meetings between the City Council and the Youth Commission.

All of the above are exciting steps forward, but they also require adequate and ongoing resources to ensure success. That is why I have been working with the Mayor, Councilmember Vang, and SacKids-First on an initiative that will appear on the ballot this November. The initiative will require that a General Fund amount equivalent to 40% of the City's cannabis revenues be deposited into a Children's Fund to be used for positive youth development and youth violence prevention programs – such as, but not limited to, mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment, prevention and early intervention, afterschool activities, and services for homeless and foster youth – to support our City's children and youth who are younger than 25 years old.

This initiative will not result in a tax increase. Rather, it will be a statement of the City's priorities to dedicate approximately \$10 million annually to youth programming - above what the City is already spending on its young people. And, it will be worth every penny, paying off for the City, its youth, and all our communities for years to come.

If you have any questions about this or other youth initiatives, please feel free to reach out. - Jay



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HPNA Ice Cream Social - Another great turnout at the Ice Cream Social. Thank you Jay Schenirer for your support!



HPNA Summer Community Meeting - Very exciting to host a neighborhood meeting in-person once again.



Homegrown Tunes!

By Molly Castro



For those of you who attended the HPNA Summer Community meeting (or viewed our Live Instagram Feed), you may have had the pleasure of listening to the catchy tunes of

GHENI Band, local to Hollywood Park. Daryl GHENI Dillon is lead guitarist and vocalist and generously shared his unique vocals with the Hollywood Park Community in a sneak peak acoustic performance of One Day and a few other tunes. The chords and tunes brought the crowd together on a breezy May evening, setting the tone to shine the light on several local talents in the community.

As a child, Daryl grew up in Hollywood Park but moved out in 2006. In 2019, Daryl returned to the neighborhood and expresses this as "coming home" as he "absolutely loves this neighborhood". Shortly after, GHENI Band was established. In fact, the band will celebrate its two year anniversary August 23rd with members James Travis Rhodes (Bass Guitar) and Scott Smith (Drums). Daryl has been writing and performing music for more than 30 years now and is heavily influenced by Stevie Ray Vaughan and Otis Redding. More recently, he has been influenced by Bishop Briggs and Amos Lee. Listening to Daryl on tunes like City Nights and Highway Bound, you can feel his passion behind the music through the intensity of his voice. Daryl states that passion has been there since the beginning, "With every song I share I feel more connected to our audiences. At times we move people to tears, that's something special. Healing through music and stories we all share." Thank you Daryl for sharing your passion and tunes with Hollywood Park during our HPNA Community Meeting. The Hollywood Park Community looks forward to hearing more of your passion. For more details on GHENI Band and links to other online formats for music, upcoming performances and band details, please visit GHENI Band on Instagram or Facebook.

Book or Treat

Crawford's Books (5301 Freeport Blvd #200) is hosting its second annual Book or Treat! Stop by the shop on Saturday, October 29 for some pre-Halloween fun - there will be treats for all ages and a free book for the littles (while supplies last, no costume required).

There will also be a Special Halloween sale on our spooky selection: Buy 2 spooky books and receive 10% off, Buy 3 or more spooky books and receive 20% off. Per owner, Sue Richards, "We would love to be part of your family's Halloween festivities and

can't wait to see some creative costumes! Come by on Halloween for candy treats!"

Faith Formation Program at St. Robert Parish - 2022-2023

Classes for Communion and Confirmation are scheduled every Monday from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at St. Robert's Social Center, except for Holidays. Starting September 26th, 2022. For more information call the office for question at (910) 451-1475 Ext. 1 or email: deaconramirez@saintrobertsac.org Registration can be completed every Sunday after 10am and 12pm Mass.

Table Farm and Bread Updates

Neighbors can still sign up for a produce subscription (<https://thetable.farm/>), which are available for pick-up Saturdays 10-11am through the end of September. Subscriptions are available at a sliding scale \$15-25, and EBT is also accepted.

Table Farm just launched our Community Compost Hub and are currently accepting fruit and vegetable food scraps on Saturdays 10-11am. Please contact chloe@thetableumc.org to learn more about how to participate.

Finally, they will be offering Natural Dyeing eco-art workshops on Saturday, Sept. 24 10am-12pm and Saturday, Oct. 29 10am-12pm. To sign up: <https://thetableumc.churchcenter.com/calendar>

Fountainhead Events

In addition to the events below, the brewery will be hosting an Oktoberfest party on September 30th, and starting September 11th will be open for Sunday night football, and have \$6 pints During the game.



National Night Out @ Centennial



HPNA Board members participating at the National Night Out event at Centennial Church, from left to right: Treasurer: Debbie Keller, President: Molly Castro, Secretary: Lynn Humphries.